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Buthelezi ignores royal ban to address Shaka Day rally

By MARIUS BOSCH in Stanger, South Africa

SOUTH African Zulu Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi defied his king's ban of Shaka Day celebrations to speak to a crowd of 10,000 at the weekend.

As the Zulu chief spoke, hundreds of police and members of the South African National Defence Force armed with shotguns and assault rifles patrolled the centre of the rural town of Stanger, where the rally was held on Saturday, and in nearby townships and large areas of KwaZulu/Natal province.

"I believe that the day of King Shaka should not be used for any party political wrangling or point-scoring," Chief Buthelezi told enthusiastic supporters gathered at King Shaka's memorial monument in the middle of Stanger.

Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini had ordered the Shaka Day festivities cancelled and broke off relations with his 65-year-old uncle after supporters of Chief Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party stormed the royal residence early this week.

Chief Buthelezi, speaking in place of the 45-year-old king, effectively claimed victory over his nephew and said the celebration honour-



Chief Buthelezi speaks to the rally crowd in Stanger

ing the founder of the Zulu nation in the 19th century was the biggest in decades.

"This year King Shaka's celebration is the largest in 40 years," Chief Buthelezi told cheering supporters.

"King Shaka was a unifier of people. It would be wrong to use his commemorative functions to divide people instead of uniting them."

Streets were teeming with people and some arrived while Chief Buthelezi was speaking for festivities around the monument

where the Zulu warrior king's kraal was situated.

No incidents were reported, but violence monitors said clashes between those who heeded the king's call and Chief Buthelezi supporters could happen after the rally broke up.

President Mandela's African National Congress, which was Inkatha's chief rival in the violent period leading up to April's elections, had called on its members to stay away from the rally.

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Zulu feud

JOHANNESBURG — A gun was pulled but no shots fired when Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi, feuding with Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini, stormed a South African Broadcasting Corporation studio in Durban yesterday and scuffled on air with a political rival.

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Threat of Zulu secession looks dead and buried

By DAVID BERESFORD,
Johannesburg, Monday

The spectre of Zulu secession, which has hung over South Africa for several years, appeared to have been finally buried at the weekend with the split between the tribal monarch, Goodwill Zwelithini, and his "fired" Prime Minister, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

The Inkatha party leader once again demonstrated his ascendancy over King Goodwill, with substantial demonstrations of support at the controversial Shaka Day celebrations, which the monarch had tried to call off.

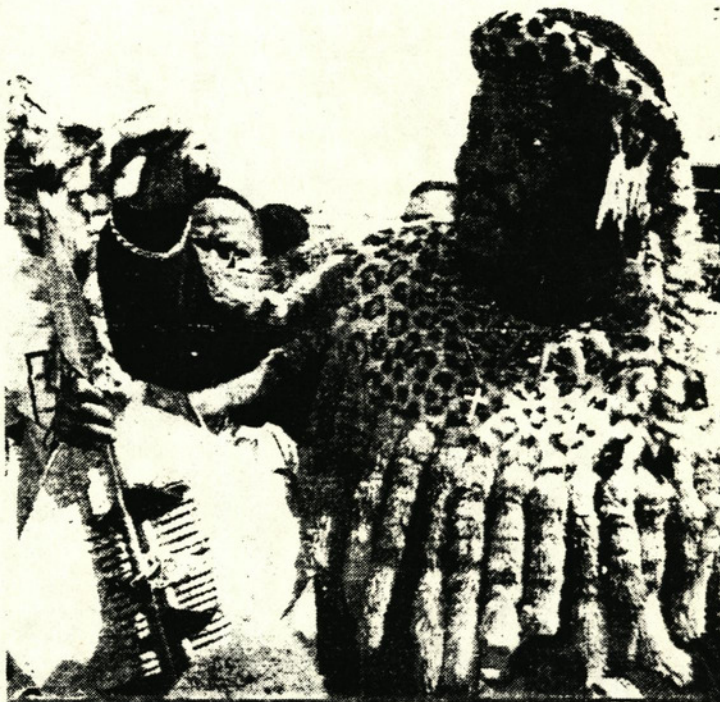
But at the same time Chief Buthelezi effectively conceded that the breach had ruled out the option of Zulu independence. "There is no room now for a separate and independent Zulu kingdom," he told a weekend rally.

About 15,000 people turned up yesterday to hear the chief speak in the township of KwaMashu, an African National Congress stronghold, at a rally commemorating the founder of the Zulu empire.

The Zulu king, who was evacuated from his kingdom last week by the military, in apparent fear of his life, returned briefly on Saturday to his royal kraal.

It is questionable whether the king has the nerve to carve a position for himself outside the chief's fold. During the drama at the royal kraal — when Inkatha supporters allegedly stoned the residence — King Goodwill was mysteriously taken ill.

It has emerged that since being evacuated from Zululand by helicopter on Thursday, he



Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, in traditional costume, talks to reporters as he arrives at the Shaka Day celebrations.

was being treated at a hospital in Johannesburg.

Although it is not known what ails him, there are echoes of the last big confrontation the king had with Chief Buthelezi. In 1979 the chief humiliated him in front of the then KwaZulu legislative assembly after a scandal about the king's involvement in plots with the South African security services to launch a political party in opposition to Inkatha.

In the middle of the proceedings, the king suddenly bolted out of the debating chamber into the night before bodyguards

caught up with him. His doctor was later reported to have said that the king, who was suffering from "physical stress", had lost consciousness for two hours and had nearly died.

Neither that performance, nor last week's flight from his kingdom, is quite up to what his "warrior" tribe might expect of their monarch.

Chief Buthelezi's comparative confidence in the face of the "crisis" is a reminder to the Zulus that he, too, is a direct descendant of Shaka.

— Guardian

A storm in a studio as rivals meet

Johannesburg, Monday

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, stormed a state television studio and scuffled on air with a political rival yesterday, drawing threats of legal action from the nation's broadcasting chief.

Someone pulled a gun during the skirmish last night at the South African Broadcasting Corporation studio in Durban, but no shots were fired.

The row was the latest salvo in the deepening feud between Chief Buthelezi and King Goodwill Zwelithini.

The row occurred when Chief Buthelezi and several bodyguards stormed a studio where Prince Sifiso Zulu, an aide to the king, was waiting to be interviewed. When the news program cut to the scene, cameras recorded a scuffle and witnesses

said someone pulled a handgun.

The chief later claimed that Prince Sifiso pulled the gun, but the prince and the SABC chief executive, Mr Zwelakhe Sisulu, said it was a Buthelezi bodyguard.

Mr Sisulu called the incident a challenge to media freedom and said legal action would be taken.

— AP

Zulu rivals in TV show brawl

A CURRENT affairs program on South African television yesterday became the scene of an angry confrontation between rival Zulu leaders, one of whom was accused of pulling a gun on camera.

The incident, which is likely to create a furore in South African politics, came amid rising tensions among the country's 8 million Zulus following a rift between Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini and his erstwhile ally, Inkatha Freedom Party leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

The dispute burst on to South African television yesterday when Chief Buthelezi and several of his bodyguards rushed on to a set where Sifiso Zulu, one of the king's aides, was telling viewers that Chief Buthelezi never had any right to claim a role as chief adviser to the king.

A scuffle ensued, the first few seconds of which were broadcast before the State-owned South African Broadcasting Corp broke transmission. Later Mr Zulu left the Durban studio and Chief Buthelezi was allowed to continue the program.

He accused Mr Zulu of trying to draw a gun during the scuffle. SABC officials who reviewed the videotape said they saw a pistol but could not determine whether it had been drawn by Mr Zulu or one of Chief Buthelezi's bodyguards.

Chief Buthelezi discussed the rift earlier yesterday at a celebration

which the king had forbidden. About 10,000 IFP supporters attended a second day of celebrations for Shaka Day, a holiday the king had asked Zulus to commemorate with prayer.

"We are in a dark tunnel just now, and, just as we have gone through many crises as a people in the past two hundred years, we have reached another crisis worse than that in which we and our monarch found ourselves in the months prior to elections," Chief Buthelezi told the crowd.

"There is no room in the new South Africa for an executive king unless our agenda is to destroy the monarchy itself," he said.

In leopard skins and carrying his ceremonial shield, he addressed a crowd which included men in similar traditional dress and women in beaded necklaces and aprons, as well as people in T-shirts with the Inkatha logo.

Others wore T-shirts with a portrait of King Goodwill Zwelithini, as if to underline the clashing loyalties among South Africa's Zulus.

Shaka Day honors the 19th century warrior King Shaka, revered as the founder of the modern Zulu monarchy. Chief Buthelezi has for decades exploited Zulu nationalism to build his power base, and the annual Shaka Day rallies have been a showcase for him.

King Zwelithini, apparently chafing after years of being dominated by Chief Buthelezi, announced last

Tuesday that he was cutting all ties with his distant cousin and calling off Shaka Day celebrations.

The break was precipitated by a dispute over plans by the President, Mr Mandela, to attend Shaka Day festivities. Chief Buthelezi had fumed at not being consulted.

In a bid to resolve the dispute, Mr Mandela flew to the royal palace last Monday to meet the king and the chief. A crowd of Inkatha supporters stoned Mr Mandela's helicopter and the palace, and Mr Mandela decided against attending the Shaka Day event.

At yesterday's rally, Chief Buthe, lezi said his emissaries had visited the king twice in the past week to offer his apologies for the stoning of the palace but the gift of two cows he offered was rejected. Cows are revered symbol of wealth and atonement in Zulu custom.

By holding Shaka Day ceremonies yesterday, Chief Buthelezi hoped to show he had more support than the king who commands the loyalty of all Zulus regardless of political affiliation.

The rift between Chief Buthe and King Zwelithini had raised fear of clashes between their supporters, especially if the king was seen to ally himself with the African National Congress.

Years of clashes between Zulu supporting Inkatha and those loyal to the ANC killed thousands in the Zulu homeland.



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