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# Acker has big plans

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WESTERN CAPE Regional Police Commissioner General Nic Acker "has no plans to retire for a very long time" and is determined to implement many community service projects — including an electronic emergency services system for deaf and blind people

General Acker, 52, is just back from a six-week holiday in Europe

It was announced recently that he would soon become one of two deputy regional commissioners. The post of

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regional commissioner will therefore be upgraded

"I don't see my new appointment as a demotion. If a man who is senior to me in rank is appointed to head the region, then I accept it," he said

General Acker said that on his trip overseas with his wife he had visited a radio control centre in Switzerland

"They have marvellous electronic Braille equipment which enables blind and deaf people to contact emergency services and I am going to push hard for this to be implemented in this country"

# Many cops are leaving force

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■ **MASS RESIGNATIONS** Colonel denies benefits will be lost but more resignations expected:

By Sowetan Correspondent

**P**OLICEMEN ARE LEAVING the South African Police force in their dozens. So far this year, an average of five members a month have quit and more resignations are on their way.

Political uncertainty and the chance of getting a golden handshake has resulted in 1 241 policemen and policewomen quitting the force in the first nine months of this year. This excluded municipal policemen and special constables.

Most of them quit because of poor salaries and long working hours.

Politics have also played a major role in their decision to seek employment elsewhere.

One senior policeman said "The policeman on the street is tired of doing the Government's dirty work."

However, the rumour that only a third of the lump sum pension would be paid out if a policeman leaves from March 1993 has also been blamed. The remaining two-thirds would be

paid at a later stage.

Another issue that is worrying members is the question of accumulated leave. Some policemen have up to 18 months accumulated leave. A rumour doing the rounds in police stations is that from March 1 next year, they will only be paid three months of their accumulated leave. The rest will be forfeited.

"The only way out is to take everything that is due to you now and run," said a senior police officer who has put in his resignation. "We stand to lose thousands of rands if we stick around."

However, Lieutenant-Colonel Reg Crewe of the SAP public relations division in Pretoria dismissed the rumours about the lump sum pension payouts and accumulated leave as "untrue".

Colonel Crewe added that apart from the 1 241 SAP members who have quit this year, 1 386 special constables and 136 municipal policemen left the SAP.

# SA policemen 'left scene'

Pretoria Bureau

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Two British newspapers have accused a senior South African police officer and policemen respectively of leaving the scene of Monday's massacre at Bisho shortly before the shooting began

Michael Hamlyn, of London's The Times, yesterday said Brigadier Wynand van der Merwe of the riot unit "disappeared" hastily into a police helicopter at the point when Umkhonto we Sizwe commanders Ronnie Kasrils and Chris Hanu led marchers to the left of the Bisho stadium

Chris McGreal wrote in The Independent that the SA policemen "disappeared" just before the shooting started and "reappeared in large numbers as soon as the barrage of gunfire against the unarmed demonstrators died down and the weeping started"

McGreal said that a Colonel Louw afterwards said police had to guard white-owned property on the route of the march

SAP public relations chief Major-General Leon Mellet in a statement last night denied that police had left the scene

Hamlyn wrote that after the massacre, Brigadier van der Merwe had insisted he had had no advance information about the shooting, which followed his hasty departure

"As the marchers approached the brow of the hill where the border lies, Mr Kasrils and Mr Hanu led their section off to the left towards the stadium

"At this point, Brigadier Wynand van der Merwe, of the riot section of the South African Police, who had accompanied the marchers to the border, disappeared

"He drove hastily to a police helicopter close by and flew back down the valley

"Asked yesterday why he had done so, he said 'I could see what was going to happen and I wanted to be out of the way'

Brigadier van der Merwe could not be contacted for comment yesterday

# Roger, come in good buddy

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**T**HERE has been a lot of speculation about the motives of Minister Kriel in sacking 13 generals and setting up the beginnings of a community policing system.

Those who have tracked the manoeuvres of Mr Sincerity and his Cabinet since February 1990 have dismissed these moves as a cynical change in the packaging and marketing of the same tired, old product. They have noted, without surprise, that they were timed to coincide with the visit of the European Community delegation led by Douglas Hurd.

Others have welcomed Mr Kriel's announcement as the first clear admission by the State that the police are in deep trouble, and as a genuine attempt to begin a reform process.

For once the more charitable view may be correct. The fires of anarchy in South Africa are now licking at the flesh of the Nationalist Government's traditional constituency — white farmers and white suburbanites — and taking a high toll in its hoped-for new

constituency in so-called coloured and Asian areas.

Police tardiness in responding to calls, and gross inefficiency when they do, is fuelling those fires. Moreover, policemen are dying every day, the victims of a decades of State politicisation of a force that should be the people's friend, not the Government's.

Far from being purely a marketing ploy, Mr Kriel's reforms may be a response to growing pressure from within the ranks by public-spirited policemen keen to pull the force out of the political wilderness in which it finds itself, and to reposition themselves as friends of the communities they serve.

To be a policeman and to be hated for one's uniform and one's job is unbearable. The only defence against that kind of hatred is terror, and terror's price is death.

If I were a policeman, that is what I would be fighting against. I would work for the day when I would be mobbed by smiling kids when I walked into my neighbour-

hood and greeted by their parents with respect, not fear and certainly not hatred. I would work for the day I could know that if I were attacked by a baddie I was trying to arrest, youths in the crowd would rush to my aid, not crush my skull in with rocks and then pour petrol on my still-breathing body.

So if one were to accept that Mr Kriel is genuinely trying to restore some measure of police credibility and to begin building police-community relations, what plan might one put on the table to help him and the police meet the challenge of this Mission Impossible?

Here is my suggestion.

Step 1 would be to designate a target community at the scale of a medium-sized municipality or a group of two or three municipalities, some white and some black, and to establish in it a powerful civil society monitoring group made up of representatives of the church, trade unions, businesses in the area (including the taxi business) and existing local government.

Step 2 would be to enter into a very simple formal agreement with police headquarters in Pretoria. This would define the target area as a community policing experiment that would run for a minimum of two years.

Police headquarters would undertake to leave the entire police force in this community in place for the two years — station commanders, detectives, officers, constables, in uniform and out — and make no staff transfers or re-placements unless these have been requested by the monitoring group.

However, if the civil monitoring body did request personnel changes, these would be implemented without question or delay.

There would also be an agreed set of organisational rewards for policemen who did their jobs fearlessly, incorruptibly, and efficiently.

For its part the monitoring body would undertake to channel community concerns and priorities to police command structures at this community level and, in

the longer term, to build community respect for the police. Trust would come later.

There is an inbuilt accountability mechanism here that is gentle but effective. Because the community monitoring body would be able, in terms of the agreement with Pretoria, to get policemen transferred out of the community and replaced by policemen acceptable to them through an agreed interviewing and selection procedure, individual policemen would very rapidly become accountable to the community through the monitoring body.

The method is gentle, because the sanctions would go no further than removal — unless criminal or disciplinary proceedings were insisted through other mechanisms.

It is effective, because getting transferred out would rid the community of "bad apples" — quite apart from the sobering effect of this public rebuke on the apple concerned and the loss of tangible organisational rewards.

That's all there is to it two

steps

And both could happen now, while the macro-politicians are desperately groping around for macro-solutions to South Africa's problems.

Small is beautiful. Decades of tightly centralised government and central control of local affairs — everything from rezoning to local teaching appointments is decided in Pretoria — have taught South Africans that change can only come from central government.

This has been a destructive lesson for good government. And it is not true.

There is still room for local initiatives. So let's get on with it: step 1 and step 2.

The experiment might work. It might not. Either way, it would be a huge step toward community policing and anticipate some of the directions police-community relations should or should not take under a new constitution. □

● Victor Nell is Director of the University of South Africa's Health Psychology Unit.

# Winnie Mandela resigns ANC posts

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PATRICK BULGER

WINNIE Mandela — vowing to continue serving her people and country — yesterday resigned her positions in the ANC, saying she had enemies both inside and outside the organisation

Her decision leaves her as an ordinary member of the ANC

She announced her resignation from the ANC's national executive committee (NEC), the Women's League NEC and the league's PWV regional executive a week after the NEC had considered a report by two independent lawyers on a demonstration in her support at ANC headquarters earlier this year

The inquiry, led by Wits University attorney Denis Davis and Durban attorney Linda Zama, re-opened to hear evidence from Mandela after it had been closed. A second report based on her testimony was handed to the NEC last week. Davis could not say what the report contained

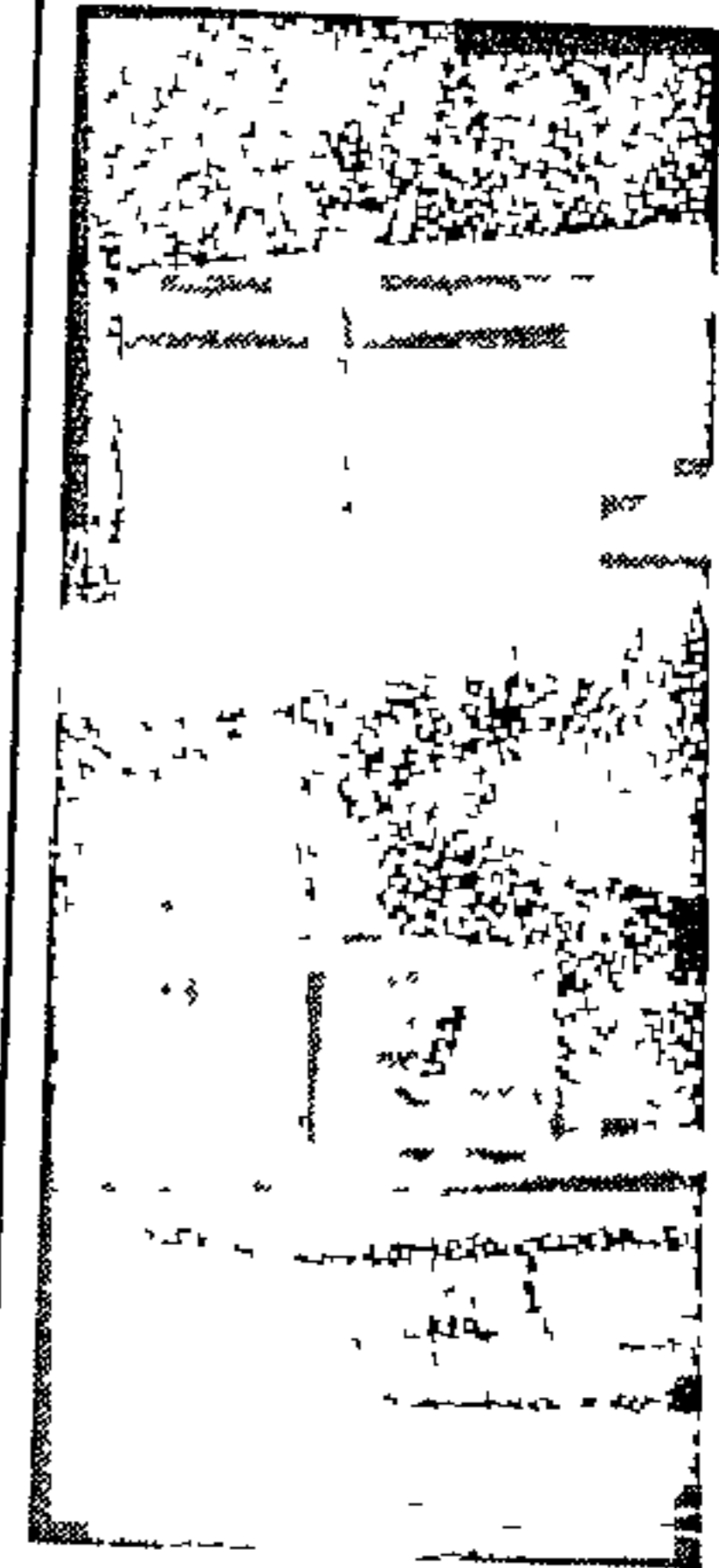
Mandela said yesterday "The generalised attacks against my person and, through me, my organisation have once

again resumed. To my enemies I now neither have a family nor privacy. The intensity and viciousness of these attacks have deeply hurt my daughters, those of my grandchildren old enough to understand, my husband, our relatives and many of our friends inside and outside our country"

She said she was tendering her resignation in the interests of her husband, ANC president Nelson Mandela, and her family. She appealed for understanding from those who had elected her to her positions

"This is no selfish move on my part nor lack of appreciation of the mandate you have given me. I have dedicated all my life to the only kind of existence I know: the struggle for my people. I will continue to serve my people and my country relentlessly," she said

"My support of our liberation movement will never cease. I appeal to all to help us to lead a normal family life"



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# ANC disrupts QwaQwa show

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BILLY PADDOCK

THE ANC should stop its disruptive mass action campaigns which were polarising SA society and return to the negotiating table, Deputy Defence Minister Wynand Breytenbach said yesterday

Opening the QwaQwa National Show in Phuthaditjhaba at which the ANC alliance held its "people's assembly", Breytenbach reiterated government's position that negotiation was the only way to solve the country's problems

"Mass action has to stop. Violence must come to an end, intimidation must come to an end and those actions which affect the dignity of others must be stopped," he said

Government's door was open to players, he said. The will and attitude was all that was lacking in the ANC and its ally or boss, the SACP, in trying to get talks back on track. He called on the QwaQwa government to maintain present constitutional structures until new structures had been established and accepted

"A person does not break down his old house before he has built a new one," he said. Nearly a million people were em-

ployed in the agricultural sector and in 1989 they were paid nearly R1.6bn in cash and a further R516m in kind

He said farmers had to use resources better to prevent the country becoming poorer. QwaQwa owed this not only to its citizens but the whole of SA

Sapa reports that Breytenbach dismissed the people's assembly protest as a circus. The protest was held alongside the show and noisily competed for the crowd's attention

The tripartite alliance in QwaQwa protested on Wednesday and yesterday to highlight their call for Chief Minister Dr T K Mopeli to resign, and for the installation of a government of national unity

Early attempts by the SA security police to get the ANC supporters to voluntarily disperse failed. A large contingent of heavily armed SA and QwaQwa police were present. At 4.30pm the ANC supporters marched out of the stadium

## 'Economic anarchy' (251)

GREED and an undermanned and underskilled police force had allowed SA society to slide into economic anarchy, Witwatersrand attorney-general Klaus von Lieres and Wilkau SC, said yesterday

Addressing delegates at a Johannesburg conference on fraud, Von Lieres said reported economic crimes in SA had increased by 67% from 33 101 cases in 1986 to 55 281 in 1991

A total of 19 982 fraud dockets with a potential loss of R347bn were currently under investigation. Corporate frauds under investigation involved a potential sum of R374bn

Von Lieres said policing levels to combat fraud in its various guises on the Witwatersrand were quite inadequate — only 134 officers and men to deal with more than 6 000 cases

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**T**HE commissioner of police is not happy with the media. He is trying to improve relations with newspapers and encourage openness in a traditionally secretive force — granting interviews with, rather than applying for court interdicts against, *The Weekly Mail*, arranging tours of detention cells under scrutiny because of the numbers of prisoners dying in them.

But General Johan van der Merwe is frustrated. Nobody recognises the “drastic” changes he has made in the police force. There is still a great deal of negative and “malicious propaganda.” Many people are “stuck with the perceptions of the past.” The police are being “unfairly blamed” for failing to stop violence when they could never stop all of it, no matter what they did.

He is particularly upset because of the “negative” spin put on the “retirement” of 19 generals and the media’s failure to accept his assertion that these were long-planned, voluntary rationalisation moves.

Yes, he had read Peter Waddington’s letter in *The Weekly Mail* in which the Goldstone Commission’s policing expert had a month ago recommended to the government precisely this form of slow and staggered purge of the “top echelons (who) leave much to be desired.”

This was particularly irksome for the commissioner. Waddington’s official report on the police investigation into the Boipatong massacre, though critical, had been useful in pointing out “certain shortcomings” in the SAP, he says, but the letter “was not worth a cent.”

“I would say that was more destructive than constructive. I hadn’t seen it before (you published it) and the fact that these kinds of letters are being published without any word to the police or any other attempt to bring it to our attention, I think that whole attitude leaves much to be desired.”

The overall effect, the commissioner believes, is to distort public perceptions of the police. “The perception has been created at this stage that the police are not acceptable to the community, which is not correct. Yes, there are certain communities where we have a problem with our relationship with the community and it is our serious intention to try to correct that as soon as possible.”

“I don’t think (the public perception) is only the fault of the police. To a certain extent I would say the perception is due to propaganda, malicious propaganda in some cases, and in others a deep-rooted culture because of the past.”

The fundamental difference Van der Merwe has with the press, however, is that he does not believe there is a crisis in the police force. There are “problems.” Nevertheless, he

# Top cop *W/Mail* tackles a *11/9-17/9/92* tough job *(251)*



*General Johan van der Merwe has the toughest job in the country: changing the police force. Will he cope? He spoke to*  
**ANTON HARBER**

has asked the cabinet for a special judicial commission of inquiry “to have a completely new look at our crime situation.”

You would expect him to be weary of inquiries, particularly since every one of them has pointed to fundamental problems in the SAP.

Waddington, for example, reported “inadequate command and control”, “ineffective intelligence and contingency planning”, “unstructured investigation” and “insufficient awareness of community relations” in his official report for the Goldstone Commission. Van der Merwe has also had the International Commission of Jurists, Amnesty International, United Nations emissary Cyrus Vance and his team of monitors, a host of judges and magistrates, University of the Witwatersrand academics, a new police board and the media peering over his shoulder.

Undaunted by all this attention — none of it

favourable — he wants a joint Department of Justice and Department of Correctional Services inquiry into “whether, in our specific circumstances, there are not other steps we can take, other changes that can be effected, to combat crime.”

Seeing a different set of problems to those examined by Waddington and Vance, Van der Merwe is deeply concerned about our penal system, light sentencing, early release of convicts and the ease with which accused persons get bail.

He acknowledges, but plays down, the problems everyone else is talking about: 178 deaths in police custody since January 1990, rightwing resistance to change in the ranks, police involvement in the Trust Feeds massacre, judicial criticism of the police in the Alexandra night-vigil massacre trial, the damning Waddington report.

“We are doing our utmost (to stop the deaths), but if you compare us to other police forces, in Britain or America, and take account of how many people we have in custody, we have quite a good record.”

He plays up “dramatic changes” in the force: a completely integrated training programme, a community relations programme, agreement to be answerable to a police board, the National Peace Accord and the new police code of conduct. “We have been willing to subject ourselves to whatever was required.”

What hasn’t changed, he says, is the “attitude of certain communities and certain organisations.” Those who feel there has not been enough change are “stuck with perceptions of the past.” These perceptions cannot change without the help of community and political leaders, he adds.

One thing that hasn’t changed is his defensive response to hard questions. Are there not some policemen so tainted by their past that they cannot be part of a new police force? “If that is the case, what about the leaders of an organisation like the African National Congress, which was involved in the murder of defenceless people, women and children? Or does that not matter? How do you distinguish between that and the SAP?”

If the commissioner sounds like a reluctant reformer, he is not. He is proud of his contribution to change and is looking for ways to go further along this road. But his purpose is to preserve the police force, its standing and its morale — and to avoid building a new post-apartheid force.

“What is important at this stage is to effect the changes in such a manner that we can save not just the SAP, but the country. We may destroy the police force, or the motivation of the police — and then we can have civil war. And there is nothing more serious than that.”

# 'Police campaign against ANC'

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FORMER Cape Town Peace Committee (CTPC) coordinator Ms Helen Zille said yesterday she believed police were involved in a "dirty tricks" campaign against the ANC in black townships to undermine its constituency in a future election

At the Goldstone Commission inquiry into Western Cape taxi violence Ms Zille said under cross-examination by Mr John van der Berg, for the ANC, the CTPC, the Black Sash and the Democratic Party's Urban Monitoring and Awareness Committee, that she believed that "elements" in the police were exploiting divisions in the community "to convince one side that the ANC was supporting the other"

She said, she had become aware of a "dirty tricks campaign against the ANC, and I am not a supporter of the ANC"

"We all know there will be a non-racial election in the not too distant future, and that all parties are already making their sums," she said

The hearing was adjourned by the chairman, Cape attorney-general Mr Niel Rossouw, until October 9

Staff Reporter

**ACTING** attorney-general Mr Frank Kahn will meet traffic authorities on Monday to discuss measures against "cowboy" taxi drivers

He said the traffic code should apply "fairly and equally to everyone"

His statement follows an apology by the Congress for a Democratic Taxi Association (Coda) to the Goldstone Commission for disruptions on Tuesday



# Two dead: Cop killings on the rise in Western Cape

By Edwina Booysen

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THE SPATE of countryside police killings had a sequel in the Western Cape this week when two policemen were shot dead in Khayelitsha and Crossroads

Police discovered the body of Lance-Sergeant Peter van Nick-

erk, of the Khayelitsha branch, in his car with several bullet wounds in his head and body

Major Attie Laubscher said police arrested a policeman in connection with the incident

In another incident police discovered the body of assistant Constable Sebenzile Tutu on

Wednesday, 100m from Crossroads police station. He had been shot several times

The body of an unidentified man was also discovered. The man, about 28 years old, was shot in the head

A number of spent AK-47 cartridges were found at the scene

# Police incompetent, say Yeoville women

By Susan Smuts

Women living in Yeoville claim the police have been incompetent in tracking down the serial rapist who has attacked at least 10 women and is still terrorising the Johannesburg suburb

Some of the rapist's victims are in contact with each other and have spent time and effort trying to help police track him down. They and other concerned residents have formed street committees. On Saturday they held a picket in Bellevue.

A lack of results in the police investigation has led the vic-

tims — and many potential victims — to consider asking that the case be transferred to the East Rand or Brixton murder and robbery squads.

Among the criticisms of the police are

● A sculpted head of the rapist — shown by police to the press — does not look like him. A photo of the bust was published although three of the victims stated it bore no resemblance to their attacker and another three have not seen it. Victims are working on another bust.

● Two identikits earlier released to the press were inaccu-

rate, yet victims were not given the opportunity to rectify them.

● Suggestions and leads have not been followed up.

● Police neglected to inspect the premises and escape route the rapist used after one attack.

● Fingerprints from two of the houses were lost because police did not have the correct equipment with them at the time.

● The police have refused to tell a victim whether sperm samples taken from her matched those of other victims.

● The police reported they were following a lead that a man on a TV advert was the

rapist — days after a victim said he was not the man.

Though Yeoville police have set up patrols and respond to calls promptly, victims say there is little co-ordination between Yeoville and Hillbrow police, who are both investigating.

The investigating officer, Colonel Henri Basson, could not be reached for comment yesterday, but police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said "It is absolutely unfair that people are pointing fingers at the police. It is sheer ingratitude for what the police are doing."

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## Police 'quitting force in dozens'

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Policemen and women are leaving the force in their dozens and, so far this year, an average of five a month have quit and more resignations are on their way.

Political uncertainty and the chance of losing out on a golden handshake has resulted in 1 241 police resignations in the first nine months of this year. This excluded municipal policemen and special constables.

So far, most of those who have quit have done so because of poor salaries, and long working hours.

Politics also played a major role in their decisions to seek employment elsewhere.

One senior policeman said: "The policeman on the street is tried of doing the government's dirty work."

One issue worrying police is the question of accumulated leave. Some have up to 18 months' leave accumulated. However, rumours are that, from March 1 next year, they would only be paid out three months of their accumulated leave. The rest would be forfeit.

However, Lieutenant-Colonel Reg Crewe of the police public relations division in Pretoria, dismissed the rumours about accumulated leave as "untrue".

# Police (251) 'assaults': Acker gives undertaking

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Staff Reporter

THE Divisional Commissioner of Police, Major General Nic Acker, has given lawyers an undertaking that police will not assault two men arrested in connection with shootings in Khayelitsha in July.

General Acker also told lawyers police would not interrogate Mr Phakamisa Mhlabunzima and Mr Twoboy Jack without their knowledge or consent or them having had a reasonable chance to be present.

Lawyer Mr Denzil Potgieter said General Acker gave the undertaking last Thursday when Mr Mhlabunzima and Mr Jack were due to have asked the Supreme Court for an urgent interdict restraining police from assaulting them.

The matter will now be heard later.

The two men face 11 counts of attempted murder arising out of attacks on police.

Mr Mhlabunzima said in an affidavit that they were arrested in July and first appeared in court on July 2, but the matter was postponed and they were transferred to Pollsmoor Prison.

But when they appeared again on July 24, the prosecutor asked that they be transferred to Stellenbosch police station. Their attorney, Mr Bulelani Ngcuka, opposed the application.

"The main grounds advanced by the State were that police investigating the case could not interview us at Pollsmoor because they could not find us there. It was pointed out that this contention was ridiculous."

But the request was granted. Mr Mhlabunzima said he and Mr Jack were prejudiced by the decision to move them to Stellenbosch.

"We have both been assaulted and subjected to intensive interrogation. It is clear the purpose was to isolate and place us at their mercy."

At one stage police said "if I did not co-operate they would spread a story that I was an informer and I would be killed."

A policeman also showed him a bullet, indicating it was meant for him, he said.

"I was terrified during the whole ordeal and still fear for my life."

Mr Jack said police threatened to take him to the beach for a braai vleis. They said "they will take me into the sea and no one would ever see me again."

He said his hand was wounded during his arrest.

"It was extremely painful when my hand was squeezed. I cried out in pain. The officer then hit me between the eyes with his fists."

Brigadier Acker denied allegations by Mr Mhlabunzima and Mr Jack, but said he had undertaken that "members of the SAP having contact with the applicants will refrain from assaulting, molesting, harassing and/or threatening the applicants."

In addition, he said police would not question Mr Mhlabunzima and Mr Jack in connection with criminal charges without informing their attorneys of their intentions.

● The men also planned to ask the Supreme Court to have them transferred to Pollsmoor Prison. The matter was to have been heard on Thursday, but they appeared in the Mitchell's Plain Magistrate's Court before their Supreme Court hearing and have since been transferred to Pollsmoor.

# A-G to sue Minister over promotion offer

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By Charmeela Bhagawat

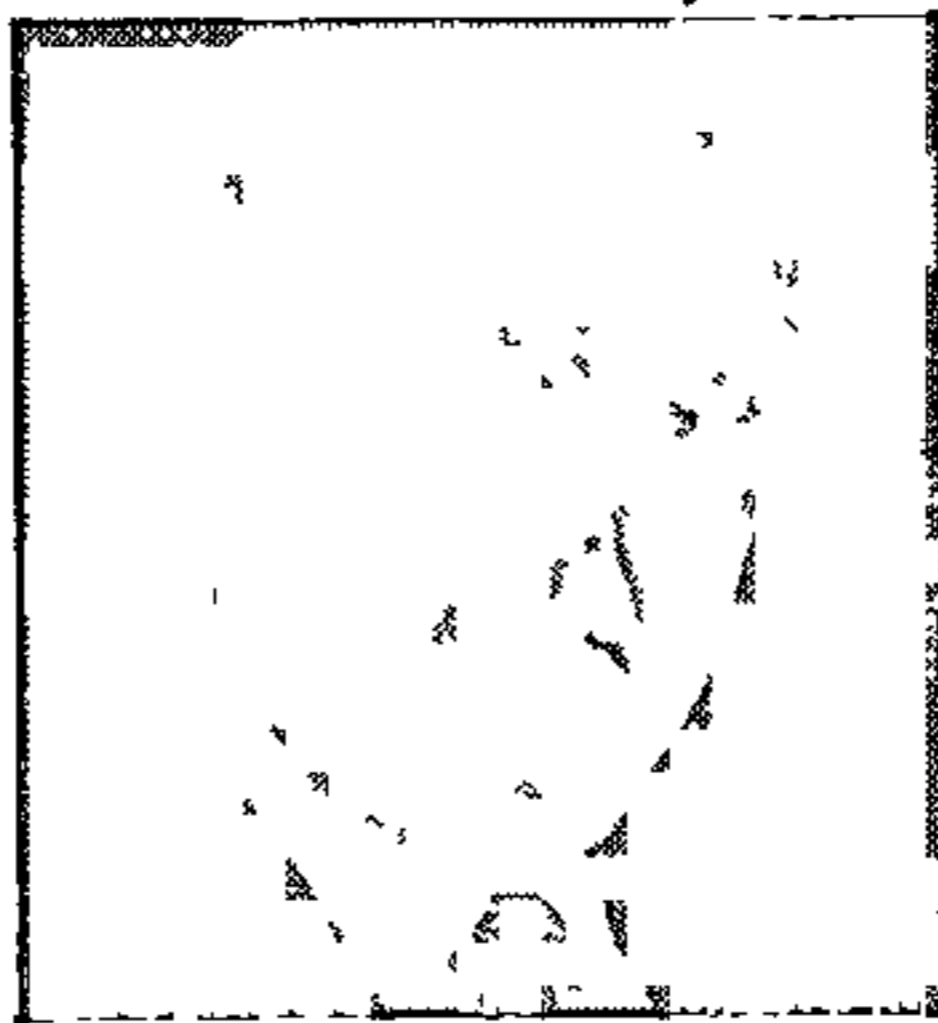
Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres is taking legal action against Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee and other high-ranking officials, accusing them of renegeing on an agreement to promote him

Mr von Lieres said the new post — deputy director-general of the Department of Justice security matters — was offered to him in March 1987 and his appointment was to be made effective as soon as the post had been instituted

The post was allegedly created because of the increasing number of actions brought against the State and the security forces

Mr von Lieres claimed the post was offered to him at the Minister's office in Pretoria by the then Justice Department director-general, S S van der Merwe. He accepted. When Mr Coetsee was allegedly told the news, he congratulated Mr von Lieres on his appointment

Apart from Mr Coetsee, Mr von Lieres will be taking the present Justice Department di-



Klaus von Lieres to sue  
Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee

rector-general Jasper Noeth and Commission for Administration chairman Dr Piet van der Merwe to court

A celebration followed the appointment, according to Mr von Lieres's attorney, Hendrik Malan, of the legal firm Malan and Steyn

Mr von Lieres has claimed there were deliberate delays in the creation of the post to make way for the appointment of former State attorney Hans du Plessis. His annual personal merit assessment had been "manipulated downwards" to prejudice him and enable Mr du Plessis to get the appointment

When the matter was finally resolved according to Civil Servants' Act procedures in April 1988, Mr du Plessis had already been appointed

Mr Malan said the Justice Department could offer no reason for the change of heart, but he was waiting for opposing affidavits from the department

If Mr von Lieres wins the application, his rank would be upgraded to that of deputy director-general, back-paid from April 1 1988, the day the post was created, said Mr Malan

He said Mr von Lieres was not making the application for the money "For Mr von Lieres it is a matter of principle. An injustice has been done by the Justice Department and he wants to set the matter right"

Asked why he thought the attorney-general was overlooked for the post, Mr Malan said "We believe there was a scheme to outdo him because he was from the wrong camp. He is a very strong, respected man. He has always done what he believed was right and has never bowed to superior officers or played to the powers-that-be"

The matter will be heard in the Pretoria Supreme Court on a date still to be set

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## Cops held on theft charge

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Brixton Murder and Robbery detectives yesterday arrested two Hillbrow police constables and a civilian for allegedly robbing police funds of almost R30 000

Police spokesman Warrent Officer Andy Pieke said most of the money was recovered and the men would appear in the Hillbrow Magistrate's Court tomorrow

One of the suspects alleged he had been robbed after collecting cash from a bank on Monday morning

The 22-year-old constable allegedly claimed he was held up, taken to a deserted spot and shot in the knee — Sapa

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**168 cops killed this year**

PRETORIA — A total of 168 policemen have been murdered this year

Of those killed 78 were on duty and 90 off duty

General Daantjie Huggett, attached to the Violent Crimes Investigation unit of the SAP, said the attacks on policemen were "shocking and their lives had become cheap"

Speaking at a police conference on crime combating and investigation, he said attackers would not succeed in demoralising the SAP and added that the attacks had to be condemned in the "strongest possible terms" — Sapa

# Laws to mirror the nation

**A**N ASSOCIATE Justice of the Supreme Court was sitting by a river when a traveller approached and said "I wish to cross. Will it be lawful for me to use this boat?"

"It will," was the reply, "it is my boat."

The traveller thanked him, and pushing the boat into the water, embarked and rowed away. But the boat sank and he drowned.

"Heartless man!" said an indignant spectator. "Why did you not tell him that your boat had a hole in it?"

"The matter of the boat's condition," said the great jurist, "was not brought before me."

Ambrose Bierce's cynical contempt for the law may well be shared by many South Africans who have been ruled by a law steeped in archaic traditions and fettered by the sovereignty of a Parliament which spent decades passing

The introduction of a bill of rights is not an exchange of old laws for new ones. It will profoundly change the legal system in South Africa.

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SUSAN SMUTS reports.

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But the marked consensus between the ANC and the Government on a bill of rights, and the constitutional court which will be its watchdog, promises to change this Laws passed by Parliament could be tested against the bill of rights, which will be interpreted according to the norms of the country and trends in the international community.

The bill of rights would, in the words of Law Commission chairman Mr Justice Pierre Olivier, "be a mirror reflecting the soul of our nation". Or, as Legal Resources Centre national director Arthur Chaskalson, SC, said, "move constitutionalism to the centre of

our legal system"

Mr Chaskalson and Judge Olivier shared a platform at a seminar on the effect of a bill of rights on legal practice in South Africa organised by the Johannesburg Attorneys' Association. The significance of what lay ahead was underscored by Mr Justice Ismael Mahomed, who chaired the meeting.

"South Africa's legal system has been silent and impotent with regard to the destiny of the nation. The practice of the law has been irrelevant to the lives of substantial sectors of the population. Setting the law beyond the ambitions of contemporary politicians would make it more defensi-

ble"

To illustrate how a constitutional court would work, Judge Olivier and Mr Chaskalson referred to a Namibian case on corporal punishment handled by Judge Mahomed.

Pitching the issue against the norms of Namibians, the judge said "This is not a static exercise. It is a continually evolving dynamic. What may have been acceptable as a just form of punishment some decades ago may appear to be manifestly inhuman or degrading today. Yesterday's orthodox might appear to be today's heresy."

Predicting a growth in human rights law, Judge Olivier told delegates that its

high profile would attract the attention of the public, especially with issues such as abortion and the death penalty.

"Human rights lawyers will become the champions of rights and liberties without which our society will not survive. In the past, lawyers were the carpenters of society; now they will become the architects."

Attempts to discriminate would continue in a new South Africa, and the courts would have to decide between conflicting constitutional provisions, Mr Chaskalson said.

"We can anticipate that there will be major court decisions given in connection with affirmative action, education, restrictive covenants and other devices intended to perpetuate segregation."

South Africans would soon be able to welcome justice back into the law. □



# Ex-police chief in murder trial

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MARITZBURG — A former Mooi River police station commander was under the influence of alcohol when he allegedly shot two people, the Supreme Court here heard yesterday

A Mooi River police officer testified that Lieutenant George Nichas had slurred his words on the evening of the shooting. W/O Arthur Joseph also made a statement to a senior police officer that Lt Nichas had been under the influence of alcohol that evening.

Lt Nichas is charged with the murders of Bruntville residents Mr Jotham Mchunu and Mr Sibusiso Madela in 1990. He is also charged on four counts of attempted murder, two counts of handling a shotgun while under the influence of alcohol and two counts of negligently discharging a firearm.

Lt Nichas has pleaded not guilty to two counts of murder, four of attempted murder and two of contravening the Arms and Ammunitions Act in connection with two separate shooting incidents at Bruntville on April 7 and June 16, 1990.

## Cop was drunk on duty, court told

W/O Joseph told the court that about eight shots were fired the evening Mr Mchunu died and that Lt Nichas had fired three of them.

He said Lt Nichas had sat at the back of a stationary Casspir and had fired through an open flap. A W/O Coetzee fired the other shots, which were rubber bullets, W/O Joseph said.

W/O Arthur Joseph said he was armed with a shotgun and a side pistol but he did not use them as he did not see any reason to fire "at that stage".

Before the police Casspir left the scene one of the policemen in the vehicle mentioned that a person had been shot but Lt Nichas gave no instruction to stop and

attend to the person. Later it was reported that an injured man was taken to the Bruntville clinic. He (W/O Joseph) went there and saw a man who had been shot but he was already dead.

Under cross-examination, however, W/O Joseph conceded that the dull sound made by rubber bullets could have sounded louder because they were fired within the confined space of the metal Casspir, and that he could not therefore say with certainty which shots were fired by Lt Nichas.

He also conceded he would not have been able to hear if people were throwing things at the Casspir because the chanting and toy-toying crowd was making too much noise.

He agreed too that his first estimate that the crowd was between 50 and 100 people might have been wrong.

W/O Joseph said that he was scared the evening Mr Mchunu was shot because "I didn't know at that stage whether the crowd was dangerous. The Bruntville community was tense and there is always a risk petrol bombs may be thrown at Casspirs".

The trial continues today — Sapa, Own Correspondent

# Toise arrest: Police acted 'in good faith'

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**Staff Reporter**

POLICE are investigating a charge of defeating the ends of justice following the arrest of Brown's Farm squatter camp ANC chairman Mr Christopher Toise

Reacting to allegations that Mr Toise's arrest was intended to portray the ANC in a poor light or that the investigation was improperly

conducted, police said their officials had acted in good faith

Mr Toise was arrested on September 4, in connection with the murder in July last year of ANC activist Mr Mziwonke "Pro" Jack

The charge against him was withdrawn when it was found he was in jail at the time of Mr Jack's killing

from Kempton Park travelled  
night to escort the arrested  
Johannesburg  
one of the men will appear in  
Magistrate's Court today.

## CID chief to join Goldstone

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The head of the SAP de-  
tective branch at Wood-  
stock, Major A G  
Campher, is the fourth  
Cape Town man to be ap-  
pointed to the Goldstone  
Commission.

He joins three lawyers  
from well-known city  
firms, Mr John van Nie-  
kerk, Mr Noel Tunbridge  
and Mr Max Hales.

Mr Justice Richard  
Goldstone will head five  
countrywide units to in-  
vestigate and monitor  
violence.

Major Campher was a  
member of the Peninsula  
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The five units com-  
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## Police probe raises hackles of ANC

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TALKS between government and the ANC have been complicated by a police probe into the possibility of senior ANC members being involved in crimes before the ANC's unbanning in 1990.

The ANC warned that any attempt to arrest or prosecute its leaders would derail the current limited talks as well as any future negotiations.

Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer and ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa have been locked in talks since Monday in a bid to arrange a summit meeting between the two parties' leaders.

The ANC is demanding the freeing of political prisoners, without the release being linked to a general amnesty, before it is prepared to allow its president Nelson Mandela to meet President F W de Klerk.

Law and Order spokesman Capt Craig Kotze said yesterday a police team had intensified investigations into unsolved crimes in which senior ANC, PAC and right-wing leaders could be implicated.

The ANC said the move showed government was not serious about negotiations and said the investigation was a cynical attempt to get a blanket general amnesty for government officials.

Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel denied this allegation last night.

Kotze said people who had been granted indemnity for certain crimes would not be prosecuted, but if they were linked to other crimes, it would be a different matter.

# Goldstone's sleuths meet

By Helen Grange  
Pretoria Bureau

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Police men co-opted on to the Goldstone Commission's five investigative teams met in Pretoria yesterday to discuss and streamline investigations to be undertaken

In a statement last night Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said members met for the first time and informally discussed procedures to be followed

Two of the most important players in the teams are Major Frank Dutton, who will co-ordinate the Durban and Maritzburg teams, and Colonel Adrian Eagar of the Johannesburg team

Major Dutton is well known for heading the Trust Feed

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massacre investigation

Colonel Eagar was a Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad detective for about 15 years before being transferred to Vanderbijlpark police station to head a probe into the Boipatong massacre

Other members of the teams are Major V Harmse from Durban SADF, Major P M Smythe from Maritzburg SADF, Detective-Sergeants P M van der Merwe and M J Moremi from Johannesburg SAP, Major A C P Coetzee from Johannesburg SADF, Major A F Campher of Cape Town SAP and Captain J F Haynes of East London SAP.

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# Attacks prompt army uniform probe

Staff Reporter

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The SA Army is currently investigating the possibility of changing its brown field dress for another pattern after an increase in the number of attacks by criminals wearing uniforms

Spokesman Colonel John Rolt last night confirmed that the army was also investigating ways in which a new pattern of field dress could be protected by law. However, there were no plans to change the uniform yet.

"The army believes it is necessary to consider protecting the uniform to prevent, as far as possible, people from using articles of uniform while committing violence for political or

other reasons as is happening at present," he said.

The current Defence Act does not prohibit the wearing of browns by civilians, but an amendment should change this.

Obtaining an SADF uniform is as easy as walking into the nearest army surplus store, and this week Durban-based DP unrest monitor Roy Ainslie called for regulations to be imposed to cut down on the availability of uniforms.

A number of options, including a camouflage pattern, were being considered, but the investigation would take time, Colonel Rolt said. If such a step was finally approved, it was unlikely that a change to the field dress would be implemented before the end of the year or the beginning of 1993.

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Colonel Rolt added that a new uniform would be phased in on a replacement basis.

It is understood the issue will receive urgent attention when it comes before Parliament during next month's sitting. The Star's Own Correspondent reports.

Other arms of the defence force — the navy and air force — were not expected to be affected by the uniform change.

Latest figures show that 32 people have been killed in recent weeks in attacks in which uniforms were worn by assailants.

The latest such attack was on the Natal South Coast where eight people were killed. Survivors alleged that the attackers were wearing SADF browns.

ment committed to probing crimes

# Cops not targeting ANC, says Kriel

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■ Police are investigating all unsolved crimes:

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MINISTER of Law and Order Mr Henus Kriel yesterday denied police were only investigating crimes committed by ANC members to pressurise the organisation into accepting a blanket general amnesty

Kriel said police had a long list of outstanding unsolved crimes, such as murder and robbery, committed by supporters of various political convictions

"It is the duty of the SAP to investigate all outstanding unsolved crimes no special police team has been established for this purpose and these crimes

will be further investigated as part of the ongoing duties of the South African Police," he said

Kriel emphasised the Government was also "fully committed" to investigating crimes allegedly committed by security force members

He was surprised that the ANC, which was constantly demanding that crimes committed by security force members before 1990 be investigated, presented investigations into itself as an obstacle to reconciliation and negotiation - *Sapa*

# Govt plans to restructure police force

Political Correspondent

**JOHANNESBURG** — The government envisages every major Metropolitan area in South Africa having its own city police force. Law and Order Minister Mr. Herens Kriel told a press conference at the National Party's Transvaal Congress here that a "serious rethink" was necessary to completely restructure of the South African Police.

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The composition of the regional police forces would have to take account of existing forces like the KwaZulu Police. The greater Natal region might, for example, have a police force consisting of former KZP and SAP members from the region. Sapa reports that Mr. Kriel also proposed an extensive information campaign to educate voters about the nature of the secret ballot. They had to be convinced that although people might tell them who to vote for outside the polling stations — they could not be

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## SA leaders discuss summit problems

By BARRY STREEK

**PRESIDENT F. W. de Klerk, Mr. Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthe** yesterday discussed the three key issues pinpointed by the ANC as standing in the way of a summit.

In a joint statement they said their two-hour meeting had dealt with the question of hostages and the Goldstone Commission's investigations in this regard, the issue of dangerous weapons, and the present debate regarding disputed political prisoners.

They gave no indication of what progress had been made, saying only "The discussions were constructive and there was agreement on the need for further meetings."

They also said talks had focused on the "unacceptable level of violence" throughout the country and on the security situation in Natal. "Ways and means to address these issues were discussed in depth. Special attention was also given to the problems surrounding multi-party negotiations and the necessity of the resumption thereof as soon as possible," the leaders said.

# Pik looks to black majority in NNP

By ANTHONY JOHNSON

**JOHANNESBURG** — The day that blacks were the majority in the National Party there would be security in South Africa, NP Transvaal leader Mr. P. Botha declared last night.

"This is because the majority of South Africans will support healthy policies in the economic sphere and South Africa will become a strong country," the Foreign Minister told a public meeting at the formal launch of the Transvaal NP congress last night.

Mr. Botha, who repeated his prediction that the NP would win the country's first non-racial election, said the majority of coloureds and Indians "will in time follow the NP".

He told an cheering 800-strong crowd in the World Trade Centre that "we are the only truly multi-racial party in South Africa".

"Respective of my predictions of an election result all polls agree that the vast majority of people living in this country will be governed jointly by the major players, including Mr. F. W. de Klerk, Mr. Nelson Mandela and Dr. Mangosuthu Buthe."

## Nats not fazed by fuss over Stem

Political Correspondent

**JOHANNESBURG** — The National Party is not allowing itself to be fazed by the ongoing controversy surrounding the singing of Die Stem.

The 600 delegates to the party's Transvaal congress were provided with a copy of the lyrics along with the programme in the congress package yesterday.

And they ended proceedings after last night's public meeting with a full-throated rendition of the controversial anthem. During debate from the floor earlier a

Mr. Botha said to a standing ovation that "the NP intends to, and will play, a decisive role in a free and tolerant new South Africa moulded from the flames — and not the ashes — of the past".

Turning to the negotiation process he said "We are either doomed or destined to come to an agreement. I cannot say when but I believe it will come".

He believed there were enough moderate and responsible leaders in the ANC and in Inkatha who would see the necessity to come to an agreement. "There is a longing in South Africa,

delegate also paid tribute to Transvaal rugby boss Mr. Louis Lary's defiant decision to play the song before the Ellis Park test against the All Blacks. Constitutional Development Minister Mr. Boesl Meyer responded by pointing out that the Carle Cup was won by Natal. Another controversial national symbol, the flag, also featured at the congress. The NP's proposed programme of principles, distributed among delegates, stated "The party recognises the national flag as the symbol of our own South African nationhood and of the Republic of South Africa."

a very strong desire, to live together in peace," he said.

Mr. Botha challenged the ANC to throw off the yoke of communism.

"My advice to the ANC is throw off the yoke of communism for the sake of South Africa just as we threw off the Treurnichts and others."

The albatross of the communists would not go away and needed to be thrown off to allow the ANC to move forward, just as the NP could move forward only once it threw the Treurnichts and Harzenbergs off.

The NP admitted that it had made a mistake, but the ANC would not admit its mistake by staying with communism, said Mr. Botha.

# Mandela's release planned for 1985?

Political Correspondent  
JOHANNESBURG

## Silence on Rubicon

Political Staff

KEY cabinet figures in the drama behind ex-President Mr. P. W. Botha's disastrous Rubicon speech in August 1985 remained



## 5 cops on assault charge

Own Correspondent

**PORT ELIZABETH** — Five SA Police Academy members have been charged with assault following a departmental inquiry into alleged racial incidents at the academy in Graaff-Reinet.

A police spokesman said yesterday that the inquiry and charges arose from a single incident in which racism and racial discrimination were alleged recently against a senior academy officer.

An official statement by the police liaison department here said criminal charges of assault had been laid against five members of the academy.

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# Custody death: policeman guilty

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A suspended police constable has been found guilty of murdering a man who died as a result of an assault in police custody

A second suspended constable was found guilty of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm.

Andries Strydom (25) was yesterday found guilty in the Pretoria Supreme Court by Mr Justice JJ Strydom of the murder of Michael Nkabinde, who died in hospital in November 1990 after an assault on him by Strydom and Andries Greyling (24).

He was convicted of

murder with intent, in that he ought to have foreseen that his actions could have culminated in the deceased's death

Greyling could only be found guilty on his plea of assault with intent. "I am convinced he withheld himself from further assaulting the deceased after he initially assaulted him."

Of Strydom, the judge said: "Any reasonable person would have foreseen that hitting a person's head on a hard object, like a floor or a counter, could cause his death. Strydom is a trained policeman. The assumption that he

should have foreseen that he could cause the deceased's death could be made beyond a reasonable doubt." (251)

Because of his failure to testify, the court did not know whether Strydom ceased the assault when he realised — if he did realise — the possibility he could cause Mr Nkabinde's death.

Strydom was again released on warning by the judge on the grounds that there "was no question of the death sentence as there obviously were mitigating circumstances".

Sentence will be passed today — Pretoria Correspondent.



# Goldstone men The Unreachables

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**Chief Reporter JOHN PERLMAN finds out that Judge Goldstone does not want his investigating team, known as The Untouchables, to be misrepresented as 'knights in armour'.**

FOR much of this week it has seemed as if The Untouchables — the popular name for the special investigators appointed by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone last week — would have to be renamed The Unreachables.

Goldstone's instructions were clear and pester-proof: no interviews with my men, no pictures, no career or personal details. It was an eloquent expression of a concern that the Goldstone Commission already has about the way the investigation units are being perceived.

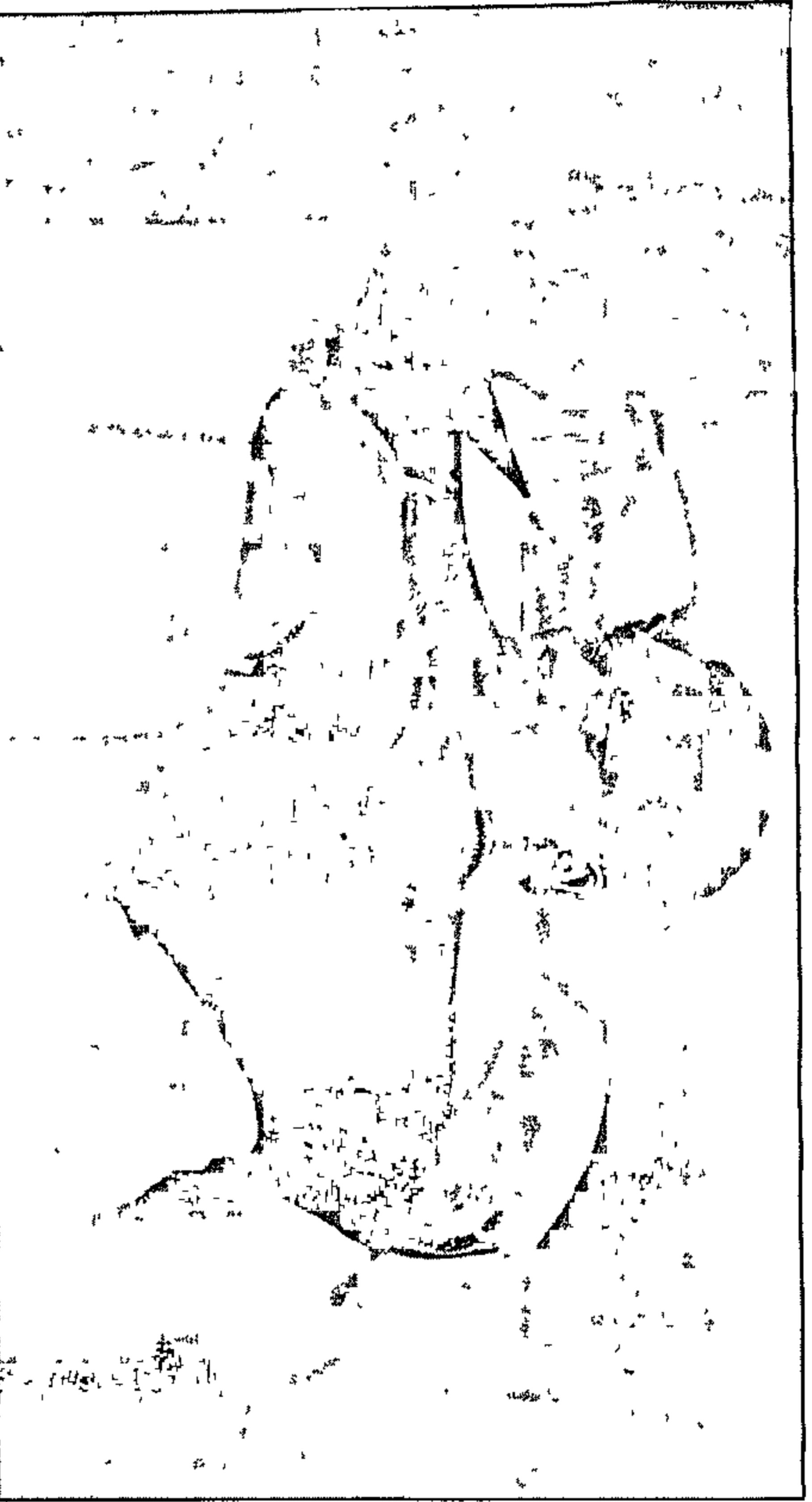
Never mind the fact that The Untouchables will be doing battle in either blue police uniforms or punstripe — there are people out there who are starting to think of them as knights in armour. And that is what the Goldstone Commission wants to avoid.

"Expectations go sky high and we get frightened when that happens," said one of the commissioners. "We don't want things to be so high-profile, unless we achieve successes and our work deserves it."

Commissioners this week indicated that they see the 26-strong investigation units the way they see the rest of their work — taking steps to unravel old conflicts and nip new ones in the bud, but also exploring and evaluating new ways of doing things that might in the long term restore respect for law and order. "We can't say for sure how these units will work out," said one. "They may not be the solution at all. But it is something we think is worth a try."

Some might argue that giving it a try could have included offering a weary, fearful public some strong symbols of new-style law and order to raise their spirits. But promises ahead of results is not — and has never been — Goldstone's way.

Major Frank Dutton, appointed to head operations



SHARPER EYE The Goldstone investigation units hope to pick up violence before it happens

In Natal — South Africa's Sarajevo — is the closest anyone in the investigation units comes to the popular image of an "Untouchable" cop: an image earned by his relentless pursuit of murdering policemen in the Trust Feed massacre case.

Appointing Dutton — who showed the same doggedness in nailing a murder charge on former Kwa-Zulu Cabinet Minister Samuel Jarmle — has given the investigation units some street credibility.

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The other policemen are less well known. Detective-Sergeant C B Nxumalo has impressed law officers in Maritzburg with his willingness to go after warlords and re-open cases that seemed to have been buried. Colonel Adrian Eagar, a veteran of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Unit, headed the investigation into the Boipha-

tong massacre, and Major Andre Campher commanded the detective branch in Woodstock.

Police at the top levels were consulted on the appointment of the policemen. At the same time, the commission made its own inquiries to assure itself of certain things. "No political baggage" — that has been one of the major criteria for all the appointments. This yardstick has been most evident in the selection of the lawyers and advocates. They were selected from names put forward by the National Association of Law Societies — which will also be paying their fees — and lawyers who have done investigation into alleged police abuses, hit squads and so on have clearly not been considered.

Commissioners point out that they don't envisage the lawyers acting as investigators themselves. "Their job is really to monitor what happens," said one. "They are a guarantee that the units' conduct will be above board." But the appointments have raised some eyebrows.

"They are there to oversee the police, but that can be difficult if you don't have a hard-nosed idea of how the police really do work," said one Cape Town human rights lawyer. "You need people who have dealt with

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Untouchables — who's behind the names?

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DURBAN AND MARITZBURG

MAJOR FRANK DUTTON — Dutton (43) will be in overall command of a region Goldstone sees as priority number one. A policeman since 1966, Dutton's reputation as a press-proof investigator was earned by securing the conviction of former KwaZulu Cabinet Minister Samuel Jarmle and by his investigation of the Trust Feed massacre.

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DETECTIVE-SERGEANT C B NXUMALO — A policeman since he was 18, Nxumalo at 29 is the youngest of The Untouchables. Working in the war torn areas around Maritzburg, Nxumalo has won respect from human rights lawyers and others. His recent move to the Buter area has led to the arrest of a local warlord.

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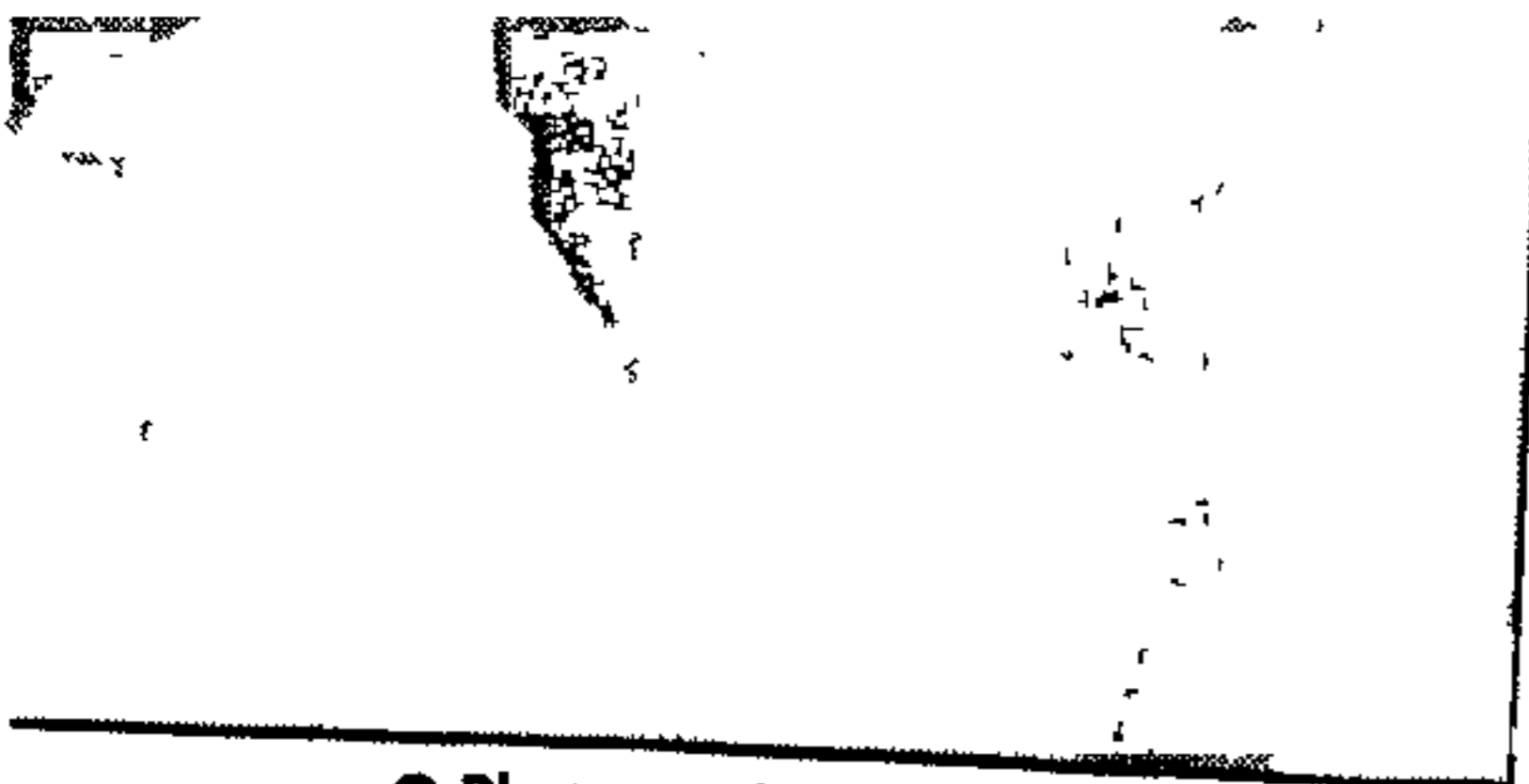
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**ALSO APPOINTED** — Major ACP Coetzee of the SADF and P Botbyl, a Pretoria attorney.

### CAPE TOWN

**MAJOR ANDRE CAMPHER** — Campher (39) was born in Cape Town and joined the police in 1969. He commanded the Vanderbijlpark Murder and Robbery Unit from 1984 to 1986 and currently heads the Woodstock detective branch in Cape Town.

**JOHN VAN NIEKERK** — A former chairman of the Divisional Council of the Cape (1969-71), Van Niekerk (57) is an attorney specialising in litigation. He was educated at Bishops, Rhodes University and the University of Cape Town.

**ALSO APPOINTED** — Attorneys N Tunbridge and M Hales.

### PORT ELIZABETH/ EAST LONDON

**CAPTAIN ERIC HAYNES** — Haynes (32) heads the district investigation unit of East London's Criminal Investigation Services. He joined the police in 1977, and served in Pretoria, Johannesburg and Port Shepstone before coming to East London a year ago.

**DAVID GEARD** — An attorney specialising in commercial litigation, Geard (49) is based in Port Elizabeth.

# Policeman admits <sup>(251)</sup> falsifying statement <sup>CT 21/9/92</sup>

MARITZBURG — A police officer on Friday admitted falsifying a statement on a shooting in Bruntville during 1990, allegedly committed by former Mooi River station commander Lieutenant George Nichas

Testifying in the Supreme Court here, Sergeant Johan Fourie said he had seen a murder committed. He had approached a Captain Fitchard from Mooi River two to three days after the shooting, but Capt Fitchard said he did not want a statement.

Asked why he did not report the matter further, Sgt Fourie said he had in fact told a Sergeant Venter everything he had seen and assumed Sgt Venter had told Capt Fitchard.

Sgt Fourie also told the court he had falsified parts of a statement he had later made to a Lieutenant-Colonel Du

Plooy because "Nichas and Du Plooy were very good friends for many years and I knew if I made certain allegations, he would not have noted them"

He added that the District Commissioner for Ladysmith, a Colonel Sauer-mann, would have made sure these allegations were not included.

Sgt Fourie said he also saw the direction of the other police officers' statements during the investigation and knew these were not accurate "I could not stand alone because I worked with them," he said

Lt Nichas is charged on two counts of murder in Bruntville during 1990, four counts of attempted murder and four counts of contravening the Arms and Ammunition Act. He has pleaded not guilty to all counts — Sapa

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### Hospital strike may end soon

THE National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union and Transvaal Provincial Administration are today expected to announce details of a settlement of the four-month-old hospital strike which has led to clashes between strikers and non-strikers

Talks between the TPA and Nehawu were held on Friday in another bid to reach a compromise and end the strike. Violence has mounted and lives have been lost since the strike began. About 7 000 hospital workers have been dismissed since the strike began.

- Sowetan Reporters and Sapa.



### Cops probe ANC members

A SPOKESMAN for the Department of Law and Order yesterday denied allegations that, by investigating members of the ANC, police were trying to obtain a blanket amnesty for members of the security forces.

(251)

Police spokesman Captain BSJ van Rooyen confirmed, however, that 17 senior ANC members were being investigated for various crimes.



Among those police are probing are South African Communist Party general secretary Mr Chris Hani, SACP chairman Mr Joe Slovo, ANC national chairman Mr Oliver Tambo, SACP member Mr Ronnie Kasrils and commander of the ANC's military wing, Mr Joe Modise.

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# SA needs the police <sup>(25)</sup> ANC

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**Own Correspondent**

**DURBAN** — South Africa needs you

This was said to those police who strive to work according to professional standards in a difficult environment by an ANC representative at the Policing in a New South Africa conference held here on the weekend

The ANC's director of Intelligence and Security, Mr Joseph Nhlanhla, said his organisation did not view the police as the enemy, nor did they view the cri-

sis in policing, the weekly revelations of allegations of police brutality or incompetence "with glee", but with increasing alarm

He said it would be an understatement to say the relations between police and black communities are lacking in mutual trust

The police were caught between "an abhorrent, unpopular political policy and the persons on whom this was enforced", he said

● The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hernus Kriel, said a

new independent investigative body, the Statutory Board, would be created to investigate serious crimes allegedly committed by the SAP

He said a new Community Relations Division would be established in an attempt to promote police-community relations

● Inkatha Freedom Party representative Mr Walter Felgate said the calibre of any country's police force was "a product of the society around it"

# ANC probed: 'Ploy' denied

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CT 21/9/92

## Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — A ministry of Law and Order spokesman yesterday denied allegations that, by investigating members of the ANC, the SA Police was trying to obtain a blanket amnesty for its security forces

Police liaison officer Capt B S J van Rooyen confirmed that 17 senior ANC members were being investigated for crimes

Among those police were investigating were SACP secretary general, Mr Chris Hani, SACP chairman Mr Joe Slovo, ANC national chairman Mr Oliver Tambo, SACP member Mr Ronnie Kasrils and Mr Joe Modise, commander of the ANC's military wing

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said "This is not a special police investigation and is not directed at ANC only"

He said "normal police duty" required investigations of all crimes — including those within right-wing organisations, Inkatha, and the security forces

ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus yesterday said the police investigations were "unacceptable"

"The government is trying to force us to agree to its general amnesty which benefits its security forces"

"To say the police will investigate everyone, including the SAP, the IFP, and the right wing, is a lie. This is directed at political organisations and especially at the ANC"

Mr Niehaus said ANC members would not cooperate — Sapa

# ANC rejects mock trial apology call

DURBAN. — THE ANC in the Natal Midlands has rejected a National Peace Committee instruction to apologise for the staging of a mock trial in Maritzburg recently.

Regional deputy chairman Mr Reggie Radebe said yesterday, "We are not going to apologise. This judgment is a gross miscarriage of justice."

Yesterday the NP and the IFP issued hard-hitting statements calling for the ANC's "militants" to be disciplined and for Mr Harry Gwala to be relieved of his position as Midlands leader.

The NPC adjudication panel had found that the ANC had contravened five sections of the peace accord during a mock trial and that Mr Gwala's comments were also a contravention of the agreement.

The incident — which was "not a mock trial" — had in fact ended with the crowd agreeing to send allegations against various IFP "warlords" to the attorney-general and Mr Gwala's statement that the ANC would kill IFP "warlords" was quoted out of context, Mr Radebe said. — Political Staff, Sapa

# Kriel accuses ANC of 'selective morality'

Own Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Law and Order Minister Mr Hennus Kriel yesterday accused the ANC of "selective morality" for insisting that SAP members who had committed crimes should be brought to trial but not ANC members.

Mr Kriel told the Johannesburg Press Club that he agreed that SAP members who had allegedly committed crimes should be thoroughly investigated. This was being done and was not considered a threat to negotiations.

"But when ANC members are investigated to determine their involvement in the murder of women and children, then this is perceived as standing in the way of negotiations." "In other words, prosecute police-

men for murder, but don't touch ANC members — especially not national executive committee members."

He denied ANC charges that the SAP was involved in a strategy to get amnesty for members of the security forces by investigating crimes allegedly committed by senior ANC members to force a trade-off.

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said the SAP did not close murder cases and cases were regularly re-examined.

Investigation of senior ANC members only appeared to have gained new momentum because for the first time in several years people who had information about crimes committed some time ago were back in the country. **CT (25) 22/9/92**

# Death, arson in 'tense' Ciskei

BISHO — The situation in Ciskei remained tense yesterday, following the violent death of an 18-year-old youth and at least 12 arson attempts since Sunday morning, Ciskei Defence Chief Brigadier Marius Oelschig reported.

He charged that the continued presence of uMkhonto weSizwe members in the area was a threat to government employees.

In Mdantsane an 18-year-old youth was assaulted by a mob and died of his injuries. Seven of the 12 arson attacks were directed at members of the Ciskei police or defence force, said Brig Oelschig.

Meanwhile, this weekend at Ulungisi near Queenstown, a municipal police van was set alight after a petrol bomb was thrown at it. Two houses belonging to ANC members in Dimbaza were attacked in separate petrol-bomb and handgrenade attacks early yesterday, the Border-Ciskei Independent Monitoring Network confirmed.

ANC mourners in Alice alleged yesterday that they had been raided and shot at during a vigil at Krwakwa village by Ciskei soldiers led by the homelands Internal Affairs Minister, Mr Ray Ncofe, on Saturday — Sapa.

# Boipatong bail request vetoed

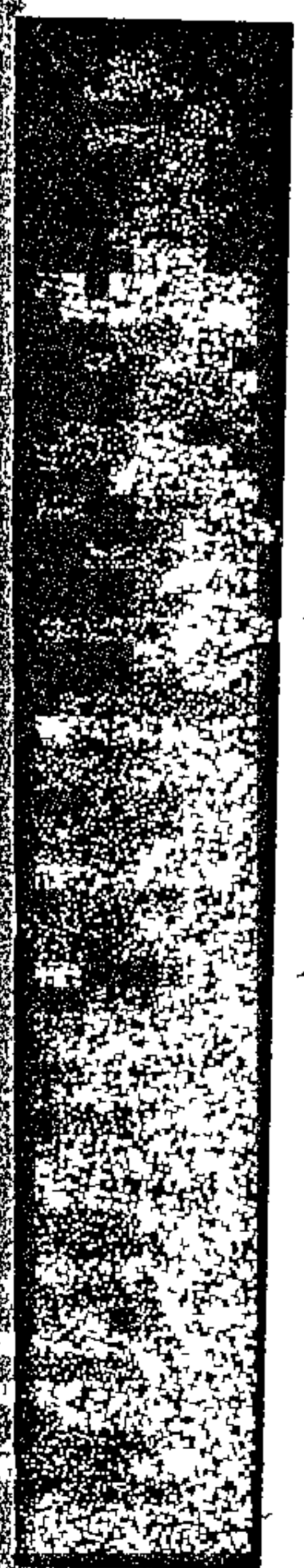
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The bail application of the 71 Kwamadala hostel inmates facing charges in connection with the Boipatong massacre was yesterday opposed by the prosecution.

Testifying in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court, Colonel Joseph du Pont of the Vaal Triangle Crime Investigation Unit said he believed the accused would skip bail and fail to attend their trial.

The 71 suspects, including four youths, are facing at least 40 counts of murder and public violence charges.

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## Stress caused cops to kill?

PRETORIA. — The number of policemen under 30 who were found medically unfit due to depression and stress had increased from 37 last year to 200 this year, the Supreme Court here heard yesterday (25)

Counsel for two suspended policemen, Andries Jacobus Strydom, 26, and Andries Jacobus Greyling, 25, who were respectively found guilty of murdering and assaulting Mr Michael Nkabinde in custody in 1990, used the figures in argument for suspended, or partly-suspended sentences CT 22/9/92  
Sentence will be passed today — Sapa

## Appeal in 'Trojan' case

<sup>CT 22/9/92</sup>  
<sup>(25)</sup>  
BLOEMFONTEIN — A video of the "Trojan Horse" operation in Athlone in 1985 in which three people died and 15 were injured was viewed by the Appeal Court here yesterday

The court was hearing an application for questions of law to be reserved in the case where 13 security force members were acquitted on charges of culpable homicide or murder

In the operation security force members concealed in crates on the back of a truck leapt out and fired on a crowd

Mr Martin Magmoed of Mitchells Plain, father of Shaun, 16, who was killed, instituted a private prosecution after the attorney-general declined to prosecute

Mr Justice D M Williamson had found the 13 not guilty and rejected an application for various questions of law to be reserved — Sapa

## More cops for PWV

AN additional 385 policemen will be permanently deployed on the Witwatersrand and in the Vaal Triangle areas, Internal Stability Division spokesman Colonel Roy Harrald announced yesterday

Harrald said 50 extra policemen would be deployed in Soweto, 50 in Diepkloof, 110 in Dunnottar on the far East Rand and 175 in Vereeniging in the Vaal Triangle

He said 86 percent of unrest-related incidents occurred in these areas

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Crime Reporter *(251)*

The Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle would soon receive 385 extra policemen in an effort to combat crime and political unrest, the police announced yesterday

Internal Stability Division (ISD) spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Ray Harrald said 50 policemen would be deployed in Soweto, 50 in Diepkloof, 110 in Dunnottar on the East Rand and 175 in Vereeniging and the Vaal Triangle

He said 86 percent of unrest-related incidents occurred in these areas and the police had decided to increase the force to create stability

ISD chief Lieutenant-General Johan Swart said yesterday that the idea to deploy extra policemen in Johannesburg to combat crime was proving to be a major success

He said almost 400 people had been arrested for murder, robbery, rape and theft between August 24 and September 15

More than 50 stolen vehicles had been recovered and 45 illegal firearms confiscated, he said

About 4 000 dangerous weapons had been confiscated and forged bank notes totalling R52 000 seized during the period.

# Kriel rejects ANC criticism of probe

*B/DAM 22/9/92*  
PRETORIA — Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel yesterday accused the ANC of "selective morality" for insisting that SAP members who had committed crimes should be brought to trial but not ANC members

In a hard-hitting speech to the Johannesburg Press Club, Kriel set out to justify the SAP focus on crimes allegedly committed by senior ANC and SACP members

Kriel said he agreed that SAP members who allegedly committed crimes should be investigated thoroughly "But when ANC members are investigated to determine their involvement in the murder of women and children, then this is perceived as standing in the way of negotiations

"In other words, prosecute policemen for murder, but don't touch ANC members — especially not national executive committee members"

The crimes were committed during the same war, so why the distinction, he asked Why were some people regarded as untouchable and others

as prosecutable?

The SAP was accused of not being impartial, but when it investigated political crimes across the political spectrum, something other than impartiality was expected of it

Police could not grant indemnity to any member but were expected to grant unofficial amnesty to members of certain political organisations

He denied ANC charges that the SAP was involved in a strategy to obtain amnesty for members of the security forces by investigating crimes allegedly committed by senior ANC members to force a trade-off

Law and Order spokesman Capt Craig Kotze said the investigation of senior ANC members appeared to have gained new momentum only because people who had information about crimes committed some time ago were back in the country

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## Court to rule on conscription

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A FULL bench of the Pretoria Supreme Court will be asked tomorrow to decide on the validity of conscription of national servicemen in terms of the Defence Act

The End Conscription Campaign (ECC) has filed legal action against the Defence Minister and the chief of SADF, attacking the legality of the Act

Counsel for the ECC will argue that the repeal of the Population Registration Act — to which the Defence Act refers for its definition of "whites" — has rendered the whites-only call-up legally invalid *B/DAM*

If the ECC application is successful, all call-ups issued since the repeal of the Population Registration Act will be invalid, and there will be no legal basis for conscripts to continue military service *22/9/92*

"Even if the application is unsuccessful, it will focus attention once again on the anomaly of a racially selective military call-up, at a time when racist legislation has largely been phased out," ECC Johannesburg chairman Chris de Villiers said yesterday

Government wanted a citizen force mass mobilisation option, he said

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# ANC scuffle during Women's trial

Staff Reporter

SCUFFLES between police and ANC supporters broke out in the Cape Town Magistrate's court yesterday after two magistrates walked out of their courts after the gallery interrupted proceedings.

In court 23, five ANC Women's League members and three men appeared in connection with pouring red paint on the South African flag outside the court on June 29.

When the magistrate, Mr W J Faught, entered the courtroom the gallery remained seated and he left the court.

The prosecutor and the attorney for the accused both appealed to the gallery.

When Mr Faught re-entered the room the gallery rose but a man shouted "Amandla!" Mr Faught rose to leave and four policemen waded into the gallery to apprehend the man.

Scuffling erupted between the police and ANC supporters who were shoved out into the street before the main gates were locked.

The ANC supporters began toy-toy-ing and about 30 policemen charged, arrested them and put them into a van. The trial later proceeded.

Bail of R100 was extended for Ms Mcebisi Skwekhaha, 27, Mr Nombulelo Koti, 46, Ms Patricia Matolengwe, 37, Ms Thozana Mlambeni, 32, Ms Buvivwa Magadela, 26, Ms Matsasi Maceba, 28, Mr Michael Mtsho, 26, and Mr Patrick Nogwaza, 41.

Warrants of arrest were issued for Ms Hilda Ndude, 33, Ms Marnipa Ramojisani, 37, and Mr Jonguxalo Mbeleni, 24, who failed to appear. The warrants were held over for October 30.

The accused were not asked to plead, no charges were put to them and the trial was postponed to October 30 for the attorney-general's decision whether to prosecute and for further investigation.



SCUFFLES... Police carry an ANC supporter from outside the Cape Town Magistrate's Court yesterday.

● In Court 16, Magistrate Mr J McEwan walked out of his court when a member of the gallery interrupted him with a shout of "Mayibuye Afrika" (come back Africa).

Mr McEwan was presiding in the trial of seven ANC Women's League members appearing in connection with holding an illegal demonstration outside Parliament on June 26, where they allegedly flung red paint on the walls of Parliament.

The woman appeared again later. Bail of R50 was extended for Ms Matsasi Maceba, 28, Ms Madelene Fullard, 25, Ms Patricia Matolengwe, 37, Ms Nombulelo Kalyi, 36, Ms Thozana Mlambeni, 32, Ms Cordelia Racaza, 29, and Ms Louise Naude, 34. The trial was postponed until October 30.

## Killer cop gets 9 years

PRETORIA — Suspended policemen Andries Jacobus Strydom, 26, has been sentenced to an effective nine years in jail for killing a detainee.

His colleague, Andries Jacobus Greyling, 25, was sentenced to two years following an assault in Pretoria Central prison, which led to the death of detainee Mr Michael Nkabinde in 1990.

Strydom was found guilty of murdering Mr Nkabinde. Greyling was found guilty of assault.

The judge said he accepted the evidence of a psychiatrist and a pastor that Strydom was remorseful about his actions, and had voluntarily been admitted to a private clinic for psychiatric treatment. — Sapa

## 10 years for killing two

JOHANNESBURG. — The time has come for all race groups in South Africa to become more tolerant of each other, a Rand Supreme Court judge said yesterday as he sentenced two white Vrededorp men to an effective 10 years in jail for kicking two black men to death at Johannesburg Station in March last year.

Anthony Charles Hamman, 20, and Thomas Swanepoel, 19, were convicted of two counts of murder and two of assault after pleading guilty to all charges.

"Why you chose to assault two black men, I don't know. You did not tell me," the judge added, referring to the men's decision not to give evidence. — Sapa

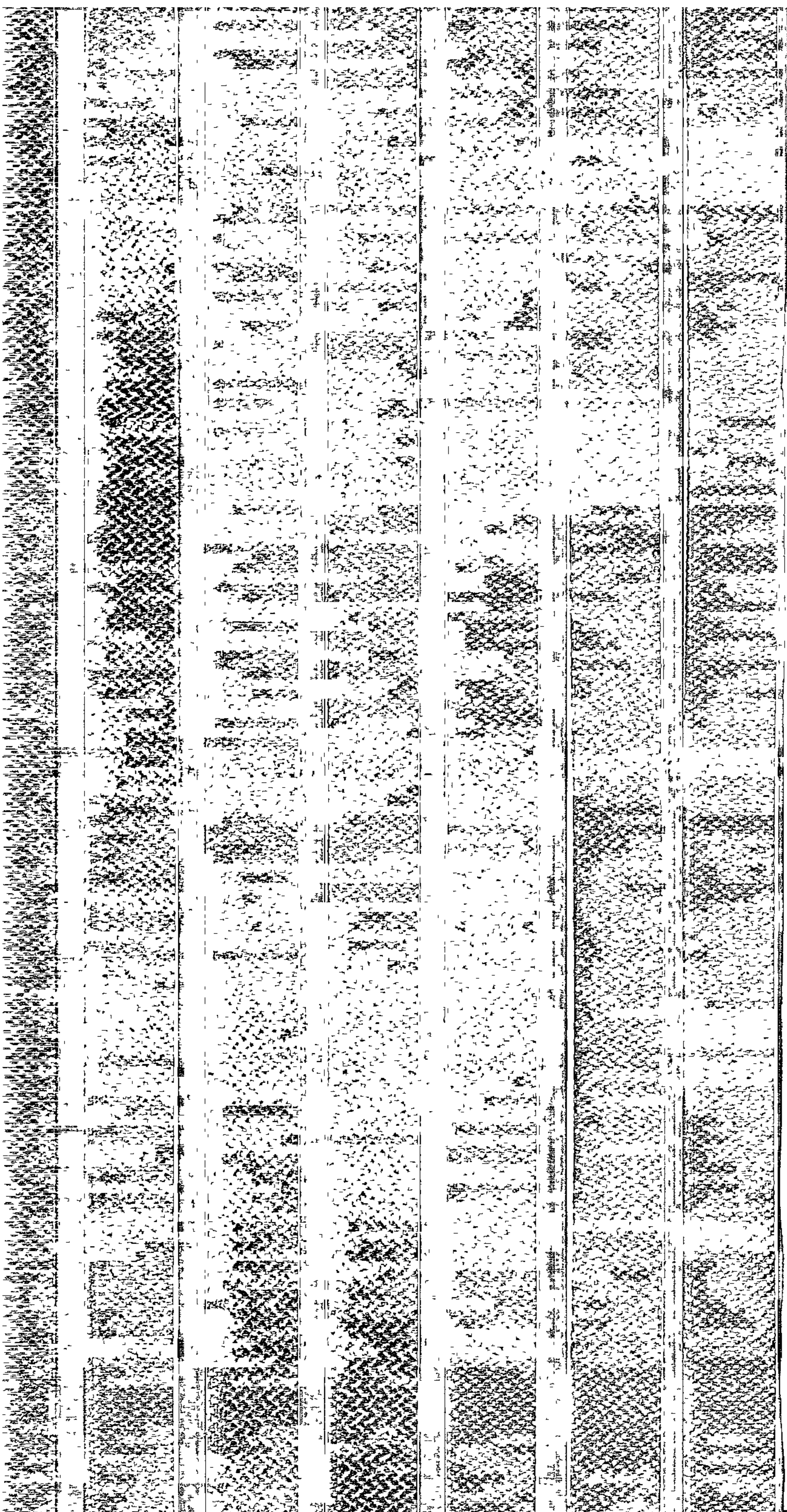
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# 2 cops jailed for killing drunk man

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**FIRST OFFENDERS** Judge finds dead man's behaviour mitigated in favour of accused who beat him to death: (251)

## Sowetan Correspondent

**T**WO SUSPENDED POLICEMEN were yesterday sentenced to a total of 15 years imprisonment after being found guilty of murder and assault in the Pretoria Supreme Court

Andries Jakobus Strydom (25) of Orchards near Pretoria was last week found guilty of murder, while Andries Jacobus Ferdinandus Greyling (24) of Tulleken Berea was found guilty of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm

Mr Justice JJ Strydom found the pair had assaulted Mr Michael Nkabinde on November 24 1990 after taking him into custody at 2pm

The court heard they hit and kicked him and bashed his head on a counter

When he appeared to lose consciousness, Strydom sprayed teargas into his nostrils

The two constables did not book Nkabinde but he was taken down to the cells at the Pretoria Central police station, where the court found the assault took place

Nkabinde died of his injuries three hours later at the HF Verwoerd Hospital. He had been kicked in the body, head and private parts

Mr Justice Strydom sentenced (Andries) Strydom to 12 years' imprisonment, three years of which were suspended for five years

Greyling was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, one of which was suspended for five years

Both will lodge appeals against the

sentences

The assault on the deceased was "inherently injurious" the judge said

He said Nkabinde, who was highly intoxicated, was not up to defending himself against the two young policemen

The judge said the State had proved aggravating circumstances beyond a reasonable doubt, but there were extenuating circumstances the State was unable to dismiss beyond a doubt

The judge accepted in mitigation that both men were first offenders, in their early 20s when the crime was committed and that they were probably provoked by Nkabinde's provocative behaviour when he kicked at their vehicle and grabbed Greyling's watch from his arm and threw it into the crowd

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## R400 000 paid in rewards for arms

THE SAP have paid rewards of almost R400 000 to members of the public for information which led to the recovery of 1 229 illegal firearms since January 31 00M 23/9/92

In addition, police have seized 3 996 firearms during the normal course of investigation during the same period, SAP public relations said in a statement yesterday

### STEPHANE BOTHMA

Of the recovered firearms, 683 were AK-47 rifles

A total of R184 300 was paid to informers for the recovery of 279 AK-47s — with a reward of up to R6 000 offered for information leading to the seizure of an AK-47

Despite the fact that the SAP were doing everything

possible to trace and remove illegal weapons, there were still large numbers in circulation, the police said (251)

Of the weapons seized, 134 were home-made rifles, 2 972 were pistols (including 99 Makarovs) and revolvers (200)

Nineteen arms caches were also traced during the period

## Winnie to face disciplinary inquiry

WINNIE Mandela — now an ordinary ANC member after she stepped down from three key posts — will soon face a disciplinary inquiry, along with some of her supporters who held a protest rally at the ANC's Johannesburg headquarters in May

The ANC's national executive committee (NEC), of which Mandela was an office-holder until recently, said the date of the inquiry would be announced soon

**PATRICK BULGER**

The inquiry follows an investigation by two independent attorneys into the protest

The findings of that inquiry were laid before the NEC recently and were understood to have recommended a disciplinary inquiry

The NEC said it had appointed a task force to oversee the ANC Women's League PWV region's political and administrative office

## 'Occult' crimes rise

POLICE have confirmed an increase in the number of occult-related crimes under investigation

However, Satanism was not illegal in SA and so was not investigated as a criminal offence, a police spokesman said in Pretoria yesterday

Offences which might result from Satanism — such as the slaughter of cats, grave desecration and sexual and drug abuse — were investigated

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## Interim results for the half-year ended 31 August 1992

Income statement		Figures in R000's	
	Six months to 31/8/92 (unaudited)	Six months to 31/8/91 (unaudited)	Year ended 29/2/92 (audited)
Turnover	285 334	275 641	561 603
Operating income	10 068	11 357	30 749
Interest received/(paid)	287	357	(1 231)

## Policeman jailed for murder of detainee

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## Rid to quash fraud Minister loses anger

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**R370 000 paid  
for arms info**

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More than R372 000 was paid in the past nine months as rewards for information leading to the seizure of illegal firearms and arms caches, police said yesterday

A total of 1 211 illegal firearms — including homemade weapons, AK-47 rifles, shotguns and Makarov pistols — and two arms caches were confiscated with the help of the public

About 2 000 illegal firearms were confiscated during normal police investigations in the same period — Crime Reporter

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# Ex-special constables 'linked to killings' 25

VUSI KAMA

Staff Reporter

AGT 24/9/92

FORMER special constables, forming themselves into groups, were partly responsible for the spate of brutal killings, rapes and armed robberies in Peninsula townships, the Mitchell's Plain Magistrate's Court has heard

Giving evidence yesterday during a bail application for Mr Fuzile Jangile and Mr Michael Mvukwe, both of Khayelitsha, Warrant Officer G Brink of the Murder and Robbery Unit said there was a link between the Balaclava Gang, which was manacing the lives of township businessmen, and the activities of some former special constables.

He said there was forensic evidence linking former special constable Mr Jangile, 25, and Mr Mvokwe, 22, to the attacks on and the killing of township businessmen, and that more investigations were being undertaken

They are also linked to the cold-blooded murder of a policeman, the killings of prominent Langa businessmen and an attack on party-goers in Khayelitsha's up-markert Ikhwezi Park area.

The State also links Mr Jangile to eight armed robberies and murders in the Transkei

The two were arrested in a car on August 31 in Lansdowne Road, allegedly on their way to an attack in the Frankdale squatter camp

No charges were put to them and they were not asked to plead

The hearing continues

counterparts So says Law & Order Minister Hernus Kriel, who, at a closed three-day conference in Durban on policing in the new SA, cited the retirement of 13 generals as an example of how the force's general staff is being rejuvenated and reformed

Others — including an array of foreign experts — delved into the scale of the reformation task

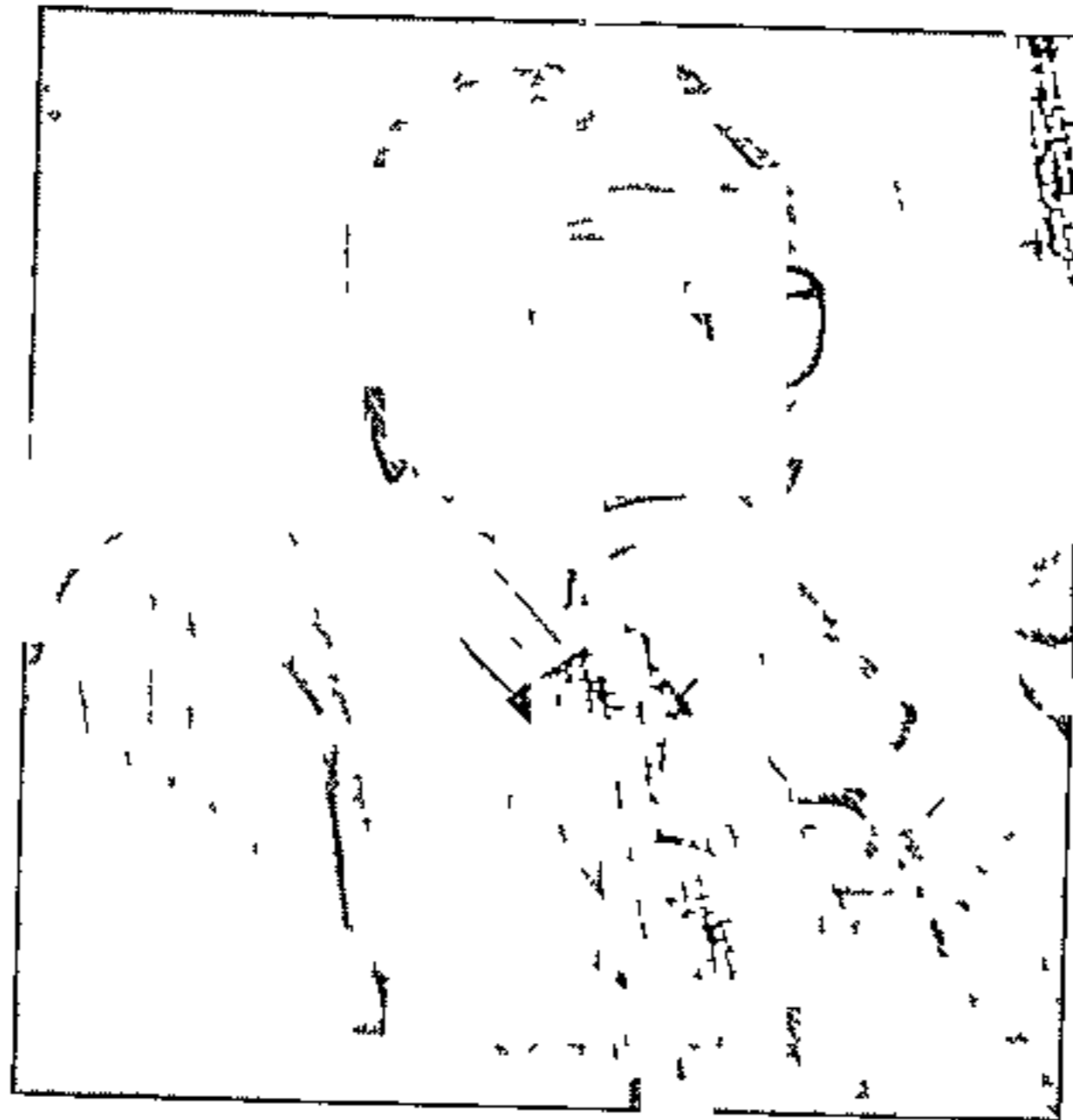
**Time and trust**

Peter Waddington, of Reading University in England, who assisted the Goldstone Commission, said fundamental change takes time Trust is of primary importance "The problem is that the SAP doesn't have time It must transform itself in the inevitable turmoil which accompanies democratisation"

Moreover, the hand the SAP has to play in the present political context is the least conducive to democratic policing

"Restraint will be attacked by some sectional interests as cowardice and abrogation of responsibility But these are precisely the conditions in which to credibly forge reputations"

Waddington remarked that police in authoritarian societies are often less competent than those in liberal democracies "The simple reason is that it is unnecessary for them to tread the precarious line between doing too much or too little They know that situations which get out of hand can be solved with overwhelming firepower If the SAP's



**Minister Kriel** restructuring lessons from abroad

policing style is to be more democratic, it must become more competent in the fundamentals of policing — from preventative patrolling to murder investigation"

An added dimension, says Belfast University sociology professor John Brewer, who is writing a book on SA policing, is that the SAP is more than incompetent it is "politically biased The SAP and compatible forces have been proactive in politics by furthering the State policies of internal colonies, by supporting the values and ideologies which underlay the State, and in suppressing opposition beyond the legal limits"

An alternative agenda for police reform

could mean asserting greater political control over the force, at least in the short term Otherwise, general reform could be stymied by police resistance

**Revamp**

Other reforms Brewer advocates include

- Establishing a single national force by absorbing or disbanding homeland and other policing agencies,
- Exercising political control by a committee of politicians and nominated laymen along the lines of the old UK watch system.
- A purge of officers (particularly senior ones) not committed to reform,
- Exercise of stricter discipline,
- Introducing public accountability mechanisms,
- Placing the emphasis on ordinary crime prevention, with special units on UK and US lines for unrest control,
- An enormous expansion of manpower,
- Demilitarisation and disarming of the police, and
- Extensive retraining and the democratisation of command structures to reflect society

There are significant differences between this concept and Kriel's vision

The Minister believes that, even under an ANC unitary political system, the force should move towards maximum decentralisation He added that the SAP welcomes constructive criticism aimed at improving its service and relations with the community, of which it is part

The problem is, this will be impossible as long as the police are perceived as playing a political role ■

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**Or call Robocop** (251)

If restructuring goes according to plan, tomorrow's police will be modelled on their US, Canadian, Australian and German



# Weapons' reward

■ Police ask for help:

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MORE than R370 000 in reward money was paid out by the SA Police between January 3 and September 17 this alone for information leading to the seizing of unlawful firearms, SABC radio news reported on Wednesday

The total amount was paid for the recovery of 1 213 AK-47 rifles, Makarov pistols and other firearms

Police also seized almost 4 000 additional firearms and uncovered 17 caches in the course of normal investigation during the same period

In a statement released on Wednesday police said there were still large numbers of illegal weapons in circulation despite strenuous efforts to trace and remove them

Police have appealed to the public to come forward with any information that might lead to the confiscation of illegal, dangerous weapons - Sapa

# Head cop on sex charges

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — A former officer-in-command of a police station appeared in court yesterday on four charges of indecent assault.

Captain John Michael Baird, 34, of Uitenhage, appeared in a Regional Court here charged with committing sexually indecent acts with four youths during last year. He has not been suspended from the police. The trial was postponed to November 23.

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# Nats quiz Govt on policemen's safety

STAR 25/9/92  
By Peter Fabricius  
Political Correspondent

DURBAN — Extreme concern about the number of policemen being killed in political unrest has emerged as a dominant theme at the Natal National Party congress in Durban

During debate on law and order issues yesterday, several delegates urged the Government to provide more protection to policemen

One delegate tackled Deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburgh and asked why the SAP was sending "youngsters" into flashpoints

He asked whether older po-

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licemen could not be selected for dangerous township duty

Mr Myburgh said the policemen being sent into trouble spots were "very special young men" who had been selected after "psychometric" testing

He detailed funds allocated in the current Budget, including

- R13 million for bullet-proof vests
- R51 million for 130 Nyala bullet-proof vehicles
- R7,6 million for 200 reinforced patrol bakkies
- R78 million for R-5 rifles, Z88 pistols and shotguns
- R3 million for three Leo special video units for monitoring unrest from helicopters

# Call for horseback patrols in city

CF25/9/92 (25)

Staff Reporter

POLICE on horseback should patrol the city centre, says the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce

It also suggests that meter maids double up as visitor assistants trained to give tourists reliable directions

The chamber has also suggested that appropriate pomp be attached to the traditional noon gun's loading and firing

The ideas, which include a suggestion that meter maids hand out maps to tourists, were contained in an article on facili-

tating tourism in the Chamber of Commerce's weekly Business Bulletin

Another suggestion was that flags be hoisted on Signal Hill to signal the arrival of visiting cruise liners

Tourist Mr Hermann Willemse of Belgium welcomed the ideas. Similar traditions which had been abolished in European cities were also being re-introduced, he said

He was particularly pleased with the prospect of mounted police officers patrolling areas like Greenmarket Square

and the Grand Parade, where, he had been warned, tourists were often mugged

A Capetonian who has just returned from a hike around the world, Mr Michael Lawson, said Cape Town had much potential but was a "dead city" which could do with some livening up

One traffic police officer said he would gladly assist tourists with directions and that traffic wardens already did this

"But horses in the city might not be such a good idea," he said "There would be manure everywhere"

**S**OUTH AFRICA'S contending political groups, including the government, have accepted a European Community (EC) offer to provide training and advice for the nation's police force now being restructured.

British Foreign Office sources who reported the unannounced agreement said it emerged from talks conducted between the three EC foreign ministers led by Britain's Douglas Hurd and South African leaders earlier this month.

Details of the arrangements are still being studied within the Community and will need further consultation with the South African authorities if and when a post-apartheid administration is in place.

The expectation in the meantime is that academics, lawyers, security and criminal justice specialists in key EC countries will be called upon to help in building up a force which in the European view should, in its membership fairly reflect the social composition of the South African people.

# SA accepts EC offer to retrain policemen

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*The government's acceptance of European assistance in retraining the police is the first formal acknowledgement that the security forces need outside help.*

**By ARTHUR GAVSHON**

ed the Republic in July " Waddington, who heads the faculty of criminal studies at Reading University, sharply criticised the performance of the police in Boipalong

The government has already begun the job of shaking up its much-criticised 100 000-strong police force. Thirteen of 55 generals have been retired even though many controversial characters have kept their jobs

A policy of "federalising" the force into a series of autonomous units is being implemented, stripping the central national command of many functions.

A new police academy is to be set up in Graaff-Reinet where enhanced standards of leadership will be evolved.

Hurd's EC mission also won the agreement of President FW de Klerk, African National Congress president Nelson Mandela and other leaders for the attachment of five European experts to Judge Richard Goldstone's commission on violence. These specialists — probably jurists or lawyers — in effect will add an international dimension to Goldstone's investigations

Meanwhile the business of internationalising the Republic's ineffectual peace-making system is forging ahead on non-governmental as well as foreign governmental levels. These developments were reported.

●The World Council of Churches has arranged a programme of sending 15-person teams to South Africa over the coming year to monitor the workings of the multi-party Peace Accord, the negotiating process and ultimately national elections. Each group will serve about

two-month terms alongside other international observers. An advance party of constitutional lawyers, security and human rights specialists already has arrived to coordinate with other groups

●EC and Commonwealth teams of 15 persons each will also be joining the countrywide network of monitors and observers

●Delegates from the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), also in the country now, will shortly be arranging for their own monitoring units to join the network. The OAU has yet to decide on just how many they will be despatching

●A total of 50 United Nations monitors complete with backup staff, communications systems and their own transportation is due to spread across the country in the next few weeks. Eight of them have already been deployed in Natal's flashpoint areas — they are an advance party which hurried out as killings in the province began escalating.

At the same time several American, British and European security firms, public companies and media interests were reported planning to send their own observers and correspondents to watch developments

Timing of their arrivals is dependent upon the outcome of the scheduled meeting between De Klerk and Mandela; both men are under continuing personal pressure by world leaders to get back into negotiations again.



# Officials mum on probe into SAP

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**By BAFANA KHUMALO**  
THE South African Police has been unable to provide details of investigations into senior police officers alluded to by Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel this week.

In an address to the Johannesburg Press Club, Kriel said the SAP was investigating alleged crimes by 100 policemen. Among these were Major General Jac Buchner, the commissioner of the kwaZulu Police; General Jan Viktor, chief of the Ciskei Police; the now-retired Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling, former head of police forensic laboratories; and Colonel Eugene de Kock, commander of the Vlakplaas police base.

These investigations indicated, he said, that the SAP did not regard itself as being above the law. He also said they were not seen as an obstacle to negotiations — a clear reference to the African National Congress' complaint that the police probe of crimes by senior ANC men was such an obstacle.

An inquiry from *The Weekly Mail* for further details on the status of these investigations from the two government departments involved,

the SAP and the Department of Law and Order, made no progress this week. Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze referred the newspaper to the SAP, who said they had no details and referred *The Weekly Mail* back to law and order.

This is in sharp contrast to the announcement by the government that it is investigating senior ANC officials for activities including the 1983 Pretoria bombing, in which 19 people died. Dockets have been opened in this case, according to press reports.

*The Weekly Mail* faxed the SAP five questions on the status of the alleged investigations into police officers. In the three days they had an opportunity to respond, the police and the Ministry managed to send the newspaper a copy of Kriel's speech. The SAP said they were still awaiting detailed information concerning the investigation.

Kriel indicated that policemen under investigation included those listed in an ANC document under the headline "Those who should go", which was annexed to his speech. The document identifies 15 policemen

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which Kriel said were a random sample of cases being investigated by the SAP. In addition to Buchner, Neethling, Victor and De Kok, they include:

● Major Koos Vermeulen, currently on secondment to the Bophuthatswana Police. He is said to be implicated in the killings of captured ANC operatives.

● Captain Paul van Dyk, currently at police headquarters in Pretoria. He is said to have been implicated in the 1986 killing of ANC operatives at Amsterdam.

● Lieutenant Colonel Dolf Odenaal, former head of the Peninsula riot squad in Cape Town, who is said to have been linked to 10 percent of all security force killings in the western Cape.

● Colonel Hermanus du Plessis, a former Port Elizabeth security policeman now at police headquarters. He is said to have been implicated in the 1981 killing of Sizwe Kondile. Du Plessis was also in charge of interrogating youth activist Sphiwe Mtinkulu, who disappeared in 1982 after being poisoned with thallium in detention.

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**Row over  
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dawn raid**

JOHANNESBURG — Several Sebokeng houses in the Vaal Triangle were searched early yesterday police confirmed, although they could not immediately comment on allegations that a PAC leader's home was among those raided.

PAC spokesman Mr Mark Shinnars said police confiscated membership lists from the home of Sebokeng regional chairman Mr Ichaboth Makhiti.

Asked the reason for the raid, Captain Piet van Dewenter said it was in connection with information received about illegal weapons — Sapa

# Cop guilty of sex charges

CT 26/9/92 (25)

By DALE GRANGER

A MILNERTON police officer has been fined R200 for sexually harassing a police major's daughter and another young female constable.

In a police departmental hearing last week, Lieutenant George Johannes Daniel Kotze, 32, was convicted on two counts of "behaving in a manner unbecoming to his rank".

Lieut Kotze was found guilty and fined R100 on each of two counts but acquitted on a third. Police liaison officer Major Attie Laubscher confirmed this yesterday, and said an appeal had been lodged.

According to evidence before the hearing, Lieut Kotze had called the major's daughter, a constable, into his office at the Milnerton police station on June 18, put his hands up her dress and fondled her inner thighs.

Lieut Kotze had denied all knowledge of the sexual harassment charges and his attorney argued that the women constables had "compared notes and agreed on a conspiracy against the lieutenant".



# Controversial police chief Buchner retires

UJLUNDI — Major-General Jac Buchner, one of South Africa's most controversial police generals, is to retire at the end of November, he told Saturday Star yesterday.

Buchner, a former security police officer who was seconded to serve as Kwazulu's commissioner of police in April 1989, is 53 — well below the usual retirement age.

When Minister of Police Herrus Kriel announced the retirement of 13 police generals last month, there was a howl of protest from the African National Congress

because the list excluded senior police officers suspected of orchestrating township violence.

Together with General Johan van der Merwe, the Commissioner of Police, and General Basie Smit, who headed the security police until it was formally disbanded, Buchner was named as a man who should be retired if the SAP was to be genuinely reformed. Buchner said of his pending

retirement "I have been working continuously for 38 years with very little leave or sick leave. I need to relax for a little while."

Since Buchner moved to Natal in December 1987, serving first as the divisional commander of security police and then as Kwazulu commissioner of police, he has been blamed by the ANC and its allies for contributing to — rather than extinguishing — violence.

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**PATRICK LAURENCE**

In an interview yesterday, Buchner repudiated these charges, saying that analysis of media reports for 1988 showed that the number of deaths declined after he took over in Maritzburg. Buchner similarly denied that the Kwazulu Police was biased in favour of the Inkatha Freedom Party and preju-

duced against the ANC.

Allegations against the Kwazulu Police took no account of gun attacks on them, Buchner said, adding that nearly 30 policemen had been killed this year.

Referring to a "spate" of Supreme Court interdicts restraining Kwazulu Police from attacking township residents, Buchner said "The allegations (against the Kwazulu Police) were never

proved. We gave an undertaking that Kwazulu Police would not attack the applicants to prevent them going to the Supreme Court and costing thousands of rands."

During Buchner's term of office as security police chief in Natal, three of the four special constables who were later convicted of murder in the Trust Feed trial applied to join the Kwazulu Police.

Their applications were approved by the SAP, arousing suspicion, when details of the Trust Feed massacre emerged, of SAP connivance.

Reacting to these allegations, Buchner denied that he had personally approved the applications. "I physically saw the fingerprint forms, they were stamped to say that they (the constables) had no criminal record."

Later, Buchner said, when he was approached by Major Frank Dutton, investigating officer in the Trust Feed trial, he helped secure the arrest of the constable

# Teddy doesn't hang out here anymore

By Beverley Garson

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PORT ELIZABETH policewomen know exactly what to do when they get upset they sentence a teddybear to hang by the neck until, well, they feel better

Mystified residents noticed the unfortunate creature's plight, hanging from the fourth floor of the regional police headquarters

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In a letter to a local newspaper, a resident appealed to a "Sherlock Holmes" in the city to solve the mystery of the hanging teddy

Police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Captain Henry Chalmers, investigated the matter and found that some policewomen staying in single quarters hang the teddy out when they are upset

"It appears that the mood of

some of our policewomen on the fourth floor determines whether their teddy bear should be indoors or outdoors

"However, this will cease so that we can avoid further curiosity and consternation among passersby," said Chalmers

So "Sherlock Holmes" comes to the rescue and the teddy comes in from the cold — Pen

# Numerous attacks on police over weekend

Crime Reporter (251)

Numerous attacks on policemen were reported in the PWV region at the weekend, police said yesterday

Police were attacked with AK-47 rifles in five attacks in Sharpeville, Vereeniging

In the first attack, a man wielding an AK-47 attacked a

group of policemen on patrol. There were no injuries

Soon after that, a group of people stoned a police van and fired several shots at it with an AK-47 rifle. No injuries were reported

An unidentified gunman fired a number of rounds at a police van with an AK-47 rifle on Sat-

urday night, police said

In another attack, a group of gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles fired several shots at a patrolling police vehicle

During the attack, the police crashed into a private vehicle, injuring the driver. Police said he was not seriously injured

In Alexandra near Johannes-

burg, an explosion destroyed a house. There were no injuries

In Kliptown, Soweto, three men were wounded when they were attacked by gunmen

⊙ An off-duty policeman was shot dead during an argument with another policeman outside a beerhall in Letsapa, near Ottosdal, early on Saturday morning, police said yesterday

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# New police scheme to curb criminals

*Spokesman*  
28/9/92

■ Spokesman says plan was introduced because of tremendous crime rate: (251)

**By Ike Motsapi**

THE South African Police are offering a R1 000 reward for any information that might lead to the arrest and conviction of people involved in unlawful acts

Members of the public have been asked to provide this information to a committee that will include appointed members, the police and respected leaders

Persons who provided this information would not be asked to divulge their names

A police spokesman said the scheme was not a ploy to turn people into police informers. The exercise was aimed at curbing crime. Colonel Johan Mostert, head of the police

public relations division in Pretoria, said "On July 1, the crime prevention programme called, 'Crime Stop', was launched

"Members of the public can telephone the toll-free number 0800-11-12-13 at any time of the day and night and supply information regarding crimes that they have knowledge of

"For such information a reward, not exceeding R1 000 may be claimed

"In view of the fact that crime is increasing tremendously and that there are many unsolved cases that have to be closed because eye-witnesses do not come forward for fear of intimidation this programme offers a solution "

# Police indemnified too — FW

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JOHANNESBURG — The government has succeeded in obtaining indemnity for everyone — including policemen — who have committed crimes for political reasons, President F W de Klerk said last night in an interview on SATV.

Mr De Klerk's views on amnesty appeared to be completely at

variance with those of ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela, whose interview on TV's Agenda programme was broadcast directly before Mr De Klerk's interview.

Mr De Klerk said he had made it clear that "we intend to pass legislation which will not only deal with prisoners but also with indemnity for those who

have not been charged for the same offences committed with a political motivation".

The state would be cleaned "in all directions", he said, including police, and members of the AWB, ANC and Inkatha.

"The test is political motivation," Mr De Klerk said.

During his interview, a tired-

looking Mr Mandela was asked whether the ANC was in favour of amnesty for all people.

He argued there was a difference between crimes committed by fighters battling a system acknowledged internationally as a crime against humanity and crimes committed by those upholding this system — Sapa

# A dismal dossier of death in police custody

Following the furore created by the accusations by pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman that police are responsible for killing prisoners in custody, the Human Rights Commis-

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police force, not only within the ranks of the security police, there is an attitude which justifies the use of torture and other brutal methods carrying a high risk of death in waging war against a perceived enemy

This culture will not change until minority rule is abandoned " The HRC has records of 73 deaths in detention without trial during 1963 to 1990 and a further 57 deaths in custody from 1984 to 1992

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Solly Mogashoa	Phalaborwa	?/7/91	alleged assault by police	Steven Dibetso	Tomburke	1/2/92	allegedly assaulted by policeman
Cornelius Maqoma	Sebokeng	23/7/91	died a few hours after arrest	Mbulelo Kitchen	Tarkastad	7/9/92	died a few hours after his arrest
Peter Masilo	Sharpeville	23/7/91	died after alleged police force during his arrest	Londi Ntombela & Mbuyi Zondi	Imbali	7/2/92	shot when they allegedly tried to escape
Aaron Mahlangu	Belfast	?/8/91	reportedly died of diabetes after a struggle at a police station	Zinakele Tafani	Glen Hill	1/3/92	allegedly assaulted by policeman
3 unnamed people	Hazyview police station	25/8/91	shot during a struggle in police station	Samuel Scerna	Klipspruit	15/5/92	died a few hours after his arrest
Thandile Mtya	Punzana (Ciskei)	12/9/91	reported to have hanged himself	Andreas Joubert	Graafwater	23/5/92	found dead in his cell
Peter Thaele	Odcendaalsrus	26/9/91	reported to have hanged himself after quarrelling with the police	Reuben Nkosi	KwaDela	9/6/92	shot dead during a house search

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Solwandle Ngudle	Compol, Pretoria	5/9/63	suicide by hanging	Elmon Malele	John Vorster Sq	20/1/77	haemorrhage after hitting his head on a desk during interrogation
Bellington Mamphe	Worcester	?/9/63	undisclosed	Mathews Mabelane	John Vorster Sq	15/2/77	fell from the 10th floor
James Tyita	Port Elizabeth	24/1/64	suicide by hanging	Twasfem Joyi	Idutywa, Transkei	15/2/77	undisclosed
Sulman Salojee	Johannesburg	9/9/64	suicide, jumped from the 7th floor	Samuel Malinga	Pietermaritzburg	22/2/77	heart disease, pneumonia
Ngeni Gaga	Transkei	9/5/65	natural causes	Arend Khoza	Pietermaritzburg	22/3/77	suicide by hanging
Pongolosa Hoye	Transkei	9/5/65	natural causes	Phakamile Mabija	Kimberley	7/7/77	suicide, jumped from the 6th floor
James Hamakwayo	Pretoria prison	9/10/66	suicide by hanging	Elijah Loza	Paarl	1/8/77	stroke
Hangula Shonyeka	Pretoria prison	9/10/66	suicide	Iloosen Haffajee	Durban	3/8/77	suicide by hanging
Leong Pin	Leeuwkop prison	19/11/66	suicide by hanging	Bayernpin Mzizi	Durban	13/8/77	suicide by hanging
Ah Yan	Silverton	5/1/67	suicide by hanging	Steve Biko	Port Elizabeth	12/9/77	brain injury during scuffle with police
Alpheus Madiba	Namibia	9/9/67	suicide by hanging	Sipho Malaza	Krugersdorp	16/11/77	suicide by hanging
Jundea Tubakwa	Pretoria prison	11/9/68	suicide by hanging	Lungile Tabalaza	Port Elizabeth	10/7/78	suicide, jumped from 5th floor
unnamed person	???	?/7/68	reported by the Minister of Police	Saul Ndzuano	Umtata	10/9/80	heart trouble, diabetes, blood pressure
Nicodemus Kgoathe	Silverton	4/2/69	pneumonia after slipping in the shower	Manana Mgqweto	Engcobo	17/9/81	unknown
Solomon Modipane	Silverton	28/2/69	fatal injuries after slipping on soap	Tsethwa Muofhe	Venda	12/11/81	assault by police
James Lenkoe	Pretoria prison	10/3/69	suicide by hanging	Neil Aggett	John Vorster Sq	5/2/82	suicide by hanging
Caleb Mayekiso	Port Elizabeth	1/6/69	natural causes	Ernest Dipale	John Vorster Sq	8/8/82	suicide by hanging
Michael Shvute	Ondangwa	17/6/69	suicide	Simon Mndawe	Nelspruit prison	8/3/83	suicide by hanging
Jacob Monakgotla	Pretoria prison	10/9/69	thrombosis	Paris Malatji	Protea police station	5/7/83	culpable homicide, shot by police
Abdullah Haroon	Maitland	27/9/69	heart trouble caused by a fall down the stairs	Sam I shikudu	Venda	20/1/84	natural causes
Mthayeni Cuthsela	Pondoland	21/1/71	brain haemorrhage	Mxolisi Sipele	Transkei	7/6/84	police claim he died in hospital after release
Ahmed Tumul	John Vorster Sq	27/10/71	suicide by jumping from the 10th floor	Ephraim Mthethwa	Durban	25/8/84	suicide by hanging
Joseph Mdluli	Durban	19/3/76	injury to neck after falling against a chair	Andries Raditsela	Baragwanath	6/5/85	fatal head injury, fell from a Casspir
William Tshwane	Modderbee prison	25/7/76	shot while trying to escape	Bathandwa Ndondo	Cala, Transkei	24/9/85	shot by police
Mapeta Mohape	East London	5/8/76	suffocation after hanging	Makompe Kutumela	Lebowa	5/4/86	police assault
Luke Mazwembe	Cape Town	2/9/76	suicide by hanging	Peter Nchabaleng	Lebowa	11/4/86	police assault
Dumisane Mbatha	Modderbee prison	25/9/76	auricular fibrillation of the heart	Xoliso Jacobs	Upington	22/10/86	suicide by hanging
Fenuel Mogatusi	Johannesburg Fort	28/9/76	suffocation during a fit	Simon Marule	Modderbee	23/12/86	kidney failure
Jacob Mashabane	Johannesburg Fort	5/10/76	suicide by hanging	Benedict Mashoke	Burgersfort	26/3/87	suicide by hanging
Unknown man	Carletonville	5/10/76	alleged assault in police cells	Eric Mntonga	Mdantsane	24/7/87	police assault
Edward Mzolo	Johannesburg Fort	9/10/76	undisclosed	Nobandla Banu	Port Elizabeth	29/7/87	stroke
Thalo Mosala	Butterworth	26/11/76	internal bleeding	Sithembele Zokwe	Butterworth	12/1/88	police shooting
Wellington Tshazibane	John Vorster Sq	11/12/76	suicide by hanging	Alfred Makaleng	Nylstroom	26/8/88	fluid on the brain
George Botha	Port Elizabeth	15/12/76	suicide, jumped six floors	Sizwe Sithole	John Vorster Sq	30/1/90	suicide by hanging
Lawrence Ndzanga	Johannesburg	8/1/77	heart failure	Lucas Thomsang	Klerksdorp	26/3/90	meningitis
Nanaoth Ntshuntsha	Leslie police station	9/1/77	hanging, probably suicide	Thabela Madisha	Potgietersrust	1/6/90	suicide by hanging



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Solly Mogashoa	Phalaborwa	7/7/91	alleged assault by police	Steven Dibetso	Tomburke	1/2/92	allegedly assaulted by policeman
Cornelius Maqoma	Sebokeng	23/7/91	died a few hours after arrest	Mbulelo Kitchen	Tarkastad	7/9/92	died a few hours after his arrest
Peter Masilo	Sharpeville	23/7/91	died after alleged police force during his arrest	Londi Ntombela	Imbali	7/2/92	shot when they allegedly tried to escape
Aaron Mahlangu	Belfast	7/8/91	reportedly died of diabetes after a struggle at a police station	Zinakele Tafani	Glen Hill	1/3/92	allegedly assaulted by policeman
3 unnamed people	Hazyview police station	25/8/91	shot during a struggle in police station	Samuel Seerna	Klipspruit	15/5/92	died a few hours after his arrest
Thandile Mtya	Punzana (Ciskei)	12/9/91	reported to have hanged himself	Andreas Joubert	Graafwater	23/5/92	found dead in his cell
Peter Thaele	Odendaalsrus	26/9/91	reported to have hanged himself after quarrelling with the police	Reuben Nkosi	KwaDela	9/6/92	shot dead during a house search

## DEATHS IN DETENTION

Name	Place	Date	Official/alleged cause	Name	Place	Date	Official/alleged cause
Solwandle Ngudle	Compol, Pretoria	5/9/63	suicide by hanging	Elmon Malele	John Vorster Sq	20/1/77	haemorrhage after hitting his head on a desk during interrogation
Bellington Mampe	Worcester	7/9/63	undisclosed	Mathews Mabelane	John Vorster Sq	15/2/77	fell from the 10th floor
James Tyta	Port Elizabeth	24/1/64	suicide by hanging	Twasifem Joyi	Idutywa, Transkei	15/2/77	undisclosed
Suliman Salooje	Johannesburg	9/9/64	suicide, jumped from the 7th floor	Samuel Malinga	Pietermaritzburg	22/2/77	heart disease, pneumonia
Ngem Gaga	Transkei	9/5/65	natural causes	Arend Khoza	Pietermaritzburg	22/3/77	suicide by hanging
Pongoloshia Hoya	Transkei	9/5/65	natural causes	Phakamile Mabija	Kimberley	7/7/77	suicide, jumped from the 6th floor
James Hamakwayo	Pretoria prison	9/10/66	suicide by hanging	Elijah Loza	Paarl	1/8/77	stroke
Hangula Shonyeka	Pretoria prison	9/10/66	suicide	Hoosen Haffajee	Durban	3/8/77	suicide by hanging
Leong Pin	Leeuwkop prison	19/11/66	suicide by hanging	Bayempin Mziza	Durban	13/8/77	suicide by hanging
Ah Yan	Silverton	5/1/67	suicide by hanging	Steve Biko	Port Elizabeth	12/9/77	brain injury during scuffle with police
Alpheus Madiba	Namibia	9/9/67	suicide by hanging	Sipho Malaza	Krugersdorp	16/11/77	suicide by hanging
Jundea Tubakwa	Pretoria prison	11/9/68	suicide by hanging	Lungile Tabalaza	Port Elizabeth	10/7/78	suicide, jumped from 5th floor
unnamed person	???	7/2/68	reported by the Minister of Police	Saul Ndzurno	Umtata	10/9/80	heart trouble, diabetes, blood pressure
Nicodemus Kgoathe	Silverton	4/2/69	pneumonia after slipping in the shower	Manana Mgqweto	Engcobo	17/9/81	unknown
Solomon Modipane	Silverton	28/2/69	fatal injuries after slipping on soap	Tsithiwa Muofhe	Venda	12/11/81	assault by police
James Lenkoe	Pretoria prison	10/3/69	suicide by hanging	Neil Aggett	John Vorster Sq	5/2/82	suicide by hanging
Caleb Mayekiso	Port Elizabeth	1/6/69	natural causes	Ernest Dipale	John Vorster Sq	8/8/82	suicide by hanging
Michael Shyute	Ondangwa	17/6/69	suicide	Simon Mindawe	Nelspruit prison	8/3/83	suicide by hanging
Jacob Monakgotla	Pretoria prison	10/9/69	thrombosis	Paris Malatji	Protea police station	5/7/83	culpable homicide, shot by police
Abdullah Haroon	Mantland	27/9/69	heart trouble caused by a fall down the stairs	Sam Tshikudu	Venda	20/1/84	natural causes
Mthayeni Cuthsela	Pondoland	21/1/71	brain haemorrhage	Mxolisi Sipele	Transkei	7/6/84	police claim he died in hospital after release
Ahmed Timol	John Vorster Sq	27/10/71	suicide by jumping from the 10th floor	Ephraim Mthethwa	Durban	25/8/84	suicide by hanging
Joseph Mdluli	Durban	19/3/76	injury to neck after falling against a chair	Andries Raditsela	Baragwanath	6/5/85	fatal head injury, fell from a Casspir
William Tshwane	Modderbee prison	25/7/76	shot while trying to escape	Bathandwa Ndondo	Cala, Transkei	24/9/85	shot by police
Mapetla Mohape	East London	5/8/76	suffocation after hanging	Makompe Kutumela	Lebowa	5/4/86	police assault
Luke Mazwembe	Cape Town	2/9/76	suicide by hanging	Peter Nchabaleng	Lebowa	11/4/86	police assault
Dumisane Mbatha	Modderbee prison	25/9/76	auricular fibrillation of the heart	Xoliso Jacobs	Upington	22/10/86	suicide by hanging
Fenuel Mogatusi	Johannesburg Fort	28/9/76	suffocation during a fit	Simon Marule	Modderbee	23/12/86	kidney failure
Jacob Mashabane	Johannesburg Fort	5/10/76	suicide by hanging	Benedict Mashoke	Burgersfort	26/3/87	suicide by hanging
Unknown man	Carletonville	5/10/76	alleged assault in police cells	Eric Mntonga	Mdantsane	24/7/87	police assault
Edward Mzolo	Johannesburg Fort	9/10/76	undisclosed	Nobandla Bam	Port Elizabeth	29/7/87	stroke
Thalo Mosala	Butterworth	26/11/76	internal bleeding	Sithembele Zokwe	Butterworth	12/1/88	police shooting
Wellington Tshazibane	John Vorster Sq	11/12/76	suicide by hanging	Alfred Makaleng	Nylstroom	26/8/88	fluid on the brain
George Botha	Port Elizabeth	15/12/76	suicide, jumped six floors	Sizwe Sithole	John Vorster Sq	30/1/90	suicide by hanging
Lawrence Ndzanga	Johannesburg	8/1/77	heart failure	Lucas Tihomusang	Klerksdorp	26/3/90	meningitis
Nanaoth Ntshuntsha	Leslie police station	9/1/77	hanging, probably suicide	Thabela Madisha	Potgietersrust	1/6/90	suicide by hanging

# Massacre night tapes erased

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■ **TECHNICAL POINT** Judge demands that

damaged tapes be handed to the commission:

**T**APE RECORDINGS of radio calls made to the SAP Internal Stability Unit in Vereeniging on the night of the Boipatong massacre were accidentally erased the next day, the Goldstone Commission was told yesterday

The SA Police officer investigating allegations of security force complicity in the matter, Major Christo Davidson, told the commission, which is hearing evidence on the massacre, that the erasure of about 13 hours of radio calls on the day and night of June 17 had occurred accidentally

During cross-examination by Mr Arthur Chaskelson, counsel for the African National Congress, Davidson said all calls made between 2pm on June 17 and 3am on June 18 had been accidentally erased by the person on duty

Asked by Chaskelson how this could occur, Davidson said it was a technical problem he could not explain

Chaskelson put it to Davidson that the tape had been deliberately erased

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone ordered that the relevant tapes be immediately fetched and submitted to the commission Davidson agreed to this

During cross-examination, Davidson also revealed yesterday that only three SAP armoured vehicles had been in the Boipatong area on June 17 These were a camouflaged Casspir from the Sebokeng municipal police, a yellow SAP Casspir and a yellow SAP Nyala

He said they had only entered the township after reports had been received of violence in the area

Witnesses from the township who have appeared before the commission have alleged that camouflaged Casspirs were present in Boipatong during the massacre, dropping off attackers from the KwaMadala Hostel and escorting them back to the hostel - *Sapa*



By DESMOND BLOW

PATHOLOGIST Dr Jonathan Gluck-

man's revelations last weekend about police responsibility for close on 200 deaths in police detention may at last force the government to hold formal judicial inquests of people who die in police custody instead of informal inquests.

Lawyers for Human Rights have long complained about the two systems of court inquests in SA.

One is a formal inquest at which witnesses are called and cross-examined; the other is informal - statements are submitted to the court and no other evidence is heard.

It would appear that all deaths of prisoners in police custody have been treated as

# Gluckman files to probe police secrets?

Informal inquests with usually only the police statements available to the courts, which must then make a finding on these statements.

The post-mortem examinations are usually carried out by the local district surgeon who often works closely with the police and is open to being guided by what the investigation officer says.

The findings of the inquest court are usually that no one was to blame for the prisoner death.

Gluckman revealed that he has 200 files on people who died in police custody over the past few years which should have gone

through a formal inquest.

Gluckman's revelations can be added to the protesting voices of LHR, the SA Council of Churches and other organisations.

Will this influential expert's concern, like the protests of the rights organisations, fall on deaf ears?

Six months ago Gluckman took his misgivings to President Fw de Klerk and is still waiting for a reply.

Last weekend, out of sheer frustration, he went public on the issue.

The final straw, he said, came when he examined the body of 19-year-old Simon

Mthimkulu whose "post mortem" carried out by a district surgeon had consisted, according to medical sources, of merely cutting open the chest and sewing it up again.

Gluckman, who became internationally known as the pathologist who examined the body of Steve Biko, said of Mthimkulu: "He had injuries all over his body. It was the last straw that broke the camel's back. This was a young boy of 19. He could have been my son."

On Friday Brian Curtin of LHR told City Press that they would examine all 200 of the Gluckman files.

Curtin also objected strongly to the announcement by Law and Order Minister Hennus Kriel on Friday that every death in police custody would in future be probed by an SAP general.

"You will have the police investigating themselves. What we demand is an independent judicial inquiry," he said.

Other organisations this week also came out in support of Gluckman's allegations.

The Human Rights Commission said in a press statement this week that Gluckman's allegations supported their findings.

The commission's files recorded 130 deaths in police cells, of which 50 percent died in the first week inside, half were found at inquests to be "suicides" and most victims died in "mysterious circumstances".

## Mandela in new Koevoet claims <sup>(251)</sup>

DRIEFONTEIN — Allegations of renewed activities by the Koevoet police unit abounded at an African National Congress rally addressed by ANC president Nelson Mandela at Driefontein, in the eastern Transvaal, yesterday afternoon

Before Mr Mandela began his address to a 400-strong crowd, in commemoration of ANC activist Saul Mkhize who was killed by police at Driefontein in 1984, he was told by senior regional ANC officials that a large number of policemen had been intimidating residents since Friday

It was alleged police had erected roadblocks and had conducted house-to-house searches *STAR 318192*

ANC Driefontein branch chairman Yunus Cajee claimed a large number of the police were Koevoet members

"It was just an intimidation effort to try to discourage the people from attending the rally," Mr Cajee said

Speaking to journalists after the rally Mr Mandela said it was not the aim of the mass action to cause insurrection

"All we want to do is to pressure the Government into accepting an interim government and democratic elections," he said — Sapa

# Police probe 'Koevoet searches'

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The police have launched a high-level investigation into the ANC's claims of Koevoet police actions in the south-eastern Transvaal, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday

The investigation would be headed by Brigadier Floris Mostert

The probe followed allegations on Sunday at an ANC rally at the south-eastern Transvaal

settlement of Driefontein that members of the reputedly disbanded Koevoet police unit had carried out house-to-house searches in the area on Friday and Saturday, speaking a foreign language

Nelson Mandela said at the rally he would bring the matter to the attention of the Goldstone Commission for investigation

"We will establish the

facts of this incident," Captain Kotze said

He said the disbanding of Koevoet was well under way, but reiterated that Koevoet members could remain in the police force

Koevoet, a police counter-insurgency unit, operated in the former South West Africa, mainly in Owambo. It became notorious for its treatment of the local population — Sapa

# Police need to wipe slate

# clean

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**S**OUTH Africa is probably the only country in the world where the police are, quite continuously, a big news story in their own right.

Some of these stories are bogus. Readers of this column will doubtless have noted Dr Waddington's censure not only of police incompetence but of sections of the press "for what seems to have been mischievously inaccurate or precipitate reporting of gossip, tittle-tattle and rumour".

But stories of police hit-squads also abound, some of them authenticated beyond doubt, and with the Trust Feed case, murder by the police is now a matter of settled juridical fact. Similarly, Dr Jonathan Gluckman's account of the deaths of over 200 detainees in custody deserves to be treated with the utmost gravity.

His credentials are impeccable and Hernus Kriel's attempt to suggest that such deaths may have been due to the simple trauma of arrest takes us back to the worst days of detainees dying through slipping on soap, falling out of windows and the like. Mr Kriel is a disgrace.

But the news stories are not all

one way. More than 550 policemen have been killed in the last five years — last week in Durban alone they were killed at the rate of one a day. Many of these killings too seem to have been assassinations in cold blood: there are hit squads on the other side too.

We have the terrible Norwood case in which a policeman, a member, for God's sake, of the Soweto Internal Stability Unit, is on trial as a serial killer of five people. There is also the Schweizer-Reneke case where three policemen are at last on trial for kidnap and assassination.

Not least, last week saw the dramatic gunning down by police of "Billy the Kid" (Sbu Mkhize) and four others in a Hollywood-style shoot-out in Isipingo. A major police success against notorious gangsters? Well, yes, but even that was not the whole story, for Sergeant Simphwe Mvuyane, one of the victorious policemen was recently suspended from the Kwazulu police on charges of operating protection rackets.

Mkhize was famous in Umlazi for being the only man brave enough to attack Sergeant Mvuyane, whom he blamed for

the death of his father. The way in which Sergeant Mvuyane's car has kept on running into limpet mines and similar impediments was doubtless not unconnected with Mkhize's public impediments and with Mkhize's public vow of vengeance against him.

Thus, via the police operation, Sergeant Mvuyane has in effect settled a private township feud. How did we get here?

The story begins with the fact that the police were, after 1948, treated effectively as a closed domain for the employment of poor, often poorly educated Afrikaners.

Not only did this guarantee their entrenchment in time of low grade and racist police leadership, even at the top level, but it was implicitly understood that the criteria for recruitment were ethnic and political if you were the right sort of Afrikaner. You had a home in the police.

This recruitment pattern quite casually entrenched the brutal behaviour towards Afrikaners typical of the farm life from which many of these lads had come.

The policing of townships was a special case effectively, arrange-

ments had to be reached with the township bosses, which often meant with mobsters or tsotsis.

The inevitable gang-based sub-structure of township life had to be dealt into any scheme of delegating law and order — which often meant that policing there had to follow a complex agenda quite at variance with its public rationale. In effect policemen were told "Do whatever you need to do. Provided there aren't major riots no one will care".

A further great twist of the ratchet was provided by MK's commencement of the armed struggle in 1961. John Vorster, the Minister of Justice, effectively told the Security Branch that any and all means were to be used to halt sabotage.

Casual beatings-up were replaced by systematic torture, a fact of enormous influence throughout the police given the elite nature of the SB. Torture was not only legitimised but flaunted a man like the station-bomber, John Harris, could appear in court with multiple broken limbs without any real pretence that this had happened other than in torture sessions.

Worse still, Vorster and his successors covered for the police, denying all criticism of police methods and even making it an offence to publish certain facts about them. Every Minister of Police from Vorster on has steadily lied to the public in defence of the indefensible.

In effect this amounted to telling the police that they would get away with anything, up to and including murder if necessary. ludicrous cover-stories would be propagated from the front benches of Parliament, no less. This reign of bullies defended by cowards reached its height under P W Botha.

This police culture of brutality and irresponsibility has come under increasing pressure recruitment is far blacker now, public criticism is strong and open, the politicians on the defensive at last, and although the fear of anti-police reprisals encourages greater ruthlessness in some respects it has probably led to the toning down of casual brutality in others.

But as with so much else in South African life, the heritage of the past needs to be faced more

openly. The police need to begin again. The SAP should be broken up and a set of new regional and city police forces created.

But just as Khrushchev could not de-Stalinise until he had denounced Beria and the crimes of the KGB, so we need a Minister who not only makes a public example of errant policemen, but who admits and denounces the crimes of the past, naming names — and renaming them too.

John Vorster Square, after all, is named after a man who brought torture into the centre of South African life. C R Swart Buildings are named after a man who stood up in Parliament with a sjambok and recommended its more vigorous use on blacks. P W Botha Airport is named after a man under whom unparalleled atrocities were carried out at home and abroad.

To do away with all this would be mere symbolism, but powerful for all that. Nothing would give greater earnest that a new era has indeed begun. As with the police, so with everything else we have some perestroika, but we need more glasnost. □

# Koevoet troop implicated in raids 251

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■ At the insistence of the ANC, police investigate assault in South Eastern Transvaal: 157

THE police have launched a "high level" investigation into the African National Congress' claims of Koevoet police actions in the South Eastern Transvaal, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday

The investigation will be headed by Brigadier Floris Mostert, he said

The probe followed allegations on Sunday at an ANC rally at the South Eastern Transvaal settlement of Driefontein that members of the reputedly disbanded Koevoet police unit had

carried out house-to-house searches in the area on Friday and Saturday

Sunday's rally was addressed by ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela in commemoration of ANC activist Mr Saul Mkhize, who was shot by police in 1984 - Sapa

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## Police image 'harm(25)ed by false Weekly Mail claim'

PRETORIA — Weekly Mail newspaper reports about allegations of police underground operations to kill political campaigners had harmed the public image of the police, police lawyers said in Pretoria yesterday

Flip Hattingh told a one-man Goldstone committee inquiry into the matter police had proved beyond doubt reports they were involved in planning attacks on ANC campaigners were false

He said police had evidence that a letter from the Weekly Mail was faxed to the Minister of Law and Order on the eve of publication of the allegations, and did not give the minister a chance to investigate

Hattingh said that in the May 7 1992 edition of the Weekly Mail a picture appeared on the front page with a caption reading "In this house police planned violence", but the police had proved beyond reasonable doubt the statement was false

"We have evidence Anton Harber (co-editor of the publication) told a spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, Captain Craig Kotze, that they were going to publish what they had to publish irrespective of what he (Capt Kotze) was going to say," Hattingh said

He criticised a report in the newspaper which said the operations of the police should be published because it was of public interest, and that the police's attempt to stop the newspaper from publishing the allegations was proof enough that the allegations were true

Hattingh said the Weekly Mail should be requested to give equal prominence to the findings of the commission as they did to the "so called exposé"

Legal representatives for the ANC and the Weekly Mail are to table their argument before the committee today — Sapa

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# Probe into 'Koevoet action'

THE police had launched a "high-level" investigation into ANC claims of continued Koevoet police action in the southeastern Transvaal, an SAP spokesman said yesterday **BIDAY 4/8/92**.

The investigation would be headed by Brig Floris Mostert, who was in charge of the specialised SAP units which were supported by former Koevoet members

The probe followed weekend allegations by ANC president Nelson Mandela at a rally in the southeastern Transvaal town of Driefontein that members of the Koevoet police unit, which is at present being disbanded, had carried out house-to-house searches in the area on Friday and Saturday

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said yesterday investigations by the organisation at this stage indicated that several policemen who "clearly could not speak any of the country's languages" had attempted to intimidate residents in the Driefontein area not to attend Sunday's rally

The rally was held in commemoration of

**STEPHANE BOTHMA (25D)**

ANC member Saul Mkhize who was shot by police in 1984

Mandela told the rally he would bring the matter to the attention of the Goldstone commission. A commission spokesman said yesterday it had not yet received a request to look into the matter

Niehaus said the matter would definitely be referred to the commission

The SAP Public Relations Directorate said police would establish the facts of the alleged Koevoet actions, and stressed that the process of disbanding the Koevoet unit was well under way

Dissolving the unit took time because of administrative procedures, a spokesman said

Koevoet was established in the former South West Africa as a police counter-insurgency unit but was withdrawn to SA after Namibia became independent

Criticism of Koevoet tactics last month led President F W de Klerk to announce the disbanding of the unit

## Inkatha spurns idea of NP alliance

CAPE TOWN — Inkatha has spurned the possibility of forming an alliance with the NP "at this stage".

This follows indications in a weekend speech by Natal NP leader George Bartlett to the provincial head committee that the party was contemplating a broad anti-ANC front embracing Inkatha

But yesterday Inkatha's Walter Felgate said that "at this stage we can't think of being allies" because, among other things, the NP was still ambiguous about federalism **BIDAY 4/8/92**.

Government talked about federalism but in its proposals for an interim and new constitution had not come up with a genuine federal model that devolved power from the regions upwards.

The NP proposal was "basically a unitary state with regionalism built in and that is very problematic as far as we

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are concerned", said Felgate

He also criticised government for holding bilateral talks with the ANC on constitutional issues and said this left other organisations uncertain as to what the NP's final model would look like.

Bartlett said the NP accepted a single Natal-KwaZulu state and a "future Natal constitution within a federal system must now receive our urgent attention".

The Mineral and Energy Affairs Minister said the time had come for "those who share common values and constitutional principles to openly meet together to plan for the future, the new constitution, the negotiation process and strategy".

Multiparty discussions between members of the anti-ANC front should start as soon as possible

## Treurnicht tries to stop CP split

CP LEADER Andries Treurnicht yesterday moved to dampen the controversy raging in his party, which is threatened by a walkout of five MPs in the next two days

Meanwhile Potchefstroom MP Andries Beyers — who at the weekend made public the controversy and challenged CP policy in calling for a smaller Afrikaner homeland and negotiations with all parties — has claimed he is getting "overwhelming support" from fellow MPs and the public

Treurnicht said he did not think the events at the Transvaal Youth Congress, where Beyers made his speech, would lead to a split. There were no grounds for a split and the CP hierarchy would try to talk the matter out. He said he would try to reconcile the parties this week and would meet Beyers before Thursday night's executive meeting **BIDAY 4/8/92**.

Treurnicht said the matter was not insurmountable. There was a basic agree-

**BILLY PADDOCK**

ment in principle between the two sides but misunderstandings had arisen

Meanwhile the controversy has continued to rumble at lower echelons of the party with CP general secretary Lem Theron calling on Transvaal Youth Council chairman Moolman Mentz jnr to withdraw his declaration of support for Beyers

Beyers' remarks were out of place, Theron said, and the CP was looking at the whole issue through the correct channels. An executive committee was considering the proposal by Beyers and four others and it would submit recommendations to the August 22 special congress in Kimberley

But a source, who is planning to join the walkout this week, said the committee had met last week and had already made its decision to reject the proposals in the document "The Road Ahead"

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# ANC Koevoet claim probed

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PRETORIA — The police have launched a "high level" investigation into ANC claims of Koevoet police actions in the south-eastern Transvaal, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday.

The investigation will be headed by Brigadier Floris Mostert, Captain Kotze said.

The probe followed allegations on Sunday at an ANC rally at the south-eastern Transvaal settlement of Driefontein that members of the reputedly disbanded Koevoet police unit had carried out house-to-house searches in the area on Friday and Saturday.

Sunday's rally was addressed by ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela in commemoration of ANC activist Mr Saul Mkhize, who was shot by police in 1984.

Mr Mandela said at the rally he would bring the matter to the attention of the Goldstone Commission for investigation.

"We will establish the facts of this incident," Captain Kotze said.

He also stressed "the process of disbanding the former Koevoet unit" was well under way.

Captain Kotze reiterated that individual Koevoet members had been given a choice to remain in the police force and if they elected to do so they would be absorbed in other police units — Sapa



# Police Board 'lacks authority'

PRETORIA — The newly-established Police Board was ineffective because it lacked real authority, said most delegates at a crime conference at the Human Sciences Research Council here yesterday

The police, on the other hand, felt they were in a process of changing past errors

Most speakers at the conference, attended by the police, correctional services, political parties and academics, felt it was difficult to change a 40-year

police culture that viewed the force as being above the law

Executive director of the South African Institute of Race Relations Mr John Kane-Berman said the police were unprepared for the era of change

He said the police would have to be retrained not to see black people as the enemy of the state

The police said it was difficult to gain the confidence of the ordinary man in the street because, although

they were trying their best to cope with crime, fear and intimidation were thwarting their efforts

American criminologist Professor Norval Morris said there was no doubt people in the top structure of the police were serious about their purpose, but they too were struggling with a 40-year police culture

He said the police must change from being reactive, to community protective, before matters could improve — Sapa

# ANC claim on Koevoet denied by cops

JOHANNESBURG — Allegations that members of the former Koevoet police unit were deployed in the south-eastern Transvaal last week were denied by police yesterday

"Allegations that the Investigation Support Service Unit, or so-called Koevoet, is still functioning are devoid of all truth," a terse SAP statement said

It said that individual members of Koevoet had been transferred to police stations on a decentralised basis

# 'ANC dipped its hands in blood'

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Professor Fatima Meer, one of Mr Nelson Mandela's biographers, says the ANC must also take some of the blame for violence

"The ANC is not blameless the ANC has also dipped its hands in blood," Professor Meer, director of the Institute of Black Research at the University of Natal, told Technikon students and staff yesterday

Speaking on Codesa, Professor Meer said both the ANC and the government desired to break the impasse in negotiations and work out a settlement

An interim government could be in place by the end of the year if the government agreed that a two-thirds — and not a three-quarters — majority would be required by the future constitution-making body

Many people had seen the stayaway as the ANC's "referendum"

Professor Meer cautioned, however, that while votes cast in the March

# Cohen: Back Peace Accord

JOHANNESBURG — United States Assistant Secretary of State Mr Herman Cohen said last night that "the violence question should not hold negotiations hostage"

Speaking at Jan Smuts airport before his departure, Mr Cohen said he was deeply concerned because the economic situation in South Africa had gone from stagnation into a downward spiral

The downward economic spiral could not be reversed until there was an internal political settlement

He was optimistic, however, as all the parties he had consulted during his visit — except the PAC — favoured an early return to negotiations

Mr Cohen said ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela had a "return to negotiations scenario very clearly in mind", but wanted the question of violence addressed first

Although the violence was of great concern and should be addressed, Mr Cohen said he felt "the violence question should not hold negotiations hostage"

"We therefore call upon all parties to lend greater support to the National Peace Accord so that it can be implemented effectively"

In addition all parties should work to establish political tolerance of opposition groups — Sapa

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# Police Board 'lacks authority'

PRETORIA — The newly-established Police Board was ineffective because it lacked real authority, said most delegates at a crime conference at the Human Sciences Research Council here yesterday

The police, on the other hand, felt they were in a process of changing past errors

Most speakers at the conference, attended by the police, correctional services, political parties and academics, felt it was difficult to change a 40-year

police culture that viewed the force as being above the law

Executive director of the South African Institute of Race Relations Mr John Kane-Berman said the police were unprepared for the era of change

He said the police would have to be retrained not to see black people as the enemy of the state

The police said it was difficult to gain the confidence of the ordinary man in the street because, although

they were trying their best to cope with crime, fear and intimidation were thwarting their efforts

American criminologist Professor Norval Morris said there was no doubt people in the top structure of the police were serious about their purpose, but they too were struggling with a 40-year police culture

He said the police must change from being reactive, to community protective, before matters could improve — Sapa

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# ANC claim on Koevoet denied by cops

JOHANNESBURG — Allegations that members of the former Koevoet police unit were deployed in the south-eastern Transvaal last week were denied by police yesterday

"Allegations that the Investigation Support Service Unit, or so-called Koevoet, is still functioning are devoid of all truth," a terse SAP statement said

It said that individual members of Koevoet had been transferred to police stations on a decentralised basis

# 'ANC dipped its hands in blood'

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Professor Fatima Meer, one of Mr Nelson Mandela's biographers, says the ANC must also take some of the blame for violence

"The ANC is not blameless the ANC has also dipped its hands in blood," Professor Meer, director of the Institute of Black Research at the University of Natal, told Technikon students and staff yesterday

Speaking on Codesa, Professor Meer said both the ANC and the government desired to break the impasse in negotiations and work out a settlement

An interim government could be in place by the end of the year if the government agreed that a two-thirds — and not a three-quarters — majority would be required by the future constitution-making body

Many people had seen the stayaway as the ANC's "referendum"

Professor Meer cautioned, however, that while votes cast in the March

# Cohen: Back Peace Accord

JOHANNESBURG — United States Assistant Secretary of State Mr Herman Cohen said last night that "the violence question should not hold negotiations hostage"

Speaking at Jan Smuts airport before his departure, Mr Cohen said he was deeply concerned because the economic situation in South Africa had gone from stagnation into a downward spiral

The downward economic spiral could not be reversed until there was an internal political settlement

He was optimistic, however, as all the parties he had consulted during his visit — except the PAC — favoured an early return to negotiations

Mr Cohen said ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela had a "return to negotiations scenario very clearly in mind", but wanted the question of violence addressed first

Although the violence was of great concern and should be addressed, Mr Cohen said he felt "the violence question should not hold negotiations hostage"

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**Minister Kriel receives report from generals**

Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel has received the urgent report he ordered from his generals last week on the highly critical report by British criminologist Dr Peter Waddington on the SA Police's handling and investigation of the June 17 Boipatong massacre Mr Kriel was studying the report yesterday — Political Correspondent

# Union accuses security police of records theft

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**SHARON SOROUR**  
Labour Reporter

THE Metal and Electrical Workers' Union (Mewusa) has accused security police of stealing confidential computer records from its Athlone offices.

Union spokesman Brian Williams said records listing the union's entire regional and national leadership, as well as lists of national and international funding and solidarity contacts were stolen from the offices at the weekend.

Mr Williams said "Years of work has gone missing and this will badly disrupt the union's activities. Our view is that the security police are involved in the robbery.

"The thieves only broke into the office where our confiden-

tial records were kept, and stole computer and fax equipment worth R15 000, including floppy discs with other information."

All other valuables in the other offices like typewriters, an overhead projector, a radio, a photocopier, heaters and a range of other valuables were untouched, he said.

Mr Williams said the Nactu-affiliated union held a leadership meeting last week to discuss the union's position surrounding mass action and other forms of opposition to the government.

Nactu has not supported Cosatu's mass action programme, but Mr Williams said the union believed mass action and other forms of opposition to the government should be intensified, involving all liberation move-

ment organisations.

Mr Williams said a brief summary of the outcome of the meeting had been sent to various companies, explaining the union's position on mass action.

The burglary may have had something to do with the meeting, he said.

He rejected claims that the break-in was linked to Nactu not supporting the mass stayaway.

● The investigating officer, Sergeant G Fick of the Athlone police, said computer equipment was also stolen from the Athlone offices of the Congress of SA Writers earlier this year. He declined to comment on Mr Williams's allegations, saying police were investigating.

Anyone with information can contact Sergeant Fick at 6971120.

Boy, 9, roars off at speed after tiff with father

Gun-toting tots (they are only 8) starting

# Police 'feel angry, helpless'

By JACKIE CAMERON

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RANK-and-file policemen in Western Cape unrest areas revealed yesterday they felt pressured and that their hands were tied — and many feared for their lives

The Cape Times spoke to Internal Stability Unit (ISU) policemen on patrol in their Nyala armed vehicle through restless townships and violence-torn Cape Flats areas yesterday

"It makes you angry when people you are trying to protect spit in your face and swear at you," a disheartened officer

said as the hard-shelled vehicle rumbled down a disturbingly quiet Khayelitsha road

"We cannot stop them the way we used to before the ANC was unbanned. People are watching us and waiting for us to make mistakes," he said

He said it was "difficult and frustrating to adjust your way of working when one minute someone is your worst enemy and the next thing you have to risk your life to protect him"

Later, as the Nyala drove the group into Manenberg, swerving onto curbs and pavements

to avoid several blazing tyre barricades, adults and children could be seen pulling crude hand signs from their gates

A mass of shouting people surged forward and, within seconds, a barrage of rocks and bricks was pounding against the sides and the reinforced windows — rocking the vehicle and igniting a fervour of activity in the cabin

"I'm not scared because we are supposed to be safe in here," one of the officers said as he loaded his teargas rifle with remarkable speed and

pointed it out of a gun hole. He told me later that "certain bullets pierce through"

Several teargas canisters were fired in all directions, and rubber bullets were shot just above the heads of the residents. They were engulfed by the fog-like acrid gas and disappeared from view

Another policeman whispered that "many of the older men were transferred at the beginning of the year" following a 2½ hour aptitude and personality test because of "their attitude towards blacks"

The patrol, of about eight men, lasted about three hours

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# Police refuse ANC Koevoet request

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The police yesterday refused a request by the ANC to make public information on the redeployment of members of Koevoet and of 31 and 32 Battalion

The ANC yesterday said it remained unconvinced that the inclusion of the units within other SADF units

would "address the problems surrounding their operations"

"Previous experience has shown that words often do not mean what they seem to say when undertakings are given by the De Klerk Government. We insist the names and rank of all the officers of these battalions be made public so that their

actions can be monitored"

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said the ANC's request could mean that the organisation was being given "carte blanche to have these people intimidated"

The SAP would not submit members of the three units to "exposure which could lead to death"

## Employers suffer stayaway 'hangover'

A NUMBER of employers whose production was affected yesterday said they were considering disciplinary action against their workers. All had agreed to "no work, no pay, no discipline" for the two-day general strike.

While hundreds of thousands of workers took part in marches, demonstrations, sit-ins and protests under the banner of the mass action campaign on Tuesday, the majority who supported the two-day general strike returned to work.

Cosatu claims 400 000 people took part in yesterday's actions — which included more than 40 rallies, marches and occupations of buildings. BIDA 6/8/92

Most employers surveyed in the sec-

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tors not affected by the Numsa strike said there had been a "fairly full turnout". But there were also many examples of workers not arriving, arriving and leaving, or arriving and sitting-in.

Some said workers had broken agreements reached last week to allow shop stewards to attend marches and demonstrations while production continued.

Production on both gold and coal mines was normal, according to Anglo American, but some disruption was experienced in a few of its industrial companies.

JCCP's Stuart Morris said attendance was good, but productivity poor.

## ANC says Koevoet still operating

THE ANC said yesterday the organisation was unconvinced that the inclusion of Koevoet and 31 and 32 Battalions within other SADF units would address the problems surrounding their operations. BIDA 6/8/92

"We reiterate our demand that these units be disarmed and disbanded," it said.

It asked for the names and ranks of all officers of the battalions. The ANC also requested that details of where they were to be deployed be made public so their actions could be monitored.

Police this week denied media reports that the Investigation Support Service Unit, formerly Koevoet, was still operating. They said they were investigating ANC claims of continued Koevoet police action in the southeastern Transvaal.

The probe was to be headed by Brig Floris Mostert, who was in charge of the specialised SAP units which were supported by former Koevoet members.

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Yesterday's statement also denied ANC allegations that residents of Driefontein were intimidated by unit members.

It said on August 1 the president of the local ANC branch and other leaders in the Driefontein area were told of a police crime prevention operation in their area.

Mostert, in his investigation, had found that no incidents of police misconduct were reported during the operation.

The statement said components and sections of the unit had been disbanded and individual members transferred to police stations on a decentralised basis. At police stations they were employed in groups of five or less.

A training syllabus was being compiled and until the course began, the members would receive in-service training, it said.

# Showdown for CP faction today

BILLY PADDOCK

THE showdown in the CP between the five prominent "new right" members and the old guard takes place today when the five meet to decide whether they will resign

Bethal MP Chris de Jager yesterday said the five would have discussions with the Transvaal executive

"If the party does not shift its policy closer to where we stand then we must decide whether to abide by the party line or do the honourable thing and resign," he said

The other four are Moolman (Ermelo), Free State leader Cehill Pienaar, Rosier de Ville (Standerton) and Potchefstroom MP Andries Beyers, who brought the imminent split in the party to a head at the weekend by calling for talks to negotiate a smaller Afrikaner homeland

The old guard, led by CP deputy leader Ferdi Hartzenburg, is calling for the five to be expelled, and attempts this week by leader Andries Treurnicht to reconcile the two factions are understood to have failed

According to one of the five, it had become impossible to remain in the CP "which had no policy and is not prepared to shift its position to accommodate changes"

The members had the support of about another 10 MPs but they were unlikely to leave the party as they hoped to reform it from within. However, numerous councillors and officials were behind the five, as was the Transvaal Youth Congress

# 'Police alerted before massacre'

KATHRYN STRACHAN

THE Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Boipatong massacre of June 16 yesterday heard that evidence would be presented during the next eight days claiming security forces in the area had facilitated the attack and that police had been negligent in their investigations.

Senior counsel for the ANC and the Vaal Council of Churches, Arthur Chaskelson, told the commission in his opening statement a number of witnesses made reference to the participation of "white men" in the actual attacks on residents

None of these men were identified as policemen, but there were numerous statements which confirmed the presence of security force vehicles in the area during the massacre, and in some cases, these vehicles were perceived as accompanying and possibly assisting the attackers, he said.

"Despite numerous and persistent complaints and the presence of armoured vehicles in the township and nearby, none of the attackers was apprehended. The obvious suspects were allowed more than 16 hours to cover their tracks before police entered the hostel," he said

The ANC's first witness, Meshack Theoane, a petrol attendant at a filling station on Frikkie Meyer Boule-

vard, testified he alerted police when he saw armed men crossing the road toward Boipatong

Shortly afterwards two policemen arrived, but appeared disinterested in his report and left the area, he said

With him at the filling station that night was a security guard who radioed his employers. Two white security guards arrived. They said the police had instructed them to take the two men away because it was not safe

Counsel for the SAP Flip Hattingh denied police had participated in or facilitated the attack, and added any allegation they were informed before the attack of the possibility of it taking place would be denied. He admitted that on the evening of June 16 there had been several police in the area, but at no stage during the attack were they in Boipatong

Anton Mostert, representing the SADF, said the only SADF members in the township at the time of the attack were members of the Vaal Commando.

He said members had seen large numbers of people moving towards the Kwamadala hostel and had concluded that it was the hostel which was under attack. They later tried to locate the group but failed

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# Police reform 'the key to lower crime levels'

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PRETORIA — Fundamental organisational reforms in the SAP and a broader system of police accountability was urgently needed, Witwatersrand University research officer Etienne Marais said yesterday

Stressing the importance of improved police and community relations, Marais told an HSRC conference on the management of crime in a new SA that police reform was the only way the problem could be addressed.

Steps taken should include the immediate opening up of the police to public scrutiny, and dealing with controversial questions such as clandestine operations

The issue of SAP members' racial sensitivity should be tackled head on, preferably with the help of outside experts. A specialised unit should be established in the interim to address police and community relations and the setting up of an action programme for all local units

"Research into the prevalence of discrimination in policing is vital. This should be followed by a programme to address the racial attitudes of the force's members"

Marais said guidelines for the functioning of police community "forums" should be established.

He stressed that police and community relations were the essence of law enforcement in the context of democratic freedoms and that ultimately it was the police force that was responsible for the management of these relations. The SAP and other policing forces in SA needed to make a fresh start in building a partnership with the communities they served

# Senior policeman to probe torture claims

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## Staff Reporter

A SENIOR police officer has been appointed to investigate allegations of torture at Peninsula police stations

This is in reaction to an article in The Argus on July 29 on a report done by researcher Mr Lovell Fernandez for the University of Cape Town's Institute of Criminology

The report found that Bishop Lavis, former headquarters of the Peninsula Murder and Robbery Unit, was most frequently named in connection with allegations of torture at police stations Athlone and Bellville were next

The acting Regional Commissioner in the Western Cape, Brigadier G A G van Zyl, said he had appointed an officer to investigate the allegations in depth

Everyone who made such allegations would be interviewed and sworn statements would be taken from them

Brigadier Van Zyl said the police did not tolerate misconduct by force members and had proved that action was taken when substantiated evidence of misconduct or assault was found

It was important to note that only three cases of assault had been reported against members of the Murder and Robbery Unit since 1990 "Not one of the members was found guilty in a court of law," he said

He also asked that police be given a chance to investigate complaints before "vague and unsubstantiated allegations" were made public

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# Murder, assault probe in cell death

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BLOEMFONTEIN — A man died in police custody early yesterday, the police public relations division here has revealed

The post-mortem will be held "at a date to be arranged with the Free State's chief state pathologist"

A case of murder and another of assault were being investigated under the personal supervision of Major-General U T Calitz, regional commissioner in the Free State, the police said

In their statement police said that on Sunday, two men robbed a municipal constable of his official firearm in the Mokwallo township outside Vredefort

Two suspects were arrested on Wed-

nesday, but when a routine visit was paid to their cells at 1 30am yesterday it was discovered that one of the men had died

Police said they had not been able to trace the dead man's relatives, who as a result had not been informed of his death, or of their right to appoint a lawyer and a private pathologist

General Calitz said he viewed the incident in a very serious light

A full report would be made to Lieutenant-General L P E Malan, section head of the Visible Policing Department in Pretoria once investigations had been completed — Sapa

Attention has been focused on the issue of celldeaths following allegations two weeks ago by pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman — Sapa

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# 'Lied to protect himself'

By JACQUIE GOLDING

THE outcome of the one-man commission of inquiry into a *Weekly Mail* exposé of police covert operations in the Vaal is expected to be released today — and is certain to cause controversy.

The commission has heard evidence from African National Congress members Daniel Kolisang and Solly Ngomezulu that the police had abducted them, held them in a "safe house" in the Vaal and offered them money to carry out attacks on ANC members.

The inquiry has focused on the two witnesses, one of whom was described at the commission this week as "a liar and fabricator"

*The Weekly Mail's* counsel, Frans Rautenbach, admitted that this witness had lied, but maintained that the claim by police that "safe houses" were a necessity for investigations into crime "provides the ideal cover for various assassinations"

Kolisang had fabricated some aspects of his testimony "for his own protection", Rautenbach said. It was accepted that Kolisang had acted as a police informer, but he could also have been instructed by the police to assassinate ANC activists, he argued.

Commissioner R Wise commented

that he found it difficult to "selectively believe versions of untruthful witnesses"

Counsel for the South African Police, Phillip Hattingh SC, argued that there was no proof to justify *The Weekly Mail's* reports about police "plotting violence". He asked the commission to find that a report on secret bases and the planning of violence from them was "untrue and unsubstantiated".

Hattingh requested that *The Weekly Mail* give equal prominence to the commission's findings as it had to the original exposé.

Referring to *The Weekly Mail's* front-page photographs of policemen allegedly involved in operations from the secret base, Hattingh said the manner in which the exposé had been presented was a problem.

Hattingh argued that *The Weekly Mail's* editor, Anton Harber, had not given Minister of Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze sufficient time to respond to the allegations.

It had been made clear to *The Weekly Mail* that "police were involved in covert operations", but the newspaper had nonetheless published the allegations that this was linked to violence, he added.

# Witnesses link SAP, whites to Boipatong

By JACQUIE GOLDING

WITNESSES who claimed that the Boipatong attackers had been "dropped off" by armoured vehicles and that whites were among the attackers were brought before the Goldstone Commission by African National Congress senior counsel Arthur Chaskalson SC this week.

Meshack Theoane, a petrol attendant at the Trek petrol station on the corner of Noble and Frikkie Meyer boulevards, in Boipatong, gave evidence to the commission this week after having been in hiding since June 25, in fear of his life.

He claims to have seen security forces on the outskirts of the township on the night of the massacre. "The police were constantly looking for me and I had to leave my relatives behind because of the truth. All I want is protection," he said.

Theoane alerted police when he saw groups of armed men crossing the road towards Boipatong. Counsel for the South African Police, Phillip Hattugh SC, denied that the police had participated in or facilitated the attack. He added that they were not forewarned about the attack.

The only South African Defence Force members present at the time of the attack were those of the Vaal Commando, said Colonel Anton Mostert, who is representing the SADF.

At the second sitting yesterday, a second witness corroborated Theoane's testimony that whites were among the attackers.

Edison Themba Koti, who lives in Slovo Park, said he heard shattering noises and gunshots on the evening of June 17. He witnessed a group of black men dressed in civilian clothes and wearing white headbands, carrying traditional weapons such as spears, shields and steel pipes, interspersed with two white men dressed in "police uniforms" armed with "long guns".

He added that he saw two Hippos disgorging a group of about 50 men. The black men were chanting "usuthu" (a Zulu war cry) while running in and out of houses smashing windows and attacking people.

Koti was at home at the time of the attack and he decided to investigate

where the attackers came from. He went to the veld outside kwaMadala hostel, where he saw the groups of men returning from the township with various items such as television sets, clothes and others. "Two Hippos were slowly moving behind the group but no action was taken," he said. He then went to a friend's house, where he found that Samuel Moloi's pregnant wife had been killed.

A woman who refused to be named testified that she had seen the killing of her mother and brother. She said that among the group of men were three whites. While her mother and brother were being hacked to pieces, she heard one of their attackers say "kill those dogs", she said.

Controversy arose this week when Mostert gave Judge Richard Goldstone a blue file containing "military secrets" but refused the other committee members and counsels for the other parties access to the documents.

Despite a request by Chaskalson that they should be made available, Mostert was adamant that this will not be allowed.

He said the documents — including briefing documents reflecting SADF instructions on or before June 17 and general documents hosting secret standing orders and operational planning — were "secret and irrelevant" to the commission. Judge Goldstone said he was not "prepared to accept documents he could not make available to the rest of the commission".

"Well, that is the only basis I am prepared to give them to you," Mostert said. He said that other documents requested by Chaskalson had "gone missing".

Judge Goldstone said the police would respond to the Waddington report on the Boipatong massacre within the next few days. He added that a decision on whether a public response should flow from the report would be made after the police had released their response.

The four-person committee of the commission — which includes international assessor PN Bhagwati, a former chief justice of India — is to decide when to visit kwaMadala hostel. The hostel has been partially demolished by Iscor since the massacre.

# Understaffed police 'are barely able to cope'

PRETORIA — Crime in SA was spreading like a cancer and had escalated to the extent the perception existed that the police were no longer in control, SAP Maj-Gen J F Calitz said yesterday.

Speaking at the HSRC conference on management of crime in a new SA, Calitz said the SAP did not always have sufficient manpower to combat the unrest as well as the rising crime rate. The approved police manpower was 122 850, with 108 119 posts actually filled

He said high levels of visible constant

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policing, especially in violence endemic areas, was vital. Attempts to expand the SAP would have to be accelerated

What was needed was a ratio of police to population higher than that for international standards, he said

The complete prevention of crime would require such a high degree of authority that the principle of democratic freedom would be jeopardised

Correctional Services Department head Maj-Gen H J Bruyn said the country could not afford the soaring costs of the prevailing prison population and it was vital that alternatives to imprisonment be introduced

He warned "We either find solutions or we have ourselves sentenced to virtual bankruptcy or a collapse of the penological system"

SA had one of the highest per capita rates of imprisonment in the world, surpassed only by the US

# 'Concern' after policemen visit homes

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Policemen yesterday visited the homes of two Boipatong residents who were giving evidence to the Goldstone Commission on the June 17 Boipatong massacre, according to counsel for the African National Congress, Arthur Chaskalson

He told the commission yesterday that the policemen had visited the home of two witnesses while the witnesses were

in Vereeniging giving evidence or waiting to do so

He requested that the SAP give the assurance that this would not happen again without warning. The visits had apparently caused the witnesses some concern

Commission chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone requested that counsel for the SAP, Mr P Hattingh, inquire

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into the matter

He said it would be a good idea if in future the counsel informed the commission if the police intended visiting witnesses as this would prevent undue alarm

Mr Hattingh said he had requested the police to "measure certain distances" in the township but had not asked them to visit any witnesses — Sapa

**NEWS** Indian teachers on duty ● New turn in Goniwe probe

# Minister linked to the Goniwe probe

■ Attorney-General tells Vlok he's "going to bleed" in light of probe:

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## Sowetan Correspondent

EASTERN Cape Attorney-General Michael Hodgen has discovered a potentially explosive document which shows that before the death of Cradock activist Matthew Goniwe, a Government minister chaired a sub-committee meeting of the State Security Council dealing with Goniwe

An investigation has revealed that as a result of the discovery of the document, Eastern Cape Deputy Attorney General Malherbe Marais allegedly told Minister Adriaan Vlok in a telephone conversation at the beginning of June that he (Vlok) "is going to bleed"

Contacted last night, Vlok refused to comment on any of the allegation "because the Goniwe murders are being investigated by the Attorney General, and it would be improper to comment at this stage"

Hodgen was appointed by President FW de Klerk in May this year to investigate an alleged "death warrant" signal sent to the State Security Council by the SADF's Eastern Province Command on June 7 1985 - three weeks before Goniwe and three other anti-apartheid

activists were murdered

The alleged signal called for the "permanent removal from society" of Goniwe and two of his colleagues

The sub-committee, according to the document, was charged with discussing Goniwe's future as a teacher - in State employ - in Cradock

Vlok, now Minister of Correctional Services, was at the time Deputy Minister of Law and Order and Defence

The document will be produced as evidence in the reopened inquest into the Goniwe killings. No date has been set for the inquest

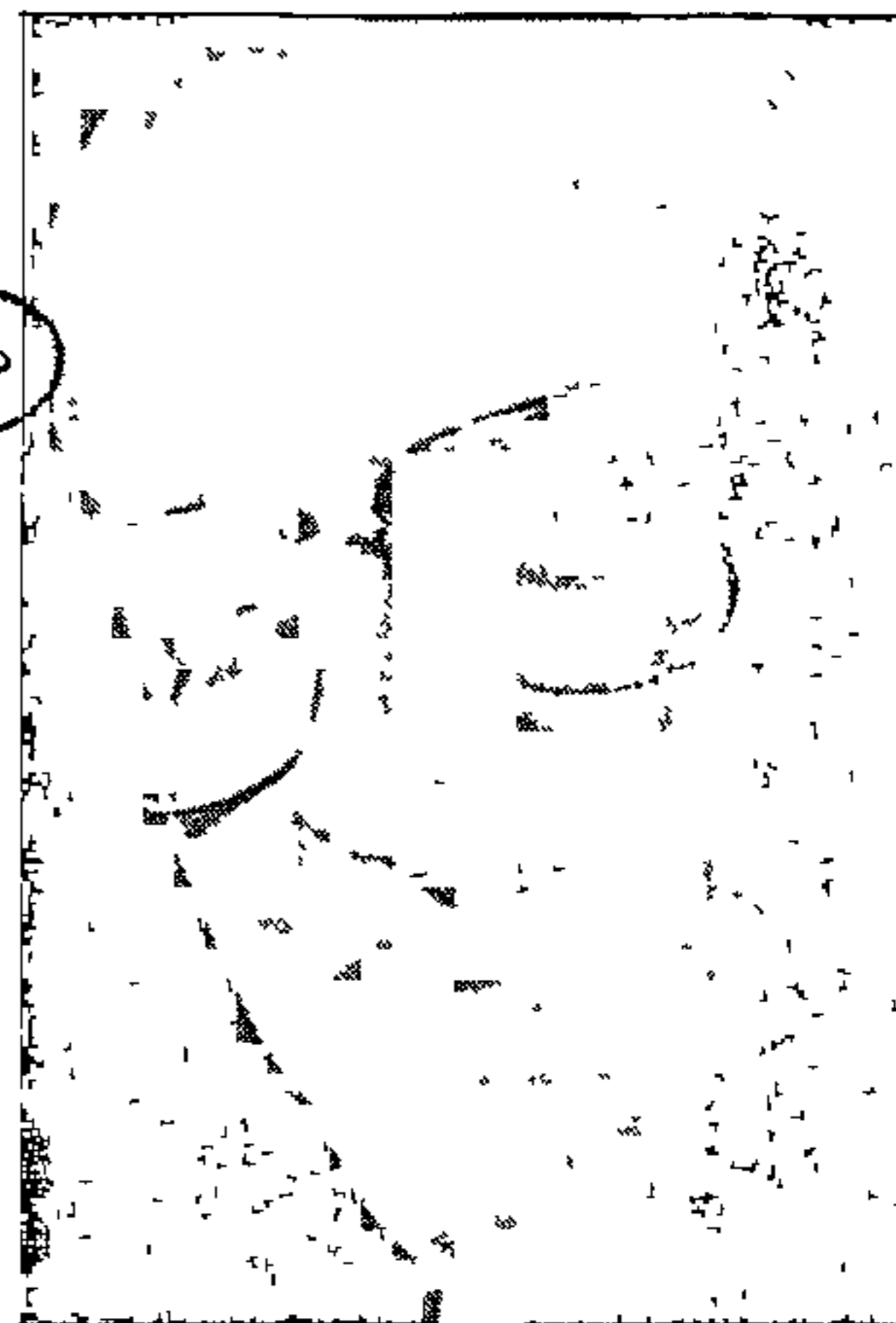
After its discovery in early June, Hodgen and Marais flew to London to interview former security police colonel John Horak about the document, and the structures and workings of the State Security Council

Horak had formerly been employed in the secretariat of the SSC

Hodgen is scheduled to travel to Pretoria next week to investigate the document further

Sources close to the investigation believe that the telephone conversation was tapped

Hodgen has refused to comment on his investigation or the discovery of the document



**Adriaan Vlok ... "going to bleed"**

The journal *Africa Confidential* reports in its issue of July 31 that Hodgen is understood to have been persuaded in the course of his investigation that the "Goniwe signal" was approved by the State Security Council

*Africa Confidential* says such a meeting would have been attended by at least three Cabinet ministers who are still serving: Foreign Minister Pik Botha, Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee, and Environment and Forestry Minister Magnus Malan, the former defence supremo



# Police beat me, claims Flats man

By EUNICE RIDER

A KHAYELITSHA stallholder last night laid a complaint of assault against police after he was allegedly beaten at a Khayelitsha train station by several policemen in a marked van

Police spokeswoman Major Denise Brand said last night, however, that no police van with the reported number existed in the South African Police force

She confirmed a report by a Khayelitsha eyewitness that the man was sprayed "with something" by the alleged policemen, but could not say what the substance was

## Screaming

The witness said she was alighting from a train at Nonqubela Station, Khayelitsha, shortly after 6pm when she saw several men she took to be policemen beating the stallkeeper, who runs a butchery on the station

"Everybody was screaming and crying," she said

Major Brand said last night that a 47-year-old man had laid complaints of theft and assault against the police, but that the numbers on the doors of police vans — as he had reported them — did not exist in the SAP

## Robbers kill 3 in Langa

THREE men were shot dead and another man was seriously wounded when about seven armed robbers tried to rob them in Langa last night

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# Child squad cop faces sex charge

POLICE are investigating a charge of indecent assault against a former Child Protection Unit (CPU) detective who is alleged to have sexually molested a schoolgirl while investigating a case of sexual abuse by a schoolteacher.

The 26 year old policeman, who was a detective sergeant in the Cape Town branch of the unit until May this year, was subsequently transferred to another unit and promoted soon afterwards.

Police spokeswoman Major Denise Brand yesterday said a docket had been opened and that the case was being investigated by a senior police detective.

The parents of a 14 year-old schoolgirl initially approached the CPU to lay a charge of sexual assault against a schoolteacher who they said had sexually molested their daughter over a two-year period.

Police launched the investigation when the girl's parents later laid a charge of indecent assault against the policeman.

## Promoted

Major Brand said the policeman was immediately transferred to another department when the charge was laid.

It was learnt that following his transfer and during the early stages of the investigation, he was promoted to the rank of warrant officer.

Asked why the policeman was not suspended immediately as a result of the allegation, Major Brand said the investigation was incomplete and he had not been found guilty. The promotion could not be withheld until he was found guilty.

She also said the selection process for policemen and policewomen wanting to join the unit was strict and that all members were carefully screened.

"It's very unfortunate that a complaint such as this has been laid against a member of the Child Protection Unit," she said.

The CPU, which was set up in late 1980s following increasing incidents of child abuse around the country, has a long and successful record of solving numerous complaints of sexual abuse.

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## **'Police cover-up' of massacre: New probe**

**251** Political Correspondent  
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**THE** alleged police cover-up of the Trust Feed massacre will be the subject of a judicial commission of inquiry, the government has announced.

In May this year Law and Order Minister Mr Her-nus Kriel appointed a former regional court president, Mr Willem Krugel, to analyse alleged irregularities in the police investigation into the massacre. Critics said the step was inadequate.

However, Mr Kriel yesterday said he had now decided to order a full judicial probe into the matter.

The judge would be named later.  
The DP welcomed the move.

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# Police response to UK criticism

PRETORIA — The commissioner of police has announced 16 steps to be taken to eliminate shortcomings in the South African police noted by British criminologist Dr Peter Waddington in his evaluation of the police's handling of the Boipatong massacre

The steps were listed in a statement signed by Major-General W Grove on behalf of the com-

missioner, and include the formation of an inspectorate within the Internal Stability Division

General Grove admitted "mistakes were made in the unexpected chaos in Boipatong" but much of the 16-page statement was spent justifying police action and repudiating the July 23 report by Dr Waddington

Dr Waddington and

two British police officers were appointed by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone to evaluate the police response to and investigation of the massacre at Boipatong

Dr Waddington was sharply critical of the SAP, saying it had "serious organisational problems"

In yesterday's reaction, General Grove said "Although the SAP does not agree with

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all the criticism in Dr Waddington's report, it has been studied with an open mind

"The questions at issue in the report are not denied primarily because of errors of fact, but mainly because of unjustified conclusions and an over-simplification of complex situations which do not necessarily point to disfunctioning of the entire SAP"

# Promise and threat in high-risk plan

working group, which could in turn consult with international experts on civil accountability procedures.

The National Peace Accord structure or an independent think-tank, such as Idasa, could convene the working group.

On its own, even without any further political progress at the negotiating table full regionalisation of the police could cut back significantly on the level of violence and create a climate in which political negotiation could be resumed.

But and indeed the only short-term hope of bringing all ranks of the police back under a powerful accountability structure.

If there is truly a commitment by President de Klerk's Government to end the violence, this proposal could in a matter of months be fully implemented by consulting with a broadly representative national

where precisely the same retraining and resocialisation needs exist.

The promise of regionalisation for the ANC and its allies is that it will be a leap into a democratic future, setting up regional structures — which could later be modified and developed — that create moduls for democratic accountability.

For ordinary people, regionalisation holds out the

ferent to those in the SA Police. For example regionalisation in Natal on the lines suggested in the article above could solve the KwaZulu Police problem as effectively as regionalisation on the Witwatersrand and elsewhere would combat the overt politicisation and bias of many SAP actions. If the strategy worked, it would work equally well in the PWV and in the homelands,

accountability policies for the ANC and other Patriotic Front groupings, regionalising the police holds a promise and a threat.

The threat is that regionalisation might seem to perpetuate corrupt and politically oppressive structures such as the KwaZulu, Ciskei or Venda police. But the problems these pose are not in principle dif-

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THE plan to change the police force (see article above) is a radical and difficult proposal, with high risks to politicians and civil society. But, paradoxically, it could also have wide political appeal.

For F W de Klerk's Government this plan offers a rare chance to demonstrate a commitment to democracy and to deal with violence. If the present Government doesn't do the job, the interim government will find that to end the violence and 're-socialise' the police, it will have to implement regional

accountability policies for the ANC and other Patriotic Front groupings, regionalising the police holds a promise and a threat.

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# FOXES behind the WOLVES

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**WHAT would the Government have to do to end the violence? VICTOR NELL, director of Unisa's Health Psychology Unit, proposes a new look at policing.**

**T**O SOLVE South Africa's policing problem, three areas in the present functioning of the police would have to be addressed. In the first place, the political agenda the police must be brought to the clear light of day and made subject to public scrutiny.

Until 1990, police policy in South Africa was predictable. The police acted as instruments of the State to crush liberation movements and to give total protection to white lives and property. They did these jobs well.

Since 1990, the political agenda of the police has become invisible. Political control continues, but for both black and white, the police have become unpredictable.

In the New Kaaros Document a woman asks "Who is the fox behind the wolves who are killing us?" If violence is to be ended, the identity of the foxes isn't really a matter.

What matters is whether a new form can be given to a police organisation that will always clearly identify the foxes who control the police, and make them accountable to the communities.

In all countries, police have to exercise discretion in how they apply the law and which laws are applied with particular vigour. Police policy always re-

quires a tight centralised police command structure. It fixes all eyes within the force upward, on Pretoria, from where promotion and all other good things come, and not downward, on meeting the personal security needs of local citizens.

Crucial policy decisions that determine how police will use their wide discretionary powers to enforce the law at local level are taken out of the reach of local people.

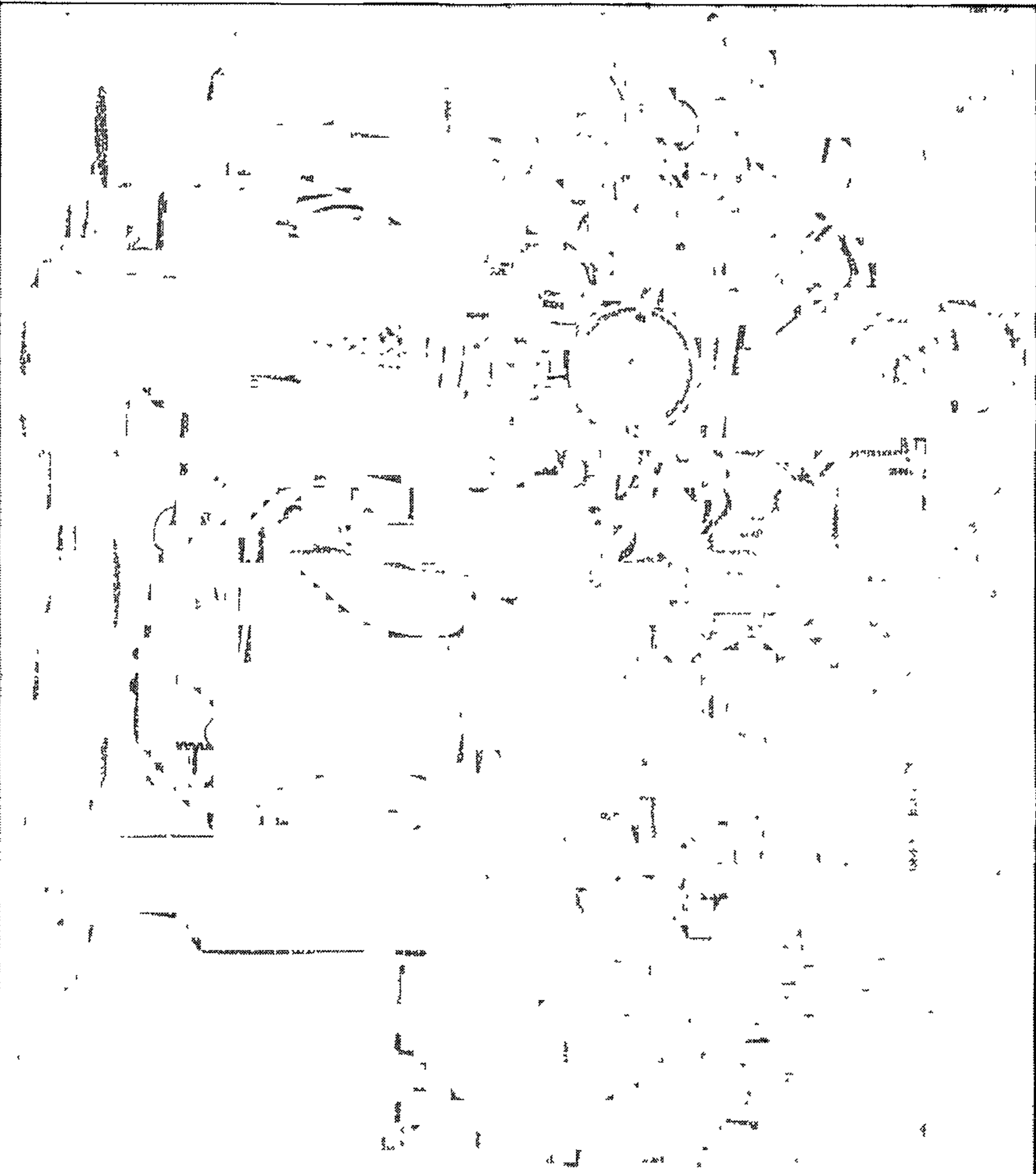
There are no organisational incentives for police to meet community needs, since no police-community accountability structures are in place.

What strategies are available to democratic societies to deal with this seemingly insuperable set of problems — controlling the culture of violence in the police and ensuring that police policies and actions enhance life quality at a local level by creating a sense of personal security for citizens?

These problems cannot be solved if the political agenda of the police is not dealt with, and they are allowed to remain servants of the State rather than servants of the people.

The police are servants of the law, not the State, by enforcing the law, they become servants of the people. The police are an arm of civil, not political, society.

There is a tried-and-tested democratic method of address-



**FUTURE FORCE?** There is increasing pressure for dramatic changes to the structure of the South African Police.

political needs of a society

The problem is not to depoliticise the police, which is probably impossible, but how to bring their political agenda under control and make it subject to regular public scrutiny

The second problem is the culture of violence that has developed within the SA Police

## Magnitude

In a telling piece of socio-historical analysis, historian R W Johnson recently sketched this sorry process

The bitter fruits of South Africa's 300-year colonial history, indecently prolonged into modern times, now sets its children's teeth on edge

Dr Jonathan Gluckman's revelation of 200 pre-trial detention deaths underscores the magnitude of the problem

Violence in society cannot end until the police culture of violence has been brought back under civil control

The third problem is that the

ing these three problems it is to replace the present centralised SA Police command structure with fully autonomous regional police forces, each commanded by an elected chief constable who will be the supreme police authority for a region, with the right to appoint his own deputies, to recruit and dismiss staff within an overall national policy framework that defines regional police powers and accountability structures, to formulate police strategy for the region, and to command police operations

At the same time, a small, specialised national police force should be retained with clearly demarcated powers that do not infringe on the police functions of the regions. These powers will cover matters such as national security, narcotics smuggling, border security and other defined categories of serious crime

In South Africa's divided society, in which political loyal-

ties are pervasive, keeping the office of chief constable out of the political arena is a tricky problem in constitutional law, but not insoluble

Some of the principles that the enabling legislation might follow are that, for the time being, and perhaps into the future, "election" will have to be indirect, based on a regional electoral college broadly representative of civil society — business, churches, local communities, civic associations and existing local government structures

Second, the legislation would specify eligibility criteria for candidates. For example, following the democratic principle of civil control of specialist departments, the chief constable would not be a career policeman, but a high-profile, high-energy local government figure with a track record of powerful management and in-

corruptibility and a passion for justice

Third, the legislation would disqualify any candidate who in the run-up to the election made statements that supported a political party, or who directly or indirectly used channels of political influence to support his or her candidacy

Accountability provisions could make it relatively easy to keep the chief constable apolitical after his election.

In the first place, he would be elected for a two-year term by the electoral college; carry the can for the acts and omissions of his regional force, which he himself has appointed, and, for defined misdemeanours, be subject to recall

Such accountability cannot work without hard facts about the day-to-day functioning of the police at two levels: individual and organisational

At the individual level, char-

ges of criminal or procedural misconduct against the police cannot be investigated by the police, or by quasi-independent ex-policemen

The power and autonomy of the judicial process are required, with regional police review boards headed by a Supreme Court judge, and staffed by skilled investigators, all on the staff of the Department of Justice

## Blunt

At the organisational level, the acts and omissions of the regional force in its command structure and operations must be subject to accountability audit procedures applied by trained legislative auditors on the Auditor-General's staff

At both levels, findings would, by statute, be made public on completion of an inquiry, without the politically inspired delays the State now

routinely uses to blunt the impact of commission findings on sensitive issues. In addition, the chief constable would, by statute, be required to publish annual performance statistics

These might include number of emergency calls received, average response time to calls, crime statistics by category for the region, number of arrests made by category, number of prosecutions/convictions

The effect of these measures — initially, the electoral college process would be the more powerful regulator — would be to make the chief constable accountable to the citizens of the region. If he failed to bring crime down and make people feel safer, he would be out on his ear at the next election

For the first time in South Africa, we would be blessed with a fully accountable policing system rooted where it belongs — in civil society

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Waddington 'made generalisations'

# Police reply to expert's criticism

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THE SAP said yesterday in its written response to the Waddington Report that methods and techniques used by police in certain foreign countries would not necessarily be successful in South Africa.

The police response, written by Major-General W Grove, was submitted to the Goldstone Commission yesterday

Grove said Dr Peter Waddington and his delegation had not considered "the fact that British philosophies, systems and methods have never yet been subjected to typical South African Third World realities".

However, he said the police had given atten-

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tion to certain issues raised in the report, which had described the SAP investigation into the Boipatong massacre as "woefully inadequate" and "seriously incompetent". The report had said "thorough reappraisal of the entire organisation" was needed to address the defects

### Absurd

Grove criticised the delegation for making generalised findings based on police performance solely on the Boipatong massacre investigation "To regard the shortcomings (of this investigation) as normal, unavoidable and unacceptable is absurd"

Some of his criticisms included

● The alleged failure of the Waddington delegation to consult the relevant cross-sections of the residents of both the hostel and the township, and its failure to accompany the police in the townships for fear of losing their "objectivity"

● Their alleged failure to take full cognisance of the difficulties of conducting the investigation in Boipatong, where police were hindered by the unco-operative responses of residents

● Remarks on inadequate police equipment and intelligence

However, Grove said the SAP had viewed the recommendations with an "open mind" and had made changes in the organisation's structure and procedures

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# Only Goniwe's job discussed - Vlok

By DESMOND BLOW and Sapa

CORRECTIONAL Services Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday admitted he had chaired a State Security Council meeting in 1985 at which activist Matthew Goniwe had been discussed - only days before Goniwe and three other activists were murdered

He also admitted he had held a telephone conversation with the deputy A-G of the eastern Cape in June this year, which he claimed was illegally tapped.

It was alleged in the media on Friday that the telephone conversation alluded to an explosive document regarding the SSC meeting and that Vlok was told that he (Vlok) "is going to bleed".

The former Law and Order Minister broke his silence yesterday to emphatically deny media insinuations that he had been involved in the murder of Goniwe and three other activists in 1985.

He also stated that he had asked the SAP to urgently investigate the allegations that his phone was illegally tapped while he was speaking confidentially to eastern Cape deputy A-G Malherbe Marais.

Vlok said he viewed the matter in a very serious light and that "legal steps would be considered against those responsible"

Eastern Cape A-G Michael Hodgen last Friday discovered a potentially explosive document concerning Vlok who chaired a sub-committee meeting of the SSC dealing with Goniwe before his

murder

Hodgen was appointed by State President FW de Klerk in May to investigate an alleged "death warrant" signal sent to the SSC by the SADF's Eastern Province Command on June 7 1985 - three weeks before Goniwe and the other three activists were murdered.

The alleged signal called for the "permanent removal from society" of Goniwe and two of his colleagues.

The sub-committee was, according to the document, charged with discussing Goniwe's future as a teacher in State employ in Cradock.

Yesterday Vlok said he had chaired the meeting asked to conduct an investigation and make recommendations "on the handling of violence and the serious general unrest situation prevalent in the country at the time".

"In the process the possible reappointment of Goniwe, who at that time had been suspended from his post as a teacher, was also looked at, and it was in fact recommended that Goniwe be reappointed.

"An aspect which emerges from this (media) reporting and which I find extremely disturbing is the deduction that someone apparently listened-in illegally to a telephone discussion which I had with the deputy A-G.

"I view this in a serious light and have already lodged a criminal complaint with the SAP.

"Such a state of affairs is totally unacceptable and all possible legal steps will be considered against those responsible for this," Vlok said.

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# Ace unit

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## on SAP

By EDYTH BULBRING  
Political Correspondent

PROPOSALS for a new and independent unit to investigate complaints against the SAP have been submitted by the Police Board to Law and Order Minister Henus Kriel.

The recommendations, finalised at a board meeting this week, are expected to be implemented within weeks.

The existence of the unit should go some way towards allaying fears about lodging complaints against the SAP and suspicions of cover-ups by police officers investigating their own colleagues.

The unit will be independent of the SAP.

Its investigators, who must be temporary or permanent force members, will have to be above reproach.

### Acceptable

Its regional offices will be housed in premises separate from those of police.

The Police Board, which deals largely with police policy, was established in terms of the National Peace Accord.

It consists of senior police officers and representatives acceptable to all political parties.

According to the board's proposals, 11 regional investigating offices will be established at a total cost of more than R4-million.

Complaints investigated would include murder, corruption, assault and racism.

A chief police reporting officer, who must be a serving or retired judge of unquestionable character, will be in full control of the entire unit, which will be called the Police Complaint Investigation Unit.

# 'Aggro-cops' moved out of the firing line

NEARLY 500 policemen serving in the

frontline of unrest areas have been transferred to desk jobs after failing personality tests that measured their levels of stress, aggression and hostility.

The tests formed part of a programme of "psychological assessment" of policemen by a team of 35 registered psychologists and their assistants. Policemen throughout the country were tested.

Colonel Kobus Truter, of SAP headquarters in Pretoria, said this week the "effective way" in which the mass marches were handled was an indication of the SAP's changing attitude. This was partly due to the success of the personality tests.

Since 1990 more than 10 000 policemen had been tested, including 3 200 members of the recently formed 5 600-member Internal Stability Unit (ISU)

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By EVELYN HOLTZHAUSEN

and 7 500 new recruits. The ISU was formed earlier this year to take over the duties of the former 4 000-member Riot Squad.

Only a quarter of former Riot Squad policemen were absorbed into the new unit.

## Transferred

Policemen who displayed high levels of stress, hostility and aggression were not admitted to the ISU.

As a result of the personality tests, 468 ISU policemen were transferred from duties in townships, riot control and unrest to administrative posts because their levels of stress and aggression were "too high".

Asked whether possible hostility towards black people by white policemen was assessed, Colonel Truter said "Hostility in

general is measured. It is not focused on a specific race group.

"If extreme aggression is indicated during the personality evaluation, applicants will be refused admission to a (particular) unit."

Colonel Truter said members of the SAP were recruited from "society at large" where attitudes were "embedded" at home and at school.

"With this in mind, it is generally accepted that a change in attitude is not

accomplished overnight. "It is regarded as a long-term process," he said.

Policemen continuously subjected to high levels of stress would be tested regularly in order to assess their ability to cope.

## Uniform

CHARLENE SMITH reports that the ISU is to become a separate elite unit in an attempt to boost the SAP's community relations and to weather some of the strong criticism it is facing.

A police spokesman said the ISU would soon move

from police headquarters in Pretoria to its own quarters.

The minimum age for officers has been raised to 21 and the present camouflage uniform — previously worn for border duty — would be redesigned. A new uniform is expected to be issued in September.

Major Ray Harrauld, of the SAP Public Relations Directorate, has been assigned to deal solely with the unit which would be under the command of Brigadier Johan Swart who has wide riot experience in the Western Cape and Soweto

REUNION... Nelson Mandela and the head of the police Internal Stability Unit, Lieutenant-General Johan Swart, exchanged a warm handshake on the steps of the Union Buildings in Pretoria at the end of Wednesday's march by more than 70 000 ANC supporters

A crush of journalists, intrigued by the ANC president shaking hands with a police general, milled around the two men before Mr Mandela was hustled into a luxury limousine by jubilant ANC secre-

# SHAKE, OLD FRIEND

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Picture: TIM ZIELENBACH Report: KURT SWART

tary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and other ANC officials and driven off

"My name is Lieutenant-General Johan Swart and I'm in charge of the Internal Stability Unit," the general told the press "I was stationed in Soweto in 1990 and 1991

and Mr Mandela and I established a good relationship there We worked together in Soweto He would call me at my office or at home and we often defused (conflict) situations together"

Asked if the handshake was a

gesture of reconciliation, General Swart replied. "I was called by him to come over because he recognised me and he wanted to say hello"

General Swart added that he was "very satisfied with the march" and the behaviour of the crowd, although "a few windows had been broken".

Asked whether he approved of mass action, the general said he was a policeman not a politician. "But I have always liked Mr Mandela," he said.

# Hani: Police are infiltrating

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### Communist Party boss CHRIS HANI replies to our report last week that ANC units are 'running wild'

HEAVEN knows we are living in a country torn apart by violence. Both suburbs and townships are weighed down with weapons. So why have the SACP and ANC called on communities in townships to form self-defence units? Do we really need SDUs? Sadly, we do.

The Waddington Report, the Trust Feed massacre, Dr Gluckman's courageous revelations and, above all, the daily experience of millions of South Africans all underline one thing: The regime's security forces have become deeply corrupted by what they were set up to defend — apartheid.

We think of death in detention, for instance; we think of prominent political martyrs, of Steve Biko and Ahmed Timol. Dr Gluckman's revelations remind us that it is not just political detainees who are tortured. Torture has replaced investigation in the most routine police procedures.

"Out of control," says Gluckman, "Totally incompetent," says Waddington. These are themselves sufficient grounds for encouraging ordinary citizens to unite together

in SDUs to protect themselves, their families and their property. But, as Joe Slovo said when the SACP recently met Cyrus Vance, for those of us who have been up against the SAP over many decades the picture of total incompetence doesn't quite ring true. We have often found the SAP to be ruthlessly effective, absolutely painstaking in tracking down MK operatives. Where have all these skills gone? There is certainly massive incompetence when it comes to

finding train killers. But the skills have not disappeared. They are being used to wage a sophisticated, low-intensity war against the townships. This low-intensity war manifests itself in two key ways:

- Random terror, like Boipatong, like the train massacres;
- Targeted assassination of second- and third-layer ANC alliance leadership. Not a week goes by without a key grassroots leader being assassinated.

Both the general destabilisation

and the surgical eliminations have a single objective: to destabilise and knock out the connection between the ANC leadership and its mass base.

A number of surveys have shown how the sheer scale, and the remarkable co-ordination both in time and place of what otherwise looks like random violence, points to something much more sinister. Within days of the ANC suspending armed struggle in August 1990, communities in the PWV were hit with an unprecedented wave of violence. A mere coincidence?

It is against this background that both the ANC and SACP took the decision in late 1990 to encourage and facilitate the formation of community-based SDUs. The right to do so was later enshrined in the National Peace Accord.

Since then our experience with SDUs has generally, but not always,

*self-defence units, had found. There was a clear absence of community control over SDUs; SDUs had imposed taxes on black businessmen; defence units had set up kangaroo courts, and some, in the Vaal and Soweto, had "necklaced" political opponents, a Phola Park defence unit had been infiltrated by criminals; and SDUs in Sebokeng were fighting for control of political turf.*

less anxious than the ANC to support the formation of SDUs. I was never trying to disown "ANC" SDUs from the moral high ground of the SACP.

- Unlike the bosses who own the Sunday Times, I am an elected official of the SACP. I am subject to non-election in two years' time.
- When Robertson interviews regime personalities he describes their tone as "honest", "candid", etc. My openness, by contrast, is "brutally frank". Why the difference?

I am sure it would be unfair to suggest it's because I'm black. Perhaps it's because I'm red? Perhaps it's neither. But the message is clear. Even in our candour, some of us are supposed to be inherently violent.

● **MIKE ROBERTSON replies:** The basis of the Sunday Times story was that Mr Hani, after being asked by the ANC to investigate

The specific examples of the SDUs which had committed these transgressions or atrocities, in the case of "necklace" murders, were provided by Mr Hani in the interview I conducted with him. But the fact that they were taking place emerged from Mr Hani's own article "SDUs: Let us learn from our mistakes", which appears in the latest edition of Umsebenzi.

Far from "putting words in his mouth" or "distorting" his views, the story I wrote in the Sunday Times last week not only accurately reflected what Mr Hani told me in the interview, but is backed up by what the SACP leader himself wrote in Umsebenzi.

been favourable. In many parts of the country the very existence of democratic organisations has depended on the capacity of township dwellers to defend themselves.

Unfortunately, this positive record is not universal. There have been serious cases of indiscipline. Criminal elements and/or the police have infiltrated some SDUs and turned them against communities. Individuals have used SDUs to advance their own interests.

I have no intention of behaving like Herms Kriel and his predecessors: admit nothing until you are found out; when found out, deny; when the denial wears thin, promise "urgent attention" (meaning the police will investigate the police). And then... hope that everyone will forget.

Two weeks before Mike Robertson wrote an exceedingly distorted version of an interview I had granted him, I had noted (in an Umsebenzi article) a number of worrying developments in some SDUs.

I believe that politicians (and journalists) should be honest. That there are grave problems in some SDUs I do not deny. But Robertson jumps on this uncoerced admission with glee. There isn't space to detail how he continually distorts my views on SDUs by placing them out of context that I have sketched above. Instead, Robertson unethically creates his own context.

Here are samplings from the opening two context-setting sentences of Robertson's article: "Communist Party boss Chris Hani this week charged that ANC self-defence units are committing atrocities... In a brutally frank interview..." etc.

- Robertson is transparently trying to set me up against the ANC. The SACP has certainly been no

# ANC blames Koevoet

By THEMBA KHUMALO

DESPITE vehement police denials, Driefontein villagers in south-eastern Transvaal are adamant their raiders last week were members of the notorious Koevoet unit

ANC president Nelson Mandela alleged on television that Koevoet members were involved in house-to-house searches at Driefontein last Saturday

They harassed the community by locking some families inside their houses to prevent them from attending an ANC rally in the village, Mandela alleged

State President FW de Klerk announced last month that Koevoet and the controversial 32 and 131 battalions would be disbanded and members of the two battalions would be absorbed into SADF structures as part of rationalisation of the security forces.

The alleged police action on villagers and the involvement of Koevoet has sparked off a row between the ANC and the police.

In response to Mandela's allegations, the police have launched a high-level investigation headed by Brig Floris Mostert

Mandela said he would bring the

matter to the attention of the Goldstone Commission for investigation.

Driefontein ANC chairman Yunus Cajee said about 300 policemen arrived and parked about 300 metres from his shop on Saturday morning.

Cajee, who is also a local general dealer, said he identified clearly some 200 of the policemen as Koevoet members through their language and their uniform.

He said the men wore dark-green overalls and blue coats.

"They were the only ones who wore that uniform and spoke a Namibian dialect

"They looked like people who came from an isolated place because they were so excited about buying takkies and after one of them bought a pair others followed suit and they were behaving like children," Cajee said.

Another villager, Paul Nkosi, alleged that Koevoet members came to his house and asked to search the car which was parked in his yard.

Cajee said the police barred people from going to work while they were conducting the searches.

Cajee has made a statement to the police about the incident.

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## Youth leader dies in custody

JOHANNESBURG —  
ANC Youth League  
branch chairman Mr  
Abel Montoedi died in  
police custody on Wed-  
nesday, but his name  
was withheld until his  
next-of-kin had been in-  
formed

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Mr Montoedi, chair-  
man of the ANCYL  
branch at Mokwallo,  
near Vredefort, was al-  
legedly involved in rob-  
bing a policeman of his  
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The ANCYL blamed a  
"low-key campaign of  
harassment" by security  
forces — Sapa

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# Police react to threats to kill ANC leaders

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The police said yesterday they regarded threats by a newly launched body known as the Returned Exiles Committee (REC) to assassinate leading ANC members as "very serious" — and would not allow anyone to break the law.

According to a Sunday newspaper report, REC members claim to have teamed up with Askaris (guerillas who have switched sides) to assassinate ANC leaders and cadres implicated in atrocities in the organisation's detention camps outside the country if they were not "brought to justice"

The report quoted REC leader Pat Hlongwane (33) as saying that about 200 Askaris and REC members had recently undergone "retraining" in Israel and were at present grouped in the Durban region

Police Colonel Johan Mostert

said last night the SAP would investigate the threats and "take the appropriate steps"

He told The Star that the incorporation of the Askaris or "turned ANC terrorists" into the police force had begun several years ago and had been completed

And although some Askaris had left the force and rejoined the ANC, Colonel Mostert said, he did not know of any who had joined the REC

"For some time now they have been fully fledged policemen. No SAP member has been sent to Israel for training or for retraining

"The allegations are denied categorically," he said

Colonel Mostert added that the police did, from time to time, receive information on threats to the lives of ANC members. In such cases, steps were taken to warn such individuals of the dangers

Spokesmen for the ANC could not be reached for comment last night



# Judge accuses police of lying

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — A Supreme Court judge yesterday accused a team of policemen investigating a massacre of lying

Mr Justice H Daniels made the accusation at the end of the trial of four men who were accused of killing 12 people in Alexandra township last year. The 12 were murdered during a funeral vigil in March 1991.

Mr Justice Daniels acquitted Mr Gibson Mbata, 28, Mr Derick Majosi, 21, Mr Christopher Mbata, 30, and Mr Petrus Buthelezi, 31, on 12 counts of murder, 16 counts of attempted murder, housebreaking, and the unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition. A fifth man, Mr John Zakwe, was found not guilty and discharged earlier in the trial.

In his judgment, he said the police team investigating the massacre had lied and fabricated evidence.

Mr Justice Daniels said the state had failed to make out a case against the four on the evidence given by the police or the contradictory testimony

of other state witnesses who were at the vigil when the attack occurred.

He found that the policemen had surreptitiously leaked information to witnesses before an identity parade and had lied in statements to a court during a bail application.

One was struck, Mr Justice Daniels said, by the inherent improbabilities and the number of inconsistencies and discrepancies in the evidence of the police witnesses involved.

He said the senior investigating officers, Major Johannes Jacobus Barnard and Detective Sergeant Stephanus Crous, had taken statements which put themselves at the scene of the fabricated recovery of an AK-47.

## Witnesses

Both policemen, neither of whom had testified, owed the court an explanation on this, the judge said.

"To my way of thinking these two witnesses could perhaps be seen as most important witnesses," he said.

"Having decided not to call them, the state left itself open to the drawing of inferences adverse to its case."

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# Watch on coops

## Now big business volunteers to help keep peace

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**JOHANNESBURG** — About 100 businessmen have volunteered to help the National Peace Secretariat monitor politically sensitive activities by security forces and political organisations.

Barlow Rand industrial relations executive Mr Jan Hiemstra who heads a sub-committee of the secretariat looking into the involvement of business in the peace process, said yesterday that the businessmen would be involved on a part-time basis.

He said the advice and SADF had agreed to co-operate with the monitors, who would concentrate on observing but who could get involved in facilitation if called on to do so.

The business monitors would help to bolster the secretariat's efforts to implement provisions of the peace accord.

The scheme to use monitors from the business and professional world was still in the planning stages and would be discussed further at a meeting of the peace secretariat at the end of the month.

Sacoob and the Chamber of Mines, had helped recruit the 100 volunteers. Mr Hiemstra said more volunteers were expected from the legal profession.

The monitors would probably be linked to the emergency phone lines of local dispute resolution committees.

They would report their findings to the committees or, if necessary, to higher authorities, such as the attorney-general, Mr Hiemstra said.

The offer by big business comes after the United Nations report at the weekend suggested that the activities of the SADF, the police, the KwaZulu police and private armies such as Apla and Umkhonto weSizwe be investigated. The UN recommendation has been endorsed by Mr Justice Goldstone, whose commission is investigating the cause of the violence.

### Meetings

Azapo and the Democratic Party have welcomed the UN-Goldstone probe, but the PAC and the KwaZulu government have balked at it.

The proposal is expected to come under the spotlight at meetings of the cabinet and the ANC's national working committee tomorrow.

The government and the ANC are under pressure to accept the recommendations of UN secretary-general Boutros Boutros-Ghali.

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SHOWING at Loftus remain

# Police action during mass action may mark new trend

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — In stark contrast to previous years, the police seem to have acted with admirable restraint during the mass action campaign. Some observers believe this could mark the beginning of a new trend in the style of policing protests

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Certainly a far cry from the days before the unbanning of ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela

For their part the ANC marshalls also seem to have been on their best behaviour. On a number of occasions marshalls, addressing the police in the road as “com” — short for comrade — asked police to move aside to allow another taxi to offload supporters outside the stadium.

The Krugersdorp march was the first to the CP-controlled town hall, and when the delegation negotiated their way inside, that too was historic.

The 5 000 marchers sat in the parking lot in front of the hall for much of the afternoon, with just a few senior police visible

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After the march Wits/Vaal Regional Dispute Resolution Committee co-chairman Mr Rupert Lorimer commented: “The police behaviour was impeccable,” but added “there is no doubt that the presence of the United Nations monitors has made everyone behave better”.

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## Shootings: Cop charged

OWN CORRESPONDENT

DURBAN — A Newcastle Riot Unit lieutenant has been charged with attempted murder and defeating the ends of justice after he allegedly, in two separate incidents, shot and wounded two constables this year.

Both were shot with birdshot.

A police statement after the first incident said the constable was wounded after his shotgun accidentally went off.

A witness to the second incident told police she saw a white policeman chasing an Indian policeman.

# Mellow Side to Crowd

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The liaison officer between the Witwatersrand police commissioner and the regional dispute resolution committee, Colonel Zark Gous, agreed there

had been a change in policy since the ANC was unbanned in February 1990.

"Before then, the police were used to combat political expression," he said, whereas now the police were free to use their discretion and combat crime.

"We are trying to move towards community policing, where we take cognisance of the norms of the community. But if anyone endangers the peace, then we will act," he added.

This discretion enabled the police to allow 128 illegal

marches from August 3-5, in addition to the 90 legal marches countrywide, Colonel Gous said.

"In a situation like that we have to choose between allowing an illegal march to take place, or breaking it up, which would mean everyone would run rampant through the town."

But the apparent change in the policing of protest activity does not, as several observers point out, necessarily extend to other areas of the SAP's work. In the past three weeks, seven more people have died in police custody. □

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## 'Surprise' checks in store for SAP

BILLY PADDOCK

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LAW and Order Minister Hennis Kriel responded yesterday to mounting criticism of deaths in custody by announcing that inspectors would be appointed to carry out surprise visits to police stations.

The Minister had just received the report of the police investigation in response to pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman's allegations that at least 200 people had been murdered in police custody. He said he would study the report before deciding what action to take.

Kriel said six inspectors would initially be appointed from the ranks of former magistrates. They would report directly to him and Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe.

Police were planning to extend this measure "by way of community participation", he said, but did not elaborate.

"Negotiations are at present being conducted with potential candidates (to be inspectors) with a view to appointing them as rapidly as possible. They will have powers to visit, without warning, any police station or police cell in SA," Kriel said.

The inspectors' duties would include visiting police cells "at unexpected hours" to determine whether all regulations and instructions regarding persons in custody were properly adhered to. They would also conduct interviews with those in custody to determine if they had any complaints.

He stressed no criminal or illegal conduct by the SAP would be tolerated.

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# Deputy minister in the firing line

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON  
Political Correspondent

MR Johan Scheepers is about to be fired as Deputy Minister of Law and Order

President F W de Klerk is expected to make an announcement about the minister's removal from the sensitive post this week.

Mr Scheepers is a National Party verligte and pioneer of a number of schemes aimed at improving police-community relations at local government level

It is reliably understood that Mr Scheepers, who met Mr De Klerk yesterday afternoon, could be replaced by the Deputy Minister of (own affairs) Health Services and Welfare in the House of Assembly, Mr Fanus Schoeman

Mr Scheepers will retain his post as Deputy Minister of Land Affairs

His side-lining follows a controversial statement after last week's ANC march on the Union Buildings in which he accused the ANC of numerous flagrant breaches of conditions set down for the protest

Pretoria police spokesman Major Andrew Lesch said at the time that no serious incidents were reported

However, well-placed observers believe that the mass action controversy may be used as a pretext for shifting Mr Scheepers out of his position

Government sources said yesterday that he had not been popular with Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel, as well as with certain policemen in the force

One source of friction was apparently that Mr Scheepers had to divide his high pressure law and order job with the increasingly time-consuming land affairs portfolio

### TML chief gets

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# Cops face a new storm

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**EVIDENCE ERASED** Crucial police recordings  
on Boipatong massacre accidentally 'wiped' out:

THE police's tape recordings of radio calls to the Internal Stability Unit in Vereeniging on the night of the Boipatong massacre were "accidentally wiped off". This shock disclosure was made to the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry by the SAP's Major Christo Davidson. Counsel for

the African National Congress suggested to Davidson that the tape recordings were deliberately erased.

The wiping out of the recordings is bound to add to criticism of the police.

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s SA ● Witnesses influenced before giving evidence

# Cops lied in court - judge

POLICEMEN investigating the Alexandra night vigil massacre secretly gave information to witnesses before an identity parade, a Rand Supreme Court judge said this week

They had also lied in court during a bail application, Mr Justice H Daniels said as he acquitted four men of 13 counts of murder

He found Mr Gibson Mbatha (28), Mr Derck Majozi (21), Mr Christopher Mbatha (30) and Mr Petrus Buthelezi (31) had no case to answer at the end of

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## Information about suspects in Alexandra vigil massacre leaked to witnesses before identity parade:

the State's case

The judge had earlier found the State had no case against a fifth accused, Mr John Zwane

The men had pleaded not guilty to 13 counts of murder, 17 of attempted murder, one of housebreaking with intent to murder and illegal possession of a machinegun, firearms and ammunition

The charges arose from an attack on a

vigil in Alexandra on March 27 last year.

In a judgment highly critical of the investigation, the judge said the State's case had been riddled with "inconsistencies, contradictions and fabrications".

Witnesses had been encouraged to give evidence to suit the State's case

# Boipatong: Police tapes 'erased'

The Argus Correspondent

VEREENIGING — Tape recordings of about 13 hours of radio calls to the police Internal Stability Unit (ISU) at the time of the Boipatong massacre in June have been erased, the Goldstone Commission has been told

The calls, from 2pm on June 17 to 3am the following day, included ISU conversations with their patrols, other police units and the SA Defence Force, the commission heard yesterday. The massacre happened between 10pm and 11pm

During cross-examination by Mr Arthur Chaskalson SC, counsel for the African National Congress and the Vaal Council of Churches, Major Christo Davidson said the calls might have been accidentally wiped out by the person on duty

Major Davidson said he had

been told on the telephone by a police technician in Pretoria that the recordings could have been lost because both sides of the tape had been used by mistake

The tapes were blank in parts while other segments of conversations had been preserved, he said

Mr Chaskalson asked whether this could happen if someone had erased the tapes. Major Davidson said this was possible

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone asked that the tapes be submitted to the commission immediately. Major Davidson said this would be done

Major Davidson also told the commission that only three police vehicles went into the township on the night of the attack and that their occupants saw none of the attackers

Police had received the first

reports of a possible attack at 9 55pm after two factory employees had seen 200 to 300 people crossing a major road between Kwamadala hostel and Boipatong, he said

From 10pm police had received many reports of people attacking houses and killing residents in the township

A single ISU Casspir left Vereeniging at 10 10pm, but stopped to investigate a reported shooting in Sharpeville, and arrived in Boipatong only at 10 35pm, said Major Davidson

He said another Casspir then arrived from the Sebokeng municipal police station. An ISU Nyala vehicle followed soon afterwards

The police discovered that people had been killed and houses had been damaged, said Major Davidson

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## Killing: Cop's action probed

JOHANNESBURG — A charge of murder is being investigated against a policeman who allegedly shot and killed a man in Boipatong in June, Witwatersrand police confirmed yesterday

The policeman had been suspended from duty. The case docket would be referred to the Transvaal attorney-general for a decision — Sapa (25) CT 12/8/92

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## Police praised for restraint

Staff Reporter <sup>(25)</sup>

MONITORS from the Joint Forum on Policing yesterday commended the police for their restraint during the mass action in the Peninsula last week — but said certain incidents showed police were unaware or disrespectful of Peace Accord structures and Goldstone Commission recommendations.

Monitors said yesterday excessive force had been used in Milnerton and Grabouw and there had been "disregard for the wearing of name tags in Milnerton and Mitchells Plain"

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## ■ FALLING FILES *Cases collapse because*

*of growing incompetence in the security forces:*

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By Mathatha Tsedu  
Investigations Editor

**R**EMEMBER the time when judges and magistrates used to compliment the police for their diligence and professionalism in investigating cases?

Do you remember how the compliments always prefaced heavy sentences that would send mostly political activists to Robben Island and similar dungeons?

The police then were proud of their record and bandied statistics about, showing their success rate.

That was in the "old" South Africa

The advent of the "new" South Africa, and its violence and horrible killings has, however, changed all that.

The violence, which comes in all manners, has been blamed on the State, and police have been found wanting in both the efforts to curb the phenomenon, and in attempts to track the killers

The advent of the "new" South Africa and the liberalisation of politics seems to have taken away the professionalism of the police that successive police ministers used to boast about.

Only this week, police disclosed that they had wiped out 13 hours of tape recordings relating to the Boipatong massacre.

It is now also a common occurrence for judges to lament the sloppiness of police investigations into massacres that have left many black people dead and thousands more maimed

This week Rand Supreme Court judge, Mr Justice H Daniels, joined a growing list of judges who have found reason to publicly rap police on the knuckles

Presiding over the trial of four men charged with the slaying of 15 people who were attending a night vigil in Alexandra township on March 27 last year, Daniels found that police

- Leaked information to witnesses before an identity parade;
- Encouraged witnesses to give evidence to suit the State's case,

- Had allowed witnesses going for an identity parade to discuss the suspects,

- Held two identity parades after the suspects had been charged and their names widely publicised,

- Failed to bring an informer whose sole information had been used to arrest one of the accused

Daniels said the State's case had therefore been riddled with inconsistencies, contradictions and fabrications, leaving him with no option but to discharge the four men as they had no case to answer to

He found that a policeman had changed his evidence, rendering it useless and that of other witnesses suspect.

As a result, Mr Gibson Mbatha (28) Mr Derrick Majosi (21) Mr Christopher Mbatha (30) and Mr Petrus Buthelezi (31) walked out of the Rand Supreme Court free.

In previous cases, such as the discharge of the seven men last month charged with the massacre of 42 people in Sebokeng, police were found to have shown less than expected zeal in their investigations

In the Alexandra case, they were found to have gone overboard in trying to secure a conviction, thus again rendering the process of justice ineffective.

### Attack on a vigil

The trial followed the attack on a vigil of a student who had been killed in violence. At dawn, a group of armed men stormed into a tent where mourners were singing hymns and freedom songs, and opened fire with rifles and pistols

Arrests of the four men followed information gathered from survivors and an informer. Now the men have been released, joining other similar accused who have been discharged because police investigations were found wanting

But the question hanging in the air now is what will happen to these cases where police incompetence has led to discharge by default?

Is it the end of the road? Will the perpetrators of the killings in Sebokeng, Jeppe station, Kliptown station and many other places never pay for their crimes?

# Work of union 'hampered by security police'

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**SHARON SOROUR**  
Labour Reporter

THE Metal and Electrical Workers' Union has accused the security police of "severely hampering" its operations after thieves struck at its Athlone offices for the second time in two weeks

Union spokesman Mr Ben Petersen said R12 000 worth of goods, including a hired fax machine, two heaters, a projector, a hot plate and a calculator were stolen on Tuesday.

In a burglary at the beginning of August, confidential computer records listing the union's regional and national leadership and lists of national and international funding contacts were stolen.

Computer equipment worth R15 000 was stolen — and other valuables were left behind

Union spokesman Mr Brian Williams said years of work was missing

This would disrupt the union's activities badly and the union believed the security po-

lice were involved

"Those suspicions still stand, following the second robbery. There appears to be a campaign to disrupt the union completely. This break-in will severely hamper ability to communicate with our members and we believe the security police are involved," he said.

The union had a very militant history — having one of the highest strike records in the Western Cape — and was constantly fighting for the rights of its members, he added.

"Some people are definitely trying to intimidate us," he said

The break-in had been reported to the Athlone police

● Police liaison officer Captain Attie Laubscher confirmed the break-in. He said police were investigating. Anyone asserting that police were involved was asked to provide the investigating officer Sergeant G Fick (☎ 697 1120) with names of suspects or further information.

**NEWS** Goldstone agrees specialists should examine tapes

# Experts to hear tapes

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**Sowetan Correspondent and Sapa**

**WE BLUNDERED** Sergeant tells Commission

police had used recording equipment incorrectly:

**T**HE COMMISSION inquiring into the Boipatong massacre agreed that copies of tape recordings between security forces on the night of the killings be heard by both police and private experts

Commission chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said this would prevent "further allegations of tampering with the tapes"

The commission was told at its hearing in Vereeniging on Tuesday and yesterday that information contained in police tape recordings of radio messages between security force units on the night of the massacre had been erased by mistake

Meanwhile, Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel and the Commissioner of Police have expressed concern at the impression created by the erasure of 13 hours of police radio calls recorded on the day

This was disclosed yesterday by counsel for the police, Mr P Hattingh, SC, who said Kriel and Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe were "perturbed" by the impression created by the reports

Hattingh told the commission "We believe we have an explanation for what happened and we would like to put it to you as soon as possible"

Yesterday the Goldstone Commission was again told that information contained on police tapes and relevant to it had been destroyed due to operational error

The officer in charge of the operations control room at the Vereeniging Internal Stability Unit, Sergeant Ilse O'Reilly, told the commission that taping equipment which automatically recorded

telephone and radio conversations by security force members had been used incorrectly since its installation in March

The unit had only become aware that it was using the equipment incorrectly after the massacre

Only then had investigations revealed that all conversations between about 2pm on June 17 and 3am on June 18 had been taped over

O'Reilly said the machine used ordinary commercial tapes, but only one side could be used, or information would be taped over

The recording equipment was attached to telephones and to radios, and automatically recorded all conversations by security force members using those particular frequencies or telephones

On June 18, the day after the Boipatong massacre, she had turned over the tapes in the machines. This had resulted in the destruction of all information pertaining to action taken by security forces on the night of June 17

During cross-examination by Mr Denis Kuy, SC, for the African National Congress, O'Reilly confirmed that all tapes recorded since March 24 had been similarly affected

She said the Vereeniging ISU had not realised their mistake because only on one occasion had they had cause to play back a tape, and in that particular instance, the required information had not yet been taped over

The commission is in possession of the tapes

- The outcome of an application for part of the hearing to be held in camera is not yet clear



NEWS Minister tells cops to be impartial • New moves on negotiations welcomed

# 'Adapt or else' - Kriel

*Sowetan 14/8/92*

By Monk Nkomo

MINISTER of Law and Order Mr Hennis Kriel yesterday warned policemen that they would be dismissed if they failed to adapt to the realities of the new South Africa

Speaking at a medal parade at the police college in Pretoria West, Kriel told policemen to act professionally in their duties in order to regain the confidence of the communities they served

## Peace process depends on police professionalism:

The South African Police, he added, were under tremendous pressure from various sectors, including their communities, which wanted better crime prevention methods

"We will only be able to handle this pressure if we work harder more professionally, treat everybody equally, be better trained and reach out to the communities we serve," he said

"Our aim is to be impartial and adapt to the new South Africa. Any member of the police force who fails to adhere to these conditions will be dismissed or suspended," Kriel said

Kriel said police were going to play a key role in the peace process in the country. A young police constable fainted while on parade

# Azapo hails UN plan

## United Nations proposes neutral chairman for talks:

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THE Azaman People's Organisation would consent to participating in democratic talks under a neutral convenor as recommended by the United Nations

But it still insisted on a two-sided arrangement at a neutral venue, publicly secretary Mr Siumi Moodley said yesterday

Addressing a news briefing in Durban, Moodley said Azapo remained committed to its stance on talks with the Government and noted that the African National Congress had moved closer to its position on international involvement in negotiations

The ANC was also "talking more strongly" of a Constituent Assembly and had admitted that Codesa had failed

"If (Transkei leader, General Rantso) Holomisa resigns from the Transkei to sit with the liberation movements, Azapo will welcome this" - *Sapa*

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**4 policemen**

## **suspended**

**BLOEMFONTEIN —**  
Four policemen were suspended from duty yesterday, pending an investigation into the death of a detainee last week (251) (221)

The policemen are members of the SAP Section for Visible Policing at Vredefort

Abel Montoedi was found dead in his cell on August 6

Brigadier Bart Vosloo, SAP Deputy Regional Commissioner in the Free State, said in a statement the Chief State Pathologist had completed the postmortem into the death and had informed the SAP

A private pathologist, appointed by Mr Montoedi's family, had been present — Sapa

# Constable <sup>CT 14/8/92</sup> 'threatened'

## VEREENIGING —

An SA Police special constable yesterday told the Goldstone Commission police colleagues had threatened him with violence if he did not change a statement alleging the presence of police Casspirs in Boipatong on the night of the June 17 massacre

Constable Ntietsa Xaba testified before the commission, which is hearing evidence on allegations of security

force involvement in the Boipatong massacre of more than 40 people, that he had made a statement to the Vereeniging police to the effect that he had seen four Casspir armoured vehicles in the township on the night of June 17

At least one of these vehicles appeared to be escorting at-

## Boipatong: Police probe was 'cavalier'

From CHRIS BATEMAN

LONDON — The police probe into the Boipatong killings adopted a "somewhat cavalier" approach to their accountability and provided British monitors with "garbled" and unintelligible tapes of the night's events

This is according to the man who headed the independent evaluation of the Boipatong probe, Dr Peter Waddington, director of criminal justice at Reading University

Speaking from his Reading home yesterday he said "We were pretty

appalled — the mechanisms for making the police accountable did not seem to be in place"

His understanding was that it had only been in response to his team's request for the tapes that the "garbling" problem was identified

His team had not been suspicious because "I don't think they (the SAP) were competent enough to cover their tracks"

Dr Waddington emphasised that it had not been his team's task to establish whether or not there was police complicity in the killings

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A week later he had been recalled by a white police officer to "correct a mistake" in his statement

Mr Xaba alleged the policeman, whose name was not revealed to the commission, had

threatened to "donder" him if he did not change his statement

Mr Xaba, a Boipatong resident, said in his statement that he had seen a Casspir in the street he lives in about 11pm escorting four armed men, two in front of the vehicle and two behind — Sapa (24) (25)

# Western Cape police top unrest injury list

Staff Reporter

MORE policemen have been injured in unrest-related incidents in the Western Cape than in any other area of the country since the beginning of the year, according to police statistics released yesterday

Nationwide, 48 policeman have

been killed and 246 injured since January 1

In the Western Cape, one policeman, Constable Bongani Blackbeard, was murdered and 74 policemen injured this year

Ninety-eight policemen were injured on the Witwatersrand, including Soweto, and 22 in Natal

The Witwatersrand had the high-

est number of police fatalities, with 34 policemen killed, including Soweto, followed by Natal with nine deaths

There were no police injuries or deaths in unrest-related incidents in the northernmost section of the country

● Two policemen were killed and 10 were injured in the Eastern

Transvaal

● In the Free State, one policeman died and 15 were injured

● One policeman was killed and 11 injured in the Northern Transvaal

● Nine policemen were injured in the Eastern Cape

● In the Northern Cape, seven policemen were injured

Western Cape police spokesman Colonel Gys Boonzaaier said "We are lucky to have had so few fatalities in the Western Cape compared to the Witwatersrand

"This is perhaps because we have had less unrest during this period and also there seems to be a more positive attitude towards police here" **CT 14/6/92**

FREE FOR ALL . . . Over 100 unemployed people inventory R1 000-worth of bread and milk off the shelves while the

# Four cops suspended

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BLOEMFONTEIN — Four policemen were suspended from duty yesterday, pending an investigation into the death of detainee Mr Abel Montoedi last week.

The policemen are members of the Section for Visible Policing at Vredfort

Mr Montoedi was found dead in his cell "during a routine visit" at 1 30am on August 6

Brigadier Bart Vosloo, Deputy Regional Police Commissioner in the Free State, said the chief state pa-

thologist had informed police of his post-mortem findings

A private pathologist, appointed by Mr Montoedi's family, had been present at the post-mortem

When the police investigation had been completed the dossier would be handed to the attorney-general

In Pretoria, Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday that the appointment of six retired magistrates to inspect detentions was an initial step taken to curb deaths in custody — Sapa

## crack of dawn



# Woman finds mum raped

Staff Reporter

A CITY woman arrived at her parents' Pinelands home to find her mother had been raped and her

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# CP rebels 'will talk to anyone, even the ANC'

Political Staff

THE five MPs who broke with the Conservative Party are prepared to negotiate for a system of regional government as a stepping stone towards an independent Afrikaner homeland — and will talk to anyone, including the ANC, if necessary.

The five are Free State leader and MP for Heilbron Mr Cecil Pienaar, Potchefstroom MP Mr Andries Beyers, Bethal MP Mr Chris de Jager, Sanderton MP Mr Rosier de Ville and Ermelo MP Mr Moolman Mentz.

Mr Beyers said today an Afrikaner homeland was not the group's immediate bottom line, but an 'eventual ideal'. A system of regional government could be a vehicle towards attaining this ideal.

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Mr Beyers said their first priority would be to talk to a wide range of people and organisations who 'are moving away from the idea of a unitary state' and their own supporters and proponents of the Afrikaner 'volksstaat' option.

After consolidating their support, they plan to hold a meeting of supporters 'soon' to decide whether to form a new political party or remain a movement.

The dissidents announced their resignation last night after a marathon meeting of the CP's chief council.

The split places a question mark over the political career of CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht, with some CP members feeling he should resign.

# ANC halts talks

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## But lines of communication with government stay

Political Staff

AFTER an unsuccessful secret meeting between top-level ANC and government delegations on Sunday, the ANC has refused any further meetings.

But the organisation has kept open the lines of communication with the government by saying that any 'practical implementation' of its demands can be addressed through the office of its secretary-general, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa.

The ANC said the Sunday meeting — arranged by the government — was "fruitless" be-

cause there had been no visible movement by the government.

The ANC national working committee (NWC) met yesterday and endorsed a recommendation by the national executive committee (NEC) that any further request for meetings with the government be refused.

There is unhappiness in some ANC circles about the meeting, who say it was a transgression of a decision by the NEC in June that any resumption of negotiations could take place only after the situation had been reviewed by the body.

ANC spokesman Saki Maro-

zoma said the meeting was not viewed as a transgression of the NEC decision because the ANC negotiators had not entered into discussions with the government.

The ANC, however, denied that the talks signalled the resumption of negotiations.

"Prior to this encounter the ANC had been given the impression that the government was willing to respond positively in writing to the 14 demands contained in our memorandum of June 23 1992. In the upshot it emerged that there has been no visible movement on these

issues on the government's part. "The meeting was consequently fruitless," the NWC said.

The meeting on Sunday was between ANC negotiators Mr Ramaphosa, Thabo Mbeki, Jacob Zuma and Joe Nhlanhla. The government team included Minister Roelf Meyer, Director-General of Constitutional Development Niel Barnard, constitutional adviser Fanie van der Merwe and Public Enterprises Minister Dawie de Villiers.

It is understood that the meeting was sanctioned by ANC leader Nelson Mandela.

### WEATHER



With the cold fronts passing south of the country, it will be fine and cool. Fine and warm

WEATHER forecast for the Cape Peninsula and Boland

## District Six: Expulsions, expropriation denied

Municipal Reporter

RUMOURS that land or houses in District Six would be expropriated or their owners expelled were unfounded. District Six steering committee chairman Mr Clive Keegan told a Zonnebloem Residents' Association meeting.

An independent residents' selection study group will be set up to find fair ways of deciding who should be allowed to return to a redeveloped District Six.

A community land trust, and a company in terms of section 21 of the Companies Act, will be set up as soon as all parties have commented on a set of principles guiding redevelopment. A few members of the audience of

about 100 occasionally interrupted speeches by Mr Keegan and two city council planning officials, claiming redevelopment would bring slums and a high crime rate.

Mr Keegan said the aim of redevelopment was to provide high-quality, low-cost housing for about 30 000 people on 50ha. A large proportion of the housing would be for rental.

The planning process was an opportunity for "retribution" and to show what could be done to renew inner-city areas.

Deputy city planner Mr Peter de Tol-ly, who presides over the District Six technical working group, said the area should be planned in the context of the

future of Culembourg, Wingfield and other State-owned land.

Plans to set up the community land trust and the section 21 company would give the Zonnebloem Residents' Association a chance to be part of the planning process.

Assistant planning director Ms Amanda Young said it was proposed that community organisations and "establishment" bodies such as the Provincial Administration and local authorities have equal representation on community land trusts.

The community land trust would administer pooled land in perpetuity, keeping housing affordable and preventing speculation.

## Constable tells probe of threats

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — A special constable told the Goldstone Commission inquiry on the Bopalong massacre that police threatened him with violence after he refused to change a statement alleging police complicity in the attack.

Constable Ntseta Xaba said a police captain threatened to hit him after he insisted that during the attack on June 17 he saw two men, wearing camouflaged clothes and carrying machine guns, walking behind a Caspur.

Under cross-examination yesterday, Constable Xaba said the two men were white.

The constable said that a Vanderbijlpark police captain told him to "correct" his statement by saying that he had seen the Caspur from a greater distance than he had indicated.

Constable Xaba said he was also told by the captain, whose name he did not know, to say that he had seen the Caspur at 9 pm, and not at 11 pm.

Police counsel P Hattugh put to the constable that he had deliberately distorted his account of the discussion. He also put to Constable Xaba that he was wrong about when he heard shooting, since the massacre had finished by 11 pm.

Constable Xaba said that the wall clock he read the time from could have been faulty.

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## Ex-Koevoet killer transferred

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A FORMER Koevoet member, convicted of murder in Namibia and sentenced to 10 years in jail before being released after serving 15 days, has been moved from his post in the police to an administrative one pending an inquiry into his suitability as a policeman.

Warrant Officer Dirk Calitz is facing charges of assault in connection with an incident in Robertson in April 1990 when police allegedly fired teargas into a meeting hall of 900 people.

# Remove Kriel, says DP

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By BARRY STREEK

MINISTER of Law and Order Mr Hernus Kriel should be removed from office because he is unable to guarantee the safety of ordinary South Africans, the Democratic Party's parliamentary caucus said yesterday

Furthermore, he apparently had no control over his own department

Mr Kriel had held the Law and Order portfolio for one year, but an analysis of his record revealed a performance at least as unsatisfactory as that of his predecessor, Mr Adriaan Vlok

"Violent crime is spiralling, over 2 000 people have died in political violence during his tenure,

recommendations of the Goldstone Commission have largely been ignored, policemen implicated in serious derelictions of duty are in some cases still holding office, and evidence of instances of SAP partiality continually becomes available"

Despite innumerable appeals, the government still refused to outlaw the carrying of dangerous "cultural" weapons except in selected unrest areas

The second interim Goldstone report, while excoriating both the IFP and the ANC, also noted "a history over some years of state complicity in undercover activities, which includes criminal conduct"

"Despite revelations by Dr Jonathan Gluckman concerning 200 suspicious deaths in police custody, five more people have since died in custody

"And these allegations of systematic police abuse come on top of those brought to public attention in 1987 by Dr Wendy Orr. But the pattern of inaction by the SAP has remained unchanged," the caucus said

## NP 'lost will and ability'

Political Staff

THE National Party, apart from being unrepresentative, had lost the will and ability to govern South Africa and should make way for an interim government, the Democratic Party's parliamentary caucus said yesterday

This failure of will to govern highlighted the urgent need to establish a credible transitional government of national unity which would command respect



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### **PAC army to meet police**

*Sowetan 14/8/92*

THE Azanian People's Liberation Army and the Police and Prison Officials' Union will hold talks on the killing of policemen, Popcru general secretary Peter Nkuna said yesterday.

The meeting will take place in Zimbabwe or Tanzania early in September

Apla, the military wing of the Pan Africanist Congress, regularly claims responsibility for attacks on policemen in South African townships

# 'Police told me to alter evidence'

W/Mail 14/8-20/8/92

*This week at the Goldstone*

*Commission . First the police*

*tapes were accidentally erased.*

*Then a witness said police asked him*

*to 'correct mistakes' in his statement.*

**By JACQUIE GOLDING**

**A** SPECIAL constable who told the Goldstone Commission he had seen a Hippo in the township on the night of the Boipatong massacre yesterday testified that a week after the killings he was asked by a police captain to change his statement.

And in other evidence damaging to the police this week, the commission also heard that a letter by a police technician was sent only last week to 10 "priority" police stations warning operators not to turn over the cassettes used in a four-channel tape recorder.

The message came more than a month too late for the Vereeniging Internal Stability Unit, with police witnesses telling the court that their tapes from the night of June 17 had been "partially erased".

Under cross-examination yesterday Special Constable Nietzsche Xaba said that a week after the massacre a police captain from the Vanderbijlpark police station called him in to "correct mistakes" to a statement he had made.

In his statement he described seeing a Hippo moving towards his house in Boipatong at about 11pm on June 17 "I noticed two men in front of the Hippo. They were clothed in strange apparel and had long firearms. They were dressed in white overalls and red headbands.

"It seems to me that the Hippo was not chasing them." They screamed "this is our day" in Zulu and fired shots in the air, he said.

He also said he noticed another two men in camouflage police uniform behind the Hippo.

A week after he had made this statement, the captain told him to change the time that he saw the Hippo from 11pm to 9pm.

Xaba said he had refused.

The special constable also told the commission that photographs taken after the massacre were inaccurate, not showing the distances he had described.

He told the commission that he had been threatened if he did not change his statement.

"The police captain threatened to hit me if I did not change certain important aspects of my statement," he said.

Earlier this week evidence was led that a recording of all radio messages between security force units taped during the night of June 17 — at the height of the massacre in the Vaal township — were "accidentally erased".

Witnesses testified that calls from 2pm on June 17 to 3am on June 18 had been "accidentally wiped out by the person on duty".

A witness told the inquiry that neither police technicians nor operators from the Vereeniging Internal Stability Unit had been aware that tapes had been accidentally erased for the past six months.

A new tape recorder was installed in March this year, the commission heard.

Last week Warrant Officer Johan van Vuuren, who installed the recording machine at the Vereeniging Internal Stability Unit, sent a letter warning operators to only use one side of the tape, otherwise the recording would be wiped clean.

Many valuable recordings of other incidents were now of no use, the commission heard.

Sergeant Lisa O'Reilly, who was in charge of the Vereeniging operation control room on June 17, said she had unknowingly turned the tape around and wiped two days of relevant recording — by mistake.

O'Reilly turned over the tapes before going off duty at 4pm on June 17. The following morning she contacted a Captain Roos to check whether to turn the tape over. She said she "specifically remembers turning the cassette around".

Only O'Reilly and Roos have access to the machine, the commission heard.

Counsel for the African National Congress, Dennis Kuny SC, asked O'Reilly why she had contacted Roos when she normally turned the tapes around, not knowing of the consequences.

O'Reilly testified that she was shown how to use the tape by Van Vuuren, who said she could use both sides of the cassette.

According to Van Vuuren and O'Reilly the operator's handbook did not state only one side of the cassette could be used.

"I realised that I could not tape on both sides after the Boipatong tapes were with the investigation team of the commission."

Two experts from private firms are to make copies of all the tapes and transcripts will then be given to all the parties involved in the hearing.

Counsel for the police, Flip Hattingh SC, expressed concern at media reports of the blank tapes, and asked that the police be given a chance to put their case.

## POLICING THE POLICE

# High time for SA to lay down the law

**COMPLETELY autonomous regional police structures, each under its own elected chief constable who is accountable to the electoral body that appoints him, must be created in South Africa, argues VICTOR NELL**

**T**ODAY's headlines have a chilling message for South Africans if we don't get our act together and stop the violence, the world will stand by and watch us going down the tubes like Mobutu's Zaire and the Bosnian Muslims

The train killings are the most puzzling manifestation of South Africa's political violence. There is no pattern to the deaths and therefore no indication whether the targets are members of a particular political party. And the attackers remain faceless.

How might the plan for regionalising the police function, put forward last week in this newspaper, address this problem?

Policing has two functions. One is to institute measures that stop crime before it is committed by such methods as maintaining a visible, uniformed police presence, exercising surveillance over known violence hot spots, and by stop-and-search methods.

Its second function is to identify criminals, apprehend them, marshal the evidence against them, and bring them before a court of law. This is where all police effort so far seems to have been concentrated.

This is the point of the repetitive police plea for "witnesses to come forward" and identify suspects — a life-threatening exercise in a system that has no witness protection programme and on occasion seems deliberately to expose witnesses to the danger of reprisals.

However, shifting the focus to prevention is unlikely to be an insuperable problem in police science.

What would the New York police, for example, do if half a dozen subway passengers were killed every week by masked gunmen? One thing is certain: the problem would not have been allowed to drag on for months and years!

Back home, as far as one can determine from reading the newspapers, police responses to suggestions for effective steps to counter the violence have been totally inadequate.

Somewhere there has been a

collapse of the political will to deal effectively with the problem. But no one knows where this collapse has taken place.

Police command structures are so centralised, and so intertwined with this country's political system, that it is impossible to establish whether a political agenda exists, let alone its purpose.

There is only one way to break this impasse: create completely autonomous regional police structures, each under its own elected chief constable who is accountable to the electoral body that appoints him, and to have strong, independent accountability procedures which would use outside experts as required.

Suppose, hypothetically, that this system had been instituted for the Johannesburg metropolitan area two years ago. Suppose that the chief constable was a powerful and incorruptible individual of stature — not a professional policeman, and not a politician, but an individual with a talent for command and a passion for justice.

Such a person and his deputies would not have tolerated the ongoing violence. Regardless of their cost or inconvenience, control measures would have been formulated and speedily put into place and the problem would have been dealt with. If not, the chief constable would have been out of a job very smartly.

The point is not that the chief constable is apolitical. The point is that the police political agenda, if it is taken away from the central government and made regional, again becomes plain and visible to ordinary people, who are in a position to do something about systems they don't like or that fail to protect them.

This country's salvation is going to be in strong local and regional democratic structures, with real power to change the way people live and improve their life quality.

There is no more important place to start than with the police now.

● The author is director of the University of South Africa's Health Psychology Unit.

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# Tapes erased in error, say experts

INITIAL evaluation by an independent agency investigating the erasure of information from police tapes pertinent to the Goldstone Commission's inquiry into the Boipatong massacre appears to confirm that it was done in error.

A police witness earlier this week told the commission that the taping equipment, which automatically recorded telephone and radio conversations by security force members, had been used incorrectly since its installation in

**ADRIENNE CARLISLE**

March

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All conversations recorded between about 2 pm on June 17 and 3 am on June 18 had been over-taped. The equipment ran ordinary commercial tapes, but only one side could be used or information would be erased.

On June 18, the day after the Boipatong massacre, police had flipped the tape in the machine, resulting in the destruction of all

information pertaining to action taken by security forces on the night of June 17.

Counsel for the commission J J du Toit read out the initial findings of Grinaker Electronics Agencies, which was charged with finding out how the information had come to be erased from the tapes.

The company found that the tapes had not been "bulk-erased per se", confirming that on completion of one side the tape was turned over for further recording.

## De Villiers: Hearing in camera?

PORT ELIZABETH — The State wants the initial hearings of the trial of three men for the murder of farmer Andre de Villiers to be held in camera.

And Mr Valence Watson, an ANC member and friend of the murdered man, has been receiving death threats

A police spokesman, Captain Henry Chalmers, said today one of the three men would appear in court in Kirkwood today, while the other two would appear tomorrow.

Police announced last night the arrest of the three, two of whom they said were members of Umkhonto we Sizwe.

The murder had earlier been linked to the Goniwe investigation

Captain Chalmers said an application would be made for the identities of the suspects to be protected, and the initial hearings to be held in camera, since an identification parade was still to be held

Mr Watson said he had received death threats over the weekend. He said it was peculiar that while the suspects were supposedly in custody, he and his family were receiving death threats — Ecna

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# Cops friendly, residents wary

By STAN MHLONGO

VAAL township residents this week received peace letters from smiling security force members deployed in the area

Amid the violence and ongoing tension between police and residents, the notices pleaded for help in restoring peace and love to the troubled township

The Vaal unrest, which began in 1984, has involved police and residents in chilling hate for hate games

Many policemen and residents have been killed in violent clashes

The animosity peaked at the Sebokeng massacre of 1990, when scores of residents were shot near the Sebokeng police station while on an illegal march to Vereeniging

However, the night vigil massacre of 1991, where residents were gunned down, was the only exception when police were not implicated in the massacre of residents

The Goldstone Commission into the Boipatong massacre of June 17, 1992, presently taking place in Vereeniging, has heard allegations by residents who claim the police were involved in the massacre.

So how would the police and troops eventually win the confidence of residents under the present blanket of animosity and hatred built by past clashes?

Seemingly taking a leaf from Norman Vincent Peale's novel *How To Make Friends And Influence People*, the troops and security forces have marched boldly into the townships

Mind you, this time there was little sign of aggression

In fact, Maki Motloung of Evaton remarked that it was the first time she had seen a smiling soldier - because the boys from the army and police descended on the Vaal townships wearing smiles on their faces

"We are battling to bring peace

and stability to the townships, please help us" the notices read

The troops went a step ahead in their attempt to improve their communication exercise with the residents and got into action themselves.

They played football with the township kids and enjoyed a few laughs as they mingled with their bitter "former rivals" - the Vaal community

However, Nhlanhla Mbatha of Evaton is sceptical about the return of peace and the removal of barricades in the Vaal by the troops

"There is no denying that the deployment of troops has provided a calming effect on the trouble-torn Vaal townships," he said

"What magical powers are they using? Or are they - as activists have always suspected - the notorious third force behind the violence waged on blacks by the faceless vigilantes?"

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# Suspect 'necklaced' by policemen

By S'BU MNGADI

A DURBAN youth was taken to a deserted spot, viciously assaulted and set alight while questioned by five policemen.

While Vusi Phiri, 20, sat sobbing in agony, the police drove off and left him by the roadside.

The evidence was given before magistrate DJ du Plessis in the Durban Regional Court this week, where the five policemen face a charge of attempted murder.

The accused are Lance-Sgt Mark Allan Lucy, 24, and constables David Wilhemus Potgieter, 19, Pierre Conrenius Laubscher, 18, and Bradford Brown, 19.

The five have pleaded not guilty.

During the hearing this week, Phiri removed his shirt before the court to reveal extensive scarring on his body.

Phiri said he was asleep at home on January 13 when a group of policemen arrived at about midnight. They put him in the back of a police van and drove him to nearby Marianhill Park.

The policemen told him they were looking for an unlicensed pistol.

Phiri denied ever possessing a

firearm and a black policeman said if he did not give them the pistol, he would hand him over to the white policemen.

The group made him sit down and assaulted him for about 20 minutes.

One of the policemen used a cigarette lighter to burn Phiri's toes, feet, ears and one hand. Phiri told the court he was barefoot and wearing only long trousers.

One of the policemen went to the van and returned with a tyre which he put around Phiri's neck. Another policeman returned with a can of petrol which he poured over Phiri's body. The third man held out a cigarette lighter. The petrol caught fire and the men jumped back.

## Mad

Phiri said the police watched him run away crying.

He told the court that the tyre fell off while he was running and he managed to remove his burning trousers.

He walked to a nearby house, whose occupants took him to Marianhill Hospital.

He spent three months in hospital and was still not perfectly well.

He said he could not identify any of his assailants.

Another witness, Const Barbara Bartels, said she accompanied the five policemen on January 13 in a crime prevention patrol during which they picked up Phiri.

Driving in two vehicles, they took Phiri to a bushy area.

She told the court that someone, who sounded like Phiri, said, "I am talking true."

Bartels then heard a "woof" sound and saw a man, who she later found out was Phiri, run past her, his upper body on fire. She got out of the car and said: "Are you mad?"

She walked towards the group and saw Phiri sitting on the side of the road with his head in his hands.

One of the policemen asked her to return to the car which she did.

They left Phiri sitting by the roadside and drove off.

Const Muziwamandla M Nzamande, of Kloof police station, said he drove in a police van with Potgieter and Laubscher.

A third witness, Nkosinathi Paulos Blose, said Lance-Sgt Lucy threatened him with violence if he divulged the evening's events.

The hearing continues.

# SAP's new eye in the sky monitors hotspots

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By Andrew Whitlock  
Crime Staff

integrated police and emergency services

Colonel Halgryn could not disclose the cost of the system, but said the SAP would approach the Government to subsidise the project

Andrew Phillips, marketing manager of Irene Commercial Enterprises, the company supplying the camera equipment, which is fitted to police helicopters, said the camera was effective over a radius of 60 km

But it could zoom in at closer range to photograph licence plates, as well as people and policemen at a particular crime scene

The images were relayed at three-second intervals and could be monitored by generals who wanted to keep an eye on the action and give commands to their officers

Mr Phillips said any reservations he had about SAP members not being able to handle the new equipment were soon dispelled "The motivation and enthusiasm of the SAP members involved in flying the helicopter and operating the camera equipment increased dramatically," he said

Police action in unrest and other areas can now be monitored from afar with sophisticated electronic equipment recently acquired by the police

Generals or commanding officers can control events in the field through the Locus Command and Control Integrator

The system had been used in Soweto for the past three weeks and has proved highly effective, according to SAP spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn

"The system is compatible with all existing police and emergency services systems, he said

"It's a pity we didn't have this new system before Boipatong, because we would have had a record of everything that happened," said Colonel Halgryn

The technology of Locus was more advanced than that currently used in Europe and would catapult the SAP into the league of American-style policing

The system used a geographical information system to pinpoint locations, incorporated infra-red photography, and fully

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# Police 'not in the clear yet'

## Erasure reports prove nothing - ANC:

INITIAL findings by experts charged by the Goldstone Commission to study erased police tape recordings in no way exonerated the police, the ANC said at the weekend.

The organisation denied newspaper reports that the initial evaluation of the tapes appeared to confirm the police's claims of accidental erasure.

It said the findings had merely determined that the tapes were erased by recording over the initial information.

"Whether this was done deliberately, or as the police claim, they have since March been systematically recording over previous messages, is a matter for the Goldstone Commission to determine," an ANC spokesman said.

Police told the Commission last week that tapes, which before erasure had recordings of security force radio calls made on the night of June 17 were erased by overtaping.

They denied that it had been deliberate to conceal information which may have proved crucial to the Commission's inquiry into security force complicity in the massacre.

# Seven policemen killed in 3 days

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Eight people were wounded, four seriously, in a hail of bullets directed at a police vehicle in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, on Saturday night.

Since Friday at least 21 people, including seven policemen, have died in political violence countrywide. Dozens of others have been injured.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber said the shooting took place at about 9 pm. A police vehicle stopped on the corner of Vasco de Gama Street and the Pretoria main road and was fired at by unknown gunmen with AK-47 assault rifles, R-1 rifles and shotguns.

Lieutenant Weber said the police did not return fire and withdrew because their vehicle was not bulletproof. None of the policemen were injured.

Police reinforcements later found seven men and a woman had been wounded in the shooting. They were taken to the Alexandra Clinic.

Earlier on Saturday, police

found the bodies of two men in Alexandra. One had been hacked and stabbed, and the other shot. In another attack, an unidentified man was stoned and injured.

And on the East Rand, police yesterday found the bodies of two men who had been hacked and stoned in Tembisa.

In Soweto, an unidentified man was shot dead and another seriously injured on Saturday night when gunmen opened fire on a train between Phomolong and Dube stations.

Late on Friday afternoon, an assistant constable, JZ Mtimkulu (26), was shot and wounded by three men at Merafe Station. A police spokesman said Constable Mtimkulu was in a satisfactory condition in Baragwanath Hospital.

The gunmen escaped with his service pistol and 15 rounds of ammunition.

In their unrest report for the 24-hour period ending at midnight on Saturday, police said a policeman was stabbed in the neck with a bottle in Kagiso,

near Krugersdorp.

At Riverlea station, west of Johannesburg, a man was slightly injured when he jumped from a moving train after being attacked and robbed.

At Sharpeville, in the Vaal Triangle, unknown gunmen fired at the police station and a bottle store. No injuries were reported.

In Langa, near Cape Town, police found the body of an unidentified woman. They arrested a suspect, and then used teargas to disperse people throwing stones at their vehicle, the unrest report added.

● Four policemen were killed and five wounded in two separate attacks at Mdantsane, in Ciskei, on Friday night. The attackers — said to be four heavily armed men and a woman — fled into Transkei after a high-speed chase and gunfight with SAP members.

Also on Friday, three policemen and two members of a gang were killed at Sokuhulu Reserve, Kwa-Mbonambi, near Empangeni, in a shootout.

# Claim against Kriel

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■ Azayo president sues for  
R150 000:

**By Monk Nkomo**

AZANIAN Youth Organisation president Mr Thami Mcerwa is claiming R150 000 in damages from the Minister of law and Order for being allegedly unlawfully arrested, assaulted and maliciously prosecuted

Mcerwa said he was arrested in Soweto on February 22 this year by three members of the South African Police

The policemen allegedly assaulted him, pointed a firearm at him and called him a "kaffir", Mcerwa's attorney, Mr Cyril Morolo, says in a letter to the Minister of law and Order, Mr Hernus Kriel

Mcerwa alleges he was taken to the Moroka police station where he was again assaulted by two plainclothes policemen

# Police probe ANC men's deaths

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Two ANC members who were injured during a shootout with police in the Empangeni area on Friday could have died at the hands of security force members while being taken to hospital, it was alleged yesterday.

Major-General Colin Steyn, Regional Commissioner of Police, said an investigation had been launched. Two members of the police internal stability unit and two members of the SADF were being held for questioning in connection with the deaths

of the two men, he said.

He said yesterday the police had gone to Mr Michael Mthethwa's house when they heard that Mr Simon Msweli, wanted on several counts of murder and armed robbery, was hiding there. During an ensuing gun battle, three policemen were killed and the two men were injured.

Two members of the internal stability unit and two members of the SADF were assigned to transport the injured men to hospital. However, the two were certified dead on arrival at the hospital.

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# Policeman stayed off work as a 'protest'

Staff Reporter

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A POLICEMAN has told the Wynberg Magistrate's Court that he did not report for duty for six months in protest against not being given a higher rank

Constable Mkululi Morara, 32, of Langa, also told the court yesterday that he was dissatisfied with being transferred from Nyanga police station to Manenberg, which also led him not to report for duty.

He has pleaded not guilty to charges of deserting his job as a policeman, falsifying a doctor's certificate and presenting a false statement to his superiors.

The State alleges that Constable Morara deserted his job from December 21, 1991, to June 30, 1992, and that within that period he had given his seniors a falsified doctor's certificate that purported to explain why he could not be on duty for part of the period of absence

Constable Morara told the court that he was not on official leave during that period, but that he was protesting against the fact that he had not been given a higher rank

The hearing has been postponed to October 9 and Constable Morara is out on warning

Mr J G Van Zyl was on the Bench, Miss I Nieman prosecuted and Mr J F Riley represented Constable Morara

# 'One cannot just arrest policemen'

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A former police detective yesterday admitted he would not have arrested a KwaZulu policeman and an Inkatha Freedom Party leader if he had had a chance to talk to them in Ulundi although warrants for their arrests had been issued

Johannes Jansen van Rensburg, a former detective warrant-officer, who had to investigate a shooting involving IFP and ANC supporters at a funeral procession at Wesselton near Ermelo in 1990, was testifying before a Goldstone Commission committee inquiry yesterday

He was asked by coun-

sel for the KwaZulu government and Inkatha, Louis Visser, if he could have arrested two men implicated in the shootings — a Warrant Officer Maseko of the KwaZulu Police and Godfrey Dlamini of Inkatha — if he had found them during his investigations in Ulundi

Mr van Rensburg said he could not simply arrest a policeman. He had to first question the person. Mr Visser said W/O Maseko claimed to have been questioned by the police but not arrested

Mr van Rensburg said he knew nothing about W/O Maseko being questioned because "I was not there" — Sapa

Vital clue to assassins in farmer's dying words to his wife

# Slain informer, 'knew killers'

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The Argus Correspondents

A DYING man's last words to his wife and a glimpse of four faces through a window are the vital clues in the murder of an Eastern Cape farmer who had key information about the slaying of activist Mr Matthew Goniwe.

Mr Andre Maasdorp de Villiers, 42, who had been providing information to the Press and the ANC about the the notorious SADF Hammer unit — alleged to have been involved in the murders of Mr Goniwe and three colleagues in 1985 — was gunned down in an ambush on his Addo farm Athelstone on Monday night.

Eastern Cape police are offering a R10 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers.

ANC regional chairman in Port Elizabeth Mr Linda Mti said Mr De Villiers died 45 minutes after he was shot, "but only after he had mentioned the name of a person to his wife. He said to his wife, that this was the work of so-and-so."

Mr De Villiers's 18-year-old son Louis, who narrowly escaped death when the killers fired at him, saw four men standing next to his father's bakkie seconds after the shooting.

Mr De Villiers's brother, Mr Francois de Villiers, said Louis and his mother Elizabeth were watching television when they heard two shots.

Louis rushed to the window and saw four men.

The men saw him at the window and shot at him, but missed. Louis ran outside with the family dogs and the men fled, Mr De Villiers said.

Another vital clue may be provided by a farm labourer who heard someone shout "stand still" as he was about to open the garage door for Mr De Villiers.

Eastern Cape police liaison officer Captain Henry Chalmers said a "full-scale force" of police was working on the case.

Police had determined that 9mm calibre guns were used to kill Mr De Villiers.

Captain Chalmers said police were investigating all possible avenues, including allegations that the Hammer Unit was involved.

But the initial investigation at the scene indicated the motive was robbery and that the slaying was not politically motivated.

Captain Chalmers said "Bags were found at the scene and this would appear to indicate that the killers intended carrying things away."

The pattern of the attack was similar to other robberies.

"We are suspicious about this being a political killing because, firstly, there were five men at the scene which is unusual for a political murder and, they gunned down Mr De Villiers outside his home, where his family were and where there were several lights, running the risk of being identified."

An investigation into "third force" activities by The Argus's sister newspaper the Star last week revealed dramatic new allegations of Hammer involvement in the slaying of Mr Goniwe and his colleagues.

The ANC said it had a telephone call from Mr de Villiers about 4 30pm on Monday. He said he had released some documents to Weekend Argus and the Sunday Tribune.

Weekend Argus on Sunday reported details of Hammer unit members making use of a panel-beating business in which Mr de Villiers had shares.

The investigation quoted Mr John Scott, a former Hammer member. Yesterday Mr Scott was named by the ANC as one of those mentioned by Mr de Villiers in his testimony to the organisation.

The ANC's Eastern Cape region, which is inquiring independently into Mr Goniwe's death, said Mr de Villiers had provided information and promised more on the Hammer unit — an elite special forces group.

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The petty officer 'had a problem with discipline', was "extremely arrogant" and

He denied kissing her and admitted giving

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# Goniwe informant murdered

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PORT ELIZABETH. — A man in the process of disclosing information about the "Hammer Unit", which was allegedly involved in the killing of activist Mr Matthew Goniwe, was killed on his farm near Addo on Monday night.

## Wife suspects politics as farmer shot dead

Mr André Maasdorp de Villiers, 42, was gunned down at his farm Athelstone as he parked his vehicle at 8.20pm

The ANC, which is inquiring into Mr Goniwe's death, said yesterday that Mr De Villiers had given them information about the Hammer Unit, allegedly made up of security force members, and was to provide more

Mr De Villiers's son Louis, 18, was watching television on Monday night with his mother, Elizabeth, 37, when they heard three shots outside

Louis rushed to the window and saw five men next to his father's vehicle. The men saw him and shot at him, but missed. Louis ran outside with the family's dogs and the men fled

Mr Francois de Villiers, the dead man's brother, said Louis had jumped into the bakkie and driven his father into town, but could not find the doctor

Mr De Villiers was certified dead by a doctor at the police station

Mrs De Villiers said her husband had been gunned down by five "well-dressed men"

She said that as he waited for a farm labourer to open the doors of the large shed adjoining the house, three shots rang out. He fell forward on to the car hooter

"They had just come to kill André, but they could have walked in and shot all of us"

Mrs De Villiers said her husband was wounded in a kidney and died about 20 minutes later

She had no doubts "The killing is politically motivated"

Mr Francois de Villiers said that as his brother

died he whispered the name of ANC member Mr Valense Watson and said "Tell him, he will work on this"

Mr Watson said Mr De Villiers had uncovered corruption in a Port Elizabeth township which had funded the Hammer Unit and "lived in fear of his life"

Mr Watson said the Hammer Unit were "only the foot soldiers"

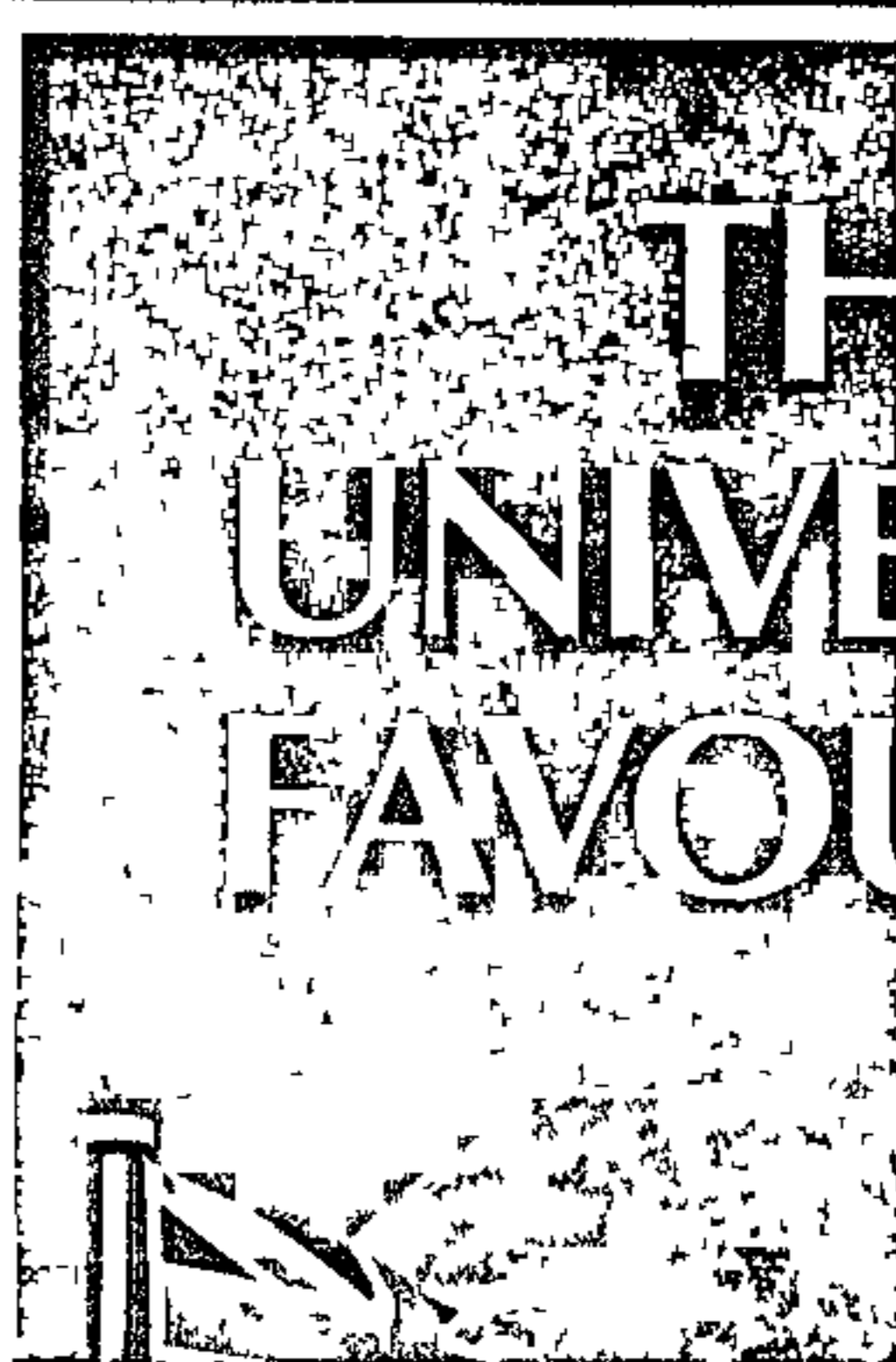
At a press conference at the ANC regional offices in Port Elizabeth yesterday, regional chairman Mr Linda Mti said Mr De Villiers had died after he voluntarily approached the ANC's Matthew Goniwe Task Force with information

Mr Mti said Mr De Villiers was one of those brave compatriots who came forward and volunteered to speak to the ANC about what he had suspected

"He was very concerned. Our links with him started three months ago. But he had not given us much except to tell us about the use of a panelbeating business — in which he had shares — by some individuals to change car registration number plates and to respray those cars

"He told us the men who brought the cars always wore balaclava caps and he recognised some of them as members of the Hammer Unit and this made him suspicious

Mr De Villiers had mentioned some names — Staff Reporter and Sapa





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Harding stood clutching the hand of her daughter Amanda as she was told that she would be released on her recognisances on condition she reported to the Somerset West police daily and was not to obtain a passport. Petrus Marais of the Office for Serious Economic Offences appeared for the State

The accused's mo-

## Police 'failed to intervene when ANC man was killed'

RAY HARTLEY

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POLICE had not intervened when former ANC guerrilla Lot Phalwane was shot dead in Alexandra on Monday, ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday. "During the shooting a police Casspir was seen driving past the house but, despite the gunshots, it did not stop," Mamoepa said in a statement

Police spokesman Lt Wilkus Weber yesterday denied the police were involved in any way in the killing. "A murder docket will be opened and the case will be fully investigated," he said

The ANC PWV region and the Alexandra branch of the organisation plan to investigate the killing which Mamoepa said was "not criminally motivated"

In a separate statement Mamoepa said the ANC welcomed a ceasefire between rival taxi organisations in the Ivory Park area. The ceasefire was brokered by the North East Rand dispute resolution committee on Monday after a weekend taxi war claimed at least eight lives. The committee's vice-chairman Pieter Geldenhuys said yesterday a formal agreement was to be signed between the Ivory Park, Alexandra and Tembisa taxi associations by Sunday, Sapa reports. Police said yesterday the house of a community councillor was petrol-bombed in KwaThema, and a woman was stabbed to death in Alexandra

burg where a 74% drop in company profits for the six months to end-June was announced.

## Cosatu plans 'tax rebellion'

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COSATU is making plans for a "tax rebellion" campaign in which pressure will be put on employers to withhold from government PAYE payments by employees who do not have the vote

The trade union federation is to put the idea to its alliance partners, the ANC and the SACP, at a meeting on Sunday

Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman said yesterday the tax monies collected should be redirected to a special trust fund for safekeeping until a "democratic" government had been installed

The money could then be used to provide basic services to impoverished communities, Coleman said

The proposed campaign formed part of the ANC/SACP/Cosatu alliance's mass action, which began on June 16 and which was aimed at the speedy establishment of a new government and an "end to the mismanagement of taxpayers' money"

Coleman said the modalities of the trust fund had yet to be discussed with all interested parties, but basic socio-economic

services, such as education and housing, were likely to be priorities. "We don't intend making this a Cosatu campaign we would like to involve many forces, including churches, consumer and human rights organisations, business and political parties," he said

Coleman said the seeds for the tax rebellion were sown among Cosatu members by last year's disclosures of government's funding of Inkatha

The constitutional structures of the Cosatu-ANC-SACP alliance would meet in Johannesburg on Sunday to discuss the proposed campaign and other mass action-related activities

He said if the alliance endorsed the campaign, the union federation would approach employers to "discuss workers' demands for their taxes to be redirected"

Saccola chairman Bokkie Botha said yesterday the employer body would have to discuss the issue with Cosatu and look into the legal ramifications

## Commonwealth to appoint own observers

SECRETARY-GENERAL

LONDON — The Commonwealth said yesterday it was organising about a dozen observers to help monitor the violence in SA

lat said in a statement Anyaoku and UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali had agreed the groups would work closely with each other and the national peace accord, it said

Chief Emeka Anyaoku was asking governments of the 50-nation organisation to suggest candidates for the observer group, which would arrive in SA at the end of September, the Commonwealth Secretary-General said



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# Koevoet men's fate debated

By Abdul Milazi

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The Namibian government should accept Koevoet members who wanted to return, to prevent them from committing further atrocities in South Africa, says Namibian Ministry of Information and Broadcasting secretary Bob Kandetu

Speaking in Johannesburg on Monday, Mr Kandetu said Namibian ministers were debating the return of members of Koevoet, the controversial police paramilitary unit accused by the ANC of fomenting violence in South Africa

"Any Namibian citizen serv-

ing in another country's army relinquishes his or her citizenship. Such people are not welcome in our country, especially those who were involved in the atrocities in South Africa. However, if we do not take them back they will continue killing people," said Mr Kandetu

Police spokesman Captain Burger van Rooyen said there were 626 Koevoet members serving as "labourers" in the South African police force. He said all had been granted South African citizenship

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said the ANC wanted Koevoet to be disbanded

# ANC seeks meeting over alleged police complicity

THE ANC's PWV region is organising a high-level meeting with the police to discuss a growing number of allegations of police complicity in violence, regional spokesman Ronny Mamoepa said yesterday

He said the police were often present at the scene of shootings, but failed to take statements from witnesses. He accused the police of shooting at residents of Selby hostel on Tuesday.

"The police failed to apprehend the perpetrators but immediately opened fire on the hostel inmates who were giving chase," he said.

Fourteen hostel dwellers had died in five separate attacks since mid-July, he said.

"In all incidences police conduct has revealed an unwillingness to respond. Where they responded, the police surrounded or subjected the hostel to a search after an attack, taking no statements from wit-

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nesses," Mamoepa said.

Police said yesterday they had been fired on when they tried to intervene in a gun battle at the hostel.

Automatic weapons and three other firearms were seized in a raid on the hostel, after a gun battle which left three dead and 11 injured, police said.

Sapa reports the SAP again complained yesterday the ANC was not abiding by the national peace accord, and that its allegations were designed to increase antagonism towards policemen.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lt-Col Dave Bruce's comments followed the shooting of Umkhonto we Sizwe member Lot Phalwane three days after his return from exile in Nigeria.

The ANC said Phalwane was shot dead in Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg, on Monday evening

and that a police Casspir driving past at the time had failed to stop.

The statement that a police Casspir was in the area at the time of the shooting "is a well-known ANC ploy designed to create the perception that the police were, in some way or the other, involved." The Human Rights Commission (HRC) said yesterday violence reverted to "its usual intensity" last week following the departure of UN monitors. Seventy-two people died in the week ending Tuesday, it said.

Sapa reports a man was killed and five others wounded in an attack on commuters at Nancefield station in Soweto yesterday. In another incident, two three-year-old children were burnt to death at a house near Scottburgh on the Natal south coast.

Five men were killed in Umbumbulu near Durban, bringing the total number who died in unrest on Tuesday to eight. A five-year-old child was among the people killed.

# 'Killer was hit

**STEFAANS BRUMMER**  
Staff Reporter

**PORT ELIZABETH —** Family and friends have attacked police statements that Mr André de Villiers, gunned down at his Addo farm on Monday after disclosing alleged hit-squad activities, seems a victim of common crime

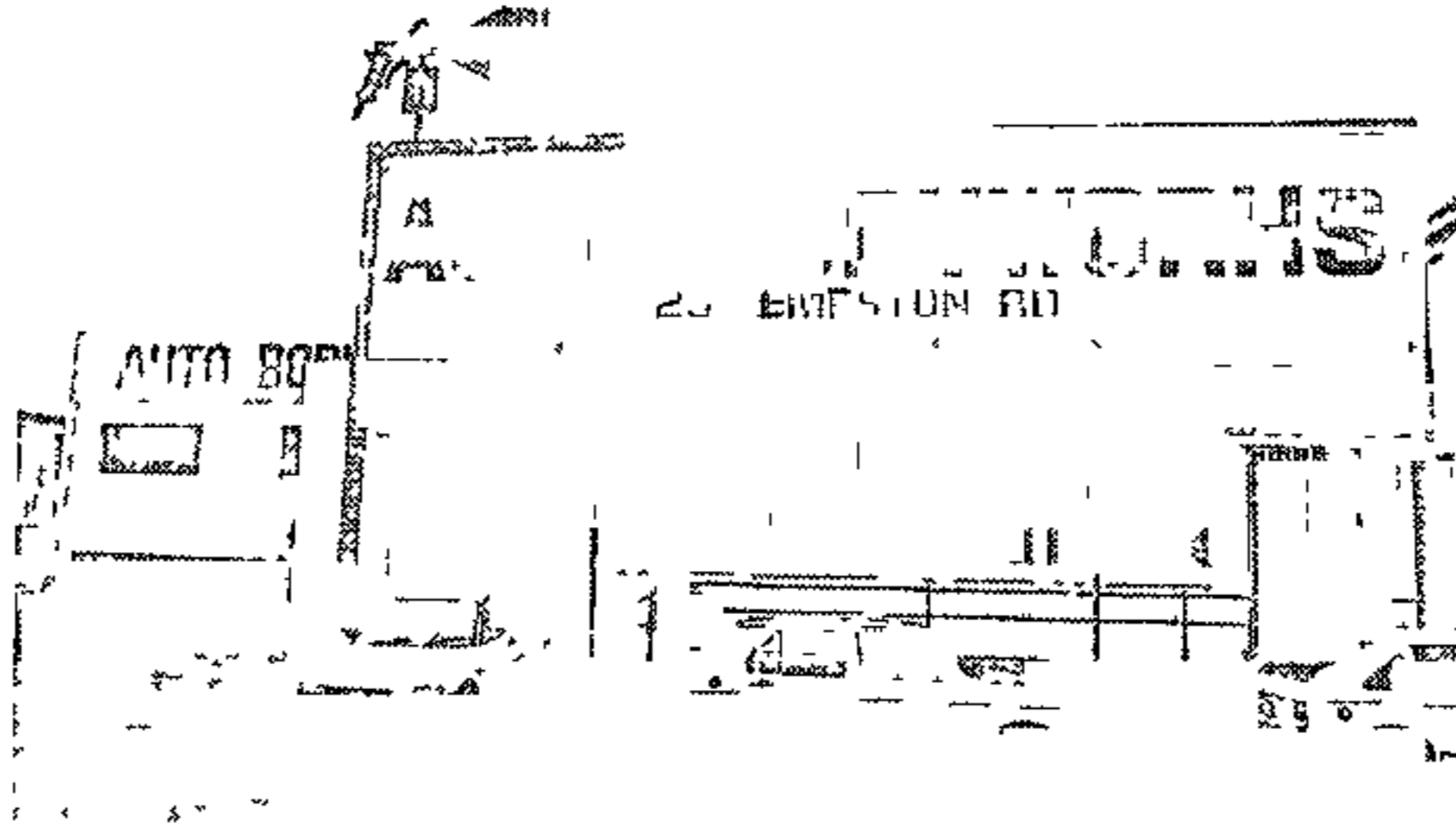
They point to evidence which seems to contradict police statements yesterday that robbery was the possible motive

The evidence includes Mr De Villiers' dying words that "this is a political set-up" and signs that the killer was a professional marksman

Eastern Province police commissioner, Major General Koos Calitz, said yesterday preliminary investigations indicated the motive was "a normal criminal act"

Police said their evidence was

- Empty bags found at the



**HAMMER BASE?** Auto Bodyworks, a panelbeating firm in Port Elizabeth, where Hammer activities allegedly took place Mr De Villiers was co-owner with Mr Dave Mandel until about seven years ago

scene, probably intended to remove loot

- Five people would not be used to assassinate someone
- The pattern of the attack was the same as at "countless" farm robberies in the Eastern Cape

● The attack took place in a well-lit area next to the house

- A political assassin would rather have ambushed the car outside in the street, where he could not have been identified
- But Mr De Villiers' son, Louis, 18, who rushed his father to



**Mr André de Villiers**

a doctor and the police station after the attack, yesterday reacted with indignation

He said he believed his father's dying words "Listen, (name given) is behind this It's a political set-up and a cover-up Ask Valence Watson about it"

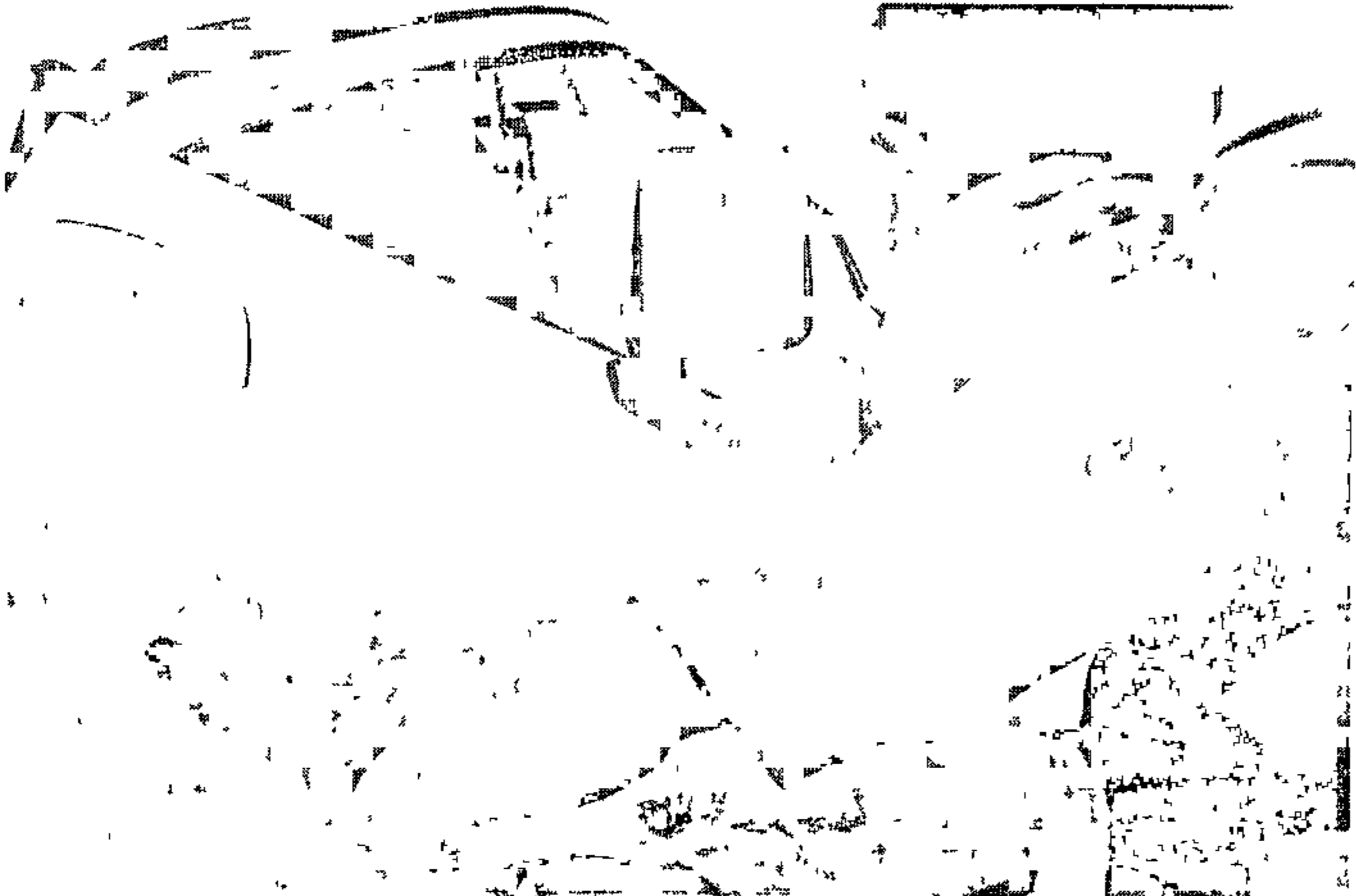
Mr De Villiers, 42, had earlier given information on hit squad activities to the ANC's task force investigating the Matthew Goniwe murders and to Mr Watson, an ANC member and friend from their rugby-playing days Both played for Eastern Province in the '70s

Louis de Villiers yesterday also disputed the police argument about the yard being well-lit, saying two of the three outside lights were the movement-sensitive type and would only have switched on after the arrival of his father's bakkie

He added "The house was open all day and night All the doors were open If they had wanted to rob they could have simply come in and shot us all"

Mr Watson commented on the police statement yesterday "Of course they will say that But, his dying words to his son was that it was political and a cover-up" A dying man had no need to lie, he said

An Argus team at the De Villiers farm saw yesterday that three shots fired by the assailant — only one apparently did the shooting while three or four looked on — at Louis and his stepmother, Elizabeth, as they



**BULLET HOLE:** The labourer, who does not want to be identified, who was with Mr De Villiers when he was shot, points to a bullet hole in the victim's bakkie

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looked from a window meters away after Mr De Villiers had been shot, were well-directed, but too low

There were bullet holes in the wall below the window sill, but the window itself was undamaged

Mr Watson's brother, Roddie, who was at the farm during a police inspection after the murder, said if the gunman had wanted to kill Louis and his stepmother, he would have been able to

"That marksman was paid to hit André and no-one else that's why the other shots missed"

The Watsons and the De Villiers family also point out Mr De Villiers had been in fear of

an attempt on his life

André's brother, attorney Mr Francois de Villiers, said yesterday that the night before the murder doors had been banged at the farm and the geese had become agitated About a month ago his brother had glimpsed a man with a rifle at his nearby brickworks

The timing of the attack, a mere four hours after Mr De Villiers had offered, over an allegedly tapped telephone, to give Mr Watson more information, has also raised suspicion that the motive had been political

Mr Watson believes the new information could have provided "a break" in the Goniwe investigations

# Police attacked crowd, court told

By DALE GRANGER

RIOT POLICE under the command of a former Koevoet officer allegedly fired teargas into a Robertson community hall on April 11, 1990, trapping residents, before firing rubber bullets at them as they ran out of the hall

This was evidence yesterday in the Worcester Regional Court where Major Johannes Calitz, 31, is being tried on charges of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and an al-

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ternative charge of negligently causing policemen under his command to shoot, causing 125 people to be injured

Mr Franklin Keyster, the manager of the Cosy Cove Hotel, said he had watched policemen throw two objects into the hall. About two minutes later people ran screaming from the hall and about 10 to 15 policemen had fired at them as they fled, Mr Keyster said

The trial continues today

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# 2 policemen killed escorting meat truck

Staff Reporters and Sapa

Two municipal policemen were shot with AK-47s while escorting a meat truck to a butchery in Katlehong, on the East Rand, yesterday

Police spokesman Captain Burger van Rooyen said the murder brought to 143 the number of policemen killed this year. Last year, 145 policemen were killed.

The constables, whose names have not yet been released, were stationed in Katlehong.

The driver of the truck suffered several bullet wounds and was admitted to Natalspruit Hospital where he is in a stable condition.

Police said the policemen were robbed of their firearms.

Detectives of the East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad are investigating, and can be contacted with information at (011) 845-2820, all hours. A substantial reward is being offered.

In other unrest over the past two days

● One person was killed and five were injured in a shooting at Nancefield station, Soweto, yesterday morning. Police said the shooting occurred when Nancefield hostel dwellers were boarding a train.

At New Canada station, police removed the man's body from the train.

● A man was killed and three people were arrested during a

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police raid on a home in Murchison, near Port Shepstone, yesterday. Police said ANC member Sifiso Ngcobo (22) was killed when he pointed an AK-47 at policemen. Mr Ngcobo was wanted for murder.

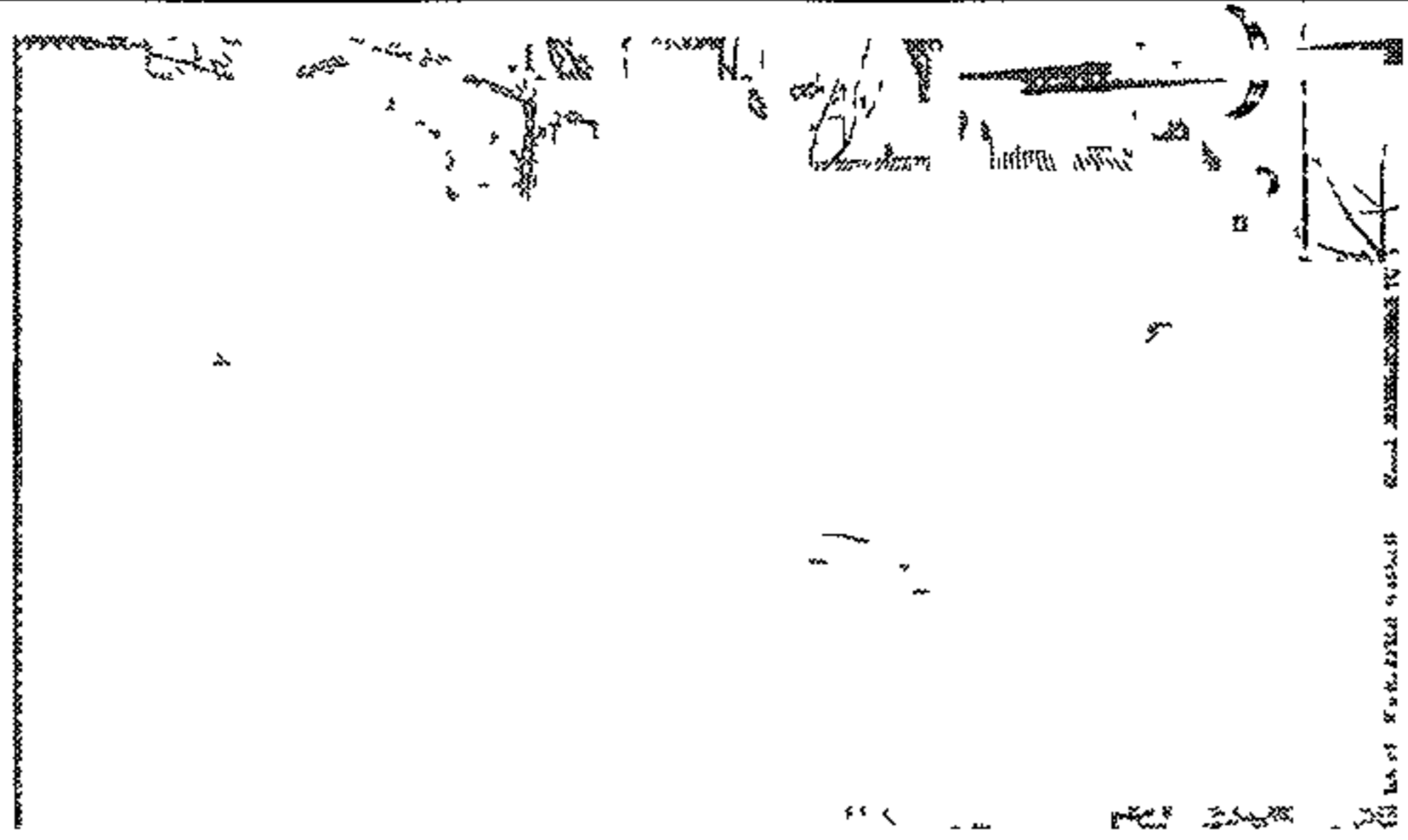
However, the local branch of the ANC said Mr Ngcobo was alive and well. A spokesman said the ANC did not have to explain to the police why police uniforms were found in the house because the people arrested were not ANC members.

Police said an arms cache was also found during the raid, and they were investigating if the men were involved in Tuesday's attack in the Umbumbulu area, south of Durban.

Five people, including a five-year-old, were killed when gunmen in security force clothing raided Mpushini township, at Umbumbulu. Yesterday, two more bodies were found in the vicinity of the attack. One, in an SAP camouflage jacket, is believed to have been one of the attackers.

● Three men were shot dead and 14, including a policeman, were wounded in a shootout at the Selby hostel in Johannesburg on Tuesday night. Police searched the hostel yesterday and seized various weapons.

● A woman was stabbed to death in Alexandra, near Sandton, on Tuesday. Her body was found at the women's hostel in Fourth Avenue.



**SCENE OF SHOOTING:** The entrance to Mr De Villiers' farm Athelstone where he was gunned down on Monday night

## Witness protection under spotlight

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — Concern is being voiced in human rights circles over the adequacy of measures to protect potential witnesses in cases such as the Goniwe killings

This comes after the murder of Mr André de Villiers who was giving information to the ANC and the Press about the "Hammer unit"

Sources say the murder will "scare off" others who might be able to shed light on crimes under investigation.

The sources believe witness protection programmes must be looked into again and that a widely publicised call should be made for witnesses to come forward — and it should be accompanied by the promise of full protection.

However, judicial sources said yesterday that informants revealing information which placed their lives at risk were not taking advantage of the State's existing witness protection programme

According to Lawyers for Human Rights director Mr Brian Currin, this could be because witnesses feel "uncomfortable" about entrusting their safety to the State. He added he believed the State was not properly implementing its programmes in any case

"Our programme is the only one functioning," he said. LHR funds and runs a witness pro-

tection programme independently of the State

The Department of Justice disputed this, saying its programme — announced in a Government Gazette earlier this month for the purpose of protecting witnesses in court cases and the Goldstone Commission — is operating

A departmental spokesman could not give further details, although Goldstone Commission vice chairman Mr Neil Rosseau confirmed the scheme was functional

He said it was important for the public to know that protection was available in the form of safe houses, allowances and security

Judicial sources in the eastern Cape, where dramatic evidence is unfolding regarding the SADF "Hammer unit" and its alleged connection with the Goniwe killings, said no informants had applied for witness protection. Mr De Villiers had apparently been advised to apply for protection but declined to do so

Eastern Cape Attorney-General Michael Hodgen, who is heading a new probe into the Goniwe murders, said he had taken "extraordinary" measures prior to the State's protection scheme to safeguard a witness who supplied him with a list of names of people allegedly involved in murders. But she had "left of her own volition", he said

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# Hammer probe: Cops 'have info'

## Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The brother of Addo businessman Mr André de Villiers, who was murdered this week after disclosing information about the Goniwe murders, alleges the police have information about "the destruction of people"

Mr Francois de Villiers, an attorney, said the police were reluctant to follow up information about the Hammer unit which allegedly carried out political murders

"My brother started investigating fraud

at the Ibhayi city council some years ago. He told the police everything he knew. The matter was squashed. André gave details to the police and co-operated with them. He told them about the fraud. Later on he gave them information concerning the destruction of people. He saw certain things," Mr De Villiers said.

"The strange thing is that the people involved in the frauds were also the people involved in the elimination of people."

"Just before André's death he phoned me in Pretoria to say he had more information. I said, 'keep that information for when I come down (to the Eastern Cape)' "

● Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development Dr Tertius Delport yesterday denied Mr André de Villiers discussed the Hammer unit with him.

Dr Delport was asked to comment on a claim by Mr Valence Watson that Mr De Villiers had given Dr Delport information on the unit and people linked to it.

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# Addo killing: Suspects named

PORT ELIZABETH — Police last night released the names of the three men who have appeared in court in connection with the murder of Mr Andre de Villiers, the Addo farmer who was shot outside his home last Monday

The men are Mr Xolani Mcinane, 23, Mr Tamsanqa Mali, 22, and Mr Lindile Stemela, 23

One of the men appeared in the Kirkwood Magistrate's Court on Monday. The other two appeared in the same court yesterday

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Their appearances were brief, they were not asked to plead and no evidence was led. The case was postponed to September 1, when the men will appear in the court at Addo

Mr De Villiers was shot hours after he spoke to ANC member Mr Valence Watson about information he intended to disclose about the Hammer unit, which has been mentioned in connection with the killing of Mr Matthew Goniwe and three other Cra-

dock activists

The names of the suspects were withheld and their court appearances held in camera so as not to prejudice identification parades held on Monday and last night, police duty officer Captain Johan Victor said last night

The police took one of the suspects to Mr De Villiers's farm, Atherstone, yesterday as part of the investigation

Police are still searching for the fourth suspect

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# Police unit on cycles for Boland

Staff Reporter

**POLICEMEN** on bicycles will soon patrol the Boland where a 30-man mobile unit has been introduced to stamp out the mounting suburban crime wave

The unit consists of a caravan charge office, a mobile jail, two vans and six policemen on bicycles

The mobile unit has been set up by Colonel Ferdi Louw, who heads the Stellenbosch Crime Prevention Unit to redress the "severe problem of housebreaking that have arisen in the area, especially in the case of the aged"

Yesterday the campaign began in Somerset West and each day the unit will appear in a randomly selected suburb or central district in Stellenbosch, Somerset West or the Strand Soon bicycles on the beat will be a common feature of 20 other rural police stations, including Hermanus and Villiersdorp

Police assistant Anthony Elias said cycling was better than being in a van

# 'Teargas caused chaos'

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## Warrant Officer pleads not guilty to charge of assault with intent

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Staff Reporter

AS THE crowd at a Robertson community meeting sang Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika, teargas canisters were lobbed through a window, sending people screaming and crying in all directions, the Worcester Regional Court has heard

Former advice office worker Mr Ignatius Davids told the court yesterday he was on the stage when he saw a man "with something in his hand" smash one of the hall windows "More than one" teargas canister came flying into the hall

Chaos had ensued as the crowd panicked and broke open the side doors, falling over each other in their efforts to escape, he said

Mr Davids was giving evi-

dence in the trial of former Koevoet bush fighter Warrant Officer Dirk Daniel Johannes Calitz, 31, who has pleaded not guilty to assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm

Warrant Officer Calitz, who was in charge of a riot unit sent to Robertson in April 1990, is alleged to have assaulted residents by throwing teargas canisters at them and ordering policemen under his command to fire rubber bullets, teargas and birdshot

He faces an alternative charge of contravening the Firearms Act by negligently ordering policemen to shoot, resulting in people being injured

Mr Davids claimed yesterday that immediately after the crowd was teargassed, birdshot

was fired into the hall, wounding at least one person on the stage

Witness Mr Franklin Keyster, manager of the Cosy Cove Hotel at Robertson, told the court he had watched from his hotel room as a policeman threw two 'objects' through a window of the hall

He said 10 to 15 policemen "in blue bush pants" had shot at the people as they fled

Two other witnesses, Mrs Gertruida Adams and Miss Alfreda Carolus, alleged they had been knocked down as they ran from the hall

Mrs Adams said she had found herself lying flat on one of the broken-down side doors but had "crawled out from under the people and ran to save my life" She was later treated

for birdshot injuries to her neck, head, chest, both arms and her stomach

According to Miss Carolus, she tripped and fell outside the hall She leapt up and ran, only to find herself face-to-face with armed policemen A man had run towards her shouting "Turn around girl or you'll be shot"

Both women claimed the meeting was "calm and orderly" prior to the arrival of the police

Warrant Officer Calitz's defence is that people at the meeting were breaking down the hall and had locked the doors so that the police could not enter Police were later forced to fire because the people were attacking them

The hearing continues

# Watson 'is next on Hammer death list'

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Staff Reporter

PORT ELIZABETH — Valence Watson, friend and confidant of murdered Addo farmer Mr Louis de Villiers, believes he is "next on the list".

Mr Watson, who works for the ANC's human resources department, is the person Mr De Villiers confided in about the SADF's clandestine Hammer unit in the months before his death.

Mr Watson said a source had alleged that "laughing" Hammer members had said he was next.

He said Mr De Villiers approached him with allegations about a huge fraud involving the Ibhayi Town Council and the Hammer unit after going to the police, his Member of Parliament, Deputy Constitutional Development Minister Mr Tertius Delpont, and Democratic Party MP Mr Eddie Trent, without success.

"Andre, who was apolitical,

went to the police He trusted them. He went to his Member of Parliament He trusted him. He went to Trent. He trusted him. Then eventually he came to me in desperation."

Mr Delpont has denied being approached by Mr De Villiers, but Mr Trent has confirmed that he was approached.

Mr Watson said Mr De Villiers had stumbled on the alleged Ibhayi fraud and Hammer activities when he was partner in a Port Elizabeth panelbeating business.

An example of the alleged fraud was to "get a vehicle from the Ibhayi Town Council to fix up a dent that would cost R100, but they would charge R10 000," Mr Watson said.

A cell of Hammer operatives also used the panel shop as a meeting place.

"They would come and have their meetings there They would arrive and change their number plates."

# Minister raises murder case reward to R50 000

LAW and Order Minister Hernus Kriel announced last night that, because of serious allegations of government involvement in the murder of Addo farmer Andre de Villiers, he was raising the reward from R10 000 to R50 000 for information leading to the conviction of the killers.

De Villiers' body was found on his farm on Monday. It is alleged he had information on an SADF hit squad called the "Hammer unit" which allegedly could have been involved in the murder of Cradock activist Matthew Goniwe and three others.

Kriel said all avenues of investigation were to be pursued "with the greatest vigour in order to establish the truth as rapidly as possible".

He promised that a senior and experienced investigative team under the direction of Eastern Cape Regional Commissioner Maj-Gen Koos Calitz would be formed immediately to probe the case.

"I wish to give the assurance that everything possible will be done to apprehend those responsible for this murder and to establish the truth and

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motive behind his killing," Kriel said.

Meanwhile, at a news conference in Pretoria yesterday, President F W de Klerk raised the possibility of appointing a judicial commission of inquiry into Goniwe's death.

He said the latest information indicated a breakthrough in the investigation, but should prosecutions not follow the option of an inquiry could be exercised.

He said the De Villiers case was getting the best possible attention and, on his instructions, "no effort will be spared" to find the murderer.

Asked if he had confidence in his Military Intelligence chief Gen Joffel van der Westhuizen and whether it was not time to dispose of him, De Klerk said he had full confidence in the legal system and only once evidence was forthcoming and could be proved would he take action.

DP MP (PE Central) Eddie Trent said he and DP defence spokesman Gen Bob Rogers had sent a memorandum to De Klerk stating that De Villiers had information on the Ham-

mer unit and its links with the killing of Goniwe and also with other serious fraud cases.

Trent said he had often spoken to De Villiers, who had made it clear he feared for his life. He said he and Rogers were collecting information.

The ANC called yesterday for the immediate introduction of a witness protection programme to be put under the direct control of the Goldstone commission.

"Such a witness protection programme should be widely publicised in order to counter the reign of fear and terror that any potential witness is faced with," it said in a statement.

It said such steps were essential to ensure the murderers of Goniwe "and the many other SA compatriots do not go free".

"The events of the past days only strengthen our belief that there are highly placed people in government and security structures who are desperate to prevent their involvement in murder and political terror being revealed. Is this the reason government is now so eager to declare a blanket amnesty?" it asked.

## Police success rate greatly improved, says Kriel

INNOVATIVE crime-fighting methods, improved equipment and an expanded personnel base had greatly strengthened the efficiency and success of the police, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel told a media briefing yesterday. He said a decision on getting the SADF to assist po-

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lice was imminent.

Kriel said more than 2 400 police assistants had been posted countrywide this year and more than 3 400 assistants were in training. In September a further 3 020 assistants would start training. More

than 2 155 permanent force members were undergoing training.

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Kriel said a matter of extreme concern was the number of police being attacked. To date, 145 had been killed. Drastic protective measures had to be taken, which included providing bulletproof jackets.

On CBD crime, Kriel said more than 73 business watches had been established countrywide with more than 450 policemen involved. More than 25 000 businesses were visited every week.

He said an efficient informer system was in

place. The reward system had also been upgraded. Since March, an additional 2 555 informers had been registered.

Kriel said the crime prevention exercises held countrywide recently would be held regularly.

The police air wing had also been invaluable in the crime fight and, when used, led to a reduction of up to 80% in crime in a region.

There was a need for more aircraft, and as soon as funds were available this would be met.

Kriel said of the 80 satellite police stations envisaged, 55 were operating and an additional 80 stations were being planned.

A further 32 contact police points had also been established since March as well as 10 mobile stations.

### Reserve approves plan

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est choice

**N**TIETSIIE MOSTER XABA is caught between a hostile township community chanting "kill a cop a day" slogans and angry policemen who he says threaten him at work and at home.

The 21-year-old special constable told the Goldstone Commission last week that he saw a camouflaged armoured vehicle in Boipatong on June 17, the night of the massacre.

"The police think I am mad, but I am telling the truth," he says.

On the night of June 17, he was sleeping in his shack at the back of his parent's home in Magola Street in Boipatong. Woken by a noise, he went outside and saw a Casspir coming down the street towards his house moving in the direction of Slovo Park.

"As I stood there, I saw two people walking in front of the Casspir and later noticed that there were people behind the Casspir as well." He alleges that the men walking at the back of the Casspir were dressed in camouflage uniform and the men at the front were dressed in white overalls and red headbands.

A week after he had made a statement, a captain at the Vanderbijlpark police station told him to "correct mistakes" in his deposition.

**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY**

# Living in terror for

# doing an honest job

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*A black policeman who has testified*

*before the Goldstone Commission is*

*now living in fear of assassination.*

**JACQUIE GOLDING spoke**

*to Ntetsie Xaba*

get the chance," he said after relating an incident where two policemen came to his parents' home and kicked the front door in search of him. This, he claims, occurred after he had been told to change his statement.

His problems with colleagues are only part of his ordeal. "The people in the adjacent townships are always targeting policemen," he says.

After the Boipatong massacre, he says, a group of men tried to burn down his parent's home, they

had discovered that he was a policeman. The house of his brother, also a policeman, was destroyed by arsonists.

Dressed in casual gear and laughing at his own jokes, Xaba becomes quiet and evasive when prodded about where he is living now.

He leans back and frowns "I did not testify so that the people will think I am looking for publicity but because the scene that I witnessed shocked me and the truth must be told."

The youngest son in a family of eight children, Xaba could not find work after completing Standard Eight. He joined the Riot Unit in 1990. He trained at Maleoskop south east of Groblersdal during September 1990 for four months before being transferred to Evaton police station, where he worked for a few months.

Presently, he is stationed at Boipatong police station attached to the Riot Unit. "I enjoy the

work," he adds, "but it is dangerous and the people often want to kill you."

He says he doesn't blame people for their reaction towards him: "They think all policemen are bad, but only some are corrupt. Others, like myself, are merely trying to do an honest job."

Xaba charges that racism exists in his unit. "I wanted a firearm but they refuse to give us one to take home, even though I spent R100 on a safe to store it," he says. "My white colleagues take three pistols and other weapons home but not me. They stay in posh suburbs but I have to go into the township unarmed."

Major Johan Vorster, of the Vereeniging Internal Stability Unit, stated that Xaba's allegations were "nonsense" and that black constables were allowed to take firearms home once their application had been approved. "The purchase of a safe is a prerequisite set out by the law," Vorster said.

Xaba, who has no political affiliation, says he decided to speak out after realising that the police might be involved in the Boipatong massacre.

Now he is living at an undisclosed address and is not sure whether he will continue in the police force. He is afraid and feels he needs protection. "Sometimes I don't know what to do. I live each day in fear of my life. I don't take taxis to work because you never know who is watching you."



# Forensic chief Neethling calls it a day

By Helen Grange  
Pretoria Bureau

SA Police forensic chief Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling is to retire at the end of the month

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Coetzee named him as the alleged mastermind behind the concoction of poisons designed to kill ANC members

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Neethling had lied to both the court and the Harms Commission of Inquiry into politically motivated murders

Replying to questions yesterday about the circumstances of his retirement, General Neethling said "I am just retiring I have been in the civil service since 1957"

## Neethling calls for stronger policing

PRETORIA — Police forensics specialist General Lothar Neethling says he opposes efforts to force the SAP into softer policing policies

He told a Johannesburg newspaper this week that he thought the police force should become stronger and more autocratic. The masses could not be controlled without a strong police force, as in Japan.

A bill of rights would solve nothing, and a structure should be created to make South Africans more law-abiding, he said.

General Neethling, 57, retires on August 31 — Sapa

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# Court told of chaos in teargassed hall

By DALE GRANGER

IN the trial of a former Koevoet officer, the court was told yesterday of the chaos inside the Robertson Community Hall after police had fired teargas

A man who had attended the meeting told the court he had struggled through the hall looking for his wife as people were panicking, trying to escape

"After the first shots went off it was chaos. People were pleading and praying just to get out," Mr Willem Maurise, 38, said

The policeman in command of the riot unit sent to the hall, Warrant Officer Dirk Calitz, 31, has pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and to the alternative charge of negligently ordering policemen to shoot and cause 125 people to be injured

Mr Maurise said he had found his

wife on the stage of the hall twice but after losing her again he could not breathe and "just wanted fresh air"

"People were pushing up against the main doors and it was dark from the smoke. After I got out they (the police) shot at me but missed"

Mr Maurise said he had ran from the police but was shot in the calf

Later he was taken to hospital in a bakkie and the next morning he met up with his wife, whose arm and leg were in plaster

Mr Willie Matthys said the police had fired their guns for about five minutes and when he escaped from the hall he was confronted with between five and 10 policemen and was shot in the back of the leg and wounded behind the ear ET 21/8/92

Mr Matthys said he had hidden behind a wall for about five minutes

The trial continues today (25)

# ANC is harassed by police, MP says

## Political Staff

THE police are harassing and terrorising the ANC in the rural areas of the Western Cape, the ANC MP for Claremont, Mr Jan van Eck, said yesterday

The Defence Force in the Western Cape had "a fine record", but this was not the case with the police

Mr Van Eck told an Institute of Citizenship meeting in Cape Town that he had experienced police harassment of the ANC in recent trips to the rural areas

## Tyres slashed

"Everywhere we went we were pursued by the police"

An ANC organiser had his tyres slashed at Oudtshoorn but was not even allowed to lay a charge

Mr Van Eck said that if an ANC government used such tactics, he would fight them

In the two years since President F W de Klerk had taken over government, there had been more killings than ever

The present security forces had to be purged very seriously and very deeply

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# 'Teargas turned orderly meeting into chaos'

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AN ORDERLY meeting turned into chaos when riot police under the command of a former Koevoet officer fired teargas into a hall in Robertson in 1990, the Worcester Regional Court has been told

This was the evidence of a furniture salesman, Mr Willem Mauries, who was testifying in the trial of Warrant Officer Dirk Daniel Johannes Calitz, 31, who has pleaded not guilty to assault with intent to com-

mit grievous bodily harm  
Warrant Officer Calitz was in charge of a riot unit sent to Robertson where a meeting was being held to protest against electricity and water costs and housing shortages

The State alleges that more than 100 people were injured after Warrant Officer Calitz gave the order to fire teargas into the hall and later rubber bullets and birdshot at the fleeing crowd

# Larger SAP more efficient <sup>21/8/92</sup> now <sup>(251)</sup> — Kriel

Own Correspondent

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# Police tortured 15 — forensic expert

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**H**ARD on the heels of pathologist Jonathan Gluckman's revelations about deaths in police custody, another forensic expert has made startling charges about police torture and the current inability of South Africa's courts to deal with such allegations

Internationally renowned forensic psychiatrist Professor Michael Simpson has been called as an expert witness in 15 human rights cases since 1985. In many of these cases, he says, there was overwhelming evidence corroborating torture claims

And in a related development, African National Congress national executive committee member Ibrahim Ibrahim has confirmed to *The Weekly Mail* that he is to sue the government for torture and unlawful abduction, following his alleged kidnapping from

Swaziland by security forces in 1986. The case starts in late October.

In what is expected to be a watershed case which may open the floodgates for scores of similar damages claims, Ibrahim will tell the supreme court that he was subjected by police to uninterrupted noise for four consecutive days and nights.

Simpson's accusations raise serious questions about the government's current call for a general amnesty. Such an amnesty, he feels, will not only allow torturers to go free, but will also make it almost impossible for survivors of torture and their families to sue the police for alleged torture crimes

From the cases in which he has been involved, Simpson supplies many examples of irregularity

In the infamous Donald Madisha case, brought to court by the family of

*A second independent forensic*

*expert has come forward with*

*further evidence that detainees*

*were tortured by police and*

*the judicial system has been*

*woefully inadequate in*

*dealing with this.*

*By MARK GEVISSER and*

**ROSALEE TELELA**

a Potgietersrus activist who died in detention in June 1990, Simpson was called to give evidence, and found it "astounding, given the irregularities, that neither the police nor medical officials were found culpable"

Among these irregularities were the following

● The district surgeon diagnosed Madisha as being "schizophrenic" on the night before his death, after a supposed full examination that was conducted in a dimly lit cell with Madisha standing upright and fully dressed "No competent medical doctor," comments Simpson, "would give such an examination"

● The district surgeon then prescribed valium, the wrong treatment for schizophrenia, and claimed to give Madisha a 10mg intravenous injection of the drug, even though an autopsy found no valium in Madisha's body "It is flatly and utterly impossible for there to have been no valium in the bloodstream if indeed it was administered the previous day," Simpson comments.

● The district surgeon testified that

upon examining Madisha's hanged body, he estimated that that the body had been dead for 15 minutes. "There is absolutely no way of arriving at so precise a time," says Simpson, "unless you have watched the death and are counting the minutes"

● Another district surgeon, who regularly examined Madisha, recorded conflicting diagnoses at the prison and in his private notes. According to the prison notes, Madisha had no ailments, according to the doctor's private notes, Madisha was suffering from chronic appendicitis and severe abdominal pain

Other cases investigated by Simpson showed astonishingly large quantities of a muscular enzyme called creatine kinase, which could only have been caused by muscular damage and, under the conditions of detention, only electric shock could have been responsible. In these cases, the police denied using electro-shock torture, even once claiming that the high quantity of an unclotted red substance in a victim's urine was the result of a "beetroot meal"

While Simpson praises Gluckman for his disclosures that he had recorded almost 200 deaths in custody, he says that "inquests are not the answer. There's a difference between a paper inquest which can take five minutes over a cup of tea, and a public inquiry in which survivors' families and independent experts can give evidence

"The police themselves need such inquiries," Simpson continues. "Our country needs a police force and that police force needs to be above suspicion. That is why so many countries, even where police misconduct is very rare, have elaborate procedures to prevent it and a proper system of investigation to check and balance it"

The problem, he feels, is not only that the state botches and/or conceals its own medical evidence, but that it is almost impossible to prove allegations of torture in court. "If you have been detained under Section 29," he says, "you are in solitary confinement and are not even allowed a pen and paper to keep notes. You are in a situation in which it is very difficult to keep track of time and of events, and there is no one independent to check up on your bruises"

"If indeed you are assaulted, only the very people who assault you have the hard evidence, and they're hardly going to testify against themselves"

Unless victims have actually lost eyes or suffered permanent physical damage, it is their unprovable testimony versus that of policemen who can refer to lengthy docket-books

Furthermore, the victims are often poor black people who do not have the resources to fight the state, which has access to as much expert legal and medical advice as it needs. Attorney Shirley Walsh, who represents many torture victims, says "the majority of these cases are settled out of court, for minimal sums. If the points are to discipline the police and compensate the victims, these out-of-court settlements fail on both counts"

# 'Valuable leads' in Addo case

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — A major breakthrough in the investigation of the murder of Addo farmer Mr Andre de Villiers can be expected soon, Eastern Cape Police Commissioner Major-General Koos Calitz said yesterday.

He said it was not possible to give further information.

The police investigation was at a sensitive stage and valuable leads were being followed up, General Calitz said.

Police spokesman Captain Henry Chalmers said the attackers were five black men.

Speaking from Addo, widow Mrs Liz de Villiers said "I know they were black men because I saw one of them firing at me in the house. I'm not entirely sure, but I think there were about five of them."

"I have a vivid picture of the man who fired at me. The bullets hit the wall. But we knew that Andre had been hit. Our concern was for Andre at that moment, not ourselves."

"Andre had fallen forward on the hooter and the hooter was going all the time."

Asked if there was light enough for her to see clearly the face of the man who shot at her, she said "The main lights were off, but the lights that go on and off (security lights activated by

## MPs ask for full probe of Hammer

Political Staff

THE prompt action taken by President FW de Klerk over the murder of Mr Andre de Villiers was welcome, but his announcement was disappointing, the Democratic Party said yesterday.

The MP for Port Elizabeth Central, Mr Eddie Trent, and the MP for Walmer, Lieutenant-General Bob Rogers, said in a joint statement that they had requested that the whole field of covert operations in PE, particularly those of the SADF's Hammer unit, should be investigated.

There appeared to be a link between the murder of Mr Matthew Goniwe and three others, the arrest of Ms Pamela du Randt, allegedly an ex-member of Hammer, in London recently, corruption in Ibhayi, the tapping of Mr Adriaan Vlok's telephone and the murder of Mr De Villiers

activity) were on and I have a vivid recollection of his face."

Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel has announced that the reward for information leading to conviction of the murderers has been increased from R10 000 to R50 000.

Democratic Party MP for PE Central Mr Eddie Trent and MP for Walmer Lieutenant-General Bob Rogers yesterday said in a joint statement they were pleased that the Goldstone Commission had a representative in the investigation.

He is Lieutenant-Colonel Henk Helsinga, who this week inspected the scene of the murder and has returned to Pretoria to report to Mr Justice Goldstone.

# Street kids to meet with cops

By Lucas Mati

TALKS HAVE been scheduled between police and street children in an attempt to end alleged harassment

The Cape Town children's project, Molo Songololo, last week organised a delegation of street children to hand a list of complaints to police detailing alleged maltreatment

In the list 15 children alleged that on at least 12 occasions they were harassed or arrested by police

During several of the incidents they claimed to have suffered physical abuse at the hands of police officers

The boys alleged that during some of the arrests they were tear-gassed in police cells. Some claimed they were sprayed with teargas in the face, kicked and punched

In the most severe case, according to Molo Songololo, a boy received stitches in hospital after he

had allegedly been kicked several times by police

"Every time we were picked up we were punched and kicked and our faces sprayed with teargas," said the children, whose ages range from 14 to 18 years

Mr Patric Solomons of Molo Songololo said they wanted to draw attention of the police to the plight of children

Police spokesperson Major Denise Brand said a meeting would be set up between street children and the station commanders of Woodstock and Mowbray police stations

"I specifically asked the children whether the complainants wanted to lay charges. They said they would find out and let me know," Brand said.

She added police could not investigate any cases of assault until formal complaints had been made

"To date no official docket has been registered of any alleged police harassment or assault"

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# Cop deaths: Five Soweto men held

JOHANNESBURG — Soweto police have arrested five men they believe are responsible for murdering policemen in the township, police confirmed yesterday

Police spokesman Lieutenant Eugene Henning said detectives had recovered eight weapons including four police service pistols, but that their serial numbers had been filed off and it was difficult to trace them to their owners

Lieutenant Henning said ballistic tests would be conducted to match the weapons with their owners

At least 145 policemen have been killed in South Africa since the beginning of the year, but Lieutenant Henning could not say how many of the deaths occurred in Soweto

The suspects are expected to appear in court on Monday

● Three people were killed and eight others, including a policeman and a youth, were injured in violence mainly on the Witwatersrand, according to the yesterday's police unrest report

In the only incident reported in the Western Cape, a man was injured when a group of people stoned buses at Nyanga

Police arrested 150 people when a large group of demonstrators refused to leave the premises of a firm on the Sebokeng road near Vereeniging after their employers had obtained a court order

The police confiscated several firearms and ammunition after a raid in Thokoza, near Alberton, which ended in the early hours yesterday

● The SAP will maintain a "visible police presence" in the East Rand's Chris Hani squatter camp this weekend following information about a planned attack there

A spokesman said yesterday that information had been received that "a confrontation would take place" on the nights of August 22 and 23 between "Amabatho" and Inkatha in the Chris Hani squatter camp, in the Daveyton area

"Amabatho" was understood to be a Xhosa faction, he said — Own Correspondent and Sapa

## IFP calls for 'ANC' probe

DURBAN. — The IFP is to call on the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry to investigate alleged ANC involvement in the massacre at Mpushini, outside Folweni, south of Durban

Speaking at a press conference in Durban yesterday, IFP Umlazi branch head Mr Reuben Mfeka said the IFP would ask the Goldstone Commission "to probe into the alleged abuses of members of the ANC's self defence units".

An ANC spokesman said. "The impression I get is that these statements were not drafted by the leadership of the IFP but by police headquarters in Pretoria." — Sapa



# Former Springbok denies part in covert activities

Weekend Argus Reporter

BUSINESSMAN and former Springbok hang-glider Mr Dave Mandel of Port Elizabeth has again denied being party to covert activities alleged to have taken place at his panel-beating shop

In two statements, one issued through attorneys, he also states that he did not observe any activities, allegedly involving the "Hammer" unit, taking place at the shop

He was responding to various reports published this week following the shooting of Eastern Cape farmer Mr Andre de Villiers. It has been alleged that Mr De Villiers was providing information to assist in investigations into the death of Cradock activist Mr Matthew Goniwe in 1985

In his statement, Mr Mandel confirms that Mr De Villiers was a director of the panel-beating company during 1984-85, at which stage Mr Mandel was also a director. Mr De Villiers did not take part in the day-to-day running of the business, Mr Mandel says, and he left in 1986

Mr Mandel confirms that he joined the Hammer unit as part of his national service but denies being involved in or ob-

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serving any unlawful activities. Nor did any covert activities take place at the premises of the panel-beating business, as referred to by Mr De Villiers and published in various reports. He also strenuously denies that he was involved in any fraud with the Ibhayi Town Council. The allegations are "false and malicious" and are "based on unfounded and unproven hearsay statements".

"Although the true facts may eventually show that frauds had been committed in dealings between the Ibhayi Town Council and private firms and/or individuals and that the Hammer units carried on unlawful activities, I have strenuously denied, and continue to do so, that I have ever been involved in such activities. Since 1989, the police have investigated charges involving a total of R3 080 against my company and eventually brought charges against my brother and I. Despite lengthy investigation by the police, the charges were withdrawn as long ago as July 25 1991."

Mr Mandel says that quoting information given by Mr Valence Watson to The Argus is "absurd and untrue"; he appeals for the matter not to be prejudged "on the basis of reckless allegations"

## Murder leads followed up

PORT ELIZABETH. — The Commissioner of Police in the Eastern Cape, Major-General Koos Calitz, expects an important breakthrough in investigations into the murder of Addo farmer Mr Andre de Villiers.

He said yesterday it was not possible, however, to disclose more. Investigations were "at an extremely sensitive stage" and valuable leads were being followed up. — Sapa.

# Alleged 'poison' policeman to retire

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Weekend Argus Correspondent (251)

JOHANNESBURG — Police forensic chief Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling is to retire at the end of the month

General Neethling became well known after renegade policeman Captain Dirk Coetzee named him as the alleged mastermind behind the concoction of poisons designed to kill ANC members

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Police decided not to suspend him on the grounds that it would conduct its own investigation into the findings and those of the commission General Neethling's appeal against the court's finding is pending



GOOD RELATIONS ... General Swart was highly praised by Nelson Mandela

# SUNDAY PROFILE

## Nelson's friend VOWS to clean up SA's elite cops <sup>251</sup>

**JOHAN SWART** decided to become a policeman after acting in a school play at the age of six. He played a constable who dragged a teacher centre-stage and called for silence in court for sentence of death to be pronounced.

Forty-six years later his life is devoted to preventing death. Nelson Mandela told the media corps covering the mass action march in Pretoria last month that he and General Swart had saved "hundreds of lives".

The new head of the restructured police Internal Stability Division confesses that he likes the leader of the African National Congress, who drew him aside after the march and congratulated him on the conduct of the police

As regional commissioner for Soweto from January 1990 to late last year, General Swart failed in his first stated aim — to remove all Casspirs from the township. Instead, increased violence meant he left the township with more Casspirs than when he entered, but he met some of the most important political leaders in the country and established working relationships with them.

Mr Mandela would often phone him to ask for assistance in defusing conflict

General Swart, 52, heads the most criticised unit of the police. Indeed, when new plans were recently introduced to improve the image of the ISD, including appointing a public relations officer for the unit, not one policeman applied for the job.

South Africa's elite police unit does work no one wants to do. A video which General Swart and his men made for screening to foreign visitors to Soweto

tion, he worked a seven-day week, with little hope of time off.

Stress is a serious problem, not helped by the increasing numbers of policemen being killed. This year 145 policemen and women have lost their lives, most of them ambushed in unrest areas. In Northern Ireland, where 1990 was a bad year, 12 policemen and 15 soldiers were killed.

"I don't see how people can expect that only the police force must change and

perform miracles on a daily basis. Political leaders must come together to solve the problems facing our country," General Swart says.

However, the police realise they have a serious image problem. They are reviled in many of the communities they pledge to "protect and serve." Commission after commission slams the force for being inept, understaffed and poorly managed. The ISD has the worst image, one that

General Swart hopes to change. The ISD is a combination of all riot police units. As part of the process of change — and to foster police relations with the community — the ISD will move to a new building in Pretoria in October. Those who serve the community will be separated from those who "repress riots".

Although this narrowly parallels some Goldstone commission recommendations, General Swart is vague when questioned about recommendations, especially those relating to policing demonstrations and protests.

However, a pale blue folder with "Dr Waddington" stencilled on its spine (the Waddington report of the Goldstone commission strongly criticised police investigations into the Boipatong massacre) is top of the pile on a bookshelf.

The ISD is changing its external appearance. New uniforms are being designed to replace the camouflage, pale spearmint-green Casspirs are replacing the bright yellow and blue of conventional police Casspirs.

But, apart from the leopard painting over its spots, more careful selection of policemen is under way, psychometric evaluations are being carried out on all ISD policemen.

"I've begun a sifting process. I'm concerned that some members have been attached to old riot units for 10 or 12 years," says General Swart.

"I think they should go back to normal police duties. If they are attached to riot units for too long, death doesn't matter, they become insensitive. I'm concerned about this."

Born in the small community of Great Brak River in the Cape, Johan Swart, son of a shoe-factory worker, has come a long way since he left home at the age of 16 to become a policeman in Pretoria.

He is always seeking ways to interact with communities and cut crime. In Welkom in the mid-80s he spearheaded township clean-up campaigns and had a "toffee for tyres" project to combat neck-lacing. Children were given fistfuls of toffees for each tyre they brought in.

He is sensitive to the fact that communities want charity less than they want dignity. "If we are to change the present perception that people in black areas have about the police, and to win their goodwill, our own actions and attitudes must change. We live in a changed country," he says.

General Swart's three children are all policemen, and this week he became a grandfather. "While I'm serving the police I want this to be a suitable country for my grandchildren and your children."

Charlene Smith

# Cop arrested for brutal slaying of injured ANC men

By FRED KHUMALO

HEADS rolled in the SA Police force this week as sinister circumstances surrounding the death of two northern Natal ANC activists came to light.

On Thursday an Empangeni warrant officer was arrested following the ANC's evidence which stated that after a shootout last Friday morning, Bongani Mthethwa and Simon Msweli were killed following their arrest.

Police said the shootout took place when they swooped on a house being used as Msweli's hideout in the KwaSokhulu settlement near Empangeni. In the ensuing shootout three policemen were shot dead.

A police statement said Msweli was shot in the stomach, and his accomplice Mthethwa was wounded in the leg. They were subsequently arrested.

Dark story  
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Msweli was being sought by the police in connection with murder and an attack on a police helicopter early this year.

A police autopsy report released on Friday contradicted the previous police statement.

The autopsy report listed the cause of death as "multiple gunshot wounds".

Forensic pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman performed a second autopsy on the two men. He

will release his report to lawyers this week.

Members of the SAP and the SADF were initially held in connection with the deaths but were later released.

A warrant officer is expected to appear in court tomorrow.

DP violence monitor Roy Ainslie said on the day of the incident he received a call from a concerned person saying the men were in custody but were not receiving medical treatment. Ainslie phoned the Empangeni police station and checked that the two activists were alive. The captain confirmed that Msweli and Mthethwa were alive and receiving medical attention.

"But 10 minutes later I received a call from the captain saying the men had been killed in the shootout," said Ainslie

He said it was clear that "between KwaSokhulu and Empangeni the two men were just blasted away".

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# Man shot in genitals by cop — action call

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HANOVER PARK residents have appealed for action to be taken against a policeman they allege shot an innocent man in the genitals.

According to a statement signed at the weekend by 42 Hanover Park residents who claim to have witnessed the shooting of Mr Steven Brown 10 days ago, a "drunken" detective had arrived at Walvis Court in Hanover Park and fired several shots while shouting abuse at residents.

An official police statement said people had thrown stones at the policeman and he had been attacked by a dog as he tried to investigate illegal liquor sales. It said he fired two shots at a man who had threatened him with a knife, wounding him in the genitals.

But the residents said Mr Brown was accosted as he passed on his bicycle.

Police liaison officer Colonel Anthony Dewhurst said: "The police are taking statements, and these will be forwarded to the attorney-general for a decision on whether to prosecute."

# MURDER ROW GROWS

The Argus Correspondents

PORT ELIZABETH. — Police have arrested two "trained soldiers of Umkhonto we Sizwe" and a third man in connection with the murder last week of Addo farmer and "Hammer unit" informant Andre de Villiers

The sensational turn of events — the ANC insisted last week that Mr De Villiers had been assassinated to stop him from talking about security force misdeeds — has led to immediate claims of a "cover-up" from Valence Watson, an ANC member and close friend of the dead man

Separately, the ANC accused police of "propaganda" and of ignoring the due process of law in pronouncing on the suspects' guilt

In a statement last night East Cape regional police commissioner Major General Koos Calitz said the three suspects had been "positively linked to the murder". A Russian-made 9mm Makarov pistol had also been seized

The arrests followed "one of the most intensive investigations ever launched by the SA Police in the Eastern Cape," according to General Calitz "An intensive search for a fourth suspect is continuing and an arrest is expected to follow shortly"

The arrests and investigations "confirmed the initial presumption that the motive for the murder was in fact robbery," General Calitz said

The murder of Mr De Villiers at 8 20 pm last Monday was raised at the highest level, with the Democratic Party urging President De Klerk to establish a special commission of inquiry.

The shooting also fuelled fears about the safety of witnesses to political crimes, as Mr De Villiers had been giving information about the activities of the Eastern Cape "Hammer" unit — which is allegedly implicated in the 1985 Gonnwe killings and other illegal acts

But General Calitz attacked those who "in an arrogant manner and without proof spread wild rumours and statements about a political murder"

"The SAP have also been accused of 'cover-ups', and the government, the State President and the SAP (were discredited) It is now obvious to the SAP why the ANC held a press conference within hours of the murder and maliciously created the perception that it was political"

He challenged the ANC to "explain how it is possible that a so-called 'ANC informer' should be murdered by members of the military wing of the ANC The ANC should also

explain to the community why they do not exercise proper control over their MK members"

The SAP statement said organisations and individuals like Mr Valence Watson of the ANC should be more careful regarding statements made without proof. Criminal investigations should be left in the hands of the SAP which is the only lawful body which possesses the necessary competence and resources to bring criminals to justice"

"The SAP gives the assurance that they will strive to maintain order at all times and persist in their task regardless The police wish to thank the community for the hundreds of

telephone calls received and for the moral support which has been evident to us"

In spite of the developments, however, Mr Watson is unpentant He told The Argus last night he did not believe it was possible that Mr De Villiers's killers were members of Umkhonto we Sizwe He was certain there had been a cover-up

"Something extremely fishy is going on," he said "The words of a dying man were that the murder was political and that there would be a cover-up I have every reason to believe him"

He claimed Mr De Villiers's murder was "no robbery"

"As for the police's competence and capacity to bring criminals to justice the police have an extremely bad track record on that score," he said

Mr Watson said there was absolutely no indication that the police had made a thorough investigation into Mr De Villiers's death

"They never even came to take statements from (Mr De Villiers's son) Louis or myself," he said Mr Watson had spoken to Mr De Villiers on the telephone hours before he was gunned down

Mr De Villiers's brother, Francois, who was reluctant to comment fully on the police statement, said the family was satisfied the "the person who

possibly pulled the trigger" had been arrested

"But we are not satisfied about the reasons why," he said

Advocate Mr Nick Maritz, representing the De Villiers family, said the family was also not satisfied that the investigation into the murder was over He said General Calitz had confirmed that investigations into the motive for the killing were "not over"

The ANC said last night that the SAP statement "confirms our worst fears about the propagandistic role played by the police force in this country, as well as its party political affiliations and antagonisms"

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# New claims on 'third force'

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black violence, sabotaging the negotiations process and planning to retain an independent power base irrespective of any negotiated settlement

He said this was born in the early '80s under the protection of former president Mr P W Botha's State Security Council and operated on the basis of minimal political accountability Colonel Hugo was reported as saying this was now out of control and the disbandment of units such as the CCB and "Hammer" had no effect because their original design allowed them to operate independently

He said these units were cut off from their sources of intelligence and told they must identify and act against political targets

He alleges President FW de Klerk and his ministers "don't know even half of what is going on today", and says the government faces an acute dilemma — in moving to re-assert control over rogue elements the government could risk losing the support of the security forces as well the exposure of political figures

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### 'THIRD FORCE' .. Gert Hugo ET 25/8/92

ANC called on the Goldstone Commission to advertise its witness protection programme

Mr Brian Currin, director of Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR), said Colonel Hugo was a reliable and accurate source

Mr Currin said the government was not investigating the possibility of a third force because it had publicly claimed there was no such thing

ANC spokesman Ms Gill Marcus said past activities of the security forces had to be made public for the political process to go forward

The Law and Order Ministry was locked in meetings yesterday and no spokesmen could be reached for comment

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Claims by a former senior military intelligence officer that present and past members of the security forces are operating as a "third force" in violence drew strong reaction yesterday

Colonel Gert Hugo, who was in the SADF's military intelligence section and served in Transker's army, made these claims in an interview yesterday The interview was published in the Star, the Independent in London and the Christian Science Monitor in the United States

Colonel Hugo, who is in hiding, told the newspapers that a "third force" was today actively fomenting black-on-

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# Witness 'sold out' by police

PRETORIA — A witness in the Goldstone Commission committee inquiring into violence on trains yesterday described how he was sold out by members of the police to Nancefield hostel dwellers after providing police with information about illegal firearms

The witness, referred to only as Mr 01, said on three occasions he had taken police to the predominantly Inkatha hostel, where he stayed, to point out people in possession of firearms and perpetrators of train attacks, and this had led to arrests.

He said he had to leave the hostel after being sold out

"My problem is not with the whole police force, but with Capt Vermaak and his group who told hostel people that I was giving information to the police," he said



# R50 000 reward for Addo informant

**PORT ELIZABETH.** — A R50 000 police reward will be paid out after conviction to the person who supplied information which led to the weekend arrest of three men in connection with the murder of Addo farmer Mr Andre de Villiers last Monday.

One of the three men appeared briefly yesterday. The others are expected to appear today.

The names of the accused — two of them apparently "self-confessed"

trained soldiers of the ANC's Umkhonto we Sizwe military wing — are being withheld until identification parades have been held. For this reason, early court appearances will be in camera.

Police liaison officer Captain Henry Chalmers said: "Because of the sensitivity of the case, we want to hold an identification parade even though the men have been positively linked to the murder. However, the parades will be held

later in the week and the men have to appear within 48 hours of having been arrested. The ID parades will be attended by Mr De Villiers' wife and the employee who was with Mr De Villiers when he was shot," Captain Chalmers said.

He would not give details on the recipient of the R50 000 reward. He said if certain information had not been supplied to the police, the arrests would not have been made so soon after the murder.

Mr Glenn Goosen, who is representing the ANC, said although the ANC was aware of who the suspects were, they had not been told officially because of the pending identification parades. **ET 25/8/92**

Mr De Villiers was shot hours before he was to have disclosed information to the ANC about the activities of the SA Defence Force Hammer unit, which has been mentioned in connection with the death of ANC activist Mr Matthew Goniwe. **(25)**

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# Dismay over W Cape police chief shake-up

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## Staff Reporters

THERE was disquiet in the ANC (Western Cape) and city police ranks today over the announcement that the head of the Criminal Intelligence Service is to become regional commissioner of police in the Western Cape

Lieutenant-General Piet Viljoen comes to replace Major-General Nick Acker, who has been regional commissioner for just over a year.

General Acker was praised by Claremont MP and ANC member Mr Jan van Eck, who said he would be missed as chief of police in the region

The move is in keeping with the announcement by the commissioner of police, General Johan van der Merwe, that one of the aims of restructuring the force is to devolve power to the regions as far as possible

ANC Western Cape publicity secretary Mr Mziwonke Jacobs said it was "inappropriate" that Criminal Intelligence Service personnel were being appointed to "sensitive" positions

The service is staffed largely by former security policeman and was formed when President De Klerk disbanded the security police

"We really don't think it is appropriate to appoint CIS

members in sensitive positions, given the record of the security police," Mr Jacobs said

Mr Van Eck said General Acker had "improved the relationship between police and the black community tremendously" and hoped General Viljoen would follow his approach

A top police source said today he believed there might be ructions following the announcement of General Viljoen's transfer

"While not wanting to cast aspersions on the abilities of General Viljoen, he is a quiet type of person and not a go-getter like General Acker"

● General Acker is overseas and could not be contacted

# Police harvest crop of thieves with 24-hour farm patrols <sup>(251)</sup>

JOHAN SCHRÖNEN, Crime Staff

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A ROUND-THE-CLOCK "farm watch" is operating in the Philippi area, where crippling crime has become a way of life for some farmers and driven others from their land.

Farmers say equipment and produce worth more than R300 000 has been stolen since the beginning of the year.

"Just this month, irrigation equipment worth more than R14 000 has been stolen from fields which are impossible to guard day in and day out," said Sergeant Jannie Rupperberg, who heads the patrol and owns a smallholding in the area.

"Last week Mr William Ohlson, of Klein Rietvlei farm, was attacked and robbed of R1 000 by two men who surprised him at the gate of his farm.

"Mr Ohlson stopped at the gate to remove a tree stump which had been placed in the road to block his way, apparently by his attackers.

"He was knocked over the head, robbed of his wallet and the men fled."

After several meetings between farmers and police, Athlone CID chief Brigadier Jan Benadie set up the unit of eight men, which started operating at the beginning of the month.

The police team patrols the farms and surrounding area in shifts.

Delighted farmers offered to finance a new patrol vehicle and set up a base at a Philippi business centre.

Sergeant Rupperberg said crime prevention in the area was a team effort by the community and the police.

"Ease of access for the farmers to the new patrol was important and a radio communication channel on the farmers' own radio network has been set up to connect farmers with the patrol," he said.

"They use a separate commercial band to send urgent messages to minimise response time.

"In its first two weeks of existence the patrol has already resulted in a more intimate relationship between the police and the community on all levels, from farmer to labourer.

"In the first two weeks several arrests have been made, including five for murder, five for stock theft and three for housebreaking."

He added "It is a good idea to tailor-make a police patrol to suit a specific community with its own unique needs, such as the Philippi farmers.

"The Cape Flats is a vast and varied area with dunes, gravel roads and waterlogged plains which require a special patrol."

### Third Force exists - officer

A FORMER senior officer in the SADF Military Intelligence has broken cover to support claims about a current Third Force network made up of serving and former members of the State's security apparatus.

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He has told American and British newspapers that this Third Force is today actively fomenting black-on-black violence, sabotaging the negotiations process, and planning to retain an independent power base irrespective of any negotiated settlement.

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Colonel Gert Hugo is the second most senior source from within security circles to have gone public on the Third Force

He says he knows from direct experience that such a network is now operating, with the support of top figures in the security forces

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# Lawyers criticise cell death inquests

THE objectivity of certain inquest magistrates in dealing with deaths in detention was questioned by a Johannesburg lawyer yesterday

Speaking at a Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) news conference, attorney Lawley Shein, who regularly represents the families of deceased prisoners, called for all inquests into deaths in detention to be heard by "at least a Supreme Court judge"

Shein pointed out that magistrates started their careers in the Justice Department as prosecutors, and some retained a "civil servant attitude"

However, LHR attorney David Dison said the current failure of the inquest system could be blamed on an extreme case overload, rather than subjectivity of presiding officers

The reason cell deaths continued on a regular basis — 80 this year — was because the inquest system simply did not work, Dison said

He called for a special unit to

## STEPHANE BOTHMA

investigate alleged deaths of detainees at the hands of police

The LHR called yesterday's news conference after Shein failed in his bid to have the inquest of Bethuel Maphumulo conducted by a judge rather than a magistrate

Maphumulo, 31, handed himself over to the Soweto Murder and Robbery Unit on December 11 1990, in connection with theft, on the understanding that bail would be granted at his first court appearance

Three days later he was dead. The police explanation was that Maphumulo had drowned in a swimming pool while attempting to escape

But two post mortem reports — one by the state pathologist and one by independent pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman — indicated the cause of death was "multiple injuries" and the fracture of the hyoid bone in the neck

At the time, Gluckman said such a

fracture was highly suggestive of manual strangulation

"Despite Shein having pointed out the contradiction between the police version and the post mortem report, the Attorney-General has left the matter in the hands of a magistrate when there is a prima facie case of murder," said LHR Witwatersrand regional director Ahmed Motala

LHR claimed that Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee earlier gave an undertaking that a judge would conduct the inquest into every death in detention in respect of which Gluckman had prepared a report, and sufficient evidence existed to warrant it

However, Witwatersrand Attorney General Klaus von Lieres SC said yesterday he had no knowledge of such an undertaking

Coetsee's undertaking only extended to four specific files handed to him by Gluckman earlier this year, said Von Lieres

## FW urged to admit to hit squads

PRESIDENT F.W. de Klerk had to admit publicly to the continued existence of hit squads or continue to face embarrassing revelations about their operations, leading human rights figures said yesterday

And the ANC called on the Goldstone commission to advertise a witness protection programme

## RAY HARTLEY

Meanwhile, Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) director Brian Currin has called former Military Intelligence colonel Gert Hugo — who has claimed first-hand knowledge that hit squads are still operating — a reliable and accurate source

Hugo told several overseas publications a "third force" was actively fomenting black-on-black violence, sabotaging negotiations and planning an independent power base

Currin said government was not investigating the third force because it

claimed it did not exist. Human Rights Commission spokesman Max Coleman said more than 100 activists and their family members had been killed in two years, confirming the existence of "highly professional hit squads"

He said it was a well-established fact the CCB was still operating

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said past activities of the security forces had to be made public for the political process to go forward

The Law and Order Ministry was in meetings yesterday and no spokesmen could be reached for comment

## Nest egg plan by MPs 'is off'

### Political Staff

A MOVE by government MPs to feather their nests before the current Parliament is replaced by an interim government was off, said NP chief whip Keppies Niemann

Details of a wide range of proposals to change pensions, gratuities, tax and medical aid schemes were in a letter sent by Niemann to other parliamentary parties' chief whips

But an angry Niemann yesterday said the matter had simply been raised as a matter of routine following representations from MPs

# Students lash teacher union

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THE Azapo-aligned Azanidun Students' Movement (Azasm) yesterday attacked the SA Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu) for bringing greater havoc to a weak education system

In response to Sadtu's threat of a nationwide strike less than two months before exams, Azasm spokesman Kgomo Modiselle told journalists yesterday that black pupils had suffered greatly as a result of the disruptions organised by the Congress of SA Students and Sadtu since the beginning of the year

Rather than hurting the Department of Education and Training the protests and chalk-downs had only played into its hands, he said

Meanwhile, the Independent Development Trust's Prof Merlyn Mehl has blamed the educational authorities' lack of accountability for the chaos in education

In his keynote address to Vista University's national conference on quality education, he said any system which, after 12 years, could pass only 40% of pupils needed re-examination



KATHRYN STRACHAN

A unified education system would not necessarily solve the problem, but schools should be community based, accountable and have equal access to shared resources, he said

Modiselle, meanwhile, said pupils should use the "interior facilities and second-rate education" to their own advantage — it was a more effective weapon in the pupils' struggle than taking to the streets in protest

Azasm's campaign of organising extra lessons on Saturdays had been underscored by unwilling teachers and continuing disruptions

Teachers had legitimate complaints, but Modiselle said they needed to recognise that teachers, pupils and parents needed to approach the DET as a united group

Modiselle also accused the ANC of failing to provide direction during the recent upheavals

A high-ranking Sadtu delegation will meet DET deputy director-general Bernard Louw in Pretoria today to discuss the issue of union recognition

# AWB agrees to SAP monitoring

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PRETORIA — AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche agreed to throw AWB training camps open to SAP inspection at a meeting with Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel yesterday

Kriel said government had not objected to the training of people for individual self-defence. But the training of groups to perform tasks that were the duty of the SAP or SADF would contravene the Criminal Law Second Amendment Act

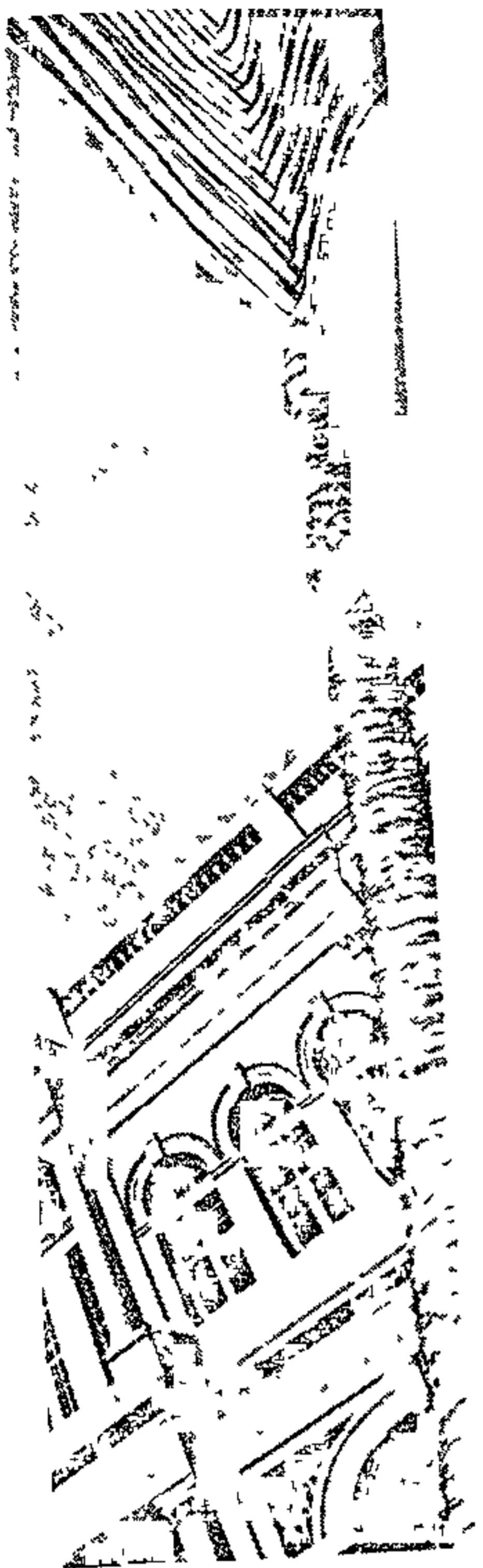
The Act, which came into effect on July 31, prohibits organisations from organising, training, equipping or arming supporters with the aim of usurping police or defence force functions

Terre'Blanche agreed to Kriel's suggestion that the SAP be kept informed of AWB activities and extended an invitation to the SAP to monitor the AWB training camps and activities. SAP commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe accepted the invitation

A further meeting will be held to coordinate the monitoring

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### DP demands third force probe

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THE DP called yesterday for an urgent judicial inquiry into all covert activities, because allegations of a third force were becoming increasingly believable.

DP national chairman Ken Andrew said in a statement there were so many inexplicable incidents of politically inspired violence and ample evidence of abuse of power in the security forces that former military intelligence officer Col Gert Hugo's revelations this week made the need for a probe urgent.

Andrew said Hugo's claim that covert units operated independently of the rest of the intelligence community confirmed what the DP's research department had already deduced.

President F W de Klerk needed to grasp the nettle and order a "full investigation and a full disclosure"

### 'Assassins must face trial'

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PATRICK BULGER

STATE-backed killers would have to stand trial when a new government was in place, but that government could pardon them, the ANC's official journal Mayibuye says.

"The ANC has said that it is not opposed to a general amnesty in principle. A negotiated resolution of any conflict entails a measure of reconciliation. But this cannot be a pious forgive-and-forget operation.

"What is being forgiven and forgotten has to be fully disclosed. Trials and pardons can (then) follow.

"The criminals cannot forgive themselves. Only a representative government can consider this.

"The decision to have such an amnesty cannot be taken by an elite. It affects those who have lost their loved ones and society as a whole. There are those out in hell already — and they want to pull the rest of

the country with them," Mayibuye says.

Mayibuye also says the ANC and its allies will hold a week of mass action in October.

It quotes ANC campaign head Ronnie Kasrils as saying "We are now in phase four of the campaign for peace and democracy. We must keep the tap open for mass action to continue rolling."

Mayibuye says the next phase of mass action will unfold around the issues of interim government and a constituent assembly, the SABC, hospital workers, homeland repression, food prices and the drought, and political prisoners.

It says a conference of forces which support the demands will be held in October and that a week of mass action will be organised.

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# De Villiers murder suspects are named

PORT ELIZABETH — Three men who have appeared briefly in court charged with murdering Addo farmer Mr Andre de Villiers, who was shot dead outside his home last Monday, have been named by the police

They are Mr Xolani Ngcinane, 23, Mr Tamsanqa Oliver Mali, 22, and Mr Lindile Site-mela, 23. They appeared in the Kirkwood Magistrate's Court but were not asked to plead.

The hearing was postponed to September 1, when the men will appear in court at Addo. Police are still searching for a fourth suspect.

The men's names had earlier been withheld pending identification parades, which were held on Monday and last night.

Mr De Villiers's widow Liz, 37, attended the identification parades, as did his employee Mr Greg Higgins.

Police took one of the suspects to Atherstone farm yesterday as part of the investigation.

Mr De Villiers was shot hours after he spoke to ANC member Mr Valence Watson

about information he would disclose concerning the activities of an undercover SADF unit known as "Hammer".

The unit was allegedly responsible for the killings seven years ago of United Democratic Front activist Mr Matthew Goniwe and three other UDF activists.

ANC regional president Linda Mti said she had been given the names of the accused and would comment after meeting lawyers today.

ANC spokesman Ms Gill Marcus declined to say if two of the men were members of its armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, as police allege, and said she would issue a statement only after the ANC had completed its own investigation into the matter.

Mr Watson claimed he had received a death threat on the telephone last night from a man who spoke English with an Afrikaans accent.

The caller apparently said "Is that Valence Watson? I have a bullet with your name on it," then put the phone down — Sapa



## R1,3m police station opens

Staff Reporter

ALEXANDER BAY, — South Africa could not advance without full co-operation between the police and the community, the former deputy minister of law and order, Mr Johan Scheepers, said here

He spoke at the opening yesterday of a R1,3 million police station

About 300 people, including 90 prominent policemen and former policemen from around the country, attended the opening, held outside the new complex

The station was financed by state-owned mining company, Alex-

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<h1>Police face top-level shake-up</h1> <p>ARGT 26/8/92 251</p> <p><b>Staff Reporters</b>            A TOP-LEVEL police shake-up is on the cards as speculation grows that up to a quarter of the general staff could be asked to retire early            Police sources confirmed today that rumours had been circulating for some time that a number of generals could be asked to go            The general staff is said to be more than 50 strong It was expanded some years ago with the regionalisation of the police force.            A source said the reason for the move could be to make room for officers of colour at the top of the force            He also confirmed that a letter outlining plans to give more junior police officers the chance of early retirement had been received at Western Cape regional police headquarters yesterday            The plans stipulate that candidates must be over 50 and have at least 10 years' service The source questioned the move and said another recent letter from police headquarters had said the policy of early retirement must stop            Another senior source said police headquarters was "far too big", adding, "Decentralisation is the way we are going and we do not need such a big headquarters staff"            He believed that generals who retired early would not be replaced "per se" "But with the changing circumstances in the country, new posts need to be created"            One of the most immediate needs was for a chief of community policing.            The source said the fact that there were no generals of colour needed to be addressed and it was possible that "a black general in charge of community policing might be the first"            He speculated that the appointment could be made in the next few months            Captain Craig Kotze, Ministry of Law and Order press secretary, said the ministry was not prepared to comment on speculation An announcement would be made later by Minister Henus Kriel.            However, he said the police was a "living organism" and retirements were "part and parcel of the normal comings and goings" within the force</p>	1.				
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## Flats attitude kinder — SAP

THE SAP said yesterday there has been "a positive change of attitude" by Khayelitsha residents towards the police

Station commander Lieutenant-Colonel Winston Heunis said the police needed the help of all the people in Khayelitsha to combat crime. (25)

"If the police and our residents work together to prevent crime, there will be peace and stability," he said. CT 26/8/92

# Black police chief for city?

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By GLYNNIS UNDERHILL

CAPE TOWN may soon get a black police chief

Brigadier John Manuel, a former station commander of Mitchell's Plain, is a likely candidate for the job. It is understood that he is in line for a major promotion and possible posting to Cape Town Brigadier Manuel, presently in Pre-

toria, caused a rumpus in 1989 when he gave his public support to rebel Mitchell's Plain policeman Lieutenant Gregory Rockman, who had spoken out about police brutality and racial discrimination in the force

Meanwhile, a plan to rationalise the SAP headquarters in Pretoria in a move to regionalise the police force is expected to be announced today

It is understood that several generals will opt for voluntary retrenchment or early retirement as their posts had become "redundant."

The size of the general staff is not expected to be cut down and Brigadier Manuel is one of three top-ranking black policemen believed to be candidates for promotion and regional posts

A police major said yesterday he believed that the police rationalisation could be a move toward "affirmative action"

A general in Pretoria said that there was no change in attitude at headquarters and he would not have been told about any generals opting for voluntary retrenchment or early retirement

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# Generals face 'early retirement' in drive

PRETORIA — Sweeping changes in the SAP are imminent, including the retirement of at least 10 police generals, in an effort to boost the force's credibility and improve community relations

The reorganisation and revitalisation of the SAP, discussed at yesterday's Cabinet meeting, was also aimed at ensuring that the force was representative of all SA's communities, senior police sources said yesterday. A police major described the changes as "a move towards affirmative action"

It is thought likely that of the staff of 52

generals, all of whom are white, between 10 and 15 will be asked to retire to make way for at least three black candidates

Incorporated in the shake-up would be the creation of the post of chief of community policing, a move suggested by Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel in Parliament earlier this year

"Sweeping changes are coming in a number of key areas," one senior source said

The streamlining of the general staff, which was expanded as part of a regionalisation drive a few years ago, would be

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part of the process

New talent had to be given an opportunity to develop and an effort had to be made to ensure the general staff was representative of the broader community

The retirements are possible because of new legislation which allows policemen to go on pension early, at the age of 50 instead of 55, because of the stresses inherent in their jobs

It is understood Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe is not likely to

## to improve police image

retire, but one name mentioned is KwaZulu police chief Maj-Gen Jack Buchner

Buchner, 53, although a firm believer in community policing, has been criticised by political groups who claim the KwaZulu Police functions as Inkatha's army

Buchner, seconded to the KwaZulu Police from the SAP, is understood to be not averse to retiring early

Our Cape Town correspondent reports that the highest-ranking coloured policeman in SA is understood to be a likely candidate for a promotion and possibly a posting to Cape Town

He is Brig John Manuel, former station commander of Mitchell's Plain police station

Manuel, at present in Pretoria, caused a rumpus in 1989 when he gave his public support to rebel Mitchell's Plain policeman Lt Gregory Rockman, who had spoken out about police brutality and racial discrimination in the force

Law and Order spokesman Capt Craig Kotze said an official statement on the matter would be released soon

"I cannot comment on the speculation at this stage," he said

# Top generals set to get chop

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■ **POLICE PURGE** In an attempt to establish its

credibility, the SAP will axe 10 top officers:

## Sowetan Correspondent

**A**T LEAST 10 POLICE generals are about to be axed in a huge shake-up aimed at restoring the credibility of the SAP and adapting it to the new South Africa

Three black generals are to be among a new breed of younger officers who will be moved in to replace old-guard generals who have not adapted to the changed politics of today, a police colonel confirmed

The aim of the shake-up is to "make the police force more responsive to the needs of the community", he said

New posts are to be created, including that of a chief of community policing

Another colonel said "The police force has absolutely no credibility at present and it will not have until there is a new dispensation"

The general staff, which was expanded some years ago with the regionalisation of the police force, was said to be top heavy and carrying at least 50 members too many

Sources said the retired generals would probably not be replaced directly, but new positions would be created.

They believed there would not be a vacuum of experience at the top of the force following the retirement of the men

Some policemen just below the general level have already been asked to retire and sources confirmed letters had been sent to regional police headquarters outlining some of the plans for the retirement scheme

Below the level of the general staff, some men and women over 50 with at least 10 years' service would be asked - or told - to take early retirement

Press Secretary for the Ministry of Law and Order, Captain Craig Kotze, refused to comment

# Top cops face axe

**CHIEFS REDUNDANT** Top brass may leave in bid to give the police force a new political image:

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ABOUT 10 police chiefs are facing the axe in a move which political analysts say is aimed at getting negotiations back on track and at the same time cleanse the image of the police.

According to informed sources three black generals are to be among a new breed of officers to take the place of old-guard generals. New posts are to

be created, including that of a chief of community policing.

Police sources believe this post would be filled by one of the three black generals who are to be promoted. It is understood that Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe's job is not one of those on the line.

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# Murder <sup>(251)</sup> suspects are MK — ANC

## Political Staff

TWO of the men who appeared in court in Kirkwood on Tuesday in connection with the murder of Mr André de Villiers are trained soldiers of the African National Congress military wing, uMkhonto weSizwe

Both Mr Xolani Mcinane, 23, and Mr Tamsanqa Mali, 22, are members, ANC media spokesman Mr Phila Nkayi said yesterday

The third accused, Mr Lindile Stemela, 23, is not a member

Police are still searching for a fourth suspect

Mr Nkayi said the ANC had met the three men's families and lawyers yesterday

He would not say whether the ANC would assist with the legal costs of any of the men, but that a statement would be made once they had looked at the "whole situation"

The men appeared in court on Monday and Tuesday. They were not asked to plead and have been remanded in custody until September 22

● ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus said earlier the ANC wanted access to the three men



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## SAP to disband Askari units

THE police are disbanding their Askari units and will integrate the members into other sections of the force (25)

Police liaison officer Captain Burger van Rooyen said yesterday the police were hoping to disband the units, by October 1

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson  
and Peter Fabricius

# 10 generals face axe in police shake-up

At least 10 police generals are about to be axed in a huge shake-up aimed at restoring the credibility of the SAP and adapting it to the new South Africa

Three black generals are expected to be among the younger officers who will be moved in to take the place of old-guard generals who have

not adapted to the changed politics of today, a police colonel confirmed

The aim of the shake-up was to "make the police force more responsive to the needs of the community, and some generals are just imbedded in the old ways and have to go", he said

New posts are to be created, including that of a chief of community policing

Police sources believed this post would be filled by one of the three black generals who are to be promoted

It is understood that Police Commissioner General

Johan van der Merwe's job is not one of those on the line

The shake-up was discussed at yesterday's regular weekly meeting of the Cabinet and Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel was expected to make a statement

A Defence Force spokesman said last night the

SADF had no intention of instituting a similar shake-up

"The SADF does not retire generals when they reach retirement age according to the normal rules of the Commission for Administration"

Democratic Party security

spokesman General Bob Rogers said that if the aim of the shake-up was indeed to restore the SAP's credibility, he welcomed the move "with open arms"

He said there was an urgent need to restore the credibility of all the security forces among the grassroots

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of the country in order to stop violence  
A police colonel said "The police force has absolutely no credibility at the moment and it will not have until there is a new dispensation"  
"This shake-up seems to be the first major step in that direction"  
He said drastic changes were on the cards  
"This is going to cause tre-

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## Police generals may get the axe

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below the general level have already been asked to retire and sources confirmed that letters had been sent to regional police headquarters outlining some of the plans for the retirement scheme. Below the level of the general staff, some men and women over 50 with at least 10 years' service would be asked — or told — to take early retirement.

Some generals and officers just below them are already of retirement age.

Sources said they would be the first to be asked to retire.

One colonel said he still did not know whether he would have a job after the shuffle.

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But stories are rife and, believe me, they are not just rumours. Something serious is afoot."

The media secretary for the Ministry of Law and Order, Captain Craig Kotze, refused to comment on the rumours, except to say an official statement would be released soon.

Captain Kotze said the police force, like any organisation, had "its usual comings and goings" and any retirements would be part of this.

He would not disclose the date of the expected announcement, but other sources told The Star they believed that it would be made tomorrow by Mr Kriel or President de Klerk.



# Black officers to move up in police revamp

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LAW and Order Minister Hernus Kriel yesterday announced sweeping changes to the SAP, including the early retirement of 13 generals to make way for black appointments to the top management structure to improve the police's credibility

However, the ANC said the changes were merely a "facelift" While it would be "churlish" to reject all the changes as insignificant, the ANC said it took strong exception to the NP government unilaterally restructuring society

Kriel told a news conference at the Union Buildings that four new lieutenant-general would be appointed and some could "very well be members of population groups other than whites"

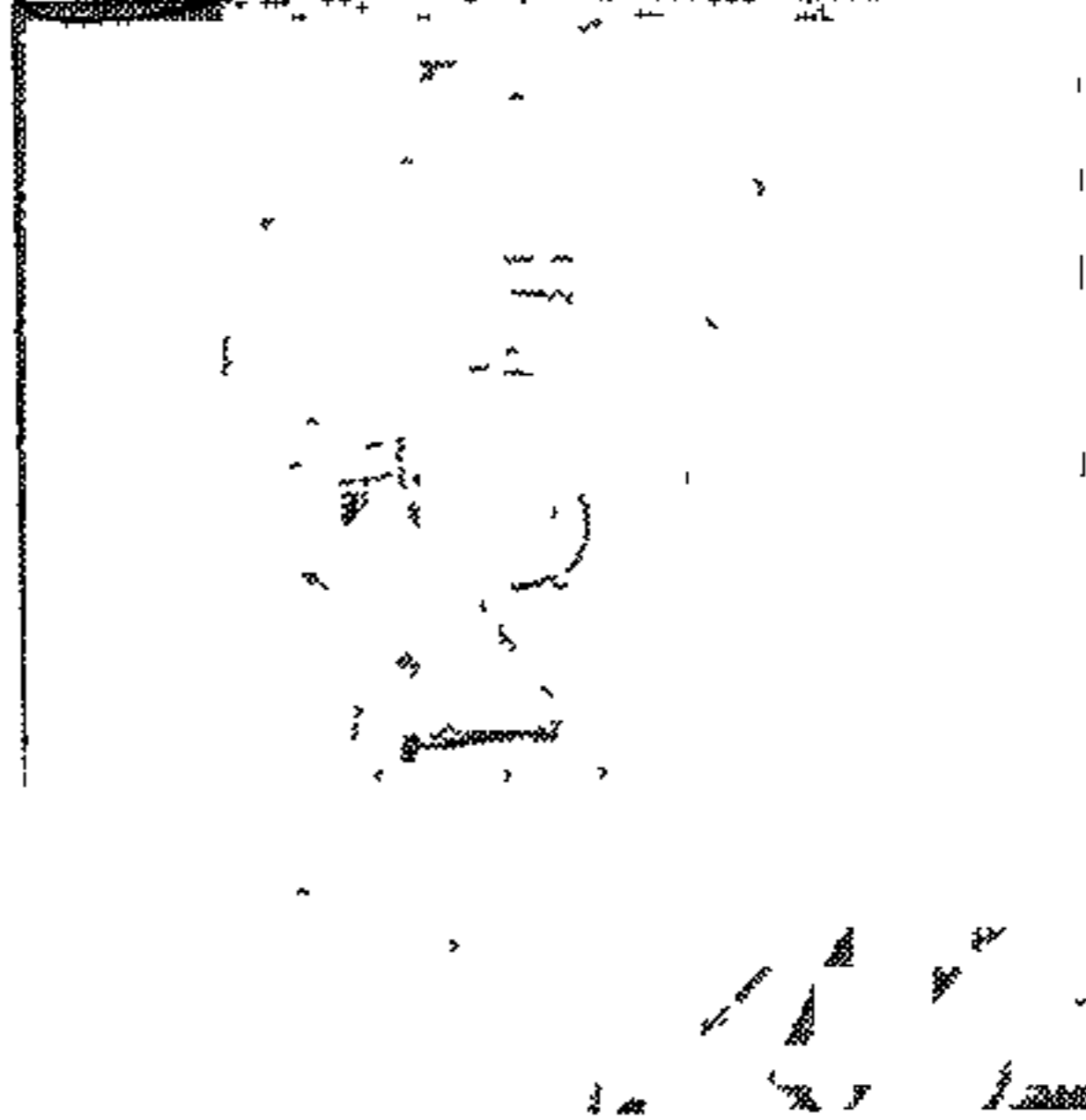
He said "Up to now it has been the policy of the SAP not to appoint people of colour to the position of general"

Kriel also announced the setting up of a new "independent investigative body", to be headed by a judge, to probe allegations of serious crimes committed by police

A community relations division would also be set up, with a subdivision to "sensitise all serving members" about the changed political environment

This division and a new human resources management division would be managed by private sector experts

Kriel said the aim of the restructuring was to restore police credibility, to heighten effectiveness in providing a professional service and to begin setting up a police service for the new SA



● KRIEL

Picture ROBERT BOTHA

He said the changes were not discussed with the ANC "because they are not talking to us and we can't wait with these initiatives until negotiations are under way"

However, he said the final structure would still have to be negotiated

A committee had investigated the reversal of past discrimination regarding promotions Affected persons had had their seniority restored "and will be promoted once they have passed the necessary developmental courses", he said

The new investigative body would function under the Justice Ministry and would consist of a statutory board with a judge as chairman, an attorney-general as CEO and three area chiefs In addition, 35 inspectors would be recruited from the offices of the

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attorneys-general, advocates, lawyers, the SAP, National Intelligence Service and, if necessary, foreign experts The board would report to Parliament

Kriel said it would also be necessary to look at a rationalisation drive at lower ranks in order to rejuvenate the police

He said greater participation by the community in policing matters was essential and should take place through police and community co-operation forums

"I trust that this hand of friendship will be accepted by the entire community and all parties as a genuine gesture aimed at bridging the gap which exists between the SAP and certain communities"

Kriel said new training would emphasise impartiality, professionalism, no discrimination on the grounds of race colour, creed or sex against any member of the public, and courtesy towards all members of the public No policeman would be above the law The principle of minimum force would be observed in maintaining law and order and the SAP would accept

public accountability

The ANC said its concerns included that  
□ The establishment of the board went against agreements reached by the Police Board established in terms of the national peace accord,

□ The list of generals due to retire did not include the names of any mentioned in the serious complaints against the security forces,

□ As long as racist and repressive laws remained on the statute books, all efforts to alter the style of policing would not address that central question, and

□ The changes did not affect the forces on the ground where retraining within fully accountable procedures and structures was urgently required

The ANC said the community relations division would be effective to the extent that the whole SAP would be fully accountable and would earn the respect of the communities it was supposed to serve

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# The changing of the generals

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Law and Order Minister  
 Pieter van der Merwe yesterday announced sweeping changes to streamline the police force, rectify past discriminations and restore its credibility.  
**RONWYN WILKINSON** gives a breakdown of these changes.

**T**HE adaptation of what Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe called "one of the largest, if not the largest, police force in the world" is to bring the SAP into line for the new South Africa.

Seven aspects of policing have been identified for change:

**rationalisation and rejuvenation:**

Thirteen generals, 11 of whom are retired here, have agreed to retire.

Promotions will be made from the rank of major-general to brigadier. Some of the candidates for these positions could be from the other race groups.

Two deputy commissioners will be appointed, as well as four new lieutenant-generals.

The division of human resources management will be managed by an expert from the private sector.

Experts from the private sector will handle advanced training.

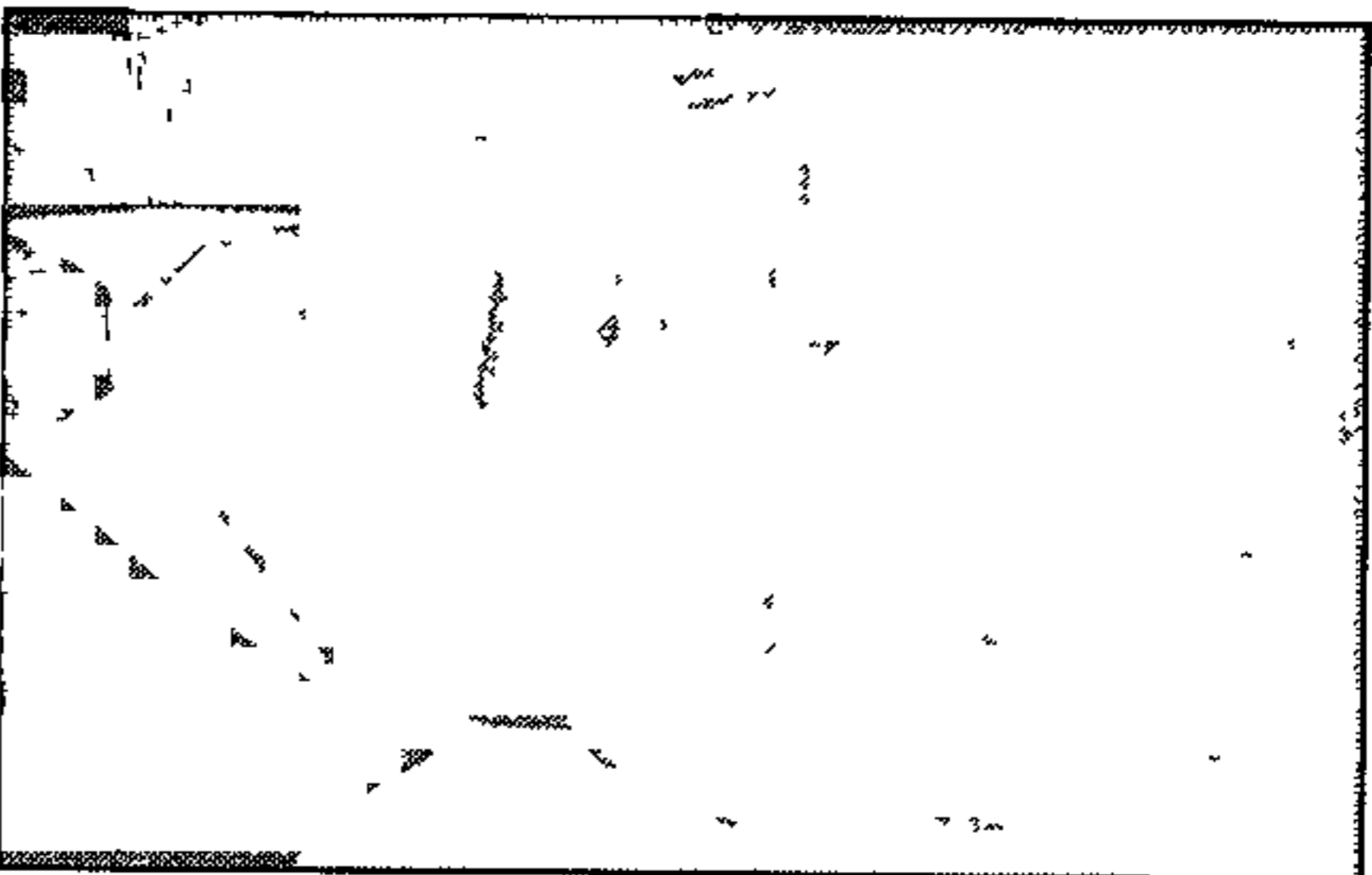
The three most important regions — western Cape, Natal and Witwatersrand/Soveto — will be headed by lieutenant-generals.

**the new independent investigative body:**

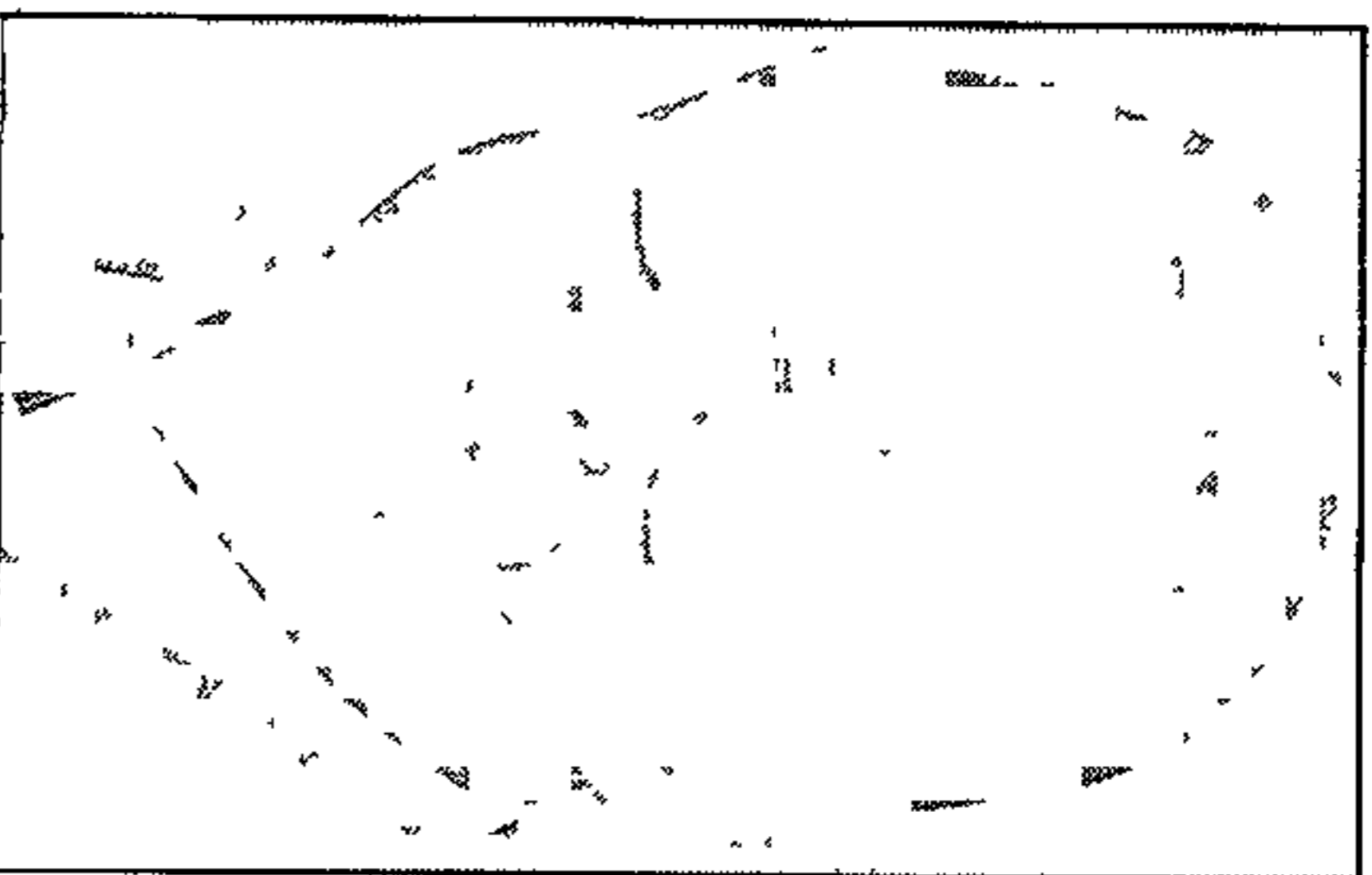
The body will be established to investigate serious crimes allegedly committed by members of the SAP. It will consist of a statutory board with a judge as chairman, an attorney-general as a chief executive officer and three area chiefs.

Inspectors will be recruited from the SAP, the National Intelligence Service, the offices of the attorneys-general, lawyers, advocates and foreign experts. All inspectors will have to resign from their previous organisations and will be full-time employees.

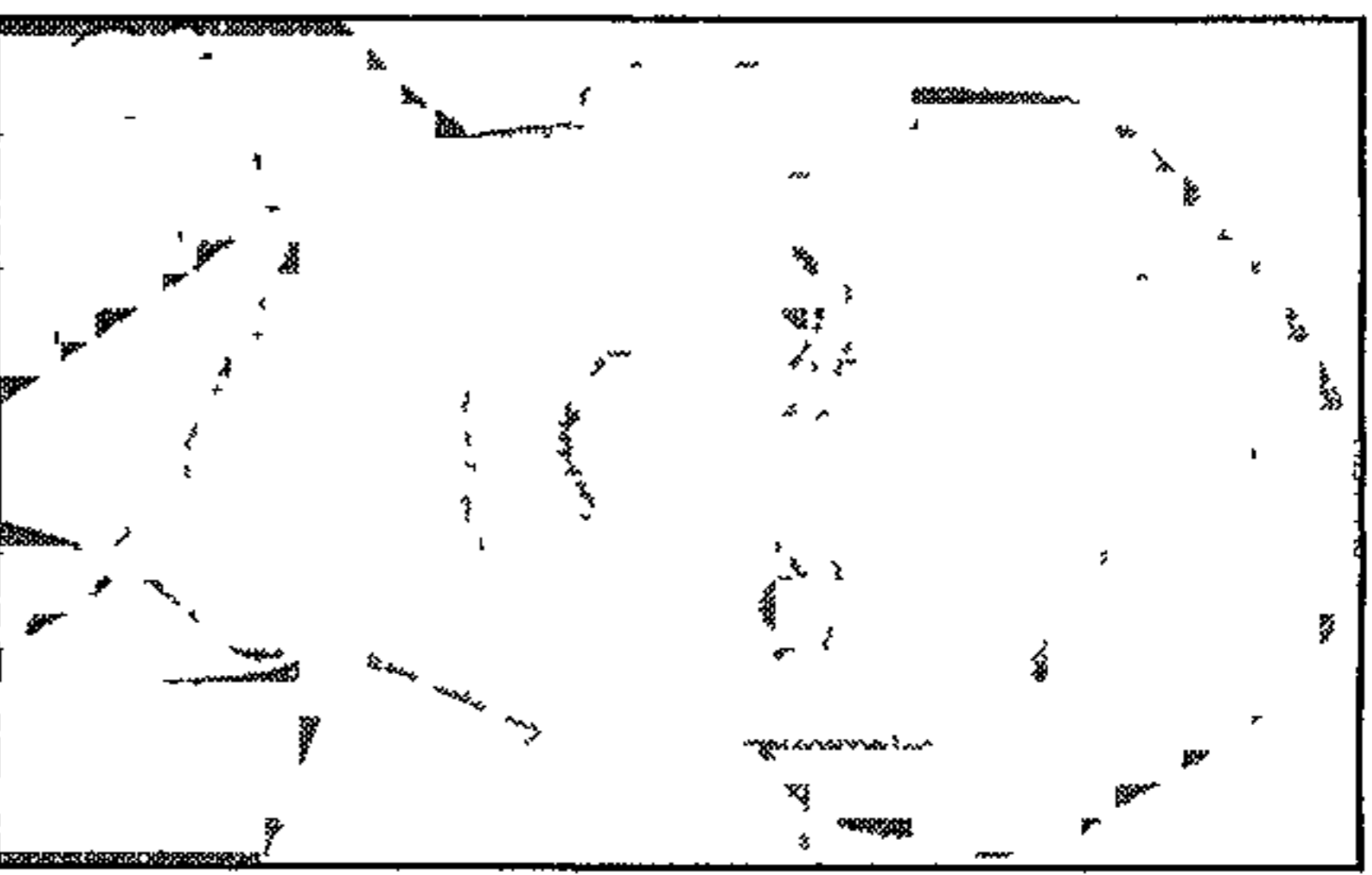
The board will sit in Pretoria and report annually to Parliament. The board will not encroach on the



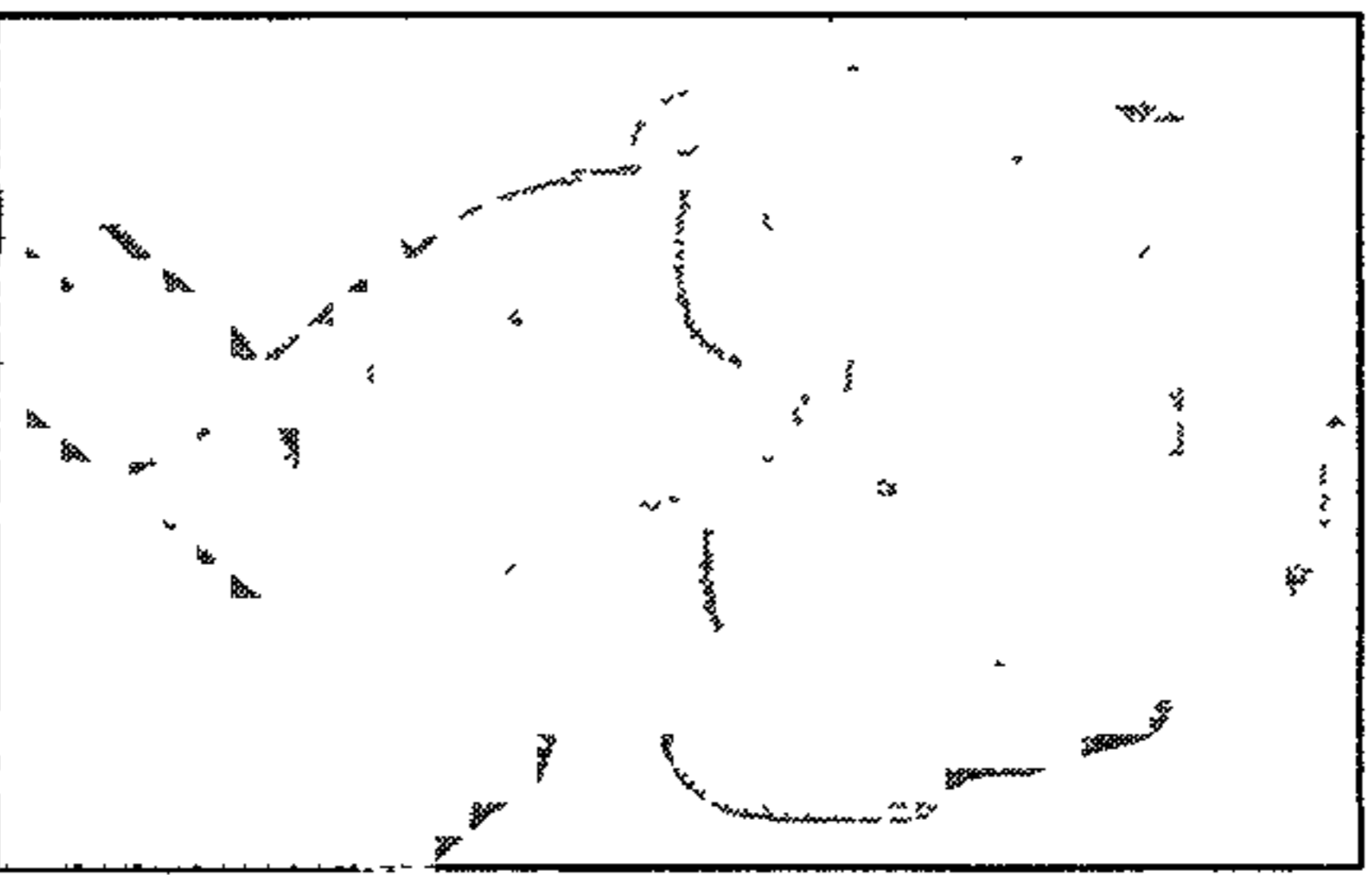
Retiring Lieutenant-General H P M de Villiers, senior deputy commissioner



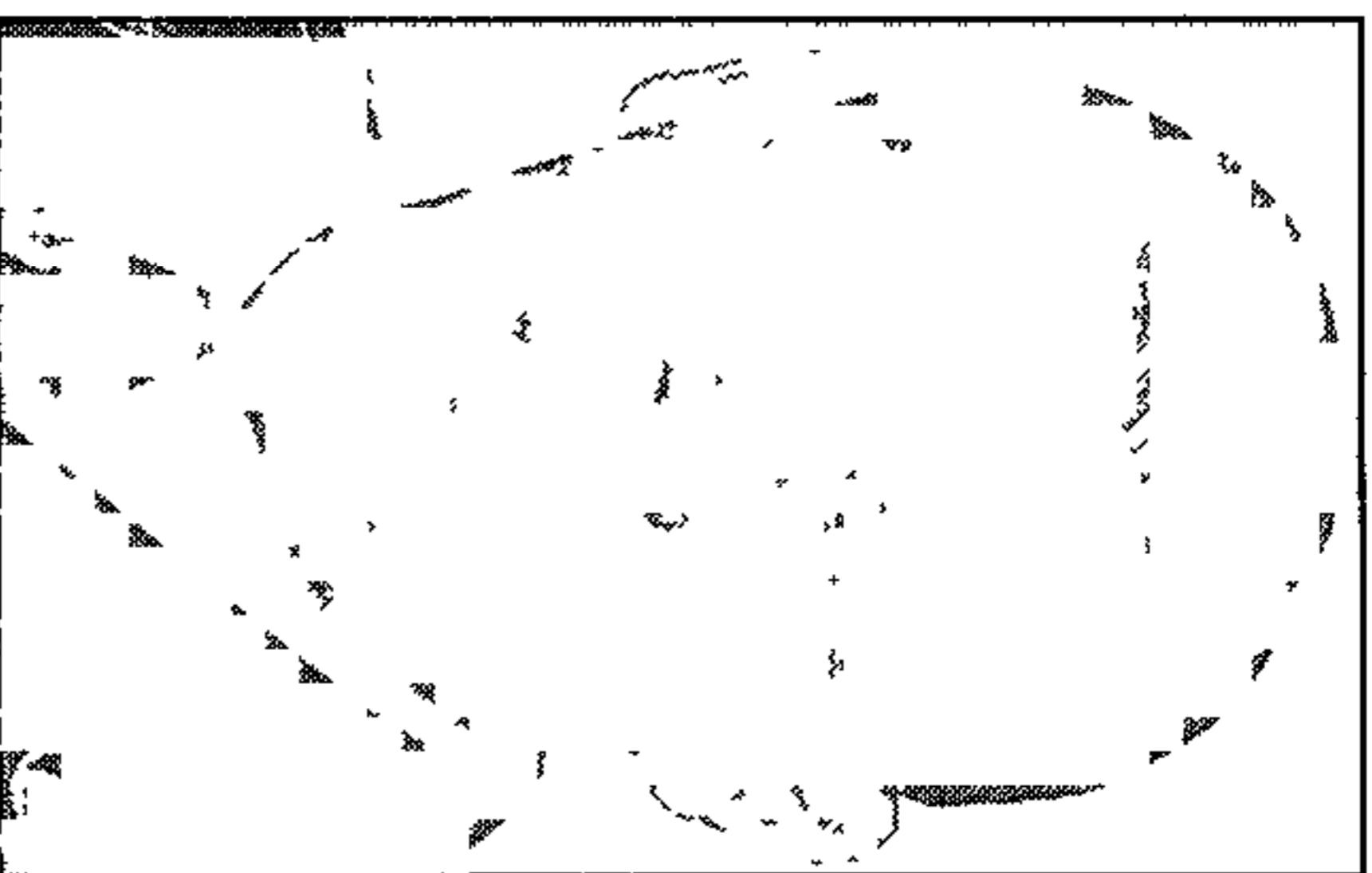
Retiring Lieutenant-General A B Conradie, head of SAP training



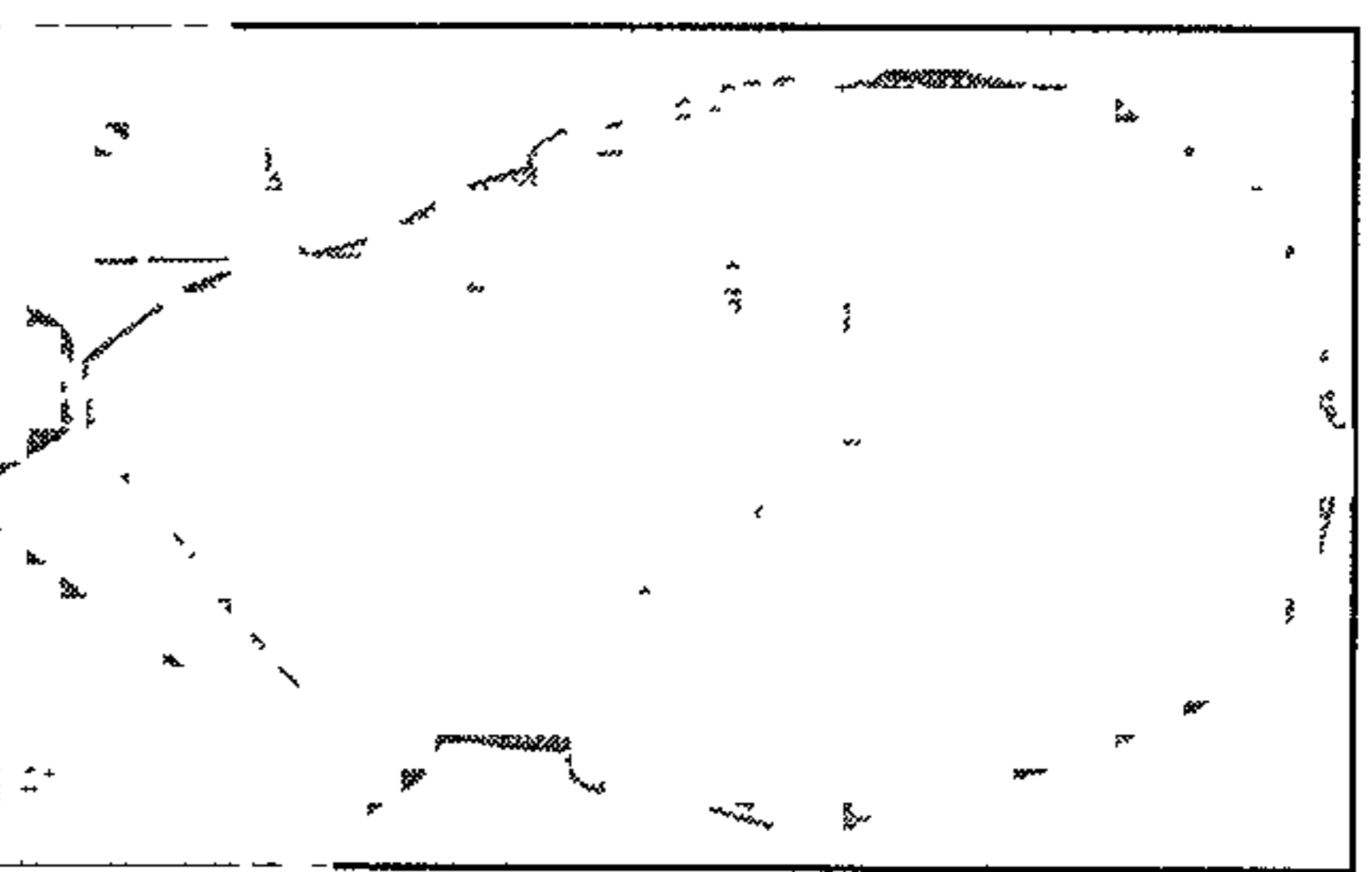
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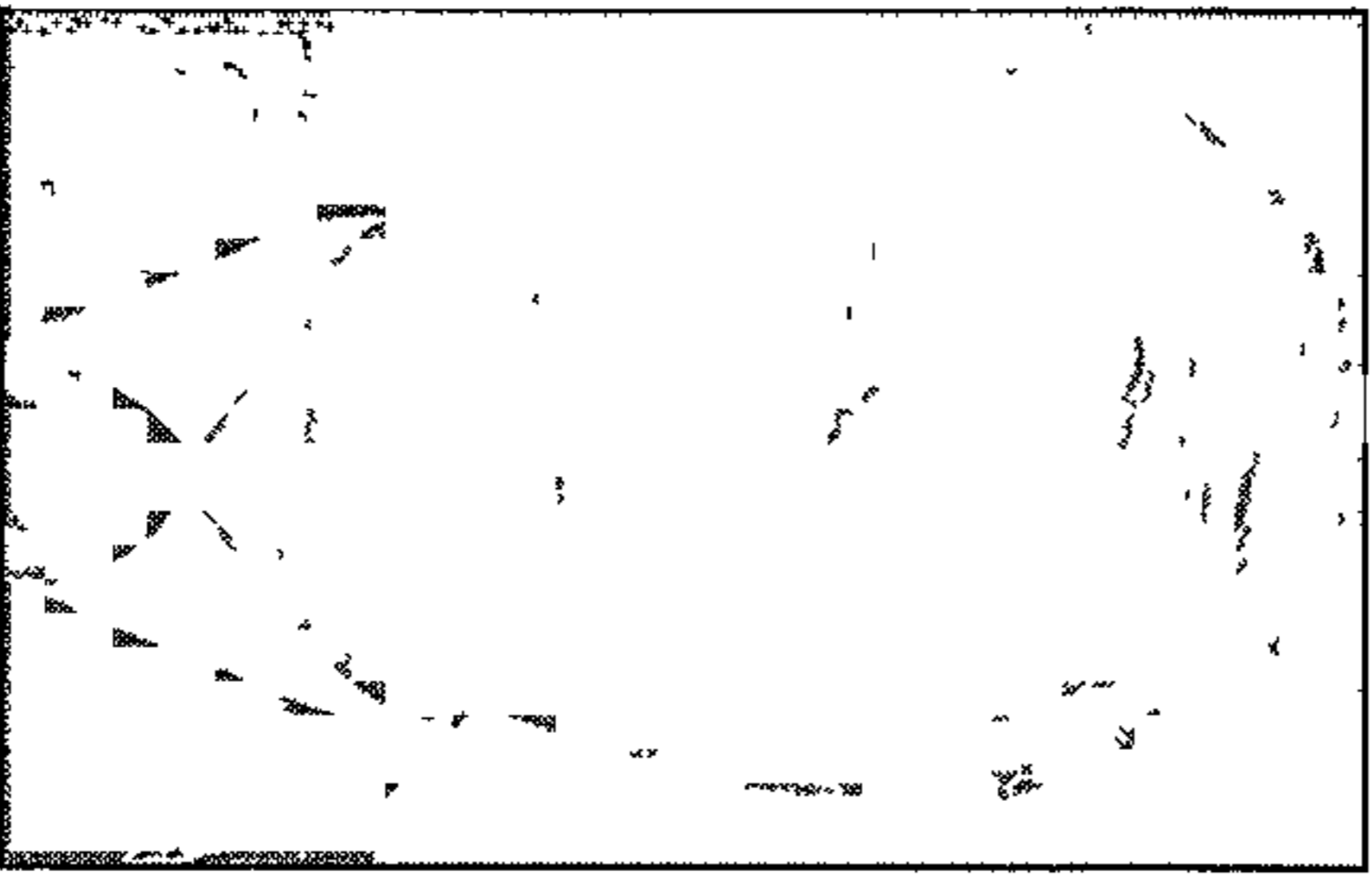
Retiring Lieutenant-General P M du Plessis, head of personnel services



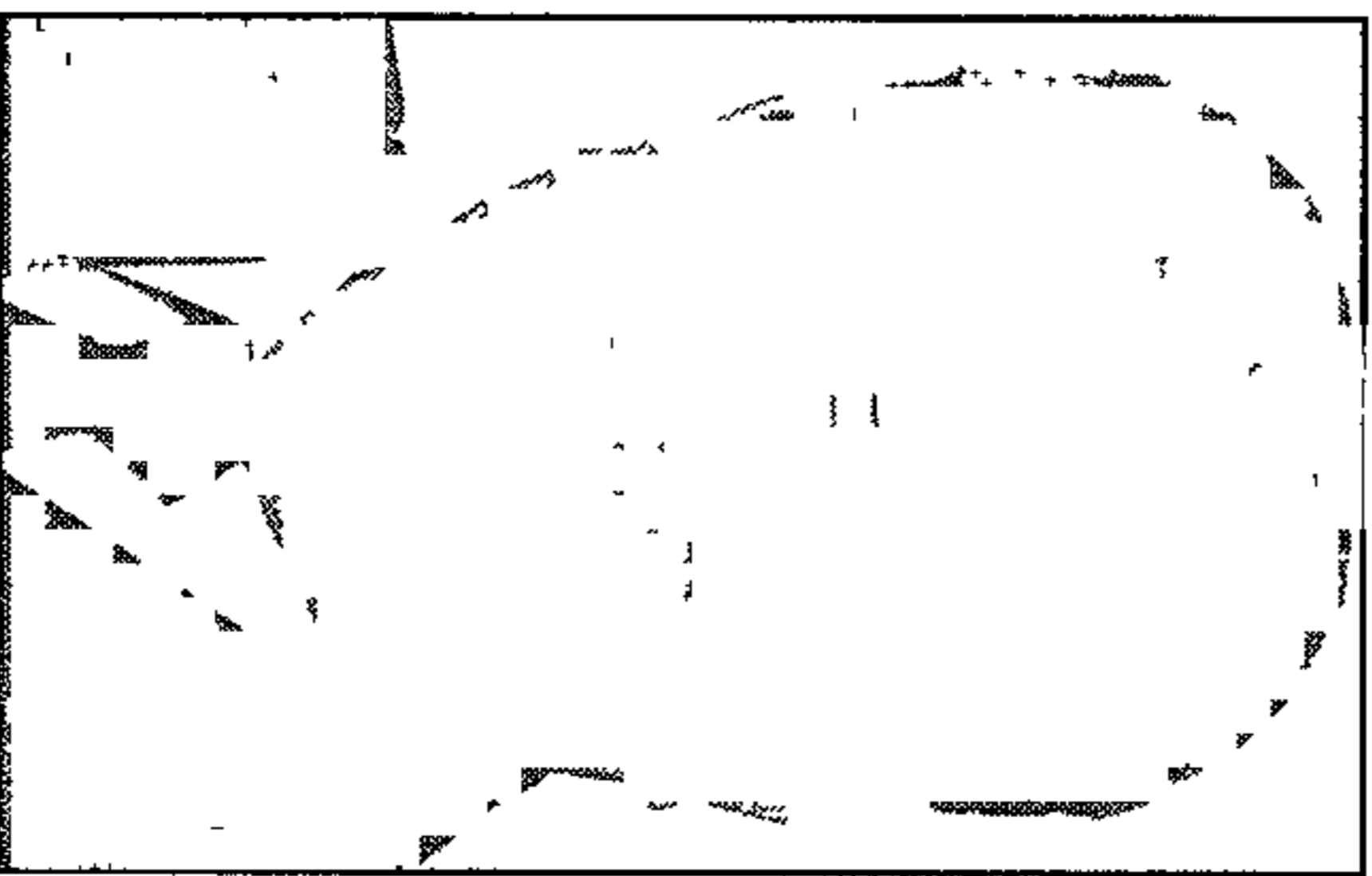
Retiring Lieutenant-General I Coetzee, head of logistics department



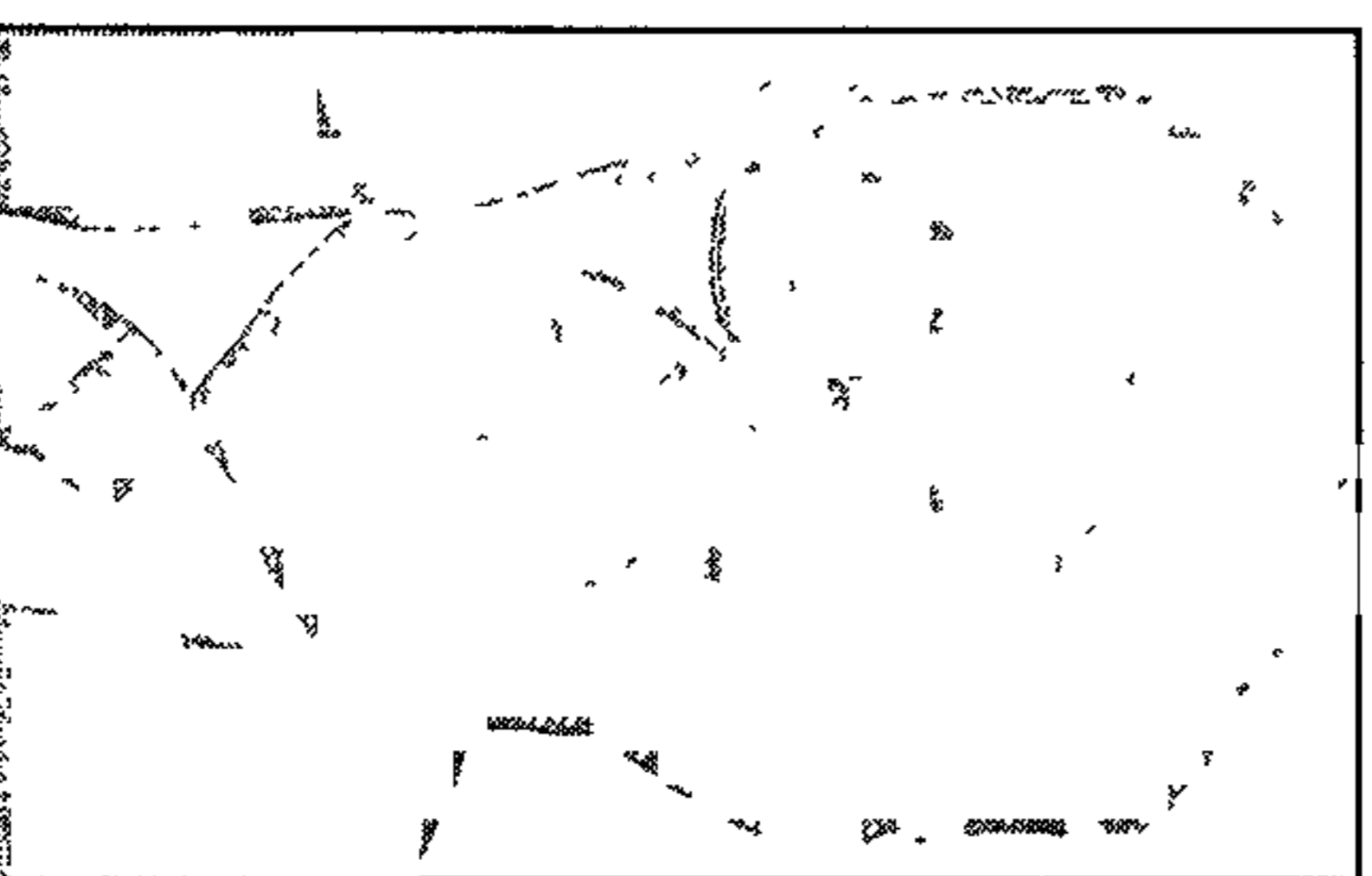
Retiring Major-General H P Grobler, head of efficiency development



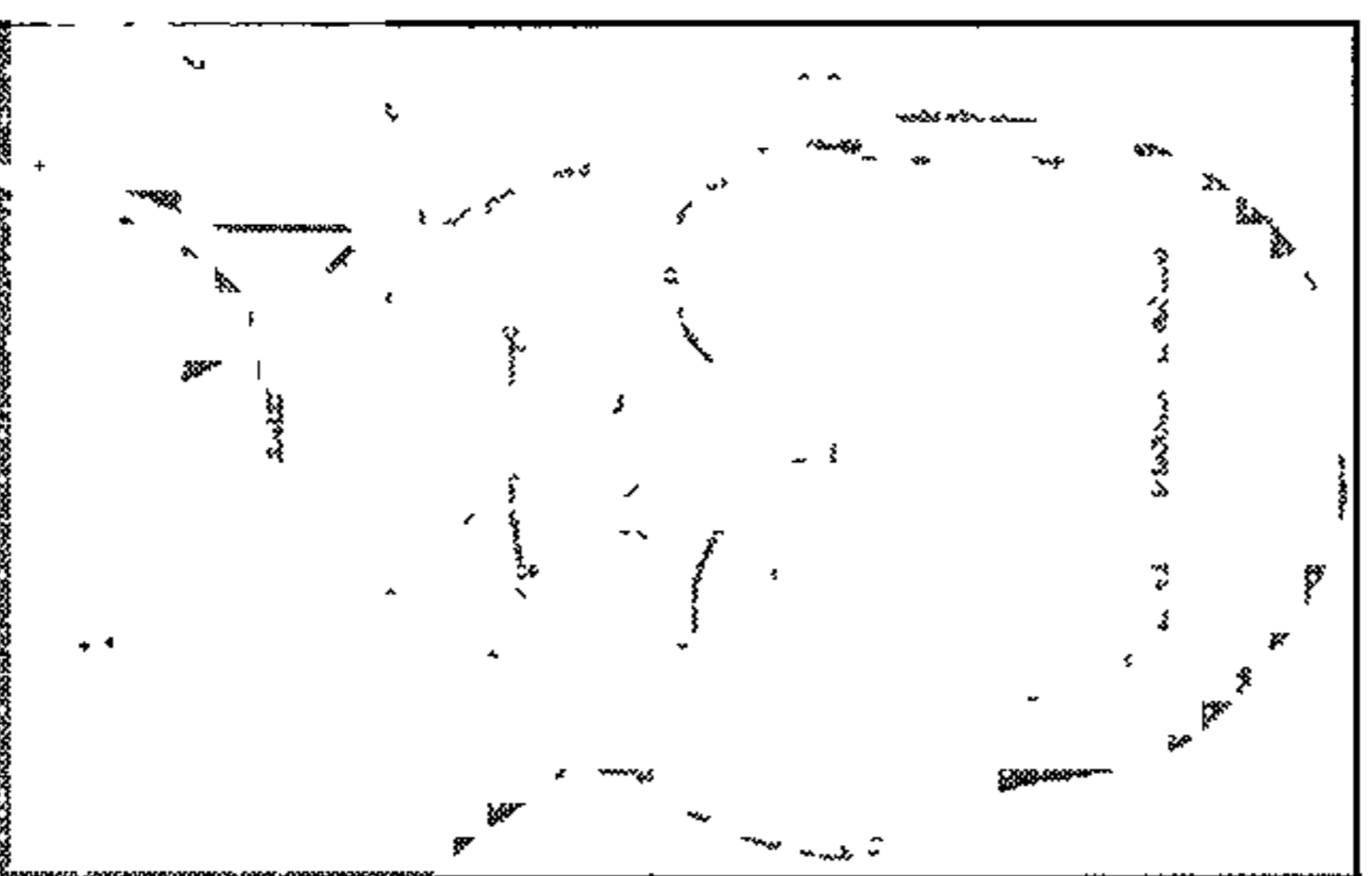
Retiring Major-General G N Erasmus, head of management services



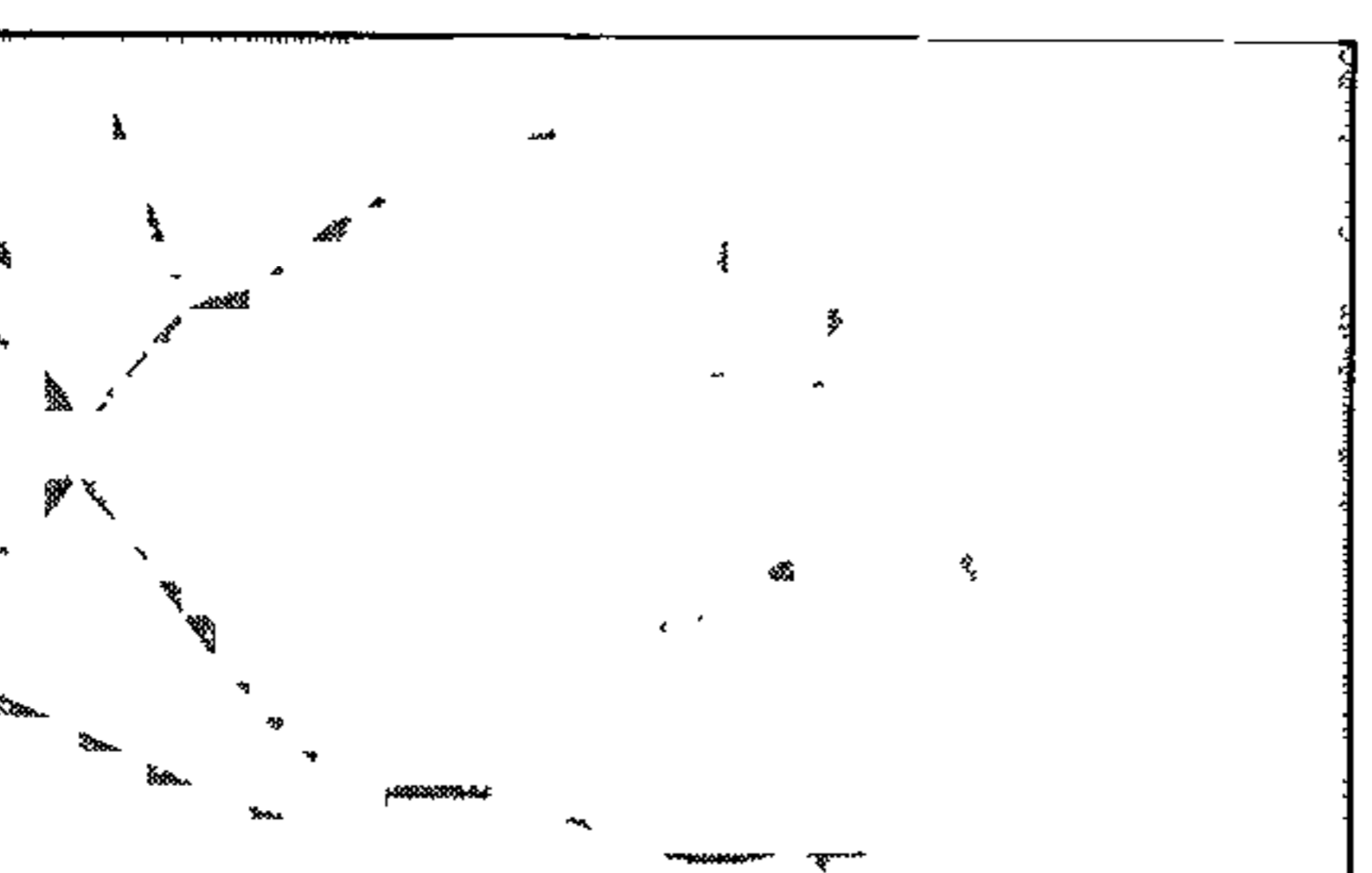
Retiring Major-General H J Fischer, head of efficiency services



Retiring Major-General B H Henn, regional commissioner, Northern Transvaal



Retiring Major-General J A P Burger, second in command, Internal Stability Unit



Retiring Major-General G C May, deputy regional commissioner, Witwatersrand

regard for the law, minimum force, and accountability to the public.

**Heightened effectiveness.**

A committee of local and international experts will be appointed to evaluate all facets of training, compare these with international standards and make recommendations.

**Rectification:**

A committee comprising all race groups has investigated rectifying the results of the past policy of discrimination in promotions.

Anyone whose promotion was affected by this policy will be promoted after he has passed the necessary development courses.

**Manpower utilisation**

About 13 000 trained police officers currently performing administration duties will be replaced with civilian personnel.

The trained officers will be streamlined back into functional police duties over two years.

The Internal Stability Unit will be increased by 1 600 recruits. □

activities of the Goldstone Commission

**Community-supported policing**

The establishment of the Division

Community Relations results from the conviction that crime and political violence can be addressed only with the support of the community.

Community policing officers will

be appointed for continuous liaison with the community

**Policing style:**

The policing style in the new South

Africa has to be adapted to new circumstances

A new subdivision has been established to sensitize members of the police force about the changing environment in which policing must take place

Emphasis will be on impartiality, professionalism, no discrimination on any grounds, courtesy to the public,

### Warning of worst

### Scenario for SA

CAPE TOWN — If the violence in SA

was not solved, the country could descend into a state of disintegration characteristic of Yugoslavia at present, sociologist Professor Heribert Adam said yesterday.

Speaking at a function of the UCT Graduate School of Business Association, Adam said there were already signs of the emergence in SA of motiveless "recreational killing" which had been found in Yugoslavia.

"Whether SA goes the Yugoslavian route of disintegration and ethnic violence is an open question and depends on the policy choices made," he said. If dogmatic nationalisms reinforced separatism, or if history did not allow for a federalistic solution, the ground could be laid for secessionism and disintegration.

Adam, of Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, said it would be unwise to try to split the ANC/SACP/Cosatu alliance before a settlement was reached, as the alliance was essential to achieve a broad legitimacy for the new constitution.

The worst scenario would be if the ANC were to fall apart and ANC president Nelson Mandela was denounced as a sellout and stooge

# Top brass welcomes new SAP structure

PRETORIA — Top police officers yesterday welcomed the sweeping changes in the structure of the SAP.

Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merve said the general staff associated itself "wholeheartedly" with the changes and were part of their planning.

The most senior officer affected by the early retirement initiative, Deputy Commissioner Gen H P M de Villiers, said in an interview yesterday the perception that some of the 18 officers affected could not or would not be party to the new plans was wholly incorrect.

He conceded some loss of morale could be expected below general staff rank, as could be expected in times of uncertainty, but discounted the long-term effect.

De Villiers, who would have retired at the end of May next year, offered to advance his retirement so the new structure could be implemented on January 1 1993.

He said he did not regret that more blacks were not drafted into the general staff earlier, but added that he thought the time was ripe now. There were already several very senior black officers and their addition to the general staff would be for

the good of the force and the community. He regretted "this terrible criticism of the force", which was staffed by people of quality who had tried their best to serve the whole community.

Van der Merve said the new structure would involve the devolution of power as fully as possible to the various regions. The command structure at head office would be "considerably reduced" and the command structure at some regions "drastically increased".

The internal stability division, active in unrest areas, would be strengthened by almost 1 600 men.

Van der Merve also announced that a section called "efficiency services" would be created. It would include a national inspectorate, which would conduct "value for money" audits.

The new structure would also replace police officials performing administrative duties with civilian personnel.

This would free about 13 000 trained members, who would be added to the "functional stream" of the force over the next two years.

# One big family who lived together



Washing out the bloodstains Cynthia Lekhula's mother and sisters



Diens en Plig Police work is a tradition in the family of slain Goede moed station commander Chris Schutte

## and, one bloody day, died together

**O**N Monday there were 10 officers on duty at the South African Police unit on the premises of the 7 000ha Goede moed Prison farm. On Tuesday following the rampage of Constable I S Haschberg there were three

In just over an hour Haschberg shot and killed 19-year-old Ernestina Mile who had accused him of rape a day earlier her mother stepfather, 17-year-old sister and four-year-old step-sister, Haschberg's station commander and two police assistants.

Once Haschberg's madness was ended by his own self-inflicted death there were on the grounds of Goede moed eight dead and three wounded. All this in a quiet dawn on a quiet bend in the Orange River.

"I suppose you could call it a family murder," says a visibly shocked Sergeant Kobus Kruger, 24 hours later Kruger who is only 22 years old, has been thrust not only into the role of hero but into the shoes of his murdered station commander who was killed unarmed as he tried to load his wounded men into an ambulance.

There are so few of us here and we are so isolated that we are very much a family.

How does he feel? Well how do you feel after a family tragedy? It's a big thing a family murder. You've been attacked by one of your own. It's difficult to work through.

Family Duty Service Even love. The words are formed and reformed in the mouths of the people who serve here, words grasping to explain the inexplicable as if by merely being said they can recreate the sense of mission shattered by the pre-dawn dementia of one of their own.

At the residence of murdered station commander Chris Schutte, his oldest son, Deon, says that "at least we know our father was killed in the course of duty."

The Schutte family motto might well be Diens en Plig. Deon is a for-

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*Goede moed is an idyllic, close-knit community in a bend of the Orange River. This week a policeman went berserk and shot dead eight of his colleagues and friends. 'I suppose you could call it a family murder,'*

*says a shocked Sergeant Kobus Kruger*

**MARK GEVISSER and GUY ADAMS visit Goede moed**

mer policeman the second son Nico is a policeman in Pretoria the third son, Nickie is a warden at Goede moed Prison the youngest son, Morne, is a Std 9 pupil in Altwil North. "My duty is to become a policeman," he says. "I feel it even more strongly now after watching my father die. Is the subtitle 'venge' it's difficult to tell in a 17-year-old who has lost his father only 24 hours previously.

Nico is proud to be a policeman but dependent. "You give so much to them and what do you get in return?" The Schutte boys are confused and uncertain. But of one thing they are sure the grimace of betrayal frozen into their father's features as he died. "I saw it in the morgue at Altwil North," says Deon who gave up the SAP himself when he shot and killed two black youths in the course of duty in 1985. "I saw in his dead face the look of shock and disbelief that he had been killed by a fellow policeman one of his own."

Colonel Gawie Le Roux second in command of the prison that shares the premises with the police station, emphasises this point. "Yes," he says, "that's what the trauma is about. The fact that policemen died not at the hands of adversaries but from a colleague they expected to protect them. That's what makes this whole thing sort of a family crisis."

Like Kruger, Le Roux extols the family virtues of this close-knit rural community. "It's idyllic. If I were to go to jail this is where I would want to be sent. Sure, it's isolated, but we joke

that people cry twice when they are stationed here they cry the first time when they hear their posting is Goede moed, and they cry the second time when they hear they've been relocated."

But the point about Goede moed is that it is a family it's an artificially constructed one made up of prisoners behind bars and staff from other places posted to a rural settlement where they are forced into intimacy.

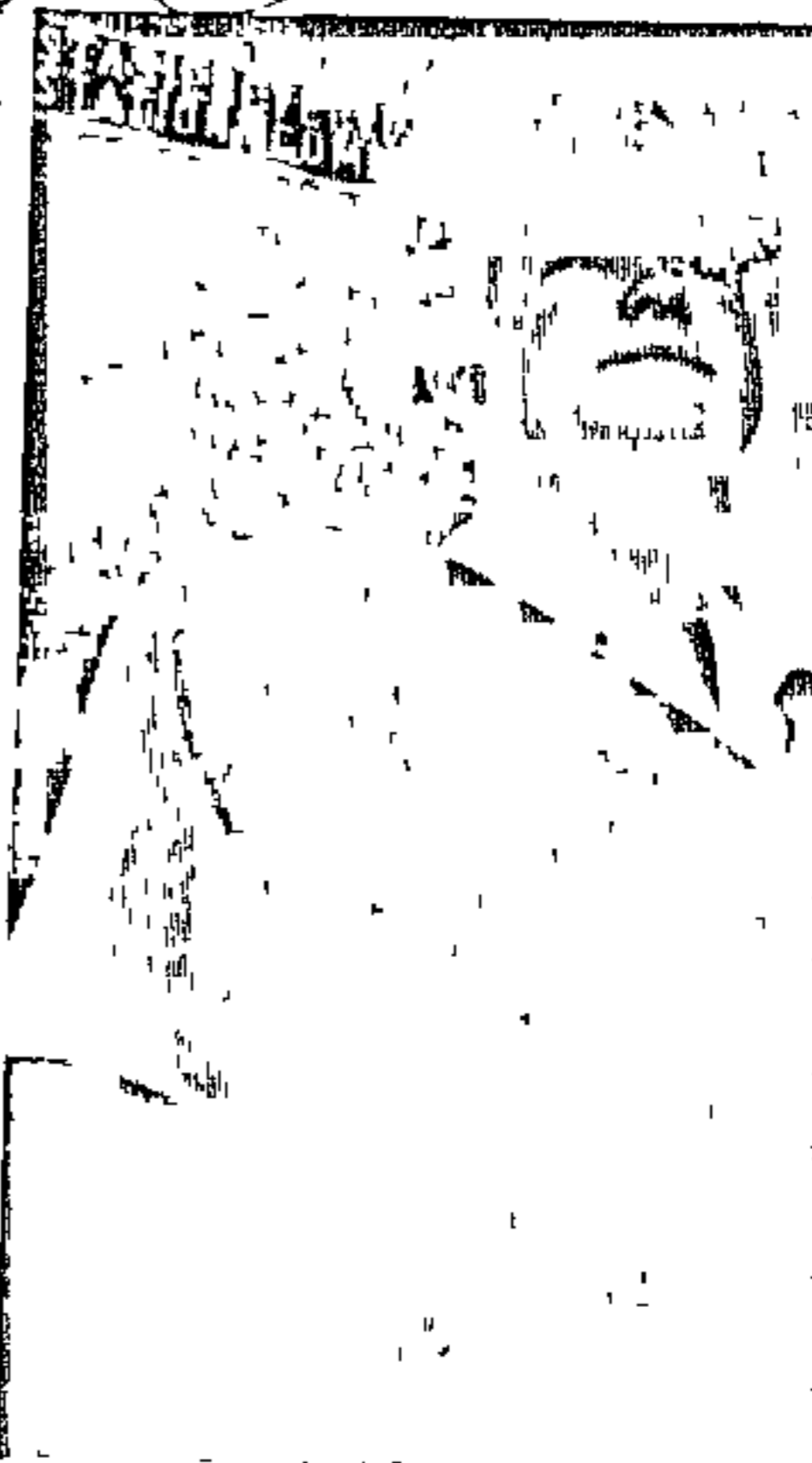
And that perhaps is where the problem began. Haschberg went berserk after his good friend Constable SG Lekhula laid charges against him for the rape of one of his adopted daughters. Haschberg killed the Lekhula family his incriminators his betrayers — and he killed the police officers who could subsequently incriminate him.

It must have been a matter of pride, says Kruger. Imagine a proud policeman who sees himself suddenly and violently separated from his colleagues — his family — and condemned, like the bad son to the darker side of a police cell's bars.

And so Haschberg killed his black house mates he killed his white commander.

There was nothing racial in it, adds Kruger emphatically. "It was one policeman in going for other policemen." As with so many family murders issues of race and politics are sublimated, difficult to extricate and identify buried as they are deep beneath intense personal anguish.

There is no evidence that Haschberg was motivated by anything racial when he murdered eight people



Sgt Kobus Kruger Attacked by your own

six of his victims after all were black. A sense of racial inferiority or rage may not have motivated Haschberg directly but, listening to the language of those southern Free State Afrikaners he serves one realises that it must have played a significant role in his psychosis.

**I saw in his dead face the look of shock and disbelief that he had been killed by a fellow policeman, one of his own**

Witness the words of a neighbouring white farmer. "You know these kaffirs, this black nation. What can you expect?" Witness the words of a mechanic in the nearby town of Rouxville. "If only it had been a white policeman who had gone crazy. Then he would have taken out eight kaffirs."

What motivated Haschberg will never be known he is dead, and so are most of those who knew him. One survivor who knew

him well professionally at least, is Kruger. He was a good policeman in Middelburg a perfectionist disciplined always perfectly dressed. This last comment is echoed by others who barely knew him at all from the neighbouring kaffir hating farmer to the staff at the prison.

His friend and incriminator, Lekhula was, according to Le Roux a fine man a leader. Everyone turned to him. His wife was a teacher and she ran the school on the premises. They were much loved much respected.

Up the hill in the police barracks the home of Lekhula and his wife Cynthia is filled with their extended family who have come from Altwil North and Bloemfontein to wash the bed sheets of their blood and to empty the house of its personal effects and return it to its regulation issue shell.

Marjorie Qaqine Cynthia's sister knew of the Lekhulas' close friendship

with their murderer. "I just don't understand it. The policemen were all one big family and my sister's home was their gathering place."

Like the Schutte family the Lekhula family can find answers only in Divine intervention, invoking God and fate. Like the Schutte family the Lekhula family has in its numbers policemen. Lekhula's older brother Tebogo, is a sergeant in Bloemfontein.

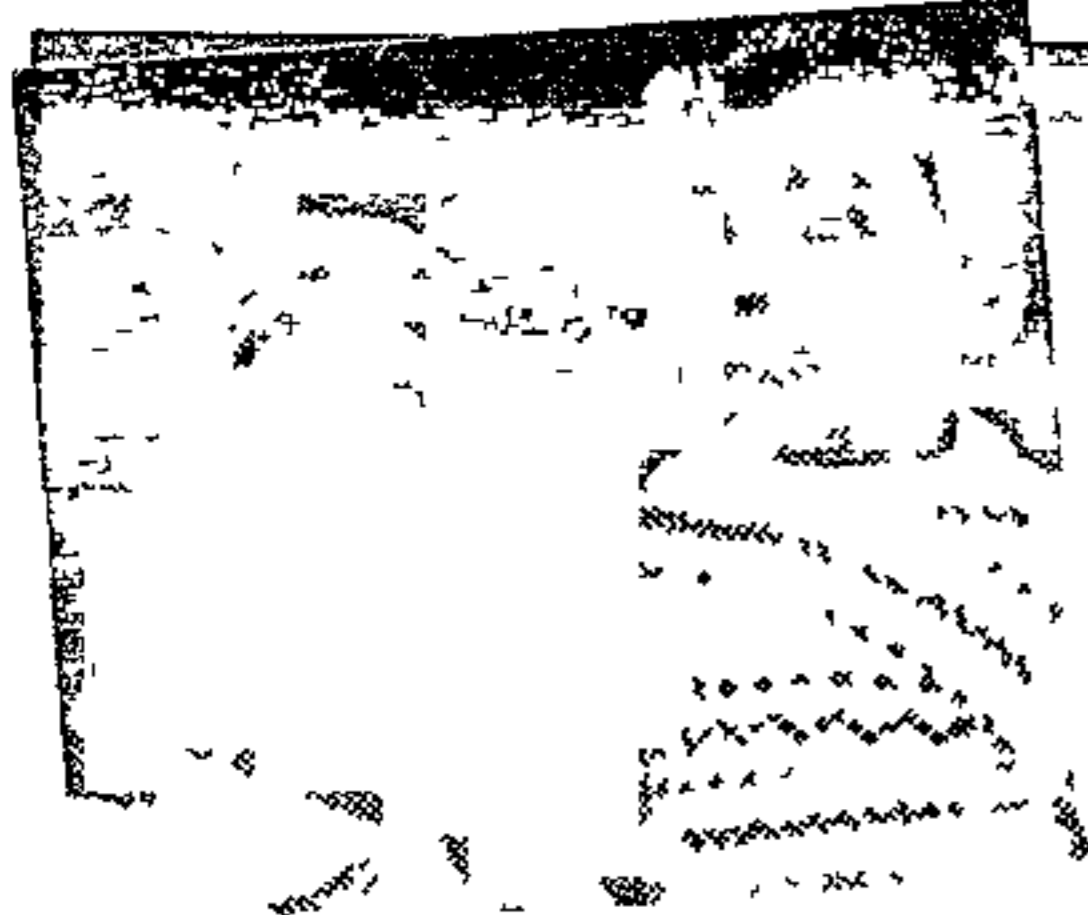
Like Nico Schutte Tebogo Lekhula will continue to serve in the police force, motivated further by the death of his relative. Family Duty Service. The words sound hollow as hollow is Goede moed itself which means Good Hope an ironic name for a prison complex. But these words are repeated anyway a credo of police force camaraderie masking deep resentment and pain, a dirge to the new South Africa moaning through the late winter silence of a quiet afternoon, of a quiet bend of the Orange River.



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# A general clear-out, urges Waddington

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Waddington proposed a strategy akin to arms control talks: police generals should be sacrificed "like redundant ballistic missiles" as part of the country's negotiated settlement

He said this would be an act of "symbolic significance" to bring the force into line with a changing South Africa. The government should stagger the purge during negotiations rather than

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**Police generals, like redundant ballistic missiles, should be dismantled. This is the view of the British policing expert, Peter Waddington, who assisted in the Boipatong massacre investigation.**

get rid of them all as one "unilateral act", he suggested

The far-reaching proposals from Waddington, director of criminal justice studies at the University of Reading in England, were handed to the government last month. This suggests that the retirement this week of 19 police generals was not due to a "rationalisation drive" as suggested by Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel when he

announced it on Thursday

It could mark the beginning of a complete re-organisation of the police force and affirmative action programmes to ensure a spread of black officers at the highest levels

"It would seem that (President FW) de Klerk has acted swiftly on Waddington's advice," said a Western diplomat. "This is very heartening and it will create a positive climate for the visit next week of a European Community troika of foreign ministers from Britain, Denmark and Portugal"

Waddington's report is absolutely scathing of the SAP's absence of effective command and control, poor investigative procedures and lack of accountability. So deep is this incompetence, he said, that senior officers do not even recognise what is wrong

"The top echelons of the SAP leave much to be

desired," Waddington said in his assessment. "I have met many much more impressive officers among their subordinates"

"Perhaps those in senior positions have spent too long under the previous regime to be able to adjust to the extent that is necessary," he said

Waddington was brought to South Africa by the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry to investigate police response to the Boipatong massacre two months ago. It was the first time that a South African leader invited a foreigner to pass judgment and make recommendations on a police force that has for decades been isolated from international policing trends

His report into the Boipatong investigation was a scathing indictment of police incompetence and exposed glaring procedural and organisational inadequacies

## 19 go - but the top three strongmen are still in charge

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**EXCLUDED** from the string of police generals due to retire as part of a move to revamp the police force are the three most tainted police strongmen: the SAP commissioner, the SAP head of security and the chief of the notorious KwaZulu Police

Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel yesterday announced major restructuring measures as part of a move to bring the police in line with the "new" South Africa by improving police-community relations and modernising attitudes in the police force

Altogether, 19 police generals (of a total of 55) are due to be pensioned off, either because they "wish to retire or should, due to rationalisation, retire", said Kriel. Of these, 13 have been asked to go and the others had made moves to retire before the restructuring

But South African Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe, security chief General Basie Smit and KZP commissioner Major General Jac Buchner — three men deeply implicated in "dirty tricks" and covert security force operations of the "total onslaught" era — retain their positions

The following generals have retired or are set to retire before the year end: Lieutenant General AB Conradie, Lieutenant General DS Kemp, Lieutenant General DM du Plessis, Major General HP Grobler, Major General GN Erasmus, Major General HG Fischer, Major General GC May, Major General T Breytenbach, Lieutenant General I Coetzee, Major General JAP Burger, Lieutenant General L Neethling, Lieutenant General JSM Venter, Major General R Robinson, Lieutenant General PJ Viljoen, Major General CM van Niekerk, Major General H Gloy, Major General JF Kruger, Lieutenant General HPM de Villiers and Major General B Henn

Kriel said the "sweeping initiatives", which include the establishment of an investigative body under the auspices of the Justice Ministry, creation of a new community relations division, new training measures handled by private sector experts and an end to discrimination against "people of colour" wanting to move upwards, were intended to "intensify the process of changing the hearts and minds of the policemen in the force"

Kriel denied that the restructuring moves, which include devolution of power to key regions, were an attempt to pre-empt negotiations. The changes, he said, could not wait "I would have loved to discuss these

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**The police shake-up announced yesterday leaves in place three of the most notorious top guns, reports PHILIPPA GARSON**

changes with the African National Congress. But unfortunately they aren't talking to us, so I can't." The structure of a future police force would have to be decided at negotiations, he said

The resignation of the generals is partly to make way for blacks to fill senior posts. Kriel announced that four new lieutenant generals and two deputy commissioners of police would be appointed. He regretted there were no "non-white" policemen ready to take the senior posts, but several generals would be recruited from the ranks of brigadiers, after they had completed a brigadiers' course in October. "I am confident there will be a number of people of colour that will be appointed. I am encouraging them. They must work hard and they must study"

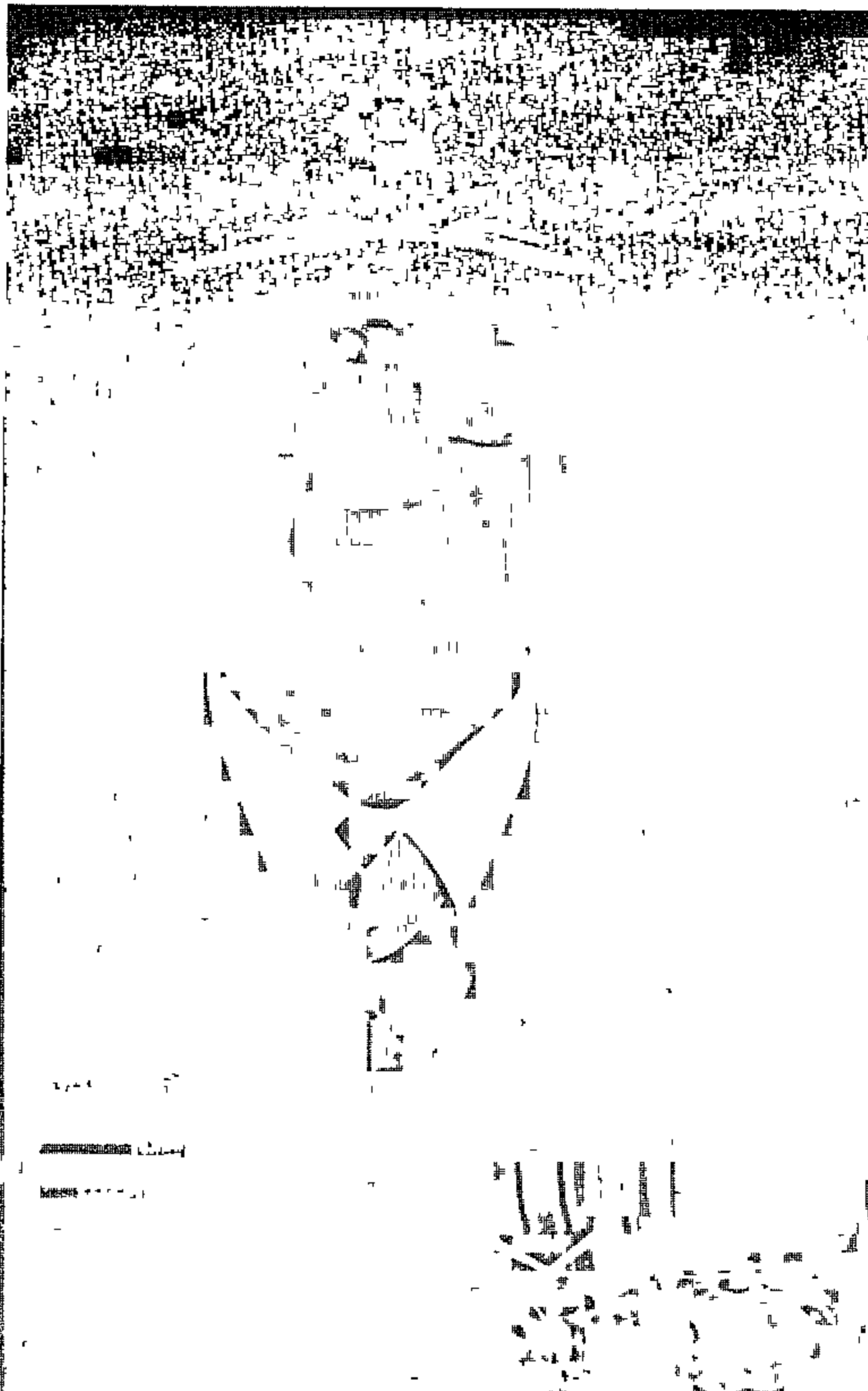
Three black brigadiers — one African, one Indian, one coloured — are likely to be promoted to the rank of general. *The Weekly Mail* understands they are Brigadier John Manuel (community services), Brigadier M Chetty (training and management) and Brigadier SM Tsoka (based in Soweto)

The independent investigative body — to investigate complaints against the police — will consist of a statutory board chaired by a judge, with an attorney general and three area chiefs. An additional 35 inspectors will be recruited from the ranks of the police, legal fraternity, National Intelligence Service and, possibly, foreign experts

Van der Merwe said the restructuring — which included the devolution of police powers "as fully as possible" to the various regions — was also a continuation of 1989 strategic planning initiatives. The Witwatersrand, Natal and western Cape regions now have significantly increased powers

Kriel refused to comment on the latest string of deaths in police custody until an intensive police investigation on custody deaths was completed

Defence Minister Gene Louw confirmed that bilateral discussions between Military Intelligence and the



**The very model of a modern SAP general** Controversial Commissioner Johan van der Merwe

ANC's intelligence department were taking place. He said the meetings were by agreement confidential, adding however that the reports about a "joint inquiry into the third force" were untrue

The three most controversial police figures who do not appear on the government's list of officers to be put out to pasture are

● Commissioner of Police Johan van der Merwe, 56, the youngest police commissioner in history when appointed in 1988. He headed the Free State security police from 1970 to 1979 and during this time is credited with direct oversight of cross-border police raids against ANC activists in Lesotho. He was subsequently pivotal to "anti-terrorist" strategies in South West Africa and claimed to have "broken the back of terrorism in South West Africa" after 1983. Perceived as a key total onslaught ideologue, he said as late as 1989 that the "perception of total onslaught was a reality", blaming ANC and South African Communist Party terrorism supported by "radical organisations"

● Commissioner of the KwaZulu Police Jac Buchner, 53. He left school in Standard Eight and joined the SAP

In 1960 he joined the army in Rhodesia and four years later, the SAP security branch. He obtained honours degrees in criminology and police science through Unisa and was for years an expert on the ANC and SACP. He is known to have led cross-border raids into Mozambique, and is credited with devising the SAP's Askari programme, in terms of which ANC fighters were turned and used for hit-squad activity. As head of the Inkatha-aligned KZP, a post he has held for three years, he is seen by many as a stumbling-block to peace in the area

● Lieutenant General Basie Smit, 54, head of the 12 000-strong crime, combating and investigation unit (CCI). Previous posts include head of the Durban narcotics bureau, chief of the northern Transvaal security branch and head of the security police

He has been described as "harsh and unsympathetic" and as ambitious man with political aspirations. He was indirectly implicated in the Inkathagate scandal, given that no funds between Inkatha and the police would be exchanged without his approval

## The rotten core's still there, says Coetzee

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**By PAUL STOBER**  
**EXILED** South African Police security branch captain Dirk Coetzee has named 10 generals who must be removed before the SAP can regain its credibility

There is strikingly little overlap between his list and the 19 SAP generals Police Commissioner Johan van der Merwe has said will retire as part of an initiative to restore the SAP's standing

Coetzee went into exile in November 1989 after blowing the lid on SAP hit squads responsible for the deaths of anti-apartheid activists. Before then, he had been a ranking member of the SAP for about 19 years and he has intimate knowledge of the security workings of the police

Speaking from London, Coetzee described the generals he named as part of the "security clique which has governed the country since 1966, when (then prime minister) John Vorster established the Bureau of State Security under Hendrik van der Bergh"

Pointing out that there were 55 generals in the SAP, Coetzee said: "The security clique is so deeply rooted it cannot be dealt with by removing 19 generals, half of whom were up for pension and half of whom are not from security. The clique must be cleaned out."

- Included in Coetzee's list were:
- Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe
  - Head of Crime Combating and Investigation, Lieutenant General Basie Smit
  - Head of the Crime Intelligence Service, Lieutenant General Piet Viljoen
  - Head of the Visible Policing Division, Lieutenant General Louwtjie Malan
  - Head of the SAP's Peace Accord Liaison, Major General Bob Beukes
  - Head of Media Liaison, Major General Leon Mellet
  - Head of Information Management and Interpretation, Major General MJ Pruis

The only generals who appear both on Coetzee's list and on the government's list of senior officers to retire are Major General Hannes Gloy, who was initially in charge of the Boipatong massacre inquiry, and the former head of logistics, Lieutenant General Ignatius Coetzee.



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## Five killed in train attacks

■ Sporadic violence continues on the Springs line:

By Mokgadi Pela and Sapa

SPORADIC attacks on East Rand trains continued on Wednesday night with the killing of five people and injury of two others

On Wednesday morning, three people were killed and seven injured when gunmen went on the rampage in a Springs-Johannesburg train. The injured were rushed to the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital and Willem Gywagen Hospital.

Police spokesman Warrant Officer Andy Pieke said the attackers had stabbed and shot passengers and hurled them out of train windows

On Wednesday at 6pm, a sixth man was killed and two more were injured by commuters at Kallehong's Pilot Station, four men were stabbed and thrown out of windows. Three died and one is in hospital ● See Story on Page 10 and 11

## Police disrupt teachers' demo

■ 22 arrested, many injured during "peaceful march":

Sowetan Reporters

SEVERAL teachers were arrested and many others injured when police broke up a march organised by the South African Democratic Teachers Union in Soweto yesterday

A month-old-baby was also injured when a teargas canister fired by police landed inside a house in White City Jabavu. The baby was treated at the White City clinic

Six Sadtu members and a passerby, Mr Abram Senne, were injured when police fired birdshot and teargas

Those injured were also treated at the White City clinic. Sadtu official Mr Oupa Mphetha said police had caused chaos by breaking up a peaceful march. Police confirmed that 22 Sadtu

members who refused to disperse when told to do so were under arrest at Jabulani police station.

"They will only be released after paying their fines," police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said

Meanwhile, talks between Sadtu and the Minister of Education and Training will continue on September 10

It was not clear yesterday whether the union would still go ahead with the threatened strike on September 2 following the postponement of talks between the two parties on Wednesday

The chairman of Sadtu's Soweto branch, Mr Malakanye Matakanye, said the union hoped to sign a recognition agreement on that day

But he refused to be drawn on whether the union would still go ahead with its strike on September 2

## SAP to promote 3 blacks to general

■ Minister announces restructuring to restore credibility:

By Ismail Lagardien

THE SAP will promote three senior black police officers to the rank of General, a well-placed source confirmed yesterday

They are Brigadiers John Manuel, Morgan Chetty and Simon Tsoka

Their appointment will follow a month-long training programme to start in mid-September. They are expected to take office by the end of October

This is part of an extensive restructuring with a view to "restoring the credibility of the SAP and to heighten its effectiveness in providing policing for everyone in the country"

In announcing the sweeping changes and restructuring of the higher echelons of the police, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hennus Kriel, yesterday

confirmed that 18 white generals would 'retire' within months

Other changes in the police hierarchy announced yesterday were 'The establishment of an independent investigative body to investigate serious crimes allegedly committed by members of the SAP, The creation of a new division of Community Relations, A new subdivision aimed at "sensitising" members of the SAP about the changed political environment in which policing has to take place

Thirteen of the 18 Generals have accepted early retirement

Four others - Lt-Gen JF Calitz, Maj-Gen LCA Prins, Vh Steyn and JH le Roux - have been promoted. Those leaving are Lt Gen HPM de Villiers, AB Comrade, DS Kemp, PM du Plessis, I Coetzee, and Maj Generals GN Erasmus, HP Grobler, HJ Fischer, BH Henn, GC May, T Breytenbach, JFR Krieger and JAP Burger. The other generals are Lt Gen LP Lothar Neelung, JS M Venter, Maj Gen R Robinson, Maj Gen GJ Viljoen, Maj Gen CM Van Niekerk and Maj Gen JH Gloy



# Manuel: Long string of firsts

DENNIS CRUYWAGEN  
Staff Reporter

HIS list of achievements is impressive and filled with some remarkable "firsts" for a person of colour in the police force

Now Brigadier John Manuel is poised to make history by becoming the first coloured general in the force

In any other country this achievement would have not been unusual. But in South Africa, with its police force described by some as racist, it is a milestone

All that stands between Brigadier Manuel and a place in police history is successfully completing a staff course

Given his record as an achiever, this should be a mere formality

And who knows, if persistent rumours are true, he could re-

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turn to Cape Town as the most senior coloured police officer in South Africa after his controversial transfer from Mitchell's Plain in 1989

Born in Saldanha Bay on August 27, 1945, he joined the police in 1964, completed his basic training in Duncan Village, East London, before being posted to his home town

He rose quickly through the ranks, notching up achievements on his way

He is now stationed at police headquarters in Pretoria

But in 1989, with the Cape Flats embroiled in unrest, and riot police accused of being brutal in putting down violence, he sided with his colleague Lieutenant Gregory Rockman

They were stationed at Mitchell's Plain where he was the commanding officer

A hotbed of resistance, Mitchell's Plain bore the brunt of attempts by riot police to bring the unrest under control

Many accusations of brutality were levelled at riot police. But this could not be reported fully owing to press censorship during the state of emergency

But Lieutenant Rockman spoke out, accusing riot police of brutality

Not only did his commanding officer support him fully, but he called on the riot squad to act "more professionally"

● Brigadier Manuel was the first coloured policeman to be promoted to the rank of senior sergeant in 1971, major in 1984, lieutenant colonel in 1987, colonel two years later and brigadier in April

He was appointed deputy commissioner of police in Soweto in 1990

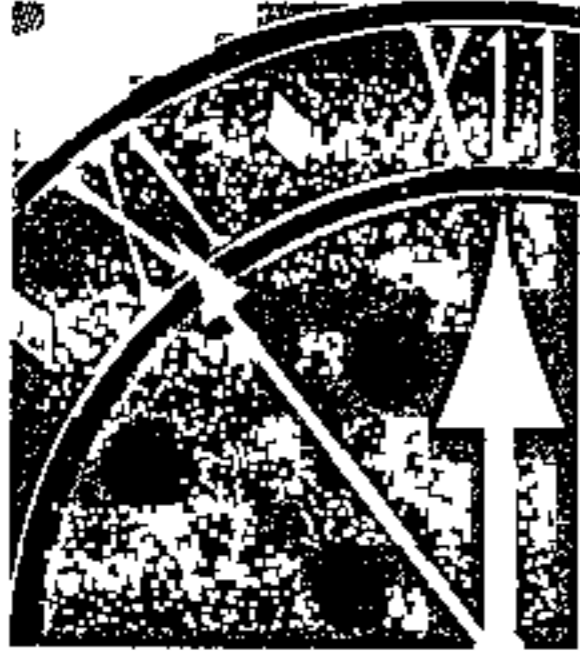
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# In the firing line

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A new Minister is an urgent necessity if the SAP is to be seen as neutral



**F W de Klerk** has put it succinctly we have no other police force Yet the status of the police is in question daily from all sides of the political spectrum Struggling in terms of numbers and image, the SAP is in a race

against time to restore its credibility — and its forgone reputation for integrity

The essence of the problem is that unless there is agreement to remove the police from the arena of political disagreement, future constitutional agreement might as well be torn up before it is written Unlike most other legacies of apartheid, the SAP cannot be abolished, it can only be rehabilitated Yet it has a clinging image of being an agency of the National Party

General Johan van der Merwe, the SAP Commissioner, freely acknowledges the damage handed down by the apartheid era "We have a problem in certain communities," he says "For many years, our priority was combating terrorism We had little opportunity to do classical policing"

For much of the NP's 44 years in power, the police were expected to enforce a myriad of laws that were loathed by the majority of the population They were also made increasingly unaccountable under President P W Botha's dubious "total strategy"

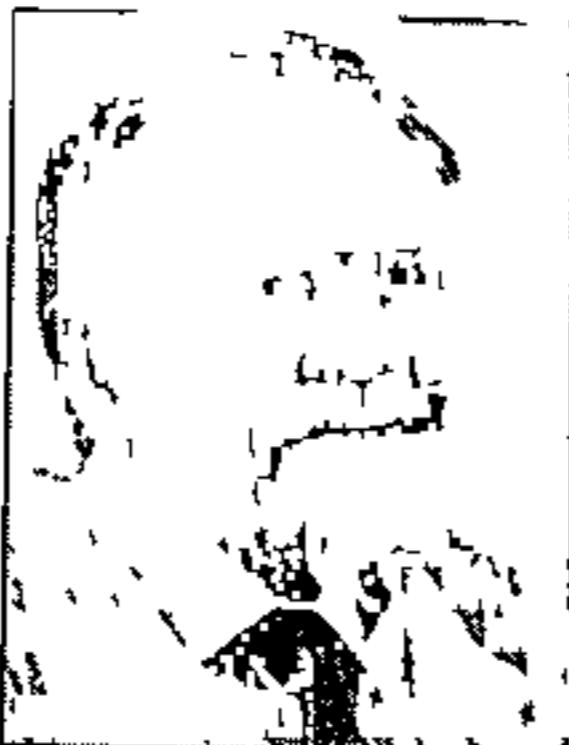
And the SAP's name was badly stained by a series of deaths in detention in suspicious circumstances The most notorious case was that of Steve Biko in 1977 There is also a long list of fatal shootings when police have been confronted with large crowds of blacks

In terms of political neutrality, the police were severely compromised by the revelations in 1991 that government had been secretly funding the Inkatha Freedom Party

As a result of all this, the police have a severe credibility problem

Politically sophisticated blacks seem to regard every policeman as potentially a member of a murderous hit squad — just as, for many white policemen, every black man was once a potential terrorist The police are automatically assumed to be wrong, negligent or acting in bad faith On the other side, there is a culture of illegality apartheid laws have undermined the entire legal system

Assassinations of policemen are encouraged by some radical



Kriel

leaders A recent Institute of Race Relations publication (*Riot Policing in Perspective* by Anthea Jeffery) lists 628 attacks on police during four months in 1991 Between 1987 and 1991, 225 policemen were killed and more than 60 000 injured

Not surprisingly, police morale is under siege Van der Merwe admits that he must "tend constantly to the morale of the force," especially black members

Jeffery also finds that perceptions of the police coincide almost exactly with party affiliation and choice of newspaper Impassioned defenders of the police read Afrikaans newspapers (and the *Citizen*) and are members of the NP and the CP Dedicatedly hostile sceptics are members of the ANC and read the *Weekly Mail* and *New Nation* The liberal English newspapers and members of the DP seem to be the most objective — but they, too, tend to be credulous And the police argue wearily that only the bad news about them gets into print

In such an environment, where everyone is filled with suspicion but short on facts, over-reaction on both sides is inevitable The case of Louis de Villiers, the murdered Addo farmer, is a good example

De Villiers is said to have had information damaging to the police, in connection with the death of Cradock activist Mathew Goniwe in 1985 When De Villiers was murdered, it was immediately assumed by the ANC that the police were responsible

The police, having offered a R50 000 reward for information leading to conviction, then arrested three men — two of them allegedly members of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the ANC's armed wing The police immediately claimed that the three suspects had been "positively linked" to the murder of De Villiers — before the men had even appeared in court

Tony Leon, the DP's Justice spokesman, rightly castigated the police for "passing judgment on the ANC in this matter," and the ANC "for rushing to judgment before the first facts" had been established

Perhaps the biggest SAP problem is the lack of manpower This shortage was viv-



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idly illustrated when a few dozen scared young constables had to confront a volatile crowd of 50 000 Our ratio of policemen to overall population is less than half the average ratio in stable Western countries

To worsen the shortage, there are peculiar policing problems Van der Merwe points to the differences in dealing with First-World and Third-World crime "In Western countries, the possible speed of reaction is much

greater because of far superior infrastructures In Canada, any phone call can be traced by computer immediately" It is one thing to talk about a return to the bobby on the beat, another to send constables on foot through unlit squatter camps

The police force cannot be replaced by the army Calls for "restructuring" and "abolition" are simply unrealistic

In a national force of about 120 000, there are undoubtedly rotten elements — and there have been dis-

turbing allegations about illegal activities But, paradoxically, it is also encouraging that more than 1 800 policemen were convicted of criminal offences in 1990, when the political climate was intensely volatile

As a matter of policy, known rightwingers are removed from potentially violent situations and no policeman may belong to a political party Several policemen have been prosecuted after deaths in detention

Whatever the rights and wrongs of the past, it is necessary to restore some perspective on the role of the police in society Wits political scientist Alf Stadler points out that the police are almost always dealing with real criminals

Police work cannot constantly be scrutinised by fastidious liberals — though officers must, of course, always be accountable to the community Police in all countries are in a symbiotic relationship with criminals, as in the setting up of informer networks, some corruption is inevitable

Whatever shortcomings there may be and whatever its past crimes, there is general agreement that the SAP will not gain credibility until government and the ANC find a way to agree that the role of the security forces must become uncontested

At present, there is great controversy over the question of an amnesty for political crimes committed by policemen Whether or not such an amnesty is desirable morally, even hostile politicians in a future govern-



Van der Merwe

THE ECONOMY

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# Why the Phoenix won't fly

**The essence** of Reserve Bank Governor Chris Stals's annual address on Tuesday was that the economy is adjusting quite well to his tighter money policy of the past three years — despite the lengths to which he had to go to counter government's spendthrift ways

Demand is coming into closer kilter with the economy's ability to supply and, while this has not yet been reflected in consumer prices, indications are that it will do so soon

Moreover, on the face of it, the economy is well placed to soon begin a sustainable recovery — reserves are rising, the balance of payments is in good nick, there is surplus capacity and foreign borrowings are modest

What is needed now is a steady nerve to ensure that a bit more of the same will stabilise prices. To draw back from the brink by cutting interest rates or devaluing the currency would be to forsake a rare opportunity to reduce inflation to below the double-digit level and keep it there

The cost, of course, has been high, especially in unemployment and all the other hardships that declining economic growth inevitably brings. The severe drought in parts of the country have aggravated those problems — but good rains are promised

It would be nice now to say that, despite the discomfiture of having to wait for the final fructification of Stals's sensible policies, a return to relative and increasing prosperity might not be far off. Were economic adjustment the only factor in this equation, that would be so

But that is not so. Political developments of the past few months have sent businessmen and investors, consumers and workers, into a slough of economic despondency. No longer is the economy in the process of an austere but orderly economic adjustment, it is in the process of a very dangerous free fall that could lead to severe and prolonged impoverishment

The breakdown of Codesa, strikes and stayaways, as well as threats of tax and bond boycotts have brought about a sea change

Simply put, the economic price of a political settlement is not yet high enough to force either government negotiators or those of the African National Congress, its communist allies and labour supporters, into agreement

Government, which has control of the lion's share of this country's resources and a powerful means of preferment through the public service, is cushioned for the time being from the consequences of its intransigence

Likewise, the ANC and black labour leaders still have the protection of secure jobs in their own bureaucracies. The folly of their political extravagance has not yet sunk home. And it is for that reason they argue that the economy is

in such a mess that more austerity, wrought of disruption, doesn't matter. It most certainly does

They are soon to find out their folly. The SA economy is a modern industrial one that will take time to atrophy. It is going to be a slow and painful process that will hurt blacks more than whites

And once its productive resources are run down, no quick reversal of policy will restore prosperity even to current levels. Besides, taking political measures to destroy jobs while simultaneously demanding living wages and more jobs is irrational

As those who have jobs steadily become fewer in number, trade union membership will erode and so will the power of its officials

The great mistake of Codesa was for politicians to believe that a political settlement could be achieved without the involvement of business and labour. Had this not been the case, it is possible that faced with the economic consequences of their political folly both sides would have been less inclined to walk away from negotiations

The latest Reserve Bank figures show that the economy has moved from a mild, though prolonged, recession into a steep slump. Business activity is declining, there is no new investment as corporate profits and share prices tumble, disposable incomes are falling and there is no new saving

What has hit the economy in recent months is not merely adjustment to more straitened circumstances — it is a tidal wave of despair and it has been whipped up by the politicians. Neither monetary nor fiscal policy is capable of changing that situation

Instead of prosperity rising Phoenix-like from the ashes of inflation, the politicians have contrived to have the bird plunge back into the flames of civil destruction and economic despair

Indeed, any attempt now to kickstart the economy by cutting interest rates, increasing government spending or devaluing the currency will simply compound the problem by stimulating inflation, eroding the balance of payments surplus and increasing official debt

The politicians will have to provide the stability and certainty that is basic to any return to economic growth. And the greater their insensitivity to the economic cost of their political intransigence and folly, the harder that achievement is going to be

They should reflect too on whether once a political settlement has been reached, the austerity they are forcing on their respective supporters now will ensure the continuation of their own leadership positions



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ment are likely to realise that a purge on any significant scale would be counter-productive. At any hint that individuals will be singled out for vengeance, members will see it as their duty to protect one another.

Meanwhile, it seems clear that a new Law & Order Minister must be appointed — one who does not come from the NP parliamentary caucus. Whatever the talents of the present Minister, Hernus Kriel, his political origins are a heavy albatross.

But who should replace him? There are some suggestions in the air.

One senior academic suggests that Harry Schwarz is the man for the job. He argues that Schwarz is not compromised by his political past, he is a first-rate lawyer, he has a high sense of political duty, he is not perceived by the liberation movements as a defender of apartheid, and he is not beholden to any party now.

British commentator R W Johnson, now working at Natal University in Durban, agrees that Kriel "will have to go" if the SAP is to have any chance of achieving acceptability.

He wonders whether a military man should be brought in as Minister — but not an army general, rather someone like a navy admiral, untarnished by any previous involvement in township policing. Robert Schrire of the University of Cape Town says



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a change of Minister is essential to achieve a "dramatic symbolic change."

Stadler says a new Minister — he suggests Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert for the job — would have to be able "to win the confidence of the police while being prepared to trample on policemen's toes."

Schrire notes that it might be tempting to replace the Commissioner for the same reasons, but this would be unproductive. "Bringing in an outsider would affect morale. The SAP needs a professional head."

There is general agreement that our police structure should be decentralised as a matter of urgency. Johnson points to the effectiveness of the Durban City Police, the only one of its kind in the country. It has full police powers, but the members are recruited locally, they mainly speak English and, therefore, find it easy to be in touch with the community.

Schrire notes that devolved police force authority would require great emphasis on community relations, drawing in highly respected people who would then have ready access to the community as well as the police authorities.

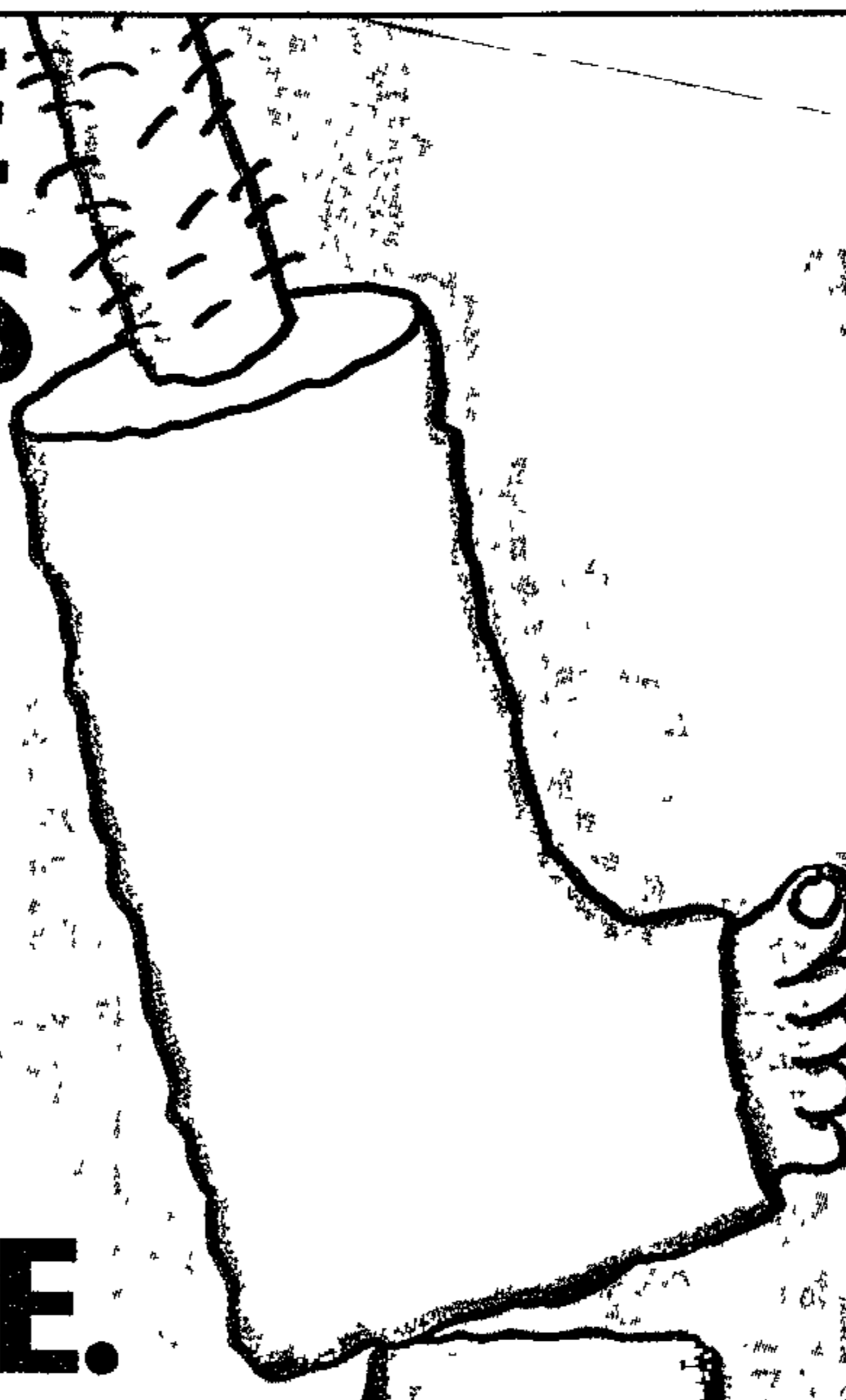
There is already much to build on. Thanks to reforms by former Minister Adriaan Vlok, the SAP is now better paid and better manned. Flaws in procedure highlighted by the Waddington report have been addressed with surprising humility by the generals. National Peace Accord structures are under-used, but in place. We have an internationally accepted code for political demonstrations.

The Goldstone Commission has done sterling work in cutting through the propaganda of all sides and the United Nations monitors already seem to be having a beneficial effect. A specialist Internal Stability Unit has been created to avoid situations where young and inexperienced constables must deal with huge, threatening crowds.

But no real progress is possible until the government and the ANC in particular have reached agreement on removing the police from the political arena. The immediate appointment of a new Minister might be just what is needed.

It is most important to remember that this person should not merely be "new" — but above all a non-Nationalist. ■

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# Kriel admits: SAP has had racist policy

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Own Correspondent

**JOHANNESBURG** — The Minister of Police, Mr Hernus Kriel, admitted yesterday a racist policy in the force had prevented black officers from reaching the rank of general

Mr Kriel, announcing sweeping changes to the police force, said "Up to now it has been the policy of the SAP not to appoint people of colour to the position of general"

He also said a committee had investigated how racial discrimination had prevented promotions in the past and those affected had had their seniority restored "and will be promoted once they have passed the necessary developmental courses"

The government's new plan for the SAP would lead to the appointment of blacks, coloureds and Indians to the top management structure to improve police credibility



**NEW CAPE CHIEF ...**  
Piet Viljoen

**OUT ...**  
HPM de Villiers

**PROMOTED ...**  
Nic Acker

The changes include the early retirement of 13 generals — five have already retired — and will mean a transformation of the top command structure of the police in the Western Cape

The head of the Central Intelligence Department in Pretoria, Lieutenant-General Piet Viljoen,

is the new Western Cape regional commissioner Major-General Nic Acker, the current regional commissioner, will become a deputy regional commissioner, and another deputy regional commissioner is still to be appointed

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## Cops quit (25)

Yesterday there was speculation that a coloured senior officer, Brigadier John Manuel, could be in line for a top police job in the Western Cape

Mr Kriel said that four new lieutenant-generals would be appointed and some could "very well be members of population groups other than whites"

He also announced the setting up of a new "independent investigative body" to be headed by a judge to probe allegations of serious crimes committed by SAP members

A community relations division would also be set up as well as a subdivision to "sensitise all serving members on an urgent basis" about the changed political environment

This division, along with a new human resources management division, would be managed by private sector experts

The ANC said that while it would be "churlish" to reject all the changes as insignificant, it took strong exception to the NP government's unilateral restructuring of society

Mr Kriel said the changes were not discussed with the ANC "because they are not talking to us and we can't wait with these initiatives until negotiations are under way"

However, he said, the final structure would still have to be negotiated and a decision made on whether the SAP should remain a single national force or be segmented into a federal system

Mr Kriel said the new training for the SAP would lay strong emphasis on impartiality, professionalism, non-discrimination and courtesy

The principle of minimum force would be observed in maintaining law

and order and the SAP would accept public accountability.

Top police officers yesterday welcomed the changes

Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said the general staff associated itself "wholeheartedly" with the changes and had been part of their planning

The most senior officer affected by the early retirement initiative, deputy commissioner General HPM de Villiers, said yesterday the perception that some of the 18 officers affected would not be party to the new plans was wholly incorrect

However, he conceded that some loss of morale could be expected below general staff rank

General De Villiers said he did not regret that more blacks were not drafted into the general staff earlier, but added that he thought the time was now ripe. There were already several senior black officers and their addition to the general staff would be for the good of the force and the community, he said

What he did regret was "this terrible criticism of the force" which was staffed by people of quality who had tried their best to serve the whole community

Sapa reports that the names of the 18 police generals who have retired or will do so in the next few months are

HPM de Villiers, deputy commissioner, A B Conradie, DS Kemp, head of financial services, P M du Plessis, head of personnel services, J J M Venter, head of management services (already retired), T Coetzee, head of logistics, G J Viljoen, J J Fischer, H P Grobler, J FR Kruger, C M van Niekerk, of administrative services, G N Erasmus, G C May, T Breytenbach, J A P Burger, OC of the stabilising units, H Gloy, of the unrest and violent crimes section, Lothar Neethling, technology adviser, and R Robinson, of pro-active service rendering

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# ANC and IFP accuse police of partiality

Own Correspondent

**DURBAN** — Accusations of police partiality in criminal investigations were levelled at the SAP by both the IFP and ANC this week.

In a statement yesterday the ANC accused police of "gross bias" and of "doing nothing" to protect its members.

An ANC official, Mr Reggie Hadebe, said massive manhunts were always launched whenever a white person was attacked. Complaints from Inkatha received priority.

"The recent killing of Induna Fana Nzi-

mande in Richmond brought the most senior police officers, including the district commissioner of Natal, to the scene," he said.

He referred to the hunt for the killers of last Friday involving a helicopter and other aircraft, and the search for Maritzburg schoolgirl Fiona Harvey a few years ago.

Mr Hadebe claimed that no manhunt was launched for the attackers who injured him and killed ANC organiser Mr Ni Hadebe in Imbali recently, and in connection with other attacks on ANC members.

The IFP has levelled similar allegations that the SAP employs an unfair system in offering rewards for information and launching high-level investigations.

The IFP information centre alleged the entire police system was "generally heavily loaded in favour of the white community or ANC supporters".

● Responding, SAP public relations officer Captain Henry Budhrum said "A murder reported to the SAP is regarded as a murder, irrespective of who the victim is or what race

he belongs to and the subsequent investigation follows the same pattern."

Police investigations depended on co-operation from witnesses and victims.

To date police had not received any co-operation or assistance over the shooting of Mr Reggie Hadebe, nor an incident where the occupants of a minibus fired on Mr Harry Gwala of the ANC, he said.

Captain Budhrum said it was SAP policy to offer rewards for information leading to the arrests and conviction of criminals whether these rewards were publicised or not.

# SA Police shake-up a 'facelift'

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By Peter Fabricius  
and Bronwyn Wilkinson

The unprecedented shake-up of the SA Police to restore its damaged credibility has been dismissed by the ANC as a "facelift" but welcomed by centrist parties.

Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel announced yesterday he was retiring 13 generals, rectifying racial discrimination in promotions and appointing an independent body under a judge to investigate serious crimes allegedly committed by the police.

These measures were among an extraordinary package of "sweeping initiatives" — including the imminent promotion of the SAP's first black generals — "to restore the credibility of the SA Police and to heighten its effectiveness", he said.

A new division of Community Relations would also be created, as well as a new subdivision aimed at "sensitising" members of the SAP to the changed political environment in which policing had to take place, Mr Kriel told a press conference in Pretoria.

"This initiative is all about intensifying the process of changing the hearts and minds of policemen," he said.

Mr Kriel candidly admitted that blacks had been discriminated against in past promotions and promised they would now be promoted to the ranks they should have attained.

Four black brigadiers could be promoted to the rank of general in mid-October after completing a course.

In an initial response last night, the ANC dismissed the shake-up as a "facelift" and criticised the Government for making changes unilaterally, but added that it would be "churlish" to reject all the changes.

It said the new body which would investigate police crime would not be totally independent as it would remain under a Government department.

The Inkatha Freedom Party and Democratic Party generally welcomed the moves and the Conservative Party described them as "cowardly compliance with the power-hungry ANC-SACP alliance".

Mr Kriel said emphasis would now be placed on total impartiality, professionalism, no discrimination, sovereignty of the law, the principle of minimum force, and accountability to the public.

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The investigative body, under the Ministry of Justice, will consist of a statutory board with a judge as chairman, an attorney-general as the chief executive officer, and three area chiefs.

The board will report annually to Parliament.

The division of Community Relations will be aimed at promoting the principles and implementation of community-supported policing.

Civilian experts will also be brought in to run human resources management and training.

Well-placed police sources made it clear that one of the aims of retiring the generals was to remove people who had not adapted to the new politics.

However, the most senior of the 13, Lieutenant-General Henk de Villiers, said this was not true of all of them.

Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe stressed at the press conference that the SAP's general staff had had a hand in the changes.

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# Shake-up necessary - retiring general

By Helen Grange  
Pretoria Bureau

The shake-up in the SA Police might create uncertainty among members, but it is necessary to catapult the force into the new South Africa as a credible protector of

human rights. This was the message of Deputy Police Commissioner Lieutenant-General Henk de Villiers in a statement to the 13 generals restructuring to make way for a restructured police force aimed at revolutionising police relations with the community.

In an interview with the Star General de Villiers who has spent 37 years in the SA Police said he was not resentful of the need for his early retirement as he was due to retire next May. He could not, however, speak on behalf of the other generals.

The restructuring he said, was made necessary by changing times and was vital to the improvement of police relations with the public. "There had to be a great deal of criticism of the SAP despite the fact that it was trying its best to protect the public."

What upsets me is that I have been in the force for 37 years and the SA Police has always been fully committed to protecting the public. We're trying our best but despite this, there is so much criticism," General de Villiers said. Commenting on the re-arrangements he said it was time to give "younger men the chance to prove themselves". He felt it was better to

## DP voices regret at Calitz's appointment

The Democratic Party noted with regret the appointment of Eastern Cape SAP Regional Commissioner Lieutenant-General JF Calitz as Commissioner for the Witwatersrand region.

The appointment follows the announcement by Law and Order Minister Herens Kriel of sweeping restructuring changes aimed at restoring credibility.

DP justice spokesman Tony Leon said in a statement the DP also found the decision to re-appoint Major-General Gerit Erasmus as Witwatersrand Regional Commissioner and re-place him with General Calitz, "disturbing".

Referring to the arrest of two Umkhonto we Sizwe members in connection with the murder of Addo farmer Andre de Villiers he said, "General Calitz's bombastic and intemperate perfor-

ance against the ANC in reaction to the arrest of two MK operatives on charges of Mr de Villiers' death, suggests he will lack the non-partisanship required to police effectively the PWV region which is racked by volatility and violence.

Where members of the ANC commit crimes they must be relentlessly pursued arrested and punished. However for the top cop in the PWV area to arrive fresh from such a public and demeaning brawl with the ANC poses grave questions about the effectiveness of the re-formation package."

Mr Leon said General Calitz's appointment contradicted the announcement of a new policing style by the Minister who had stressed that "emphasis will be placed on the key aspect of total impartiality".

Despite the radical changes in the upper echelons of the police, Law and Order Minister Herens Kriel said last night that the force did not yet represent the new SAP.

That will have to be restructured under a new constitution, he said on the SABC's Agenda.

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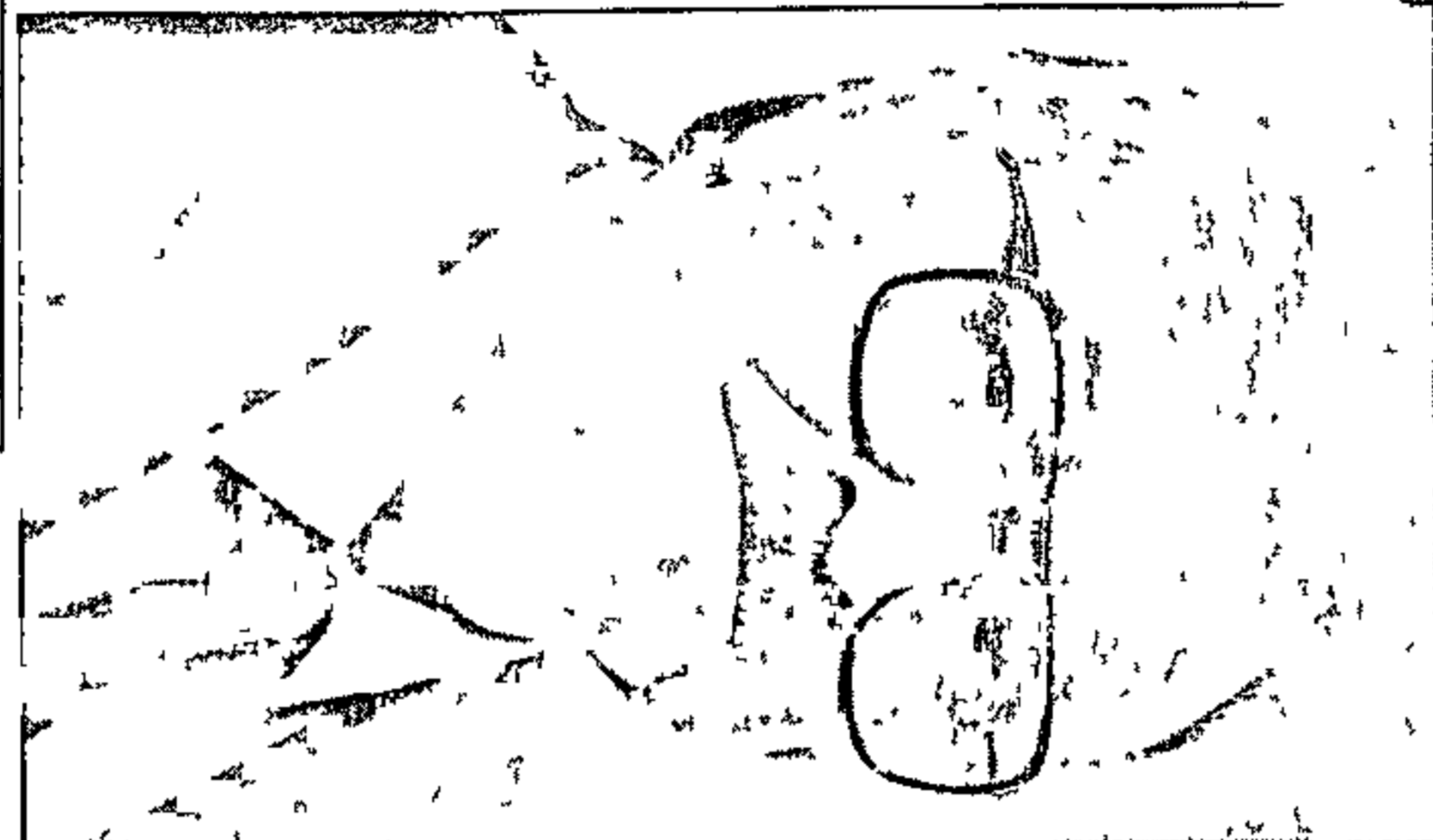
The aim of the restructuring was to improve the credibility of the police improve management and make police more visible.

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## Outcry follows police raid on Phola Park

By Brian Sakutu

In what the ANC alliance has described as a violation of the Peace Accord, security forces raided Phola Park on the East Rand early yesterday, shot and injured at least one resident, and arrested 11 others.

Several shacks were damaged, allegedly by members of the SAP's Internal Stability Unit (ISU) in an operation described by Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant JH L Weber as a continuation of Operation Alpo.

Lieutenant Weber said two men had been arrested and nine others were being held for questioning. The search was intended to arrest "wanted criminals."

There was a mood of anger inside the squatter camp hours after the raid. Residents described how police had damaged their doors and furniture before ordering all men outside the shacks.

Men were escorted by police to an open space in Phola Park where they were split into two groups before being escorted with razor wire.

One policeman also hit by the stones pulled the trigger and someone was shot. But residents claimed three people were shot.

ANC PWV spokesman Wally Mbele said the raid had conducted in a manner in which police had violated the Peace Accord. He asked why the police did not consult local leaders before the raid.

"I wonder whether any civilised police force would keep residents hostage so that they are unable to go to work."

## Force 'not yet representative of new SA'

By Michael Sparks

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# Purge police, proposed UK criminologist

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — British criminologist Dr Peter Waddington had proposed a purge of the SAP's top ranks in a letter he sent to President F.W. de Klerk through diplomatic channels, according to yesterday's issue of Africa Confidential.

Dr Waddington, who accused the police of "serious incompetence" in a 50-page report commissioned by the government on the police handling of the Boipatong massacre,

told Mr De Klerk in the letter that the upper ranks of the SAP left much to be desired and needed to be fundamentally restructured, the newsletter said.

Africa Confidential's report follows the government's axing of 13 police generals on Thursday and it said Dr Waddington had told Mr De Klerk in the letter that "it would also be an act of symbolic significance if the (police) high command were to be purged".

Dr Waddington suggested to Mr De Klerk

that he should pursue a political strategy similar to arms control and rather than getting rid of the generals in one swoop, he should retain them and then sacrifice them like "redundant ballistic missiles" as part of a negotiated settlement with the ANC and other political parties.

Dr Waddington also recommended that the SAP should be brought out of the closet and be exposed to policing methods of industrialised countries.

Africa Confidential said Dr Waddington is considered by insiders as the front-runner to be the consultant in charge of restructuring the SAP and change its image as the iron fist of apartheid.

But he perceives the main obstacles in changing the force to be the ban on the sale of any military or police equipment and expertise to SA, the SAP's pro-apartheid image and the need to reform the force during the turmoil of political transition.

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# Judge calls for <sup>(25)</sup> probe into police <sub>CT 29/8/92</sub>

Own Correspondent

**DURBAN.** — A judge here lashed out at the KwaZulu Police yesterday, calling for an investigation into its activities as well as into the overall position of the police in South Africa.

Following a five-hour judgment, three former KwaZulu policemen were convicted of murder, attempted murder and robbery and sentenced to an effective 18 years in jail each.

"The facts of this case suggest there may be reasons for an investigation into the activities of the KwaZulu Police and indeed of the overall position of the police in this country," said Mr Justice McCall.

There were certain aspects which the judge found "most disturbing".

He decried the "lamentable lack" of proper control over the issuing of weapons to the policemen and criticised the way in which the KZP had carried out certain procedures.

Two other people, allegedly involved in the planning of the crimes, were still KZP members

# New police chief speaks

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By DANIEL SIMON

NEWLY-APPOINTED regional commissioner of police for the Western Cape, Lieutenant-General Piet Viljoen, will be returning to the Cape to take up his first official posting since leaving the province in 1956 to join the police

Born on a farm near Worcester in 1937, the 54-year-old general was named this week to the

post. He will be senior to Major-General Nick Acker, the present Western Cape chief, who will serve as deputy commissioner

In an interview, General Viljoen said he did not expect to be appointed regional commissioner. "This is good for me as I am nearing the end of my career."

He also said that he had no objections with the restructuring of the command structure or with working with generals of other race groups, even if one served un-

## Force retirements: Reactions

Political Staff

THE AWB and the PAC yesterday criticised the retirement of 13 police generals and the restructuring of the police force

AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre-Blanche said his organisation was convinced the "shocking dismissal" of the police generals, who had dedicated their lives to the protection of "our fatherland", had been demanded by the ANC

The PAC said the retirement of the

police generals would not eradicate racism in the police

The PAC also said it perceived a National Party ploy to create a new South Africa after its own image, attempting to become the sole agent for change

The SA Council of Churches hailed the restructuring as a move towards a community-orientated police force

However, it expressed its concern at the need to deal with specific members of the force who were or might still be involved in covert operations

to remaining a national unit, Viljoen said. "It could happen but this would have to be negotiated in a new political dispensation"

General Viljoen, who headed the Criminal Intelligence Services since August last year, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-general in January

He has been based at police headquarters in Pretoria for the past 12 years and from 1969 to 1979 was attached to the security police

der him

"I have no objection to working with generals of other race groups. The police work closely together and are the best of friends

"You get to know each other and there is very little distinction between races. You fight side by side against crime. However, I believe people must be qualified for the job"

Asked if he foresaw the police force becoming a regional structure as opposed

His appointment follows a major shake-up of the top command structure of the police force, which will see 18 generals take early retirement to pave the way for black appointments in order to improve the force's credibility

General Viljoen and General Acker will be joined by a third general who is still to be named

A likely candidate for the post will be Brigadier John Manuel, a former commander of Mitchells Plain police station

# Cell deaths: Kriel exonerates SAP

By Peter Fabricius  
and Bronwyn Wilkinson

As police yesterday announced the death of a man said to have been shot dead while trying to escape police custody, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said in Pretoria he would soon produce proof that deaths in custody were not the result of police brutality

The KwaZulu Police said in a statement that a man arrested on a drug charge was shot dead by the SAP in Natal. He was one of four men arrested for the alleged possession of dagga

According to the KwaZulu Police, the men were taken into custody and one of them tried to escape on the way to the police station in KwaMashu. The SAP fired a shot, fatally wounding the suspect (251)

The suspect's death brings to at least 11 the number of people who have died while in police custody since pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman claimed on July 26 that the police were killing people in their custody

Dr Gluckman also raised concern about the number of arrested people who die on the way to police cells

Mr Kriel said at a press conference in Pretoria that despite Dr Gluckman's disclosures, he was not prepared to accept that the deaths were the result of police brutality

He would make a full statement as soon as he had completed his investigation

Pressed for his own opinion on the controversy, Mr Kriel said "My own opinion is that any death in custody is regrettable. But to come to the conclusion that these deaths are through police brutality, that I am not prepared to accept"

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# Why we will not go away until the 'third force' does

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**A** CRITIC of The Star remarked this week "You've got the third force on the brain. Why don't you go on to something else?" Many people seem to feel this way, and so the question is worth answering.

In recent weeks all three newspapers in The Star's stable — Saturday, Sunday and daily — have been digging like mad, trying to get nearer to the truth on "third force" activities in South Africa. This has been done in the strong belief that if we do not achieve clarity on the issue, the much-prized negotiations process will be bedeviled, indefinitely.

The reasoning is simple if, as the avalanche of allegations suggests, there is today in our country a shadowy network of security force-linked individuals stoking violence and intervening in the political process according to its own uncontrolled agenda, we as a nation are being held hostage "Dirty tricks" — that curiously benign phrase which encompasses acts of murder — can shatter the stability of entire communities. Without stability there is no trust, without trust there is no negotiated settlement. Trust Feed is a case in point it will take years, perhaps decades, to remove the poison that one night of police-inspired carnage pumped into the veins of the community. Killings lead to killings lead to killings.

Star readers have now heard detailed allegations of gun-running, of cynical manipulation in volatile communities, of hit squads. We would like powers greater than ourselves to establish whether these allegations are true, and the authorities to act accordingly and urgently.

If we can be convinced that the issue has been probed to the full, and the allegations shown to be unfounded, well and good. But this has not yet happened, and that is why we will not leave the issue alone. The "third force" is not one story among many others of equal weight, it is not a royal scandal which titillates but means

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**IF THERE is in our country today a shadowy network of security force-linked individuals acting according to their own agenda we, as a nation, are being held hostage.**

It is eating away at the already-frayed fabric of our society.

White South Africans, in particular, have been conditioned by decades of mutant democracy. We have developed a remarkable capacity for credulity, not really wanting to know disconfirming things and therefore banishing them from our minds.

The authorities have not helped themselves in the matter of "third force" allegations. If the mountain of circumstantial evidence is just that — circumstantial — it would have been easy enough to cast doubt on its meaning, at the very least. One example among many: Military Intelligence chief General "Joffe" van der Westhuizen's name appears on an alleged "death warrant" signal. If the signal is a fake, one would expect the implicated man to say so — a plan and simple "It's not true." But he has chosen to maintain an inaccessible silence. Further, one would expect the State President — the general's commander-in-chief — to ask him. The general surely cannot decline to take De Klerk's

calls, as he has done so contemptuously with our journalists.

Instead, we have had silence, and the general's name continues to pop up in suspicious circumstances. He remains head of MI, wielding the vast power that goes with the position, and when two of his agents are caught in London up to no good, his department is asked to investigate itself. It does so and finds one of its members guilty. Of what? Of "acting according to his own agenda."

Forgive me for sounding conspiratorial, but "acting according to its own agenda" is precisely what the "third force" is accused of. We, the public, are not allowed to know what that agenda was — and, sadly, many in this country seem not to be too interested in knowing.

No wonder some foreigners think of white South Africans as the Serbs of Africa. To want to get to the bottom of the "third force" is not to exonerate the State's opponents: their misdeeds — in camps in Africa, in horrific political violence — must be exposed with vigour. But we are hearing a cacophony of claims about an evil force operating right here and now, disempowering the politicians and running our prospects of peace. Surely we must make its investigation a priority, and surely we should not stop until the job is done.

Minister of Law and Order Hennis Kriel has done something big with the police, even if it is belated, unilateral and limited. He has had the guts to call a problem by its name, and he has made a start. Now for the "third force", now for similar courage from President de Klerk on the matter of the military. De Klerk says he is concerned about allegations of security force misdeeds. The time has come for us to ask the president (as the Bishop of Bradford did of King Edward VIII, who had expressed an "awareness" of social problems) that he "give more positive signs of that awareness."



**D** ID I hear somebody say apartheid was

dead, long live apartheid?

Operation "facelift"

within the police force – which was announced this week – has reinforced my suspicions that the apartheid corpse is still twitching.

Law and Order

Minister Herrus Kriel has openly admitted that:

"Up to now it has been the policy of the SAP not to appoint people of colour to the position of general."

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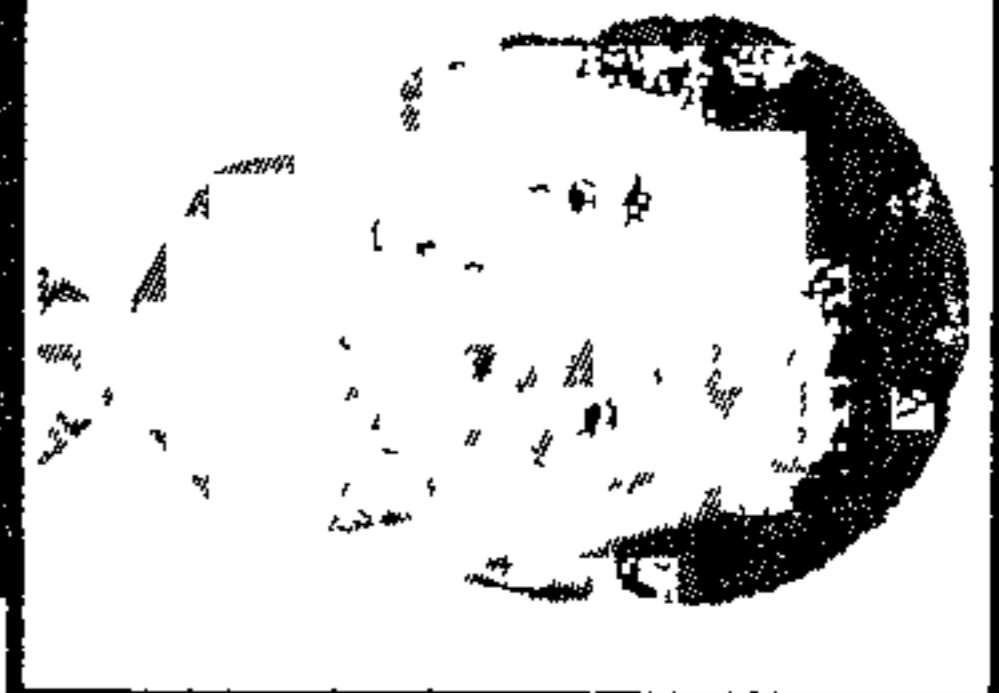
Nice-sounding words indeed, but I think it is once more an oversight by the government to try and reform a discredited system instead of dismantling it completely.

Also, it is a question of too little too late from a government that told the

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world that racial discrimination had been done away with.

Sometimes I get the feeling that people like Kriel – who no doubt has good intentions of moving away from the old system – have no idea of the suffering inflicted by apartheid.

White supremacist mentality is still very much embedded in the minds of those in power. They do not consult but issue instructions. One would have expected that in this transitional period issues that affect the entire community would involve consultation with other organisations.

I would like to briefly recall how discredited the

police force has been in the eyes of the black community.

Black and white policemen mete out different treatment to different races. Why? They were taught to enforce laws which were designed to oppress black people.

When a white policeman sees a black face he sees an troublesome enemy while his own people are to be defended and respected.

Meanwhile, black policemen have hardened over the years. Their own people have rejected them for working within the system and enforcing unjust laws while at work they are treated with contempt

by their white colleagues. No Mr Kriel, it is not the policemen within the force that need

overhauling, but the system itself. Your men must be taught what democracy is and how to defend it; that all citizens have a right to equal protection.

Other parts of the world also have problems with racial prejudice within the police force. Countries like the US – which claims a working system of democracy – have problems. The Los Angeles uprisings were typical examples.

It is not too late for Kriel to go back to the drawing board and get consensus before making an

announcement  
But back to something more positive

■ I was encouraged by the response from readers about the idea of a "role model". My phone has not stopped ringing in support of this idea.

If you missed it, let me recap on an idea that I saw working in the US

It is about our displaced young generation which needs positive role models because they will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Because this generation desperately needs to be moulded now, we are inviting young and old to write and tell about their role models, the people they aspire to emulate

If your teacher or school principal is your role model – a person who sets an example in your school and who you look up to – write and tell us. Teachers and principals could also write and tell us about pupils they admire.

You could also write and tell us about your mother, father or brothers and sisters. Also you could tell us about a politician or community leader you admire.

By SEKOLA SELLO

IN one fell swoop, the SA Police is to retire 13 generals and bring about sweeping policy changes in the force, including the appointment of blacks to the rank of general.

This has fuelled speculation that this is FW de Klerk's "purge of the generals" who might have been opposed to his reform programmes.

Others, less generously, say De Klerk is pretending to be cleaning up the police force while basically sending to pasture generals who are already on the verge of retirement.

Although this is arguably the most radical action ever taken against the police in history, experts on police matters argue that this is not necessarily a purge of the generals.

Leading Unisa academic Dirk Kotze argues that although some of the retirements might not have been voluntary, there is no need to purge the top echelons of the police force.

According to Kotze, it is generally accepted that the higher echelons of the security forces are by definition political appointees and are unlikely to act against those who appointed them.

Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel and Police Commissioner Johan van der Merwe say nothing underhand must be read into the changes. Kriel denied the shake-up was a result of recent damning allegations against the police.

Both admit that the force suffers a serious image problem among certain sectors of the community - for this read blacks - and they are trying to shape them for a future SA.

Van der Merwe said they embarked on this course three years ago, long before police scandals became common. He said all the generals participated in the plans to bring about the changes. In other words, those who retired endorsed the changes.

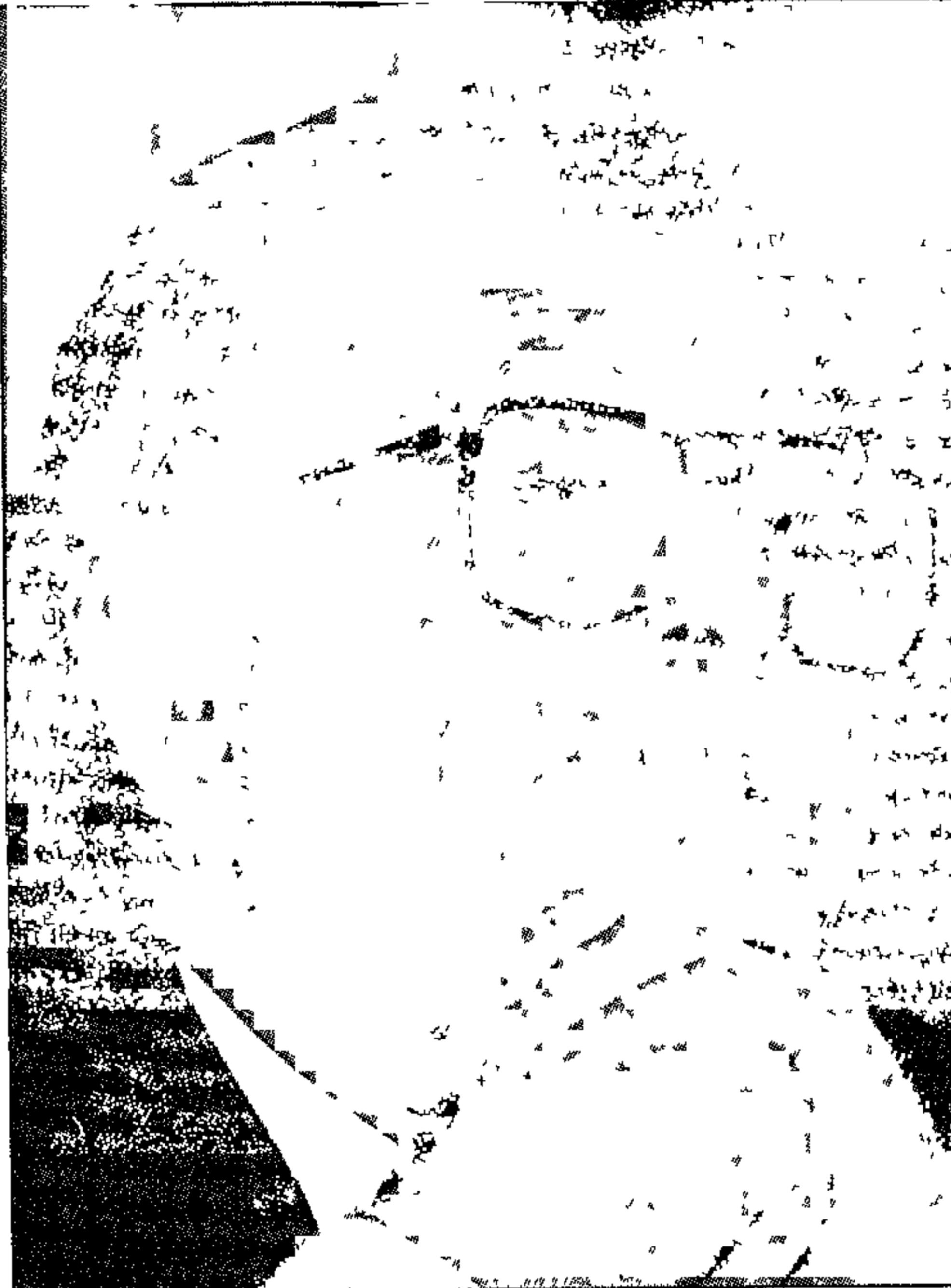
Kotze says two important factors, among others, played a leading role in the government's

# SAP 'rogues'

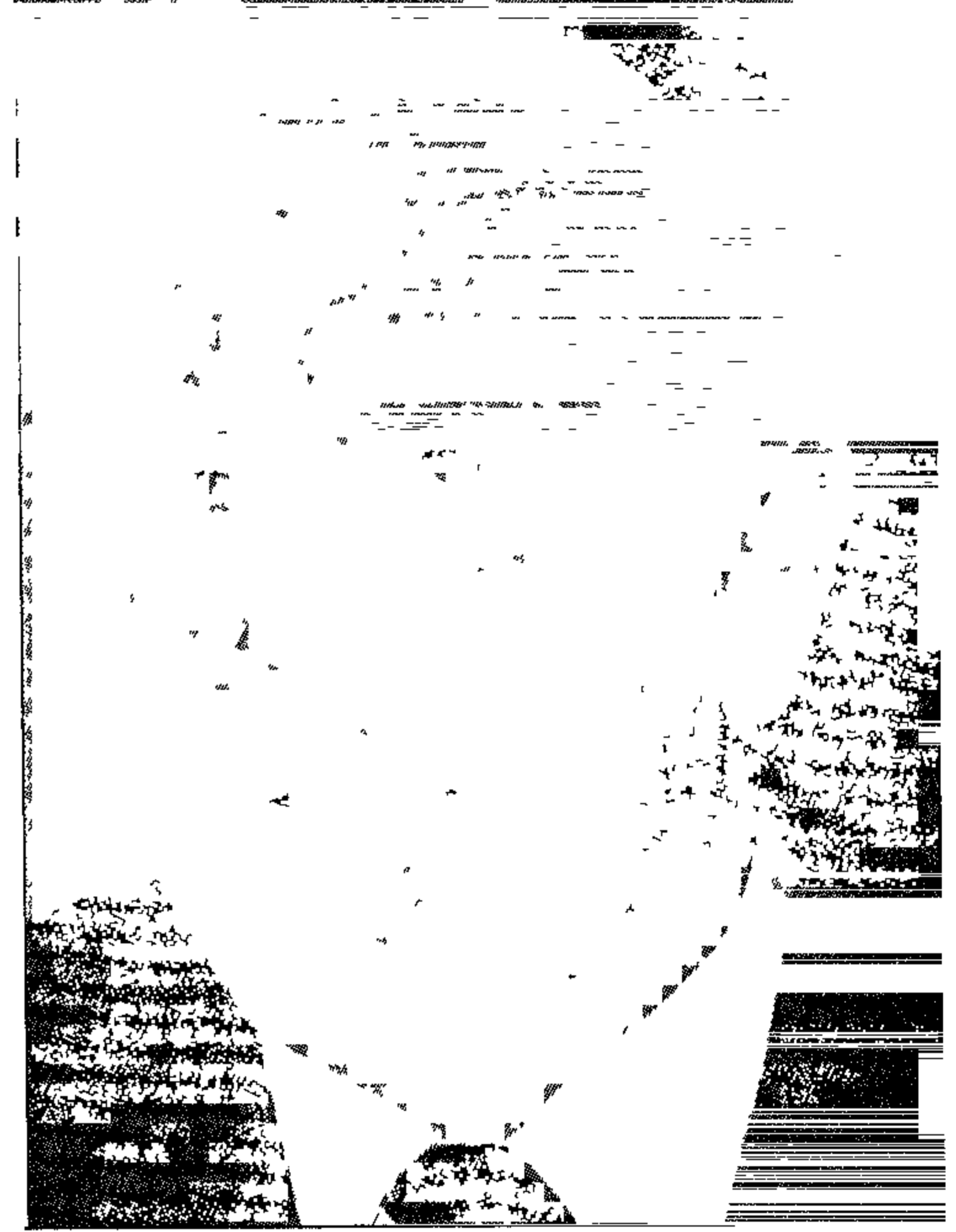
## real problem

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**FRANK TALK ...** Hernus Kriel admitted this week police appointments were discriminatory.



**DOUBLE AGENDA? ...** Is FW de Klerk genuine or merely playing to the gallery?

decision to embark on the clean-up operation.

Following the signing of the national peace accord, the NP acknowledged an important fact - that the police suffer a serious image problem and that they need to be transformed to be seen to be responsible to the whole community.

Kotze said this was an important admission by the State that the police were perceived as representing only the white section of the community.

Previously the government steadfastly refused to acknowledge that there was a strong perception, especially among blacks, that the police were par-

tial.

The government has also repeatedly denied charges that there was discrimination in the SAP itself. This week Kriel admitted that "up to now it has been the policy of the SAP not to appoint people of colour to the position of general".

The presence of UN observers and international opinion also influenced the government's thinking. Kotze says De Klerk and the government are "very much dependent on international opinion".

He says given the impartiality of the United Nations in recent times, "the government is hard-pressed to distance itself

from violence".

The appointment of blacks as generals is part of the plan to restore the credibility of the police.

Kotze says although this will largely be tokenism, it will go a long way in improving the image of the force, especially among blacks.

He says the police will no longer be viewed as Afrikaner, male and NP, but will be seen to be representative of the whole community. This will have a great spin-off in the townships.

Among new measures to be introduced is the creation of a statutory board which will be drawn from a wide spec-

trum of society including lawyers and, if necessary, foreign experts.

A new, independent investigative body, is also to be established. Its brief is to investigate crimes allegedly committed by members of the police force.

In answer to a question, Kriel emphasised that the new measures should not be interpreted as a unilateral restructuring of the police force. He said fundamental changes to the police force would be effected through the negotiation process.

To what extent the new changes will help cleanse the image of the police is difficult to tell. It is gen-

erally accepted that the problem does not lie with the senior members of the force.

It is the police on the ground, the so-called rogue elements, who are accused of being villains.

Another disquieting feature about the new changes is that they do not cover areas like homeland police, particularly the KwaZulu Police. The latter are suspected of colluding with the SAP in the Natal township violence.

Kriel said the new measures were not extended to the KZP because this force fell outside his jurisdiction.



# Black cop is taking yet <sup>STimes 30/8/92</sup> another step to the top (251)

By DOC BIKITSHA

IT TOOK 36 years of hard work for Simon Tsoka to become the first black brigadier in the South African Police

Now, five months later, the Atteridgeville-based father of four is in line to make history again with a promotion to general

The 55-year-old Methodist Church elder is likely to be among brigadiers who reach the top rank in mid-October after completing a special course

But Brig Tsoka is reluctant to talk about his prospects. In his best police officer's voice, he said "No comment. I am not counting my chickens before the eggs are hatched."

He said he would only be able to talk further once he had the results of a course he had just completed.

"I won't even dare speculate about my chances. There is too much at stake for that kind of thing."

# • Different endings to tale of two policemen

5 Times (Cimetro) 30/8/94 (251)

By RYLAND FISHER

LESS than three years ago, Mitchells Plain police station commander Colonel John Manuel and his understudy, Lieutenant Gregory Rockman, were transferred for speaking out against riot police brutality and racial discrimination in the force

Since then the paths taken by the two men could not have been more different

Brigadier Manuel now holds a senior position at police headquarters in Pretoria and is on the verge of becoming the first "coloured" general in South Africa

Mr Rockman has lost his two houses, was unemployed for a long time before becoming a self-employed taxi operator — and is still fighting to be reinstated in the police force

The two men were thrown into the international media spotlight in September 1989 when Lt Rockman criticised members of the Riot Squad for "excessive" behaviour.

He called them "wild dogs" who took pleasure in beating their victims

Colonel Manuel publicly supported Lt Rockman and refused to make a statement during the police disciplinary investigation against his colleague

Things moved quickly over the next few months as both were transferred to other police stations and Lt Rockman was thrown into one crisis after another

He was banned from speaking to the media following a string of interviews with local and foreign newspapers and television stations, he was arrested with other "rebel" policemen for leading a march against racism in the force, and he was suspended and eventually dismissed after 12 years as a policeman

In the process he played a key role in forming the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) with a few dozen prison warders and a handful of policemen who

shared his belief that racism in the security forces had to be tackled head-on.

He is still president of the union, which has since grown into a national organisation which claims to have several thousand members.

For a short while, Lt Rockman enjoyed the status of local hero, with a book published about him, a pop music album released in his honour and invitations for him to lead protest marches in the Western Cape and several rural towns. He was even invited to lead a British Anti-Apartheid Movement march in London.

But the charismatic and outspoken policeman soon found out that in South Africa it is easy to become yesterday's hero

His major problems began in March 1990, when his house in Port Elizabeth was auctioned in a sale of execution.

In the same month, the Attorney-General of the Cape, Mr Neil Rossouw, decided not to prosecute the riot policemen accused by Lt Rockman of having used excessive force against peaceful protesters

Mr Rossouw said the evidence needed to identify the policeman was "inadequate"

Lt Rockman and 39 other policemen were sacked two weeks later for going on strike. More than 600 prison warders, also members of Popcru, were suspended.

In June 1990, Lt Rockman's house in the Strand was put up for auction and his estate was finally sequestered in October 1991

While Mr Rockman now finds himself out in the cold, his former boss, Colonel Manuel, has been silently carving his way to the top in the police force

Colonel Manuel, who had an impressive record before the "wild dogs" incident, became deputy commissioner of police in Soweto in 1990, and subsequently was transferred to a key post at police headquarters in Pretoria. He was appointed a brigadier in April this year

This week, when Law and Order Minister Mr Henus Kriel announced the retirement of 18 police generals, he also said South Africa might soon have its first black general

Three policemen are expected to be promoted to general if they successfully complete a staff course. They are Brigadiers Morgan Chetty, Simon Tsoka — and John Manuel

All indications are that Brigadier Manuel will make a success of his latest challenge

Ironically, he might soon find himself among the ranks of the same generals whose wrath he incurred not too long ago.

## JOHN MANUEL On the way up

## GREGORY ROCKMAN Out in the cold

# Kriel wants cops to be SA's finest

S/Times 30/8/92 (251)

By BRIAN POTTINGER

THE SAP has drawn up plans for an American-style form of law enforcement with strong city and town police forces.

After announcing this week's staff shake-up in the SAP, Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel confirmed that proposals for autonomous local police forces had already been drafted.

Implementation, however, would have to await negotiations with political parties over a possible new federal constitution for the country.

Such a plan, if accepted, will spell an end to 80 years of highly centralised policing in South Africa, in which all major powers are sited at police headquarters in Pretoria.

The main elements of the plan are:

● Strong city and town police forces made up by integrating

## Plan for US-style local forces plus a 'federal FBI'

traffic police and the SA Police, ● Regional police forces which would be established after integration of homeland police forces. They would have responsibility for policing smaller towns unable to support their own forces. These forces would be autonomous and have their own commissioners,

### Optimism

● A national police force which would provide forensic, fingerprinting, computer support and other specialised services to the regional and local police forces. An elite investigative unit, like the FBI, would also operate at this level to handle major crimes committed across regional borders.

The security police would also be situated at this level.

Mr Kriel said he anticipated that in the future, the Internal Stability Division, or riot police, would fall away.

"If we want to be optimistic, and we have a political settlement, which I believe we will have, then the riot component should eventually disappear except for a mobile police force at federal level.

"It can be called in by the regions should political riots occur. My hope is that they will disappear eventually because we will not have political riots."

Training, however, would remain at national level and would not be broken down into regional academies.

Once the new federal form of the police force was in place, said Mr Kriel, it would be possible to

recruit policemen at local level and then redeploy them in their own communities.

Mr Kriel emphasised the plans were not "just grabbed out of the sky", but were being considered seriously by the police.

Disclosure of proposals for policing the new South Africa follows his announced shake-up that will see 13 senior police generals take early retirement.

Mr Kriel also confirmed the establishment of an independent investigative unit under a judge to probe crimes involving policemen, and the creation of a separate community relations division of the police.

Added powers and resources would also be given to the western Cape, Natal and Witwatersrand police regions, where 70 percent of politically related violence occurs.

Mr Kriel said the changes which would streamline the force were aimed primarily at improving the image of the SA Police.

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and wounded at the funeral —  
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main route into the town was busier  
than it ever has been as a stream of  
cars and buses from as far afield as

(Claire Johnson) and she  
a pretty black dress and sang until her  
throat was sore"

# 59 police stations planned

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Plans to  
construct 59 satellite police sta-  
tions and 250 police contact  
points — funded by some of the  
proceeds of government sales of  
strategic oil reserves — are to  
begin this week.

Department of Economic Co-or-  
dination spokesman Mr Ernst van  
Eck said yesterday R62,4m of the  
R1,08bn strategic oil funds  
scheme had been allocated to se-  
curity services last year in an at-

tempt to halt the slide into vio-  
lence and instability

Mr Van Eck said the plan would  
finally get under way this week as  
contractors submit their tenders  
for the various projects. Con-  
struction would be completed by  
March next year.

The oil-funds scheme aimed at  
socio-economic relief projects  
was announced a year ago.

The projects include construct-  
ing thousands of classrooms,  
housing sites, clinics and com-  
munity centres mainly in infor-

mal areas and in the homelands  
The unrest in certain areas had  
also led to projects being de-  
layed, Mr Van Eck said.

Plans for the conversion or up-  
grading of hostels, for which  
R31m had been allocated, had  
also been stalled because of or-  
ganisations' conflicting views as  
to how the problem should be  
approached.

The fund would accommodate  
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## GOEWERMENSKENNISGEWING

### SUID-AFRIKAANSE POLISIE

No. R. 2503

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POLISIEWET, 1958  
(WET No 7 VAN 1958)

#### WYSIGING VAN DIE REGULASIES VIR DIE SUID-AFRIKAANSE POLISIE

Die Minister van Wet en Orde het kragtens artikel 33 van die Polisiewet, 1958 (Wet No 7 van 1958), die regulasies vervat in die Bylae hiervan, uitgevaardig

#### BYLAE

1. In hierdie regulasie beteken "die Regulasies" die regulasies afgekondig by Goewermentskennisgewing No R 203 van 14 Februarie 1964, soos gewysig

2. Regulasie 30 van die Regulasies word hierby gewysig deur na paragraaf (a) van subregulasie (1) die volgende paragraaf in te voeg

"(a) (bis) 'n lid 'n bybetaling van R10,00 (tien rand) vir konsultasies of besoeke ten opsigte van geneeskundige, tandheelkundige en aanvullende gesondheidsdienste moet maak, uitgesluit konsultasies of besoeke tydens opname, versorging en verpleging in 'n militêre, openbare of privaat hospitaal of verpleeg- of kraaminrigting, en geneeskundige hulpdienste wat aan 'n lid gelewer word terwyl hy in sodanige hospitaal of inrigting versorg word. Met dien verstande voorts dat hierdie bepaling nie van toepassing is op 'n in subparagraaf (2) (a) (ii), (iii) en (v) bedoelde lid en sy afhanklikes nie, en"

3. Hierdie wysiging tree in werking op die eerste dag van September 1992

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## GOVERNMENT NOTICE

### SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE

No. R. 2503

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31 August 1992

POLICE ACT, 1958  
(ACT No 7 OF 1958)

#### AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE

The Minister of Law and Order has under section 33 of the Police Act, 1958 (Act No 7 of 1958), made the regulations in the Schedule

#### SCHEDULE

1. In this regulation "the Regulations" means the regulations for the South African Police published by Government Notice No R 203 of 14 February 1964, as amended

2. Regulation 30 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the insertion after paragraph (a) in sub-regulation (1) of the following paragraph

"(a) (bis) a member shall make a contribution of R10,00 (ten rand) for consultations or visits in respect of medical, dental and supplementary health services, excluding consultations or visits during admission, care and nursing in a military, public or private hospital or nursing or maternity home, and medical auxiliary services supplied to a member while he is being cared for in such hospital or home. Provided further that this provision is not applicable to a member and his dependents referred to in subparagraph (2) (a) (ii), (iii) and (v), and"

3. This amendment will take effect on the first day of September 1992.

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# They suffered bitter blows but don't bear grudges

Amnesty for political crimes — yes or no? PETER WELLMAN talks to two people whose lives have been shattered by violence

'Amnesty for racists of Right and Left'

STML 11/19/92

IT'S HARD to sympathise with people who refuse to feel sorry for themselves

Gordon Eddey is one of those so the thing to do is enjoy the jokes the smile that is really warm and let him do the talking about losing his left leg in the 1988 Ellis Park bomb blast.

The smile is almost always there and the lack of bitterness comes from a personality given only to nature's luckiest ones

Which is not to say Gordon is simply a sold-state Cheshire cat

If he is telling the truth about having no self pity — and I think he is — he is also hiding the iron he must have used to bash it out of himself, or else he is not normal

There is iron too, in the way he got himself together again after the bomb wrecked his life at the age of 31. Watching a handicapped woman haul herself out of the pool in which he was doing physiotherapy, he tried the same thing too early and fell on his stump. It split delaying the fitting of his artificial leg for three weeks

It's a snazzy leg, with a sportsman's knee, giving greater flexibility

But lots of cycling in the gym some swimming and limited circuit workouts

Old Johannes did not forget him or clubmate Roger Haggerty, who was with Gordon at Ellis Park in 1988 and also lost a leg. Members raised enough money to buy each of them an automatic car

And slowly Gordon got as close to normal as possible with one leg. A former journalist, he developed a public relations and marketing business

And he knows that those who look after only themselves are not worth much

In 1989 he and Tracy Cotter were married, bought a Kensington house two years ago and are stripping the paint off lovingly Oregon pine. They have a 10-month-old son, Creaghan

Gordon is a white South African who did military service unwillingly and is grateful that



Forgiveness for all Gordon Eddey with wife Tracy and son Creaghan (10 months)

Loss of her son hasn't shattered her spirit

STML 11/19/92

THERE ARE scars on Phyllis Naidoo's body from a letter bomb and in her eyes from the assassination of her son by a South African agent

But if you sit and talk to her as I have over the years, you also see compassion and a very simple love of people and justice that has defied apartheid for generations

At her home you will certainly get fed — my favourite of hers is sour herbs a peasant curry made with garden weeds and arum-lily leaves

Every ANC member in exile who visited Harare went to Phyllis for food, coffee by the gallon, anecdotes, and debate until after midnight

Diplomats and other journalists did that, too, and in the years I lived there I hardly ever found her alone. I never caught her putting her feet up

She did her garden and kept a massive political library, if any one published anything even a tiny protest group in Salt River Cape Town Phyllis would have it. And she campaigned ceaselessly against the death sentence

When her son Sadian was assassinated in Zambia in April 1989, on the ANC farm he managed, she asked President Kenneth Kaunda to spare the life of

a man called Tex who shot him

She showed me that letter before she posted it. I encouraged her, wondering at how she could rise above a mother's grief that came closer to breaking her than anything else they had done to her

She is a lawyer but she did not write it that way. She spoke of the value of human life while making arrangements to go to her son's funeral

She has hardly ever practised law, or lectured, and she has never had any money because she has given all her time to the ANC

This is a freedom struggle on behalf of you and me she says and, love or hate her, she will continue doing it, caring nothing for herself. Many top-line ANC officials complacent in their authority have been jolted ferociously because what they did was not honourable enough in the book of Phyllis Naidoo



Remorse, not vengeance Phyllis Naidoo was scarred by a letter bomb, and her son was assassinated

on behalf of you and me

She believes there must be confession and remorse before an amnesty. Confession is a healing process that is more important than vengeance

Everything we stand for has been scrutinised for generations in public before we were banned in 1960 and in all the subsequent trials of our members

Who is scrutinising those who gave the orders to kill in Pretoria and those who carried them out? I want to know who gave the order to kill my son to take away the most beautiful part of me

"He may well want to talk about the political climate at the time, but how can I try to forgive him unless I know who he is, and that he feels real remorse for what he did?"

"And I want to know whether Tex really died of Aids, or was poisoned to prevent the full story coming out at his trial"

But I am not looking for vengeance there has been too much of that already"

On Friday morning she could not stretch her feet in her Durban flat because of pain from the strapless left in her back by the letter bomb posted to her in exile in Lesotho in 1979

Yet when she mentioned it on the phone, she spoke first about Father John Osmer's who opened it for her and lost a hand

The anniversary of Sadian's death is April 15. South Africans who want a non-racial society with justice and compassion should make a note in their 1993 diaries and spare a thought for Phyllis Naidoo on that day

She has given more than most to make it possible

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**ANC, police meeting set** (25)

JOHANNESBURG — ANC representatives from the Vaal Triangle and senior police officers will meet at the Transvaal Provincial Administration offices in Sebokeng on Thursday to discuss reconciliation, ANC spokesman Mr Sechake Mothibeli said yesterday

He said the meeting will be attended by community representatives from Boipatong, Bophelong, Sharpeville, Evaton, Palm Springs and Orange Farm, the independent Peace Action organisation, and ANC delegates — Sapa



*Sturges 1/19/92*

### **Labour Party faces split**

THE Labour Party seems set for further disintegration as some of its members prepare to break ranks and join the Government at its conference on federalism next Monday (25/1/92)

The parliamentary caucus of the LP will meet in Cape Town on Friday where a decision will be taken on the issue. But either way, it will not affect the LP's participation in the Patriotic Front, the Reverend Allan Hendrickse, said yesterday.

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# Anarchy without police — Goldstone

SOUTH AFRICA had only one police force and there would be anarchy without it, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said yesterday.

He also said it was "premature" to disclose further details on how the commission's new task force would operate, but he would issue a statement on the matter within the next 10 days.

Judge Goldstone said in an interview that the police had implemented immoral laws for so many years that they had been alienated, particularly

from black people. It was the only police structure in South Africa with generals, brigadiers and colonels.

"They must become a more democratic organisation and a less arrogant organisation. And I am talking here of structural arrogance. Local policing is also important."

"Naturally, the ANC's attitude must also change, so that the ANC says to its own people that they should become policemen. Before that occurs the police's image will not improve. And this

will not change until a political agreement is reached."

Judge Goldstone said all the criticism directed at the police was dangerous because their self-confidence was being undermined. "And we need them. There is no other police without them we will become a second Lebanon."

"But how can you build a person's image of the police if you do not institute inquiries into their actions?"

He was very grateful for international

involvement and he found UN envoy Mr Cyrus Vance "brilliant".

A top Goldstone Commission source said yesterday the commission would soon meet officials from Ukhonto we Sizwe and the PAC's military wing.

This follows an ANC offer made at the weekend to help the commission, but the source said it was highly unlikely the two forces would be co-opted onto the envisaged special investigative force — Political Staff, Own Correspondent

## Police training programmes under review <sup>(25)</sup>

STEPHANE BOTHMA

THE Police Board had identified training and retraining of policemen in SA and the self-governing states as a priority issue, the board said yesterday **BIDAY**

Current basic training programmes would be reconsidered once response from the SAP had been received on an independent and critical review of the training approach studied by the board, a statement said

A subcommittee appointed by the board would identify immediate measures and long-term proposals and processes for the board's consideration and approval

A proposed new complaint procedure to an impartial body was accepted by the board as a "document of importance"

It would be recommended to Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel that the procedure be implemented as soon as possible **119192**

The board also took cognisance of the various regulations, proclamations and legislation regarding the carrying of dangerous weapons which led to confusion between the various police forces and the public

"The Minister will be advised to implement uniform legislation in this regard," the board said

## Police, ANC meet

ANC representatives from Vaal Triangle branches and senior SA Police members will meet on Thursday to discuss reconciliation, ANC spokesman Sechake Mothibeli said yesterday (25) (SAPA)

According to Mr Mothibeli, the meeting will be attended by community representatives from Borpatong, Bophelong, Sharpeville, Evaton, Palm Springs and Orange Farm, as well as ANC delegates from these townships Sowden 11/9/92

Police station commanders and senior police officers, and the independent Peace Action organisation, will also attend. - Sapa.

## Retiring <sup>(251)</sup> STARZ 11/9/92 general on police body

The Police Board yesterday announced it had appointed a subcommittee to study independent critical reports on police training and make recommendations for new training procedures

On the subcommittee is Lieutenant-General A B Conradie, current head of training of the SAP and one of 13 generals whose retirement was announced by Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel last week

Asked about General Conradie's position on the subcommittee, Police Board secretary Colonel Theo Kleynhans said General Conradie had been a member of the Police Board since its inception

"Obviously his retirement will affect the workings of the subcommittee, which will have been operating for about a month by then," he said

Colonel Kleynhans said he believed Mr Kriel would appoint someone else to the board on General Conradie's retirement

Also on the subcommittee are Democratic Party MP Peter Gastrow and two independent researchers, Professor C D Shearing and Janine Rauch —  
Staff Reporter

# Sex abuse: Cop to be prosecuted

CT 2/9/92  
(25)

By GLYNNIS UNDERHILL

A FORMER Child Protection Unit detective is to be prosecuted for allegedly sexually abusing a 14-year-old schoolgirl while he was investigating her case of molestation by a schoolteacher

The 26-year-old policeman, who was a detective sergeant in the Cape Town branch of the unit until May this year, will be charged with having sexual relations and committing an indecent act with a female under 16

## Future

Police liaison officer Captain Attie Laubscher said the policeman would not be suspended as a result of the prosecution. He has been transferred to another unit and promoted

The policeman's future in the police force will be decided after the case has been heard in court

The parents of the schoolgirl initially laid a complaint of sexual assault against a teacher

A police investigation was launched when the girl's parents later laid a complaint of indecent assault against the policeman

## Decision

The result of the investigation was referred to the attorney-general, and acting Cape attorney-general Mr Frank Kahn took the decision to prosecute the policeman

A date has not been set for the case, which will be heard in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court.

# Policeman facing child sex charges is promoted

ROGER FRIEDMAN (251)  
Staff Reporter ARG 2/9/92

A FORMER Child Protection Unit policeman who faces two sexually related charges involving a 14-year-old girl has been promoted to sergeant because of his "very good academic qualifications", according to a police spokesman

The 26-year-old policeman was transferred from the unit to the Cape Town detective branch after a charge of indecent assault was laid by the girl's parents

He was promoted after his transfer

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# Policeman facing child sex charges is promoted

ROGER FRIEDMAN (251)  
Staff Reporter ARC 2/9/92

A FORMER Child Protection Unit policeman who faces two sexually related charges involving a 14-year-old girl has been promoted to sergeant because of his "very good academic qualifications", according to a police spokesman

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# A start to policing the police

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**T**HE enforced retirement of 13 police generals and the proposal to equip the Goldstone Commission with its own investigating arm are important first steps towards restoring effective policing and ending the violence.

But that is all they are. A start. Not to be mistaken for a solution or even, as some over-eager commentators are suggesting, an indication that the violence is now going to be tackled effectively. Sadly, our rulers have taught us over long years of *slim politiekery* always to be sceptical, always to look for the catch. So instinctively one asks oneself why so few of the generals being retired are names that have not featured in allegations of misconduct, and why so many of those that have featured are not being retired.

Such as Lieutenant-General Basie Smit, who was head of the security branch when it was making clandestine payments to Inkatha. And General Jac Buchner, the former security police officer who now heads the KwaZulu Police Force which is deeply involved in the Natal violence.

Most striking of all, why has Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz,

commander of the Eastern Cape Division which has the most notorious reputation of all police divisions for repressive action, with a history that stretches from the death of Steve Biko to that of Matthew Goniwe, been promoted to the highly sensitive Witwatersrand Division?

If for no other reason, one would have thought his unprofessional pronouncements last week on the assumed guilt of two ANC men arrested in connection with the murder of Eastern Cape farmer Andre de Villiers — a case which itself invites scepticism — would have made him a candidate for retirement, too, instead of promotion.

But despite all the doubts and suspicions, we do indeed have two steps in the right direction.

Both concede important points that the Government has denied until now — that the problem of security force credibility starts at the top, not the bottom, and that you can never restore credibility through any form of official inquiry that is ultimately dependent on the police investigating themselves.

For months President de Klerk and his Ministers have been dismissing evidence of police invol-

Griffiths and Victoria Mxenge, Mathew Goniwe and his colleagues, Fabian and Florence Ribeiro, David Webster and others were not "permanently removed from society" by undisciplined loners but by trained hit-squads acting in accordance with approved policy.

It was self-evident, too, that the Goldstone Commission, for all the integrity of its members and particularly its chairman, could only be as effective as the quality of information reaching it, and that as long as it was dependent on police investigations for this it could not succeed in determining the extent of security force involvement in the violence.

The establishment of the commission's own investigative task force is therefore an essential and long overdue step.

But the firing of a few generals and the reinforcing of an investigating commission's effectiveness cannot on their own turn the tide of violence or re-establish the credibility of the police. Much more is needed.

In the long term, of course, the police force must be dismantled and reconstituted with a completely new command structure, philosophy and training system. But

since this will not happen until a new, democratically elected government is in place, one must consider what practical steps can be taken now to meet the urgent needs of the transition.

Two things above all are necessary for effective policing — accountability and credibility — and they are mutually inter-dependent. You can't have one without the other.

Lack of accountability is the SAP's fundamental problem. Years of security legislation made the police feel they were a law unto themselves, accountable neither to the courts nor to Parliament.

John Vorster empowered them, saying in effect in the name of fighting off the communist menace, anything goes. Do whatever you consider necessary, but don't tell me. So assassinations, torture, dirty tricks, destabilisation, all became permissible — without accountability.

Over the years that became embedded in the mindset, part of police culture. Changing that culture is going to be an enormous task.

Where to begin?

First, the question has to be asked: Accountable to whom? Not

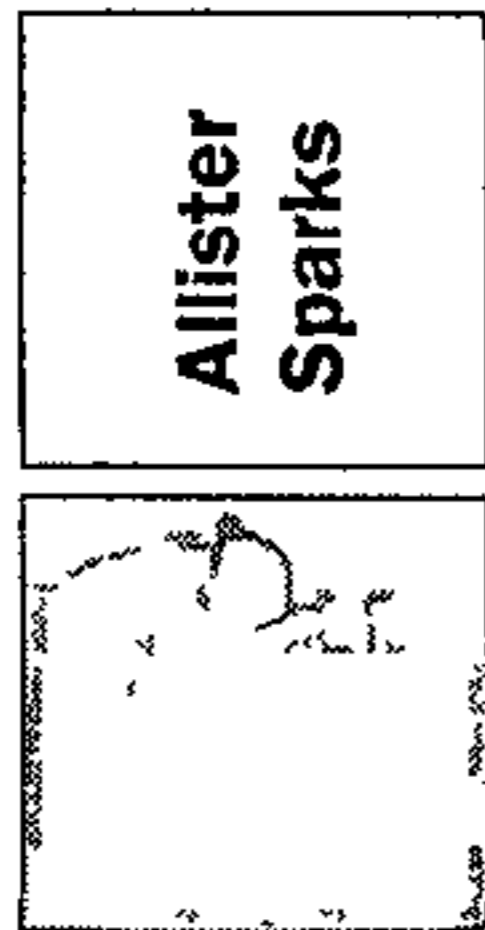
just to their commanders, or even to the courts or to Parliament. Accountability is a civil function, not just a political one. The police must be accountable to civil society, to the people.

Hernus Kriel talks of the need to improve police-community relations.

The point is that can only happen when the police feel themselves to be servants of the community, accountable to it.

How can this be achieved? Start small, I suggest. Pick a trial community, say Alexandra township where violence has become endemic, and place a special police unit under the joint authority of a local committee comprising representatives of the Sandton Town Council, the township administrator, the local civics, the trade unions, the churches, and the local Peace Committee structures.

Let them together work out a strategy for ending the violence in Alexandra, and let the police be accountable to the committee for implementing that plan. If they are so accountable, their credibility will grow. My bet is that within a month the level of violence will start to decline. And if that happens the model can be duplicated around the country. □



Allister Sparks

vement in the violence with the argument that the cases exposed were aberrations, that every police force in the world has its "few rotten apples" but the SAP as a whole was strictly impartial and firmly committed to a peace-keeping role.

The forced retirement of the 13 generals cuts across that. As a gesture aimed — as Hernus Kriel himself says — at restoring the credibility of the police, it amounts to a tacit admission that it was people at the top, not "rotten apples" at the bottom, who were responsible for the loss of credibility.

In other words that the dirty tricks and other tarnishing acts were the result of orders coming down from the general staff, not a few rogue elements acting on their own.

An important admission, though hardly a revelation. It was always self-evident that Ruth First, Jeanette Schoon and her daughter,

# Police have prevented violent coup, says Kriel

BLOEMFONTEIN — Only the police and the Defence Force had prevented a violent overthrow of the government by the African National Congress and the SA Communist Party, Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel said today.

He told the National Party's Free State congress here that it was nonsensical to claim the police were part of the violence, and denied there was any organised "third force".

"Why would the police want to take part in the violence? So they can be shot dead?" asked Mr Kriel.

"Do people think it is nice for policemen to live in fear of their lives?"

It was the strategy of the ANC and the SACP to destroy the security forces' credibility and to achieve joint control, clearing the way to take over in South Africa.

But the NP would not allow the police and SADF to be destroyed and would not permit anarchy.

"It is only the police that stand between law and order and anarchy in this country," said Mr Kriel.

"Has not the time come for the South African public to stand up and support the police rather than criticise them?"

"Is it not time for the silent majority to speak up with a loud voice?" — Sapa

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# Morale 'plunging' among the city's traffic police,

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**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

A TRAFFIC officer claims morale is plunging among Cape Town's traffic officers, whose grievances include low pay and a firearm policy that leaves many officers unprotected in hostile surroundings.

But traffic chief Mr Wouter Smit has rejected several of the claims, saying salaries are competitive and officers who patrol dangerous areas are given firearms.

The traffic officer, who spoke to The Argus on condition of anonymity, said appeals to immediate superiors and Mr Smit seemed to have been brushed off.

The officer, who has more than 10 years on the force, said increasing traffic pressure, tourism and special sports events would put new strain on the overworked department.

He said colleagues were scared because of a policy that left many unarmed in the face of danger.

Complaints included

- The firearm policy was to issue

guns to officers on the 3pm to 12pm night shift, the hawkler squad and the taxi squad, but officers on foot patrol were in most circumstances left exposed to the dangers of the street.

"When a guy comes at you with a knife or a screwdriver, and you're on foot and unarmed, what do you do? It means most guys are reluctant to get involved in a situation," the officer said.

Many officers resorted to carrying their own private firearms, which they hid under their jackets because of council policy forbidding the use and display of unauthorised guns.

- Cape Town traffic police are paid significantly less than those working for neighbouring forces, for example the Western Cape Regional Services Council and Durbanville Town Council.

The lack of a grading system in Cape Town led to inconsistency in pay levels between various branches of the traffic department.

An example was that a junior matric officer, with just a matric, was

paid more than a qualified senior constable with 10 years in the force.

- Officers were paid so little they had to borrow money from the SA Association of Municipal Employees, which charged interest on the loans.

Recently, an officer was left with R51 of his salary after deductions of R938 and R724 left to take home.

- Dry-cleaning and repair bills for jackets, uniforms and shoes had to be paid by officers themselves.

"We get new shoes every nine months, but we have to pay for repairs," the traffic officer said, lifting a shoe with heels worn by months on patrol.

New American-style jackets introduced recently had to be dry-cleaned.

Rain protection gear was inadequate.

"If you spend two hours on point duty in the rain, after five minutes the rain will have soaked through your clothes," he said.

Only the "Ghost Squad" — officers who patrol on motorbikes in civilian gear — received clothing allowances.

- Officers who had done military service got a "two-notch boost" in pay, which discriminated against others who were not eligible for conscription.

The claims about unhappiness in the force follow a similar row over

pay and service conditions more than two years ago.

The officer said a meeting was held between Mr Smit and representatives of the disgruntled officers in May, but nothing had come of it.

Replying, Mr Smit said the request for salary increases based on repayment of personal loans and the perception of possible sports events and tourism generated by change in the country was "premature" and could not be supported.

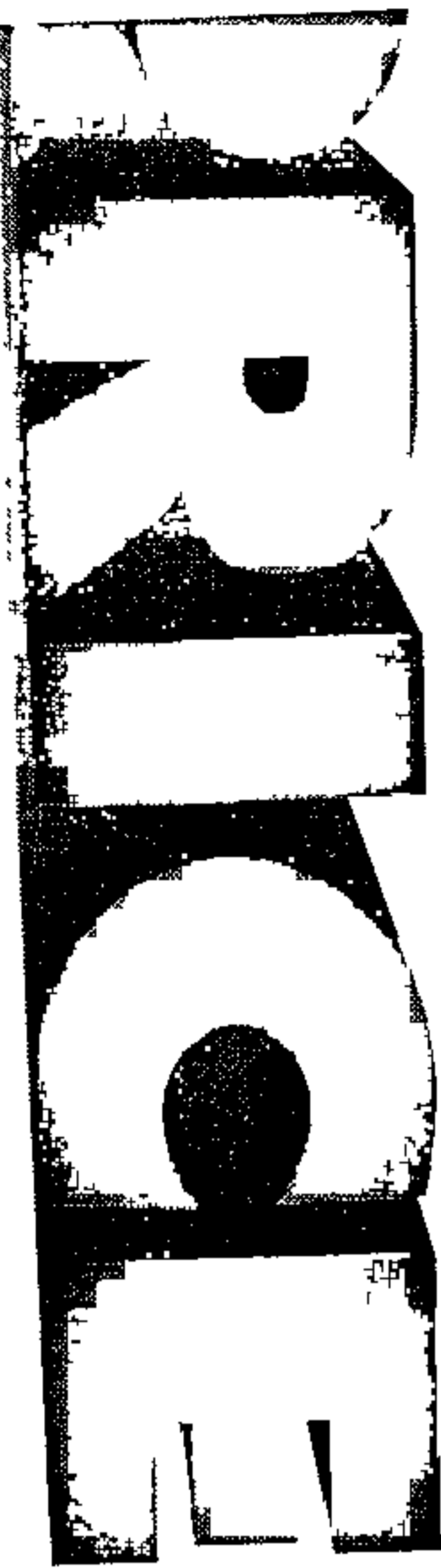
"More events would in any event justify more staff and not more money," Mr Smit said.

The example of the officer with the R51 pay-packet was caused by a monthly home loan repayment of R2 100.

On firearm policy, Mr Smit said available weapons were issued first to mobile traffic officers who were more likely to encounter dangerous situations in isolated or deserted places, especially at night.

All clothing and equipment was provided free and frequently and with the exception of one garment, could be washed.

The salary structure and benefits compared reasonably well with other departments, and career and financial opportunities were provided by a subsidised study programme, Mr Smit said.



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## Death note

A senior police spokesman, Colonel Anthony Dewhurst, later said that Sgt Lazenby was a suspect in a R2 000 cheque fraud case now under investigation

Col Dewhurst said that Sgt Lazenby had been ordered to report to the case's investigating officer at the Parow CID branch at 11am yesterday. He was transferred from the Parow detective branch to the Mowbray CID about three months ago (251)

Sgt Lazenby died at about 8am. His wife's service pistol was found by his side and police do not suspect a crime

Col Dewhurst said that the letter was "an exhibit which could affect a magistrate's finding and therefore may only be made public at an inquest"

"Certain allegations were made in the letter and these will be subject to an investigation by a senior officer," Col Dewhurst added

When Sgt Lazenby's death became known colleagues, including some from his former Parow CID unit, flocked to the Kraaifontein CID offices. Some openly read the dead man's letter

When asked about this, Col Dewhurst said that "policemen legitimately involved in a case are allowed to read it but not to talk about it"

Shocked detectives told the Cape Times that Sgt Lazenby had been a very popular policeman who had been active in organising sport in the SAP. A former first-team rugby player, he had been a league referee and was also involved in organising Action Cricket and pool matches, they said

Sgt Lazenby joined the SAP in 1978 and spent several years in a Koevoet unit serving in Namibia in the 80s. He resigned from the force in 1990 but rejoined the SAP last year

He had been required to undergo a psychometric test a year ago and had passed it, Col Dewhurst said

A distraught Mrs Lazenby described her husband as "a caring family man who loved his job" et 3/9/92

# Cop's death note

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By COLIN HOWELL

**A CITY policeman was found shot dead in his bed in Kraaifontein yesterday morning, hours after he had phoned the Cape Times to alert it to alleged corruption in the police force.**

Police have launched a top-level investigation into the allegations, which were contained in a sealed letter left at the scene and addressed to Cape Times crime reporter Jackie Cameron

Detective Sergeant Johan Lazenby, 32, was a former Koevoet veteran. His wife Irma, 30, a policewoman, was on duty at the Kraaifontein CID at the time of his death. A domestic servant, who heard the shot, and the Lazenbys'

three-year old son Johandré were at home. The couple also have a daughter, Azél, 7.

Police took possession of the letter, which was in pencil and in an official envelope, and refused to hand it to Ms Cameron or divulge its contents

Several policemen are apparently named in the letter

On Tuesday night, only hours before his death, an anxious-sounding Sgt Lazenby telephoned Ms Cameron at the Cape Times to say that he was leaving town and wanted to leave some "information" for the newspaper

He said it involved corruption in the SAP and that Ms Cameron should collect the envelope from the domestic servant. He was "frustrated with this mess" and would not be at home

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# Top coloured officer: Let Rockman in

By GLYNNIS UNDERHILL

BRIGADIER John Manuel, South Africa's highest-ranking coloured policeman who has been tipped for a top post in the Western Cape, would like to see dismissed rebel policeman Mr Gregory Rockman given a chance to re-join the SAP.

Three years ago Brig Manuel gave public support to Mitchell's Plain policeman Lieutenant Rockman, who spoke out on police brutality and racial discrimination in the police force. "Things are changing and Rockman

should have the opportunity to make a fresh start in the police force," he said.

Mr Rockman, who earlier this year was elected president of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru), is now self-employed as a taxi operator in Uitenhage. He is believed to be out of the country and could not be reached for comment.

Shortly after the 1989 controversy, Brig Manuel was transferred from Mitchell's Plain and promoted to deputy district commissioner of the Soweto West police district. He said yesterday

he was never given any reason to believe he was being punished when he was transferred.

Speaking from Pretoria headquarters, Brig Manuel said the shake-up in the police force was in the best interests of all races in South Africa.

He said he was "very motivated" to pass the course that could result in him being promoted to major-general. In earlier days, there were not enough high-ranking posts for "non-whites", he said.

"But I can't feel bitter about the past

If you want to go into a new future you must enter it with expectations."

While he feels that there is still work to be done to make racism something of the past, he does have advice to offer his younger colleagues.

"Get yourselves ready to go through those doors that are opening."

Brig Manuel said he had not received any official notification of a transfer to the Cape, but he would be happy to move if that was where he was needed.

He and his wife Sophia, a teacher, have four sons

# Goldstone weighs up police for unit

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By Helen Grange  
Pretoria Bureau

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Mr Justice Richard Goldstone is busy consulting with "various parties" over the policemen to be co-opted on to his commission's special investigation unit, which will be set up by next week to probe the causes of violence

He is understood to be holding bilateral discussions with the SA Police over the issue, as well as consultations with independent parties to establish the credibility of proposed members of the high-powered team

The process, according to sources, will probably take a few more days, as Mr Justice Goldstone is intent on making the right choices. It is therefore expected that members selected will somehow have proved their political integrity as policemen

The team will be assisted by attorneys and advocates, and its investigations will be monitored by international observers of the United Nations

The Goldstone Commission's witness protection programme

announced recently to prompt witnesses with information on political crimes to come forward — is to be assisted by the National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro)

Nicro will be able to provide social workers, in suitable cases, to act as security officers ensuring the general welfare of the protected person and to act as a liaison between the person and the commission.

The social workers could also assist the person to maintain contact with family members, and help him or her find employment after the protection period is over

Educational and reading material could also be provided by Nicro during the protection period — making the time less oppressive and frustrating

The Goldstone Commission's witness protection programme provides protection of witnesses' identities from the police, if necessary, and protection can be extended beyond the standard three-month period if Judge Goldstone finds it necessary

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# No 'organised' third force exists, says govt

BLOEMFONTEIN — Government yesterday categorically denied the existence of a third force "on an organised basis"

And Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel told delegates at the NP Free State congress all that stood in the way of a violent takeover by the ANC and the communists were the SAP and the SADF

However, he said police urgently needed better training

He said many of them were dying because they did not know how to deal with crisis situations properly

Kriel dismissed allegations that the security forces were fomenting violence, saying it did not make sense for police to participate in violence as this would make them more vulnerable to death or injury

"Only the SAP stands between law and order and anarchy in this country," he said during his spirited defence of the SAP

He accused the ANC and the SACP of trying to destroy the credibility of the security forces by calling for joint control of the SAP and SADF

Once they had achieved this objective they would be in a position to take over control of the country

He said government would not allow this because this would lead to anarchy and chaos

BILLY PADDOCK

Kriel said as a result of new police initiatives since March to combat crime, serious crime had declined by 3,7% in May and 9% in June

He made an appeal for more people to join the police reservists, noting that the law had been changed to allow members of the police to belong to political parties

Young and older males were needed to help secure the safety of neighbourhoods and serve as farm guards

After his speech he said the police were conducting discussions with the Red Cross to assist in monitoring the treatment of prisoners at police cells

Kriel said the police had already stated that they were prepared to assist the Red Cross

He also said the six magistrates that would act as inspectors of cells had been identified

The police hierarchy were talking to them to see if they would agree to take the job

Kriel would not release names or give further details saying he would do this once he released the findings of the investigation into the allegations of independent pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman

The Minister said he had received the report and was busy discussing it with Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee and the attorneys-general

# Probes put 'intense demands' on police (251)

Two new independent investigative teams — one to probe police crime and the other to assist Mr Justice Richard Goldstone investigate violence — were creating "intense demands" on human resources in the police force itself, a police source indicated yesterday

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A new body under the Justice Department to investigate police irregularities was announced last week by Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel, while at the same time, a special investigative unit under the auspices of Mr Justice Goldstone was given the green light

The Goldstone team is likely to be made up of policemen known for their integrity

The team will be assisted by attorneys and advocates, and monitored by UN observers

The unit should be ready next week, and work on the causes of violence would begin soon afterwards — Pretoria Bureau



# Officer to probe police allegations

## Staff Reporter

THE regional head of the police combating and investigation service, Brigadier Nick Snyman, will today appoint a high-ranking officer to investigate allegations of misconduct made in a note left by a dead policeman

Detective Sergeant Johan Lazenby, 32, was found shot dead in his bed in Kraaifontein yesterday morning

No foul play is suspected

The former Koevoet veteran left a sealed letter addressed to a journalist, alleging that several policemen were involved in misconduct

Colonel Anthony Dewhurst, head of police liaison in the Western Cape, declined to divulge the note's content but stressed the officer would be investigating only charges of

misconduct and not corruption

He said Brigadier Snyman would probably appoint only one person and the investigation would be completed within two weeks

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"It depends on the information It will be evaluated and then further steps will be decided on If there is any substance to the story action will be taken," said Colonel Dewhurst

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# Extra cops for Cape Flats

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## Johannesburg Bureau

INTERNAL Stability Division (ISD) personnel in Cape Peninsula townships are to be increased by about 100 because statistics show that the Peninsula is one of the main areas affected by unrest

Lieutenant-General Johan Swart said yesterday that another 1 500 ISD members would be permanently transferred to major unrest areas in the Witwatersrand, Vaal Triangle, Soweto, Natal and the Eastern Cape

"In order to stabilise these areas, as a matter of urgency it has been decided that immediate steps be taken and that a further 1 600 members of the Internal Stability Division will be permanently transferred to these areas," General Swart said

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Ray Harrauld said the recent attacks on police patrols in townships adjoining Cape Town justified the transfer of additional manpower to the ISD

## 7 706 unrest incidents

He said the police would rather see the men used to combat normal crime, but until unrest violence had been brought under control the policemen would remain with the ISD

General Swart said that of all the unrest incidents reported, 86% occurred in the six areas

A total of 7 706 incidents had been reported during the past year, of which 6 649 were in the areas that would now be strengthened

"The Internal Stability Division is committed to serving the people of our country. We will do everything possible to stabilise these areas so that all people may live in peace," he said

"I would like to invite all the peoples of South Africa to assist us in bringing peace and stability to our country, so that together we can look forward to a bright future"

# Top cop to probe death note charges

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A SENIOR policeman has been appointed to probe allegations of police corruption contained in a detective's death note

Detective Sergeant Johan Lazenby was found shot dead in his bed at his Kraaifontein home early on Wednesday

A sealed letter addressed to the Cape Times crime reporter was left with his domestic worker.

The head of the Bellville CID unit, Colonel W Swart, has been appointed to investigate the corruption allegations

Police seized the letter as an exhibit for the inquest hearing into Sergeant Lazenby's death and refused to divulge its contents

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# Preparing for a new beat

Judge Richard Goldstone was reported this week as saying that, without the police, "we will become another Lebanon" But he also said the SAP must become a more democratic organisation and shed its "structural arrogance" There are signs at last that this process is beginning

While the SAP cannot be replaced, it can be transformed — which was the thinking behind the announcements last week by Law & Order Minister Hernus Kriel and SAP Commissioner Johan van der Merwe

For the first time, there was an unequivocal admission that the SAP has a credibility problem — and a admirably blunt confession by Kriel that black policemen have been the victims of "a policy of discrimination"

Confession alone may deserve some credit, but it does not entail forgiveness What is required first is penance, which will be most visibly offered by the SAP when it promotes blacks to the rank of general At present, three brigadiers are attending courses which, if passed, will make them the first black major-generals in the SAP's history

Sceptics will sneer and talk of window-dressing, but we have to start somewhere

Behind the drama, it remains unclear exactly how the retirement of 18 SAP generals — a third of the total — will in itself improve attitudes and methods in the force How many generals were identified as reactionaries and retired against their will? And how many were moved aside simply for the sake of making way for younger men? It is surely a questionable assumption that youth will automatically be more enlightened

Van der Merwe made it clear that "strong emphasis will be placed on the following key aspects" of policing

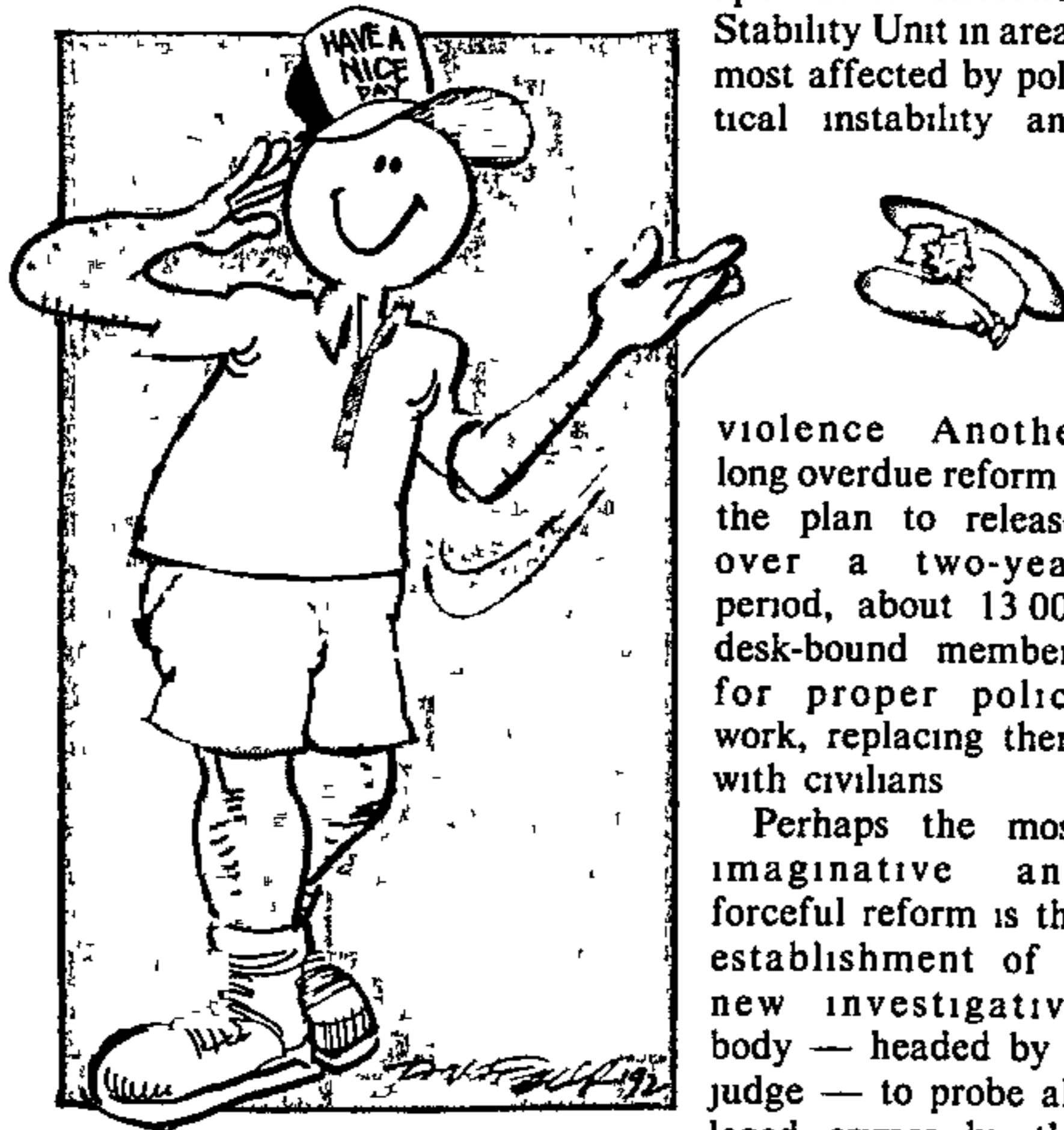
- Total impartiality,
- Absolute professionalism,
- No discrimination on grounds of race, creed and so on,
- Courtesy towards the public,
- Policemen are not above the law,
- The use of minimum force, and
- The SAP must serve and be accountable to the public

These are admirable aims It is also a confession of inadequacy that they should

have to be set out at all

But there are grounds for optimism A committee has been set up to investigate all aspects of training, this committee will consist of local experts of (intriguingly) "diverse political convictions," as well as international experts

Manpower will be used to better effect, with 1 600 men to be added to the new specialist Internal Stability Unit in areas most affected by political instability and



violence Another long overdue reform is the plan to release, over a two-year period, about 13 000 desk-bound members for proper police work, replacing them with civilians

Perhaps the most imaginative and forceful reform is the establishment of a new investigative body — headed by a judge — to probe alleged crimes by the police themselves If

used properly by all concerned parties, this body will at a stroke remove the perceived problem that the police cannot be trusted to investigate themselves

Some men can be retired, others transferred But, in the end, the same constables will be doing the same kind of work in the same areas If the personnel cannot change, then it is time for a radically new image

Why not demilitarise the rank structure? Instead of generals, colonels and majors, let us have assistant commissioners, superintendents and inspectors in the British style

This would immediately serve to place the SAP symbolically closer to the communities it serves It would remove the lingering military whiff of the "total onslaught" era The basic blue uniform could remain the same, but with new headdress and badges of rank

The SAP's new emphasis on decentralisation is encouraging The three most important regions — western Cape, Natal and Witwatersrand/Soweto — will now enjoy more autonomy and be commanded by a lieutenant-general The danger is that this devolution will be bureaucratic only, with no

visible evidence to persuade the affected communities of a change of heart

Much the same applies to the well-intentioned creation of a sixth division of the SAP, the Community Relations division Again, this is in itself a commentary on past policing style, after all, every policeman should in a sense be a community relations officer But at least the nettle has been grasped and, as Kriel says, "crime and political violence in SA can only be effectively addressed if the principle of community-supported policing is practically implemented"

Which brings us back again to the political dimension Kriel talked hopefully of "a hand of friendship" Conversations which the FM has had with senior SAP officers suggest that they are sincere about this

Unfortunately, as we pointed out in last week's cover story, the SAP still answers to a Minister who — whatever his readiness to clean the stables — remains a member of the National Party Cabinet Equally unfortunately, there is little sign of a softening in the ANC's position on the security forces

Assuming that the police reforms are implemented with vigour, the SAP itself cannot do much else to achieve legitimacy in black communities

That will depend, crucially, on some kind of security accommodation (perhaps with some form of amnesty) between government and the ANC

It is, therefore, time for the ANC to come to terms with the police force which it will certainly inherit if it takes power As a start, the ANC might propose a new Minister who would also be acceptable to the Nats (*Leaders* August 28) — and it should begin to offer active and constructive input to the new structures that have been set up Alternatively, the ANC can simply continue to exercise power without responsibility ■

## BOND BOYCOTT ~~SPRINGS~~ Loose cannon FM 4/9/92

Even in ANC circles, there are those who have misgivings about the tactics sometimes employed by Moses Mayekiso The latest example is his threat of a black "bond boycott" if the financial institutions persist in failing to grasp what he calls "the big picture"

Addressing the Council of SA Banks (Cosab) recently, as president of the SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco), Mayekiso said the bankers have to "help the democratic forces press the government to discard its racist stance on the nature of reform and the future constitution" *cont. →*

ACCOUNTABLE regional policing is an ideal which most experts and political parties believe will become a reality only when a new dispensation is in place.

The idea was floated by Professor Victor Nell of Unisa in articles in the Saturday Star recently. Although Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel last week launched measures to strengthen regionalisation, Nell's suggestions go further.

The ANC has expressed concern that Kriel's measures may be the beginning of unilateral regionalisation which may see homeland forces becoming answerable

# Guarded response to regional policing plan

only to themselves. Nell believes the police's murky political agenda needs to become more accountable to the communities they serve by establishing regional elected civilian officials who will be in supreme command of all policing in their areas.

They would be elected every two years and "carry the can" for police acts and omissions as well as investigations into complaints against the force. They would be assisted by a spe-

# Guarded response to regional policing plan

cial investigating body headed by a judge and could appoint their own deputies. ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said suggestions like Nell's had to be negotiated and taken under discussion by "at least a government of national unity. The ANC is concerned about the creation of very strong regional police forces that could begin to act as powers on their own." He highlighted the homeland forces as a case in point.

Etienne Marais, Wit-

side two years will be extremely difficult," Marais said.

Lawyers for Human Rights director Brian Currin also welcomed the suggestions, but disagreed that the political agenda of the police was a fact of life. "Within one's system, one should not have laws which underpin a political ideology. That is monstrous and we must not work from that premise."

Democratic Party justice spokesman and Houghton

MP Tony Leon described Nell's proposals as "interesting and innovative in some aspects, but dangerously naive in others".

He suggested that using existing, more-localised officers — like those of an executive mayor — would be more appropriate. This would avoid having a police official being tempted to turn prominent investigations into circuses in an attempt to maintain popularity.

The Inkatha Freedom

Party's Suzanne Vos said her party was in favour of regionalisation, but said the proposals had to be discussed more fully at national executive level.

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said a process of regionalisation was already under way, but the final outcome would be settled only through negotiations.

Nell said that after further consultation, he believed the solution lay in "reducing the scale of the operations to bring them down to the level of metropolitan or municipal" control.



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK. Policemen show a sample of the different weapons they have to face every day as the statistical probability of being killed on duty keeps rising.



# UNDEER FIRE!

By ELIAS MALULEKE

KATLEHONG police Const WS Skhosana 37 prayed before leaving home at 5.30 am on August 22.

He left his seven-month pregnant wife Zodwa and their three children - aged 10, seven and four - sleeping in their new house.

The daily prayer was not enough to save Skhosana. He never returned home that night and he never will again. He died three hours after reporting for duty.

Skhosana and his colleague Const Mafika Mbatla 26 died in a hail of AK-47 and R1 fire when gunmen opened up on their marked police vehicle patrolling in Katlehong.

They didn't have a chance. As their vehicle cruised along Zuma St about five men wielding AK-47 and R1 rifles opened fire. Mbatla died instantly and Skhosana died later at Ntshongwen Hospital.

The gunmen stole their service revolvers before disappearing. Although many people heard the shots and peeped out from behind drawn curtains, no one has come forward to help police in their investigations.

A day later in Soweto a police vehicle responding to a fraudulent emergency call was wailed and its three police occupants attacked as they reached the scene of the alleged crime. They were also robbed of their firearms.

"Two more policemen die in attack," shouted the news headlines.

To readers the impression of the attack was soon lost as they paged over to the sport pages. But to policemen, the question was and still is "Who's next?"

The lot of the men in blue is not an easy one. They think about death as other people think about thirst or food. It is always on their minds. Every day a policeman is either killed or wounded in the PWV area. Police blame "war talk and belligerent statements" by political organisations for fuelling attacks on their members.

Police told City Press that like Skhosana they pray hard before they go to work. But those who survive the day's ordeal are always living in fear of tomorrow.

"Every time I go out I fear the worst. I am not sure if I will return home in



TARGET Are all cops, including people like former SAP Lt Gregory Rockman, legitimate targets?

one piece or in a coffin," a policeman said.

Police headquarters said although criminal violence was also claiming the lives of policemen, most cops killed were victims of political attacks.

However, the police declined to state how much had been paid out to injured policemen and next of kin of officers killed in the line of duty.

"All financial matters are dealt with on merit and no figure is available," a spokesman said.

Close to 200 black and white policemen were killed from January to August this year, almost double the 145 policemen killed during the whole of last year. There is mounting concern that the toll could go as high as 400 before the end of the year. A total of 71 policemen died nationwide in 1990 - but this year over 80 policemen lost their lives in Johannesburg, Soweto, the Vaal Triangle and East Rand townships.

## Legacy of

## apartheid backfires

By Prem 6/9/92

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## as death toll rises

A huge reward of R100 000 offered by police to anyone supplying information leading to the arrest and conviction of police attackers has also failed. Few witnesses are coming forward for fear they will be targeted.

The Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popru), the ANC, SACC, SACP, Cast, the community and political parties have condemned the attacks. However, the PAC supports the murder of policemen, saying police are agents of the "apartheid regime".

The Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla), the PAC's military wing, has claimed responsibility for a number of attacks on policemen.

The "internal commander" of Apla, Carl "The Jackal" Zumbi, claimed the attacks on cops were part of the "war" on the apartheid regime.

The faceless Zumbi - whose nickname hails from Frederick Forsyth's best-selling thriller *The Day of the Jackal*, speaks to newspapers from call boxes.

"The police are part of the apartheid regime, they are targeted to weaken the might of (President FW) De Klerk's

regime," Zumbi has said. The PAC says the onslaught against the police is to weaken the system because the regime relies on the security forces to stay in power.

"Political bullshit!" retorts Const Mandla Mashabane. The young policeman stationed in Protea said he joined the force to serve his community and this is what he was doing.

"I am serving the community of Soweto to fight crime and to earn a decent living. Besides, the PAC is taking to the government. They shake hands with the oppressor and then shot the messenger. Is killing your own people a liberation struggle while you kiss the very same people you are trying to free your people from?" Mashabane asked.

Const TS Vorster, 21, of the Soweto Internal Stability Unit, recounted how he miraculously survived a close-range shot in an ambush last month while driving in the strife-torn Dobsonville area with colleague Hans Sienkampi.

"The night was suddenly shattered by gunfire and I immediately stopped the van. We spotted a group of about seven people standing next to the road. It was still dark, and as we approached them they started to run away."

He jumped out and gave chase, but as he rounded the corner of a tin shack, he found himself staring straight down the barrel of a 9 mm pistol.

"I heard a shot and went numb, then it all became dark," he said. He is one of the hundreds of policemen who have been injured in such ambushes.

"We are living in danger. We know it is always dangerous to go out, but it does not help to worry about the danger. It is part of the job, but we think about it all the time," Vorster said.

Soweto police liaison officer Col Tiemo Halgryn said there were far more apartheid laws for police to enforce and it was wrong to single out policemen for political attacks.

"Police are only trying to maintain law and order in the community and they are not serving any particular political party in their line of duty," he said, adding that to lessen the danger for policemen they were now being provided with bulletproof vests and ve-

hicles.

## Boipatong cops 'not dismissed'

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JOHANNESBURG —  
The SA Police on Saturday denied claims in a newspaper that two special police constables who are witnesses before the Goldstone Commission of inquiry into the June 17 Boipatong massacre, had been dismissed from the police force. Instead the two had "failed to report for duty", said a spokesman — Sapa (24) (25)

# Police given ultimatum to produce station records

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POLICE had until Friday to provide information on the numbers of officers deployed at PWV stations and their records of arrests, prosecutions and convictions, Cosatu spokesman Amos Masondo said at the weekend

He said talks between the ANC, Cosatu, police and the SA Rail and Commuter Corporation (SARCC) had been postponed after it became clear key information was not available

"They basically had no information. The very little they had was unsatisfactory," he said

"We were also not satisfied by the inability of the police to provide a coherent strategy (to combat train violence)," said Masondo

The meeting was attended by SAP Witwatersrand commander Gen Erasmus and SARCC MD Wynand Burger as well as representatives from Cosatu, the SACP and the Civic Associations of Transvaal (Cast)

Burger said a great deal of pro-

gress had been made in implementing recommendations for improved train security made by the Goldstone commission

"From the SARCC side, we are very concerned about the situation, the violence, the deaths and the injuries," he said

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said yesterday police would furnish the information needed on the number of police deployed at stations and their record of arrests, prosecutions and convictions at Friday's meeting

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that a commuter was killed and thrown off a train at Fellside Railway Station, Elsburg, near Germiston on the East Rand on Saturday. Police are investigating a case of murder

Two policemen have been killed since Friday and 11 injured in attacks around the country

Eleven policemen were injured, three seriously, in two separate hand grenade attacks in the Eastern Transvaal township, Wesselton, early on Saturday

Police said they were investigating charges of murder, attempted murder and arson

A policeman was found dead on Friday night in the police barracks at Protea in Soweto after being shot by an unknown gunman

Meanwhile in Natal, two people have been arrested in connection with the death of a policeman, who was stabbed to death at KwaDabeka near Pinetown on Saturday

Police said at the weekend 90 arrests were made last week in "an intensive crime prevention and stabilising operation in the Soweto/Vaal Triangle area"

Fifteen stolen vehicles and 12 illegal firearms were recovered in Soweto where 62 people were arrested, the statement said

ANC gets some | HRC's Coleman says business





Graham Linscott reports on the daunting task of the 'gimlet-eyed' lawmen

# Goldstone posse heads for the pass

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**D**ESCRIBING a Mexican police force known as the Rurales American writer O Henry once invited his readers to imagine the United States Supreme Court Bench riding broncos and armed with Winchester's

That would probably be too colorful a way to describe the Goldstone Task Force, but the idea is there — gimlet-eyed legal officers of the Attorneys-General working with hard-nosed police officers determined to root out the nonsense and reporting to a Supreme Court judge

We'll head them off at the pass. Something fundamental has changed with the announcement of the Task Force, and with Mr Justice Goldstone's timely reminder that the South African Police are all that stand between us and another Lebanon Perceptions of the police vary, and many in

this country regard them as hostile enforcers of a hated and rejected ideology — but it is only the SAP who can make possible a free and fair election within conditions of law and order

One is reminded of another Latin police force, this time a little closer to home. The Portuguese dominions had a force known as the Policia Judicial — Judiciary Police — who carried out normal police duties of crime prevention, criminal detection and enforcement of the law

In the time of Salazar and Cae-tano they were almost totally eclipsed in public perception by the sinister and dreaded Pide, the pervasive and all-powerful security police who operated as a separate network across all the Portuguese territories

The SAP always did have the function of judiciary police, func-

tionaries of the law rather than of a political order, but from the time of John Vorster this became increasingly blurred. Recent developments within the force and the appointment of the Task Force suddenly bring a focus again to their proper function

But the SAP are up against something far more formidable than the Portuguese Judiciary Police ever had to face

They have to somehow contain an epidemic of violent crime which long ago spilt across the borderline between "normal" criminal activity and "political" crime

They have to contain a maelstrom of political violence which operates within conditions of social dislocation, appalling poverty, ancient grudges, opportunism, confusion and fear, with a strong element of old-fashioned gang-

sterism mixed in

And somehow they have to win the trust of the broad mass of the people, most of whom have no conception at all of an apolitical police force which is there to protect individual rights

Success for the Task Force in getting to the root of the communal violence, and substantially ending it with the assistance of the SAP, is crucial. Much is likely to emerge which will be embarrassing to all parties and there could be a great deal of anger

It is an extremely tall order and the records do not abound with examples of police forces altering in character and culture along with political change

But, as the judge says, the SAP are all we have. The tradition of judiciary police has to come through. They have to head them off at the pass. □

# New Cape police chief goes

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## Staff Reporter

ANOTHER police general is to take early retirement, police headquarters confirmed today.

Major-General Leon Mellet, head of the police liaison division, confirmed that Lieutenant-General Piet Viljoen, who had been earmarked for the post of regional commissioner of police in the Western Cape, had opted to go.

The confirmation comes less than two weeks after the announcement of a major reshuffle in the police which saw 18 generals retiring from the force.

General Mellet said today that General Viljoen had apparently built a house in Pretoria recently and had opted to stay there and retire rather than move to the Cape at the end of the year.

When his transfer to Cape Town was announced there was disquiet in the ANC (Western Cape) and local police ranks over the fact that General Viljoen — head of the criminal intelligence service — was to become regional commissioner over the head of Major-General Nic Acker, who had been regional commissioner for just over a year.

The ANC said it was "inappropriate" that CIS personnel were being appointed to "sensitive" positions.

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# SAP general to quit

Staff Reporter

**THE** police general earmarked as the new Cape police chief is to take early retirement — and a replacement for him has not yet been finalised, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Police had announced that Central Intelligence Service (CIS) head Lieutenant-General Piet Viljoen would become regional commissioner of the Western Cape following a major police shake-up in which 18 generals were retired last month.

A Pretoria police spokesman said yesterday that General Viljoen had decided "of his own free will" to take early retirement.

He had apparently recently built a house in Pretoria and chose to remain in Pretoria rather than move to Cape Town.

The police spokesman said the new Western Cape structure — of having two deputy regional commissioners — would not change.

Major-General Nic Acker, current regional commissioner, is to become one of the two deputy regional commissioners.

The date on which new appointments are to be taken up has not yet been decided but is unlikely to be before next year, the police spokesman said.

# Arrested man freed

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## 'Malicious attempt to smear ANC'

Staff Reporter

LAWYERS for Mr Christopher Toise, who was arrested in connection with the killing of activist Mr Pro Jack, are considering civil action against the police for damages after the charges were withdrawn by the Attorney-General

Mr Toise, chairman of the Browns Farm branch of the African National Congress, was in custody when Mr Jack was murdered on June 19 last year

"We immediately produced a copy of a charge sheet which corroborated Mr Toise's statement that he was in custody," said lawyer Mr Huxley Joshua

But police insisted that he be charged on the basis of a statement from an alleged witness that Mr Toise was on the scene when Mr Jack died

In a hard-hitting statement,

Mr Mziwonke Jacobs, ANC (Western Cape) publicity secretary, said the dropping of charges against Mr Toise "confirms our suspicions that his arrest was simply another malicious attempt by the police to smear the ANC"

"We demand that police desist from entering the political arena. We urge them to proceed with the task of tracking down Mr Jack's real murderers"

Mr Toise said yesterday he had been upset by the arrest because Mr Jack had been a close friend and adviser

He was informed of Mr Jack's murder while on his way from Pollsmoor Prison to the Mitchell's Plain Magistrates' Court on June 20, having been arrested on June 11

"I am continually harassed by the police and demand that my name be cleared," said Mr Toise



Picture ROY WIGLEY, The Argus

**THE PERFECT ALIBI:** Mr Christopher Toise emerges from Athlone Magistrate's Court flanked by his counsel, Mr Huxley Joshua and Mr Dawood Adam. Mr Toise was in Pollsmoor at the time of Pro Jack's murder

## Teargassing at PE fete: police probed

PORT ELIZABETH — The Eastern Cape Attorney-General is considering a docket which alleges policemen used teargas on people locked in a police van at a fete and on others in a Thornhill police cell.

The docket and memorandum detailing events on June 27 at the Woodridge Country Fair and later at the Thornhill police station were sent to Acting A-G Michael Hodgen on August 28.

Police spokesman Captain Henry Chalmers, who originally expected the docket to be completed by the end of July, said the finding of more witnesses willing to make statements had caused the delay.

"Another hold-up was the fact that Major Peet Grobler, who was put in charge of the investigation, was also heavily involved in the Uitenhage team which co-ordinated police activities during the ANC-led mass action campaign last month," Captain Chalmers pointed out.

He said three people had filed two cases of assault with the police. *STAR 8/9/92*

The first case arose from the alleged teargassing incidents and the second from an alleged death threat made in July to one of the men who had been arrested at the fete — Sapa

# Pitfalls lie in amnesty idea

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**H**USH-HUSH talks between the Government and the ANC about an amnesty ought to be viewed with great reservation. Not because an amnesty is undesirable, but because it can have far-reaching consequences for all of us.

A general amnesty can either facilitate reconciliation and a smooth transition towards democracy or it can become a source of further division.

A general amnesty will impact on our legal system, on human rights considerations and on the rights of the victims of the offenders who are to be absolved from punishment.

An agreement whereby two political actors, in our case the Government and the ANC, agree to pardon or absolve from punishment selective categories of their respective support base cannot be called an amnesty. Such deals amount to ad hoc political arrangements clothed with legality.

The essential elements of an amnesty are the granting of an exemption from punishment to all those who committed the offences or crimes which fall within the categories defined in an amnesty law.

Numerous countries have made use of amnesties for various purposes.

- In the United States President Carter granted a general amnesty to all those convicted of offences relating to desertion during the Vietnam War.

- Holland last made use of an amnesty when, in 1949, an amnesty was granted to all those who during the four-year Indonesian War had committed crimes while engaged in either of the two conflicting sides. Serious crimes such as rape and war crimes were excluded.

- Israel granted a general amnesty in 1967 after the Six-Day War.

- Germany has a colourful history of amnesties with 15 being granted during the short period of the Weimar Republic.

Amnesties in European countries have been used to achieve aims which in their given circumstances were regarded as reasonable and legitimate. In South Africa a general amnesty will focus almost entirely on those who committed politically motivated crimes and offences in the past.

Past governments in South Africa, in an attempt to retain exclusive power, have allowed their security forces to get away with numerous crimes and human rights transgressions. Many involved in opposing apartheid also made themselves guilty of transgressions.

This was a development not new in the world. A number of Latin American countries have recently had to deal with the problem of transforming their societies from military dictatorships, during which shocking brutalities and human rights abuses occurred, to some form of open democracy.

Amnesties were liberally used, but sometimes with conse-

**SA must deal with the idea of granting an amnesty with care, writes PETER GASTROW, DP MP for Durban Central**

quences which were counter-productive. The one country from which South Africa can learn, both about failures and successes, is Chile.

After the general election of 1970, Salvador Allende became President of Chile. His rigorous implementation of socialist policies further polarised an already divided society. In September 1973 the military conducted a coup and placed General Pinochet at the head of the military junta.

During his 18-year reign until the first free elections were held in December 1989, General Pinochet's regime implemented a ruthless policy of squashing all opposition. Thousands disappeared, were tortured, murdered and imprisoned. Some opposition groups resorted to violence involving bombings and assassinations.

In 1978 General Pinochet decreed an amnesty for the perpetrators of criminal acts which had occurred between the coup and March 1978. Instead of this amnesty becoming the end of a problem, it became another factor of impunity for the past and a promise of impunity for the future. Serious transgressions of human rights continued.

Similar to our Vorster and P.W. Botha eras, General Pinochet started to introduce some reforms during the 1980s to gain more legitimacy. Press freedom was reintroduced and from the mid 1980s a staged transition took place. Negotiations for a new constitution and free elections took place with opposition groups.

Throughout the talks General Pinochet took a firm stand on the future of the military. "Don't touch my military" was his bottom line. One of the consequences of the talks was a tacit agreement between the junta and opposition groups that political crimes and human rights abuses committed during the reign of the junta would not be prosecuted after the forthcoming elections. This was agreed to in the interests of a smooth transition towards democracy and to heal the deep rifts which existed in Chilean society. The new democratic government which was subsequently elected in 1989 has stuck to this tacit agreement.

The realisation that more was necessary to achieve reconciliation led the new government to appoint a high powered and autonomous "Commission on Truth and Reconciliation". The new president argued that "Only on the basis of truth will it be possible to satisfy the elementary demands for justice and create the indispensable conditions to reach an effective reconciliation."

It was his view that only the truth would rehabilitate in the

public mind the dignity of the victims, facilitate for their relatives and loved ones the possibility to honour them, and permit reparation, in some measure, for the damage caused.

The commission investigated about 3 400 serious cases. Most of the perpetrators were security force members and the balance involved supporters of various opposition groups.

Information relating to crimes committed was sent to the judicial authorities but, apparently in accordance with the tacit agreement not to prosecute, no prosecution resulted. The commission published a detailed report setting out human rights abuses as well as particulars of the victims.

Following one of the recommendations of the Commission, a law was passed during January this year to create a National Corporation for Reparation and Reconciliation. In essence, it provided for restitution for victims and relatives in the form of pensions, medical and educational benefits.

Since March some Chilean Members of Parliament have proposed a Bill to annul the 1978 amnesty and to pass a new amnesty law to formalise the arrangement entered into between General Pinochet and opposition groups.

Human rights organisations and opposition Members of Parliament are in turn campaigning against a blanket amnesty, arguing that "crimes against humanity" cannot be the subject of an amnesty under the Geneva Convention on Human Rights of 1949.

Taking into account the different circumstances affecting South Africa and Chile, what can we learn from the Chilean experience?

- An amnesty unilaterally declared by an unrepresentative government does not facilitate reconciliation.

- If all significant political groups agree to an amnesty, it can play a major role in achieving reconciliation in a deeply divided society and in paving the way for a free election and a stable democracy.

- An amnesty is, however, not sufficient to restore a sense of justice or the dignity of the victims and their relatives. A cleansing process by way of revealing all the facts of the magnitude of the human rights transgressions is necessary.

- Reconciliation at the end also means restoring the dignity of the victims by way of real or symbolic reparations.

- An amnesty should not contravene the norms laid down by international human rights conventions.

These are all factors which we in South Africa need to take into account when debating the issue of a general amnesty. As soon as an interim government is in place, a general amnesty law should be agreed upon. To do so before an interim government would deprive such a law of the legitimacy and broad support which it deserves. □

# Top cop believes in power of prayer

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By Mathatha Tsedu

**IN DANGER** Unit on trains faces

many hardships in carrying out duties:

**E**VERY SHIFT AT New Canada's Police Mobile Unit starts with a prayer

It is a prayer for peace on the rails of Johannesburg's most populated area, Soweto

It is also a prayer for the safety of the policemen who take their lives in their hands every time they walk into the trains where over 130 lives have been lost since the beginning of the year

The prayer is the innovation of the new commander of the unit, Colonel Frank Stephanus Sneygans, who took control last month

Sneygans (53) has no illusions about the immenseness of the task at hand. His job, he says, is to put an end to the killings on Soweto trains

"But I cannot do this without the support of the people I am protecting. They must support us and give us information which leads to the arrests and conviction of the people behind these senseless killings," he said in an interview yesterday

It is support that is sadly lacking, he admits

**Fear or favour**

"Just today, our policemen who were on a train that was attacked were stopped by bystanders from rendering assistance to the injured because people said we were siding with Zulus

"It is an unfortunate perception which is however untrue. I am here to deal with this problem without fear or favour," he added

Sneygans has a unit of 560 policemen and policewomen who have to police 1 127 trains daily, and over 1,4 million commuters. With each train consisting of at least 12 coaches, this would need 96 policemen on each train. This is impossible to achieve, he said

Instead, what his unit has been doing is to analyse the trend of attacks and deal with "problem trains"

The analysis has shown that attacks occur during the 30 minutes between 5 45 and 6 15 in the morning and between 5 30 and 6 16 in the evening

Even then, specific trains are always targeted. No attacks occur during the midday lull when only shoppers use trains. Policemen do not even bother to search during this time, he said. Sneygans said the police were almost convinced that a band of killers are responsible for the attacks

**Ethnic warfare**

"After last week's attack at Johannesburg station, we started raiding trains from 4am and it was quiet here, but the East Rand was the target area with 11 incidents and eight people killed and 17 injured

"Now, today, it is back here. There is also the possibility of revenge attacks. You find that if a train or coach carrying mainly Zulu people is attacked, an attack also comes shortly thereafter in which Xhosas are victims," he added

Sneygans however said to describe the killings as ethnic warfare was an oversimplification of a very complex matter

"For example, the suspect we arrested today for the Mlamankunzi attack is neither Zulu nor Xhosa. Victims of train attacks are from various backgrounds," he added



Colonel Frank Sneygans

**Police file**

Joined police force: 1957  
 Left force for seven years from 1965 to 1972  
 Worked in the Free state and Pretoria police training college.  
 Stationed in Soweto in 1988 and became a colonel in 1991.  
 Became head of the mobile unit on August 17 1992

But there have been elaborate decisions on increased security measures, including searches at stations on trains, metal detectors, fencing stations and even a helicopter

What has happened to them, why can't they stop the killings, we asked

Sneygans said he wished he knew "The thing is when you introduce a measure, the killers change tactics. For example, when the Mlamankunzi train was attacked, our

**Track record**

**Trains per day on the Wiatersrand:** 1 127  
**Commuters per day:** 1 426 460  
**People killed since January:** 133  
**Policemen at New Canada Unit:** 560  
**Number of policemen on normal raiding platoon:** 30  
**Number of units in the Reef:** 6.  
**Latest incidents:** 2 dead at Mlamankunzi. Sep 15, 1992. 1 man hacked and thrown from a moving train outside Croesus station.

men were aboard. There was no policeman on the platform

"Usually we start searching from the front going back. But today we changed tactics. The policemen boarded the train at Midway and when the train got into Mlamankunzi, the second coach from the front was attacked

"When the shooting last week at Johannesburg station occurred, I had a platoon of 30 policemen at Braamfontein, just a few metres away. We try. Yes, we try," he added

He said stations near hostels were the main targets of station searches because of the prevalence of attacks near such dwellings. But, he emphasised, he could not say that hostels were the source of attacks on trains

Sneygans said his men were undergoing training in discipline and case handling as well as public relations to improve their image and functions

**Confiscated arms**

He wanted his men, he added, to become better professionals who served their communities and who were seen as such by those they serve

It is a hope that is hard to imagine when police are seen as friends of Inkatha Freedom Party from whom they confiscated arms of war in June but allegedly handed them back

This is an assertion that Sneygans refuted vehemently. He showed Sowetan large quantities of spears, knobkerries, axes and other sharpened instruments stored in a safe place at New Canada

This, he said, was the arsenal taken from Inkatha members. Sneygans said the police were out to help the community and called for assistance

In the meantime, as a devout Christian, he insists on prayers each time the shifts change, prayers to God to open the hearts of his fellow-man to stop the carnage, and prayers for his men to return to base safely

Those with information relating to train attacks can contact him at Tel (011) 474 8966, or the Unrest Helpline on 0800 20 8320 or 980 8140. People can also contact the toll free all hours number at 088 111 0141. All information will be treated as confidential.

# Court told: Cop set man on fire

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DURBAN — A Pinetown policeman who caused a suspect to catch fire during an interrogation said yesterday it was not his intention to set him alight

Constable Bradford Bown, 20, was giving evidence in the Durban Regional Court

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He and four other Pinetown policemen — Sergeant Mark Allan Lucy, 24, Lance-Sergeant Simon Gerald Coetzee, 23, and Constables David Wilhelmus Potgieter, 19, and Cornelius Laubscher, 19 — are charged with attempting to murder Mr Vusi Phiri

They pleaded not guilty

The policemen took Mr Phiri to Marriannahill Park on the night of Jan-

uary 13, where he was questioned about possession of a firearm, Constable Bown said

Mr Phiri denied having it

He was assaulted by the policemen, then a cigarette lighter's flame was passed over his hands, toes and ear

Sgt Coetzee then placed a tyre on Mr Phiri's neck to "simulate a neck-lacing"

Const Bown said Sgt Coetzee then poured what he thought was water — but was in fact petrol — on Mr Phiri

"I flicked the lighter on and he was engulfed in flames"

He said Mr Phiri immediately threw off the tyre and ran away

The policemen followed him, put out the fire and then left the area

The trial continues



MEN WHO LIVE ON DANGERS EDGE

**SERGEANT Mark Williams** occasionally watches cop movies on television, but he doesn't think they shed much light on his daily reality.

"If the tension gets too much," he says, "you can always switch the TV off. You can't do that when you are on the road. And in movies the good guy never gets killed. But he does in real life."

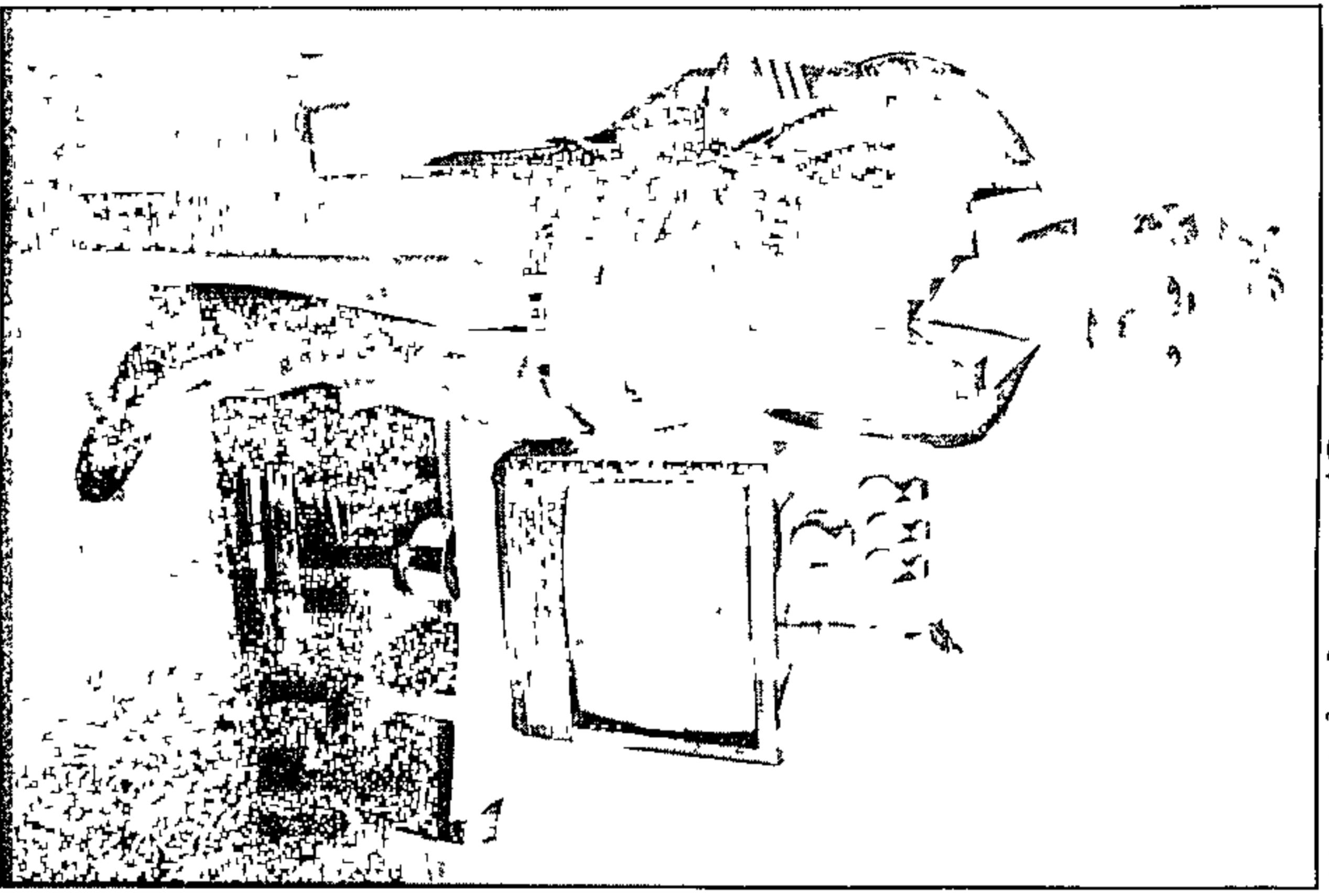
Williams (26) a policeman since his teens and currently a frontline member of the Johannesburg Flying Squad has seen five "good guys" whom he would call friends shot dead in the past two years. One officer in particular blazed in the back while escorting a payroll was one of Williams's closest buddies.

There were four of us. We used to braai together go fishing in our spare time, he says. I felt so angry about that but all you can do is keep looking for the guys who did it. We've never found them. In all at least 170 policemen have been killed this year.

**Bodies**

Williams a soft-spoken man who picks his words carefully, has been involved in more than 40 shooting incidents in his career. The first a few months after he graduated from police college. On patrol near the Pretoria railway station he recalls "We just drove into this armed robbery. There were three of them holding up some guy. I fired warning shots and then I shot all three. I ended up with two bodies on my hands."

Williams was cleared by a police inquiry, but he still had to make sense of it for himself. I had chased one guy half across Pretoria and when I shot him I carried on running until I reached the station. Afterwards I got an ulcer from that," he says. "Everybody says good work" but for you there is pressure involved. You don't want to talk too much. You just sit down shut up and work



**REAL LIFE COP** Sergeant Mark Williams watches police movies occasionally, but says the action hardly resembles his job in the movies. **THE GOOD GUYS NEVER GET KILLED**

Photographs STEVE HILTON-BARBER

Williams has managed to do just that. You just apply the book, nothing else. It works, he says. He was not too impressed with a recent TV documentary on the effects of stress on policemen. "Of course I am under stress but very few guys are cracking up like that," he says. "And the whole point of the attacks on us is to weaken our morale. That Agenda programme was saying you are succeeding."

Williams's decision to become a policeman was sudden and none too popular with his family. After matric he enrolled at Pretoria University to study electrical engineering. "Then there was the Church Street bomb

**SATURDAY STAR** for not taking seriously enough the dangers their men face. Chief Reporter **JOHN PERLMAN** went out and spoke to two men at the rough end of policing.

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to society. How many times did I have to prove it?"

Crimes he says are a very different prospect these days. Before if you found someone burgling a house he would run away. Not any more. The guy has usually got a firearm. And over the past year he says police have had to deal with a lot of hostility.

Some of it comes from unexpected quarters. Despite being fired upon recently by a gang of 15 men armed with AK 47s near the Soweto highway Williams says "I actually get along well with the people in Soweto. There are many people who are glad we are there and bring us food and buy us chicken."

The slights that really seem to stick in his throat are those delivered on the doorsteps of northern suburbs homes. I don't get along very well in the north," he says. One woman who called for assistance asked Williams if he wouldn't mind using the back entrance of her home. I walked away home. I was a time in 1988 and 1989 when we felt we had most of the criminals locked up, he says. Then they started trying to clear the prisons."

One afternoon, returning to a burglary call Williams found himself face to face with a man he had put away for housebreaking twice before. He jumped one of my colleagues and nearly got my gun," he says.

Williams subdued his attacker with a shifting spanner given to him by an onlooker but that did not settle the rage in his mind. "I felt so frustrated he says. What the hell was I doing this for? This guy was a menace

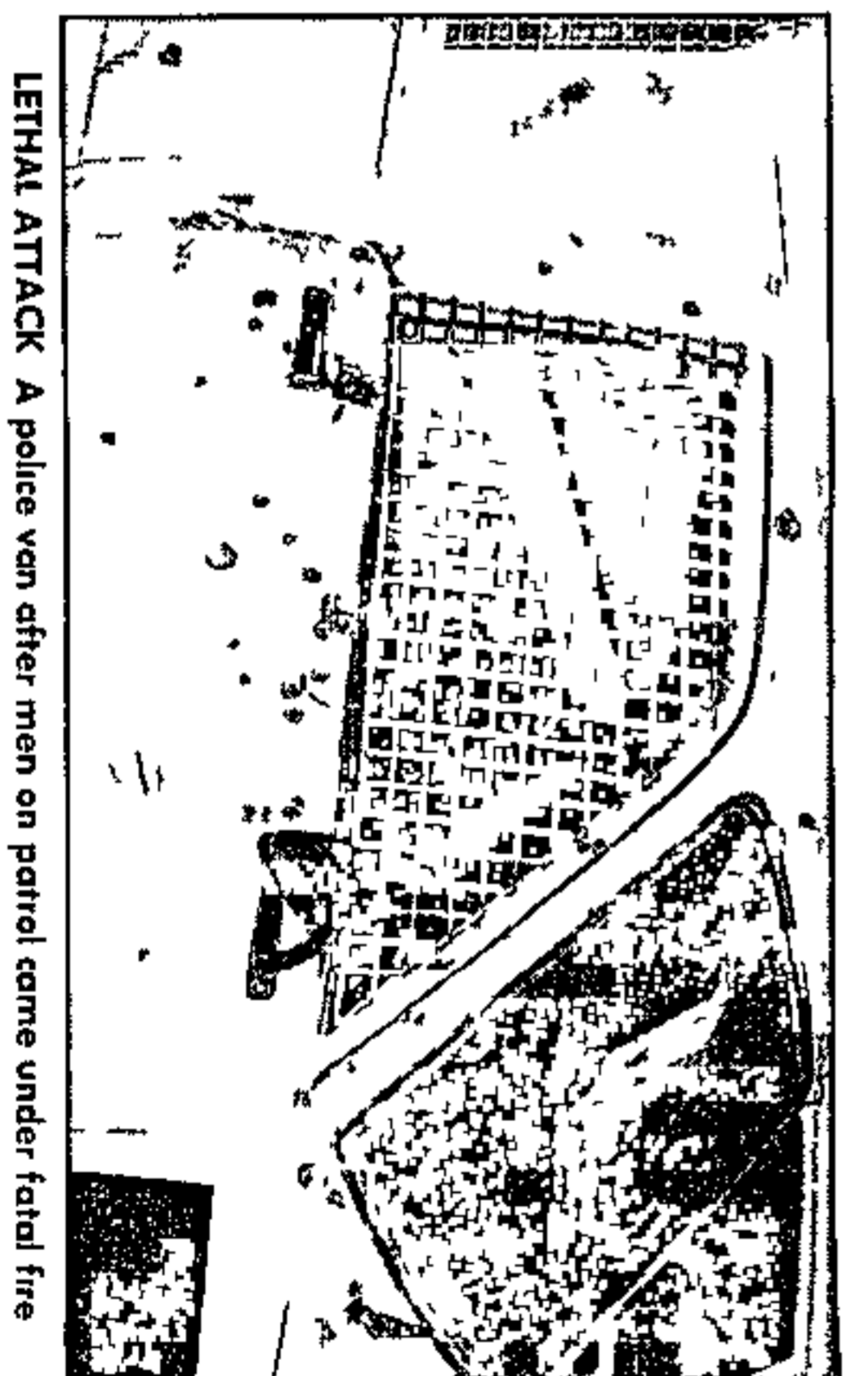
TWO tall, tin cupboards placed at right angles to each other mark off a small section of the five-man room at police barracks that belongs to Detective-Constable Tlou Paul Manamela.

The pictures decorating the dull grey surfaces give some clues as to what kind of man he might be. A sticker proclaiming 'Up the Birds' indicates where his soccer loyalties lie. There's a picture of a beautiful girl — nothing personal just some magazine model. Hand painted in white is a slogan: Don't argue with a fool.

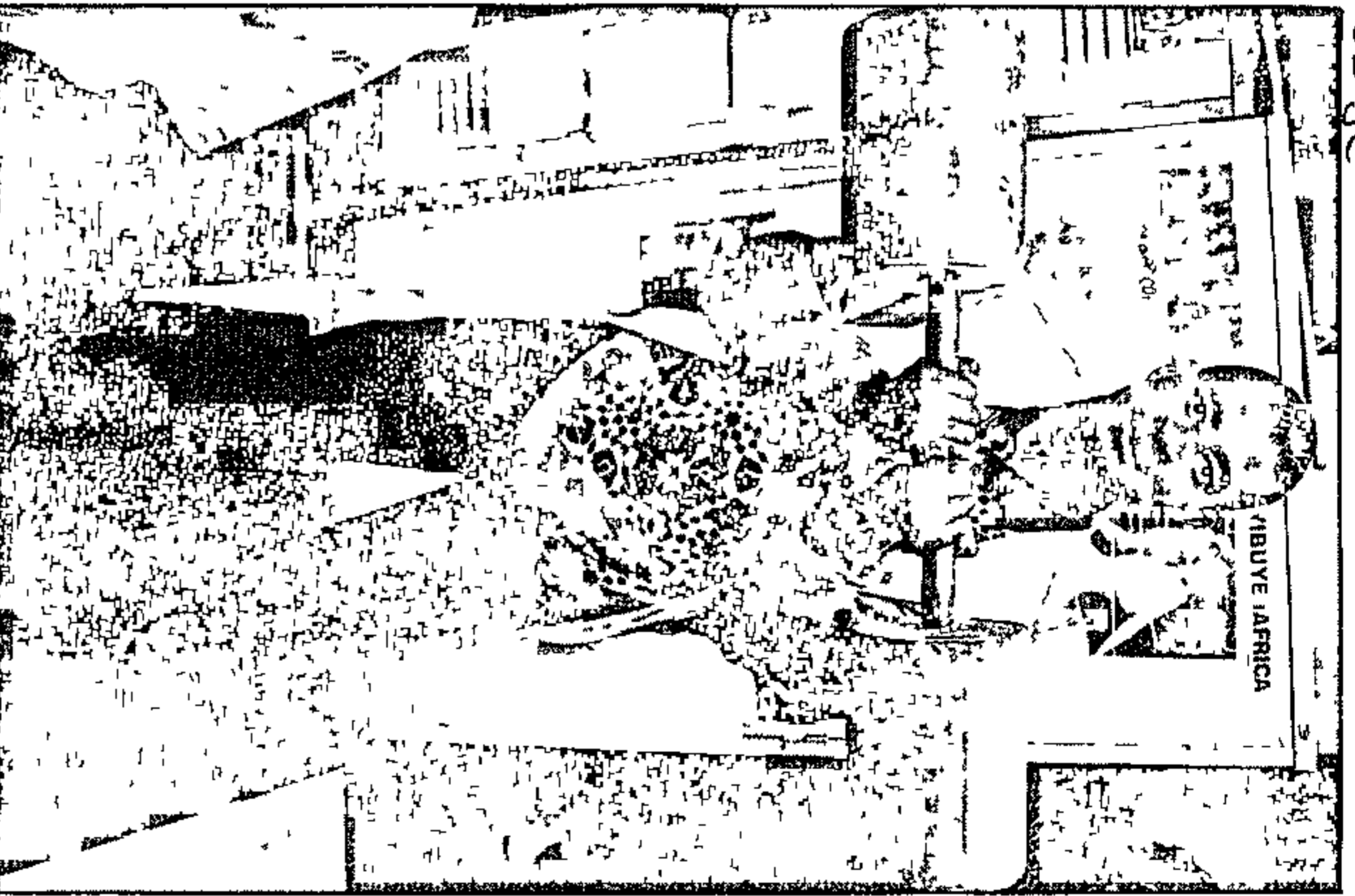
**Inspiration**

There are two pictures of Eddie Murphy, the fast gun, faster mouth Beverly Hills movie cop. And alongside that a black and white sketch of William Shakespeare. Murphy might be the man who inspires Manamela now but it was Shakespeare, he says, who was one of the early inspirations that made him want to be a cop in the first place.

Manamela (27) a detective with the Brixton Murder and Robbery Unit grew up in the rural backwater of Matielala near Pieterburg. "I decided I wanted to



**LETHAL ATTACK** A police van after men on patrol came under fatal fire



**TAKING THE STRAIN** Detective-Constable Tlou Manamela was shot while off-duty, but insists that has not made him scared. He says Shakespeare was the inspiration that made him want to become a policeman

be a policeman in Slanard Five already, he says. But later at school we were reading Shakespeare especially Julius Caesar. That kind of guy was so brave and it makes you think about being strong yourself. You can't just relax. You have to go and see what's happening outside in the world.

Manamela insists that he did not become a policeman because he had no other options. My brother has a job at Modderfontein and said he could get one for me, he says.

And my brother in law works at SA Breweries and said he could do something for me too. Actually, they wanted me to become a teacher but there were so many teachers among my relatives. I am the first of the Manamelas to become a policeman

Manamela has been at Brixton since 1989. His idea of relaxation sounds like many people's idea of hard work. Lying on the floor of his room is a dumbbell made from an iron bar and two weights of soncrete poured into tin cans.

When he's not picking up his heads for his khathe class or goes to gym it was on his way to gym in the centre of Johannesburg that he came within an inch of his life.

I was walking on the corner of King George and Noord streets one when I passed these three guys, he says. "One of them I know from long ago. He had committed a lot of job-beries and an attempted murder in Soweto. I was investigating that case. He pulled out a gun and shot me three times."

Manamela describes his wounds as if he is filling a police report — gunshot abdomen, he says pointing to the left side of his belly — and says the incident three months ago has not changed his view of his job.

**Scared**

"I still walk around anywhere," he says. "I have never been scared. Once you become afraid you make it easier for yourself to get shot because you don't think about what's happening."

On trips back home or visits to his brother in Tembisa Manamela says he never talks much about his work. "They are not policemen there," he says. "And I don't want them to be scared if they visit Johannesburg."

Instead the five men sharing the room form a close-knit group. We talk a lot because we are all cops. Manamela says sharing ideas giving each other encouragement I like being with policemen.

In the world outside he says, "We don't worry what people say. Many are friendly but those committing crimes tend to keep away. We know people don't like us. But we also know that when they are in danger they always want the police

has offered to pay the costs of tests for residents affected by gas from the fire

government installations and infrastructure in certain TBVC states and black residential areas, he said

was in place, ... continue to negotiate Mering said

# More police to patrol CBD

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STEPHANE BOTHMA

AN additional 150 detectives would soon be deployed in Johannesburg's CBD to curb the unacceptably high level of crime, deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburgh announced yesterday

The planned deployment followed the formulation of a joint anti-crime strategy between the SAP and the Central Johannesburg Partnership at a meeting held yesterday

The strategy will be in place by the end of 1992

By January next year, 250 extra detectives will have been transferred to the central area, including the 100 trained detectives promised by Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel on August 25

During the past two months, 400 police assistants have also been deployed in the CBD

The battle against crime should produce tangible results when all elements of the strategy were in place, Myburgh said in a statement issued jointly with the partnership

Statistics showed that the increase of crime in the city centre had in fact already been curbed but crime remained unacceptably high, Myburgh said

Police/community forums have already been established in every police station on the Witwatersrand — including those in or near the Johannesburg

CBD to improve co-operation between the community and the SAP, he said

Extra satellite police stations, in addition to the two already operational in the Small Street Mall and Bank City, were also envisaged for the CBD and its immediate vicinity

"Should these plans be implemented, it is hoped that six new satellite stations will be established in either Frederick or Delfers Streets in the CBD, in Fordsburg/Mayfair, in Selby, in Wolmarans/Twist Streets, in High Point Centre in Pretoria Street Hilbrow and in Braamfontein," he said

At a meeting held between the police and the Central Johannesburg Partnership yesterday, it was also decided to monitor the effectiveness of the joint measures implemented, Myburgh said

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## 2 policemen die

By Clyde Johnson <sup>STAR</sup>  
Lowveld Bureau 2/10/92

NELSPRUIT — Within 10 minutes of each other, two young Nelspruit policemen died in separate shooting incidents on Wednesday night (25)

A police spokesman said Constable NI Dicks (20) and colleagues were leaving the Nelspruit police station at 8.10 pm. Constable Dicks was holding his service revolver. A shot went off, hitting him in the head.

At 8.20 pm Sergeant JM Ferreira was at home with his wife and a friend. He excused himself and went to the toilet.

A gunshot was heard and he was found with a bullet wound in the head. He left a letter



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## Anti-crime battle gets boost

### Staff Reporters

Six more satellite police stations are to be built in central Johannesburg.

This was announced yesterday in a joint statement by the Central Johannesburg Partnership (CJP) and Law and Order deputy minister Gert Myburgh after a meeting between Mr Myburgh, the CJP and police on Wednesday. Satellite stations are to be

set up in Fordsburg/Mayfair, Selby, Hillbrow, Braamfontein, Frederick of Delver's district and at the intersection of Wolmarans and Twist streets in Joubert Park.

They will complement the two satellite stations already operating in the Smal Street Mall and Bank City complex.

Yesterday's statement confirmed that 250 detectives would be stationed in Johannesburg by the beginning of

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Since Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel announced a new crime-fighting plan, 1 100 police assistants have been deployed in the city.

The statement said statistics showed the increase in crime in the city centre had been curbed since the deployment of additional policemen, but that crime rates remained unacceptably high. The statistics have not yet been made public.

Both partners reaffirmed their commitment to working together even more closely to fight crime.

"The battle against the unacceptably high level of crime in central Johannesburg should produce tangible results when all the elements of a joint anti-crime strategy formulated between the SAP and the CJP are in place towards the end of the year," the statement read.

forums have already been established in every police station on the Witwatersrand to improve co-operation between the community and the police. Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson, who led the CJP delegation, said that for the first time he could see a light at the end of the tunnel.

"The meeting was thrilling. What really came across was that the police and the minister are determined to rid Johannesburg of crime."

# Police say Sheikh will not be held

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Staff Reporter

A SIX-YEAR-OLD warrant for the arrest of former Muslim Judicial Council chairman Sheikh Abdul Gamied Gabier would not be put into force, police said yesterday (25)

Sheikh Gabier, who had been in Canada since February 1986 and was there when the warrant was issued, returned to South Africa on Wednesday

He had been subpoenaed to appear as a state witness in the trial of three men accused of murdering policeman Constable James Farmer at a Salt River funeral at which he officiated

# Interim govt needed to give police credibility

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CAPE TOWN — It would be difficult to convince the wider community that changes were taking place in the police force when it was seen as an instrument of an unrepresentative government, Idasa executive director Alex Boraine said last night.

The police had to experience a remarkable shift in perceptions when former enemies and terrorists became partners in negotiations, and they did so against the background of bitter hostility from the majority of black South Africans.

"It is often overlooked that there is a policy within some black organisations to 'kill a cop a day'."

It made sombre reading that 107 policemen were killed in 1990, 145 in 1991 and 174 up to September this year, he said at the opening of an Idasa conference on policing in Vanderbijlpark.

"An understaffed, overworked, underpaid and pressured police force cannot on its own bring about the fundamental changes which need to take place."

Boraine said a strong, united national police force, subject to discipline and accountability, was urgently needed during transition.

The controversy surrounding the Ciskei, Bophuthatswana and KwaZulu police forces underlined this necessity.

"The sooner SA proceeds to an interim government which will include joint responsibility for the security forces, the sooner the image of the police force will change to that of a force at the service of all South Africans."

The police force should be made as attractive as possible in terms of wage levels and training opportunities.

There should also be a move away from the militarisation of the police force.

The question of recruitment, training and the democratisation of command structures to encourage public accountability should also be examined.

Boraine said delegates should avoid the mistaken belief that problems in the police force could be ascribed to a few so-called "rotten apples".

The police force had undertaken an internal audit and a commitment towards significant changes within its structures and its practice, but it was impossible for the police to undertake this task without community involvement, Boraine said.

# DP unveils plan for a future voting system

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A FUTURE electoral system for SA would have to promote alliances and coalitions and transcend historical divisions, a DP discussion paper released yesterday said.

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The paper listed five requirements for an ideal system, namely that it should be:

- Equitable and not distort "the translation of votes into seats";
- Easily understandable and fair;
- Easily supervised to minimise electoral malpractices;
- Immune from "gerrymandering"; and
- A system which resulted in effective, accountable government "at the same time as providing equitable representation for minorities".

The document recommended the establishment of a permanent independent electoral commission with the legal capacity to enforce electoral law.

The proposals suggested a 400-strong national assembly elected on an adapted form of proportional representation every four years.

DP spokesman James Selfe said yesterday the system aimed to balance the choices of the majority with representation by minority parties who had small but geographically concentrated constituencies.

Three hundred of the seats would be elected proportionately, with three candidates from each of 100 constituencies. The remaining 100 seats would be chosen to balance this constituency approach with the feelings of the electorate as a whole, he said.



# Idasa urges united police force

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They tour the Great Wall of China yesterday.

Picture AP

# Kriel accused of 'whitewash job'

By DM 7/10/92

LAW and Order Minister Hennis Kriel was delibe-  
ately ignoring advice from a recently established police board and "whitewashing" problems facing the police, Cosatu official Jayendra Naidoo told the Idasa conference

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Naidoo, who represents the ANC alliance on the national peace secretariat, told the conference on po-  
licing Kriel had "totally sidelined" the board, which is made up of equal num-

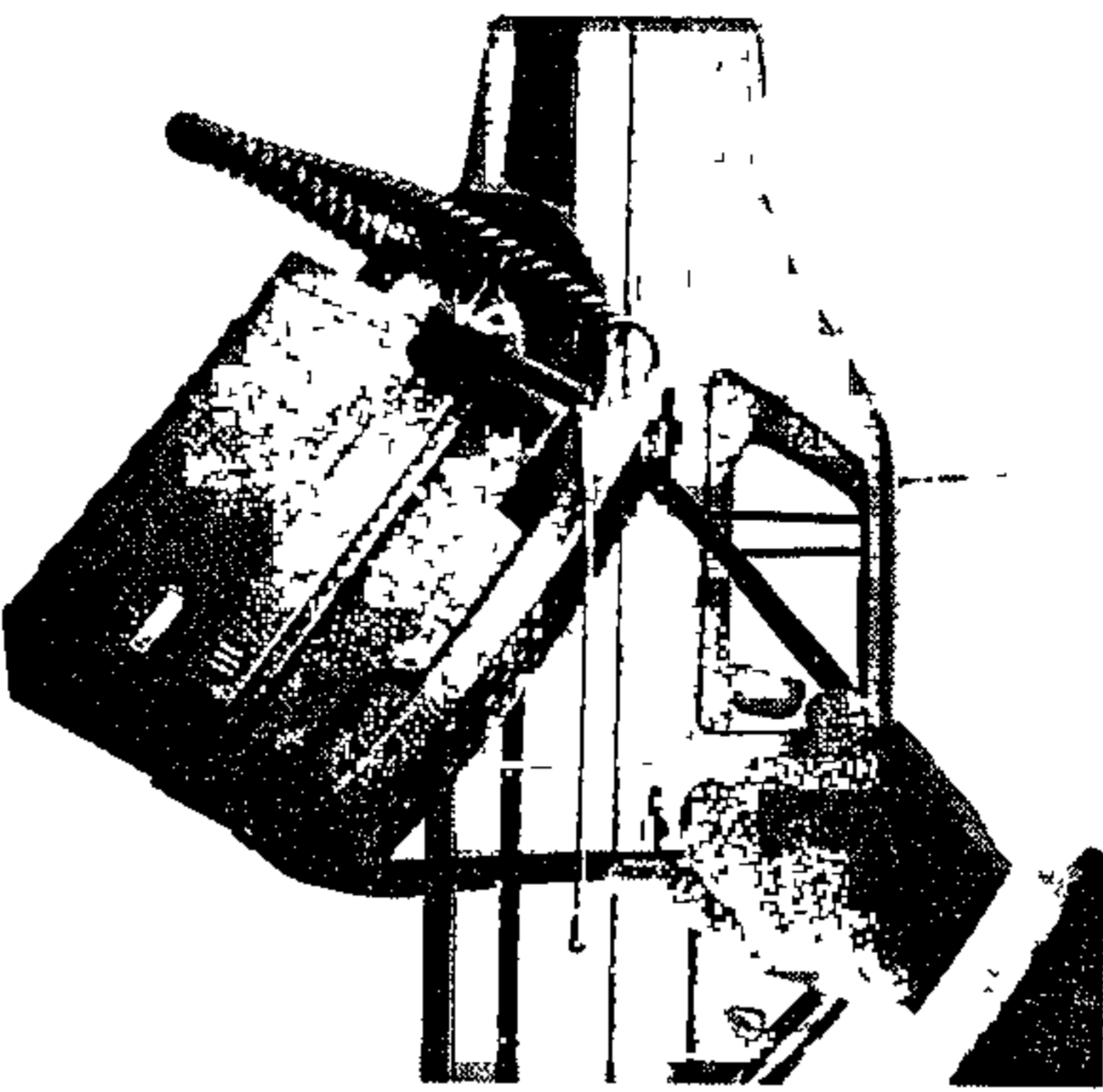
bers of police and civilian representatives

The 22-man board was established to advise on strategy and met for the first time in May this year  
"The way that Kriel has dealt with the police board to date is a disgrace. He seems comfortable whitewashing his problems," said Naidoo

The national peace secretariat needed to play a greater role in policing, including decisions about which officers were stationed in unrest areas

He said fundamental changes were needed to enhance community participation in policing  
Police accountability to communities needed to be established in the period before an interim government, to minimise the conflict involved in changing police once a new government had been established, he said

Promotion, discipline and training, which could be called the police force's "carry, stick and advice", needed to be changed



Mandela, whose trip was made at the invitation of Chinese President Yang Shangkun, also met Premier Li Peng and Communist Party chief Jiang Zemin during his three-day stay in Beijing

Such a visit would worry China's leaders, who actively sought diplomatic isolation for Taiwan, which Beijing considers a renegade province — Sapa-Reuter

# Excessive secrecy shrouds new strategic policing plan

By DM 7/10/92

AN UNNECESSARY degree of secrecy had shrouded the development of a new strategic plan for policing, Wits Policing Research Project academics Etienne Marais and Janine Rauch said in a paper to be delivered today

The paper, which will be presented to delegates at the Idasa policing in the 1990s conference, blamed a traditional police suspicion of "outsiders" for the secrecy

"This is further complicated by the SAP's unwillingness to allow any other parties to participate in the evaluation and planning process, or, indeed, to publicise its own new reform plan," the paper said

Rauch, a Police Board member, was the first outsider allowed to witness any aspect of basic police training

Rauch and Marais praised the recent announcement by police of a new community relations division, which would be responsible for strategic planning, conflict evaluation and the co-ordination of police participation in commissions of inquiry

But the researchers added the inter-change between different police divisions was difficult and often contradictory  
"Good relations which exist between

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local station commanders and communities have often been ignored when the Internal Stability Unit has been sent into the area — leading to a breakdown of trust and co-operation," the paper said.

By signing the national peace accord, police had acknowledged they were "not merely a referee, but a significant player in the violence", it said

Although it was too early to say whether or not the code of conduct signed by policemen in terms of the peace accord had improved policing, there were worrying signs it was "not having much restraining or moderating effect"

Police continued to view criticism of their operations as part of a "political agenda of undermining the credibility of the SAP", allowing police leadership to fob off criticism, the paper said.

Training was still military in character and focused disproportionate attention on the use of firearms, military discipline and the socialisation of recruits into the policing culture, rather than covering areas such as police-community relations, ethical problems and police accountability.



## Small business steering group

THEO RAWANA

SUN CITY — A steering committee, which is to formulate a framework of policy affecting small business, has been established.

The Small Business Unity Workshop Conference, held in Sun City yesterday, appointed the five-man committee comprising chairmen of the five workshops.

It is to co-ordinate the different small business committees nationwide to formulate a uniform policy.

The chairmen are Potchefstroom University's small business advisory bureau director Piet Moolman, Sunnyside Group chairman Keith Foster, Dick Robb of Barlow Rand who is chairman of Matchmaker Services, Willie Conradie of Volkskas Bank, and Phil Khumalo, Business Challenge CE.

The workshops they headed were on training/consultation, deregulation, subcontracting/matchmaking, financing and marketing respectively.

The idea of such a committee came when Foster, giving his report on the deregulation workshop, told the meeting that not one party in all the main political players had a small business policy.

"If the situation is left the way it is, small business will always be neglected," Foster said.

"Deputy Trade and Industry Minister David Graaf, who is entrusted with small business, is still finding his way working out a Cabinet view on small business."

He said the Sunnyside Group and Sacob's small business forum were working on merging into a single body and hoped to have the structure in place by the end of the year.

The steering committee would immediately get to work investigating the final structure, he said.

# Talk to police, Mandela is told

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ANC president Nelson Mandela should meet police generals and tell them directly what his organisation expected of police, instead of simply criticising them from a great distance, says Idasa director Van Zyl Slabbert.

Addressing an Idasa conference on policing in Vanderbijlpark yesterday, Slabbert said a new negotiating forum dealing with the role of the security forces and stability during the transition to democracy was urgently needed.

Slabbert said a future political accord would depend on "transitional stability" in the public service, including the police.

He warned political leaders that the public service could disintegrate, with grave consequences, if it was left without a sense of purpose while national negotiations were going on.

The public service had been "meticulously and systematically" built up to pursue the goals of apartheid.

Now it was facing a crisis of legitimacy, he said.

Slabbert said he had always regarded Codesa as an inappropriate forum for negotiations because it had created the illusion that politicians could negotiate transition on their own.

He added that efforts by Finance Minister Derek Keys and Cosatu to establish an economic forum and the recently established housing forum, were places where "the most important bargaining is taking place".

"I think it is unreasonable to ex-

pect the police to pull themselves up by their own bootstraps

"Like most of us, they were singularly unprepared for change," Slabbert said.

"Only five or six years ago it was seen as part of the training of police and soldiers that they had to eliminate the enemy," he said, adding that the same was true of the liberation movements.

Police consultant Kobus Neethling, who has addressed more than 15 000 policemen on ways of improving their creativity, said police needed new skills if changes in their values were to be effective.

He said police and community visions of SA needed to be aligned to truly address the accountability of the force.

Neethling said the majority of policemen he had spoken to wanted to continue with policing and had a "positive awareness" of their role.

Police needed to be caring, emotionally involved, vulnerable, empathetic, humanistic and intuitive to succeed in their work, he said.

Eastern Cape Council of Churches chairman Mcebisi Xundu said community organisations had shown they appreciated law and order by using marshals to control their protest marches.

He said chiefs and headmen needed to be elected by their communities to create confidence and increase the accountability of their policing activities in the rural areas.

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# Robertson man tells of shooting

By DALE GRANGER

A ROBERTSON man who lives behind the community hall here where residents were meeting told the Worcester Regional Court yesterday how he was shot in 1990 when police opened fire on those who fled the hall which had been teargassed.

Brick manufacturer Mr Joey Jansen, 44, of Heide Avenue, was testifying in the trial of Warrant Officer Dirk Calitz, 31, a former Koevoet officer. WO Calitz pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, alternatively of negligently ordering policemen to shoot and cause 125 people to be injured.

WO Calitz commanded a riot unit sent to the hall on April 11 where about 400 aggrieved residents had met to discuss the spiralling costs of rent, electricity and water.

Mr Jansen, who was shot in the

thumb, nose and wrist, said he heard noises "like a thunderstorm and heavy raindrops" on his tin roof, and went to investigate. He was hit by rubber bullets as he stood in the doorway.

WO Calitz admitted ordering his men to fire teargas into the hall and to fire rubber bullets at those who fled. He said people were breaking down the hall and police reacted in self-defence when they were charged by residents armed with chairs and placards.

He said he believed the lives of the 10 Paarl-based policemen and seven Robertson recruits were in danger when about 18 people ran out of the hall and charged at them. He then gave the order to open fire.

The case was postponed to November 25.

Mr A van Wyk was on the bench. Mr D Uys appeared for WO Calitz.

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# Two key Webster witnesses vanish

JOHANNESBURG —  
Two key-witnesses in the  
David Webster inquest  
which opens in the Rand  
Supreme Court on Mon-  
day have disappeared,  
police confirmed yester-  
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Detectives probing Dr  
Webster's murder three  
years ago were urgently  
trying to locate the two  
witnesses, Witwaters-  
rand police liaison offi-  
cer Captain Eugene Op-  
perman said

"All attempts to find  
and subpoena Mr Corne-  
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Hendrik Cleophas Mpo-  
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cessful so far," he said

## New powers

● A draft law tabled in  
Parliament yesterday  
will enable the govern-  
ment to re-open inquests  
under a judge, a move  
which could pave the  
way for the re-opening of  
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The bill will be de-  
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# New steps to thwart cop-killers

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON  
Political Correspondent

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EAST LONDON — Police vehicles are to be equipped with powerful American-style loudspeakers in a bid to foil assassinations by cop-killers posing as stranded motorists

Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel yesterday unveiled measures to halt the killing of policemen and revealed that 21 were dying violently every month

He told the National Party Cape congress here that a particularly alarming trend was for police to be ambushed when they stopped to assist cars which had apparently broken down at the side of the road

Police were investigating a system whereby the occupants would be ordered through a loudspeaker to vacate their cars and "spread" before police would leave the safety of their vehicles

Other measures to improve police safety would include bullet-proof vests, armoured "bakkies" and increased training

Mr Kriel said that in 1991/92 the majority of policemen killed were not on duty He said 68 black policemen had had their houses burnt down or badly damaged in arson attacks during the last 12 months

To loud applause Mr Kriel said he wanted to offer particular praise "to black and brown members of the force because they work in particularly difficult circumstances"

He said attackers were increasingly wearing security force uniforms and asked "Is this not perhaps the third force?"

The SAP and SADF were all that stood in the way of the ANC grabbing power, he said

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# 'Respect for officers rests on lawful action'

RAY HARTLEY

POLICE leaders needed to deal decisively with policemen who broke the law if they wished to retain community respect, Canadian police chief Jim Harding said in Vanderbijlpark yesterday.

Harding told an Idasa conference on policing that many people viewed senior officers as "determined to hide police wrongdoing from the public."

"Within a democracy, police cannot effectively discharge their duties without public consent," he said.

"It must now be clear to even the most wooden-headed police leaders that if they don't change, someone else will do it and they won't like that very much," he said.

Police traditions of "boldly leading police organisations into the past" had to be abandoned and new training standards were needed.

Discipline was often mistaken for regimentation and visits to SAP colleges at Hammanskraal and Thund confirmed this.

Policemen needed to be "progressive, visionary and broad-minded" if they were to be effective, Harding said.

SA police should consider special courses on racial and cultural sensitivity training, which Canadian police had recently undertaken, to help them cope

with demographic changes in the force

"My advice to the SAP is that, as you move from totalitarianism to a democratic state, the police cannot be given permission to break the law to enforce the law," he said.

Police forces around the world, including Holland, Canada and Britain, were facing financial constraints and needed to alter policing methods.

"We cannot close our doors to the community. It is a great and noble role for the police to play in designing the environment in which people can be just to one another," he said.

Visiting Dutch police chief commissioner Jan Wierda said police had to reduce violence by "not using it, not provoking it, and if they have to apply it, applying it reluctantly."

Wierda, recently involved in reforming former eastern bloc police forces, said community-police trust was vital.

"The very important thing is for the police to know the citizens," he said.

Individual policemen were under enormous pressure to follow group cultures in their police force, he said.

# Small business was big business briefly

THEO RAWANA

SMALL business became big business for three days this week at Sun City when Potchefstroom University's Small Business Advisory Bureau hosted the small business unity workshop conference.

Five workshops looked at deregulation, financing, sub-contracting/matchmaking, training/consultations and marketing.

The highlight of the conference was a satellite link-up with the US during which local panelists talked to US Small Business Administration (SBA) national programme manager John Bebris to get to know the American experience.

An important outcome of the conference was the setting up of a national steering committee.

The feeling was that since none of the major political players in SA had a policy on small business, and the Trade and Industry Minister to whose department small business was entrusted was still "trying to find his way", this sector would continue to be neglected.

The five-man committee is to include SBAB director Piet Woolman, Sunnyside Group chairman Keith Foster, Matchmaker Services chairman Dick Robb, Volkskas Bank's Willie Conradie and Business Challenge CE Phil Khumalo.

The workshop on deregulation, headed by Foster, highlighted opposition to deregulation, especially from the trade unions, the bureaucrats and big business.

Foster said the unions saw deregulation as loosening their control over workers and linked deregulation to privatisation, thus rejecting it as a cause of job losses.

Bureaucrats supported it as long as it did not happen in their "backyard".

The sub-contracting workshop, headed by Robb, highlighted a need to look at sub-contracting the manufacture of parts or component parts that added value and contributed to an assembled product that could compete locally and internationally.

"Right now there seem to be very few black manufacturers that can satisfy this need," said Robb.

Reasons and benefits to sub-contract were capital flexibility, labour flexibility, reduced working costs, profit improvement, reduction of administration, saving of management time, benefits to both parties and job creation.

"The small sub-contracting business is often owner-managed and is more efficient than a big company in terms of its service and lower price."

The financing group, under Woolman, suggested the establishment of venture capital organisations, partnerships/franchise options, a central (and representative) development body to counsel small business and the educating of clients in financial matters by banks.

The marketing workshop, chaired by Khumalo, concluded service and pricing were the main causes for the flight of customers to big business.

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## Webster killing probe to begin

**JOHANNESBURG.** — The formal inquest into the apparent political assassination of Dr David Webster will begin in the Rand Supreme Court on Monday — more than three years after his death.

Dr Webster was gunned down outside his Johannesburg home in Troyeville on May 1, 1989.

Testimony would be heard at the Supreme Court hearing, police said, but detectives involved in the investigation were urgently trying to find two key witnesses.

They appealed for assistance in tracking down a Mr Cornelius Otto du Plessis, who lived in Troyeville, and a Mr Hendrik Cleophas Mpotlane, who lived and worked in Randfontein.

Both had since moved. —  
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Tickets to the concert will cost US\$4 each. / could be valuable.

Use is expected to attend

conference in Johannesburg yesterday. Picture ROBERT BOTHA

# Volsunnie support 'growing'

PRETORIA — There were signs of growing grassroots support for the newly formed Afrikaner Volsunnie, the CP breakaway group's leader Andries Beyers said yesterday. He neither ruled out nor predicted that more CP or NP MPs would join the fledgling group, although he said it was getting support from a wide range of organisations.

The Volsunnie was formed after five CP MPs walked out of their party in protest at the CP's non-participation in negotiations and out of a desire to place Afrikaner nationalism firmly on the negotiations agenda.

There were signs the NP was concerned about the formation of the group as supporters suspected the NP had capitulated to the ANC, he said.

The group was getting grassroots support from CP members who were frustrated with CP reluctance to become involved in negotiations. But Beyers said the party was not

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primarily involved in a struggle with the NP or the CP. "Our organisation is not important," he said. "It is important that our cause should prosper."

It was therefore encouraging that the CP had taken part in the conference on regionalism and the meeting of homeland leaders and right-wing groups held on Tuesday.

Beyers hunted that the party would meet the ANC soon and had met senior government members yesterday.

The organisation said the Afrikaner nation was incorrectly categorised along racial lines. It was against such a "white nation" characterisation and was against racism.

By participating in negotiations, it ought to be possible to ensure that Afrikaners were not placed in a position where they were forced to be the enemy, Beyers said.

# 'Eyes in the sky' valuable to SAP

STEPHANE BOTHA

COMPLAINTS about noisy SAP helicopters circling residential areas were outweighed by the value of policing from the air, Witwatersrand police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman said yesterday.

It was unfortunate some people complained about helicopters patrolling suburban and other areas from time to time.

However, the number of calls received from residents expressing their gratitude for the police presence outnumbered the complaints, he said.

With the Witwatersrand Air Wing's two helicopters taking part in almost 500 operations a month, the SAP was convinced of the value of "eyes in the sky". Fixed-wing craft were also being used by the SAP unit.

# Cosas fears exam disruptions

THE Congress of SA Students (Cosas) appealed yesterday to the national peace secretariat and UN observers to monitor the writing of matric examinations in unrest areas.

Cosas publicity secretary Ishmael Ralebese told a Johannesburg news conference yesterday that the appeal for the monitoring stemmed from his organisation's concern that examinations could be disrupted in "certain areas" by intimidation of pupils.

Ralebese cited the Border/Ciskei region and Katlehong on the East Rand as areas where intimidation was most likely to occur.

He also disclosed that the Cosas executive committee had resolved last week to call for a boycott of the Department of Education and Training (DET) examination fees next year.

Earlier this year, the DET increased fees for a school-leaving certificate from R54 to R64. Ralebese said his organisation be-

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lieved that education should be free. "Next year we won't pay the examination fees at all," he said.

DET spokesman Corrie Rademeyer said it was not only the DET matriculants who paid the fees. "The paying of the fees is a requirement for all matric candidates," he said.

On possible disruptions of examinations, Rademeyer said regional chief directors would monitor the situation. Should the need arise, alternative examination centres would be found for affected pupils.

He would not comment on the threatened boycott of examination fees next year.

Sapa reports that Ralebese said at the news conference "Although we acknowledge the frustrating circumstances under which our students studied throughout the year, we call on them to write the 1992 examinations."

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# Independent bodies to deal with police

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TWO new independent bodies would begin by December to deal with serious complaints against the police, and with creating new training methods, police spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said yesterday

The formation of the two bodies was among reforms announced by Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel last week

A panel, consisting of judges, advocates, political leaders and community representatives, would hear serious complaints about police conduct and report to parliament.

A second independent panel on training, which would "represent the whole spectrum of the population", would appoint new police trainers and develop new training programmes.

Responding to criticism of the police made at an Idasa conference on policing, he said careful note was being taken of what delegates had said

Affirmative action was under way in the police force and the 55% black and 45% white ratio would "change rapidly"

My big question is we can reform, but when are different sections going to look at themselves to reform and accept the hand of friendship we are holding out?" Malherbe said

# Party political use of SAP 'must end'

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A FUTURE ANC government would be tempted to follow the NP's example and use police for party political ends, unless dramatic moves to depoliticise the force were made immediately, SACP official Essop Pahad said in Vanderbylpark yesterday

"This government must stop using the police as their personal instrument and the police must stop being used," he told delegates at an Idasa conference on policing

"I don't think (Law and Order Minister) Hernus Kriel has the capacity to act with the breadth and vision to take the police into a new era"

A new independent trade union for policemen, that was not tied to any political party and represented all political persuasions, was needed to give policemen a say in their work, Pahad said

"There is no earthly reason why police should not be allowed to have trade unions. The police must form a trade union so there is an organised body that will act for them"

The peace accord specifically stated that permission was not required for protests, yet police continued to insist on being asked for permission

Local dispute resolution committees could form the basis of a new, improved relationship between the community and police, he said.

"We need to move as rapidly as possible to the first phase of transitional arrangements so that we can begin to have multi-party control over the police

"We would be naive in the extreme to think that a police force that has been trained to view us as the enemy, can change overnight," Pahad said

"The overwhelming majority of our people are fed up with the spiralling crime

rate and are fed up with the violence  
"They want to know what it is that prevents the police force from dealing with violence

"Why can't the same police force, which was so effective in dealing with the ANC's underground structures, deal with the violence?" he asked

ANC legal expert Matthew Phosa told the conference police needed to be "thoroughly democratised"

He said police should be service oriented and accountable

"The police must serve the people by guaranteeing their rights to live in freedom and to exercise their lawful, democratic rights," Phosa said

Non-partisanship, openness and professionalism were needed along with the minimum use of force

"The interests of all in the community should be considered and the poorer communities should not be discriminated against because of a lack of resources," he said

## Meetings

Meanwhile the ANC said yesterday it was dismayed by Idasa director Van Zyl Slabbert's suggestion that ANC president Nelson Mandela should meet police generals and not just criticise them from a distance

"In the first instance, Mandela has held frequent meetings, at his request, with the police at various levels of seniority

"Secondly, virtually all Mandela's visits to different parts of the country include a visit to police stations and discussions with the commanding officers and senior staff," an ANC statement said



# ANC hits at Slabbert

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THE ANC said yesterday it was 'dismayed' at the sweeping statements made by Idasa's policy director, Dr Van Zyl Slabbert about its relations with the police

Dr Slabbert had stated that Mr Nelson Mandela should meet police generals and tell them directly what his organisation expected of the police instead of simply criticising them from a great distance

The ANC said in a statement, released by its department of information and publicity that Mr Mandela

had held frequent meetings, at his request with the police at various levels of seniority

"Virtually all Mr Mandela's visits to different parts of the country include a visit to police stations and discussions with the commanding officers and senior staff"

● Sapa reports from Vanderbiljpark that several SAP generals are to meet visiting international police experts on Friday

This was announced at the four day conference on policing in the 1990s hosted by Idasa at Vanderbiljpark

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## New police culture needed – Slabbert (251)

There could be no improvement in police-community relations without an interim government, according to Institute for a Democratic SA (Idasa) director of policy and planning Dr Frederick Van Zyl Slabbert

Summing up proceedings at the end of the Idasa conference on "Policing in the 1990s" held

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near Vanderbijlpark yesterday, he added that at the same time an interim government could not be created without stability

An effective police force was needed immediately and could not wait for this to happen

A transition of the kind SA was experiencing generated "enormous insecurity"

"In this insecure environment the public focus on the police as agents of stability, yet the police, themselves, are caught up in their own transition. It is essential that the police learn how to manage change, but they cannot do it on their own"

A new political culture as well as a new police culture had to be developed — Sapa

# Police not our private army, NP congress told

EAST LONDON — The SAP was not a private army of the National Party or the Broederbond, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said yesterday

He told the Cape NP congress in East London he rejected ANC claims to this effect. In the end, it was the SAP and SADF that stood in the way of a power takeover by the ANC, he said

The SAP was an impartial law enforcement agency whose members did not belong to political parties.

"Now, it is this 'private army of the NP' that must recover the stolen vehicles such as BMWs of the national executive of the ANC that have to protect the million-rand houses of the communist leadership of the ANC," he said

It was also this "private army" that had to be used to prevent mass action from turning into total disaster

Kriel said the ANC claim was just the sort of inflammatory statement condemned on Tuesday by President F W de Klerk. He asked what sort of impression the ANC statement would create in the townships

An average of 20,88 policemen a month had been killed this year. This was a scandal. Most of them had not been on duty. In the last 12 months 68 black policemen had

had their houses burned, attacked or partially destroyed, he said

Between February 12 1991 and July 31 this year, card-carrying and identified members of the ANC alliance had been involved in 29 attacks on security forces, Kriel said, asking if this was not perhaps the third force which had been mentioned

Something had to be done about police safety. A system was being investigated in which police vehicles would use loud-hailers to order people out of stopped vehicles and into search positions before police got out of their own vehicles

He also said the SADF had created an atmosphere in which the government could negotiate from a position of strength

People forgot too easily that there had been violence in the country before February 1990. The present violence would have been 10 times worse had it not been for the developments of February 1990, he said

"Thanks to the initiatives of F W de Klerk we can still deal with the violence in this country," he said

He said when wrongdoers in the police were discovered, action was taken

"We do not protect our police like the ANC protects Ronnie Kasrils," Kriel said

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# Black police generals possible 'within days'

SA COULD have its first black police generals within days

Three brigadiers scheduled to finish an officer's course today will be eligible for top command posts immediately

A police spokesman said yesterday the three, Brig Simon Tsoka, Brig Morgan Chetty and Brig John Manuel, could be promoted "on merit" if they passed their courses. The appointments were first mentioned by Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel when he announced the retirement of 13 generals in August.

Deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburgh said yesterday black policemen would be promoted to senior positions to

sell the idea of community policing to a sceptical black population

Myburgh told delegates at an Idasa conference on policing that those who criticised the police for not promoting black officers were "in for a big surprise"

He said "The police can no longer take on the sole responsibility for combating crime in SA. The fight against crime, violence and chaos must be a joint initiative between the police and the community."

At the same conference, ANC spokesman Peniel Maduna said homeland forces should be integrated into the SA police

Maduna, who serves on the ANC's negotiation commission, said it was alarming no arrests had been made of perpetrators of train violence

He said police would be fully accepted by the community only once an interim government came into power, but urgent steps needed to be taken to depoliticise the police in the meantime

"The ANC does not regard the police as an institution as an enemy. We do not regard them as the target of our hostilities," he said, but added police should know they could not get away with murder

He said police were not taking community liaison forums seriously enough

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THE SA Police had lost sight of its mission and had become over-militarised, Kwa-Zulu Police Commissioner Maj-Gen Jac Buchner said yesterday

In a speech unusual for a senior police officer, Buchner told an Idasa conference on policing that the black-white officer ratio was poor and relations with the community were at "an all-time low"

Brutality, use of maximum force, the poor treatment of prisoners and a failure to respond to complaints about police behaviour were key factors behind this, he told the conference in Vanderbijlpark

"The image of the police officer as an aggressive, heavily armed representative of the state should be changed"

There would be more ready acceptance

## SAP has lost its way <sup>(251)</sup> top officer

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if policemen were assigned to the communities from which they were recruited

He said the force had originally been designed to protect whites, and this was a stumbling block "They are still seen by many as the enforcers of apartheid"

Buchner said the police had benefited from the fact that most communities were law-abiding, but there were too few policemen to police SA properly, especially "if the people of SA really got up and started arguing the point"

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# Top black SAP men to sell group policing

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BLACK policemen will be promoted to senior positions to sell the idea of community policing to a sceptical black population

Deputy Law and Order Minister Mr Gert Myburgh yesterday said police could no longer take on the sole responsibility of combating crime and the fight against crime, violence and chaos must be a joint initiative between the police and the community

This follows the completion of an officer's course yesterday by three black brigadiers who could become South Africa's first black generals

A police spokesman yesterday said Brigadier John Manuel — tipped for a top post in the Western Cape — and

Brigadiers Simon Tsoka and Morgan Chetty could be promoted "on merit" if they passed their courses

The Police Promotion Board would discuss the candidates and decide on the promotion and posting

While welcoming the news, the ANC yesterday expressed its disquiet that "ethnic considerations" seemed to play a role in the decision

Although it did not wish to question their competence, the ANC said it found it more than a coincidence that the generals come from "three population groups" previously excluded from the higher echelons of the SAP

The policy seems to be a general for each ethnic group and the police ministry must deracialise policing, the ANC said

ALLEGATIONS of brutally assaulting a prisoner in police custody have been made against three members of the SAP in Mamelodi (251)

Police spokesman Maj Andrew Lesch confirmed that a charge of assault was being investigated

The prisoner was allegedly struck repeatedly with a crowbar and punched and kicked "senseless" by the police shortly after he was arrested on a charge of assault on Saturday night

The bleeding and seriously injured man was allegedly taken to hospital only 14 hours later

The alleged incident is sure to add more fuel to calls for an independent commission of inquiry into the mounting death toll in police cells.

Two more prisoners died in police cells this week, bringing the death toll to 21 since pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman publicly accused police of killing prisoners in their cells

The alleged assault victim is hardware store labourer Lucky Thenjekwayo, 23, a breadwinner staying at his grandparents' home in Mamelodi West

When City Press visited his home on Friday, Thenjekwayo's head was swollen, his left eye was partly shut, there was a gash on his head and he was covered in cuts

A doctor who examined him said the head injury was consistent with assault

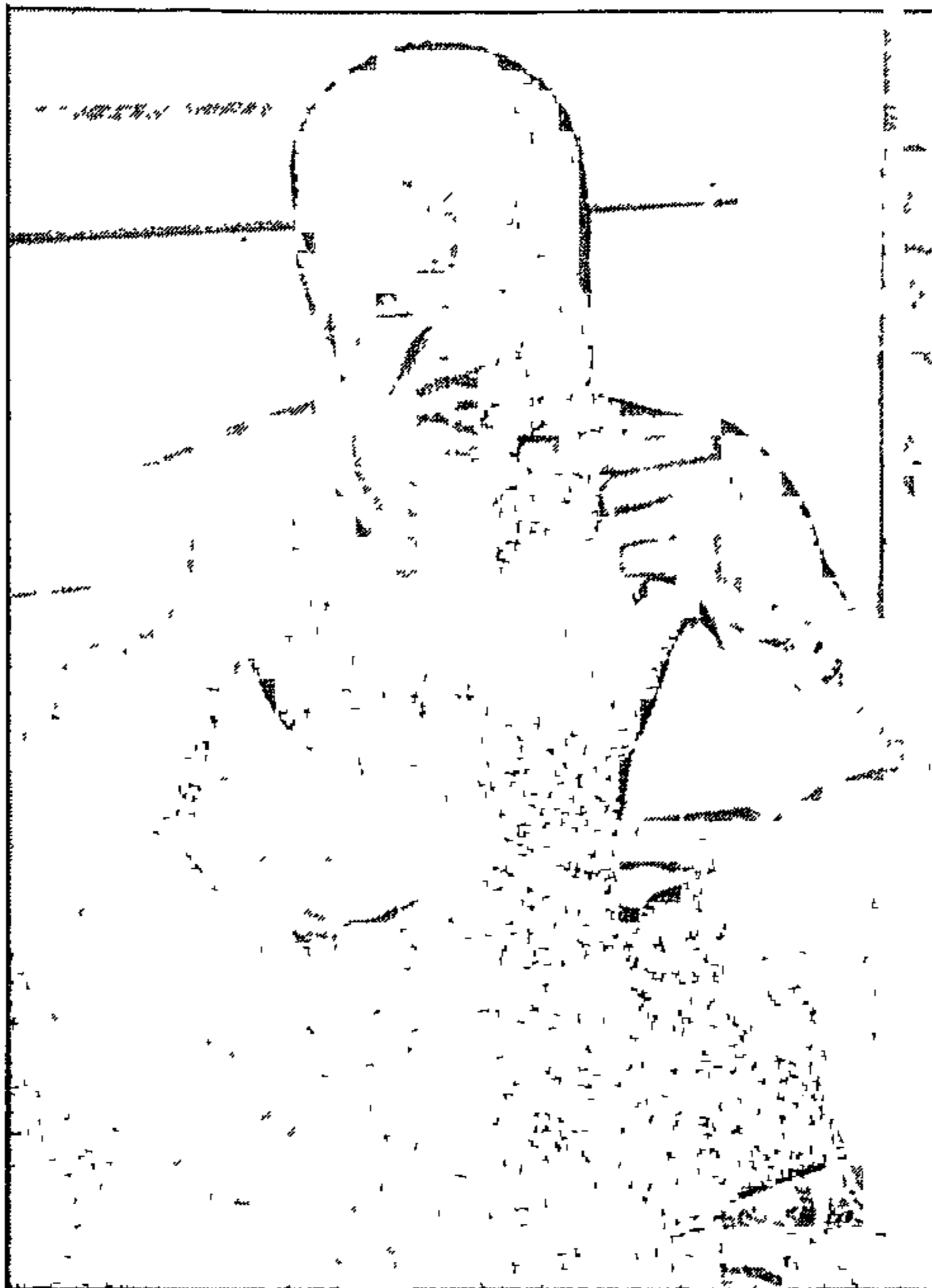
Thenjekwayo alleged the police only took him for treatment after he complained to a senior police officer, who took a statement from him, promising the incident would be investigated

He was taken to the Kalafong Hospital on Sunday afternoon in the back of a police van

After his discharge from hospital at 3 pm on Monday, he was taken back to the cells where he was kept until 2 am on Tuesday. He claimed he was made to walk home in the middle of the night, although still in great pain

The brutal assault on Thenjekwayo allegedly occurred shortly after midnight on Saturday night. He said he had an argument with his aunt, Pauline Thenjekwayo, late on Saturday night and there was a scuffle. In

**An alleged brutal midnight assault with a crowbar on a man held in the Mamelodi police cells last weekend is sure to add more fuel to calls for an independent commission of inquiry to investigate the mounting death toll in police custody. ELIAS MALULEKE reports.**



**JUST ONE MORE . . . Lucky Thenjekwayo, 23, claims he was seriously assaulted by Mamelodi cops. Pic: ELIAS MALULEKE**

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a fit of anger, he threw a bunch of keys at her before she ran out of the house, and he went to bed

Thenjekwayo alleged he was woken up by loud knocks shortly after midnight. When he opened his door, two black policemen started to drag him out

He protested and was then allegedly slapped in the face. He warned the police that his teeth had been wired following an assault by a thug 14 days earlier

As they dragged him to the van, allegedly punching him, one of the policemen lost his watch. After a search he was told he

would "s t" if he did not produce it at the charge office

He claimed that on arrival at the charge office in Mamelodi West, he was ordered to sit on the floor and as he did one of the cops swung at him with a crowbar. "I raised my arms to protect my head and the crowbar struck my left arm. As I screamed out in pain, a third policeman who was in the charge office joined the two and I was dragged out into the courtyard

"As we headed towards the cells, I was struck from behind with the crowbar and staggered

forward. I was then punched and kicked and fell down," he said

The alleged assault continued while he was on the ground, before being dragged semi-conscious and bleeding into a cell. One of the policemen then poured water over his head

"I collapsed right next to the door. I was helped to some bedding by the other people in the cell," Thenjekwayo said

Thenjekwayo's aunt, Pauline, who accompanied the police to the police station, said she was outside when she heard Thenjekwayo screaming

A few hours after he was released from the cells on Tuesday, Thenjekwayo was picked up by detectives and taken to court in connection with the alleged assault on his aunt. He was not asked to plead and was released on his own recognisances

He said, however, that after his court appearance he was taken to the police station where his injuries were photographed. He was then told to stay home the following day as the police planned to take him to a district surgeon for a check-up, but had by Friday not showed up

Thenjekwayo said he would approach Lawyers for Human Rights tomorrow, if he was feeling well, to bring a claim against his assailants

Maj Lesch said the Commissioner of Police and all concerned policemen could not tolerate such behavior from police officers

More than 180 people have died in police custody from January last year to date

One of the latest victims this week was a 30-year-old man who was found dead in a cell in Marble Hall on Sunday, few hours after he was arrested for allegedly being drunk in public

The other was SA Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union organiser John Cele, who died from a mysterious bullet wound while being "interrogated" by KwaZulu police on Wednesday

The KZP said Cele shot himself in the head with his own gun

# Court rules on kitscop killing

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By CHIARA CARTER

**THE findings of an inquest court in Oudtshoorn has brought to a close a chapter in a lengthy battle between residents of Oudtshoorn's Bongoletu township and special constables stationed there in the 1980s**

The court found last week that a special constable stationed in Bongoletu in 1988, David Sibango, had killed Mr Suyisile Andrew Douse, 26, unlawfully

Douse died after being shot in the back in January 1988 by Sibango

Following the shooting, a crowd gathered in the township and in the ensuing confrontation with police two people were killed and several others injured

Johnny Carelse, 15, and Selwin Botha, 22, died after being shot.

A schoolteacher, Mr Moses Mvimbi, was seriously injured

The Supreme Court subsequently granted an application for an urgent interim interdict restraining members of the SAP in Bongoletu from acting unlawfully

The application was filed separately from a previous application requesting relief for inhabitants of Bongoletu against alleged unlawful behaviour by members of the SAP. In an affidavit submitted by Ms Linda Majola, whose father Mr Eddie Majola had killed a special constable, Bangi Salman, a week before the shooting, she said Sibango had told her Salman's death would be "avenged" and "blood would flow"

In affidavits made after the shootings, Sibango claimed he had shot Douse in self-defence after he was attacked by Douse and two brothers, Mr Mbulelo Mvimbi and Mr David Mvimbi. Several colleagues of Sibango made statements and gave evidence supporting Sibango's version of events

However, the dead man's wife, Ms Emily Minnies, and the Mvimbi brothers said Sibango had shot Douse in cold blood

The Mvimbi brothers were subsequently acquitted in the Oudtshoorn

regional court on a charge of attempted murder after the magistrate found the special constables who had given evidence to the court had changed their stories several times

In cross-examination during the inquest hearing, the special constables contradicted their affidavits and each other's evidence. The magistrate remarked they had made a "poor impression" on the court

Despite some discrepancies, the court found that the evidence given by Minnies and the Mvimbi brothers was a more likely version of events

Consequently, the court found there was prima facie evidence that Sibango had acted unlawfully. A docket is to be forwarded to the Attorney-General

Sibango, who is serving a long-term sentence for murder, had a Std 2 education and six weeks' training before becoming a special constable

Douse's widow, 33-year-old Emily Minnies, said she was pleased that "the truth had come out" but felt Sibango should be charged with murder

"I am bitter that I have been left to raise our son, Philemon, who is now seven," Minnies said



## Transkei, SA cops swap uniforms

TRANSKEIAN Police officers on Friday visited the SAP in Pretoria to exchange sets of uniforms -- a gesture of goodwill aimed at mending poor relations between the two forces. (251) ~~251~~

The uniforms will be displayed in the respective police museums. C/P rep 11/10/92

As he presented the uniforms, SAP commanding officer of public relations, Maj-Gen Leon Mellet, said he welcomed the gesture.

"Co-operation such as is evident here today can also be implemented with regard to the unfortunate attacks on farmers and their property in the eastern Cape," he said.

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# Fresh evidence claimed

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## But Black Sash queries justice in Webster case

The Argus Correspondent  
JOHANNESBURG — A lawyer representing the family of slain activist Dr David Webster believes significant new evidence will be presented at today's inquest in the Rand Supreme Court

But the Black Sash asked in a statement at the weekend what hope there could be of justice "more than three years later", and Transvaal regional spokesman Laura Pollecutt said most evidence to date had been uncovered by private investigators

"Or even worse, will the perpetrators be identified and their dastardly deed pardoned through the government's proposed blanket amnesty?"  
"In the minds of most anti-apartheid activists there was



Dr David Webster

no doubt that State forces were somehow behind his assassination," she said  
It was therefore not surprising that nobody had been brought to book for Dr Webster's murder

But attorney Eric van den Berg said "We hope to present something new, not just a rehash of old evidence"

Dr Webster, a social anthropologist at the University of the Witwatersrand, was shot outside his Troyeville, Johannesburg, home on May 1, 1989

Mr Van den Berg said "We need to know what triggered his death, what he did or knew that got him killed"

He said about 48 witnesses had been subpoenaed "These included 12 "eye-witnesses" — people who were in the vicinity at the time of the shooting and had witnessed related incidents"

The first week of the inquest was expected to deal with evidence obtained in the police investigation The testimony of witnesses was expected to follow, Mr Van den Berg said

The Webster family's legal team is to be headed by Pretoria advocate Eberhardt Bertsmann SC, who will be instructed by attorneys Bell, Dewar and Hall

# Webster inquest

at of his army base at Potchefstroom a while long  
W/O Rousseau said

In September 1989, W/O Rousseau had received information that Mr Barnard had indicated to his former employer, Mr Willie Smit, that he (Barnard) had been involved in the Webster killing. However, Mr Smit would not make a sworn statement

He told the inquest that Mr Barnard had admitted involvement in the Webster killing to an informant of the head Namibia's CID, Colonel Jumbo Smit. Colonel Smit had passed this information but did not want to reveal the informant's name

On October 21, 1989, Colonel Smit told W/O Rousseau Mr Barnard had visited Mr Willie Smit on the night of Dr Webster's death and had asked if Mr Smit had heard of the killing

According to Mr Smit, Mr Barnard did say he had orders to eliminate an activist named Mr Roland White who worked in United Towers, where Mr Smit had offices. Mr Barnard and Mr Botha were arrested outside the United Towers building shortly after Dr Webster's death

Early the next year, Mr Donald Acheson, arrested as a suspect in the Lubowski murder, had said that Mr Barnard had admitted to him that he was present in the morning when Mr Botha had shot Dr Webster, but when approached by W/O Rousseau to make a statement, Mr Acheson refused

Several other statements, including one from convicted rapist and murderer Cyril de Jongh, that Mr Barnard and Mr Botha had been involved in the murder could also not be substantiated, W/O Rousseau testified

The witnesses in the inquest were warned to make themselves available for up to two months. One of the two witnesses who was missing earlier, Mr Cornelius du Plessis, was present in court.  
The inquest continues today

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## Files shock

## at Webster

## Death probe

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**JOHANNESBURG** — It would be difficult, if not impossible, to prove whether the CCB had assassinated activist Dr David Webster because the organisation's project files have been destroyed as part of an "emergency plan", an inquest court was told yesterday

South African Officer Wessel Rousseau, the man who spent the past three years investigating the May 1 1989 murder of Dr Webster, testified at the inquest which started in the Johannesburg Supreme Court before Mr Justice M. J. G. van der Merwe yesterday. He testified that former CCR opera



EX-CCB Ferdi Barnard (left) and Calla Botha leaving the Rand Supreme Court where they have been subpoenaed to testify in the inquest of Dr David Webster

lives Mr Ferdi Barnard and Mr Calla Botha had been in some way involved. W/O Rousseau said he was of the opinion that he had been unable to find enough evidence to justify the indictment of anyone

According to evidence at the Harms Commission the project files of the CCB had somehow vanished or had been destroyed as part of a so-called emergency plan

It is obvious that without these files — unless someone comes forward with information that can be proved — it will be impossible to prove if the CCB or any of its members were responsible for the murder of Webster or not, W/O Rousseau said

A post mortem report read out by Witwatersrand deputy attorney general Mr Andre de Vries leading evidence in the inquest, showed that Dr Webster died as a result of a shotgun wound in the chest. Fifteen shotgun pellets, a plastic wad and a stone were removed from his body

W/O Rousseau testified that immediately on his arrival at the scene of the shooting outside Dr Webster's house in Troyeville, he had realised it was a political murder

The only corroboration in the several eyewitness reports investigated was that the assassins had driven a white car

Soon after the incident, a national serviceman, Mr Ernest van der Bank, had supplied the police with a detailed account of the events, including descriptions of the assassins and the car — a green pick up truck

The information was extensively investigated and identikitls were supplied to the media. However, it had turned out to be false

"He had lied in the hope that we would keep him in Johannesburg to assist us with the investigation and in doing so, keep him in Johannesburg yesterday



**INQUEST STARTS** The inquest into the 1989 death of the Witwatersrand academic Dr David Webster started in Johannesburg yesterday

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# Probe of CCB halted

JOHANNESBURG — The investigation into the murder of Dr David Webster was brought to a halt when the investigating officer was ordered early in 1990 to stop probing the CCB's suspected involvement, the Webster inquest court heard yesterday.

Brixton Murder and Robbery detective Warrant Officer Wessel Rousseau, officer in charge of the investigation into the shotgun slaying of Dr Webster, said the investigation had been going well until the establishment of the Harms Commission of Inquiry.

He had been ordered by SAP General Jaap Joubert to suspend the Webster investigation as the Harms Commission, which had its own team of investigators, would handle it.

General Joubert had also told him not to detain any CCB operatives because they would only be released again.

General Joubert was part of the team appointed to investigate the May 1, 1989 killing of Dr Webster, an academic and political activist, outside his Troyeville, Johannesburg, home.

WO Rousseau said he had been promised, however, that all relevant CCB documents would be handed to him after completion of the Harms Commission — a promise that was not kept.

WO Rousseau, who earlier detained CCB operatives Mr Abraham "Slang" van Zyl, Mr Ferdie Barnard and Mr Calla Botha and

## 'Harms's men took the files'

also CCB managing director Mr Joe Verster, said the detainees were released on an order of the Minister of Law and Order to allow them to testify before the Harms Commission.

"They were released on the Friday because they were to testify on the Monday. However, they were only called more than two months later to give their testimony," WO Rousseau told the inquest.

While held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, Mr Van Zyl and Mr Botha had been visited in detention by former Brixton Murder and Robbery chief Brigadier Krappies Engelbrecht and SADF Military Intelligence officer General Witkop Badenhorst.

In statements made by Mr Van Zyl and Mr Botha after the visit, the detainees had stated that they had been told not to say anything about their activities for the following six to seven months. During the visit, the men had been told to keep quiet about their military activities.

Under cross-examination by Mr Eberhardt Bertelsmann, SC, who appears for Dr Webster's brother

Gavin, WO Rousseau said Mr Van Zyl had been told to keep quiet about a bomb blast at the Early Learning Centre in Athlone.

Mr Van Zyl had also been told not to say anything about an incident where a baboon foetus was hung in a tree outside the home of Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

He had been told to keep quiet because the "politicians won't take the blame" for the incidents. WO Rousseau said that CCB documents were taken by the team collecting evidence for the Harms Commission before he (Rousseau) could look at them.

"They told me to stand aside and not to look at the documents, because I had not taken an oath of secrecy," he told the inquest.

WO Rousseau said he believed that the commission's investigators, Colonel John Wright and General Ronnie van der Westhuizen, would make the documents available after the commission hearings.

He had not asked for the files as he felt the commission's investigating officers would have made information available to him if there had been anything relating to the Webster murder.

WO Rousseau told the inquest chairman, Mr Justice Michael Stegmann, that about five to six days after Dr Webster's murder, a source told him to look at the possible involvement of CCB head Colonel Joe Verster in the slaying.

However, WO Rousseau could find no evidence.



**NEXT WITNESS . . .** The head of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad Brig Floris Moutert will give evidence today.

## Union suspends Checkers sit-in

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Sixteen South African  
Commercial Catering  
and Allied Workers  
Union (Saccawu) offi-  
cials agreed yesterday to  
suspend their sit-in at  
the Checkers head office  
here

Saccawu member Mr  
George Thobakgale said  
they would meet man-  
agement today to discuss  
a long-standing issue  
and hoped to negotiate  
the reinstatement of  
more than 120 workers

The union began the  
sit-in on Wednesday to  
protest against last  
month's dismissals of 65  
workers — Sapa

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# Bouncer believed CCB job involved killing

Johannesburg Bureau

A CONVICTED murderer yesterday told the inquest into the murder of Dr David Webster that former Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) managing director Mr Joe Verster had offered him a job which he later believed would have involved killing people

Cyril de Jongh, who was sentenced to natural life imprisonment in April 1991 for murdering a woman, said Mr Verster had made

the offer in February or March 1989 at the Park Lane Hotel in Hillbrow, but had not specified what the work would entail

De Jongh, who testified he also knew CCB operatives Mr Staal Burger, Mr Chappie Maree, Mr Ferdie Barnard, Mr Slang van Zyl and Mr Calla Botha, said he had refused the offer

On May 1, 1989 — the day Dr Webster was gunned down — a bouncer at the Park Lane,

Mr Justin Byleveldt, had told him the Webster murder was the "kind of job Joe Verster offered me"

De Jongh said Mr Byleveldt had also asked him who he thought had killed Dr Webster

When he had said he did not know, Mr Byleveldt had asked "Who is above average with a shotgun as far as Brixton Murder and Robbery is concerned?" **(25)** De Jongh had said he did not know and Mr

Byleveldt had said "Chappie" (Mr Maree) De Jongh also rejected earlier evidence by an imprisoned housebreaker, Thomas van der Merwe, that he had said Mr Barnard had gunned down Dr Webster

Mr Byleveldt said in evidence that he had never spoken to De Jongh about Dr Webster's murder. He had no knowledge of CCB activities, but knew some CCB operatives. The inquest continues today

# Webster: Inquest told of CCB probe

Johannesburg Bureau

NEARLY eight months after Dr David Webster was gunned down, a meeting attended by the former Minister of Law and Order and former Minister of Defence ordered an army general to investigate the alleged involvement of the Civil Cooperation Bureau

Testifying at the inquest into Dr Webster's death, the most senior police officer to have investigated the case, Lieutenant-General Jaap Joubert, said the head of military intelligence, General Witkop Badenhorst, was told in late December 1989 to investigate all rumours concerning the CCB

General Joubert, who retired from the police last year, said the shotgun killing of the academic and political activist was to have been the main focus of the military's internal investigation

General Joubert told presiding Judge Mr Justice Michael Stegmann he believed General Badenhorst, who reported in January last year that he had found no evidence to link the CCB to the crime, had not withheld information

General Joubert, who is expected to conclude his testimony on Monday, said that after having spoken to five CCB operatives he found their operation laughable

"The CCB was like cowboy and crooks games at school," he told the court

Earlier yesterday, Weekly Mail journalist Mr Eddie Koch said Dr Webster did not have detailed and reliable information of Renamo activity in the Kosi Bay area

He said that when he had accompanied Dr Webster to the area in 1988 they had discussed reports of a Renamo base in the Ndumu nature reserve, but abandoned a proposed search for the camp because of time restraints and the danger involved

But he said a former member of a Renamo faction who told him of ivory smuggling and illegal arms dealing in the area had said Dr Webster's presence might have disturbed the smugglers

Mr Koch said that although he did not believe Dr Webster had any evidence of these illegal dealings, "I believe the evidence provides possible motives for his assassination"

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# Institute officers long arm of help

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COWBOYS are learning to cry, as the SA Police Institute for Behavioural Sciences (IBS) equips policemen and women to cope with the stress and danger that come with the job.

In the Western Cape region, there are 12 000 full-time and assistant policemen and women of all ranks.

During the 15 months it has been active here, the institute has developed equal adeptness at counselling already-traumatised police and preparing newcomers for future strain, says institute commander Lieutenant-Colonel Johan Pieterse

In line with other regions, says Colonel Pieterse, initiatives in the Western Cape unit are increasingly preventive rather than curative

"A great deal of our work still concentrates on post-trau-

■ Marriage enrichment programmes, counselling for victims of shootouts and video screenings of murder and rape scenes are among techniques the South African Police Institute for Behavioural Science (IBS) uses to control stress levels among police. **TYRONE SEALE**, Weekend Argus Reporter

matic stress, often experienced after a contact situation where a policeman is shot at and a colleague killed or injured, or where policemen and women have to go out to murder or rape scenes

"Our role is growing and we want to do as much as we can to prevent build-ups of stress among our colleagues"

Second in command at the behavioural sciences institute is Captain Willem Conradie, who says that after a shoot-out or after attending to a traumatic scene, a vulnerable policeman or woman could display a variety of symptoms.

"The person could have recurring nightmares, or might wake up in the middle of the night soaked in sweat

"Another symptom is sensory hypersensitivity.

"This is when a person would be able to discern sounds and sights around the house which others may not be able to detect, like a tap dripping in a bathroom several metres from the bedroom

"And, of course, one can expect such a person to withdraw socially"

In the crossfire between traditional, professional training models for police, and people's expectations of fearless public

servants, police have been expected to field fear and stress without blinking

Colonel Pieterse says: "When a policeman has been exposed to an extraordinary situation, he needs to talk about it

"We need to get away from the mass media perception of police as guys and girls who can take a punch and where individuals are not allowed to show weakness or vulnerability.

"However, we know that if traumatic events remain subconscious, they inevitably emerge as post-traumatic stress"

One of the keys to lowering stress levels among police is selecting the right people for the right jobs.

Consequently, Colonel Pieterse, Captain Conradie and their team of nine specialists are refining the ways by which new recruits are admitted;

tightening psychometric profiles for officers and other decision-makers, selecting staff for specialist units like Murder and Robbery, Child Protection and Internal Stability, and offering continuous counselling and advice for potential victims of professional stress.

Among existing projects are regular "camps" at which recently qualified police men and women are introduced, through video screenings and talks, to taxing issues they are likely to encounter during their careers.

Marriage enrichment services are offered to help policemen and their families cope with the emotional demands made by daily exposure to violence and other confrontations

■ Policemen and women who need counselling and advice can contact the institute through its toll-free service line, 0800 101 231, between 7am and 11pm daily.

## Suicide moves up list of police enemies

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**JANINE LAZARUS**  
Weekend Argus Reporter

A TOTAL of 74 policemen have committed suicide so far this year, compared with 61 in the whole of 1991.

Captain Braam Beetge, one of the psychologists involved in training 29 counsellors who man crisis lines for policemen, said the stress of the job was only one factor in the rising suicide rate.

He said: "It's one of the biggest factors, but it's a complex syndrome involving depression, interpersonal problems, genetics and stress at home."

Relationship problems accounted for at least 40 percent of the 307 calls the crisis line received between April and the end of September. Problems like depression, stress and substance abuse followed closely.

Some policemen were affected by a condition known as "burnout stress syndrome", something Captain Beetge

described as stress over a long period of time that is difficult to cope with.

"If a person is in a situation for a shorter time period, he can cope. But, the body gets tired and loses its potential to fight over a longer time period. One's immune system cannot take it any longer.

"Policemen are in traumatic situations every day and they need time to offload, to get rid of emotions and to come to therapy."

Captain Peter Koortzen, another psychologist, said the crisis line worked with "normal people who are confronted by abnormal situations, like bomb blasts".

He added: "In that situation, young policemen will sometimes have to sit next to dead bodies for two to three hours until they are removed. Sometimes they have to pick up the pieces and place them in plastic bags. It's the most awful stuff."

More and more black policemen

also have been turning to the crisis line.

Captain Beetge said: "They live in a world of complete insecurity. They are outcasts in their own society. The stress they experience in the townships is very threatening for them."

There was a distorted perception within and outside the police that "only mad people seek psychotherapy", he said.

"Most of them are afraid of us. We are the *kopkrimpers* (shrinks). They still believe we write reports about them which will influence their promotion in the police force.

"Some of them tell us not to tell anyone they are seeking psychotherapy. They even ask if we are taping the conversation.

Captain Koortzen said it was an uphill battle to convince policemen that "it's okay to feel and it's okay to be afraid. It's also okay to be a human being and it's okay to cry — what's

wrong with that?" ARG 17/10/92

One call he remembers was at the end of April. It was from a Vereeniging policeman.

"He said that someone had tipped him off that there were weapons in a certain house in a black township.

"A group of about five or six policemen went there and knocked on the door a few times. There was no reply. They went inside, but as they went down the passage someone jumped out of a room and began firing. Two of the men were badly wounded.

"The problem lay more with those who witnessed their colleagues being shot."

The first step on the road to recovery was what the psychologists call "debriefing".

Captain Koortzen said: "Debriefing depends on the person's state of mind. You have to be very careful. You can damage a person if you don't handle them correctly.



# Police death toll at 90

By THEMBA KHUMALO

AT least 90 security force members have died and 137 have been wounded in various attacks on them by unknown people since May, the Human Rights Commission said in its September report.

These casualties resulted from 207 attacks on the security forces

Although the HRC could not identify the assailants, Karl Zimbiri, a shadowy commander of the PAC's Azanian People's Army (Apla), has threatened to intensify attacks on security forces.

## Responsibility

He has previously claimed responsibility for most of the attacks on policemen who were wounded in various incidents countrywide.

Recently the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union met Apla's high command in Harare where they signed an agreement which would exonerate Popcru members from future guerrilla attacks

The HRC report further said for two consecutive months - August and September - Natal has topped the violence list, accounting for 45 percent of the country's total

The report said deaths in the South Coast region dropped from 68 to 45

last month

The East Rand remained a flashpoint with 43 deaths in September while Vaal fatalities plummeted sharply in the same period. The death toll remained at 17 each in Alexandra and Soweto.

At least 11 deaths occurred in police cells in September, bringing the total death toll in police custody to 95 this year.

There were 300 prisoners - among them 6 political inmates - awaiting their fate on Death Row. Among them is Jerry Richardson who was convicted for killing Stompie Seipei, a 14-year old activist, and Alex Seheri, an Umkhonto weSizwe cadre who was sentenced for murdering two Soweto residents in 1987.

The report said in September 21 percent of the victims were ANC supporters and 12 percent were IFP supporters or members. The hostels suffered only one death and no injured inmates

While the first half of September saw a continuation of train attacks, no such incidents were recorded in the last week of the same month. However, since January, 21 women were killed in train attacks and 36 were injured. Three children died and 9 were injured, said the report.

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General Affairs

Sale of water in Natal

343 Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry

(1) Whether as a result of the drought, water is being sold at approximately R6,00 per 25 litres in certain areas of Natal, if so (a) in which areas and (b) what steps are being taken or are to be taken in this regard.

(2) What steps is his Department taking to assist residents of Natal who have lost their water supply as a result of the drought.

(3) What scientific basis is used in deciding on the categories of persons that are eligible for receiving assistance from his Department? B840E

THE MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY

(1) The Department of Water Affairs and Forestry is a bulk supplier of water and does not normally reticulate potable water to individual consumers or groups of consumers. Water for human consumption is normally supplied by the Department in bulk from Government Water Schemes to distributors such as water boards, regional services councils and local authorities. The government rates charged in these cases in Natal are in the order of 20c to 30c per 1 000 litres. Some of these bodies in turn supply individuals or groups of consumers with potable water depending on the particular circumstances in their areas of supply. Beyond this point neither the Department nor these statutory bodies have control over the charges levied for water sold by individuals and can thus not take any steps in this regard. In so-called water

shops under the auspices of Umgeni Water in Natal, water is sold at 8c per 25 litres. It is believed that some general dealers in the rural areas charge significantly more, but this could not be substantiated.

(2) Water supply to consumers is, in the first instance, the responsibility of the local authority concerned. In the case where no such an authority exists it is the responsibility of the Provincial Administration or responsible department in the Self-governing state. Whatever the case may be, Should the authorities concerned be unable to provide an adequate supply of water, the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry can be approached through the normal official channels to assist in finding a solution. Such assistance can range from providing technical advice through to the construction of a Government Water Scheme.

As part of its normal as well as strategic planning, the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry is closely monitoring the availability of water, not only in the drought-stricken areas but throughout the country and if required, the Department can assist communities in distress. Such assistance will however, be the last resort after all the other responsible bodies and institutions have done their part.

(3) The department of Water Affairs and Forestry does not operate any assistance scheme for supplying water or to develop water resources for individuals or groups of individuals. The Department does, however, operate a subsidy scheme for water schemes of local authorities and full particulars thereon appear in the Government Notices in this regard as published in Government Gazette 11976 of 30 June 1989, as amended by notices in Government Gazette 12126 of 20 April 1990 and Government Gazette 13482 of 30 August 1991.

SAP members injured/deaths owing to gunshot wounds

350 Mr E W TRENT asked the Minister of Law and Order

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Whether the South African Police keep statistics on policemen who suffered injury or death as a result of gunshot wounds to the chest or back whilst on duty in 1989, 1990 and 1991, if not, why not, if so, in respect of each of these years, how many such policemen (a) were injured and (11) killed and (b) were wearing bullet-proof vests at the time

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER  
No

Comprehensive details of the nature and position of wounds and fatal injuries are recorded in respect of each occurrence, but are included in files in respect of departmental Boards of Injury and Inquests. It is not possible to differentiate cases of this nature from other individual cases. A complete analysis of cases whereby a policeman, in the course of his duties, has been unlawfully killed or injured by another party by means of a firearm has, however, been kept and statistics recorded since 1 January 1992

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For written reply

General Affairs

(2) whether his Department incurred any expenses in respect of this visit, if so, what were the (a) hotel, (b) travelling and (c) other specified expenses?

Chairman of Ministers' Council: visit to USA

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

43 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs

(1) Yes

(2) No

(1) Whether the Chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Delegates visited

(a), (b) and (c) fall away

# HoR 'aided drummies'

By BARRY STREEK,  
Political Staff

THE House of Representatives while under the control of the Labour Party donated R100 000 to help a group of drum major-ettes take part in a competition abroad but it did not have the authority to do so, a House committee said yesterday. It also said the financial situa-

tion in the House of Representatives administration was still deteriorating.

The House of Representatives Committee on Public Accounts said it had considered evidence on the deficient internal control errors, poor financial record keeping, non compliance with instructions and incomplete Treasury replies to its

resolutions.

The committee said it was unable to deal with the problems and effective corrective steps in the administration's financial controls should be given the highest priority. An independent monitoring commission should be instituted and there should be regular reporting to the Ministers' Council.

# HoD 'shortco

THE House of Delegates Committee on Public Accounts has expressed concern at 'deficiencies and shortcomings in the HoD administration's internal checking and controls.

In particular its report tabled in Parliament yesterday refers to problems with control over leave official quarters and subsidised and government motor transport.

It recommends that the administration's accounting officer give 'special

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# Webster: 3 'told to say nothing'

JOHANNESBURG — A top Special Branch officer visited CCB members in jail and warned them 'to keep their mouths shut', the inquest into the murder of Dr David Webster heard yesterday.

The second in command of the CID at the time General Jaap Joubert said Civil Co-operation Bureau operatives Mr Ferdie Barnard, Mr Abraham Slang van Zyl and Mr Calla Botha had been visited by the then second in command of the Special Branch General Krappies Engelbrecht, and warned not to talk.

General Joubert said he had asked the head of the SADF Special Services, General Eddie Webb if there was a CCB project on Dr Webster. He denied it. The denial seemed to be a blanket one covering the May 1 1989 shooting of Dr Webster, he said.

The inquest heard conflicting reports about Mr Barnard's alleged involvement in the assassination. General Joubert said he believed Mr Barnard did not take part in the murder.

During his investigation into Dr Webster's murder Mr Barnard had told him he believed he was going to be framed. He did not say who Mr Barnard thought was trying to frame him.

Mr Barnard was later freed to enable him to testify at the Harms Commission into politically motivated murders.

However, a lawyer who had represented the Webster family at the Harms Commission, Mr Martin Luitingh testified that his cousin former CCB operative Mr Lafras Luitingh had told him Mr Barnard had admitted murdering Dr Webster.

Mr Barnard had told Mr Lafras Luitingh he had acted without the knowledge of his CCB bosses.

Mr Lafras Luitingh had met Mr Barnard to terminate his services with the CCB.

Mr Martin Luitingh said he believed Mr Barnard worked for the CCB on a freelance basis and that his cousin was his contact.

'Mr Barnard was not liked by (CCB chief) Joe Verster or the CCB apparently because he talked a lot about what he did', Mr Luitingh said. — Own Correspondent Sapa



AMNESTY PROTEST — Western Province Council of Churches theological officer Mr Shun Govender hands ANC MP Mr Jannie Mornberg a statement condemning the amnesty bill after a march to Parliament yesterday. Picture: STEWART COLEMAN

# Savimbi fails to turn up for crucial meeting

LUANDA — Peace in Angola was balanced on a knife edge yesterday as Unita soldiers captured several government riot police with sniper rifles in the vicinity of the airport where Unita leader Dr Jonas Savimbi was due to land.

South African foreign affairs spokesman in Luanda Mr Gary Scallan said Unita was claiming this was a direct indica-

tion that an attempt on Dr Savimbi's life was being planned.

By late afternoon he said, the indications were that Dr Savimbi would not fly from his headquarters in Huambo to attend the crucial meeting with Angolan Presi-

## 11 000 flee Cabinda fighting

BRAZZAVILLE — Eleven thousand people have fled conflict and military repression in Angola's Cabinda enclave and recently arrived in Congo, sources close to Congolese relief agencies said yesterday.

Four thousand of the refugees were yesterday in Congo's oil capital, Point Noire, where their needs were being assessed, the sources said.

The refugees fled Cabinda because soldiers beat them when they boycotted the recent elections, they said. — Sapa AFP

Affairs Mr Hank Cohen waiting for hours in the airport.

Mr Scallan said that should Dr Savimbi renege on his agreement to meet Mr Dos Santos, Mr Botha and Mr Cohen would re-evaluate their positions as mediators.

Dr Savimbi is insisting that he and Mr Dos Santos should meet at Luanda airport but Mr Dos Santos has refused. Angolan sources close to

the negotiations said yesterday.

Dr Savimbi and Mr Dos Santos were expected to discuss sharing power in a future government of national unity and arrangements for holding a run off in the presidential poll. Sapa AFP

(g) wider acceptability.  
 (h) flexibility and ability to deal with different and changing circumstances

*As Short-term Goals to*

Address priority problems that currently exist in the retirement provision field, such as

- (a) Voluntary preservation and transferability,
- (b) Pension payment problems,
- (c) The means test
- (d) Unemployment benefits,
- (e) Surpluses in funds
- (f) Pensions Ombudsman,
- (g) Increasing of pensions

*As Interim Goals to*

- (a) Conduct a situation analysis of the existing position dealing with human as well as statistical aspects including migratory labour
- (b) Produce models
- (c) Address the issues in the goals
- (d) Achieve the widest possible understanding and co-operation
- (2) No
- (3) To be decided at a later date
- (4) No

**Racism in Police Force**

45 Mr MRAJAB asked the Minister of Law and Order

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- (1) Whether the South African Police have investigated alleged accusations made by senior Police officers in the media regarding racism in the Police Force at Dundee as far as the use of facilities is concerned, if not, why not if so
- (2) whether the Police have completed their investigation, if not why not, if so, what were the findings,
- (3) whether the comments allegedly made in public by a senior officer, whose name has been furnished to the Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, reflect the

official policy of the South African Police, if so, (a) to what extent are these comments consistent with the recently announced initiatives regarding the credibility of the Police and (b) what is the name of the officer concerned,

- (4) whether any steps have been taken in respect of the said officer if not why not, if so what steps,
- (5) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER**

- (1) Yes
- (2) Yes

Allegations in the media distorted the facts regarding the matter out of proportion

- (3) According to the official policy of the South African Police which is actively applied, all institutions in the Force which make use of State facilities shall be open to members of all population groups

(a) Falls away

(b) Colonel Moon

- (4) No in the light of details supplied above
- (5) The South African Police does all in its power to maintain the harmony between the different population groups. No discrimination is tolerated. Remarkable progress has been made in this area and caution must be exercised that the situation is not exacerbated as a result of distorted representations or exaggerations

**Juvenile prisoners**

46 Mr MRAJAB asked the Minister of Correctional Services

- (1) (a)(i) How many (ii) awaiting-trial and (bb) convicted juvenile prisoners are being detained in gaols falling under his control and (iii) in respect of what date is this information furnished and (b) for what average period are awaiting-trial prisoners detained in gaol before being brought to court,

- (2) whether any juvenile prisoners were released recently in terms of (a) a general

- amnesty or (b) any other such concessions, if so (i) how many, (ii) when and (iii) in terms of what other concessions
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**THE MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

Juvenile delinquency is an alarming world-wide phenomenon which in fact deserves more public attention than it receives in South Africa and in many other countries

In accordance with section 1 of the Correctional Services Act 1959 (Act No 8 of 1959) a juvenile is any person under the age of twenty-one years

In accordance with section 1 of the Child Care Act 1983 (Act No 74 of 1983) a child is any person under the age of 18 years

(1)(a)(i)(aa) *Awaiting trial children*

Younger than 15 years	80
15 but younger than 16 years	114
16 but younger than 17 years	231
17 but younger than 18 years	506
Total	931

*Awaiting-trial juveniles (excluding the above mentioned children)*

18 but younger than 19 years	1 044
19 but younger than 20 years	1 215
20 but younger than 21 years	1 199
Total	3 458

For the sake of completeness, I refer the hon member to the stipulations of sections 50 and 71 of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act No 51 of 1977) which are self-explanatory. To summarise, statutory provision has been made that a probation officer and the parent or guardian of a person under the age of 18 years who has been arrested must be informed of the arrest. Any arrested person must also be brought before the court within a period of 48 hours, whereafter the court may issue an order for his further detention and determine the date of the next appearance in court

Section 29 of the Correctional Services Act, 1959 (Act no 8 of 1959) stipulates *inter alia* that a person under the age of eighteen years who is accused of having committed an offence, may not be detained in a prison before his conviction unless his detention is essential and no suitable place of detention mentioned in the

Child Care Act 1983 (Act No 74 of 1983) is available for his detention. In each such case the judicial officer concerned issues a certificate to this effect. When deciding on the suitability of the place of detention the nature of the offence with which a person has been charged as well as age sex character etc are taken into account

A juvenile who is detained in terms of section 29 of the Correctional Services Act 1959 shall not be permitted to associate with a person over the age of 21 years who is in custody, with the exclusion of a person who has been charged jointly with him provided that the head of the prison is of the opinion that such association will not be detrimental to him. Juveniles are also separated with regard to age groups where facilities permit

Discussions are regularly held between the Department of Correctional Services, the local magistrates, prosecutors and the South African Police with a view to keeping awaiting-trial juveniles out of prison

(bb) *Sentenced prisoners*

Younger than 15 years	11
15 but younger than 16 years	19
16 but younger than 17 years	94
17 but younger than 18 years	440
18 but younger than 19 years	2 097
19 but younger than 20 years	2 608
20 but younger than 21 years	2 431
Total	7 695

South African courts do have the option to amongst others, impose prison sentences on juvenile delinquents

Section 21 of the Correction Services Act 1959 (Act No 8 of 1959) states *inter alia* that any part of a prison may be used for the detention, treatment and training of juveniles. Existing prisons or parts thereof are therefore set apart when required for this purpose and sentenced juvenile prisoners are transferred to these prisons on a regional basis for detention treatment and training

In regions which do not yet have separate prisons for sentenced juvenile prisoners or where centralised detention has not yet been implemented they are accommodated in prisons in separate sections or cells as far as possible and depending on their needs the

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- Defensibility It is an arm's length approach which precludes manipulation by interested parties
- Realism It reflects noticeable trends in international markets.
- Simplicity It is simple in principle and readily applicable, and
- Continuity It contains relatively few but flexible elements which minimize frequent revision or renegotiation of the structure and/or its basic principles

During the past 15 to 20 years there were a number of investigations into the possible reviewing of the import parity structure. The results of all these studies indicated the retention of the present system. The actual test always has been the commensurability of South Africa's pre-tax pump price with international fuel prices. The South African pre-tax petrol price compares very favourably with the average of the 12 European community countries.

Petroleum products were traditionally imported into South Africa from export refineries east of Suez. The choice of a basket of refined products from refineries situated in Bahrain and Singapore for the purposes of determining South African fuel prices was made for reasons such as comparable product quality, a structured term supply market and product availability. The import parity principle is used to calculate a realistic international market price paid to the local refineries as an alternative to importing refined product. The landed cost price is in fact an international price and the basis of import parity is generally accepted.

The international market price of 93 octane petrol at the coast has, for example, declined in real terms by 37% from 1980 to 1992, this benefited the South African consumer over the long term. The import parity pricing mechanism, however, does not reflect the increased cost of production of the local refineries which are subject to South African inflation. The import parity principle, therefore, forces the local oil companies to compete on a price basis with other international crude oil refineries and to be as cost efficient as possible.

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

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Unit Charlie 10 at Viakplaas dissolution

381 Dr W J SNYMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order +

(1) Whether the unit Charlie 10 at Viakplaas is to be dissolved, if not, why not, if so

(2) whether members of this unit have been offered retirement packages, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) Yes
- (2) The possibility of placing these members in other units, as well as offering individual members retirement packages is currently under consideration

Lucky Malaza's release from prison

382 Mr D P DU PLESSIS asked the Minister of Correctional Services +

- (1) What criteria applied with regard to the recent release from prison of a certain Lucky Malaza, (b) with whose approval was he released, (c) for what offence or offences had he been sentenced to imprisonment and (d) with what objects and/or motives was he found to have committed this offence or these offences.
- (2) whether he or his Department received any requests for the said person to be released, if so, from whom or what bodies,
- (3) whether he furnished the information asked for in paragraph (1) of this question to these persons or bodies, if not why not, if so, (a) when and (b) on what occasion?

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The MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

- (1) (a) In this regard I refer the hon member to the Statement dated 26 September 1992 by the Government spokesman on the release of prisoners who have committed crimes with a political motivation
- In a spirit of reconciliation and pursuant to agreements reached between the State President and Mr Mandela, the Government has de-

decided to release a number of prisoners who were imprisoned for politically motivated crimes on the following basis

1 The prisoners concerned must have committed crimes with a political motivation

2 Their crimes must have been committed before 8 October 1990 which was the cut-off date

3 All prisoners who fall within this category, are eligible for release, regardless of their political affiliation

(b) He was released in terms of section 69 of the Correctional Services Act, 1959 (Act No 8 of 1959)

(c) Robbery with aggravating circumstances, Murder, Possession of a firearm without a licence, and Possession of ammunition without a licence

(d) For personal gain (this was established after he was released)

(2) Yes The Department of Correctional Services has for internal classification purposes classified prisoners *inter alia* as security prisoners, security related prisoners, unrest related prisoners etc. A variety of information and evaluations were used in this process of classification

In this particular case there were sufficient information which indicated that he was security related

Information in this regard was exchanged between the Government, the ANC and the Human Rights Commission and in this process Lucky Malaza's name also appeared on the lists of the ANC and the Human Rights Commission

It is a reality that the motive for crimes, especially in cases where the motive could be a further incriminating factor, is not apparent under all circumstances whether during trial or investigation. It should be mentioned that in the past numerous organizations were prohibited and the mere admission of belonging to such

organizations implied further contraventions

As has already been mentioned in media statements, Lucky Malaza's name appeared on various lists of so-called political prisoners. In this regard I refer the Hon member to a list of names which was published in the Weekly Mail of 28 August to 3 September 1992.

(3) The information in (1)(c) *supra* was known to the ANC and the Government prior to the release on 26 September 1992

STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ON THE RELEASE OF PRISONERS WHO HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES WITH A POLITICAL MOTIVATION

It is the Government's position that all political prisoners, as defined in terms of internationally accepted guidelines, were released some time ago in terms of previous agreements. In a spirit of reconciliation and pursuant to agreements reached between the Government and the ANC in preparation for today's meeting between the State President and Mr Mandela, the Government has decided to release a number of prisoners, who were imprisoned for politically motivated crimes, on the following basis

1 The prisoners concerned must have committed crimes with a political motivation

2 Their crimes must have been committed before 8 October 1990, which is the cut-off date agreed to by both the Government and the ANC

3 All prisoners who fall within this category are eligible for release, regardless of their political affiliation

The release of these prisoners will take place on the following basis

1 A first category of prisoners will be released within days in terms of section 69 of the Correctional Services Act. As many as 150 of the prisoners on the list submitted by the ANC fall into this category and have already been released or are in the process of being released. A process of identification of prisoners falling into this category, but with other

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# Black generals to head community relations

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RAY HARTLEY

SA's first black police generals would formally receive their rank on December 1 when 16 senior officers were scheduled for promotion, the SAP said yesterday

Three black brigadiers, Brig Simon Tsoka, Brig Morgan Chetty and Brig John Manuel, would be promoted to major-general and appointed to senior positions in the recently announced community relations division

Chetty would serve as head of community relations in Pretoria while Manuel and Tsoka would head the Natal and Witwatersrand branches of the division

Manuel would also serve as deputy regional commissioner in the Witwatersrand.

The SAP said 13 white officers would also be promoted to general on December 1

In another development, a group of 20 police and community representatives were scheduled to leave for Denmark early next month to study policing methods, a well placed source said yesterday

The source said the trip had been organised by Idasa and was funded by the Danish government

Community and police representatives are also expected to travel to London shortly to study policing methods there,

the source said

The new appointments follow Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel's announcement of the retirement of 13 police generals in August and are part of a programme to rejuvenate the force

A police statement released yesterday said other structural changes announced by Kriel would also be implemented by December

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said the ANC welcomed the appointments, but added police appeared to have adopted a policy of "a general for each ethnic group"

He said although the ANC did not question the capabilities of the three black generals, it was "more than a coincidence" that they came from the three race groups traditionally excluded from senior police posts

Wits Policing Research Project academic Etienne Marais said the move would boost the morale of black police officers who had been overlooked for promotion over the years

The appointment of blacks to senior posts would not necessarily improve police relations with the community if local police structures remained inflexible

### Policeman kills prisoner in cell

ORKNERY — A policeman shot dead a prisoner in a police cell here on Tuesday night.

Western Transvaal police said the assistant constable had been dismissed and was facing a murder charge.

A spokesman said the two men had been arguing. Seven other prisoners were in the cell at the time — Sapa

### Gunmen fire on commuters

JOHANNESBURG — Six people were wounded when gunmen fired on commuters at the Eldandfontein station in Germiston on Tuesday.

In Kaitleng, a man died when he was thrown from a train in Khayelitsha shots were fired at a police vehicle and a home.

In the Ciskei a man was killed in an explosion at Thuythu Village near Bisho and another died in a train attack.

### ANC man held on arms charge

MARTZBURG — The ANC's chairman at Ntshalane has been arrested for the illegal possession of firearms.

Mr Solomon Mzole 60 was first arrested in 1990 for the illegal possession of two handguns and an AK-47 rifle, but the charges were withdrawn when the docket was stolen from court.

Police rebuilt their case and arrested him yesterday — Sapa

# Top police appointments announced

Staff Reporter

MAJOR GENERAL Nick Acker the Western Cape's regional police commissioner is to retain his post in a nation wide shake up. Police yesterday released the names of 16 brigadiers who will be promoted to the rank of major general on December 1.

Two of the new major generals will serve as deputy regional police commissioners un-

der General Acker. They are Brigadier H M Du Toit and Brigadier N S Swyman. Brigadier Du Toit will be head of community policing in Cape Town and Brigadier Swyman will retain his present post.

A police spokesman said Brigadier Du Toit was the current commanding officer of the police academy in Graaff Reinet and Brigadier Swyman headed the Crime Combating and Investigation Unit for the Western Cape region.

Included in the list of promotions are South Africa's first black police generals. Major-General M S Tsoka will become a deputy regional commissioner and head of community relations in the Witwatersrand division, which serves Soweto.

Major-General M Chetty will serve as head of community relations at police headquarters in Pretoria. Major-General J M Mameel will be the head of community relations in Natal. A police spokesman said Brigadier Mameel, a former station commander at Mitchells Plain police station, will take up his post in Durban next year.

Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said other structural changes to the police force, announced earlier, would be effective from December 1.

WASHINGTON — If Mr Bill Clinton of Arkansas becomes the next president of the United States, he is likely to pursue a carrot-and-stick policy toward South Africa.

# Boipatong: Hostel

# mam tells of havoc

VERENIGING — A Kwamadala Hostel resident yesterday told the Goldstone Commission here how he and a heavily armed group of about 250 other hostel residents cut a path of havoc and destruction in Boipatong on the night of June 17 when more than 40 people were killed.

The resident, identified only as Mr C is in protective custody under the Criminal Procedure Act. He was released from the attorney general's office to attend yesterday's hearing.

Mr C told the commission that the group armed with sticks, knives, spears and shields entered Boipatong and attacked people and destroyed property.

He said the group scattered into smaller groups once they entered the township. He saw no guns but heard gunshots once they were in Boipatong.

His group of about nine people had not hurt anyone but vandalised the homes and property of Boipatong residents.

Mr C admitted seeing a man from another group emerging from a house holding a blooded knife which he realised must have been used to kill someone. He denied being affiliated to any political group and said he had not been aware of the group's intention when they left the hostel.

## 'Armed group hit at people and property'

Mr C said he did not see any members of the South African Police or any police vehicles in the township during the attack. He saw a number of the attackers carrying goods such as television sets and radios back to the hostel. These were later set alight and burned.

They began to run when someone shouted that the police were coming. They returned to the hostel and retired to their rooms.

The commission earlier heard from another witness an SAP special constable that members of the Vereeniging Internal Stability Unit (ISU) prevented the Sebokeng municipal police from trying to arrest Kwamadala Hostel residents on the night of the massacre.

Special Constable Dhan Monare told the commission that on the night of June 17 he ran to the Boipatong police station to report the attack.

Neither the Boipatong police nor the Vereeniging ISU had armoured vehicles and could not enter the township. It was then arranged by radio that Sebokeng South municipal police would send a Casspir which travelled through the township.

Mr Monare said he joined the township police in the back of the Casspir.

By this time there was no sign of the attackers. He told the commission that the Casspir then headed in the direction of Kwamadala Hostel.

On the way South African Defence Force soldiers joined them saying they had seen a large armed group crossing the road in the direction of Kwamadala.

Mr Monare said that on arrival at the main gate of the hostel two armoured vehicles arrived and three ISU policemen carrying balaclavas alighted.

A police sergeant told them to leave. The hearing continues tomorrow — Sapa

# City bus strike ends: 130 workers reinstated

Staff Reporter

THE two-month-old Golden Arrow Bus strike was resolved yesterday after four weeks of mediation.

Of the 221 striking workers 130 were reinstated with a final written warning valid for six months and 49 were given retrenchment packages.

The remainder, who had not found work elsewhere, were put on a preferential waiting list, said a spokesman representing the Transport and General Workers Union and Amalgamated Woodworkers Society.

The flashpoint of the strike came when Golden Arrow Bus Services brought criminal charges against three employees for malicious damage and stealing property.

The men had used the company's buses without permission to visit depots and rally support for safety meetings in their jobs.

These charges were dropped during the course of the strike.

The 221 workers were dismissed when they failed to obey a court interdiction forbidding employees to 'instigate, incite or take part in a strike or to interfere with or disrupt the company's services', a statement from the management said.

The workers' demands for safer working conditions had been implemented and drivers were issued with bullet proof vests, the union spokesman said.

Mr Chinton currently leading President George Bush in the polls for the November 3 election, outlined his policy on SA in a recent issue of the American magazine Africa Report — Sapa

# Civil servants warn govt

By PETER DENNEHY

THOUSANDS of civil servants have issued a blunt warning to the government that it will face severe disruptions if it fails to respond positively to employee concerns over staff reductions.

Administration minister Dr Org Marais's press secretary said he would respond today.

Mr J A Louwrens co-ordinator of a group of 11 unions and associations with a total membership of about 300 000, said they were demanding a moratorium on staff reductions until they were consulted. Among the organisations are the Public Servants' League and the Health Workers' Union.

Mr Louwrens said letters had been written to government ministers to protest against "the way the government has announced and applied its intention of re-

Mr Louwrens also complained that the government was applying two contradictory policies. On the one hand it intended to reduce staff expenditure. On the other, departments have been ordered to apply a policy of increased affirmative action."

## Clinton's carrot and stick for SA

WASHINGTON — If Mr Bill Clinton of Arkansas becomes the next president of the United States, he is likely to pursue a carrot-and-stick policy toward South Africa.

The carrot is a programme of aid and investment incentives to boost the economy once SA has a fully democratic government.

The stick is the maintenance of state and local sanctions in the United States — one of the main reasons why American corporations are reluctant to invest in SA — as well as continued restrictions on SA access to International Monetary Fund resources.

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# Three new generals

■ **Chief of the SAP announces promotions effective from December 1:** Sowetan 22/10/92. (257)

THE South African Police will promote three black officers to its general staff on December 1

Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe confirmed yesterday that the three brigadiers - along with 13 white brigadiers - had passed their course and would be promoted to the rank of major-general

General MS Tsoka will become a deputy regional commissioner and head of community relations in the Witwatersrand division

The division also serves Soweto

General M Chetty will serve in the

post of head of community relations at police headquarters in Pretoria

General JM Manuel will be the head of community relations in Natal

Van der Merwe said other structural changes to the police force announced earlier would also come into effect on December 1

The promotion to the rank of general signifies considerable changes in the force from the days when black police officers were issued with brown uniforms while their white colleagues performed their duties in the blue uniform

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Popcru slams (25)

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JOHANNESBURG —  
The promotion of South  
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Their positions do not  
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Popcru statement said

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**Widows and orphans**  
 A TOTAL of R2,3m has been paid out to families of the 184 policemen killed on duty this year. SAP Widows and Orphans Fund chairman Gen Alwyn Conradie said yesterday the fund's income this year was R4,5m, of which R2,3m had already been paid out. (25)

Compared to 1984's averages it appears that wage differentials have remained fairly constant e.g. in 1984 there was a difference of 26% between wages in small towns and those in metropolitan areas, whereas in 1988 this difference was 25%. However, the difference between metropolitan areas and fringe towns increased significantly from a negligible 2% to 10%

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**'Token promotions'**

THE promotion of SA's first three black police generals, which has been scheduled for December 1, was "nothing but window-dressing", the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union said yesterday.

"Their positions are such that they will be exposed to the public while not having actual authority in the police," it said. (251)

Brig Simon Tsoka, Brig Morgan Chetty and Brig John Manuel will be promoted to major-general and appointed in the community relations division

# Repression gave a false sense of security Kriel

BY D.M. 23/10/92  
LAW and Order Minister Herhus Kriel told a Pretoria University audience last night that repressive laws in force before the start of government's reforms in February 1990 had created "a false sense of security"

Addressing an Institute of Strategic Studies function in Pretoria, he said that only a vibrant economy would bring relief from a soaring crime rate and political violence

Before February 2 1990, political violence and the revolutionary onslaught could be fought by way of massive repression, a full state of emergency, preventative detention without trial, and curfews, Kriel said

"But by forcefully keeping the lid on the pot we have simply veiled a very serious problem instead of solving it — in other words a false sense of security was created," he said

He said the country faced conflict, mayhem and anarchy unless political and other role players joined forces to resolve the problem

He stressed, however, that SA's economic problems were the biggest single factor in escalating crime. Seven out of every 10 crimes in 1991 were economically related.

Kriel said 1 858 people died in more than 7 500 incidents of political violence in the year to end-September

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GERALD REILLY

He said intimidation was an alarming and integral part of the violence

The laws against the handling and possession of firearms would be strengthened

During 1991 police recovered 5 700 firearms, including 1 200 AK-47s. Between January and September this year, more than 5 500 illegal firearms and 23 arms caches were seized

Kriel called upon the ANC to abandon its mass action campaign for the sake of "peace and stability"

He said inflammatory rhetoric and incitement in mass action was in blatant disregard of the peace accord.

He urged the signatories to the national peace accord to rededicate themselves to its provisions

For the sake of peace, it was vital that all private armies including the ANC's armed wing Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) and paramilitary structures be disbanded immediately.

Kriel said it was possible the ANC could not control its cadres or arms

Resistance had also gained momentum in far right circles

Kriel said police manpower had more than doubled to 20 494, supplemented by 100 724 assistants

## Boesak: govt land sales must stop

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — People who lost their land in the western Cape through the Group Areas Act should put in their claims for restoration now, ANC regional chairman Allan Boesak said yesterday

"Illegal sales of state land must be stopped immediately," he said.

Boesak said government was selling off land as fast as it could that had been earmarked for resale to victims of the Group Areas Act

"Of the 5 200 properties in state hands last year, only 3 200 remain. The current Rondevlei case is a clear example that illegal sales and corruption are taking place while the interests of those with legitimate claims are being sidelined and ignored"

"We demand that the government take immediate steps to freeze all sales of state land and, furthermore, that it instructs the state departments concerned to write to all families whose land was removed under the Group Areas Act, informing them of their right to submit a claim for the return of the land," Boesak said

He added that the ANC, in conjunction with other organisations, was considering launching a campaign to inform the public of its right to submit land claims.

# General takes his salutes from blacks and whites

C/Press 25/10/92  
By MOSES MAMAILA

THE promotion of Brig Magabole Simon Tsoka to the rank of major-general was long overdue, he told reporters at a media conference to announce his promotion

Tsoka, who is the Soweto West deputy commissioner, takes up his new post on December 1.

Responding to a question on whether he considered his promotion to be overdue, Tsoka gave an emphatic "yes".

"I served 36 hard and difficult years in the police force to earn this position," said the seasoned cop who led the team that apprehended John Kgabi, the notorious Pretoria muti-killer.

Kgabi, who targeted young girls, was convicted of 13 murders and condemned to death. He was hanged a few months after his conviction in 1979.

Asked if he considered his promotion a political move by the government to improve the image of the SAP, Tsoka said he did not want to put himself in a political corner.

"I worked for this and I deserve it. My work warranted my promotion. Although, like all other



**TOP COP . . . "I have served 36 hard years in the SAP," says Tsoka.** ■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA

black policemen, I was subjected to various threats from some people who regarded policemen as agents of apartheid, as a Christian I always believed the good guys would some day conquer the bad guys"

Tsoka maintains his policy of neutrality even in sport "I like soccer but

I do not favour any particular club because once I do that I would no longer be objective in my police work," he declared

The man who will now be saluted by both black and white junior officers is expected to take the post of the Witwatersrand deputy commissioner in December.

# Cops forced to exhume bodies they dumped

ST Times 25/10/92

By KURT SWART

THIS was the macabre sight as police exhumed 14 unidentified bodies on the orders of the Goldstone commission at Ratanda township, near Heidelberg, this week.

Police had earlier dumped coffins containing the bodies in a row of unmarked graves

After complaints by the African National Congress, the commission told the police to return the corpses to a government mortuary for identification

This weekend, Ratanda residents were still angry after witnessing a police unit, accompanied by a team of gravediggers, drop the coffins into open graves on Thursday morning. Eleven graves were left uncovered

## Tense

Police have given conflicting statements about the reasons for the mass burial

Lieutenant-Colonel Roelf Rohrs, one of the officers who carried out the exhumation, said all except one body had been identified before burial

"Some are murder victims, some have died of natural causes and some of unnatural causes," he said

A later statement by a police spokesman contradicted this. It said police obtained magisterial permission to bury the bodies after they had lain unidentified at a government mortuary for six months

Community leaders said the

Ratanda community believed the bodies were those of victims of recent violence in the township, involving residents, the police and Inkatha-aligned hostel-dwellers

According to ANC Ratanda branch chairman Obed Nkosi, police arrived in trucks at the township cemetery with 14 coffins carrying unidentified bodies

Angry residents engaged in a tense stand-off with police as the 14 graves were dug

"Why were the police involved in this mass burial and why were these bodies dumped here without dignity? Who are the dead?"

"They could be my parents, my uncle, other relatives — there are so many people who have gone missing here and in other areas," said Mr Nkosi

"If this were to happen with white bodies, there would be a tremendous backlash against the government. We condemn the treatment of our people by the SAP and the government"

ANC PWV officials Ronnie Mamoepa and Tokyo Sexwale visited the gravesite on Friday in the company of six United Nations observers

"We are disgusted at the way these bodies were dumped in unmarked mass graves. The graves themselves are shallow and a health risk," said Mr Mamoepa

"We are also appalled that not even the normal procedures of lowering the coffins was followed. You could see they were just thrown in

"One coffin was upside down, one was broken and some were lying skew inside the grave, not even touching the bottom"

The ANC was told about the burials by the local community and instructed its lawyers to contact Judge Goldstone, who appointed advocate PJ Bothijl to investigate

The ANC also contacted Police Commissioner Major-General Johan van der Merwe, who appointed a Heidelberg police officer to investigate the burials

## Removal

On Friday evening, ANC members and policemen under the command of Colonel Rohrs negotiated the removal of the coffins

In the gathering darkness, under the glare of the spotlamps of a police Nyala, teams of policemen in camouflage uniform, wearing white surgical masks and red gloves, began hoisting up the coffins one by one with the aid of a hosepipe serving as a makeshift rope

Tomorrow, in an identification process facilitated by the Goldstone commission, the bodies will be photographed and fingerprinted in the presence of police and lawyers representing the ANC

# General-in-waiting Manuel proud of his career and his blue uniform

By KURT SWART

AS a young constable in his home town Saldanha Bay in the '60s, John Manuel wore a brown uniform. The distinctive SAP blue was reserved for whites

Today, after 28 years, he is a brigadier and in a month will don the full regalia of a general — one of the first three blacks to achieve this

Each promotion has been a proud milestone for Manuel, 47, not a tall man but broad of shoulder and powerfully built

He joined the SAP at 19 in 1964. In 1968 he became one of the first four basic training instructors at the newly opened Bishop Lavis police training college in Cape Town, where he stayed for 20 years.

In 1973 he became one of the first black warrant officers — before 1971 the colour bar meant no "non-white" could rise above the rank of sergeant

In 1975 he became a lieutenant, a captain in 1981 and major in 1984.

## Muzzled

In April 1987 he was promoted to lieutenant-colonel and made station commander at Mitchells Plain where he became embroiled in the Gregory Rockman affair.

Lt. Rockman made world headlines in 1989 when he tried to stop riot policemen from assaulting protestors and slated them as "wild dogs" who enjoyed beating their victims



JOHN MANUEL

proud policeman

His refusal to be muzzled led to his dismissal

Brigadier Manuel publicly supported Rockman and refused to speak against him at the police inquiry

"Gregory and I are still friends," he said this week

"The Mitchells Plain police were trying to reach out to the community in a tense situation.

"What really angered me was the lack of communication by the riot police. I was station commander but they didn't bother to keep me up-to-date and there was conflict between us

"Rockman was the public relations officer and had done good work in fostering better relations with the community. He had the right to intervene, even though the riot police section leaders just ignored him

"I had to support Rockman. I knew the circumstances and I would have been a traitor not to do so. But I want that to be part of the past. You must not imprison yourself in the past. I want to look forward. We want to communicate with each other in the SAP and with the community"

After the Rockman affair Manuel was promoted to full colonel and posted to Soweto East, where he became deputy district commissioner in February 1990

In April this year he was promoted to brigadier and transferred to Pretoria

Rockman, struggling as a self-employed taxi driver in Uitenhage, was elected president of the left-aligned Police and Prison Civil Rights Union (Popcru), formed to stamp out police brutality and discrimination.

and to democratise the force.

This week Popcru slated the promotion of three "non-white" brigadiers as "mere window-dressing", which would not change the day-to-day running of the police

"We believe real changes will take place under a democratically elected government," Popcru said

Answering Popcru's charges of tokenism, Brig Manuel said "We went through the same course as the white candidates and were measured by the same standards and criteria

"Anyway, after 28 years, I think it's high time I was made a general," he smiled

Brigadier Manuel is satisfied with reforms within in the police force

"Discrimination is on the way out but the structure and mechanics of change are moving faster than changes in attitudes. The pace of change in hearts and minds in the force is acceptable at this point"

John Manuel is intensely proud of his career.

"At 19 I fell in love with the uniform and I still wear it with pride

"But I'd like the police to change their attitudes and improve community relations. In many cases, there is no relationship at all"

Married for 20 years to schoolteacher Ms Sophia Clarke, he has four teenage sons of whom the eldest, Jonathan, is a social work student at Rand Afrikaans University



# 'Stick your hand up if you're a good cop'

By THEMBA KHUMALO

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THE agreement between the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Pop-cru) and Apla that the guerrilla movement should not attack union members during their military operations in the townships is clouded with controversy.

Popercu general secretary Peter Nkuna this week tried to explain to City Press how PAC soldiers would identify Popercu members during their operations, but the process seemed complicated and confusing.

He said Apla would work closely with PAC local structures such as student bodies and civic associations to identify "good" policemen or Popercu members who lived in each township.

Those policemen would be introduced to local communities and would in turn be "known" to the guerrillas so that they were exempted from possible attacks.

When the "good" police were sent out on patrols, they should inform PAC structures in those areas so they did not fall victim to Apla attacks.

But the agreement seemed not to have taken into account the fact that in terms of the the police rules to ensure security and secrecy, espe-

cially among black members of the force, policemen are usually not told in advance about where they would patrol, raid or man roadblocks.

In some cases they are simply issued with the necessary equipment, including guns, and ordered into vans without being told where they are going to until they are at or near the scene where the operation will commence.

But Nkuna, an imposing young prison warder at Johannesburg Prison, conceded that very few of Popercu's 5 000 paid-up members were policemen.

"Because of intimidation by white officers and certain regulations regarding the police force, most policemen are either reluctant or scared to join Popercu," said Nkuna.

Popercu drew most of its membership from black prison warders who were frustrated by the racial discrimination and repression that took place in prisons, he said.

The Apla/Popercu agreement came in the wake of increased attacks on black policemen.

A man calling himself Kari Zimbiri and claiming to be the Apla commander in the country, has claimed responsibility for many of the attacks.

# Webster killer in court witness

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JOHANNESBURG. — The man who shot Dr David Webster was in court on the first day of the inquest into his death — and the Ministers of Defence and Law and Order knew of the CCB as early as December 3, 1989

These claims were made at the hearing yesterday

Mr Cornelius du Plessis, who first gave evidence on October 15, made a surprise appearance in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday and submitted a statement in which he claimed he had seen the man who shot Dr Webster in court on October 12, the first day of the inquest.

Mr Du Plessis said he had been under severe pressure since the start of the inquest and would like to have his latest revelations heard in camera

Before a ruling could be made, however, Mr Du Plessis stood up and said he was prepared to give his testimony in open court.

In his latest statement Mr Du Plessis said that when he arrived at the Supreme Court on October 12, he noticed three "big" men standing outside the court.

"When I approached them, I saw another large man around the corner with a two-way radio

"I immediately recognised him as the man sitting in the back of the white Opel Ascona, who fired the shot."

He was shocked to see the man in court and when the man made eye-contact with him, "I noticed his eyes got big and it was apparent he recognised me".

Asked if any of the men he had recognised were in court yesterday, he replied "no"

Counsel for former Civil Co-operation Bureau operatives Mr Ferdi Barnard, Mr Calla Botha and Mr Abraham "Slang" van Zyl then pointed out to Mr Justice Stegmann that all three of his clients were in court.

Asked by counsel for the Webster family, Mr



'CORRECT' ... These identikits of Dr Webster's killers, composed by Mr Corne du Plessis, weren't issued.



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## Webster inquest (251)

Eberhardt Bertelsmann, if he would like to give further evidence in camera, Mr Du Plessis did not reply

Mr Bertelsmann then asked Mr Justice Stegmann if, through the lack of reply, it was not evident Mr Du Plessis was scared, and whether the rest of his evidence could be heard in a cleared court.

Argument for the in-camera hearing of the rest of Mr Du Plessis's testimony was heard after the court had been cleared.

Mr Du Plessis told the court on October 15 that he had been in Eleanor Street, Troyeville, on May 1, 1989 when Dr Webster was shot outside his home. He said he had been travelling about 25m behind a white Opel Ascona in which there was a man in the driver's seat and another in the back.

Yesterday he said he had recognised the man in back seat who had possibly fired the fatal shot at Dr Webster.

The man had been sitting in court with someone who looked like a rugby player. It was obvious he had worn a wig on the day of the murder, but he had recognised the man by his pockmarked face.

Earlier yesterday the former second-in-command of the SAP Criminal Investigation Division, General Jaap Joubert, told the inquest that former Defence Minister General Magnus Malan and former Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok had been told of the existence of the CCB as early as December 3, 1989.

Questioned about the September 12, 1989 shooting of Swapo executive member Mr Anton Lubowski — which came to light during the investigation into Dr Webster's killing — General Joubert said he had been told things in confidence and had a moral obligation to maintain that confidence unless otherwise ordered by the court.

Mr Justice Stegmann said General Joubert would have to give evidence which could be relevant to the Webster murder, but could keep other details of meetings with SADF generals and CCB head Mr Joe Verster confidential.

General Joubert said he had held meetings with the head of Military Intelligence, General Rudolph "Witkop" Badenhorst, who told him the CCB was upset about the detention of two CCB operatives.

General Badenhorst told him on December 2, 1989 that he would speak to the State President and General Malan about the detentions.

The hearing continues today — Sapa

# Webster 'flew . . . after shot'

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JOHANNESBURG. — Former CCB operative Mr Ferdie Barnard had said Dr David Webster "flew through the air after being shot", Mr Barnard's former employer said in the Supreme Court here yesterday.

Mr Wille Smit, who had employed Mr Barnard as an insurance assessor, was giving evidence at the inquest into the May 1, 1989, killing of the Wits academic

He said Mr Barnard made the statement while on the way to Lanseria Airport in Randburg, with his (Mr Smit's) mother in the car

Mr Smit also told the court Mr Barnard had said he had made an unsuccessful attempt to "take out" anti-apartheid activist Mr Bruce White

He said Mr Barnard and his brother Calla had arrived at his Florida home on the West Rand in a state of panic between 1am and 2am one day, saying they needed an alibi

Mr Ferdie Barnard asked Mr Smit to provide one He also asked Mr Smit if he knew about Dr Webster's assassination and then told his former employer he had orders to monitor Mr White and to "take him out"

Mr Ferdie Barnard said the first attempt on Mr White had been unsuccessful as he and Mr Calla Botha — another CCB operative — had been

spotted by a security guard, Mr Smit said.

Mr Smit, a former managing director of ACA Insurance, employed Mr Barnard as an assessor when the CCB operative was paroled from prison after serving part of a sentence for multiple murder.

Mr Smit told the court Mr Barnard had a photograph album which showed the corpses of 22 or 23 people he had killed The album was shown to others at the insurance company

Mr Smit had owned a .357 magnum pistol, which he sold to Mr Barnard. Mr Barnard took Mr Smit's identity document to get details of the gun and failed to return it.

At a later stage Mr Smit told Mr Calla Barnard that in terms of Mr Barnard's parole he was not allowed to own a gun and he (Mr Smit) wanted to know what had become of the pistol Mr Calla Barnard told him the gun had been sold to a police lieutenant.

Mr Barnard often wore wigs in the presence of Mr Smit — including one similar to the hairstyle of one of the people said to have murdered Dr Webster Mr Smit told the inquest he identified pictures drawn up by witnesses as Mr Barnard and a friend of his whom he knew as Mr Eugene Riley

During cross-examination Mr Smit said he had been threatened and, because he feared for his safety, had been reluctant to give evidence

# CCB man 'used journalist's flat'

JOHANNESBURG — Colonel Staal Burger, head of the CCB's Region Six, used the Pretoria flat of freelance journalist Mr Johan Gagiano to hide from Namibian police in early 1990, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday

The inquest into the murder of anthropologist Dr David Webster also heard Colonel Burger left the flat after being recognised by a neighbour

Mr Gagiano, who has a history of treatment for alcoholism, was released from a rehabilitation centre to give evidence yesterday

He told Mr Jurie Wessels, legal counsel for CCB head Mr Joe Verster, that an elderly woman named Madelaine had recognised Colonel Burger

She said the man resembled the head of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad that the police were looking for in con-

nection with the September 1989 killing of Swapo executive member Mr Anton Lubowski

Mr Gagiano said he told Colonel Burger what the woman had said, and the CCB operative then left, after a stay of three or four days

Mr Piet Coetsee, SC, for the SA Defence Force, said Colonel Burger would deny staying there or even visiting Mr Gagiano at home

Mr Coetsee said Mr Gagiano's

statement, in which he claimed Colonel Burger told him who killed Dr Webster on May 1, 1989, was a fabrication

Mr Gagiano said he had received a threatening telephone call after giving evidence last week. His former wife also received strange telephone calls last week and her flat was watched by men in a white car

The inquest, under Mr Justice Michael Stegmann, continues today — Sapa

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# Harassment untrue - police

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■ Spokesman says few harassment cases have proved to be true:

VERY few of the many allegations of police harassment of returned exiles have proved true, police spokesman Captain Nina Barkhuizen said on Tuesday

She was reacting to claims that SAP harassment of returned exiles was of

such a nature that many intended leaving the country, had fled their homes or were in hiding

Although "precious few" claims of harassment had proved well founded, all would be investigated

"If they prove to be true or if anyone

emerges as guilty of these offences, the necessary steps will be taken against them," said Capt Barkhuizen

An earlier newspaper report said the National Co-ordinating Committee for the Repatriation of Exiles had compiled a dossier of alleged police torture - Sapa.

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# Weekly Mail allegations 'unfounded'

Informants' statement totally

false:

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Sowetan Correspondent

THERE is no evidence to support allegations made in the *Weekly Mail* of May 8 to 14 and May 15 to 22 that the South African Police (SAP) planned and instigated violence in the Vaal area, the Goldstone Commission has found.

In a report released yesterday the Commission also found that in evidence before the one-man Goldstone Committee chaired by Mr RM Wise, SC, set up to investigate the *Weekly Mail* allegations, nothing justified the allegations that the SAP had a base which was linked with the planning of assassinations in the Vaal, or the innuendo that the police were involved in a death campaign or a "silent war against leaders and activists of the ANC and its allies".

The committee also found the statements by Mr Daniel Kolisang and Mr Solly Mngomezulu that the SAP planned and instigated violence, which constituted the basis of reports by the *Weekly Mail* on May 8 and 15 this year, to be totally false.

## Police admit 'lack of enthusiasm'

(251) WILSON ZWANE

A LACK of enthusiasm on the part of some policemen was hampering efforts to curb violence on trains, a senior police officer said yesterday

At least 231 people have been killed and 434 injured in 363 incidents of violence on the trains in the southern Transvaal since the beginning of the year, according to police figures

Most of the incidents occurred on the Johannesburg-Soweto, Johannesburg-Vereeniging and Kwesine-Katlehong lines

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lt-Col Dave Bruce told journalists in Johannesburg yesterday that although policing of trains had been stepped up, it appeared some policemen were "less motivated" than others

But Bruce pointed out that 121 people had been arrested since April, many for being in possession of dangerous weapons

He admitted nobody had been convicted of murder on trains, largely due to a lack of evidence because witnesses were reluctant to come forward

The ANC PWV region has charged that this week's attacks on commuters on the Johannesburg-Soweto line would not have occurred had security measures agreed upon by the SA Rail Commuter Corporation and community organisations in May been implemented

Bruce showed the media a new centre from which the policing of the trains was being co-ordinated

# Covert police hit squad report 'lies'

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**The Argus Correspondent**  
JOHANNESBURG — Allegations in the Weekly Mail that police planned and instigated violence in the Vaal and maintained a base from which to plan assassinations, were untrue, the Goldstone Commission found.

The report of a one-man committee of the commission by Mr RM Wise, disclosed to President De Klerk yesterday, found that the two sources quoted in the Weekly Mail, who alleged police instigated attacks on activists, were lying.

Their information was "untruthful and without substance," said the chairman of the commission, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone.

The Weekly Mail reports, published in May this year, were "seriously prejudicial" to police, who had not had an opportunity to respond before publication, the judge said.

## 'Police ignored massacre warning'

**The Argus Correspondent**

JOHANNESBURG. — The police were either involved in the Boipatong massacre or their handling of the attack by Kwamadala hostel dwellers showed gross incompetence, lawyers representing the ANC told the Goldstone Commission inquiry into the June 17 massacre.

Delivering his preliminary closing arguments, ANC lawyer Arthur Chaskalson said the police had been warned of an impending attack but had taken no action to prevent it.

Even if there were no secu-

The reports were based on information supplied by Mr Daniel Kholisang and Mr Solly Mngomezulu who told the committee that police used false names, unmarked cars with false number plates, unregistered safe houses and pag-

ing numbers. rity force Casspirs and no white people present during the attack — a number of witnesses had alleged there were — it implied a level of involvement on the part of the police, if not gross incompetence or complicity, Mr Chaskalson said.

He asked why the Boipatong police station was not properly equipped, since police were afraid to enter the township without armoured vehicles.

"It should not be a question of money or resources. Nothing is more important than stopping the violence," Mr Chaskalson said.

Nolte, or Sergeant George Supra were in any way involved with planning or committing acts of violence.

The allegations appeared to have been based solely on that the four policemen were members of the Crime Intelligence Service (CIS), and as such were associated with or involved in covert operations.

The commission made three recommendations.

- It would be inappropriate — and an infringement on the freedom of the Press — for the commission to instruct the Weekly Mail to publish its findings with equal prominence to that given the allegations.

- It referred the manner in which covert operations should be carried out to the Minister of Law and Order. Covert operations should be investigated by a non-police impartial agency.

- Police should be given adequate time to respond to allegations.



# Man 'lied' to inquest

Own Correspondent  
JOHANNESBURG. — The inquest into Dr David Webster's murder took a dramatic turn yesterday when businessman Mr Willem Smit admitted he had falsely implicated former CCB operative Mr Ferdi Barnard in the killing.

Mr Smit testified on Wednesday that Mr Barnard, whom he had known since 1983, had told himself and a number of his employees that he had been involved in Dr Webster's murder. His allegations were also contained in a written statement.

During cross-examination by Mr Barnard's attorney Mr Piet du Plessis earlier yesterday, Mr Smit said he did not wish to answer any more questions and would walk out of the hearing if questioned any further.

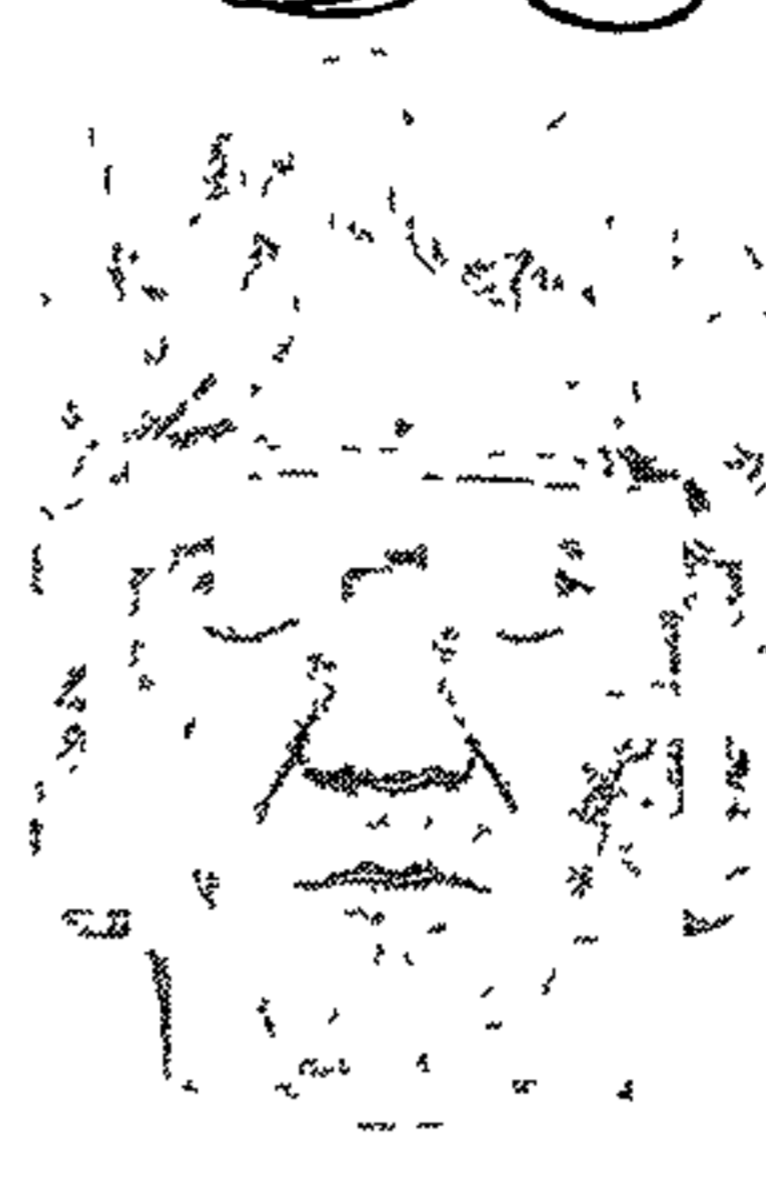
At that point Mr Smit said he stood by his statement, but did not wish to testify any further and would lie under cross-examination in order to get out of the court.

He said his presence at the inquest was ruining his business and his family.

After a break, his counsel Mr Hennie de Vos told the court Mr Smit had had a conversation with some-



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one outside the courtroom and did not wish to testify any further

The court then reconvened in camera.

When the inquest was reopened to the public and media shortly afterwards, Mr Du Plessis put it to Mr Smit that his statement and evidence had been a fabrication

Mr Smit admitted that he had lied about Mr Barnard's disclosures to himself and members of his staff. He also retracted evidence that Mr Barnard had asked him for an alibi after an unsuccessful attempt to murder political campaigner Mr Roland White.

At the conclusion of his cross-examination, Mr De Vos informed the court he was withdrawing from the matter.

The media, through the State, later asked Judge M Stegmann if they could be informed of what had occurred during the in-camera session.

Stegmann said the impression might have been created that pressure had been improperly applied on Smit.

The judge said there had been no proof of this being the case.

● City advocate a 'CCB target' — Page 12

# Hostel inmates are blamed for massacre

INDEPENDENT witnesses and other evidence conclusively proved that only KwaMadala Hostel residents had been responsible for the Boipatong massacre, the Goldstone commission was told yesterday

Flip Hattingh SC, delivering closing argument for the SAP at the inquiry into the massacre, told Judge R Goldstone the evidence further proved the attackers had moved on foot from the hostel to the township

He asked the commission to reject allegations the SAP or individual members had been involved in the

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killings, or had supported or protected the attackers

However, senior counsel for the ANC, Denis Kuny, argued that the events in Boipatong that night showed the police had either been actively involved in the massacre or had neglected their duty

Responding to a remark by Goldstone that it was "hardly conceivable" that the police would use their official vehicles to assist in the attack, Kuny said that in the past police had gotten away with similar actions merely on the basis of an official denial

Arthur Chaskalson, also representing the ANC, questioned how KwaMadala inmates could have brazenly attacked, murdered and plundered with apparent impunity

Either the group of about 500 attackers knew the security forces were so incompetent that they would not be apprehended, or it had been arranged that no action would be taken against them, he argued

## Weekly Mail claims 'false'

PRETORIA — The Goldstone commission found yesterday that allegations by the Weekly Mail newspaper of planning and instigation of violence by the SAP in the Vaal area were devoid of truth

The commission's report, released in Pretoria, found no justification for the newspaper's allegations that the SAP operated a base where assassinations of political campaigners were planned

In the report, the Goldstone commission said statements by Daniel Kolisang and Solly Mngomezulu, whose allegations of SAP involvement in violence and assassinations were the basis of the Weekly Mail reports on May 8 and 15, were totally false

The commission accepted the finding that the newspaper staff's attempts to get police comment had been inadequate

The Ministry of Law and Order welcomed the findings yesterday

A spokesman said in a statement the finding "will hopefully increase confidence in the SAP" — Sapa

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### 3 more die in Natal unrest

**Own Correspondent**  
MARITZBURG — Three more people died in continuing violence in Natal when armed gunmen attacked the kraal of a headman in the Umbumbulu area yesterday morning (CT 30/10/92)

Also, a prominent IFP member, Mr Sichizo Zuma, was shot and seriously wounded while driving in Edendale early yesterday. And police said yesterday they had opened an attempted murder dock et after local IFP leader David Ntombela was shot at while driving near Henley Dam on Wednesday. Meanwhile hundreds of residents from the Ngonyami Reserve outside Umlazi attended a reconciliation service yesterday to celebrate the signing of a peace agreement.

### IFP criticises Hadebe offer

**Own Correspondent**  
DURBAN — The IFP has described the government's R250 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the killers of ANC leader Mr Reggie Hadebe as a "disgraceful display of selective morality" (CT 30/10/92). "We remind the government that 252 IFP leaders have been assassinated since 1985," the organisation said.

### Cop stabbed, shot to death

**CT 30/10/92**  
JOHANNESBURG — A policeman died, one was injured and a group of policemen were stoned in unrest yesterday. The body of a police constable with bullet and stab wounds was found in the veld next to KwaMazibuko Hostel in Kaitleng yesterday. In Soweto, a police man was injured yesterday when a grenade was hurled into his house. Constable M Khumalo was asleep in his house when the grenade was thrown into his bed room. At Mbekweni, near Paarl, policemen were stoned whilst conducting a search. A man was hurt when police used rubber bullets to ward off the attack.

# A family caught in Natal's crossfire

**JOHANNESBURG** — Mrs Beauty Ngcobe, a 46-year-old Inkatha supporter whose husband was gunned down in front of her three years ago, allegedly by ANC activists, endures attacks on her house in Imballi township, 10 kilometres from Maritzburg, almost every night. Her crime is to live in an African National Congress area of Imballi, but she is stuck in a vicious circle, as her house, pockmarked with bullet holes,

is unseizable. Mrs Ngcobe says one Friday in September, township ANC activists threw a grenade onto her roof while she was eating dinner with her five children, aged between four and 22. The grenade rolled off, and exploded behind the house's side wall. "They pay kids to do it," says Dennis, Mrs Ngcobe's 18-year-old son. "The ANC tsotisis approach kids who have nothing, give them a grenade or

an AK-47, and say, 'here, if you kill so-and-so we'll give you R50'". Dennis says he holds no bitterness towards his fellow Zulus, and he hopes for a time when he can live in peace with his neighbours. During a night spent with the Ngcobe family in Imballi, the house was shot at several times and stoned once — a quite normal procedure for a Friday night, according to the family (CT 30/10/92).

Many of the people who are dying in Natal have little passion for politics, and, like the Ngcobes, differ from their enemies only nominally. Dennis Ngcobe, in spite of being an Inkatha member, was fond of Mr Reggie Hadebe, whom he said had strived vainly for peace in the region. "It's not Reggie, or even Mandela who orders the fighting. It's the tsotisis right here" — Sapa-AFP.

# Natal: Troops to be doubled

Political Staff

**DURBAN** — Amid indications that an urgent meeting of National Peace Accord signatories is in the offing, President F W de Klerk announced last night that the Defence Force will double the number of troops currently deployed in Natal.

## Govt, ANC will meet to plan 'bosberaad'

**THE** government and the ANC will meet "more than once" in the next week to plan a "bosberaad" between the two parties — but no date had yet been fixed for the proposed meeting, a government spokesman said last night. The government also said it was unaware of plans for a November 15 summit between President F W de Klerk and ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela.

Mr Kleynhans said the government would have discussions with the ANC on the proposed bosberaad "over the next week or two" but added that "no firm date has been set as yet". Sapa reports that ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela said last night that he was not interested in bilateral talks with Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to end violence in Natal. "The position of the ANC, which has been endorsed by the Patriotic Front is that this violence cannot be ended or reduced by a simple meeting between two individuals. What is required is the collective wisdom of political leaders across the spectrum who should come together to address the matter," Mr Mandela said.

Mr De Klerk also announced that unrest areas are to be declared in the violence racked province and "high density" police patrols would be initiated "to stop the infiltration of MK members" from the Transkei into Natal.

AFP reported that both parties had tentatively agreed to the summit date, but the Director-General of the State President's office, Mr Dave Steward, told a press briefing last night that he had no knowledge of such a meeting. And senior Department of Constitutional Development spokesman, Mr Marius Kleynhans, said "We don't

meanwhile, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze warned that the assassination of ANC Natal Midlands deputy chairman Mr Reggie Hadebe could be "the spark that sets Natal alight". The special investigation unit was doing "everything possible" to track down the killers. In a statement issued in Pretoria, Mr De Klerk said the Defence Force would, within a week, "double the number of troops currently deployed in Natal in support of the South African Police".

Government sources indicated earlier this week that Richmond and areas of the South Coast were of particular concern Maritzburg — the scene of fresh violence yesterday — may also be considered. Mr De Klerk also said that the police may have to establish bases along the Natal/Transkei border to secure the area.

Defence Ministry spokesmen last night declined to give details on their troop strengths in the province, saying such information was never made public for security reasons. Mr De Klerk said the SAP would also further reinforce its manpower in Natal and "deploy additional units, including the Internal Stability Division, more widely throughout the province". General Johan Swart, head of the division, told a press confer

ence last night that about 300 members had been deployed in Natal in recent weeks and more would arrive over the weekend. General Swart thought three unrest areas would be declared, but could not give details. National Peace Committee chairman Mr John Hall said last night after a meeting with Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi that "extensive preparatory work" was being done in the hope of making such a meeting possible. Mr Hall held "constructive talks" with Mr Nelson Mandela on Wednesday and with Chief Buthelezi yesterday. He will now meet Mr De Klerk and Mr Mandela and then report to an executive meeting of the National Peace Committee. It is understood this will take place early next week.

### ANC man shot in Ciskei

**Own Correspondent**  
EAST LONDON — ANC member Mr Bejile Basayi was seriously injured when his house in Nonlbe, between King William's Town and Peddie, was attacked with grenades and rifle fire on Wednesday night. ANC media officer, Mr Mcebisi Bata, said Mr Basayi was shot in the leg and was admitted to Bisho Hospital. The deputy com-

mander of the police station in NU 13, Mdantsane, Lieutenant Jack Hulana, was shot dead at a party at the Mdantsane prison on Wednesday night. A Ciskei Police spokesman said a police constable had been arrested. Eyewitnesses said Lieut Hulana was shot 18 times in the stomach during a quarrel. He died instantly.

### Transkei strike broadens

**UMTATA** — Prison warders, court prosecutors and magistrates joined a growing civil servants' strike in the Transkei yesterday after a breakdown in negotiations over salary parity (CT 30/10/92). And the homeland's military council issued an ultimatum to nurses on strike at more than 29 hospitals to return to work immediately. In another development, the Transkei Radiographers' Association announced a general strike by all paramedics, beginning on Monday. Prosecutors and magistrates said they would meet at Umtata's Regional Court today, and would remain there until further developments — Sapa.

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Weekly Mail Reporter

THE Goldstone Commission has cleared the police of allegations that a secret network of police bases in the Vaal area was used to plan and instigate political violence.

However, the one-man investigation by advocate RM Wise into the allegations — carried in *The Weekly Mail* earlier this year — recommends that covert operations aimed at obtaining intelligence in relation to crimes of violence should be investigated by a “non-police, impartial agency” and that guidelines should be laid down for the implementation and supervision of these

# Goldstone clears 'secret base' police

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 sophisticated means of doing so, the opportunity and temptation for abuse exists,” Wise notes. “Outside the evidence before this committee there is much to suggest that in other contexts, and other circumstances covert operations have been abused, in that they have been the means whereby illegal acts of violence have been carried out by the security forces.”

He stresses, however, that covert operations for legitimate purposes appear to be recognised both internationally and by the National Peace Accord.

The “Wise Commission” was charged with conducting a preliminary inquiry, with an eye to determining whether a wider investigation into *The Weekly Mail's* allegations was necessary. Finding that the sources relied on by the newspaper “proved to be untruthful and without substance”, it recommends that no further investigation take place.

The commission also finds that the police were not given adequate time to respond to the allegations before they were published. (“*Weekly Mail* editor Anton Harber) did not send the police the draft articles, but a list of questions

which cannot really be said to have made it clear what they were being accused of,” he says.

*The Weekly Mail* based its reports on affidavits by a Vaal activist, Daniel Kolisang, and a recently returned exile, Solly Mngomezulu, who both stated they had been taken to a secret house and offered training or money to carry out attacks on African National Congress targets.

A *Weekly Mail* investigation discovered the location of the house and others linked to it, that it was a police operation and the names of several policemen involved. To do this, it had

to penetrate an elaborate veil of secrecy, including the systematic use of falsely registered vehicles and falsely registered pager and telephone numbers.

The Wise Commission found that Kolisang and Mngomezulu's statements were “totally false”. It also cleared the policemen mentioned in *The Weekly Mail* reports, Captain AD du Plessis, Constable Johannes Mkwane, Warrant Officer Thys Nolte and Sergeant George Supra, of involvement in planning or committing acts of violence.

● The commission's report only arrived an hour before the paper went to press. A fuller report will appear next week. See editorial, Page 18



# CCB colonel is to remain faceless

JOHANNESBURG — The public will not know what Civil Co-operation Bureau head Colonel Joe Verster looks like but will be informed on Monday of what he tells the Rand Supreme Court inquest into the shotgun slaying of University of the Witwatersrand academic Dr David Webster.

The judge presiding over the Webster inquest, Mr Justice Michael Stegmann, ruled yesterday that Colonel Verster would give his evidence in camera but that the details of his

testimony would be made public after his appearance.

The judge also ruled that no photographs, sketches or descriptions of Colonel Verster may be published.

The decision followed almost 90 minutes of argument yesterday afternoon. This in turn followed an in-camera session in the morning to determine whether the argument about Colonel Verster's appearance could be heard in open court.

Colonel Verster said in a statement

that if people recognised him or were to match his name to his likeness, his life would be in danger because of his CCB operations.

Earlier yesterday Mr Abraham "Slang" van Zyl was the first CCB operative to give evidence at the inquest into the murder of Dr Webster, who was shot outside his Troyeville, Johannesburg, home on May 1, 1989.

He said CCB agents had a licence to kill and had no need to worry about the consequences. Colonel Verster

had told him agents need not worry about the consequences of any authorised action against enemies of the state.

Colonel Verster had not told him who authorised the indemnity.

Cross-examined by Mr Eberhardt Bertelsmann, SC, for the Webster family, Mr Van Zyl said Colonel Verster and CCB co-ordinator Mr Christo Brits suspected the CCB's Region Six of having been involved in the Webster murder.

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# Owner of cap not at attack

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A POLICEMAN whose camouflage cap was found at the scene of an attack on Khayelitsha residents on September 3 last year said yesterday that he was in Guguletu at the time of the incident

Lance-Sergeant Henry John Hendricks, appearing before the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Western Cape minibus taxi war, gave evidence on the attack in DM Section, Site B, in which at least three people died and about 100 shacks were burnt down

Accusations at the time included police complicity in the attack and the discovery of Sergeant Hendricks' cap was held up as evidence of this.

However, Sergeant Hendricks told the hearing yesterday that he had arrived on the scene only after the attack had taken place

At the time of the attack, given by other witnesses as about 10 45pm, he was "busy pulling a stolen car out of loose sand" in Guguletu

When he arrived on the scene of the attack, he tucked his cap into a loop on his waistband. Later he discovered the cap had vanished.

Later, ANC MP Mr Jan van Eck and colleagues arrived. An Assistant Constable Stekela later told him that one of Mr Van Eck's colleagues had made the allegations

The hearing resumes on Monday

## 'Cop apathy' over rail deaths

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JOHANNESBURG — A lack of enthusiasm among some policemen was hampering efforts to curb violence on trains, Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said yesterday (25)

However, he said 121 people had been arrested since April

At least 231 people have been killed and 434 injured in train violence in the southern Transvaal since the beginning of the year (25)

his wife and two daughters.

Mr Thakathayo was in his early 20s

# Loitering crossed wires

Staff Reporter

SEVEN residents of Site Five in Noordhoek were issued with summonses by Wynberg police for allegedly "loitering" at a four-way stop in Kommetjie recently

While a member of the Fish Hoek police reportedly expressed concern at the action, Colonel Raymond Dowd said yesterday that his mobile unit had taken the action after complaints

Captain Polly Strydom, of the Fish Hoek police, was reported in the Fish Hoek Echo to have "expressed con-

cern at this action", and said he would "look into the matter"

The police were on their way to Simon's Town when they stopped and warned the men

On their way back, the men were still there, so they issued them with summonses with an option of R30 admission-of-guilt fines

Colonel Dowd said there had been a misunderstanding and Captain Strydom had been concerned that one of the men had been waiting for a lift. Last night Captain Strydom refused to comment further

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## Poachers

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THE "full law" would be against crayfish poaching. The Department of Marine and Fisheries has issued a notice that the poaching season starts on 1 October for recreational poaching.

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# City advocate a 'CCB target'

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JOHANNESBURG. — Details of an alleged CCB plan to kill Cape Town advocate Mr Dulah Omar were again made public during the Webster inquest in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday

The details were given by former Region Six CCB operative Mr Abraham "Slang" van Zyl, who submitted to the inquest the same statement he gave to the Harms Commission of Inquiry into politically-motivated violence in 1990.

Questioned by Mr Eberhardt Bertelsmann, for the Webster family, Mr Van Zyl said Mr Omar had been identified as a target for elimination by a criminal known as "Peaches" Gordon, who had since died

Mr Gordon had told him that Mr Omar was a candidate for elimination as he was an executive member of the United Democratic Front in the Cape and a member of Lawyers for Human Rights

Mr Omar was to have been killed with a handgun outside his home by people who lived nearby and could make a getaway on foot, Mr Van Zyl said

An amount of R15 000 had been drawn from CCB funds for the operation, of which Mr Gordon had received R5 000. The remaining R10 000 had been returned to the CCB

No paperwork had been involved in the return of the money,

## Witness admits he told 'pack of lies'

as the CCB "placed great store in the integrity of its operatives", Mr Van Zyl told the court

The groundwork of the Omar project had been laid in March and April 1989, and Mr Ferdi Barnard had been paid a total of R7 000 to monitor Mr Omar in June and July 1989

Mr Barnard had been called in to verify the information that Mr Van Zyl, whose responsibility the project was, had received from Mr Gordon

Mr Van Zyl told the court of his involvement in a bomb blast at the Early Learning Centre in Athlone and in hanging a baboon foetus in a tree in Archbishop Desmond Tutu's garden

Earlier yesterday Mr Barnard's former employer, Mr Willie Smit, admitted that his statement to the inquest had been "a pack of lies"

Mr Smit refused to give further testimony while being cross-examined by Mr Piet du Plessis, for Mr Barnard and others

After an in-camera hearing into the reasons for his refusal, Mr Smit admitted to Mr Du Plessis that Mr Barnard had never mentioned any involvement in the killing of Dr David Webster, an University of the Witwatersrand lecturer who was shot dead in Johannesburg on May 1, 1989

Mr Smit denied that Mr Barnard had asked his brother Calla to get rid of an AK-47 rifle which Mr Smit earlier said had been used in the fatal shooting of Swapo executive member Mr Anton Lubowski

Mr Smit said his claim that Mr Ferdi and Mr Calla Barnard had visited him early one morning to ask for an alibi was also a lie. The Barnards had visited him at 9pm and had made no mention of the Webster murder

Mr Smit said his evidence had been an attempt to discredit Mr Ferdi Barnard, but was not part of a conspiracy

Asked by Mr Du Plessis if his entire statement was "a pack of lies", he said it was

The presiding judge, Mr Justice Michael Stegmann, ordered that CCB head Colonel Joe Verster be available to give evidence today

His counsel, Mr Jurie Wessels, asked that his client be allowed to appear in disguise to protect his identity — as he had done before the Harms Commission

Mr Justice Stegmann said he would give a ruling on that at a more appropriate time — Sapa

## Funds run out: Police cut back on recruiting

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The recruitment of new members into the police has been suspended because of a lack of funds

Police spokesman Major Ruben Bloomberg said budgetary cuts, announced by Finance Minister Mr Derek Keys recently, made it impossible for the police to recruit new members. Mr Keys said government spending would have to be cut by 3 percent in real terms and the number of civil servants chopped by 5 percent

The announcement on the freeze on police recruits followed a 21,9 percent increase in the police budget in March — allocated to boost police force numbers in an attempt to combat escalating crime.

The R5,65 billion budget allowed for the recruitment of 11 000 assistant policemen, 3 500 regular policemen and new equipment.

Major Bloomberg said there was a possibility that the 5 percent police budget cut would affect the efficient combatting of crime, but added that the effect would be negated by the fact that the country had 114 000 trained policemen.

Major Bloomberg said recruitment had been suspended until next year. He could not predict when new members would be employed.

This meant only recruits who had not yet undergone their six-month training course would attend the police's six-month training course starting in January.

The second annual course, which ran from June to November, would be put on hold

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# Policeman denies being involved in arson attack

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Staff Reporter

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A POLICEMAN whose camouflage cap was found at the scene of an attack on Khayelitsha residents has told a committee of the Goldstone Commission he had not been involved in the arson attack

The commission is inquiring into the events of the taxi war in the Western Cape last year

Lance-Sergeant Henry John Hendricks, who was a member of the internal stability unit at the time, said under cross-examination he had lost his cap after the attack while chasing a suspect who he thought was armed

Sergeant Hendricks said his unit had arrived on the scene, in Zola Budd Drive, at 11 50pm on September 3 last year

They had stood by, giving protection to fire service personnel, and he had assisted a

colleague in a scuffle

He had seen a man wearing a yellow blanket carrying what looked like a gun. He and a colleague gave chase but gave up when the man disappeared between the shacks

After the chase he realised his cap, which had been tucked into his waistband, was gone

He could not explain why the colleague had specifically said they had not given chase

Even though he had not seen his pocket book, which had details of his shift that evening, since December last year, he clearly remembered the times of events that night

He could not explain why a fireman had stated that when his vehicle arrived on the scene at 11 20pm, a Casspir was already there

Sergeant Hendricks said his unit's Casspir had been the only one at the scene

**Policemen on trial**

LEGAL argument in the trial of five policemen, alleged to have attempted to murder a man by necklacing him, will begin in the Durban Regional Court today.

L-sgts Mark Allan Lucy and Simon Gerald Coetzee, and constables David Wilhelmus Potgieter, Pierre Cornelius Laubscher and Bradford Brown, have pleaded not guilty to attempting to kill Vusi Phiri, whom they suspected of unlawful possession of a pistol.

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# CCB chief leaves SA Judge orders his arrest

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**JOHANNESBURG. — A warrant for the arrest of former Civil Co-operation Bureau chief Mr. Joe Verster was issued in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday after he failed to appear at the Webster inquest.**

It was learnt that he had left South Africa. In a shock development the inquest was told that Mr. Verster had gone overseas, allegedly to wind up various CCB projects before it was disbanded. Mr. Verster left the country despite a directive to his counsel from Mr. Justice Stegmann last Friday that his client be in court yesterday to testify.

On Friday the judge granted Mr. Verster's application to testify in camera to protect his identity, but ruled that a transcript of his evidence would be made public.

In a statement submitted to the court yesterday, Mr. Verster apologised for his non-appearance but said the arrangements for winding up these projects had been made before he was aware that he had to testify yesterday. Mr. Verster said he had no intention not to testify at the inquest and would be available not later than November 23. He claimed that in terms of the agreement between the Defence Force and the CCB, former members of the covert unit would not get their final pension payouts until these projects had been wound up. All parties involved in these projects

had been given a timescale in which to complete them, Mr. Verster said. A plan of action had been drawn up to meet these people within the shortest possible time without one being made aware of the other's involvement.

Mr. Verster said there were already at least four people on the move at the moment and the first meeting with them was to have taken place yesterday. "My working relationship with these people must be kept in mind," he said. "I cannot reveal my involvement in the Webster inquest because I have only dealt with these people on a business basis." Later yesterday, former CCB operative Mr. Calla Botha detailed to the court how he had been trained in courses given by CCB managing director Mr. Verster and others to "combat the enemy".

# in brief

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## CCB man flees the country

A WARRANT for the arrest of former CCB managing director Joe Verster, who failed to appear in court yesterday, was issued by Mr Justice Michael Stegmann in the Rand Supreme Court.

The court was told that Verster, who was subpoenaed to appear yesterday to testify at the inquest into the May 1 1989 killing of Wits University academic Dr David Webster, had left the country.

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## Agreement to disagree

FOOD and Beverage Workers Union of South Africa official Mr JT Mdlalose yesterday contested an attorneys' statement on Friday that two union officials had been reinstated as members of the union's executive committee in terms of an order granted in the Rand Supreme Court. He said the return to FBWUSA administrative affairs of the two officials was the result of an agreement reached in court, rather than an order as reported.

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## Security boost for Natal

AN ADDITIONAL 250 policemen left for troubled areas of Natal from the Transvaal yesterday, Law and Order Deputy Minister Gert Myburgh told Soweto. He said they formed part of 600 policemen who would be deployed in the province as part of the Government's plan to curtail violence there.

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## Alleged necklacers on trial

LEGAL argument in the trial of five policemen, alleged to have attempted to murder a man by "necklacing" him, will begin in the Durban Regional Court today.

The men, Lance-sergeants Mark Lucy (24) and Simon Gerald Coetzee (22) and constables David Potgieter (19), Pierre Laubscher (18) and Bradford Brown (19), have all pleaded not guilty before Mr PJ du Plessis to attempting to kill Mr Vusi Phiri.

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## Is fencing-off the answer?

THE GOVERNMENT appears to be in a dilemma over plans to fence off troublesome hostels on the Reef and the Vaal Triangle.

"The aim of fencing off hostels - in line with the Record of Understanding - was to place a barrier between attackers and people on the receiving end of the violence, but in areas where normality has returned we have to ask ourselves whether such measures solve the problem or worsen it," said Deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburgh during a tour of eight hostels on the Reef and the Vaal Triangle yesterday.

## Hefty damages paid out

A STELLENBOSCH wine farmer yesterday agreed to pay two farmworkers R50 000 in a Supreme Court sequel to the fatal beating of one of the workers. Mr Wynand Smit, owner of the Koopmanskloof wine estate, did not accept liability when settling the claims arising from assaults by a former employee, Mr Rudolf Rix, said the applicants' attorney, Mr Glynn Williams.

Smit agreed to pay the estate of the late Andrew Thompson R20 000 and R30 000 to Mr Godfrey Williams, plus their costs.

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## Cop to face (25) murder trial

DURBAN — An application for the discharge of ex-police officer Lt George Nichas on two counts of murder and four of attempted murder, was dismissed in the Supreme Court, Durban, yesterday.

Lt Nichas, the former Mooi River station commander, is alleged to have shot a number of people during two incidents at Bruntville during April and June, 1990.



# Cops get 18 months for mock necklacing

DURBAN — Three Pinetown policemen who assaulted a man by hitting him, burning him with a lighter and then pretending to necklace him were jailed for periods of nine and 18 months yesterday

Sergeants Mark Lucy, 24, and Simon Coetzee, 23, were sentenced to two years' imprisonment, six months suspended for five years, and Constable Bradford Brown, 19, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, nine months suspended for five years

Constable David Wilhelmus Potgieter and Constable Pierre Cornelius Laubscher were fined R500 or 50 days

suspended for five years for being accessories

Magistrate Mr P J du Plessis said he had a duty to impose sentences to illustrate this type of behaviour would not be tolerated

The policemen had totally disregarded Mr Vusi Phiri's dignity as a human being and his rights when they took him from his home to an isolated spot late at night and seriously assaulted him to frighten him into giving them information about a firearm he obviously had no knowledge of

The "bizarre idea" of a simulated necklacing had gone "horribly wrong" and Mr Phiri had been set alight

## Killings: Govt 250 tackles ANC

JOHANNESBURG —  
The ANC owed the public an explanation on whether it was the organisation's policy to approve the shooting of policemen, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday

He was reacting to a report that the ANC had admitted that one of its members was shot by a member of a self-defence unit who mistook him for a policeman

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"There must be a public condemnation by the ANC of the killing of policemen" — Sapa

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# 'Lies' free murder charge cop

MARITZBURG — Former Mooi River station commander, Lieutenant George Nichas, was yesterday found not guilty on two counts of murder and two of attempted murder following a series of shootings in Bruntville during 1990

A relieved Lieut Nichas shook hands with his counsel, Advocate Kobus Booyens SC, following judgment in the Supreme Court, Durban, yesterday and left shortly afterwards in the company of several ex-colleagues

Mr Justice William Booysen said that

never in his 34 years as a judicial officer had he heard so many witnesses — both policemen and civilians — tell so many lies

"It is a pity that we couldn't find out the whole truth," Mr Booysen said

He said it was "disturbing" that so many of the witnesses had lied, because this had made it very difficult for the court to come to a finding

The only evidence that could be believed, had been from a forensic special-

ist and a medical doctor

The judge commented that from the evidence it seemed as if the witnesses were talking about different events

The differences in their versions were "endless"

Police witnesses, two of whom he described as "pathetic", had given evidence as they thought their superiors would want them to, he said

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## Policeman cleared

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On the other hand the civilian witnesses had seemed prepared to lie in order to incriminate the station commander

"It is a pity that these lies prevented us from reaching the truth," Mr Booysen said

A smiling Lieut Nichas said soon afterwards "Justice has been done The truth speaks for itself

"I knew all along the witnesses' evidence was fabricated I knew all along the state couldn't prove I had shot the deceased

"My actions were to protect life and property as well as to maintain law and order"

He said he expected his suspension from the police force to be lifted following his acquittal

Lieut Nichas was accused of shooting and killing Mr Jotham Mchunu on April 7, 1990 while investigating unrest in Bruntville

On June 16, 1990, the state alleged Lieut Nichas had shot at a crowd to disperse them in Bruntville Two people had then walked past a group of police vehicles from where Lieut Nichas allegedly fired shots at them, killing Mr Sibusiso Madela

Lieut Nichas also faced attempted murder charges arising from four injuries during these two incidents, and with unlawfully discharging firearms and handling arms under the influence of alcohol — Own Correspondent and Sapa

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**Policeman acquitted**

FORMER Mooi River station commander Lt George Nichas was found not guilty on two counts of murder and two of attempted murder after a series of shootings in Bruntville during 1990 (251)

Passing judgment in the Durban Supreme Court yesterday, Judge Booysen said that never in 34 years as a judicial officer had he heard so many witnesses — policemen and civilians — tell so many lies which prevented the truth from being discerned. (252)

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# Snipers wanted — and the police don't care

**O**NLY in South Africa An advertisement for "snipers with their own rifles" appears in the classified columns of the Durban daily press — and the police barely raise an eyebrow

A South African Police spokesman said the police had no intention of investigating

But the mysterious advertiser is being probed by the Security Officers Board and the employer body in the security industry, the South African National Security Employers' Association (Sansa) "They might as well say 'Hitmen required to take out people,'" said Sansa's national secretary, Don Darkes

W/Mail 6/11-12/11/92.

*A security firm is advertising for snipers, upsetting the industry but not the police. By CARMEL RICKARD*

The advert, which appeared in two Durban daily newspapers, read "Snipers required 12 hour duty SAP or SADF personnel aged between 23 and 30 Own firearm or rifle required, but not essential Drivers licence essential Urgent. Phone 3095773 b/h "

Telephone calls to this number proved fruitless The man on the line said the vacancies had been filled, but refused to give any other infor-

mation However, the number apparently belongs to "Rocket Security Force"

Sansa officials and the registrar of the Security Officers' Board, Frans Lubbe, could find no record of the company All security firms are required by law to be registered to operate a security company without registration is in itself a criminal offence and Lubbe said he would initiate an urgent investigation

Darkes described the advert as "highly inflammatory", a contravention of the code of conduct by which all registered companies must abide and contrary to the national peace accord "It sounds as if someone is hiring a private army."

he said

Darkes said such an advert would tend to bring the industry into disrepute His organisation and the board would begin an urgent investigation

However, the police appeared quite unconcerned about the advertisement An SAP spokesman in Durban described it as "very strange", but added there was no law preventing a company from employing sharpshooters if it wished to do so

Asked whether the police intended investigating, he said they had made no inquiries, and did not intend to do so "You can investigate until you are blue But there is no law against it."



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# 'Lenient' on cops' necklace

By FRED KHUMALO

ANGER and condemnation from both legal and political circles greeted the "lenient" sentencing of three white policemen who early this year necklaced a black Natal youth.

"The sentence does not reflect the interests of the community," said Lawyers for Human Rights Natal regional director Bess Pillemer.

"Necklacing has been shouted on rooftops by the SA government as the most dastardly deed . . . it's ridiculous now that officers can get away with this heinous crime," said ANC spokesman S'bu Ndebele.

Azapo spokesman Strini Moodley said the sentence "drives home the point that a judiciary that is rooted in racism cannot be expected to act fairly."

Sgt Mark Allan Lucy, 24, and Lance-Sgt Simon Gerald Coetzee, 23, were each sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for the necklacing of Vusi Phiri, a 19-year-old schoolboy from Mariannhill in January this year.

Each had a further six months' imprisonment sus-

ended for five years.

The third accomplice, Const Bradford Brown, 19, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment (half suspended for five years).

Phiri's trauma started when six policemen descended on his parents' house in Marianhill and questioned him about an unlicensed firearm which they said was in his possession.

His house was searched thoroughly by the policemen, but no gun was found.

In an attempt to force him to confess, the policemen took Phiri to a secluded place where the questioning punctuated by beating, continued, until they left him for dead.

"Three of them started to assault me again. One burnt me with a cigarette lighter on my ears, feet and fingernails. I kept jumping to get away from flames but they had pinned me down on my side. One of the white policemen went to the van and came back with a tyre which he put around me. . . then policeman came back with petrol and sprinkled it on the tyre and on me. It must have been two litres," Phiri said.

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# Operation

## Helping Hand takes off

Police, traffic cops all set to promote THE friendly city

JOHAN SCHRONEN  
Staff Reporter

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CAPE TOWN will be geared for tourism like never before this season with traffic policemen being trained to double as "salesmen of the city" and the SAP's tourism assistance unit out in full force to help visitors

Captour chief executive Mr Gordon Oliver said the formation of the tourism assistance unit last February marked a significant drop in crime involving tourists as victims

Mr Oliver said every city had a crime problem and foreign visitors, who were naturally soft targets for criminals, should be orientated towards crime awareness rather than being scared off

"We don't want to advertise the dangers of Cape Town, but instead should instill crime awareness in tourists, something from which they can benefit even back home"

A city hotelier who has newspapers on sale in his reception area said he purposely hid them when major crime stories appeared on their front pages because "it is very, very, bad for business"

Captain Carl Thart, head of the tourism assistance unit, said that since his unit had been established they "have never looked back" and "nor has the tourist industry"

"We have had only positive feedback from the various bodies involved with tourism," said Captain Thart "But, we would welcome positive criticism because any new unit has its teething problems"

"A man in uniform, whether he is a

traffic officer or a policeman or even a fireman, is normally the first person a tourist, no matter in what part of the world he is, turns to for information or help when he is lost or in trouble

"The image we project of our city and the service we can offer them often becomes a lasting impression," said Captain Thart

"I am delighted to have members in my team who can speak various foreign languages like German, Swiss German and French — it all helps to put a smile on the face of a visitor

"Tourists are our clients initially, but we would like them to leave Cape Town as our friends — and, they do

"Tourists often pop in at our offices on Tulbach Square to say goodbye before they leave Our job has become very rewarding," said Captain Thart He added that most members in his team worked in uniform because they ideally "want to prevent crime and attacks on tourists, instead of catching the criminals after the crimes"

Mr Oliver praised the tourist unit's work and said Captour also was about to give all traffic officers on the beat crash courses as "salesmen of Cape Town", to teach them a little bit more about the attractions of the city to pass on to tourists who asked them for help or directions

"We plan to invite other law enforcement departments like the police and the council's beach constables to do the same," said Mr Oliver

"Cape Town can be a role model as a friendly and safe city Our men in uniform are obviously our frontline staff serving our tourists when they are in need"

NEWS FEATURE You get used to seeing such things such as corpses but not killings - cop

# A police vehicle riles a little girl

Sowetan 11/11/92

STABILITY UNIT Vaal police took reporter Abbey

Makoe and photographer Pat Seboko on a township patrol:

**M**AJOR Johan Vorster commander of the Internal Stability Unit declares wryly "Gentlemen you're welcome," and provides me with the bullet-proof vest I had earlier requested

This is Sergeant Teen Schoeman your crew leader for the afternoon Vorster says pointing at the slender figure standing about 1.9m, clean shaven with a neatly trimmed moustache and in combat uniform

It is 2.45pm We drive out of the Vereeniging headquarters of the unit and on to a road to Sharpeville Schoeman is also the driver of the security tight armoured vehicle

The first 'unrest related' incident for the day is caused by a girl of about 10 as we drive through the township. Lamely she throws a stone at our vehicle

'Let's go back and arrest her,' jokes Colonel Ray Harrauld, the man who arranged our visit

As we drive along one dirt road Schoeman reaches for his two-way radio "Kielo Lima, Papa-241 Tango After a few minutes a hoarse voice comes in "Negative"

A suspected stolen vehicle with the registration KLP 241 T is being cleared

We drive along more humpy streets towards Boipatong, where Schoeman says, he was nearly killed in 1984

Constable Enoch Mahunda sitting next to me, whispers Last week I was missed by three shots near that surgery I asked him if such experiences were not driving him into re-considering his occupation

No, he says 'I would rather die in this work than quit I love it so much

### Riddled with bullets

At 3.15pm as we drive out of Boipatong, Schoeman calls again See this road Abbey on the day after the massacre you couldn't drive here There was a barricade every three metres'

He points to where the first victim of the massacre was found his head riddled with AK-47 rifle bullets

After some time he says 'Some things you get used to you know Abbey such as seeing corpses But you never get used to the killings,' and shakes his head

You know, Abbey he says as usual 'I pity the kids here. You know what? Kids don't give a damn about who is ANC or Inkatha or who governs the country

The vehicle comes to a sudden stop 'Sec, Abbey' says Schoeman pointing outside that trench there?

Harrauld comes in "If someone was getting killed there we wouldn't be able to drive across that trench

Schoeman elaborates "Some times they camouflage the trenches by covering the hole with a cardboard box and spreading sand on top

'You know, Abbey,' he says, as usual, 'I pity the kids here. You know what? Kids don't give a damn about who is ANC or Inkatha or who governs the country'

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'You've got to rely on your feelings Once you're suspicious you must stop,' Schoeman says

He recalls that 'at the time of the unrest' he had to drive the Nyala (code name for their vehicle), be on the look-out for traps and look around for criminal acts all at the same time

Responding to the quizzical look on my face which he is watching through the rearview mirror, Schoeman says "You get used to it"

As we drive out of the township to Sebokeng Schoeman reaches for his radio and gives a report to the base about the "quiet situation

I ask 'Sarge' Schoeman as I address him about the qualifications needed to be able to join the unit

"You've got to be versatile We screen all members of the unit when they join We check if they are medically fit and mentally stable

All my men have been screened he says, watching his silent crew sitting behind in the rearview mirror

As we drive in and out of the streets regarded as hotbeds of crime and violence Schoeman comes up with a bit of his psychology Abbey he starts again you know what a hero is? I say I don't

He responds 'Those who are scared but don't run away from fear are heroes he says Cowards are those who are scared and run away from fear he says before explaining what 'stupid' are "Those who know nothing and do nothing

At 4.15pm we are driving through Sebokeng's main road behind a fleet of minibus taxis ferrying residents home

The siren goes and goes 'Spot check!' Schoeman says to the crew The target is a taxi that has just responded to the Nyala's siren and its flashlights

Men, women and children climb out One of Schoeman's men is busy searching the taxi driver's pockets another the male passengers and others have taken up positions around the minibus

Women and children are exempted from the search



The result? They have found nothing and get back into the Nyala from which I have been watching them at work Harrauld explains 'We don't like doing it but we have to, just to make sure It is a job that needs to be done regardless of the inconvenience I know the community might not like it but it is a job we must do

Shortly afterwards Schoeman turns to me and explains why he has ordered the search of the kombi

It was full of young people you know? The self-defence unit here has a tendency to hijack taxis and man roadblocks of their own It happens very often

The leader of the Vaal Triangle Internal Stability Unit, Sergeant Teen Schoeman, chats to a woman at Sebokeng Hostel while the unit is on its daily rounds of maintaining law and order  
Pic PAT SEBOKO



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ANC slates police  
over fatal shooting  
of 'stone-thrower'  
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ROGER FRIEDMAN, Staff Reporter

THE ANC is outraged over the shooting to death by police of Mr Mkhlenke Kolisi, a man with a history of mental illness, who was found allegedly throwing stones at cars on De Waal Drive last week.

Police were called to De Waal Drive at 10 pm last Tuesday following complaints by 10 motorists that their cars were being stoned, said police liaison officer Lieutenant John Sterrenberg.

When they arrived at the scene Mr Kolisi allegedly started throwing stones at them, two stones striking their police vehicle.

The police were forced to dive for cover, Lieutenant Sterrenberg said.

In an attempt to arrest the man police fired a warning shot into the embankment separating the inward and outward lanes of the highway.

A second warning shot was fired to no avail and Mr Kolisi allegedly carried on throwing stones.

A third shot hit Mr Kolisi in the leg and a fourth shot hit him in the chest, killing him.

"This trigger-happy police behaviour has got to stop," said Mr Wilhe Hofmeyr, assistant secretary of the ANC (Western Cape).

He described the police action as "another fantastic piece of over-reaction by a police force which daily demonstrates that they have not learnt the lesson of avoiding maximum force".

"Why the police could not have found a less fatal method of stopping Mr Kolisi is a mystery.

"It is intolerable that the police should continue to adopt this policy of shoot now, ask questions later.

"We demand that the police observe the Goldstone Commission recommendation that maximum force should only be used as a last resort, and demand an immediate investigation into this, and many other, apparently senseless killings by policemen," said Mr Hofmeyr.

Mr Shorty Ntotoviyane, a boyhood friend and housemate of Mr Kolisi, said Mr Kolisi was on medication because he suffered from "fits and lost his mind sometimes".

Mr Ntotoviyane said he had arranged to take his friend's body back to Transkei for burial later this month.

He described Mr Kolisi, who has a wife and three children in Transkei, as "never being a rough man".

He is incensed that police shot Mr Kolisi dead and feels a murder charge should be laid against the policeman who fired the shot.

Police said the total damage to the 10 cars reportedly stoned by Mr Kolisi was R9 350.

# Probe ordered as <sup>(251)</sup> guilty cop rehired

CT 12/11/92

Staff Reporter

WESTERN CAPE regional commissioner of police Major-General Nic Acker has ordered a departmental investigation following the re-employment of a Stellenbosch policeman found guilty of assault

SAP liaison officer Lieutenant John Sterrenberg said the department's legal services were "looking into it" following a complaint by Stellenbosch's Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR)

On Tuesday, the Minister of Law and Order agreed to an out-of-court R12 500 settlement to Khayamandi

resident Mr J Phenduka following the 1990 assault by Sergeant M Handile, LHR regional organiser Mr Wayne Malgas said

Mr Phenduka suffered a broken jaw and injuries to his face and neck

In October 1991 Sgt Handile was sentenced to four months imprisonment, of which three months were suspended, Mr Malgas said

"Handile only served 15 days of his sentence whereafter he was released, was re-employed by the SAP and is presently stationed at Khayamandi police station in Stellenbosch," he said



Members of the covert units reveal all in their scramble for safety ...

# I know of third force — colonel

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**C**OLONEL Eugene de Kok, commander of the South African Police's notorious Vlakplaas unit, is prepared to give the National Intelligence Service (NIS) detailed information about members of the police and army involved in third force activities in exchange for indemnity

This extraordinary statement is contained in a set of top secret military intelligence documents handed to the Witwatersrand Supreme Court this week during an inquest into the murder of human rights lawyer Bheki Mlangeni in February last year

*The Weekly Mail* has information that De Kok, together with a band of other policemen and former military agents, ran a right-wing operation to destabilise the African National Congress and its supporters

Two informants who have had close dealings with De Kok and his colleagues claim this cell of rightist security force members call themselves the "Badgers". They chose the name because the badger is known for its great cunning and because it goes straight for the groin when it attacks," said one source

It has also been established that policemen from De Kok's police unit at Vlakplaas use a company called Badger Security as a front to communicate with each other by receiving and transmitting messages on a pager service

*The leader of the police's Vlakplaas unit is prepared to reveal police and army involvement in 'third force' activities — in exchange for indemnity.*

By **EDDIE KOCH**

The sources say the "Badgers" have members in Johannesburg and Pretoria and that the secret unit is made up of police officers currently employed at Vlakplaas as well as former military agents and policemen

Men alleged to be members of the Badger unit include De Kok, a member of the Vlakplaas unit called "Chappies" Kloppers as well as Staal Burger, former member of the CCB and officer at the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad

Sources allege the Badger unit is involved in the surveillance of left-wing activists as well as a range of criminal activities that include the alleged laundering of counterfeit money and vehicle theft. Its members are apparently issued with a plaque depicting the portrait of a badger when they are accepted into the unit.

The report that De Kok is prepared to reveal the activities of "third force" units — which may operate in the way that the Badgers have been described — is contained in a set of hand-written notes appended to secret documents from the

Department of Military Intelligence (DMI) which have been handed to the inquest dealing with the murder of Mlangeni

The notes are headed "items not in the report" and deal with sensitive issues that were excluded from DMI's official reports to the British government about the role that Leon Flores played in his mission to have Dirk Coetzee monitored and killed by members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary in England

They appear to have been drafted either by General CP van der Westhuizen, the chief of military intelligence, or another senior DMI officer

According to the notes, De Kok contacted an NIS agent called "Kennedy" with an offer to expose the third force network on condition that he be given immunity from prosecution

The notes add the startling suggestion that Brigadier "Krappies" Engelbrecht, a senior policeman involved in a number of sensitive political investigations, tried to suppress the probe into De Kok's role in the scheme to have Coetzee's movements monitored

Engelbrecht is De Kok's direct superior as overall commander of the Vlakplaas unit. He also worked at the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad and is an acquaintance of Staal Burger, another alleged member of the Badgers

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The DMI notes point out that a military intelligence officer gave the go-ahead for Brigadier Engelbrecht to obtain some 20 taped recordings of the Flores interrogation sessions so that De Kok's role in the incident could be investigated

"Krappies het toe nie tyd gehad nie Hy sê ons mous ons tyd (The brigadier did not have time He says we are wasting our time)," the notes say

They add that the brigadier supported De Kok's claim that he, De Kok, had given R10 000 to Flores just prior to the London mission so that this could be given to De Kok's grandmother who lives in England

Under interrogation Flores admitted that the R10 000 was to pay for costs incurred by members of the RUC while they were monitoring the movements of Coetzee Yet, according to the document, Engelbrecht suggested that the investigation into De Kok's role be curtailed

Captain Craig Kotze responded to queries about police involvement in the Coetzee debacle by saying "If any policeman is involved in a crime then that allegation will be investigated. That is the policy"

Kotze said he could not comment on the implications of a cover up contained in the MI documents "We cannot comment on that particular hearing until the magistrate has made his finding"



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# New-look policing takes off

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Six months after Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel appealed for closer co-operation between the public and police, and following a directive to station commanders to reach out to their neighbourhoods, Cape Town is well on its way to friendlier police-community relations and more efficient policing.

**TYRONE SEALE**

Weekend Argus Reporter

INSTEAD of trading blows and insults, old foes are swapping home telephone numbers and friendly asides.

These are the formative days of the South African Police — the police by and for all South Africans, as Nicro social worker and police-community relations specialist Mr Chris Ferndale puts it

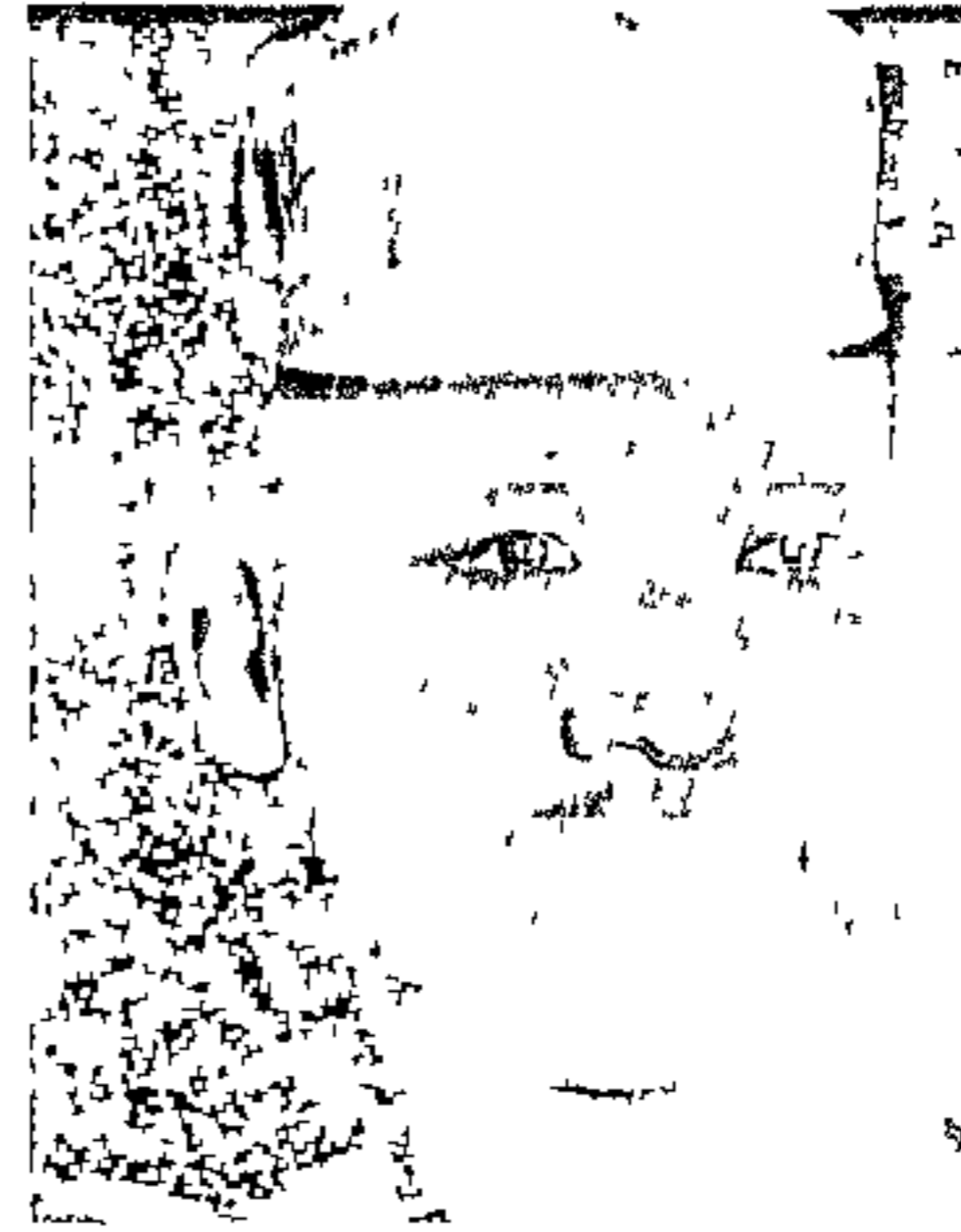
These are the days when police are not only expected to lend shoulders to cry on, but are given the chance to cry themselves. A polite knock on the station commander's door will now get the same results as the old militant march through the township. Battered women, too, can expect more than a dismissive "it's a domestic affair" from the neighbourhood policeman.

Things are different for shebeen owners, gang leaders, loiterers and other troublemakers. They can now expect appeals and, where need be, ruthless pressure from community-based protection and prevention forums.

New attitudes and strategies are being formulated at neighbourhood level. The situation has moved away from the rhetorical mudslinging and endless debate about the ability of the executors of apartheid to serve the interests of the majority of South Africans.

In Cape Town crime-prevention bodies such as neighbourhood watches have existed in white areas for many years. Now the transformation of policing is being taken up in some of the city's most violent areas — suburbs where many would advocate vigilantism above analysis and negotiation.

Areas where such progress is being made are the seven mini-



**Lugmaan "Joepie" Jochems**

suburbs served by the Manenberg police station and Hanover Park. The latter last week made headlines with the gruesome murder of a gang leader and revelations of local gangster politics.

This week the Manenberg Police Community Forum officially announced its establishment after months of talks involving the police, advice offices, civic bodies, neighbourhood watches, religious leaders, neighbourhood watches, women's groups, political organisations and Nicro.

The first move towards such a forum was made last year by community organisations demanding community-friendly policing. They marched from Heideveld to the Manenberg police station to stress the point.

In a statement this week on behalf of the Manenberg forum, Nicro's Mr Ferndale said an attempt at improved community-police relations had again been made early this year.

"In May we started working around the gangs issue. Organisations were busy with anti-drugs campaigns and other actions, but there was no co-ordination and the relations between these structures and the police were bad.

"As the community, we thought it would be good to have a democratic structure. In May, Mr Kriel sent out a directive to police for the establishment of community forums."

Also in May, during the Police Budget Vote debate in Parliament, Mr Kriel called for greater public co-operation to prevent crime, saying a simple "thank you" meant a great deal to a policeman or woman.

He said it was true that the police were trying to make the force acceptable to all South Af-

ricans — including the ANC, the Conservative Party and the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging.

He announced that an expert on creative thinking, Dr Kobus Neethling, was working with the police to "bring home at ground level to members of the force the new milieu in which we find ourselves."

He said he was aware that, for the police, the ANC had been "the enemy" until February 2, 1990.

"Now the ANC is a political role-player and we are aware that this is causing problems in the force."

Back in Manenberg, this week's meeting — a follow-up to an August 11 meeting at which local police and the community committed themselves to closer co-operation — was marked by frank criticism of police shortcomings, acknowledgments of these by the police and self-criticism by community representatives of their neglect of civic duty and support for the police.

The forum agreed to develop programmes to deal with visible policing, family violence and wife-battering. Also included were the re-education of the community and police about policing, gangsterism at schools and in the community at large, and witness protection strategies.

The forum committee will have access to the Manenberg police station to inspect cells and assess the day-to-day running of the station.

In Hanover Park the local Community Action Group met this week. It comprises the police, the advice office, taxi organisations, the civic association, Nicro, health workers and the ANC interim committee.

Closed to the Press, the meeting discussed the implications of the killing two weekends ago of Young Americans gang leader Lugmaan "Joepie" Jochems, allegedly by members of the Back Street Kids.

Weekend Argus has learned from an informed source that the Young Americans are planning to expand their influence and drugs market in Hanover Park by cracking down on smaller gangs in the area.

It was likely that these gangs would form a temporary alliance to prevent expansion of the already dominant Young Americans.

On Sunday church services in Hanover Park will be devoted to praying for peace in the township.

A peace march through the area is being planned for the end of November under the Community Action Group banner.

# Cops 'employ criminals'

SOUTH 14/11-18/11/92  
by Diane Coetzer

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of R12 500 in the matter

**L**AWYERS for Human Rights have accused the police of harbouring convicted criminals among its ranks

The accusation arises out of the re-employment of a Stellenbosch policeman, Sergeant Matthews Handile, who was found guilty of assaulting a township resident

Handile was convicted after he broke the jaw of Khayamandi resident, Mr Johnson Phenduka, and caused other injuries to his face and neck.

He was sentenced to four months imprisonment of which three months were suspended for three years

Handile served only 15 days of his sentence before he was released. He has been re-employed and is presently stationed at the Khayamandi police station

On Tuesday, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hernus Kriel, reached an out-of-court settlement

Regional organiser of Lawyers for Human Rights, Mr Wayne Malgas, said cases like this do not build public confidence in the police force "when the police are prepared to employ convicted criminals to enforce the law"

"This sends a clear message to the public that the SAP is prepared to tolerate unlawful acts by its members," he said

Malgas said it was also pertinent that the presiding officer in the case, while not issuing an order in this regard, had placed on record his opinion that Handile was not fit to carry a firearm

"It is unacceptable that the policeman has been re-employed in the same community in which he committed the crime"

The organisation has written to SAP Regional Commissioner, General Nic Acker, objecting to the re-employment of Handile and asking for the situation to be rectified

A spokesperson for the police said he was looking into the matter

**In the arms of the law** (25)

THE police have paid R381 265 in reward money for 2 294 illegal firearms recovered so far this year, the SAP disclosed on Friday.

Among these weapons were 338 AK-47 rifles, 876 shotguns and 455 pistols.

Another R10 000 was paid for information leading to the discovery of three arms caches, police said.

From January 3 to October 29, 173 persons were prosecuted for illegal possession of AK-47 rifles.



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# Boipatong tapes <sup>(25)</sup> erased 'on purpose'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — An investigation by British government experts has found that the Boipatong tapes may have been "hurriedly and deliberately erased with the object of obscuring the contents".

Details of the findings are scheduled to be made public today by the Goldstone Commission. They were released on Friday to the SA Police's legal advisers to enable the police to consider their response.

It is understood that the police have angrily questioned the validity of the British findings. Police told the Goldstone inquiry the recordings had accidentally been wiped clean.

The tapes in question were those which recorded radio communications between police in the field and the Vereeniging internal stability unit on the night of the June 17 massacre.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**R400 000 for arms**

POLICE paid out almost R400 000 in rewards this year for the recovery of 4 470 firearms between January and the end of October

The SAP, which pays up to R6 000 for information leading to the recovery of an AK-47 rifle, said 338 AK-47s had been collected and 173 people prosecuted for unlawful possession of firearms

Rewards included R193 000 paid out for the AK-47s, R36 000 for 876 shotguns, R83 860 for 455 ordinary calibre pistols, and R59 000 for 228 ordinary calibre revolvers R10 000 was paid following the discovery of three arms caches

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# ANC supports probe into all armed forces

ANC official Mac Maharaj said on the SABC's Agenda programme last night that the ANC supported the investigation of Umkhonto we Sizwe and all other "armed formations" as recommended by the UN.

He said government had not shown a similar commitment to an impartial investigation of the SADF, SAP and KwaZulu Police

The ANC would decide whether government was negotiating in good faith based on the response to the Goldstone commission's revelations of a covert campaign to undermine the ANC undertaken by Military Intelligence (MI), Maharaj said

He said the question of whether or not government's chief negotiator Roelf Meyer was aware of this campaign would not dictate the ANC's attitude to talks with government

President F W de Klerk's response to the Goldstone report was "unfortunate" and he should have accepted its recommendation immediately that its powers be extended, said Maharaj.

Meyer said on the same programme that government supported in principle the Goldstone commission's recommendation that its powers be extended, but would need more details on the issue before a decision was reached

Inkatha national chairman Frank Mdlalose said yesterday Inkatha would support investigations to expose MI efforts to undermine the ANC.

But Mdlalose defended the KwaZulu Police, saying while the force would not object to specific allegations being investi-

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gated, it would oppose "a fishing expedition launched in respect of an entire police force consisting of thousands of members"

Sapa reports that the SACP called for the sacking of the former and present Defence Ministers, Meyer and Gene Louw, as well as top leaders in the military and police

Those to be dismissed should include SA Defence Force Head Gen "Kat" Liebenberg, Chief of the Army Lt-Gen Georg Meiring and Police Commissioner, Maj-Gen Johann van der Merwe - all of whom the SACP alleged were the "masterminds of a government low-intensity war against the mass democratic movement".

Azapo said government had to resign immediately because of Goldstone's disclosures

Azapo publicity secretary Strini Moodley said. "De Klerk cannot hide any longer behind the tired cliché, 'We did not know'"

The CP said De Klerk, as SADF commander-in-chief, should assume responsibility for any irregular SADF acts

The CP lamented the fact that the Goldstone commission had brought the integrity of SADF chief Gen Kat Liebenberg and Army chief Gen Georg Meiring into question by insinuating that Meiring's statements on MK were questionable.

The SA Council of Churches (SACC) said it was appalled at government's "blustering responses" to the "many recent revelations of corruption and falsehood".

## Police chief takes issue with Goldstone

PRETORIA - Judge Richard Goldstone has come under fire from SAP Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe, who said yesterday the police had been prejudiced by his commission.

Goldstone had indicated that a witness brought before the commission by the SAP was the initial link in providing clues to an MI role in covert operations.

Van der Merwe said the witness had been presented

to disprove allegations made by a Mozambican army deserter that he was paid by the SAP to commit acts of violence.

He said claims that former MI agent Ferdi Barnard had gained access to the SAP Criminal Bureau's computer system had as yet not been established. Police had not been given an opportunity to do so, or to respond

He took issue with Goldstone's comment that police had been "singularly unsuccessful in apprehending the culprits responsible for thousands of political murders"

When untested allegations were presented so that they were perceived as facts, it contributed to a false perception that the SAP was unwilling or unable to perform its task, he said. - Sapa

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# 'Police not given chance to test <sup>(251)</sup> allegations'

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The Argus Political Staff reports.

**T**HE Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, said today that it was regrettable that the police had not been given the opportunity to present evidence to the Goldstone Commission or to test allegations made before it

General Van der Merwe said that, as far as the witness who was presented by the police was concerned, the purpose of presenting him was to prove that allegations made to Vrye Weekblad on October 30 by Mr Joao Alberto Cuna, a deserter from the Mozambiquan Army, were false and to refute his claim that he was paid by the police to commit certain acts of violence

During questioning by the commission facts came to light which led to the discovery of the Military Intelligence operational centre

On the claim that the computer system of the Criminal Bureau of the police was accessed by Ferdi Barnard and his team, the police were not given an opportunity to establish whether this was true or to respond to this allegation.

Referring to the judge's comment that the police "have been singularly unsuccessful in apprehending the culprits responsible for thousands of political murders over the past couple of years", General Van der Merwe said such a statement could fuel the perception that the police were unwilling or incapable of solving such crimes

It also contradicted the judge's own view "that the morale of the police is being jeopardised on a daily basis by verbal and physical attacks on its members".

The chairman should take note that in the past four months 1 241 arrests had been made in connection with 251 cases in which 517 people were killed in political violence

Since the beginning of 1991, 1 704 AK47 rifles and 2 802 revolvers and pistols had been seized

Since July 1 last year, 16 691 cases of illegal possession of firearms were investigated which resulted in 13 146 prosecutions.

The case of unlawful possession of an Uzi machinegun, referred to by the commission chairman, which was investigated by the police, was remanded on request of the defence to February 17 next year for the purpose of applying for indemnity.

With reference to the IFP marches in Johannesburg and Durban where dangerous weapons were displayed, as far as the Johannesburg march was concerned, the matter was still being investigated and the case docket would be submitted to the Attorney-General.

With regard to the Durban march, certain contraventions of the law were investigated and the docket presented to the senior public prosecutor who declined to prosecute. This matter was being investigated further

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# Police chief slams Judge Goldstone

■ Black organisation call for elections  
for a new government:

By Themba Molefe  
Political Reporter

Sowetan 18/11/92

COMMISSIONER of Police General Johan van der Merwe yesterday launched a stinging attack on the Goldstone Commission's revelations of police involvement in under-hand activities

Van der Merwe complained that the commission did not give the police a chance to present their side before revealing details of a secret SADF project.

"In regard to the chairman's (Goldstone's) comment that the South African Police 'have been singularly unsuccessful in apprehending the culprits responsible for thousands of political murders over the past couple of years', I wish to point out that such a statement could fuel the perception that the police are unwilling or incapable of solving such crimes.

He said the commission should take note of the successes the police had achieved in solving crimes of political violence. During the past four months 1 241 arrests were made in connection with 251 cases in which 517 people were killed in political violence.

In a dramatic twist to the secret SADF unit saga, Goldstone last night said the commission had found documents which implied that former Defence Minister Roelf Meyer knew of the employment of Barnard were false.

Meanwhile, black liberation movements yesterday called for an election for a constituent assembly following the commission's revelations.

African National Congress spokesman Mr Joel Netshitenze said the revelations were just a tip of the iceberg. "We have said all along that the Government was the obstacle to a speedy transition. These revelations now make for the acceleration of elections for a constituent assembly and an interim government."

Pan Africanist Congress director of publicity Mr Waters Toboti said the solution to the "endless revelations" of corruption would come with the election of a constituent assembly and transitional authority.

The Azanian Peoples Organisation said the Government should resign immediately. Publicity secretary Mr Strini Moodley said, "Mr De Klerk cannot hide any longer behind the tired cliché 'We did not know'," said Moodley.

Inkatha Freedom Party national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose called for the disbandment of MI operations.

"I feel flabbergasted that a government can act in that manner. I feel terrible that there could be plans organised by a government to use a confirmed murderer, a criminal, against any political people or party," he said.

President FW de Klerk said last night the Cabinet would meet today to discuss the Goldstone report.

## Security forces welcome SDU plan

A JOINT SA Police and SADF statement has welcomed the envisaged "code of conduct" for Self Defence Units in the townships. *CIPres 22/11/92*

"This may even prevent SDU and MK members shooting members of their own ANC/SACP-Cosatu alliance, thinking that they're policemen," the statement said.

The statement said the perpetrators of violence, unlike the se-

curity forces, are "AK-47 wielding, uncontrollable, undisciplined, protection-money-taking groups launching their cowardly attacks from behind women and children".

The statement said the ANC had, however, conveniently failed to address the issue of the 194 policemen killed this year.

It said the ANC had failed to address the issues of:

■ MK/ANC members arrested

in the Vaal for illegally being in possession of SAP and military uniforms, firearms, explosives and ammunition of Russian origin; (251) (SADF)

■ The ANC hindering police attempts to investigate and secure scenes of unrest-related murders and crimes; and

■ The recent acknowledgement by the ANC and Chris Hani that they cannot control elements within the SDUs.

# Warning over Soweto's cost to Joburg

ADRIAN HADLAND

THE simple amalgamation of Johannesburg and Soweto would threaten Johannesburg's economic viability, management committee chairman Ian Davidson said at the week-end.

A "quick-fix approach" to amalgamation would lead to punitive rates and tariffs increases, forcing commerce and industry to relocate, he said.

"It is imperative that the Witwatersrand region continues to be financially viable if SA is to attain its economic and social goals in an era of reconstruction

and nation-building," Davidson said.

In Johannesburg's audited financial report for 1991/92, Davidson called for a "fair and realistic" tax base on the Witwatersrand together with financial aid from government.

City treasurer Willie Siebert said the council was "hard pressed to balance (its) budget without passing on untenable rates and tariff increases to our residents. It is therefore unthinkable that we should have to shoulder the burden of additional expenditure in neighbouring authorities without some financial commitment from provincial or central government."

WILSON ZWANE reports that a dispute between the Soweto City Council and its employees was resolved on Friday with the council agreeing to pay the workers their 13th cheque next month.

The dispute arose on November 9 when the council informed the workers it would not be able to pay bonuses this year. According to sources, the council had told its employees that they would get their bonuses in March next year.

On Friday the council informed the workers that it had managed to raise funds from sources such as Eskom and the TPA and would pay the bonuses on December 7.

## More police for trains

MORE than 500 additional policemen were deployed on trains on the Reef from Friday as part of a new strategy to protect commuters.

Since 1990, more than 300 people have been killed in train violence and several hundred more injured.

Soweto police liaison officer Col Thiemie Halgryn said on Friday the SAP, the SADF, the SA Rail Commuter Corporation and Spoornet would participate in an effort to curb violence on trains.

Main points of the strategy were the redeployment of police, increased police visibility on trains and platforms, the searching of commuters entering and leaving stations and trains and the stopping and searching of trains at random.

Video cameras would also be installed at stations to monitor troublemakers, Halgryn said.

The strategy, which would continue after the festive season, was met with cautious approval by the ANC.

"The ANC PWV Region and its allies are in a process of studying the proposals in preparation for a meeting with the corporation and police on November 27," the ANC said in a statement.

an internal investigation into the cover-up organisation, the David Webster inquest was told on Friday.

Testifying behind closed doors at the Rand Supreme Court, Verster said now retired Military Intelligence chief Badenhorst hit him after he (Verster) refused to leave his own office at the CCB's secret headquarters in early 1990.

Sunday newspapers reported that Verster said shortly after Badenhorst had been appointed to lead an internal investigation into the CCB, he told him "General, I don't trust you and you must know that."

The hearing on Friday was held in camera and journalists were not allowed in. "Because I did not want to play along, Badenhorst tried to chase me out of my own office. I said that it was my office and I stayed seated."

He then got up and, in front of (SAP Brigadier) Krappes Engelbrecht and (CCB administration officer) Christo Brits, assaulted me," Verster said.

He further told Judge Michael Stegmann that the then SADF chief Gen Jannie Geldenhuis had said in January 1990 that President F W de Klerk had given an assurance that there would be no "witch-hunt" over the operations of the CCB.

The then Defence Minister Magnus Malan had been told that the CCB had information about the gunning-down of Wis-

ster told the inquest.

Both Badenhorst and Engelbrecht had been told about Barnard's alleged involvement in the Webster murder, Verster reportedly said.

Verster was the third witness at the inquest this week who claimed that Badenhorst had been told that Barnard had confessed to the killing of Webster.

CCB information officer Derrick Louw and Barnard's handler, Lafras Luntingh, both told the court about the alleged confession.

SUSAN RUSSELL reports that Verster's appearance followed a warrant for his arrest issued almost three weeks ago after he defied a subpoena to be in court to testify on November 2 and went abroad instead.

Stegmann had earlier granted a request by Verster's counsel, Jurie Wessels, to allow his client to testify in camera in order to protect his identity.

Wessels submitted a statement by Verster on November 2 in which he apologised for his non-appearance, but said he was forced to keep appointments overseas to wind up various CCB matters.

Lawyers said the judge had indicated on Friday that he would wait until he had made a finding in the inquiry before deciding what action to take over Verster's non-appearance earlier this month.

## Call to act now on education

THE Institute of Personnel Management says a national education forum should be established as soon as possible.

In its report, A National Human Resources Strategy, the institute says SA should not wait for a new political dispensation before it reforms its education system. To get reform going, a national education forum — including representatives of business, education, labour, employers, professional and civic associations — should be formed.

Such a forum would give birth to a multiparty national education and development council, which would pinpoint skills required for future economic growth.

The institute proposes that subsidisation of educational institutions be replaced by a national loan scheme which would encourage students to follow technical and scientific routes rather than pursue academia.

The institute also advocates greater interaction between universities, technicians, technical colleges and correspondence colleges. "A single-stream system should be introduced to allow students to move horizontally," this will enable a technical college student to further his education at technician or university level without being penalised for the years already spent in another educational institution.

A national accreditation board would have to be established to set minimum standards and monitor implementation of the single-stream system.

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## Police deny MK infiltration

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Police yesterday reject-  
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# Police tried to infiltrate our region - ANC

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■ **IDENTITY REVEALED** Woman involved

could be the one police are looking for: (SAP)

**P**OLICE were yesterday searching for a woman suspected of stealing police identity documents. The ANC alleges that a female member of the security forces made an attempt to infiltrate their Northern Transvaal region.

The SAP, however, claim that she is not a security force employee and that certain identity documents were stolen from a police sergeant.

Police yesterday rejected as "ridiculous" allegations that security force elements were trying to infiltrate the ANC Northern Transvaal region.

"The whole thing is a load of hogwash. We are not interested in the ANC. The ANC is a lawful organisation and not considered to be the enemy," said SAP spokesman Lt-Colonel Ray Harrald.

The ANC branch, in an earlier statement, claimed a woman had approached them on Oct 21, requesting to join the ANC's military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK).

The ANC claimed the woman was a sergeant in the police force and had been in contact with "askaris" - ANC cadres "turned" by State agents.

The ANC region said its investigations "revealed" the woman was a sergeant in the SAP. The statement gave her alleged force number and claimed she was appointed a sergeant on December 1 1990, in Pretoria North. She provided the ANC with false addresses.

Harrald yesterday said police were looking for the woman mentioned by the ANC in connection with a theft charge as they suspected she stole police identity documents.

The police said the woman was an acquaintance of a police sergeant, who had provided her with accommodation.

The sergeant last saw her on October 4, whereafter she discovered that her appointment documents were missing.

The colonel confirmed that the police force number belonged to the sergeant - Sapa.

# 'Cop posed as ANC leader'

Staff Reporter

A POLICE informer posing as the head of an ANC self-defence unit organised two attacks which caused the deaths of 19 people in Thokoza last year, the Goldstone Commission has found

The report found that Mr Mncugi Ceba, who was the leader of a self-defence unit (SDU) in September 1991, organ-

ised the ambush of a march by hostel dwellers which killed 16

According to a report in a Sunday newspaper yesterday, Mr Ceba also led a violent coup by the Phola Park SDU to oust the Phola Park Residents' Committee. Three members were subsequently assassinated

The technique of using people like Mr Ceba in criminal activi-

ties tied in with suggestions Ferdi Barnard made to Military Intelligence (MI) last year which MI claimed it never adopted, the report noted

The commission has forwarded some of its findings to the attorney-general

Police spokesman Col Ray Harrauld said yesterday a statement would be issued only after the report had been studied

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# NEWS FEATURE South Africans have a four-fold task in ending minority rule ● Cops killed

## 201 policemen killed

By Sontsi Maseko <sup>Sowetan</sup> 23/11/92 ■ Attacks politically motivated: <sup>251</sup>

A TOTAL of 201 policemen - the highest figure ever recorded in the country - have been killed so far this year, according to a police spokesman

Addressing a Sowetan-sponsored conference attended by media planners, Brigadier Frans Malherbe said police were still regarded as political enemies by some sectors in the black community  
Most of the policemen were killed in the Witwatersrand area and Natal

Malherbe said most of the violence towards policemen was politically inspired and this factor had a detrimental effect on sound police and community relations

"The killings of policemen have taken on alarming proportions. There can be no justification for the killing of any human being regardless of the fact that he is a policeman or not," he said

He said the police would change their approach from being a police force to a police service

# SA team to study French policing

JUDGE Richard Goldstone has been asked by the French government to organise a team of ANC, Inkatha and police officials to study public order policing methods in France

A well-placed source said the group, which would include representatives of other political players, would probably visit France in February

The SA Police had

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broken out of international isolation, with visits to the UK and the Netherlands also possible in the coming months, the source said

Yesterday, a group of 20 police, ANC and Inkatha representatives returned from an Idasa-organised tour of Danish police institutions

Idasa official Ivor Jen-

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kins said four members had established common ground and had agreed on the need for a new police system under multiparty control

Vaal internal stability unit head Brig Joop Venter, one of nine policemen on the tour, said SA could learn from Danish regional police investigation boards, which investigated police misconduct

# Ex-Koevoet cop 'intended injury'

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Staff Reporter

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A FORMER Koevoet officer in command of a riot unit in Robertson ordered teargas fired into a packed community hall, blocked the main exit and ordered his men to open fire, wounding 115 people with deliberate intent, the state alleged yesterday

State advocate Mr C A Cilliers was presenting the prosecution case in the Worcester Regional Court trial of Warrant Officer Dirk Calitz, 31, on charges of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm

WO Calitz has pleaded not guilty, but admits ordering his men to fire teargas into the packed Robertson Community Hall in April 1990 after hundreds of residents gathered to discuss soaring rents

He also admits ordering his men to open fire with birdshot and rubber bullets on the fleeing crowd but claims this was done in self-defence when a mob armed with chairs and bottles tried to attack police

Noting that no police were injured, Mr Cilliers alleged WO Calitz had himself created the situation where people were shot.

The trial was postponed to February 19

# Police fired at residents in self-defence, court told

VUSI KAMA, Staff Reporter

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THE advocate for former Koevoet bushfighter, Warrant Officer Dirk Calitz, has told Worcester Regional Court that the policeman and his charges shot at a group of Robertson residents in self defence, amid chaos after a community meeting

Giving his final argument yesterday, Mr Dirk Uys said the residents stormed out of the hall at Ncqubela township after the police threw tear-gas into it when they found furniture was being broken

The advocate said police realised their lives were in danger as the residents moved out of the hall, attacking them.

The prosecutor, Mr C Cilliers, said the police shot at the residents without any provocation

APR 25/11/92  
The state alleges that Warrant Officer Calitz threw teargas and ordered policemen under his command to shoot rubber bullets, teargas and birdshots at the fleeing crowd on Wednesday, April 11, 1990

It is alleged that he earlier gave the order to throw teargas through the hall's window. Mr Uys also told the court that Warrant Officer Calitz gave orders to fire after the crowd started attacking the police.

More than 90 people were injured in the incident, the court was told

The court also heard that residents were meeting to discuss local issues when the chaos broke out.

The hearing was postponed until February 11 and Warrant Officer Calitz is out on warning. He is charged with assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm

# 'Trojan Horse' appeal fails

BLOEMFONTEIN — The Appeal Court here has found that had certain evidence been admitted in the so-called "Trojan Horse" trial, it might well have influenced the conduct of the defence's case

The Chief Justice, Mr Justice Corbett, however ruled against reopening the trial saying a new trial may not lead to a conviction and that so much time had passed, witnesses would no longer have accurate recall of events

Mr Justice Corbett, found that evi-

dence that police Lieutenant Douw Vermeulen gave at the criminal prosecution that arose from the stone-throwing incident in Thornton Road, Athlone, in 1985, would have made a considerable evidential impact

The evidence should have been admitted at the private prosecution of Lieutenant Vermeulen and 12 other police officers and men, as a result of the deaths of Shaun Magmoed, 16, and two others, who were shot by security force members concealed in a lorry

STAR 26/11/92.

# 205 policemen give lives

Crime Reporter (251)

The fact that 205 policemen have already been killed in the line of duty this year was described yesterday as a "disgraceful and contemptible state of affairs"

The strongly worded Government statement was prompted by the deaths of three policemen this week

On Monday, one policeman

died while investigating a housebreaking in Benoni, while two others were killed manning a road block near the Transkei border in Natal

Police spokesman Brigadier Frans Malherbe said most of the record number of killings were politically motivated, and occurred on the Witwatersrand and Natal. Police were still seen as the enemy by many blacks, he said



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## Minister, cop face damages

**MARITZBURG.** — The Minister of Law and Order and a Maritzburg policeman are facing damages claims amounting to about R105 000.

Three separate applications before the Supreme Court this week claim a policeman, Mr Bhekizizwe Bhekwa, negligently shot and killed Mr Isaac Williams and injured Mr Lawrence Dlamini on May 7 last year. (251)

The applicants allege Mr Bhekwa fired when it was dangerous and inopportune to do so and without regard for the safety of other people. He also allegedly fired without warning.

The hearing continues. — Sapa CT 26/11/92

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## Cops killed 2 — evidence

Own Correspondent


PORT ELIZABETH — Fellow policemen were responsible for the deaths of a one-year-old girl and a 29-year-old man during the Northern Areas riots in 1990, a police constable told the Inquest Court here yesterday.


Constable Joseph Hendricks said "there was no doubt in his mind" police had fired shots that killed the two

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## Probe into claim of SAP violence link

A one-man commission of inquiry into a Mozambican army deserter's allegations of SAP involvement in political violence will begin its investigation today.

The committee was appointed by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone on Monday to probe claims made by Joao Cuna to Vrye Weekblad about SAP involvement in violence.  (25)

When the Commission began probing Cuna's allegations, they discovered a link to the SADF's Military Intelligence (MI) and when they raided a MI operations centre two weeks ago they confiscated files which showed the SADF had planned to subvert Umkhonto we Sizwe - Sapa 

# Rulings on 'Trojan Horse' case

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**BLOEMFONTEIN** — The Appeal Court in Bloemfontein has found that if certain evidence had been admitted in the so-called "Trojan Horse" trial, it might well have influenced the conduct of the defence case.

Chief Justice Corbett ruled that certain evidence should have been admitted at the private prosecution of Lieutenant Douw Gerbrand Prins Vermeulen and 12 other policemen, as a result of the deaths of 16-year-old Shaun Magnoed and two others, who were shot by security force members concealed in a railways lorry.

## Dismay

The court declined to order a new trial.

However, the Chief Justice said he was "left with feelings of shock and dismay at the conduct of the policemen concerned with the execution of this operation".

The private prosecution was brought by Shaun's father, Martin Stanley Magnoed, after the Cape Attorney-General had declined to

prosecute the 13 policemen

Mr Justice Corbett found that the evidence that Vermeulen gave at the criminal prosecution which arose from stone-throwing in Thornton Road, Athlone, on October 15 1985 would have made a considerable evidential impact.

Acquitted by Mr Justice D M Williamson in the Cape Supreme Court on charges of culpable homicide or murder were Colonel Pieter Janse van Rensburg (commander Western Province Unrest Unit), Major Christian Loeffel (of the then-SA Railways Police and commander of the regional unrest unit), Commandant Salmon Pienaar (commander of the SA Defence Force personnel on service in the Cape Flats unrest area), Vermeulen (of the SA Police at Belcon), War-rant-Officer Andre Swart and Sergeant James Sayer (SA Railways Police — SARP, Bellville), Sergeant Frank van Niekerk and Sergeant Jacobus Burger (SAP, Cape Town), Sergeant Albertus Myburgh Smit and Constable Alexander Jacobus Rossel (SARP, DF Malan Airport), Constable Andre Johan Smit (SARP, Salt River), Constable

Wilhelm Karl Friedrich Puchert (SAP Cape Town), and Constable Marius du Toit (SAP, Cape Town).

The court found there were sound reasons to hold that the evidence in question was admissible, that it served the due administration of justice to do so, and that it should have been admitted.

The court found, however, that the only relief it was empowered to grant was to set aside the acquittal of Vermeulen and to order a new trial before another judge and assessors.

## New trial

Mr Justice Corbett said that, although the charges against Vermeulen were very serious, there were a number of factors that had persuaded him to exercise the court's discretion against ordering a new trial.

The original trial was a complex and lengthy one.

The events with which the case was concerned occurred about seven years ago and the recollections of eyewitnesses "must by now have dimmed considerably".

This applied to Vermeulen as well.

The Chief Justice said that when the appeal was heard he did not gain the impression that the prosecution was keen to have a new trial.

It was suggested by counsel that the court could order that the case be reopened so that the excluded evidence could be admitted and that the respondents be given the opportunity to lead further evidence, if so advised.

A new trial would involve only Vermeulen, and there was no certainty that the trial would result in a conviction.

In view of those circumstances, the judge was of the view that the discretion of the court should be exercised against an order for a new trial.

Accordingly, there was no need to set aside Vermeulen's acquittal.

Mr Justice Botha, Mr Justice F H Grosskopf and acting judges of appeal Mr Justice Nicholas and Mr Justice Kriegler concurred.

In the judgment Mr Justice

Corbett said there was one general observation he wished to make.

"Having read the evidence in this case, and particularly having several times viewed the video film, I am left with feelings of shock and dismay at the conduct of the policemen concerned with the execution of this operation

## Excessive

"Even on the respondents' own version, their reaction to the situation in which they found themselves was, in my view, grossly excessive

Moreover, as the trial court found, there were 'strong indications' of the common purpose to act illegally alleged by the prosecution

"Another court may well have concluded that these strong indications, taken in conjunction with the failure by the accused to enter the witness box, were cogent enough to secure the conviction of the respondents, or some of them," said Mr Justice Corbett — Sapa

# 'Cops stalled death probe'

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JOHANNESBURG — The "unforgivably lethargic attitude" of policemen investigating the death of African National Congress lawyer Mr Bhekí Mlangeni had effectively sabotaged the possibility of his murderers being brought to account, lawyers argued in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday

He was killed in 1991 when a cassette player he received in the post exploded when he turned it on to listen to a tape

In their closing arguments, advocates appearing for the Mlangeni family, the SADF, the SAP and the state in the inquest argued before Mr Justice B O'Donovan that the court had to find his death was caused by an unknown person or persons

Mr Gys Rautenbach, appearing for the Mlangeni family, asked the judge to admonish the police for their poor investigation. A proper investigation could have led to dramatically different findings, he said

## ANC man's murderers not caught

Aspects of the investigation criticised by Mr Rautenbach included

- The Vlakplaas base had been visited once three months after Mr Mlangeni had died, even though investigating officer Captain Andre Kritzinger conceded Mr Coetzee's former colleagues could have had a motive

- Captain Kritzinger had warned Vlakplaas officials of his impending "surprise" visit

- He did not compile a list of possible suspects because he did not have proof any Vlakplaas policeman was involved

- He had deliberately misled an independent forensic specialist, Dr David Klatzow, thus destroying a safeguard in a matter where policemen investigated other policemen

- Captain Wal du Toit's police laboratory, which might have provided clues concerning the explosives used, was only visited three months after the explosion

Mr Etienne du Toit, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, said the documents suggesting Vlakplaas policemen might have been involved were inadmissible since they were not affidavits

The state, represented by Mr H Broodryk and Mr J Neveling, said "no expense was deemed too costly" in the police investigation

Mr Anton Mostert, SC, for the SADF, said the Defence Force had only become involved when Mr Flores and MI agent Ms Pamela du Randt were called to give evidence. He asked the judge to exonerate the SADF

Judgment was reserved — Sapa



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## PROCLAMATION

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No. R. 135, 1992

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POLICE SECOND AMENDMENT ACT, 1992  
(ACT No 118 OF 1992)

### COMMENCEMENT

Under section 2 of the Police Second Amendment Act, 1992 (Act No 118 of 1992), I hereby determine **1 December 1992** as the date on which all the provisions of the said Act, shall come into operation

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria on this Twentieth day of November, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety-two

**F. W. DE KLERK,**

State President

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet

**H. J. KRIEL,**

Minister of the Cabinet

## PROKLAMASIES

*van die*

*Staatspresident*

*van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika*

No. R. 135, 1992

TWEEDE POLISIEWYSIGINGSWET, 1992  
(WET No 118 VAN 1992)

### INWERKINGTREDING

Kragtens artikel 2 van die Tweede Polisiewysigingswet, 1992 (Wet No 118 van 1992), bepaal ek **1 Desember 1992** as die datum waarop al die bepalinge van genoemde Wet, in werking tree

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seel van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Pretoria, op hede die Twintigste dag van November Eenduisend Negehonderd Twee-en-negentig

**F. W. DE KLERK,**

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**H. J. KRIEL,**

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**T**HE readers of *The Weekly Mail* are no doubt aware of the less than cordial relationship which has existed over the years between *The Weekly Mail* and the South African Police. It is unlikely that they would have read many positive stories about the police in this tabloid and consequently it should come as no surprise that we are under a firm conviction that *The Weekly Mail* has been conducting a campaign to try and discredit the South African Police.

Over the years, the South African Police Public Relations Division has built up a good working relationship with most of the media. On a personal and professional level, sound relationships exist. However, due to the obvious anti-police agenda followed by certain newspapers, relationships became soured. Whilst the South African Police has generally welcomed constructive criticism, most of the reports by these newspapers have been destructive by nature.

The South African Police does not expect any newspaper to be "pro-police" or only to write positively about the police. All we ask is that the media remain objective and practise fair and balanced journalism. Surely it is only ethical to obtain the other party's point of view when adverse allegations are made against that party.

A problem which we have experienced with certain newspapers (including *The Weekly Mail*) is that the South African Police is given little or no time to respond to lengthy enquiries. The result is that pages of allegations discrediting the police are carried with little or no comment from the police.

A case in point was the so-called exposé of the police "safe-houses" in the Vaal triangle. After some four to five months of investigations, the police were given about four days to respond to lengthy allegations (on other occasions we have been given only a day, or even hours, in which to respond to allegations).

Even after the Goldstone Commission found that the two men who had furnished the newspaper with the information regarding the safe-houses (and other allegations) were liars, the newspaper still refused to accept the finding and criticised the one-man commission (they claim that it is their right to do so). However, the police don't own a newspaper and even if they issue a news media statement, newspapers can decide whether or not to publish it or they can use it selectively. Thus, whilst most people will agree that there must be press freedom, surely there must be a limit

# Why are you so nasty to the SAP?

*W/M Mail 27/11-3/12/92*

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*The Weekly Mail is unfair to the police, argues MAJ-GEN LEON MELLET, spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order*

the lives of policemen, they (the SAP) are still criticised. The same critics have themselves resorted to these measures to seek redress.

As the newspaper is the medium which carries the stories, the tangible proof of improved relationships ought to be reflected in this medium.

We will continue to assist reporters in obtaining information for their stories but it is difficult only supplying them with "ammunition" with which to "shoot us". We trust that positive stories will also be carried as readers should be fully informed.

In conclusion, this police force is here to stay — adapting constantly to changing circumstances. It can be to nobody's benefit for the South African Police to be constantly denigrated. Should any of our members err, we will ensure that disciplinary steps are taken. It is unfair, however, that the entire police force should be vilified.

The South African Police is already performing a difficult and thankless task under strenuous and testing circumstances. As long as we are discredited by, inter alia, sections of the media, we will face an uphill battle in trying to improve and cement police-community relationships.

### THE EDITORS RESPOND:

Major-General Mellet complains that we gave the police only four days to respond to our story. By any standards, four days is a long time and an exceptional display of good faith.

Clearly, the police have not lost the unfortunate habit of blaming the media for its own problems. The major-general conveniently forgets some of the force's own contribution to poor media relations: years of lying to the press, harassing the media in the

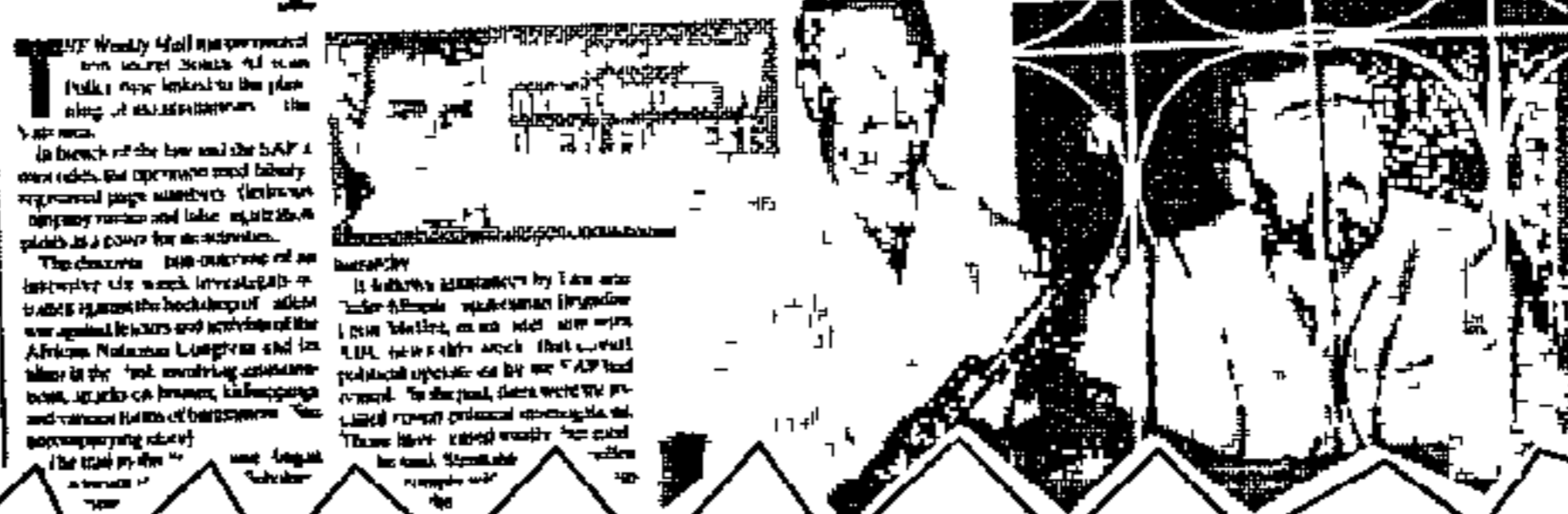
courts, detaining journalists and closing and confiscating newspapers. Not enough has been done to repair this damage and restore trust.

Improved police/press relations will not come about from our finding "friendly" stories to write about the force, it will only come from change within the South African Police.

We do run a campaign around the police force to clean it up, make it accountable to the public and help restore its lost legitimacy and trust. Maj-Gen Mellet is mistaken in dismissing this as anti-police.

Our "safe houses" story led to a commission of inquiry that pointed to the need to put these institutions under proper control. Maj-Gen Mellet should be thanking us for highlighting this problem, if he is genuinely interested in changing the force.

## The police plotters and the



to this freedom.

What the police object to is the following:

- Unsubstantiated allegations being presented as fact (as was the case with the "safe houses" story)

- Lengthy allegations being submitted so shortly before the deadline that it is impossible to furnish a meaningful reply

- Stories reflecting positively on the police being ignored or rarely being published

The police were criticised for restrictive legislation which existed (for example section 27B of the Police Act and the media Emergency regulations). However, these were repealed and generally welcomed.

However, when the police resorted to ordinary legal methods to prevent publication of an article which endangered



# Rockman down but not out

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ARG 28/11/92

■ Rebel policeman Gregory Rockman has no regrets, even if he has joined the ranks of the minibus taxi driver brigade.

## DENNIS CRUYWAGEN

Weekend Argus Political Staff

HE has lost his home, has temporarily lost his wife and his estate has been sequestrated. He was kicked out of the police force and has seen the officer who stood by him in his rebel days become South Africa's first coloured police general

But Mr Gregory Rockman, founder of South Africa's first union for policemen and prison warders, says he has no regrets . even if he lives in a world far removed from uniforms, police jargon and charges offices

He still heads the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru), but Mr Rockman is now an occasional minibus taxidriver in Port Elizabeth

It's quite a step down from being one of the most popular policemen in 1989, but, said Mr Rockman "I have no regrets I would do it all over again if I had the chance"

He added that he would only rejoin the police force once an interim government was in power

At the time he spoke out against police, Mr Rockman enjoyed the support of Mitchell's Plain station commander

Colonel John Manuel who was then — as he is today — South Africa's highest-ranking coloured policeman The two are still friends

"I saw Manuel about two weeks ago I am happy that he has become a general because he's a man of integrity and character, and his heart is in the right place," said Mr Rockman

Times are fairly tough for Mr Rockman these days

"My financial situation is not too bright I've lost a lot, but I have managed to keep my integrity I still manage to eat one meal a day"

He lives with his wife Sharleen and two children in Port Elizabeth

Formerly stationed in Mitchell's Plain, then a hotbed of political unrest, Lieutenant Rockman caused an uproar three years ago when he accused members of Cape Town's riot unit of behaving like "wild dogs"

# I'd do it all again, says yesterday's hero

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September 5 1989

**H**E LOST his home, temporarily lost his wife, had his estate sequestrated, was kicked out of the SAP and has seen the officer who stood by him in his rebel days become a general.

But Gregory Rockman, founder of South Africa's first union for policemen and prison warders, says he has no regrets.

## Ashamed

Although he still heads the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru), he drives a taxi in Port Elizabeth to make ends meet.

It's quite a step down from being one of 1989's most popular policemen. However, Rockman

insisted this week that he did not miss wearing a police uniform. He said "I have no regrets. I would do it all over again if I had the chance."

Stationed in Mitchell's Plain, then a hotbed of political unrest, Lieutenant Rockman caused an uproar three years ago when he accused members of Cape Town's riot unit of behaving like a pack of "wild dogs". He said he "was ashamed to be a policeman" after seeing riot squad members whip 30 school children and storm shoppers in Mitchell's Plain.

"I see the riot police as oppressors, not protectors. They are supposed to protect people. The riot police do as they please." He also accused unit head Major-General Phillipus Fourie

**REBEL policeman Gregory Rockman is down but far from out, even if he has joined the ranks of the minibus taxi driver brigade. DENNIS CRUYWAGEN reports.**

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of lacking "backbone".

Two riot squad policemen, Major Charles Brazelle and Lieutenant David Roos, were subsequently charged with assault. They were acquitted when Wynberg magistrate A S McCarthy found that they had not acted in bad faith against protesters on

September 5 1989  
He found that while Rockman's evidence had been contradictory, he was a good witness. Rockman was suspended from the force before being sacked.

He said he would rejoin the police force only if an interim government was in power.

"I stood up for human rights, not because I was on an ego trip. I'm happy if the country benefits from my stand. The government knows that I have been wronged but will not admit it. An interim government will do so."

When he spoke out against the police, he enjoyed the support of Mitchell's Plain station commander Colonel John Manuel, then, as he is today, South Africa's highest-ranking coloured po-

liceman. They are still friends.  
"I saw him about two weeks ago. I feel happy that he has become a general because he's a man of integrity, character and his heart is in the right place."

## Integrity

He said he would probably have been charged if Manuel had made a statement for use in a police disciplinary investigation against him. "His reward was a transfer to Soweto."

His job as head of Popcru is not a full-time one. "My financial situation is not too bright. I've lost a lot, but I have managed to keep my integrity, which is far more important than material things." "I still manage to eat one meal a day."

# The truth or your resignation

MR ABE WILLIAMS says he finds the allegations which have been made about his cheating at UWC "amusing".

"It is amusing that so many years after the event statements like these are being made," was his comment

However, teacher organisations representing members employed by the Department of Education and Culture (DEC) are not amused

Sadtu regional chairperson Ms Vivienne Carelse said if the story is true, the organisation could understand why Williams had made "anti-education proposals" to lower standards in the Department of Education and Culture

A recent circular issued by the DEC lowers the pass mark for higher grade subjects to 100 out of 400, and 75 out of 400 for subjects taken on the standard

grade  
DEC students now have to know only a quarter of the work they are taught to pass an examination

"If the claim that he cheated in his exams is true, it further vindicates our position that the man in the highest decision-making position has even less legitimacy than he purports to have," Carelse said

"It also epitomises the kind of person teachers have been dealing with.

"His latest decisions probably emanate from his fraudulent approach to his own education."

Carelse said Williams did not set a good example for students and had laid the foundation for poor educational standards in DEC schools

Sadtu rejected the lowering of standards and their members

were not prepared to implement the latest proposal.

Cape Teachers Professional Association (CTPA) president Mr Archie Vergotine said his organisation had a responsibility to protect the integrity of the teaching profession

"It is unthinkable that a man who is charged with dishonesty during his years at a tertiary institution could be at the head of education," Vergotine said.

"If there is any substance in this claim, the CTPA regards it in a very serious light. We will have no other option but to call on the Minister to tell the truth or we will call for his resignation

"We regard our profession as one of high calling and allegations like these which impact on the integrity and personality of the minister are unacceptable to the organised teaching profession"

## 'Trojan horse' judgment

By Rehana Rossouw

A FATHER'S seven-year battle for justice after the killing of his 16-year-old son was lost in the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein this week.

Mr Martin Magmoed appealed for an assessment of the judgement which acquitted policemen over killings in the "Trojan Horse" massacre. His son Shaun was killed in the incident

The death of Shaun and two other youths sparked an international outcry on October 15, 1985, when policemen hidden in crates on the back of a railways truck opened fire on alleged stonethrowers in Athlone

Seven years later, it appears the policemen involved in the incident have been exonerated

Magmoed brought a private prosecution against the com-

mander of the Western Province Unrest Unit, Colonel Pieter Janse van Rensburg; Major Christian Loedloff of the then SA Railways police, Commandant Salmon Pienaar of the SADF, Lieutenant Douw Vermeulen of the South African Police and the nine policemen who had been on the truck.

The Appeal Court considered whether it was possible to set aside the acquittal of Vermeulen and order a new trial on the basis of evidence which was not admitted during the criminal prosecution of the policemen.

On Wednesday the Chief Justice, Mr Justice Corbett, said there was no need to set aside Vermeulen's acquittal as there was no certainty that a new trial would result in a conviction.

In his judgment Mr Justice Corbett said that there was one general observation he wished to

make.

"Having read the evidence in this case, and particularly having several times viewed the video film, I am left with feelings of shock and dismay at the conduct of the policemen concerned with the execution of this operation.

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By Quentin Wilson

IS IT illegal to cross a public road to climb into your car?

Earlier this month, a disbelieving Claremont resident found this was the law as applied to black people when she was arrested and charged with loitering while crossing Newlands Mann Road to reach her car.

On her way to pick up her eight-year-old son from his Plumstead school, Mrs Gloria Hubert (not her real name) was instead taken to the Claremont police station where she was held for just under seven hours.

She alleges that she was prevented from making a telephone call to arrange a lift for her waiting son.

Although she doesn't want her real name disclosed, fearing that her son would be teased at school about

# Mother arrested for crossing a road

his mother's arrest, Hubert agreed to tell SOUTH of her ordeal

"I had just finished visiting my cousin who works in Newlands, and I was crossing the road to get to the car-park outside the public swimming pool," she said

"Before I could get to my car, a Constable Janse van Rensburg, who was seated in a white kombi on the side of the road, told me to get inside

"I explained to them that I was going to fetch my son from school. The policemen said he would have to spend the night at school because I would be in jail."

Hubert also alleges that she was assaulted by Janse van Rensburg

She said she was made to sit on the floor of the kombi and a few minutes later the policemen left the vehicle to arrest two women who were walking on the pavement

"While they were chasing those women, I sat on a seat but Janse van Rensburg kicked me on my hip, telling me I had to sit on the floor," Hubert claimed

"All the time I was thinking about my son who was waiting outside his school for me. He could have been hurt or killed because he is still very young"

Her son waited six hours for his mother to fetch him. At 8pm he eventually accepted a lift from a schoolfriend's father who helped

him trace his mother to the Claremont police station

Hubert believes she was arrested because she is black.

"The police would never treat a white woman the same way," she said, "They would also never allow a white schoolboy to be left for six hours for his mother to pick him up."

Hubert said she intended to press charges against the policemen. She was reluctant to do so at first, but decided to go ahead when Janse van Rensburg refused to apologise after she asked him to

"If he had said he was sorry, then I would have dropped the whole thing. He has left me with no

choice, I will go to the courts and let them punish him," she said.

Mr Jan van Eck, ANC member and Claremont MP, said that the arrest was "absolutely disgraceful and unbelievable".

"It is clear that there are elements within the police force who are doing everything they can to keep Africans out of traditionally white suburbs," he said

"These elements must either change their attitudes or be rooted out of the police - they are a disgrace"

Police spokesperson, Major Denise Brand, said Hubert had been warned earlier in the day not to loiter in the area

"As the case is sub judice, it would be unfair to comment any further," Brand added

## Klipplaat leads way to new SA

*CP Press 29/11/92*  
 THE ANC, AWB and Conservative Party in the Karoo town of Klipplaat are planning joint protest action to register widespread grievances against the municipality

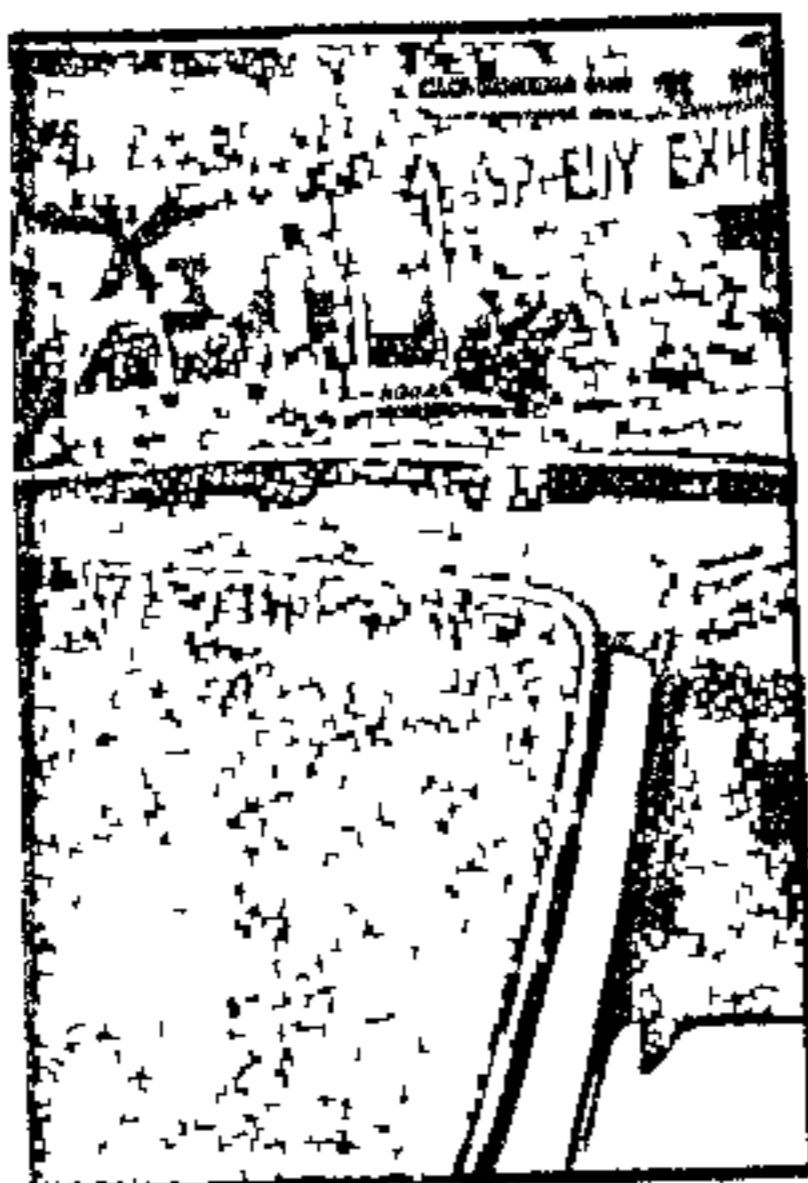
The protest march, which could see the flags of these traditional enemies flying together for the first time on Wednesday, is scheduled to coincide with the court appearance of 15 coloured families on rental arrears

charges.

"This will be the first joint action of its kind and could see the occupation of the court buildings," said Klipplaat civic leader Amos Byasi.

"Yes we will support the protest," was the response of Klipplaat AWB commander Johannes Human.

"We are trying to work out a solution for all the residents of Klipplaat and the country in general," he said. - Pen



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## Council hit list gets no from Vlok

*CP Press 29/11/92*  
 By MOSES MAMAILA

IN a dramatic disclosure this week, the Petsana Civic Association in Reitz, Free State, revealed a document asking former Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to "remove" the township's radical elements, responsible for violence and boycotts, from society.

Correspondence leaked to City Press disclosed that the white Reitz Council and the black Petsane Council held a meeting in April 1990 during which they decided to jointly apply to Vlok for permission to "remove" eight ANC-supporting individuals.

In a letter to Vlok dated May 8 1990, the councillors requested that Vlok provide the Petsana municipality police with their own station commander so municipal police could "remove" the radical elements.

The letter - which was drafted by former CP senior official, advocate CH Pienaar - also stated that the radicals had to be removed because they organised blacks in Petsana under the banner of the ANC.

In his response dated July 30 1990, Vlok refused to grant the Petsana Town Council its own station commander to facilitate the removal of the "radicals" but gave an undertaking that more police would be deployed in the area

Town clerk Harry Theron said: "We did not mean that people should be killed or made to permanently disappear from the surface of the earth"

However, one of the "lucky" eight, Joseph Makhoba, was adamant that the councillors meant to kill them.

"It was obvious that had Vlok granted them permission to remove us they would have killed us

"I must confess that we owe our lives to Vlok who played a vital role in saving us," added Makhoba

# REIMERS

## 'I was told to lay charge with cop who beat me'

By S'BU MNGADI

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A NORTHERN Natal worker who was severely assaulted by a notorious Rambo-like cop and his two colleagues at the weekend tried to lay a charge against the perpetrators . . . only to be advised to lay his charge with them!

Nduku Madela was still angry but confused at this "twisted arm of the law" this week when he telephoned City Press for advice.

Madela said he was about a kilometre from the centre of the tiny northern Natal town of Hluhluwe on November 20 at about 9 pm when a police van pulled up next to him

Three white policemen - one he recognised as Sgt Wally Reimers - wanted to know what he was doing in town at that time of the night

"I told them I was walking to nearby Ilala Weavers - where I am renting a room. But even before I had finished my sentence, Reimers started hitting me with fists and open hands and kicking me. His two colleagues also joined in

"I was and still am totally confused about what I had done wrong," the filling station worker said.

They threw him in the back of the police van and drove to the Hluhluwe

SAP station. With his head locked tightly under Reimers's strong right arm, he was dragged into the charge office, much to the surprise of other policemen inside.

"Again, Reimers repeatedly assaulted me in full view of other policemen. This must have lasted for about three minutes, and when he had reduced me to his punch-bag, he told a Sergeant Diamini to drive me home, which he did," Madela said.

He was bleeding profusely from the nose and mouth but was driven home in that state

### White cops

The following morning Madela went to the police station to lay a charge of assault against Reimers and the two unidentified officers. However, black policemen at the charge office allegedly told him they had never before opened a docket against fellow policemen - and white ones for that matter.

"Sergeant Fakude told me to wait while he called Reimers on a two-way radio. Fakude returned and told me to wait as Reimers would soon be at the police station to take down my statement.

"When I insisted that a policeman other than

Reimers and his co-suspects take down my statement, the policemen said they could not help me," Madela told City Press.

He then left the police station, convinced that relief did not lie with the Hluhluwe police station.

At work his employer's son, Michael Openshaw, took him to a doctor who advised him to make a statement to a lawyer

Hluhluwe SAP branch commander W/O G Jacobs said he was unaware of the incident as it had not been recorded and entered in the Occurrence Book.

Jacobs advised Madela to make a statement to a lawyer or police station of his choice. The policeman also told the complainant to come and see him. "He must not tell the policemen at the front what it's in connection with, in case they turn him back again," Jacobs added

Madela's encounter with local policemen followed another "unprovoked" bashing of a minibus taxi by a white police reservist driving a van on October 24 this year, locals claimed

In this case Reimers again allegedly refused to open a docket of malicious damage to property against the police reservist

# Murder of six policemen condemned

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By Anna Louw  
East Rand Bureau 1/12/92.

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Police have condemned the brutal murders of six policemen on the East Rand, Natal and Vaal Triangle at the weekend which have increased the death toll of policemen who have died violently this year to 207

A spokesman for the police directorate of public relations in Pretoria yesterday said last year's figure totalled 145

Substantial rewards are

being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers

In the weekend attacks

● East Rand Constable P K Mathala (29) was shot dead while on duty at the Olifantsfontein charge office on Sunday

● Also on the East Rand, Daveyton assistant Constable Pieter Sothoane was stoned by about 60 men when he went to visit his brother in the Chris Hami squatter camp at 9 am on Sunday A man was arrested

● Sergeant M J Modise (41) was gunned down by two men with AK-47 rifles when he arrived at his Tsakane home on the East Rand on Sunday

● In Evaton in the Vaal Triangle Constable G J Mofokeng was shot when gunmen sprayed a house with gunfire on Friday night Two people were injured

● In Mariannhill, near Pine-town, in Natal Constable Hlela Nhamhe (27) and a friend, Langalkhe Ngcobo (22), were fatally wounded in the head on Sunday

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**Popcru 'boils':**  
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**Call to mediate**

THE Western Cape Regional Dispute Resolution Committee has been asked to mediate between Popcru and the Department of Correctional Services amid fears that frustrated Popcru members could turn to armed violence to draw attention to their grievances. (25)

"Things are boiling in Popcru (Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union)," a senior source in Popcru said in Cape Town this week. — Sapa (25)

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# War-weary Alexandra picks up the pieces

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IN ALEXANDRA's streets where political rivals fought pitched battles nine months ago they now work side-by-side to clean up their township

And in a township where about 60% of the 360 000 residents are unemployed, volunteer cleaners are only too happy to do the back-breaking work for a mere R8 a day, Sapa reports

In March, Alexandra erupted into an orgy of violence which saw tens of people killed and hundreds left homeless when hostel dwellers loyal to the Inkatha Freedom Party clashed with township residents rallying under the banner of the ANC Now, although there is still animosity among political groupings, peace is returning to Alexandra

"People on the ground are speaking to one another and finding a new common vision of the future," says township interim crisis committee chairman Brian Wegerle

The crisis committee, set up in April, functions as a local dispute resolution body under the national peace accord with representatives of the ANC, Inkatha, Democratic Party, National Party, churches, business and the SADF

Crisis committee member Dean Yates said Alexandra residents were suffering from "war-weariness" "People want

peace They do not want to kill anymore"

Wegerle believes eight months of intense work by the crisis committee is bearing fruit "The situation has improved tremendously," agrees L C Khoza, Inkatha's representative on the committee

A complete social reconstruction and new development plan for the township, which borders Johannesburg's plush northern suburbs, is envisaged Some R3,5m has been allocated for reconstruction in the "Beirut" area, scene of much of the fighting near Alexandra's migrant hostels where houses were broken to the ground

WILSON ZWANE reports the crisis committee yesterday announced its reconstruction strategy It has set itself the task of

- Reconciling polarised groups and creating a climate of tolerance and trust,
- Eliminating political, social and economic conditions which undermined peace,
- Fully communicating the principles of the national peace accord, and
- Forging a competent and commonly agreed socio-economic reconstruction and development processes which make the best use of all the available resources

The crisis committee has appointed four task groups to deal with development, communications, security and relief

## Police, ANC closer on trains strategy

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LLOYD COUTTS (251)

THE SA Police and the ANC had moved closer to agreement on measures to contain train violence, both parties said yesterday

A delegation of community organisations — the ANC's PWV region, the SACP PWV region and the SA Railway and Harbour Workers' Union — met the SA Rail Commuter Corporation and police yesterday to discuss new security force measures to curb violence on commuter trains

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the delegation welcomed police efforts which included searches at stations, random searches of trains and closed circuit television monitoring

SAP liaison officer Lt-Col Dave Bruce said police had expressed their difficulties in dealing with train violence

"We expressed our views regarding policing problems, the tripartite alliance stated its problems regarding policing, and we came to some understanding of each other's problems We've got a long way to go but we are all working towards the same objective"

Bruce said the major problems facing police were community participation and intimidation

Two Commonwealth observers attended the meeting, and delegates agreed to the involvement of observers from the Goldstone commission, the national peace accord and the UN at future meetings

Sapa reports that the Human Rights Commission (HRC) said in Johannesburg yesterday at least 14 security force members had died in political violence in the past week

This represented a "startling" escalation in attacks on the security forces, the human rights watchdog said in its weekly Repression Report

Overall, the HRC said, 74 people had died and 128 others had been injured in the violence for the week November 25 to October 1, a sharp escalation from the 45 deaths recorded the previous week

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# Top UK cop sees SAP 'swing to community'

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Staff Reporter

THERE is a strong swing in the South African Police towards providing a community-friendly service based on close communication with the public, according to Mr Peter Stevens, a chief superintendent with the London Metropolitan Police

He said this had become evident in his discussions with several high-ranking SAP officers

Mr Stevens, the senior community relations official at Scotland Yard, is one of 40 Commonwealth observers on violence in South Africa

The recent establishment of the SAP Community Relations Department and several Peninsula community forums are seen as evidence of a swing to community policing

Mr Stevens said that "in London

over the past 10 years there has been a major shift from a police force concerned only with law enforcement to an accountable police service that understands the community"

"The SAP needs to work on its ability to communicate with the public and accept that the enforcement of law must come second to the feelings of the community," he said

He said all public marches in London were led and flanked by unarmed police officers who moved with and talked to demonstrators

"I have never seen a system like that here. Here, the police tend to sit at a distance in riot gear," he said

Mr Stevens said all London police stations were visited weekly by civilians who were from community centres and had unrestricted access to every detainee

# SA police must consult public, says EC officer

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**DENNIS CRUYWAGEN**  
Political Staff

ONE of the lessons police had to accept was that the feelings of the community should be put above law enforcement, said Scotland Yard senior community officer Mr Peter Stevens.

As a member of the Commonwealth team observing violence in South Africa, Mr Stevens has met senior police officers and President De Klerk

He said at the University of Cape Town Medical School yesterday that in his discussions he had detected a "great mood" for change

"I believe the South African police want to move forward"

Mr Stevens, who holds the rank of Chief Superintendent, Metropolitan Police Services, said he had observed some marches, including the first ANC-organised march through Nylstroom

He said the strategy used by British police when dealing with demonstrations was very different from anything he had seen in South Africa

"It's based on communication with the people involved, who recognise that we try to help the demonstration and not to hinder it"

London police did not have the authority to ban marches

Usually a policeman was the first person at the starting point of demonstrations to talk to organisers. When marches started, policemen were positioned in front, at the rear and on the sides

"If it's a really big one we'll strip London of policemen for one thing and move with the people. The whole point is to build up a relationship with them"

He said police would not monitor a march from a vehicle or wear camouflage uniforms

Police were trained in riot control methods but were not part of an elite unit, and returned to normal police duty the day after a march

He said an inquiry into riots in Brixton and Tottenham found that public peace was more important than law enforcement, and that a police force which did not consult with the public would not be efficient.

# Cop jailed for 8 years for killing

JOHANNESBURG —

An Internal Stability Unit constable was sentenced yesterday to eight years imprisonment in effect for what a Rand Supreme Court judge described as a brutal and unprovoked murder of a man in Jeppe, Johannesburg.

Mr Justice J M C Smit found Constable Jacobus Alberts, 22, guilty of murdering Mr Sonwabile Sosibo on October 4 last year by stabbing him 19 times.

Alberts' companions that evening, also policemen, were fined R600 or six months each and given a one-year suspended sentence for assault.

The policemen were on duty at Thokoza on the East Rand when they slipped off to Jeppe in a Casspir. There they chased a group of people, catching Mr Sosibo. Oberholzer hit him and Wasserfall kicked him before Alberts stabbed him. — Sapa

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**3 policemen  
hurt in blast**

Three policemen were injured when a grenade was thrown at their armoured car in Ratanda township, near Heidelberg, last night

An SAP spokesman said a police patrol was attacked while attempting to disperse a crowd of about 200 people at 10 45 pm. The three policemen were slightly injured.

Police and Defence Force troops conducted a search in the township between 3 am and 4 am today, but no arrests were made — Sapa



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**Lawyer was  
'stabbed till  
helpless'** <sup>STAR</sup> 4/12/92

A man accused of murdering Johannesburg advocate Legwai Pitje told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday how his policeman friend stabbed the lawyer inside a car until Pitje "was helpless"

Mohali Motlhabi (24) and special constable Seatile Matlose (25), both of Kagiso, have pleaded not guilty to kidnapping, robbing and murdering Pitje on July 12

Motlhabi said in a fight on the back seat Matlose stabbed Pitje. The two men then put him in the car boot.

The trial continues —  
Staff Reporter



# Constable jailed for 'unprovoked' murder

By Philip Zoid

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An Internal Stability Unit constable was yesterday sentenced to an effective eight years in jail for what a Rand Supreme Court judge described as the brutal and unprovoked murder of a man in Jeppe, Johannesburg

Constable Jacobus Adriaan Alberts (22) was found guilty by Mr Justice JMC Smit of murdering Sonwabile Sosibo on October 4 last year by stabbing him 19 times.

"This is the type of behaviour that provokes a feeling of antagonism towards the police. It is something our country

cannot afford," the judge said

Alberts's companions, Constable Danie Oberholzer (20) and Constable Frederick Wasserfall (20), were each fined R600 (or six months) and given a one-year suspended sentence for assaulting Sosibo

The men had been on

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duty at Tokoza on the East Rand when they went to Jeppe in their Casspir. They chased after a group of blacks, catching Sosibo. Oberholzer hit him and Wasserfall kicked him before Alberts stabbed the man.

Alberts was convicted of direct intent to kill an innocent man.

# Smear attempt predictable

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DR JONATHAN Gluckman is not surprised at reports that the police response to his claims of brutality in cells — still to be released officially — will charge that some of the prisoners the pathologist alleges were murdered are still alive

"I expected an attempt to discredit me," said Gluckman, who caused a storm in July by publicly charging that police were respon-

sible for 90 percent of the deaths he was required to investigate through post-mortems "But the crucial issue remains the same. It has just gone on and on and on after the revelations"

After Gluckman's disclosures, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel ordered an investigation into all deaths in police custody since January 1991. The report has

**A LEAKED report says prisoners alleged to have died at the hands of police are still alive, Chief Reporter JOHN PERLMAN writes.**



been submitted to Kriel. Leaked details of the report's contents were published in Rapport last Sunday. The newspaper said the report would show that some of those who allegedly died

in police custody were still alive and that others had died of natural causes, including heart failure. Gluckman this week said police had sent a constable to his office to

copy his files, initially removed for safekeeping. "I had all my files in the Biko case stolen and I didn't want to lose any more," Gluckman said.

"I do the odd consultation case on people who are still alive. My secretary pointed out to the constable which ones were irrelevant, but she contacted the investigating officer who said 'take the lot'. I don't know what was included, but what strikes me is that they never called me back to seek clarification on this."

The officer supervising the examination of Gluckman's files, Colonel J F de Beer, was unavailable for comment. Law and Order Ministry representatives were still "formulating our response."

Kriel's tardiness in responding to the allegations — made when Gluckman first met the Minister in February — has sparked criticism.

In August, Kriel appeared to pre-empt the findings of the investigation, saying "My own opinion is that any death in custody is regrettable. But to come to the conclusion that these deaths are through police brutality, that I am not prepared to accept."

Until the report is

published it will be impossible to test the police verdict of "natural causes" for most of the deaths — save in the instance of a detainee who "drowned in a swimming pool".

This case clearly refers to Bethuel Maphumulo who, in December 1990, heard he was a suspect in a robbery case and gave himself up for questioning.

Police said Maphumulo had tried to escape while handcuffed, and in an ensuing struggle had fallen into the swimming pool at Protea police station and drowned. Gluckman's post-mortem found that the cause of death was "multiple injuries. The demonstration of fracture of the hyoid bone is highly suggestive of manual strangulation".

An inquest on Maphumulo's death will be held on January 14. It has already been the subject of a dispute between the Department of Justice and the family's lawyers, who unsuccessfully challenged the decision to hold the inquest in front of a magistrate. They argued that Kriel's promise to submit all custody deaths to a "judicial inquest" required the matter to be heard by a judge.



# Good cop or bad cop?

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The policeman who solved the crossbow murder is to become a station commander But he has a past as gruesome as the case he solved, say anti-apartheid activists.

## QUENTIN WILSON

reports.

**D**etective Jeffrey Benzien has been praised in local mainstream newspapers for solving the gruesome crossbow murder of Mr Graham Chaburn

But anti-apartheid activists paint a completely different picture of Detective Warrant Officer Benzien They point to a gruesome police career which, they believe, rivals Mrs Louisa Chaburn's crossbow in its methods

It was Benzien who shot and fatally wounded ANC guerilla Mr Ashley Kriel in July 1987 while allegedly trying to arrest him

It was Benzien who earned a fearful reputation among anti-apartheid activists in the eighties for his alleged torture of detainees during interrogation

And now Benzien is off to Stanford — a village near Hermanus — to become the station commander

### Jeff Benzien

Mrs Ivy Kriel, Ashley's mother, said she was saddened by the praise given to Benzien during the crossbow trial

"When I saw him being praised I thought, 'Good Heavens, and this is the one who killed my son' But I don't want to say anymore, there is still too much hurt," Kriel said

During the 1989 inquest into Kriel's death, court records show that Benzien admitted that it was his finger on the trigger when Kriel was shot in the back

He also admitted that he had struck a pamphlet with Kriel's photograph on his office wall after the shooting Below the pamphlet's slogan, "Freedom or Death — Victory is Certain", Benzien had written, "Not for you"

Also scrawled on the pamphlet were the words, "One down, to go" While the inquest magistrate, Mr G Hoffman, had described this

piece of evidence as "tasteless, disgusting and disturbing", Benzien's version of the events leading to Kriel's death was accepted by the court

While trying to arrest Kriel, who was allegedly concealing a gun, Benzien had struck a blow to his head and disarmed him Thinking he was unconscious, Benzien's fellow arresting officer started handcuffing Kriel It was then that Kriel supposedly tried to snatch at the gun

According to Benzien, Kriel was accidentally shot in the back during the tussle for the firearm

But ex-detainees who were interrogated by Benzien, allege that he "bragged about killing Ashley"

**N**one of the ex-political prisoners who spoke to SOUTH wanted to have their names connected with their comments about Benzien for fear of harassment

"I found him to be really weird," said one

"When he came into my cell, he would threaten to kill me and say things like 'You ask Ashley Kriel about me Unfortunately he is not here to tell you'

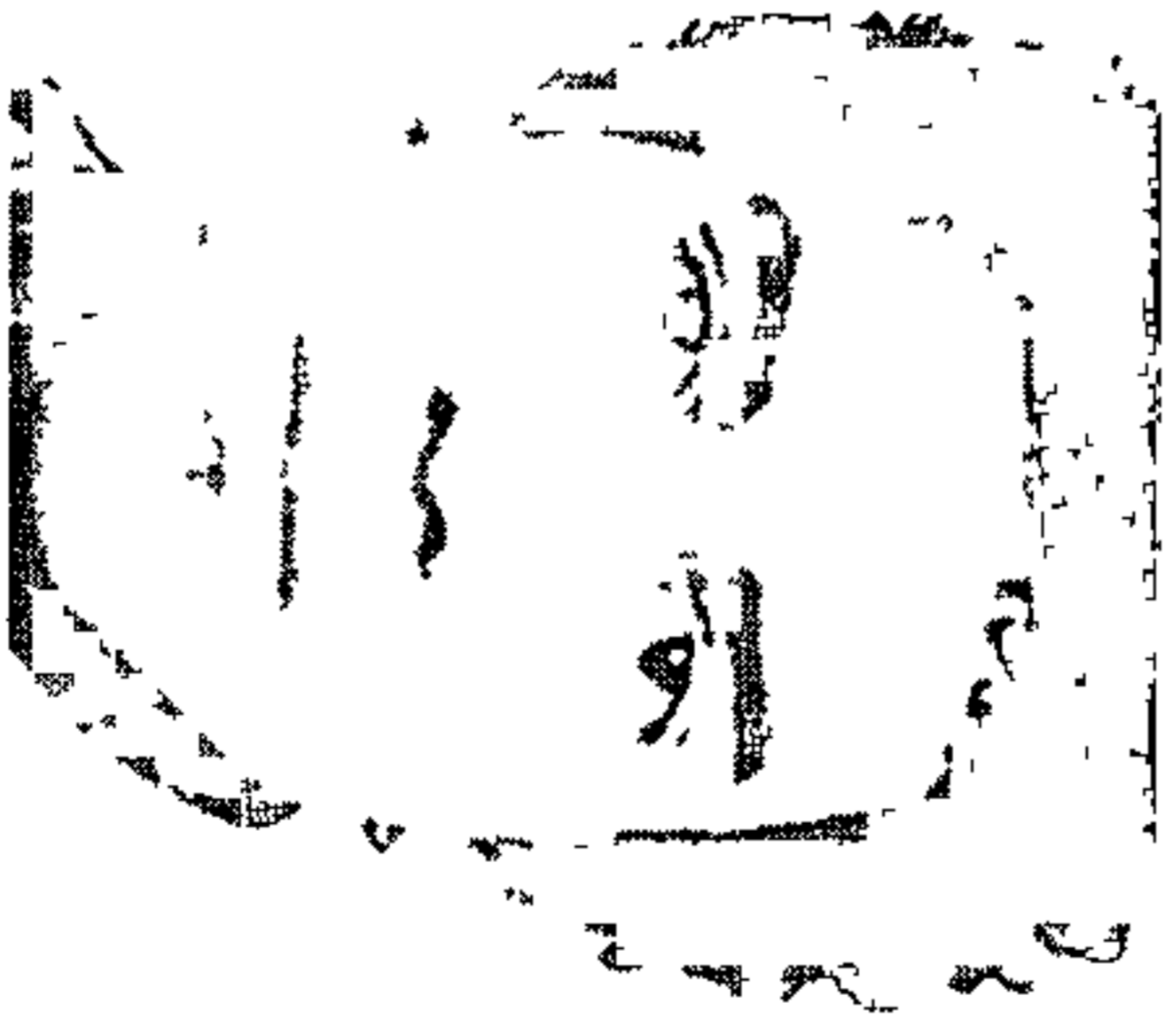
"He would interrogate me with a gun lying on the table Often he had this crazed look in his eyes

"It was a very scary experience being interrogated by him Apart from the constant verbal abuse, he often threatened to kill me

"Once he told me 'There is no person who does not talk when I ask questions Either you speak or



Ivy Kriel



Ashley Kriel

you die Ask Ashley Forbes' He would brag a lot about his interrogation of Ashley Forbes"

Forbes, who was sentenced to 15 years in December 1988 for ANC activities, was allegedly badly tortured by Benzien after his arrest in May 1987

Benzien was alleged to have punched Forbes, stuck his fingers up his nose, subjected him to electrical shock treatment, strangled him as well as smothering his face with a wet towel causing suffocation

Benzien flatly denied all allegations of torture, including a claim that he had said to Forbes "I have not come to question you, I have come to kill you"

Also during the Yengeni trial, other details of Benzien's alleged torture techniques came to light

The most notorious allegation was that Benzien smothered detainees by placing cloth bags soaked in water over their heads

Court records show that Mr Bon-gan Jonas, who refused to give evidence implicating the trialists, alleged that Benzien stood and jumped on his leg while a bullet was lodged in his thigh

**A**nother ex-political prisoner said "I didn't have that much contact with him, but once he came into my cell and questioned me about satanism

"It was really strange He seemed bent on the idea that my ANC work, as well as the entire anti-apartheid movement, was all part of a satanist plot"

In August 1990, the detective warrant officer was part of a job reshuffle when the Terrorism Detection Unit of the SAP was abolished

When SOUTH asked Benzien for a photograph of himself, he said "With all respect, I can imagine what kinds of things you will write in your story Am I right or am I wrong?"

When told he was "probably right", Benzien said he "certainly did not have the time to help with the story in any way"

# BUNGLER

● Terror plan known for two months

# BUNGLER

● General's alert did not reach public

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● Tell Apla to take holiday, said Kriel

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## Angry Sun City golfers accept blame

By DAN RETIEF

TOP golf stars Nicky Price and Nick Faldo last night accepted the blame for breaking the rules and being disqualified from the Million Dollar tournament in a day of high drama.

But Price, the US PGA champion, delivered a stinging attack on the farcical situation which put him out of the tournament after he moved an advertising board, which was replaced.

A grim-faced Nick Faldo, the British Open champion, flew out last night after being disqualified for signing a wrongly marked scorecard.

At Jan Smuts airport, while he waited to board a plane to London with his

LAW and Order Minister Hernus Kriel and senior policemen knew more than two months ago that Apla, the armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress, planned to launch a terror campaign against white civilians.

But instructions from police headquarters that target communities in the Border area be warned of the threat never reached the people on the ground.

They were thus unprepared for the murderous grenade and limpet mine attacks this week on a King William's Town golf club and a Queenstown steakhouse which left four people dead and scores injured.

This week outraged mayors of small towns throughout the Border region demanded to know why they had not been warned of Apla's murderous plans.

The Sunday Times has established that the SA Police were aware in early October that Apla was preparing to attack soft civilian targets in South Africa.

### Appeals

PAC minutes of a meeting on November 11 between Mr Hernus Kriel and the organisation also indicate that the minister had told the organisation that he knew Apla had a training base in the Transkei and was carrying out attacks from that territory.

Hernus Kriel expressed grave concern about APLA attacks and other activities. He pointed out that they are aware that APLA has training programmes in Transkei and that a number of attacks are carried out from there. He indicated that he might be prepared to offer APLA a truce if they agreed to suspend their attacks on security forces. He said APLA cadres should go on holiday for some few months. Kriel also indicated

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Report by DAWN BARKHUIZEN, DE WET POTGIETER, NORMAN WEST, JOCELYN MAKER, CHARMAIN NAIDOO and PETA KROST



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The minutes, in the hands of the Sunday Times, indicate he had merely appealed to the PAC, as a gesture of goodwill, to send the Apla cadres "on a holiday for some months"

Yesterday, an SAP spokesman in Pretoria told the Sunday Times that early in October, police commissioner General Johan van der Merwe had indeed issued a directive to all regional commissioners instructing them to inform the public about the threat.

He also ordered local police stations to liaise with community leaders and businessmen and warn them to be on the alert for suspicious looking people and objects

## Schools

But Border SAP spokesman Lt-Col Christo Louw said yesterday that no specific instructions or warnings were received from headquarters regarding an Apla terror campaign

"After the spate of attacks on police on the Reef and in other parts of the country a couple of months ago, we were told to warn our men to be on guard against attacks on policemen — but there was no mention of Apla or soft targets

"We were not guarding schools or shops or anything like that. In fact, the first time we realised soft targets were being attacked was this week," said Lt-Col Louw

Yesterday, Law and Order spokesman Captain-

Further indicated that he is under pressure to do good will and request APLA to suspend their attacks on security forces he said APLA cadres should go on holiday for some few months. Kriel also indicated

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Report by DAWN BARKHUIZEN, DE WET POTGIETER, NORMAN WEST, JOCELYN MAKER, CHARMAIN NAIDOO and PETA KROST

Craig Kotze confirmed that Mr Kriel had attended the meeting with the PAC on November 11, but said the minister "cannot comment on the contents of bilateral discussions"

He said it was "completely absurd to suggest the government and the SAP have been doing nothing, while in fact they have been doing their best to achieve a political solution, not only to the violence in general, but to the armed struggle of the PAC and Apla

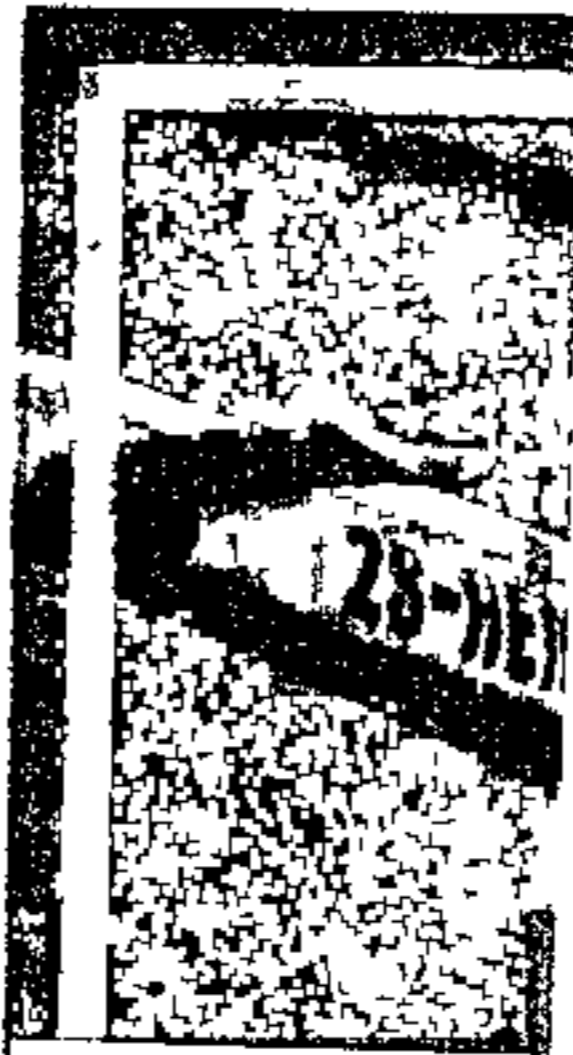
"We have been concentrating on expanding our intelligence, a largely invisible activity, rather than on building fortifications," said Capt Kotze

The Apla terror plan was uncovered during interrogation of 20 youths belonging to the Pan Africanist Students Organisation who were arrested in connection with an early morning petrol-bomb attack on a house in Ficksburg on September 29

Police said the youths were acting under orders from a senior Apla commander based in the Bloemfontein area but that the campaign was being masterminded from the Transkei by a man known as Sizwe

Soft targets — including cinemas, sporting events, buses, schools and churches — in the Eastern Cape, Free State and Natal would be attacked over the festive season, said the police, who said construction of the petrol bombs used in

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# Bunglers

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attacks at Ficksburg and Fouriesburg showed that Apla was responsible

But apart from deploying an additional 250 policemen along the Transkei border in the Eastern Cape and southern Natal and introducing roadblocks on some roads in the areas, the police appear to have taken few steps to warn the local community about Apla's plans

Yesterday, a Sunday Times poll of towns identified as likely Apla targets, showed widespread ignorance of the Apla plan

• QUEENSTOWN Mayor Johnny Johnson said "We were given no warning We were not told of any dangers by the police"

• DORDRECHT Mayor Clive Howell said "They didn't say a word, but frankly, even if they had, we wouldn't rely on them to protect us — they are even too scared to go into the township"

• INDWE Mayor Louis Pretorius said police had not told him about Apla's plans

• UGIE Town councillor Leonard Love said "If the police had this kind of information they should have come into every town and discussed it with the authorities and special secur-

ity plans should have been made They didn't"

• MACLEAR Mayoress Marti Scheppel said she was horrified "It seems the police issued a warning through a newspaper We don't get that newspaper here"

• CATHCART Mayor Arthur Brandtok said the town had not been informed of Apla's campaign

• KOMGA Mayor Basil Day said he had heard "absolutely nothing"

• KEI ROAD Mayor Peter Wewege was angry that he was not told and would do "everything in my power" to find out why

• KING WILLIAM'S TOWN Town clerk Hubert van der Spuy said "Neither I nor any member of the council was warned about possible attacks"

This week, Mr Kriel announced plans to move SAP reinforcements from Pretoria to the Border, step up roadblocks, deploy policemen in civilian clothes at restaurants and other areas that could be "soft targets" and pay a R100 000 reward for information leading to the capture of Apla terrorists

White residents have threatened to take up arms and "fight fire with fire" unless the government acts

## Two kinds of smugglers

SMUGGLE just two mandrax tablets from the Transkei into South Africa and you would face certain imprisonment. But cross the border in a stolen car containing machine-guns, grenades, automatic pistols and several hundred rounds of ammunition, and you get off with a fine and a suspended jail sentence. SEE PAGE 25

# SAP 'knew base for attacks was Transkei'

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By Patrick Laurence

As early as April, police were convinced that the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla) was using Transkei as a launching pad for attacks on South Africa, according to a secret memorandum in possession of The Star

A copy of the confidential police memorandum was sent to Major-General Bantu Holomisa, chairman of the Transkei Military Council, by President de Klerk. It came after Holomisa pressed for action against SA security force officers allegedly involved in the murder of Matthew Goniwe and three of his comrades in

June 1985

De Klerk attached the memorandum to his reply to an earlier letter from Transkei's military ruler De Klerk said of the memorandum "(It) contains allegations of a very serious nature involving criminal activities planned and implemented from Transkeian territory"

The memorandum, sent to Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe by Major-General JF Koen of the Crime Intelligence Service, stated flatly "Apla are orchestrating their military activities against the RSA from Transkei"

The report added that military training in Transkei was given to individual re-

cruits or to small groups of 10 by foreign-trained Apla officers

It then listed a series of venues where the training purportedly took place, including the house, in the border town of Cala, of Transkei lawyer Dumisa Ntsebesa and a bookshop run by the Ntsebesa family in the same town. Ntsebesa denied he was involved, directly or indirectly, in the training of Apla men

In August, when Apla cadres were blamed for a series of arson attacks on white-owned farms in the Elliot-Ugie-Maclear border area, Holomisa denied that Apla forces were operating from Transkei



# 'Smit gathered info for BOSS'

Staff Reporter

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Murdered National Party politician Dr Robert Smit "worked unofficially" for the Bureau of State Security (BOSS), gathering information which he passed on directly to the organisation's chief, General "Lang" Hendrik van den Bergh

This was revealed by Van den Bergh during a confrontation with Liza Grundlingh, the Smits' daughter who was 13 when her parents were murdered in their Springs home in November 1977

Sunday Star reported yesterday that Grundlingh confronted

Van den Bergh with an anonymous tape-recorded voice that said the general had ordered the Smit killings because Smit "knew too much about the money going out of the country"

But, according to the Sunday Star, Van den Bergh, angered by the accusation, told her "I swear God can take my youngest grandchild if I lie I did not have anything to do with your father's death"

"If I had any relevant information, I would have given it to the police. It was not a normal murder — it was carefully planned and carried out very profes-

sionally"

He added "Robert Smit would often come to my office (BOSS headquarters in the Hendrik Verwoerd Building in Pretoria) and he would give information about things he had heard on his overseas trips. You could say he worked unofficially for me. Robert Smit and I trusted each other"

"If he had wanted to tell anybody anything, he would have come to me — and he never did, not with this rubbish about Government money being hid away in overseas bank accounts. That's also a load of rubbish"

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DURBAN — Every military organisation in the world had an information gathering capability, Chief of the Army Lt-Gen Georg Meiring said at a medal parade at the weekend.

Meiring said it was "an unfortunate reality" that the communication climate in SA was such that anything that smacked of intelligence-gathering was automatically viewed as "dirty tricks" or worse.

He said what many observers "seem to forget is that every military organisation in the world has a covert information collection capability which is neither sinister nor unusual".

Meiring said agents or spies were not normally recruited for their moral rectitude. "They are recruited for the information they can supply and are paid for the risks they take."

He said what was being applied now was a case of double standards. "If any country in the world needs to collect information about the movement of weapons, who is smuggling the weapons, where they come from and

### Military intelligence 'vital'

where they go to, then it is SA. "Every right-thinking South African condemns violence and wants it to stop. One way of stopping it is to gather sufficient accurate information and then to act on that information," Meiring said.

The SADF was left virtually defenceless because much of the information which had been made public arose directly from judicial hearings. "These hearings are intended to establish the truth, which in the end I am confident they will do. In the interim, however, information is made available in cycles because this is the way open courts work should work."

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# Police campaign against

# Apla terror 'extensive'

PRETORIA — Law and Order Ministry spokesman Capt Craig Kotze has denied a Sunday newspaper's claim that government and the SAP had done nothing about Azanian Peoples' Liberation Army (Apla) plans to attack soft targets, reports Sapa.

The Sunday Times reported government knew two months ago about Apla's plans and that Law and Order Minister Hennus Kriel had appealed to the PAC as a gesture of goodwill to send its armed wing's cadres "on a holiday for some months".

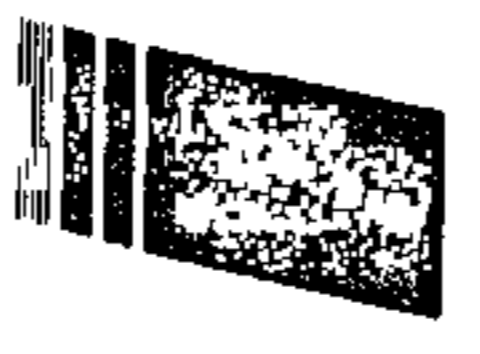
Kotze said yesterday "The perception that nothing was or is being done could not be further from the truth. I can now deny categorically that Law and Order Minister Hennus Kriel suggested or said that Apla should go on holiday," he said in reaction to the report on the minutes of a meeting between the PAC and Kriel.

"This discussion (between Kriel and the PAC) was in fact a most serious discussion about serious issues." He said the Sunday Times report was based on PAC minutes of the meeting.

He said the fact that government had attempted to find a political solution to stopping Apla's activities did not mean it stood idly by.

"Extensive practical measures were taken from the outset and are still being taken by the SAP against Apla. These include a dramatic expansion of our intelligence capability in this regard and this is continuing. Apla members have been arrested and continue to be arrested, talks have been held about Apla activities between the Commissioner of the SAP, (Transkei leader) Gen Bantu Holomisa and the Transkei police commissioner, and a special combined task force comprising the SAP and Transkei Police has already been set up in this regard."

WILSON ZWANE reports that Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe has warned Apla that police will "fight fire with fire" against



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# Cop murdered Natal ANC man

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MARITZBURG — A police warrant officer, Hendrik Steyn, was convicted yesterday of murdering an ANC man and attempting to murder another

In his judgment, Mr Justice Page also slammed Steyn's commanding officer, Captain Joseph Erasmus, for his conduct during the investigation

He convicted Steyn for the murder of Mr Michael Mthethwa and of attempting to murder Mr Simon Msweli on August 14

Mr Msweli and Mr Mthethwa were injured earlier in the day during a shootout with the police at Sokhulu. They were taken to hospital in a police vehicle accompanied by two men doing their national service, Mr Gavin Law and Mr Andrew Watson

During the journey, Steyn intercepted the bakkie and instructed the driver to go into a plantation where Mr Law and Mr Watson heard him fire four shots and saw Mr Mthethwa, who had been sitting, lying down

Later at KwaMbonambi police station, a man introduced as Leon told Mr Law and Mr Watson to say Mr Msweli and Mr Mthethwa had died of their injuries on the way to hospital — Sapa



# Natal policeman guilty of murder

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In his judgment, Maritzburg Supreme Court judge Mr Justice Page also criticised Steyn's commanding officer, Captain Joseph Erasmus, for his conduct during the investigation

The judge said "It is deplorable that a commanding officer of a unit, out of a misplaced loyalty towards one of his members who committed a crime, neglected his duty to see that justice is done"

He had doubts that the mishandling of the case was limited to the commanding officer, since the whole unit refused to stand on an identity parade

"There is no room for such an attitude, especially at this time when the good image of the police is being damaged by allegations that members that commit crimes are being protected by their colleagues"

The judge ordered that his remarks be forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, so that he could take any action "he sees necessary"

Mr Justice Page also said the evidence suggested that one of the members of the unit, Detective-Sergeant Koen Maritz, might have been an accessory to the crime

"It is possible he may have

defeated the ends of justice and/or encouraged perjury," the judge said. He would forward the documents to the Attorney-General for his decision

He convicted Steyn for the murder of Michael Mthethwa and of attempting to murder Simon Msweli in the Lower Umfolozi region on August 14

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## Four shots

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Later at KwaMbonambi police station, a man introduced as Leon, who was identified by the court as Maritz, told Law and Watson to say Msweli and Mthethwa had died of their injuries on the way to hospital

The following day, Law and Watson made police statements to this effect, but decided a few days later to tell the truth

Mr Justice Page said he could only convict Steyn of attempting to murder Msweli because the State had failed to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Msweli was alive at the time Steyn shot at him with his R-5 automatic rifle

Dealing with Erasmus's evidence, the judge said he could not believe that firearms were handed in on every occasion when members of the Empangeni Murder and Robbery Unit had a few drinks

Although he accepted evidence that members of the unit had drinks the night before Msweli and Mthethwa were murdered, he did not believe Erasmus could not remember whether Steyn had put his R-5 in the safe

Erasmus had said this "in order to avoid saying the firearm was not handed in" and he was aware that his evidence was false, the judge said

During evidence heard in mitigation, Colonel Christo Nel described Steyn as an outstanding policeman who had always worked well under difficult circumstances

Nel also told the court that Msweli was wanted by police in the area in connection with 21 murders and numerous attempted murders, including attempts to murder 21 members of the police and army. Three policemen were killed at Sokhulu the day Msweli and Mthethwa were murdered

Police clinical psychologist Major Jacob le Roux told the court that suicides among policemen had increased from 5,5 a month last year to 8,1 this year as a result of stress

Le Roux also said murders of policemen had increased from five a month last year to 20 a month in the first eight months of this year — Sapa

# SAP death toll rises <sup>(251)</sup> *STARZ 8/12/92* above 200

CAPE TOWN — Statistics show that 461 policemen have been killed since President de Klerk's February 1990 speech that ushered in the "new South Africa"

The SAP said yesterday this year's death toll of 209 policemen represented a 66 percent increase on last year's figure of 145 deaths, while the figure was almost double that for 1990, when 107 policemen were killed

The SAP said the statistics represented the number of policemen killed while they were off duty and during the course of their duties.

"The SAP will obviously do everything in its power to ensure that its members are as safe as possible" — Sapa

# SAP bumbling and callous — UK papers

By Garner Thomson  
Star Bureau

LONDON — A picture of callous and bumbling South African policemen, backed by a government more worried about tourism than compassion, is being painted in Britain following the murder of two UK women at Sodwana Bay

And reports about South Africa's continuing slide into anarchy continue to appear in British newspapers, which suddenly see SA as one of the murder capitals of the world

The newspaper Today yesterday published a three-column report claiming that the country's spiralling murder rate had done nothing to galvanise police into properly investigating the death of the two women, Julie Godwin and Elizabeth Over. It calls the local police amateurish and bungling.

It was only when Tourism Minister Org Marais warned that "these unfortunate deaths could have a severe effect on the nation's economy" that an attempt was made to take more appropriate action.

Vital evidence was ignored or

destroyed, and the victims' relatives found policemen more worried about where the next beer was coming from than catching killers

"Within two hours of journalists arriving on the scene on Wednesday, two crucial clues, previously overlooked by police, were picked up on the beach"

Today also reports the "callous" treatment received by Cuan Cronje, Over's fiance

Police called him and asked whether he was the owner of a truck they had found, it says

"When I said 'Yes,' he (a policeman) said 'Yeah, well it's here, covered in blood, and we've got two women's bodies on the beach'"

And the Daily Express yesterday carried a full-page report on South Africa in the light of the murders, headlined "Apocalypse soon?"

It reports the murder of the two women as commonplace

● The bodies of the two women are to be flown back to the UK for burial

No arrests have yet been made in connection with the killings — Sapa

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# Drop in political deaths reported

POLITICALLY related deaths dropped to a nine-month low of 263 in November, according to the latest Human Rights Commission (HRC) report on repression

HRC national director Safoora Sadek said the declining number of killings could be attributed to the increased presence of international observers at potential sites of conflict

She said there had been a noticeable shift in violence from the Transvaal to Natal and this trend could be reinforced by the return of Transvaal hostel dwellers to Natal over the festive season

While the 114 people who had died in the PWV was below the 1992 monthly average of 161, a total of 132 had died in Natal, the report said

Of the 263 killed in November, 140 had been victims of vigilante actions, while the security forces had killed three and injured 38, it added

At least 3 324 people had been killed in

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violence during 1992 — about 38% more than this time last year, the report said

A total of 17 security force members were killed in November and a further 12 were injured in 31 separate incidents, the HRC said

Meanwhile, a total of 461 members of the police force have been killed since President F W de Klerk's February 1990 speech, police statistics show

A police spokesman said yesterday the 1992 death toll of 209 policemen represented a 66% increase on last year's figure of 145 deaths, while the figure was almost double that for 1990, during which 107 policemen had been killed

□ Sapa reports from Durban that a man was killed in KwaMashu early yesterday, bringing to at least seven the number who had died violently in the greater Durban area at the weekend, police said

# Policeman did kill ANC man

MARITZBURG — A police warrant officer, 30-year-old Hendrik Steyn, was convicted yesterday of murdering an ANC member and attempting to murder another, both reputed to belong to a self-defence unit

In his judgment in the Maritzburg Supreme Court Judge Page sharply criticised Steyn's commanding officer, Capt Joseph Erasmus, for his conduct during the investigation

The judge said, "It is deplorable that a commanding officer of a unit, out of a misplaced loyalty towards one of his members who committed a crime, neglected his honesty and duty as a policeman to see that justice is done"

Furthermore, he had doubts that the mishandling of the case was limited to the commanding officer, as the whole unit refused to stand at an identity parade

The judge ordered that his remarks be forwarded to Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe for any action "he sees necessary" — Sapa

## PEANUTS

By Charles Schulz



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# Court seeks policeman

A warrant for the arrest of a policeman allegedly involved in the killing of Umkhonto we Sizwe cadre Itumeleng Samuel Padi (24) last year was issued in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Daniel Knoester, one of the six policemen who attacked Padi's home in Phiri, Soweto, on May 19 last year, failed to appear, and magistrate Mr J W Botha issued a warrant for his arrest.

Padi and his girlfriend Nokuzola Ncalo (22) died in a pre-dawn raid on his backyard home when police fired 33 shots after Padi allegedly pulled out the pin of a grenade.

A policeman told the inquest yesterday that his evidence-in-chief differed from a statement made after the shooting.

Under cross-examination by Gys Rautenbach, for the Padi and Ncalo families, Sergeant Rudolph Moagi said that he

had made a hand-written statement which was later taken to a typist.

When the inquest started in September, Rautenbach produced press reports to challenge the SAP version of the shooting. He quoted from a report of the shooting in The Star in which a police spokesman gave a different account of the raid.

The hearing continues today — Staff Reporter, Own Correspondent

# National agreements 'have not helped quell violence'

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THE national peace accord, the Codesa declaration of intent and five bilateral accords between the ANC and government had failed to reverse the growth of violence, the SA Institute of Race Relations said yesterday

The country was going through its second worst year of political violence to date, with 2 924 people having died in political killings by the end of November, the institute said

This represented an 18% increase on the 1991 number, institute figures showed

The Human Rights Commission earlier this week said political deaths had dropped to a nine-month "low" of 263 for November — well above the 1991 monthly average of 215 deaths a month

Institute spokesman Paul Pereira said SA's worst year of violence remained 1990, when 3 699 people were killed

The institute said fatalities in political violence since September 1984, when political killings started on a large scale, would probably reach more than 15 000 by the end of 1992

"Nearly two-thirds of all deaths in political violence occurred in 1990, 1991 and 1992," the institute said

Pereira said the institute believed vio-

lence would be combated more effectively if the national peace accord was amended to prohibit "peoples' war" and the struggle to make the country ungovernable

He said other steps that could be taken included

- The renunciation by churches of the Lusaka Declaration in which SA churches said liberation movements had been compelled to use force to fight apartheid,
- Enforcing ruthlessly the ban on weapons including those displayed in public,
- A decision by the state to respect the rights of both boycotters and non-boycotters during stayaway actions,
- Public commitment from political leaders supporting the right of people to participate in or abstain from political actions,
- The replacement of the R1 rifle used by the SAP's Internal Stability Unit (ISU) with a less lethal weapon,
- Increasing the minimum age of ISU members from 21 to 25

Meanwhile, Sapa reports from Durban that a man was shot dead by unknown assailants at the KwaMashu hostel on Monday evening

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## Hearings on arms smuggling

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THE Goldstone commission would hold public hearings tomorrow and on Friday on ways to curb the illegal importation of automatic weapons into SA, the commission said yesterday

The hearings will be held at the Breakwater campus of the University of Cape Town

A police spokesman said most AK-47s were brought into SA from Mozambique and Swaziland. Most of the weapons, often sold by former Frelimo soldiers, ended up in Natal, the eastern Transvaal and the PWV fetching between R500 and R1 500 B/D/M 9/12/92.

A liaison forum for the SAP and Mozambican government officials had been established for high-level contact on the issue of arms smuggling

Police had confiscated 7 238 illegal firearms up to October 10, including 2 854 rifles (with AK-47s), 2 227 pistols and 2 157 revolvers. The confiscated weapons were destroyed, the police spokesman added

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# NEWS Arrest warrant for cop who failed to turn up at inquest



**POLICE IN ACTION ...** This truck is among the four which were destined for Mozambique with stolen goods. Soweto police thwarted the attempt when the drivers were about to drive out of the country. PIC MBUZENI ZULU

# Warrant out for cop

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**By Mzimase Ngudle**

## MEMORY LAPSE Family members grumble

**A** WARRANT FOR THE ARREST of a policeman allegedly involved in the killing of Umkhonto we Sizwe cadre Tumi Padi last year was issued in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday

Daniel Knoester, one of the six policemen who attacked Padi's home in Phiri, Soweto, failed to appear at the inquest and the magistrate, Mr JW Botha, immediately issued a warrant for his arrest

Family members grumbled in the courtroom yesterday when three of the policemen had a memory lapse during cross-examination

Constable Harry Mhlanga said he could not remember to whom he made his statement re-

as officers are cross-examined:

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garding the incident

He could not remember whether he took an oath but could recall that he gave his statement to Lieutenant Herman Havenga, a colleague who was also involved in the attack

Sergeant Moeledi Moagi said he had forgotten who made him sign his statement. He also gave his statement to Havenga and not to the investigating officer

Asked why they gave their statements to Havenga and not to the investigating officer, both policemen said they did not know who the investigating officer was

Detective Constable Mandla Ncele admitted that he usually imprinted an affidavit stamp in the absence of persons making statements, even days after the date on which they made statements

Investigating officer Captain M Matadin told the court that Padi was killed on May 19 when he tried to pull out the pin of a handgrenade when police came to arrest him

The police then fired 33 shots, killing him on the spot. His girlfriend, Ms Nokuzola Ncalo, was also shot dead during the attack. The hearing continues

## Police to take up residence in city hotel

THE SAP is preparing to move into five-star barracks on Friday when it takes over Johannesburg's Downtown Inn, formerly the plush Landdrost Hotel

The Southern Sun Group said yesterday the Downtown Inn in Plein Street would 'cease to operate' from Friday.

The lease was scheduled to expire in 1993, but Southern Sun had agreed to early termination of the lease to enable landlord Standard Bank Property Fund to finalise arrangements with new tenants

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All business booked for the Downtown Inn would be diverted to the Rand International or the Johannesburg Sun

A Standard Bank Property Fund spokesman confirmed yesterday the SAP would be taking over the building as a police residence

A source said it was SAP policy to take over hotels for single quarters and barracks, and that the move was part of its intention to increase security in the CBD

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# Killer policeman jailed for 18 years

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Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — A policeman who shot two prisoners was sentenced this week to 18 years' jail — with the recommendation that Warrant-Officer Hendrik Steyn serve the whole of his sentence without remission.

Steyn had been convicted in the Supreme Court in Maritzburg of murder and attempted murder after he shot Michael Mthethwa and Simon Msweli in the Lower Umfolozi area on August 14.

The two men had earlier been wounded in a skirmish with the police and were being escorted to hospital when they were intercepted by Steyn and shot.

It was clear, said Mr Justice N Page, that Steyn felt that Msweli, a man wanted for crimes including murder, should pay with his life. But Steyn had no right to take such decisions.

Steyn had committed two "cold-blooded crimes", shooting the two while they were helpless.

The fact that he was a policeman had to be regarded as an aggravating factor.

Mr Justice Page strongly criticised the way prisoners were being released before they had served their full sentences.

He had recently read in the press of a policeman he had sentenced to 18 years' jail for two serious crimes being released after 17 months.

This had been done without consulting him and with no apparent justification.

## Policing project in E Cape

GRAHAMSTOWN — Township residents are co-operating with the police on a pilot project to develop new methods of community policing in Grahamstown.

The project arose out of a meeting in October between police and political organisations on issues affecting residents in Grahamstown's townships, including the activities of a notorious local gang.

Professor Rob Midgley, a member of the Local Dispute Resolution Committee (LDRC), which facilitated the meeting, said the discussions quickly broadened and it was decided to pursue the more ambitious goal of developing better policing methods in the city.

It is hoped these will improve rela-

tions between the police and the public.

Already a specialist group consisting of representatives of the community, police, the LDRC and two "neutral" people has been set up to investigate the issue.

Professor Midgley said "It is no secret that relations between police and the black community have not been very good for a very long time. But a specific complaint was that there was no police presence in the township to do daily crime prevention."

The committee will come up with proposals for effective community policing and it is now finding out what kind of policing the community needs.

The committee hopes to get experts on policing to hold workshops — Ecna.

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# Shakeup in the SAP is set for January

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A MAJOR police shakeup including the appointment of two new deputy commissioners of police and the launch of the community relations division will take effect from January next year.

Visible policing head Lt-Gen Louwrens Maelan and criminal investigation chief Lt-Gen Basie Smit would both become deputy commissioners in January, a police spokesman said yesterday.

General Johan van der Merwe would continue as police commissioner.

Lt-Gen Simon Chetty, who will head the new community relations division, is expected to be appointed to the 22-man police board, which includes community representatives, but this could not be confirmed by police yesterday.

Wits policing research project spokesman Janne Rauch said both Maelan and Smit had good reputations as leaders in the police, but the appointments failed to inject much-needed new blood into police leadership.

She questioned the fact that Smit, Maelan and Van der Merwe all had backgrounds in security policing and would hold the three senior positions in the police.

Smit is a former head of the security branch. The new community relations division would only succeed if it consulted directly with communities over its strategies, Rauch said.

She said a consultative committee, which included community representatives needed to be established to avoid unilateral decisions by police on community relations.

Maelan headed up operations during the "Battle of Ventersdorp" last year when police and right-wing demonstrators clashed outside a meeting addressed by President F W de Klerk.

Both Maelan and Smit currently serve on the police board.

# SADF forced to cut back on personnel

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INTERNAL unrest in SA would continue for at least another 10 years and it would be necessary to maintain an effective defence force, SADF chief Gen Kat Liebenberg said yesterday.

More SADF troops were presently being deployed internally on a daily basis than during conventional war situations in Angola and Namibia, Liebenberg told a media briefing in Voortrekkerhoogte.

Despite this situation, reduction in government spending had forced the SADF to cut 6 110 army, navy and air force jobs in the 1992/93 fiscal year.

Liebenberg said that since 1989, the SADF's share of state expenditure had dropped from 15,7% to 9,6%. However, the defence budget was still too high and the SADF had been forced to introduce further cuts in terms of guidelines laid down for the next financial year.

Until tabled in Parliament, the new defence budget was secret, he said.

"Government had provided the SADF with new strategic guidelines as early as October 1989 and started implementing our Plan 2000. The financial cutbacks were more severe but, most importantly, more consistent each and every year than what we expected," Liebenberg said.

The SADF was now focusing on staff in its rationalisation because it could not afford to further cut its capital expenditure programmes for the updating and renewing of weapons systems.

"Further cuts on these programmes would have destroyed technology retention and para-

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lysed the SADF and the arms industry's capability for technical renewal and replacement of weapons into the new century," he said.

SA Air Force chief Gen James Kriel told the briefing that 3 872 SAAF jobs would be terminated by the end of 1995.

Since last year, 2 789 jobs had been cut, including five brigadiers, 41 colonels, 44 commanders, two captains and 1 665 non commissioned officers.

The SA Army had to effect a cut of about R174,5m in full-time personnel strength by March 31 next year, SA army chief Gen George Meiring said. The army would have to reduce by 1 722 permanent force members, 530 civilians and about 860 general assistants, he said. Since 1989, the SA Navy has retrenched 22% or 2 400 of its personnel, Navy chief Vice-Admiral R Simpson-Anderson said.

In addition, the marines were disbanded, the area commands were closed, six naval bases in commercial posts were closed and operational command and control was centralised at naval headquarters, he said.

Although the Navy this year suffered far less from rationalisation than the other services, an additional 450 personnel would be retrenched by closing down SAS Jalsena in Durban, rationalising the SA Naval Dockyard, Simon's Town and SA Naval Works and the "fine tuning" of previous rationalisations.

SADF Medical Services escaped with no immediate staff cuts because an earlier rationalisation programme had been completed.

# UN envoy urges SA to press ahead with talks

WILSON ZWANE

UN SPECIAL envoy to SA Tom Vraalsen said yesterday acts of terror should not be allowed to derail constitutional talks.

Speaking to journalists in Johannesburg before his departure to New York, Vraalsen said he was convinced the movement towards multiparty talks, which had gathered momentum in the past two weeks, indicated eagerness on the part of major political parties to "get down to business".

Alluding to the recent killings at King William's Town and Queenstown, he said these "developments" threatened to disrupt the multiparty talks.

"They should not be permitted to do so. I firmly believe that it is time for all parties in SA to renounce violence and come to the negotiating table."

Vraalsen appealed to all parties to co-operate with Judge Richard Goldstone during his investigations into the activities of security forces and liberation movements, including the PAC's armed wing Apla. Vraalsen said he would present a report on his findings to UN secretary-general Boutros Boutros-Ghali tomorrow. He would not be drawn on the contents of the report.

TIM COHEN reports from Pretoria that a 20-page briefing, in which the SA intelligence services were described as a "headless monster", was handed to UN monitors recently.

Military Research Group member Rocky Williams delivered the briefing before recent revelations by the Goldstone commission linking military intelligence to planned acts to discredit the ANC.

He said it was becoming increasingly clear that President F W de Klerk did not enjoy the confidence of the major actors within the security establishment. Williams, formally both an SADF sergeant for eight years and an MK member for five years, told the monitors it was important to avoid conspiracy theories when dealing with the existence of current covert operations. The approval of these operations by executive levels had yet to be proved, he said.

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# Police find Transkei arms smuggling route

(251) LLOYD COUTTS

POLICE say they have discovered a new arms smuggling route from the Transkei into SA, complementing the two most commonly used passages from Mozambique and Swaziland

SAP spokesman Capt Pieter Brandt said the Transkei route was used regularly, but would not elaborate

He said arms were carried either directly from Mozambique or through Swaziland into Natal, the eastern Transvaal, the PWV and Soweto

Brandt said cordial relationships had been developed with Mozambican authorities through a liaison forum to combat the smuggling of arms, a large proportion of which came from former Frelimo soldiers

"The liaison forum is a great thing From the Mozambican side they are doing their best to curtail (smuggling) and information is exchanged on a regular basis"

Brandt said police had paid R541 706 for the recovery of 6 448 illegal weapons recovered between January 1 and November 19 this year This included 746 AK-47 assault rifles, 12 light machine guns and 2 215 pistols

The cost of AK-47s on the black market was between R500 and R1 500 but prices could be reduced dramatically depending on circumstances, he said

Police paid up to R6 000 for information leading to the recovery of an AK-47, and up to R2 500 for a carbine However, the transaction was subject to investigation

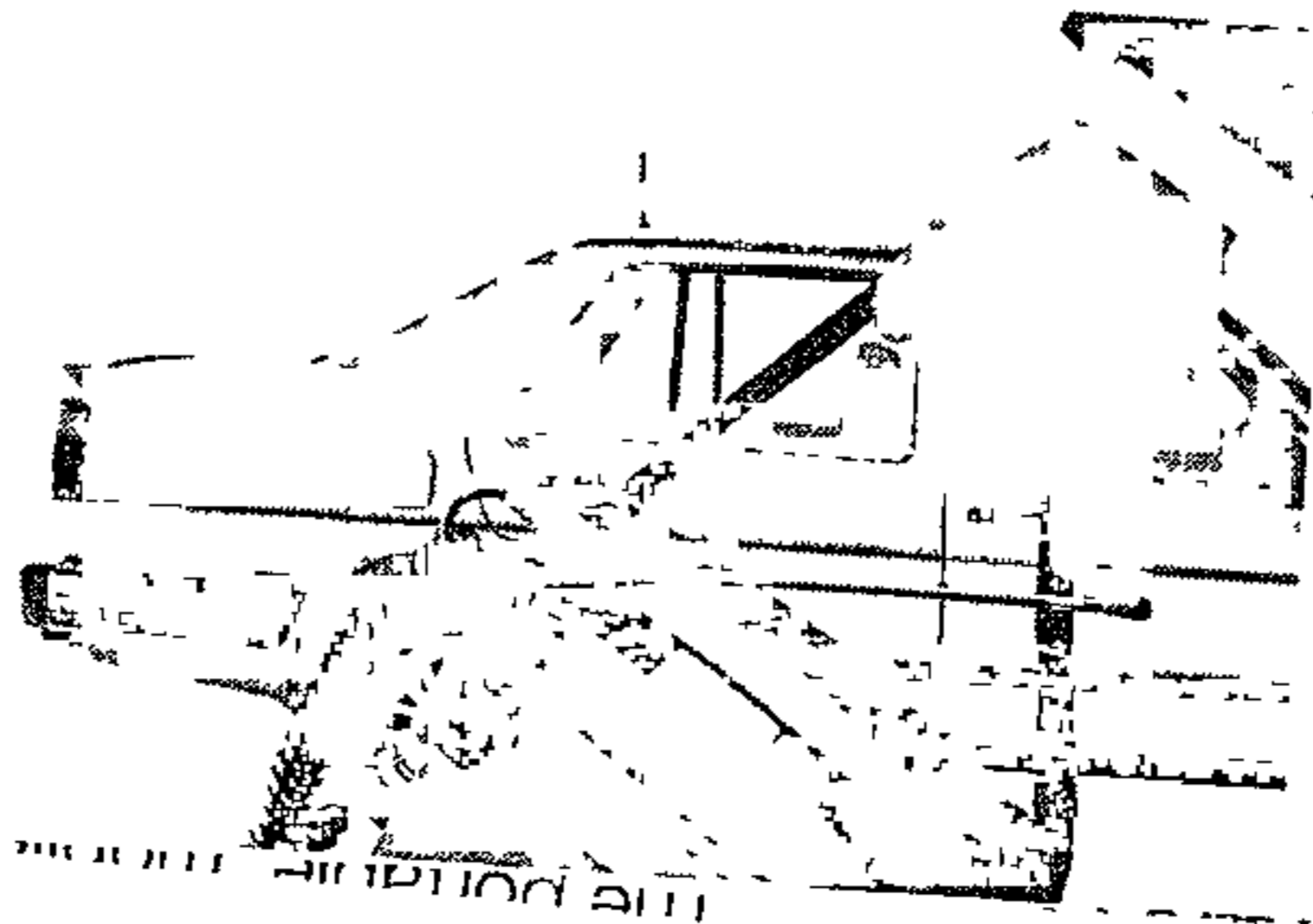
Law and Order Ministry spokesman Capt Craig Kotze said payment for the recovery of arms was part of a multidimensional strategy to remove illegal arms from the streets

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# Policeman jailed for 'executing' <sup>(257)</sup> wounded prisoners

The Argus Correspondent

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DURBAN — A police officer who shot two prisoners has been sentenced by the Supreme Court, Maritzburg, to 18 years imprisonment and the court recommended that Warrant Officer Hendrik Steyn serve the whole sentence without remission.

Steyn had been convicted on one count of murder and one of attempted murder after he shot Michael Mthethwa and Simon Msweli on a road in the Lower Umfolozi area on August 14 this year.

The two men had earlier been wounded and were being escorted to hospital when they were intercepted by Steyn and shot.

It was clear, said Mr Justice N Page yesterday, that Steyn felt that Mr Msweli, a man wanted for many crimes including murder, should pay with his life.

But Steyn had no right to take such decisions. Steyn had committed two "cold blooded crimes" said Mr Page.

He said Steyn had shot the two while they were helpless. Steyn had "executed" them.

Mr Page said the fact that Steyn was a policeman must be regarded as an aggravating factor. It was his duty to protect the community and his crimes would have to be severely punished.

Mr Page strongly criticised the way prisoners were being released before they had served their full sentences.

He said this practice could have been a factor in Steyn's decision to shoot the two victims. This practice caused frustration and encouraged people to take the law into their own hands.



Picture JOHAN SCHRONEN, The Argus

**FRIENDLY FACES:** Warrant Officer Ockert Griebenauw, in front, with his team of new police PROs who are ready to talk to members of the public.

## Police urge public to pop in for a chat sometime

JOHAN SCHRONEN  
Crime Staff

CRIME and complaints should not be the only matters that bring police and citizens together

Warrant Officer Ockert Griebenauw, who heads a team of 12 new public relations officers at police stations in the Cape police district, said people should realise there was a human behind every policeman and that the image of the police as a "force" had been replaced by that of a "service"

"We cannot prevent crime and enforce the law on our own," he said

"Without the participation and involvement of the public, we are only half a service. The policeman or woman on beat should become a

household name with families in the community

"A specialist at each charge office has now been nominated and trained to liaise with people to keep contact with the community and provide a friendlier and more efficient service"

Warrant Officer Griebenauw said interaction between policemen "on the ground" and citizens should be encouraged to produce a greater sense of trust on both sides

Residents are invited to contact the new police liaison officers with suggestions or constructive criticism

"Popping in for a chat to see who the voice is on the other end of the telephone is most welcome. We are part of the community and we want to be accepted in that way," he said

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# SA Police may rejoin Interpol

Staff Reporter

THE South African Police may rejoin the International Police (Interpol) after an absence of 37 years

Colonel Reg Crewe of the SAP public relations directorate in Pretoria said yesterday the issue was being considered but no decision had yet

been taken

He said the police relinquished their Interpol membership in 1955 for "financial reasons", after joining the global crime-fighting organisation in 1948

However, Interpol and the SAP have enjoyed an informal working relationship over the years and collaborated on

several occasions to solve complex international crimes

Interpol, which gathers information on criminals and their activities from 100 affiliate countries, deals with criminals in three main categories

● Those who operate in more than one country, such as smugglers who deal mainly in

precious metals/stones and drugs

● Criminals who do not travel but whose crimes affect other countries, such as counterfeiters of foreign banknotes

● Criminals who commit a crime in one country but flee to another to escape prosecution

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## More robbers 'use cop garb'

PRETORIA — The police yesterday expressed concern about the increasing number of crimes committed by criminals dressed in police or defence force uniforms

According to SAP statistics, 37 crimes were committed in Natal so far this year by people wearing SAP or SADF uniforms

Thirty-one people were arrested there in connection with crimes in which the uniforms were used

Uniforms most commonly used were those of the SAP, the SADF and the KwaZulu Police

— Sapa

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# R100-m to be spent on peace

By Carina le Grange

As much as R100 million in sponsored funds would be spent on peace over the next few months, National Peace Secretariat chairman Dr Antonie Gildenhuys said in a statement yesterday

Gildenhuys was responding to what he called a "misleading" report

on a R60 million marketing campaign

He said the facts were that a media campaign of R3 million, which had been donated by the press, TV and radio, would be launched this Christmas to communicate the objectives of the National Peace Accord

It was expected that the main part of the

peace campaign would be launched at the end of March This could amount to more than R100 million, but would depend on donations of media space and sponsorship

Gildenhuys said there would also be production and market-research expenses of about R1,8 million

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# Panel to probe claims against SAP

Peter Fabricius  
Political Correspondent

A permanent independent board chaired by a judge to investigate allegations of misconduct against the police is to be appointed early next year, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said yesterday

Kriel said at a Pretoria press conference that the Cabinet had already approved the leg-

islation to establish the board

It would probably be tabled early in the next session of Parliament starting at the end of January, he said

Kriel said the board would be chaired by a judge and run by an attorney-general

It would have its own inspectors to investigate allegations of criminal conduct against the police

He confirmed that the board to be launched next year was the same as the committee he referred to in August when he announced a package of measures to improve the image of the SAP

He said then that the committee would fall under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Justice and not the Minister of Law and Order who controls the SAP

It would thus be independent

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# Gluckman's offices bugged

Political Staff

The offices of top Johannesburg pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman — whom Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel criticised yesterday — were recently found to have been extensively bugged with sophisticated equipment, Gluckman confirmed this morning.

Gluckman, who had to call in technical experts because he suspected he had been placed under surveillance, received numerous anonymous death threats after he had made dramatic allegations five months ago that police were killing prisoners in their custody.

He said bugs were found on his private line and in the

main switchboard at the office, and others were in the ceiling, in the lights and in the skirting boards.

Yesterday, responding to Gluckman's allegations, Kriel criticised the Johannesburg pathologist and released statistics showing only a handful of cases in which the police could be implicated.

Kriel provided a detailed police report with a breakdown of 118 cases obtained from files at Gluckman's offices, and said only 34 of these people had died in police custody.

According to Kriel:

- In two cases SAP members were found guilty of criminal actions, and in two cases they were not guilty,

two cases were still pending; six cases were suicides, according to inquests, and eight cases were still under investigation.

- There were 14 cases in which inquests had already been finalised and in which the police had not been found responsible by the courts.
- In another 14 cases, the named people were not dead.

In his reaction yesterday, Gluckman accused Kriel of trying to discredit him, and said his implication that he had performed autopsies on 14 people who were still alive was "the most bizarre charge" ever levelled at him in a long career.

He said the allegation repeated by Kriel yesterday had first been made in an

Afrikaans Sunday newspaper on November 29. Since he had spent most of yesterday giving evidence in a murder case, he had not been able to ascertain the full extent of Kriel's remarks.

Gluckman said a woman police constable who had arrived at his office had collected records of consultations from his files which had nothing to do with the deaths in custody.

"I await, with interest details of the rest of the Minister's statements, as well as the report on which they were presumably based, all of which I assume his office will supply to me in time.

"In the meantime, I con-

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## Gluckman's offices were bugged

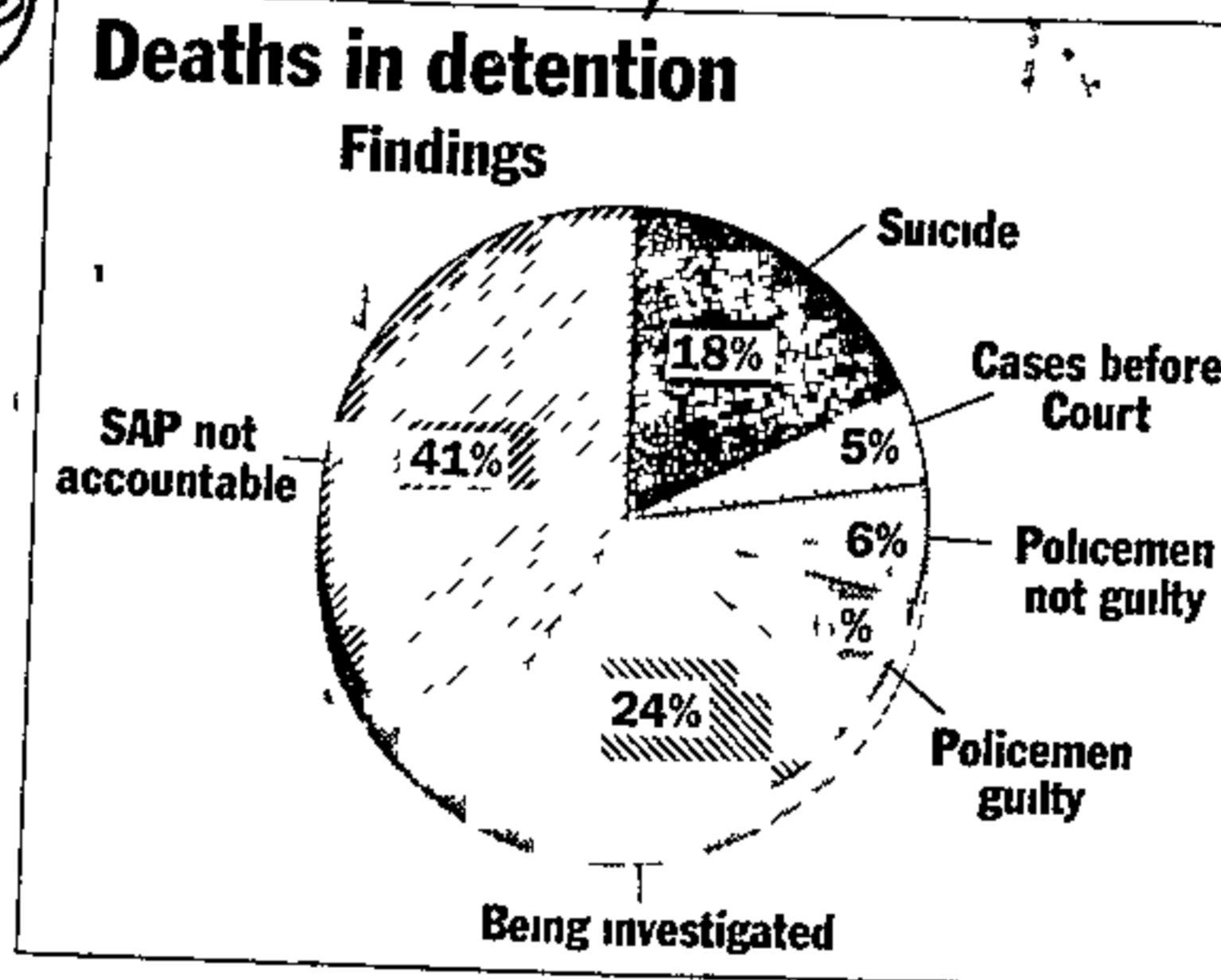
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continue to nurse the concerns that prompted me to write to the State President that almost every week people die while in the custody of those whose duty it is to protect life," Gluckman said.

Although he said the perception that detainees in police custody were murdered or were dying in large numbers were false, Kriel also announced measures to prevent deaths in custody, including the formation of a Board — to be chaired by a judge — which would investigate suspected criminal actions.

He said even one death in detention due to criminal behaviour was one too many, and that it was for this reason that 20 retired generals had been appointed to conduct surprise visits to police stations.

In addition, 12 retired magistrates were acting as inspectors of people in



Breakdown how the SAP classifies the Gluckman cases.

custody

Kriel said the International Red Cross had also been given permission to visit prisoners without prior warning, and that an investigation was being conducted to see how suicides could be prevented.

Police would also consider going through police cells to remove any object which could be used to carry out a sui-

cide, the Minister said.

Gluckman, who believed he was on the receiving end of a campaign by the police and the Government to discredit him, said the bugging seemed "to fit in well" with on-going attempts to discredit him.

Apart from confirming the bugging, Gluckman declined to comment further or answer any other question this morning.

Govt threat to Apla draws angry response

# Hot-pursuit warnings

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By Peter Fabricius  
Political Correspondent

The Government has not ruled out the option of conducting cross-border raids into neighbouring states against military bases of the Azaman People's Liberation Army, military wing of the Pan Africanist Congress

Law and Order Minister Heruus Kriel revealed this yesterday at a Pretoria press conference, answering questions about Apla's alleged campaign of terror against whites

He stressed, however, that the Government would undertake such raids only as a last resort and only if the Government were in possession of hard facts

He said "We are not looking for trouble with our neighbours But we have a duty to protect our citizens"

Kriel stated categorically that Apla had training bases in Zimbabwe and Transkei Asked whether this meant the governments of those countries were lying because they had denied hosting Apla bases, Kriel said he did not know whether they were lying, but they did have their facts wrong

He welcomed the Zimbabwe government announcement that Apla should stop making claims about its "criminal activities" from Zimbabwean soil

But he added that he did not think the "brigadier from Transkei" (an apparent reference to Major-General Bantu Holomisa) had made a similar statement

Kriel and his spokesman, Captain Craig Kotze, said one would not find Apla training bases if one looked for conventional military institutions with flags waving and platoons marching

Only three or four people were being trained at each base, they said

Kriel said the SAP estimated that Apla had 120 trained fighters inside and outside the country He would not say which countries were funding Apla or the PAC as the matter was still under investigation

Those countries funding Apla and the PAC would be contacted through the Department of Foreign Affairs

He would not comment on the arrest and later release on Wednesday of three ANC members on suspicion of involvement in the King William's Town golf club attack, for which Apla has claimed responsibility

Kriel said if it was true that the PAC had said it would not suspend the armed struggle until an interim

government had been installed, then it had effectively excluded itself from the negotiations for an interim government

● The ANC and the Transkei administration yesterday reacted angrily to Kriel's statements

The ANC said the threatened military action against Transkei and Zimbabwe "is totally unacceptable irresponsible, unstatesmanlike and provocative in the extreme It lends credence to the argument that agents provocateurs may be responsible for the acts of terrorism in the eastern Cape region, the intention being to rationalise an attack on these territories"

The ANC added that its president, Nelson Mandela, would raise these matters at a special emergency meeting of Frontline states in Harare today

In a separate statement, Holomisa said Apla had no bases in Transkei He warned Pretoria not to harm innocent citizens in cross-border raids

Church leaders are seeking an urgent meeting with the PAC and Apla

The SA Council of Churches said yesterday the leaders were concerned about Apla's activities and the PAC's response

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# Policeman skips MK inquest

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BY ROSALEE TELELA

A POLICEMAN allegedly involved in the killing of Umkhonto weSizwe (MK) member Tumi Padi again failed to appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday

Despite the issuing of a warrant for his arrest by magistrate JW Botha on Monday, Lieutenant Daniel Knoester's whereabouts are still not known. The case has been adjourned until January 6, when an inquiry will be held into the non-appearance of the policeman

Knoester was supposed to be a prime witness during this week's inquest hearing into the death of MK member Padi and his girlfriend Nokuzola Ncalo, killed during a raid by police in the early hours of May 19 last year. Police say Padi was shot and killed when he attempted to throw a hand grenade at them. Ncalo, who was in the same room as Padi, was shot when she allegedly "stormed" the police.

Pathologist Russell Johnston testified that Padi had died of shotgun wounds and a head wound from a gunshot, either from a R1 or R5 that the police carried during the raid. He said Ncalo's death was caused by sustained shotgun wounds to the chest and abdomen.

Two policemen, Constable Harry Mhlanga

and Sergeant Moeledi Moagi, who were present during the shooting, told the court they could not recall whether they were present when affidavit stamps were put on their statements.

During cross-examination it emerged that both witnesses had given their statements to a policeman who had also been present during the shooting, and not the investigating officer in the case.

The investigating officer, Detective Constable Ncele, declined to answer most questions put to him by defence counsel Gys Rautenbach. He confessed, however, that at times he stamped statements in the absence of those who made them and that it was possible he had done the same with the statements of Moagi and Mhlanga.

Testimony by a forensic expert, Dr David Klatzow, contradicted the police claim that Padi had been sitting on the right side of the bed when police entered the room. He argued that it was more probable that he was on the left side, basing his deduction on the fact that there were no signs of massive bleeding on the right side and the manner in which blood had splattered on the ceiling.

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# Police to probe torture claims

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POLICE will thoroughly investigate allegations made in the Weekly Mail newspaper yesterday that Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad detectives routinely tortured detainees to extract information, police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said

The newspaper reported that detainees were tortured in a "waarheidskamer" (truth room) in the squad's headquarters in Brixton, Johannesburg,

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in spite of police pledges that illegal investigation methods would not be tolerated

It quoted police sources and lawyers as saying confessions were extracted from detainees by giving them electric shocks, hanging them from their wrists and beating them

Opperman said in a statement yesterday the SAP had never condoned or tolerated misconduct by its members, especially unlawful killings

and torture

In the near future an independent police board would investigate serious complaints and allegations, he added

The Weekly Mail report said torture had always been standard practice at Brixton and reached a peak during the 1980s, when the Murder and Robbery Squad was headed by former Civil Co-operation Bureau section leader Staal Burger — Sapa

# Ball back in Gluckman's court

**JOHN PERLMAN**  
Chief Reporter

IF LAW and Order Minister Hennis Kriel is feeling a little aggrieved this morning, he may well be justified. Yesterday's newspaper headlines were dominated by news that the offices of pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman had been bugged and by Kriel's statement that the Government would consider cross-border raids to curb the activities of the Azanian People's Liberation Army.

Kriel made his statement on Apla in response to a question at a press conference in the Union Buildings called to present the Minister's response to allegations of police brutality made by Gluckman in July. The real business of the press conference, Kriel's riposte to Gluckman, ended up relegated to secondary significance.

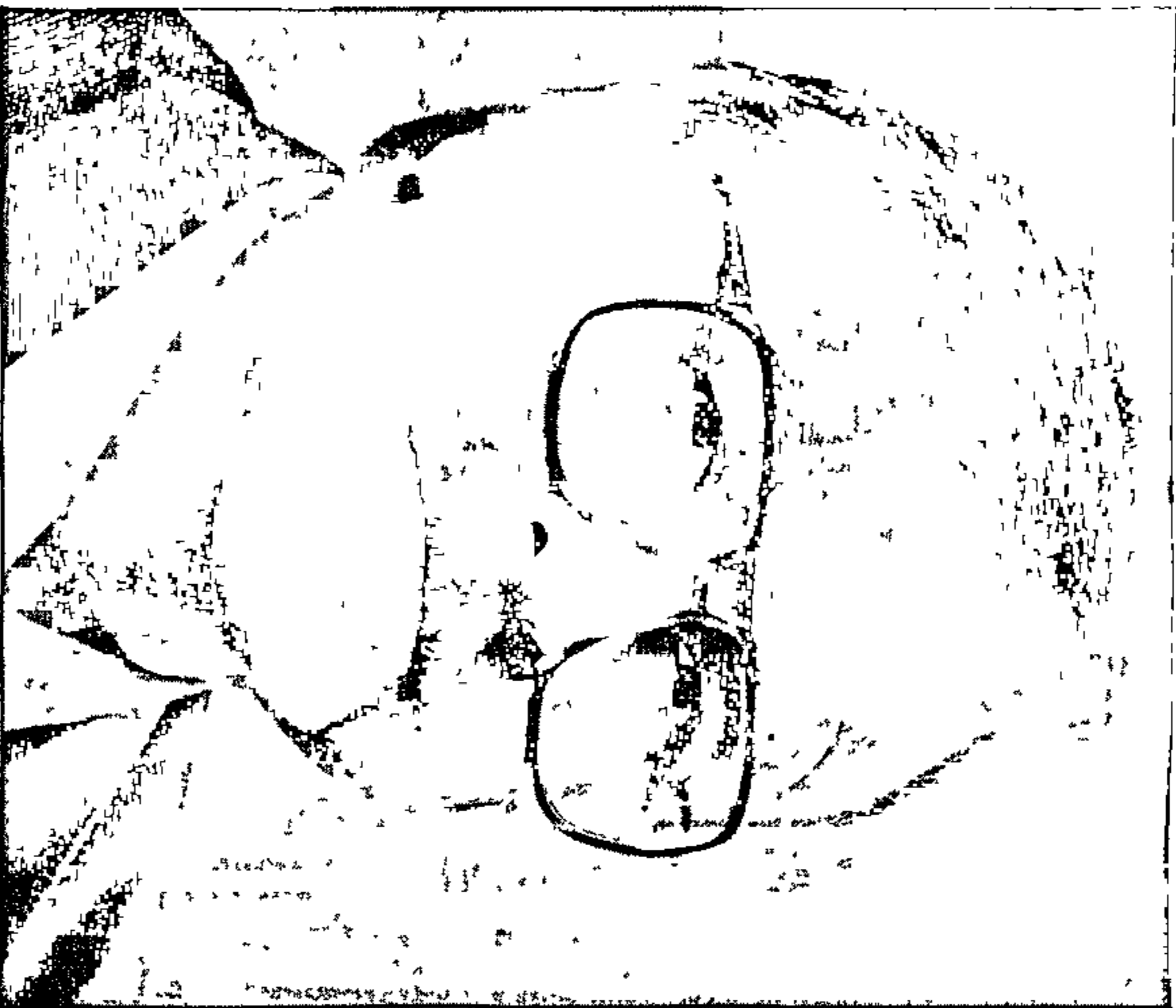
## Document

The Ministry of Law and Order has compiled an 81-page document based on an examination of 118 cases obtained from Gluckman's records. Gluckman had charged that he had more than 200 files on prisoners he had performed on prisoners, 50 percent of whom "I am convinced were killed by the police."

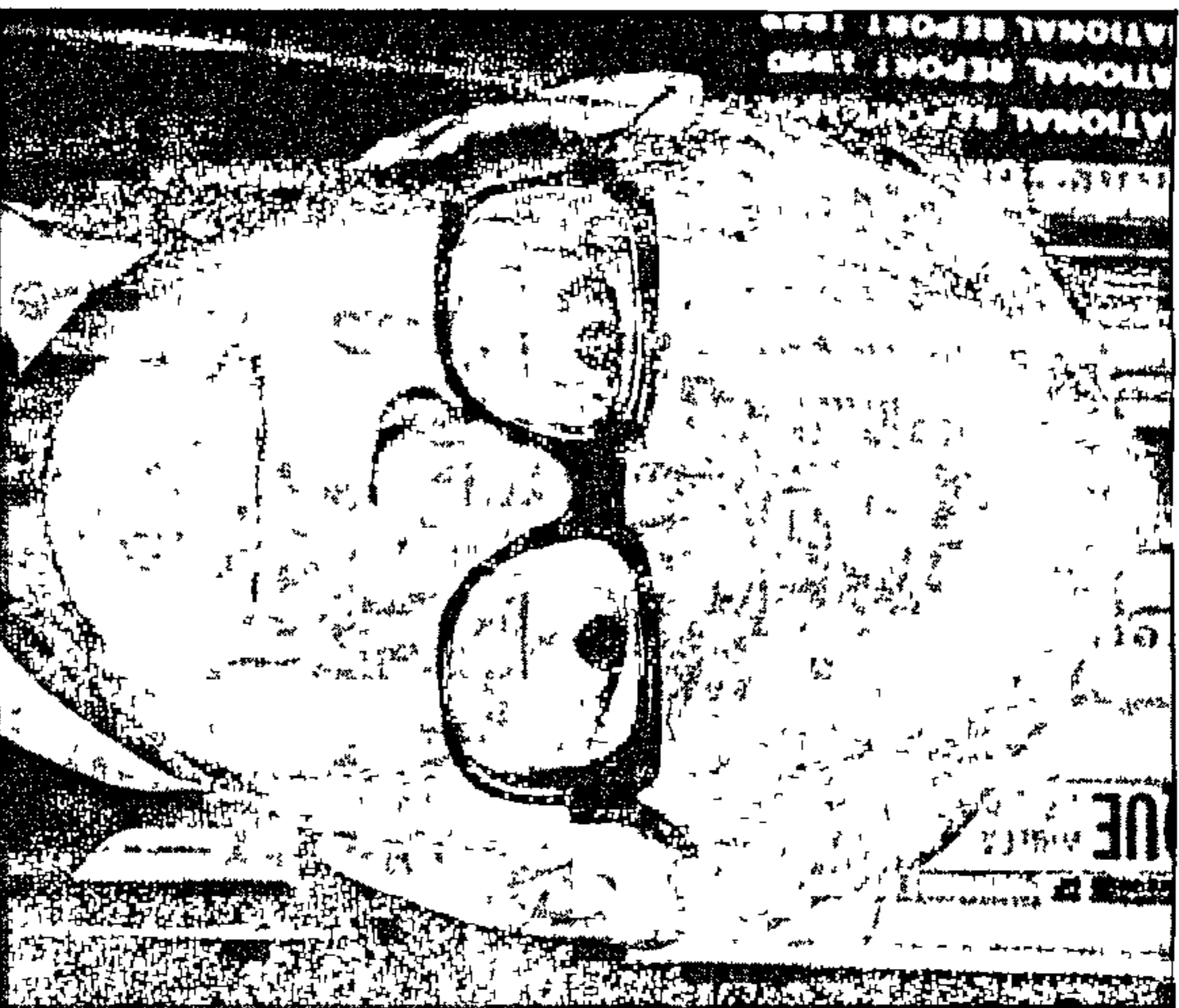
Kriel said Gluckman handed over just 130 names to his investigator, Colonel Jan de Beer, and was able to provide files for only 119 cases. In one of these cases, police were unable to find any information.

The ministry's investigation reached the following conclusion. 14 cases concerned people who were still alive, seven died "outside South African jurisdiction", 29 died in cases that had "absolutely nothing to do with the South African Police", 26 died "as a result of police action outside of custody", six died while in prison and two as a result of South African Defence Force action.

Kriel said 34 people, 29 percent of the cases from Gluckman's files, died while in police custody. Of these, six committed suicide — Gluckman's findings agreed with those of the State pathologist. 14



**HERNUS KRIEL.** The perception that prisoners are dying in large numbers because of criminal actions by police "is false."



**DR JONATHAN GLUCKMAN.** Claimed that 90 percent of more than 200 post-mortem cases were a result of killings by the police

## Minister's detailed report defends SAP on cell murder claims

had been the subject of inquests which had not found the police responsible, eight were still being investigated and six had led to prosecutions. Convictions were secured in two of these cases, two led to verdicts of not guilty and two cases were still pending.

Based on these findings, Kriel said the "perception that detainees in police custody are murdered or are dying in large numbers because of the criminal actions of members of

the South African Police is false," Kriel also levelled criticism at the press. "Newspapers may be reminded that, in a volatile situation, they should not cry 'fire' in a crowded theatre."

Gluckman initially responded to Kriel's report by defending his basic contention "Almost every week, people die while in the custody of those whose duty it is to protect life," he said.

But yesterday he refused to offer any comment on Kriel's findings which offer a strong challenge to the pathologist's allegations. Gluckman charged that bugs had been placed on his private line and in the main switchboard at his office as well as in the ceiling, in the lights and in the skirting boards. He said this was part of "the general campaign aimed at discrediting me".

Kriel's report, however, is a detailed document which will not easily be dismissed. Gluckman has al-

chemical poisoning. None of the deaths, Kriel said, occurred while the deceased was in police custody. Kriel found that 26 people died the course of police action and not in custody. Eight of these were death "where the SAP cannot be held legally accountable" and include three people "killed while fleeing after having committed a crime" at three killed "during unrest incidents." Inquest proceedings four police not accountable in a further seven cases and police have been prosecuted for another three.

A further eight cases are still being investigated, some of which raise questions about the speed with which police act on allegations against them. One shooting incident in which three men died while fleeing a suspected robbery, took place in December 1990.

## Suicide

Regarding the 34 deaths in custody, Kriel found that six of the prisoners committed suicide, all hanging themselves. Another were the subjects of inquests, all which found the SAP not accountable. One of these Themba Molo, had various bruise and scrat marks on his body "which had allegedly been sustained before his a rest".

Another drowned in a river near Klersdorp while pointing out daga stash to the police. A third Johannes Ngalo died of internal injuries. Ngalo was arrested after robbery attempt, in which he fought with the shopowner. Eye-witnesses claimed they saw Ngalo being assaulted by the police well, but the inquest magistrate found no one responsible.

The eight cases still under investigation also raise questions about delays in these cases. One death occurred in December 1989 and another in January 1990. In one case Gluckman's report directly contradicts the official police explanation of the death. In the other, an inquest was held without Gluckman's testimony and without the deceased lawyers.

There are some nagging questions that remain unanswered by Kriel's report. But the Minister was asked to respond to Gluckman's allegations and he has done so in depth. The ball is now back in the doctor's court.

# Magistrate acquits cop who shot cowering boy

By DAN DHLAMINI

THERE was elation and bitterness in the Potchefstroom Regional Court this week when the magistrate acquitted a cop who fatally wounded a student who hid under a bed.

Bongi Nyokong's mother Elizabeth Mathapelo Boqo and relatives wept bitterly while Constable Ephraim Fente Rampete exchanged smiles of victory, shaking hands with colleagues and advocate EM Coetzee, who successfully defended him in the murder trial which emanated from an inquest two years ago.

In discharging Rampete Magistrate LP Virtue said independent pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman's admission this week that there were some mistakes in his statement weighed in favour of Rampete.

The magistrate said Dr Gluckman's inquest report on how Nyokong, a Tlokwe Secondary School Standard Nine pupil died on February 23 1990, had prompted the Attorney General's decision to prosecute Rampete in a criminal court.

The elderly Dr Gluckman who has been a pathologist for the past 40 years made newspaper headlines recently when he said police were responsible for most deaths in detention.

This week Dr Gluckman accused Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel

of trying to discredit him over allegations that criminal police actions caused the deaths of detainees.

During cross examination Dr Gluckman conceded that he had made a mistake when he said the shot which hit Nyokong had been fired about 12 inches away from the deceased whereas it was much nearer as testified by both Dr Klupp and Rampete.

Earlier, State pathologist Patricia Klupp testified that Nyokong's injuries were in line with allegations that he was shot at a very close range while under the bed.

Her evidence correlated with that of Rampete who said Nyokong had grabbed the barrel of the gun and in the ensuing struggle a shot went off hitting him in an arm. Nyokong died of his injuries at Potchefstroom's Kallie de Haas hospital.

The magistrate said there were no eyewitnesses who saw exactly what happened inside the bedroom of school teacher Marcus Mosete on February 23 1990.

Magistrate Virtue said it was clear that Rampete's intention was not to kill Nyokong, but to arrest him because he could have shot him during an earlier chase.

He said police were targets at that time and their attackers were dangerous.



# Top cops meet over Buthelezi allegations

By **MONWABISI  
NOMADOLO**

WITWATERSRAND deputy Attorney-General J Humans has revealed that A-G Klaus von Lieres held a meeting with senior police officers last month concerning investigations involving Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Contrary to police reports that the Buthelezi docket had been handed to the A-G for his decision whether to prosecute or not, Human said he was not aware the docket had been handed to the office, adding his senior would have informed him.

However, police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman told City Press

he was certain investigations had been completed and the docket handed to the A-G. *Opperman*

The A-G could not be reached for comment as he is on leave until January. *13/12/92*

In October Buthelezi defiantly led two marches in central Johannesburg and Durban protesting against the ban on the carrying of dangerous weapons in public and fencing off of Reef hostels.

SAP regional commissioner Gen Gerrit Erasmus had turned down a request by march organisers to carry weapons in public. Buthelezi defied the ban and led the 20 000-strong march.

## **Covert operations defended** (251)

COVERT police operations had proved more successful than conventional methods in uncovering arms smuggling networks and these operations could be extended in the future, the Goldstone Commission heard this week. *C/Pres*

The full Commission is hearing submissions in Cape Town on the illegal importation, distribution and use of automatic weapons in SA. *5/3/12/92*

WL Wepener, for the SA Police, said covert intelligence and infiltration operations were "absolutely essential" to combat the import and distribution of weapons

# 'Killer cop rap just the beginning'

By FRED KHUMALO

"MORE heads must roll" (251)

This was the message from both the ANC and the DP after W/O Hendrik Steyn, of the Empangeni murder and robbery unit, was sentenced to 18 years' imprisonment for the murder of ANC members Michael Mthethwa and Simon Msweli

DP unrest monitor Roy Ainslie applauded the Pietermaritzburg Supreme Court judge for his finding and his hard-hitting comments against Steyn's colleagues who tried to cover up for him.

The colleagues refused to take part in an identity parade from which the suspected killer was to be pointed out by witnesses

The judge further hinted that at least two officers in the unit "may have" defeated the ends of justice and could be deemed ac-

cessories after the fact

He formally asked that his harsh comments be forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, raising the likelihood that a thorough investigation could be carried out and that action could be taken against unit head Capt Joseph Erasmus and Det-Sgt Koen Maritz

During the sensational case, the court heard that members of the Empangeni murder and robbery squad visited a house which they believed was a hideout for murder suspects Msweli and Mthethwa

Following a shootout, in which three policemen were killed, the two suspects were overpowered and arrested

Immediately after the incident, police issued a statement saying the two suspects had died in the shooting, but the ANC disputed that version

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The ANC, in conjunction with family members of the two men, commissioned independent pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman to examine the bodies

Gluckman's finding - that the two men were killed while in police custody - was confirmed during court proceedings by SADF conscripts and witnesses Andrew Watson and Gavin Law

Watson and Law were with the police in a bakkie which was taking Msweli and Mthethwa to hospital after the shootout

Watson told the court four white policemen stopped the bakkie to look at the injured men. One of the policemen was Steyn

Steyn then climbed on the bakkie and instructed the driver to turn into a plantation

Once there, Watson and Law jumped off and Steyn told Msweli and Mthethwa to get out

of the car. Steyn then apparently "rolled" Msweli off the bakkie as his "intestines were coming out" and he was unable to move

It was then that Steyn fired the fatal shots

At a police station in KwaMbonambi, the two witnesses claimed that they were told by a policeman to keep quiet and to write that Msweli and Mthethwa had died on the way to hospital

ANC northern Natal secretary Senzo Mchunu said "The case itself and the judgement in particular indicates why the majority of people in SA have completely lost faith in the regime's discredited and corrupt police force"

Ainslie said the conviction of Steyn did not come as a surprise "We certainly think more heads will roll."

# Police 'lose' records of major arms haul

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BY CHARLENE SMITH

POLICE cannot find records of a major arms smuggling "bust" presented by their lawyers to the Goldstone commission in Cape Town this week.

Police counsel told the commission that undercover policemen had discovered weapons-smuggling networks at East Rand hostels. They gave as an example an incident where they recovered 40 AK-47s, a Makarov pistol, a 9mm pistol and a RGD5 hand-grenade. Mr WL Wepener, for the police, said several people, including an alleged chief distributor, were arrested.

## Legal

However, police in Pretoria, Johannesburg and the East Rand and their legal counsel in Cape Town were unable to obtain further details of the case.

Both Major Reuben Bloomberg and Captain Peter Brandt of the police

public relations directorate in Pretoria said that despite numerous inquiries they could not trace documents about the case.

Brigadier Stef du Toit, the SAP legal officer who helped compile the submission presented to the Goldstone commission by Mr Wepener, was also unable to give further details of the case.

He referred the Sunday Times back to the public relations directorate which conducted further inquiries. The head of the Central Investigation Services in Germiston, Captain Steenkamp, also could not recall or find details of such a case which, he said, would have been memorable because of the "arrest" of an alleged "chief distributor".

Expressing concern about the prevalence of il-

legal weapons, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said on Friday that his commission would establish a new committee to investigate ways of curbing the illegal importation, possession, distribution and use of firearms and explosive devices in South Africa.

Legal teams representing the ANC, Inkatha Freedom Party, Kwazulu government, SA Defence Force and the police agreed to the formation of the committee and its terms of reference.

## Firearms

Mr Wepener recommended that arms smugglers receive heavier sentences.

He called for the ANC to make available its information regarding the illegal import and distribution of firearms and for better co-operation with neighbouring states.

Police figures showed that 711 people were killed and 809 injured in AK-47 attacks from July 1, 1991, to November 30 this year. Last year police confiscated a number of illegal weapons including 1 090 AK-47s, 2 150 pistols, 1 075 revolvers, 632 home-made rifles and 1 597 kilograms of explosives.

● Tomorrow the Goldstone commission moves to Durban for a further one-day preliminary hearing into violence in Natal.

# Judge says police are protected by falsified records

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By BOETT ESHAK

A POLICE station's occurrence book is meant to be an accurate diary of events of the day. Instead, it has become a weapon for the self-protection of policemen, littered with false entries and deliberate omissions, says a judge.

This emerged in a recent Rand Supreme Court trial involving a police assault at Brixton police station in 1990.

The beating was not recorded in the occurrence book.

And during the two-week trial three policemen gave "palpably false" evidence about assaults at the station, the judge found.

Mr Justice John Myburgh last month awarded Mr Alfred Mbunjana R265 000 damages and costs against the Minister of Law and Order.

## Torn

Mr Mbunjana, 29, of Soweto, was hospitalised for four months with a torn pancreas in 1990 after he was assaulted by police in the Brixton charge office.

In his judgment, Mr Justice Myburgh said the fact that the occurrence book entries for that night did not contain any reference to Mr Mbunjana nor to an assault on him was not significant.

"The occurrence book has become a weapon in the protection of policemen," he said.

"If the assault is considered petty, no entry is

made. If the assault is serious, a false entry that 'necessary violence' was used — when the opposite is true — is made."

Mr Mbunjana told the court that on Saturday evening, July 14, 1990, he was stopped in Brixton by two men in plainclothes — one black and one white — who identified themselves as policemen and ordered him to accompany them to the Brixton police station.

At the charge office the white policeman made false allegations that he had kicked their vehicle. When he denied the allegations, he was slapped by the two men.

## Punched

He was taken to an adjoining room. The black policeman fired two tear-gas canisters into the room and locked the door. He lost consciousness.

The judge found that it was "improbable" that teargas had been used in the assault, and rejected the claim that the door had been locked.

Mr Mbunjana said he was revived and taken to the charge office where he was repeatedly punched all over his body until he collapsed again.

Shortly before midnight he was told to take his things and leave. Barely able to walk, he managed to reach Langlaagte station where he collapsed and fell asleep.

He was too sick to go to work on Monday morning and his mother called an ambulance to take him to Baragwanath Hospital.

Mr Mbunjana was diagnosed as having traumatic pancreatitis. He was discharged from the hospital on November 19, 1990.

The judge found that Mr Mbunjana had been "slapped in the face and punched or kicked in the stomach" by a policeman.

## Assault

Although police witnesses at the trial denied members of the public were assaulted by policemen or that excessive force was used, they said "necessary force" was often used.

Constable J Strydom, who was duty officer in the police station's charge office at the time the alleged assault took place, told the court that during his six-month stint as duty officer he had never seen an assault on suspects, even on the night of Mr Mbunjana's assault.

This evidence was "palpably false," the judge said.

Another witness, Sergeant Maree, whose spell as duty officer in 1990 followed that of Constable Strydom, said suspects were often slapped around and this was not entered in the occurrence book.

If all those assaults had to be recorded they would quickly fill an occurrence book, he said.

# National health policy proposed

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KATHRYN STRACHAN

AFTER a week-long conference, major health organisations on Friday released their national health policy which is expected to hold far-reaching implications for future health provision in SA

The policy document — which was formulated by the SA Health and Social Services Organisation and the National Progressive Primary Health Care Network — has first to be ratified at a regional level before it is formally adopted

The document focused on the fragmentation of the present health service which has resulted in wasted resources and inequitable care to different sectors of the population

The issue of labour relations in the public health sector was given prominence in the document. Poor labour relations had damaged and disrupted health care in SA and, by undermining the morale of workers, it had affected the quality of their care, it said

The exclusion of civil servants from the Labour Relations Amendment Act of 1991 was the root cause of the strife. The conference called for the Act to be extended immediately to include all public servants and to guarantee their right to strike

In order to avoid strike action workers, especially nurses, had to be guaranteed freedom of professional association, and acceptable dispute resolution mechanisms had to be adopted

Many of the health sector's problems arose from the concentration of health personnel in urban white areas and in the private sector. To redress the imbalance, the document resolved to implement incentives such as higher pay or greater professional recognition for work to at-

tract personnel to underserved rural areas or to the public sector

The document also proposed a stronger emphasis on mental health. Several investigations in recent years had found that up to four in 10 people were suffering from some form of mental ill-health, which was often brought about by the violence in communities as well as within families and by alcohol and drug abuse

Speaking at the conference Gerald Bloom, a developmental studies lecturer at Sussex University, said there was no simple solution to the problem of financing essential health services in a society as segmented as in SA, where there were many sophisticated hospitals for the rich and an under-developed primary health care service for the poor

"It may be unrealistic to attempt to provide the entire population with the kinds of services which have been developed to serve the elite, or even those services which formal sector employees have come to regard as their right. The establishment of new institutions is costly and takes time to establish," said Bloom

Johannesburg city health executive director Dr Nicky Padayachee proposed an option for health sector restructuring which could be rapidly implemented once an interim government was in place

"There is obvious support for a unitary health system with decentralised implementation and the removal of fragmentation, duplication and racism. There is also wide support for equity and for a primary health care approach, including community accountability and participation"

## ANC slates TPA over hostels

THE ANC has called on the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) to hand over the R326m set aside for upgrading of hostels to the National Housing Forum in order to improve community participation in the process. BIDM 14/12/92

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the TPA was acting unilaterally and making false claims about having formally consulted hostel dwellers about the upgrading process

"There have been instances where the TPA has talked to individuals. In reality the TPA has not consulted and, where there have been consultations, they have been undemocratic," he said

The Hostel Residents' Association had informed the ANC that it had never been officially consulted by the TPA, he said

The TPA said at the weekend it had reached consensus during consultations with the residents of 35 of the 92 hostels it administered

"Negotiations among representative negotiation groups are in progress in respect of 42 other hostels," the TPA said, adding that it would proceed with the upgrading process despite recent ANC criticism

A TPA statement said allegations that it was not following guidelines for upgrading agreed on in November by the National

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Discussion Forum on Hostels, were untrue

"The TPA wishes to appeal to all role-players in this important aspect of housing to co-operate so that the whole issue may be addressed as speedily as possible

"It must be stressed that the TPA regards proper and representative consultation of the utmost importance in achieving consensus regarding the upgrading or conversion of hostels in the Transvaal

"This allegation is noted with concern as it appears that in some cases, ANC members at the grassroots level are not being informed on negotiations and progress regarding the upgrading and conversion of hostels by their organisation's representatives," the TPA said

But Mamoepa said the ANC was "seriously concerned about the way the TPA goes about this kind of thing"

Tokoza hostel dwellers who had vacated their rooms when the TPA had begun renovations could not afford the higher fees charged after upgrading, he said

The TPA said expectations of better living conditions had been created during the consultation process and the TPA wished to meet these by continuing upgrading

Miss World 1992 Julia Kurat  
the Lost City She is flanked  
Gago, 19, who was named t

## SAP torture probe is on

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STEPHANE BOTHMA

CLAIMS of widescale torture of suspects by Brixton murder and robbery unit detectives would be probed by Witwatersrand Regional Police Commissioner Maj-Gen Chris Serfontein, the SAP said at the weekend

The announcement followed media reports alleging that policemen routinely extracted information from detainees by torturing them in a "truth room" at Brixton murder and robbery headquarters

The Weekly Mail reported that electric shocks, hanging prisoners by their wrists and beatings appeared to be an everyday occurrence at Brixton

The newspaper reportedly possessed a statement from a police source, backed by interviews with other policemen, former policemen, lawyers and former Brixton detainees to support the claims

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman said the SAP had never tolerated misconduct by its members and called on those who alleged the torture to prove the claims so that the police force could be rid of "any unsavoury character"

An independent police board would soon investigate serious complaints, Opperman said

**NEWS FEATURES** Namibian outcasts are supported by South Africa

# Koevoet living it up on SA soil

*Sowetan*  
By Abbey Makoe

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## South Westers funded by SAP:

**M**EMBERS of the notorious Koevoet unit, who lost against Swapo in Namibia, are reaping the fruits of their support for South Africa's thwarted ruin of a democracy

They live in tents and semi-posh houses in a former mining area in Roonberg near Warmbaths, assured of a salary from the Government

Those spoken to gleefully expressed gratitude for the SAP's generosity, vowing never to return to their place of birth, Namibia

Hardly three years in the country, Koevoet members, all from three villages in the former South West Africa, are living in better circumstances than many SA-born citizens languishing in squatter settlements

They were flown from Ovambo, Kavango and Kaokovand where some of the men left their children behind, they said

A school has been built, well-furnished and registered with the DET

Classes are from Sub A to Standard 3. Emphasis is placed on English and Afrikaans

SAP officers interviewed by

*Sowetan* congratulated the Namibians for their "trust-worthiness and support in the past"

In fact, the Namibians saw themselves as heroes and heroines in South Africa's war against Swapo

Ask them who they voted for during the UN-supervised elections, the answer is two-fold either "Ek het nie gestem nie" or an outright "DTA" ("I didn't vote" or "Democratic Turnhalle Alliance") which was funded by South African taxpayers' money

Afrikaans is the only SA language they excel in, though they were not fluent by any means

Meanwhile, their population continues to grow. Koevoet women in labour are taken to Warmbaths hospital to deliver. The whole Koevoet community is undoubtedly well looked after

They also have a clinic in the neighbourhood, run by an unknown warrant officer. White officers sharing their living space with the Koevoets, a name SAP officials requested be

abolished from use in newspapers, were high ranking

The man in charge, Lieutenant-Colonel Willie Fouche, appeared popular among the Koevoets. So was his colleague, Lieutenant-Colonel Sakkie Serfontein

While Fouche reiterated that "I will never leave them in a lurch", Serfontein's argument was that the Koevoets were in fact South Africans

"They were born in 'Suidwes' (South West) while the territory was still SA's protectorate," he said. He argued that his wife and two children were born in Namibia but encountered no problems in being granted SA documents

He cried apartheid in reverse, criticising the inevitable arrest of the Koevoets should they return to Namibia, where they are wanted for atrocities they perpetrated against their own people - under the guidance of the SA securocrats

There are 630 men, 328 women and 560 children who were flown into the country by the SAP in 1990

# Policeman's affair probed

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — A departmental investigation is being carried out into the relationship between an Eastern Cape policeman and his girlfriend, and the effect it is having on his work and the community

The 22-year-old constable, who asked not to be identified for fear of intimidation, claims the furore is because his girlfriend is coloured

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and he is white, and working in a "racist" Eastern Cape town

However, liaison officer Captain Lisbe Vermeulen said race was not the issue

"There are certain norms and standards with which all policemen and policewomen have to comply"

"When we have reason to believe their personal lives might cause a problem within the commun-

ity or affect their jobs, then it has to be investigated," Captain Vermeulen said

The Afrikaans-speaking constable said a high-ranking police officer threatened he would be transferred or forced to buy his discharge

"He asked me why I was having a sexual relationship with a 'Hot-not'"

Capt Vermeulen said the officer denied bringing race into the issue



# Probe: No Renamo, KwaZulu Police link

NO link between Renamo and the KwaZulu Police, as claimed earlier this year by the ANC, had been found, the Goldstone Commission said yesterday

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said the claim had been based on the presence of about ten armed Portuguese-speaking men at a bar in Nseleni in August this year

"They were black and spoke Portuguese. What they were doing there was impossible to ascertain

"There appears to be no doubt that the presence of these men in KwaZulu

was the sole origin of the belief or rumour concerning a relationship between the KwaZulu Police and Renamo soldiers"

The commission said in its report to President F W de Klerk that Northern Natal ANC leaders had claimed at the end of September that Renamo soldiers were in KwaZulu and that their presence was linked to alleged hit-squad training

But an extensive probe by the commission's investigative team in Natal found "there is no justification for the allegations of a Renamo connection with the KwaZulu Police"

# Heavy sentence for SA courts and cops

Commonwealth  
probe finds deep  
black pessimism

By THEMBA KHUMALO

THE 12-man Commonwealth observer team in SA has handed down a serious indictment of our system of criminal justice

During its two-month mission to monitor violence here, it heard repeatedly that "the system" had broken down and that the majority of black South Africans had no confidence in the society

Addressing a press conference in Johannesburg recently, mission chairman and a judge in Ghana, Austin Amisah, said the absence of black confidence in the system had meant few crimes were reported, fewer were detected and only a handful were prosecuted

He said "The courts are seen by the public as elitist and ill-equipped to quickly dispose of the volume of criminal cases which come before them. We have noted with surprise the release on bail, sometimes on small sureties or bonds, of persons charged with the gravest of crimes

"We have also noticed the level of sentence sometimes given after conviction which tends to convey the impression that violent crime, even that ending in the loss of human life, is treated with less severity than the simplest offences, such as the stealing of goods"

## Disinterested

In cases of violence the message sent out was that the courts were not interested in the protection of human life or limb, Amisah said

The police were also criticised by the team for taking sides. Amisah said people had told of how they would not report offences to the police because they were seen to be impartial or were too incompetent or indifferent to do anything

"The police would rather put the person reporting through the inconvenience of a long, needless police routine, or would at best investigate the complaint inefficiently, giving little chance of success in a prosecution," Amisah said

He said, however, that his team had a continuous relationship with senior police officers in most parts of the country and they (team members) were invited to give lectures in Commonwealth countries

The team consists of former police commissioners from Canada, New Zealand, Malaysia, a chief superintendent of Scotland Yard, a former Senator from Bahamas, a lawyer and MP from Zimbabwe, a lawyer and former Indian MP and the director of the Institute of Criminology in Canberra, Australia

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# SAP probes claim of police manipulation of taxi trade

By Helen Grange

Goldstone Commission evidence that some policemen are running taxis in Alexandra, and that taxi permits are being fraudulently issued or obtained, is being urgently investigated by the SAP

In a statement yesterday, Commissioner of Police General Johann van der Merwe said he had taken note of findings in the Goldstone committee's report on public violence and intimidation in the taxi industry, and had instructed that recommendations about police relations with taxi operators be implemented

In its report, the committee advised the police to maintain good public relations, ensure that lines of communication were kept open, and that complainants received feedback on the progress of investigations

The committee heard evidence that taxi permits were being fraudulently obtained through consultants

A number of allegations of negligence or corruption

against the SAP in general, and individual policeman, emerged during the inquiry, but were proved groundless

Van der Merwe said it was "heartening" that these allegations were found to be untrue, but conceded that there appeared to be a breakdown in communication with complainants. He had taken steps to remedy this

● The National Transport Policy Forum (NTPF) has warned taxi owners not to buy white-wall tyres imported from eastern Europe

Such tyres did not conform to the required standards for tyres on commercial taxis, and could not withstand the climatic conditions in South Africa, said the NTPF

Some of the tyres were marked M&S, which stood for "mud and snow"

Taxi owners were also warned not to buy tyres sold at the side of township roads, as many of these had been re-grooved. Such tyres were a "timebomb"

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# Police patrol border farms

POLICE moved quickly to secure farms and towns on the Transkei and Lesotho borders yesterday, after the declaration of 23 unrest areas in the region by Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel

Additional police had been moved in and new Internal Stability Unit bases were being established yesterday, police spokesman Capt Lisbe Vermeulen said

Security operations would continue on Christmas day and through the rest of the festive season. Police said they had not ruled out attacks on isolated farms and towns on Christmas day

Tensions in the area remained high yesterday after two stormy farmers' meetings on Tuesday at which Kriel and Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee were heckled and booed. Farmers and right-wingers demanded greater security measures and cross-border raids against Apla gunmen, the alleged perpetrators of attacks on whites in the border areas

The white Mineworkers' Union came out in support of the farmers' demands, with a spokesman saying violence against defenceless whites on farms and in towns

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would not be tolerated

Pretoria police spokesman Capt Piet Brandt said police would "treat fire with fire" and act with equal vigour against armed right-wingers and Apla gangs, if they broke the law. He added, however, that the AWB and other right-wing groups had not "taken the lives of innocent people", as Apla allegedly had

Transkei leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa has accused the police of threatening to take drastic action against black guerrilla movements, while allowing white right-wingers to move about carrying heavy arms openly

Holomisa yesterday called for an "indaba" early next year to address the deployment of AWB members along Transkei's borders with SA

Ficksburg schoolgirl Leome Pretorius, who was shot dead last week, was buried at an emotional service in the town yesterday, Sapa reports

Free State ANC spokesman Dirk du Toit

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## Patrols

said yesterday Apla's attacks were contributing to the culture of violence that was tearing SA apart. He said the police and SADF no longer had the manpower to prevent violence and suggested that Umkhonto we Sizwe assist under the discipline of a government of national unity

The CP said its Ladybrand MP, Charl Hertzog, would meet the Lesotho police commissioner in Maseru today to discuss the recent violence

"We will reiterate our standpoint that any terrorist base must be neutralised

(within seven days).

The CP welcomed assurances by the Lesotho government that it would not permit Apla to operate from its soil, but it wanted details on how Lesotho would neutralise a terrorist threat

It would also seek assurances that Umkhonto was not allowed to operate from Lesotho. "The CP is not taken in by the ANC 'threats' against Apla," the party said. It saw both organisations as responsible for the current wave of terror against white South Africans

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# Cache tip-off: SAP assault alleged

By Charmeela Bhagawat  
Crime Reporter

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weapons to his offices, where he said the police could collect them

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Bardsley's office, they found an R-1 rifle, explosives and other ammunition at the house in Buccleuch, police said

Two Verwoerdburg men, whose tip-off resulted in the confiscation of a small arms cache in Buccleuch, near Sandton, on Christmas Day, have alleged that the police assaulted them after receiving the information

Robert Bardsley (23) — a former policeman and the owner of a security company called Max Security — and Lance Haefliger (32) have laid charges of assault against the police

According to Haefliger, Bardsley tipped off the police and told them he had taken the

Bardsley said he initially refused to tell the police where he found the weapons because he knew the people involved

When he did say where he had found the weapons, the policemen drove him away in a minibus and assaulted him

"They then returned to the offices and assaulted Haefliger. I directed them to the house where I found the weapons," said Bardsley

In addition to three Uzi machine-guns, magazines and ammunition which police found at

"I was taken to the police station, where I met Lance who had to be treated for his wounds," said Bardsley

Police spokesman Major Andrew Lesch confirmed that charges of assault had been laid against the police and said an investigation would be conducted

He said the case would be taken to the Attorney-General after investigations were completed for a decision on whether to prosecute

# SA 'will follow hot pursuit doctrine'

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

South African security forces would raid Transkei if intelligence proved the existence of Azanian People's Liberation Army bases in the homeland, Government spokesman Dave Stewart confirmed yesterday.

In the first official confirmation of rumours that the SADF would raid the homeland to destroy Apia bases, he said "Should intelligence confirm the existence of terrorist bases in Transkei, the Government will take whatever diplomatic and other action may be necessary for the elimination of such bases."

He confirmed to The Star that "other action" included military raids. He stressed, however, that this would not necessarily be the first option. But he said the security forces would apply the doctrine of "hot pursuit" to cross borders in order to follow the perpetrators of terrorist acts.

The Government was urgently and systematically investigating the reliability

# Deaf-mute woman gang-raped

Crime Reporter

A man forced a 28-year-old deaf-mute woman to drink a bottle of liquor, and then he and three friends raped her, the police said yesterday.

Police spokesman War-rant Officer Andy Prieke said the man met the woman at the Summit Club in Hillbrow on Sunday, before luring her away on the pretext of taking her to another club.

In the car he made her drink the alcohol and drove her to a house where the four raped her.

Paramedics found the woman wandering in a Hillbrow street early yesterday morning, said Prieke.

A sign language expert was called in to help her tell police what had happened.

An 18-year-old woman was raped by a Johannesburg Hospital security guard on Sunday afternoon. Police said the man had raped the woman on hospital premises. He has been arrested and is due to appear in court soon.

# Strydom unlikely to get gun licence

By Charmela Bhagawat

Wit Wolf Barend Strydom's chances of being granted a firearm licence are slim, police said today.

Strydom applied for a licence after a display of posters in Brits showing a masked man carrying a picture of his head and sporting the slogan "Fascists beware — crush the AWB".

Lieutenant Brahm du Preez said "The most important criterion for getting a firearm licence is a person's past criminal record and this could rule Strydom out as a future holder of a firearm."

The Department of Correctional Services said Strydom's release conditions did not stipulate that he could not apply for a firearm for a licence, only that he should not get involved in criminal activities or leave the Brits area.

Lieutenant-Colonel Barry Eksteen said the police would have to decide whether Strydom gets the licence, but the chances were slim.

Strydom said he had earlier applied for a firearm licence for self-defence purposes, but the application was turned down.

He apparently re-applied for the licence in fear for his life after seeing the posters pinned up on a number of Brits shop windows and in the light of recent Apia attacks.

The posters were reportedly displayed in the ANC's Brits office and Strydom has asked the organisation to remove them or face the consequences.

Strydom has made a written appeal to Kriel, saying he needed the licence to protect himself as he had received a number of death threats.

Strydom's father Nic told The Star there was no reason for the authorities to deny his son a firearm licence.

"He should be able to carry a firearm. The fact that he has no licence does not mean that he cannot repeat his actions in Strydom Square where he killed those people. It is just a matter of self-defence. He needs the gun," his father said.

# 'Inept' cop gets the sack

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Warrant Officer's investigation was not impressive, says committee:

A POLICEMAN criticised by a Goldstone committee investigating violence in Natal's Mooi River/Bruntville area would leave the police force this month, Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said yesterday.

The announcement came shortly after the release of the committee's report which stated that investigations conducted by Warrant Officer Benade into the fighting which broke out in December last year 1991 were not satisfactory.

Van der Merwe did not elaborate on the circumstances of Benade's departure.

Charges against 172 people linked to the violence were withdrawn for lack of evidence subsequent to his investigation. Their weapons were also returned to them by the police.

No forensic tests were done, confiscated weapons were never linked to the accused, blood smears were not linked to the weapons nor were the clothes of the accused examined microscopically, the committee found.

Van der Merwe said the investigation into the violence "was addressed by the SAP as a matter of urgency a few months ago".

A new investigating officer, Warrant Officer R Robson, was appointed in September. He had already established his bona fides with the community and had met the different parties, Van der Merwe said.

"Major General PL du Toit, who is based at SAP headquarters in Pretoria and who has been appointed in terms of the National Peace Accord, will co-ordinate the investigation," he said - Sapa

# Goldstone report slates police handling of probe

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THE SAP was being disingenuous in trying to argue that its actions had no bearing on violence in Natal and that it should not be scrutinised, the final Goldstone commission report into violence in the Mooi River, Natal, area stated

An outside mediator would be appointed to facilitate the peace process in Natal's violence-wracked Mooi River/Bruntville region, it said

The commission said the ANC and Inkatha had agreed to meet proposed mediator Nico Coetzer, who was recommended by the Association of Law Societies

The report, released yesterday, was compiled by a committee established by the commission

The committee strongly criticised the efficiency of police investigations into violence which plagued the township in December 1991

It said it had not been impressed by police investigations conducted by W/O Johan Benade

Charges against 172 people linked to the violence were withdrawn and their weapons returned

No forensic tests had been done and confiscated weapons were not linked to the accused

Benade had also not taken notice of the work of the earlier committee established by the Goldstone com-

mission to investigate the incident, and did not consider affidavits from witnesses made to that committee

Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe said yesterday Benade would leave the SAP at the end of December. Another officer had been working on the case since September

Van der Merwe said the new investigating officer, W/O R Robson, was an experienced and competent investigator and had already met the parties involved and had established his bona fides with the community

He said the report was still being studied and those matters that had not yet been addressed would be attended to as soon as possible

He said Maj-Gen P L du Toit had been appointed in terms of the peace accord to co-ordinate the investigation into violence in the region

The report said despite ANC allegations of police bias, no clear evidence of this was presented to the committee

"A finding that the police did not actively instigate violence is not the end of the matter, for both their proactive intervention and their investigations can have a real impact on actions and attitudes in the community and therefore on the levels of violence"

Police needed to respond to calls

from the community for protection and keep the community informed of the progress of its investigations to encourage an impression of a professional and effective police force

Local police needed clarification on the policy regarding the carrying of dangerous weapons and better procedures for the collection of evidence in riot situations, the report said

However, the committee did recognise problems the police had in combating violence

It also recommended that the failed local dispute resolution committee be revived and international observers be invited to participate

The committee recognised that both the Inkatha-supporting hostel inmates and ANC-orientated township residents had legitimate concerns

The carrying of dangerous weapons remained a problem among ANC and Inkatha supporters, with police experiencing difficulties in enforcing the recommendations of the previous committee in this regard

The report said the Mooi River/Bruntville community was disillusioned that the earlier Goldstone committee's intervention had not resolved the violence

The reason for this was that many of the committee's recommendations had not been implemented and attempts to launch a local dispute resolution committee had failed

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# Hendrickse in as LP leader again

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PORT ELIZABETH — Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse was unanimously re-elected for a 15th term at the party's 27th annual congress here yesterday

Deputy leader Mr Miley Richards was also unanimously re-elected while Durban Suburbs MP Mr Luwelyn Länders replaces Mr Chris April as national chairman Mr April defected to the Democratic Party earlier this year.

Congress unanimously resolved not to disband

Mr Hendrickse, a founder member of the LP in 1969, served as its first national chairman and was elected to the Coloured Persons' Representative Council in the same year

He was elected leader of the LP in December 1978, replacing Mr Sonny Leon

Other executive members are Ms Yvonne Bassier (deputy chairman), Mr Eddie Samuels (secretary-general), Mr Abie Delport (deputy secretary-general), Mr Dougie Josephs (treasurer), Mr John Scholtz (trustee), Mr Izaak Kruger (national organiser) and Mr Peter Hendrickse (national PRO)

During a lengthy debate, the con-

gress mandated its leadership to initiate discussions with the ANC "with regard to possible alliances"

Mr Hendrickse said that the LP's future did not lie with the National Party nor the Democratic Party, but with the ANC and the Patriotic Front

The congress, however, rejected a resolution which would have allowed individual members to hold dual membership of the LP and a second political party or organisation.

In another resolution, the party called on the government to engage in bilateral talks with the PAC in an attempt to end the attacks by Apla

Congress also resolved that all armed forces should be brought under the control of the envisaged transitional executive authority

It called on President F W de Klerk immediately to dissolve the ministers' councils of the tri-cameral parliament as a first step towards the creation of a government of national salvation

It further condemned the government's stalling tactics on negotiations

On the economic front the congress condemned the retrenchment of teachers — Own Correspondent, Political Staff

# BRUTALITY FORCES

## Are the police

## on a rampage?

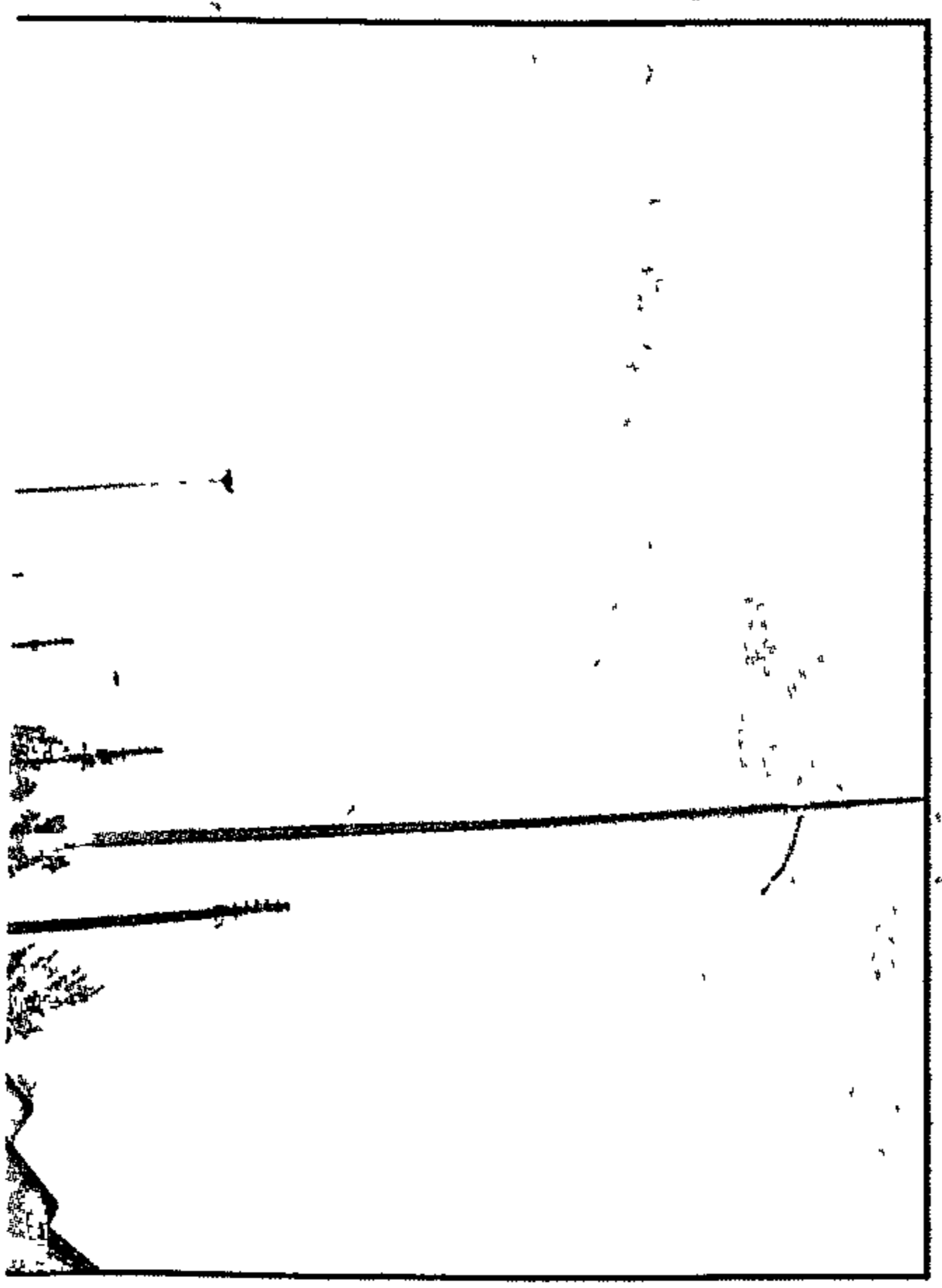
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OUR pages today we carry stories of alleged police brutalities on innocent civilians which suggest a disturbing trend within the police force. But a police spokesman in

Pretoria said "it was ludicrous to suggest or insinuate that the police are on a rampage". He said any misconduct by policemen will not be tolerated.

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**NEWS** Man arrested after a scuffle with 5 alleged pickpockets ● Stand by for matric results

# Man (25) dies after assault

By Mizimasi Ngudie

A SOWETO man died last week after he was allegedly assaulted by four white policemen at John Vorster Square his brother has alleged.

Mr Musa Hlongwane (21) said the police and traffic officers had arrested him and his late brother, Mr Norman Hlongwane (25), on December 18 following a scuffle with alleged pickpockets

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the police were still investigating. Musa said five robbers had accused Norman of being a spy after Norman pointed out a thief who stole a hawket's shirt.

The men accosted them later at the taxi rank and a fight ensued. Two white traffic officers arrived and four

assaultants who were brandishing knives ran away. Musa managed to grab the knife from the fifth assaultant.

The assaultant told the traffic officers that Musa and Norman were robbing him.

The traffic officers then phoned the police. Musa, Norman and the assaultant were taken to John Vorster police station.

Musa said that the two traffic officers, together with two policemen who were found at the police station, assaulted him and his brother. They were allegedly punched and kicked until Norman fell to the ground unconscious.

They were later taken to Hillbrow hospital after "one policeman refused to lock us in the cell because of our physical condition," Musa said.

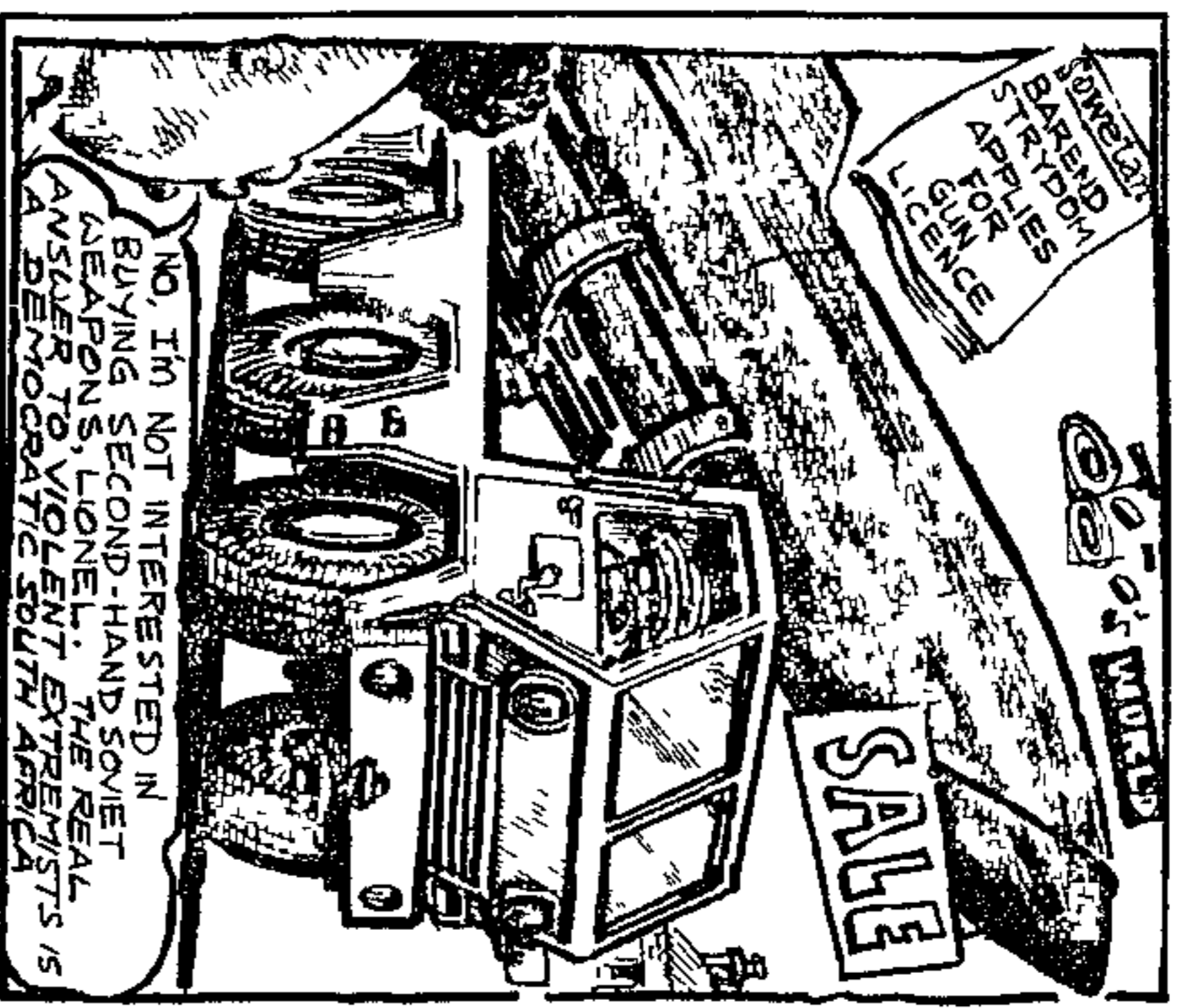
Musa was discharged the same day, taken back to the cells and released three days later.

Norman was admitted and died in hospital six days later. The family has laid charges of assault and murder.

Meanwhile, three white men allegedly assaulted two black men near Vereeniging on Monday. In what witnesses believed was a racist attack.

Two of the alleged attackers, Mr Johannes Van Vuuren (26) and Mr Lucas Venter (31), appeared in court yesterday and were released on warning, police confirmed.

Mr Joseph Mahlati (42) and Mr Thabo Matsie were coming from work on Monday when two white men walking on the bridge attacked them without any provocation.



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**2 bodies in shaft - cops to appear**

■ Two will face murder and robbery charges in Klerksdorp court in the new year:

By Mzimasi Ngudle

TWO policemen will appear in court early next year to face murder and robbery charges following the death of two men whose bodies were found in a ventilation shaft in Klerksdorp on Christmas eve.

Western Transvaal police spokesman Lieutenant Petrus Ramatsoele said Lance-Sergeant Carel Blom (25) and Constable Gavin Carter (19) had been suspended from duty as a result.

A third suspect would be arrested in due course, he said.

Ramatsoele said the two men will appear in the Klerksdorp Magistrate's Court on January 7 on charges of murdering and robbing Mr Bobo Tshowala (29) and John Ngathini (35).

Tshowala, a co-owner of two liquor stores in Jouberton, Klerksdorp, and Ngathini, were allegedly robbed of R1 000 and six bottles of liquor on April 21.

The two went missing the following day and mystery has surrounded their fate since.

Information on the two missing men was supplied to the police by a suspect in another case on December 22.

On Christmas eve, and only hours after arrest of the two policemen, the skeletons were found in an old ventilation shaft at a mine in Klerksdorp.

Ramatsoele said the arrests came after police received information following the arrest of a man on charges of illegal possession of gold dust.

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## Handgun licence applications soar

STEPHANE BOTHMA

APPLICATIONS for gun licences have increased this month by almost 25% compared with December last year, as South Africans attempt to secure their personal safety

The bulk of applications, 16 237 from December 1 to 27, was for handguns to be used for self-protection, an SAP spokesman said yesterday. In December 1991 12 818 applications were received.

During the period October 1 to December 27 alone, almost 50 000 licence applications were received, he said.

Police could not comment on the number of licences issued, but gun dealers reported the number of applications rejected had dropped significantly over the past year.

"Two years ago an average of 20 applications a month were not granted to customers who had applied through our store. But in recent months the number has dropped to about five a month," one of Johannesburg's largest dealers said.

Although the amount of money spent on firearms had not increased, more of the cheaper firearms were bought, he said.

Smaller calibre handguns, bought to be carried on the person, were by far the most popular, but inquiries for shotguns were received regularly.

"The trend a few years ago of buying a large handgun to be kept in a safe has shifted to the purchase of pistols and revolvers which can be carried in holsters.

"People who in the past vowed never to carry a firearm now constitute the majority of our customers. They are all buying arms after falling victim to criminals," the dealer said.

Trade in other security equipment, such

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as burglar and other alarms, security lights, self-defence sprays and even bullet-resistant clothing, was also steadily increasing, dealers said.

And retail stores in suburban shopping centres offer full riot gear, including helmet, gas mask, shield and batons. They report that business is good.

"Although it is rare for an individual to walk into our store and purchase riot gear, the interest in bullet-resistant clothing is high," a Bramley security equipment deal-

er said.

Full riot equipment was sold mainly to security companies and private security personnel. "But, we do not question anybody about the motive for the purchase and will supply anything that is within the law," she said.

The law prohibited the sale of automatic firearms and teargas, dealers said.

Although it was difficult to obtain a licence for semi-automatic weapons, these were available for sale, they said.

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# CP mobilises home guard units

CP HOME guard units in the Ladybrand area announced yesterday they were to establish camps to train communities in self-defence and weapon skills after recent attacks on whites. This decision was taken by the leadership of 14 CP home guard units in the Ladybrand area at a meeting in the southern Free State town of Marquard yesterday.

CP MP for Ladybrand Charl Hertzog said yesterday's meeting was part of a nationwide mass mobilisation. Local home guard units would improve and extend the existing neighbourhood watch system, he said.

Training camps would instruct communities in weapon proficiency and self-defence against attacks on pedestrians or motorists.

Hertzog encouraged all countrymen (volksgenote) to involve them-

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Yesterday's meeting follows two further incidents in the border area this week. A 15-year-old white teenager, Daniel Keis, was knocked down and slightly injured by a black taxi on Monday while jogging.

On Tuesday a white motorist was forced off the road by two black taxis while driving between Ladybrand and Hobhouse.

The SAP has assured the National Transport Policy Forum it will provide maximum protection to taxis and other vehicles after attacks on two black minibuses last week left one person dead and three others injured.

Two black taxi minibuses were shot at on Wednesday and Thursday last week, days after 15-year-old

Leome Pretorius was killed in a grenade attack on her parents' Ficksburg farmhouse.

The transport forum, representing all SA taxi associations, met the SAP in Ficksburg on Tuesday to discuss the situation.

Forum road safety campaign coordinator Molefe Rapodile said yesterday the forum had complained about unlawful roadblocks manned by bogus police personnel, and the negative attitude of some traffic officers.

Rapodile said the SAP had told them extra policemen and soldiers had been deployed, and a helicopter and two aeroplanes were on standby.

"The police dealt with our problems most satisfactorily and assured us that roadblocks would be clearly marked and would be staffed by identifiable police officers," he said.

## Police officer beaten to death

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**JOHANNESBURG** policeman Jerry Tlou was beaten to death by a group of 50 taxi drivers and their accomplices in Hillbrow on Monday night, Witwatersrand police spokesman W/O Andy Pieke said yesterday.

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The policeman, who was off duty and not wearing a uniform, approached a man suspected of theft in order to arrest him when the group surrounded him and beat him to death, Pieke said.

He said two men had been arrested for murder but had subsequently been released.

Taxi drivers questioned by the police alleged that the policeman attempted to rob one of the taxis, sparking off the incident, Pieke said. He said the police hoped to clear up the details of the attack soon, and had questioned 18 people so far.

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Pieke said the gun carried by the policeman could have reinforced the perception that he was a robber. He added that the SAP strongly condemned all vigilante activities.

Tlou was rushed to hospital in a police vehicle after waiting for an ambulance for more than two hours and was pronounced dead on arrival, Pieke said.

He said he hoped that the group was not aware that Tlou was a policeman, because the attack might then be interpreted as one directed specifically against a member of the SAP.

## Police hope arrests end Pretoria train attacks

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**STEPHANE BOTHMA**

THE arrest of three men, allegedly responsible for a spate of killings and robberies shortly before Christmas, could put an end to train attacks in the Pretoria area, police believe.

Four attacks on Pretoria Metro trains — the first train killings in the area this year — took place on December 18, 19 and 24 and left three men dead and one injured.

The first arrest was made on Monday this week at the Belle Ombre station outside Pretoria, and was followed by two more arrests at the Pretoria station on Tuesday and at Mabopane yesterday, Northern Transvaal police said.

"All indications were that the motives for the attacks were robbery and not political, and we therefore believe the arrests will put an end to the incidents," a spokesman said.

Sapa reports police also announced a man had been arrested in connection with the deaths of two policemen on Christmas Eve in Vosloorus.

East Rand police liaison officer Capt Ida van Zweekel said the arrest of a 21-year-old man on Monday followed the shooting of a municipal

policeman and a fingerprint expert who were gunned down after responding to a housebreaking report.

The suspect was due to appear in Boksburg Magistrate's Court yesterday. A second man is being sought in connection with the incident.

And in Durban, police arrested a man yesterday in connection with the death of a man who was abducted and shot and whose legs were hacked off with a bush knife before he was buried in a shallow grave in Tongaat, on the Natal North Coast.

The arrest ends a month-long saga which involved the abduction and alleged abuse of two boys by six men at the beginning of December.

The suspect, along with three others arrested in connection with the incident, are due to appear in court shortly.

Two youths who witnessed the killing and mutilation of the man were abducted by the six men and held captive in a shack at a Tongaat refuse site for nearly two-and-a-half weeks.

## Women and dogs shot on smallholding

WEST Rand police discovered the bodies of two women and the carcasses of six dogs on a smallholding near Randfontein after a worker found a note on the door asking that the police should be called.

The body of Myrna Barnard, 59, was found on her bed with a bullet wound in her head. Her elderly mother, Florence Cherry, was also shot in

the head.

One of the dogs was shot and killed next to Cherry, and five others were killed in the bathroom.

Police have seized a firearm and a note claiming responsibility for the murder and are searching for a Gideon Barnard, who could assist in the investigation.

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