

Hunger strikers await ANC visit

Mandela to raise question of CCB links

ANC president Nelson Mandela will today question three right-wing hunger strikers in hospital on allegations that they worked for Military Intelligence (MI), and on the role of the right wing in the CCB.

ANC sources said at the weekend it was vital the three — Briton Henry Martin, 49, Adrian Maritz, 43, and Lood van Schalkwyk, 53 — be kept alive so they could disclose information on their alleged links to the intelligence community.

Sapa reports Mandela said in Pietersburg at the weekend the three had said their alleged crimes were commissioned by the police and military intelligence.

Orde Boerevolk chief of staff Leonard Veenendaal has reportedly confirmed Martin and Maritz were National Intelligence Service and MI members respectively.

In another development, the men's lawyer Wim Cornelius said the Health Minister had offered the prisoners free hospital treatment if they accepted bail conditions offered to them. He said this indicated government's desperation. However, government sources yesterday ruled out any chance of government giving way.

The three men are under armed guard in separate wards in Pretoria's H F Verwoerd Hospital. Since being refused indemnity last week, their formerly unlimited visiting hours have been restricted to two 30-minute periods.

They are awaiting trial on charges of murder and attempted murder. They have refused to stand trial and vowed to starve to death if not granted indemnity. It is 57 days since Martin last ate, 50 days for

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Maritz and 43 days for Van Schalkwyk.

A successful bail application made on Van Schalkwyk's behalf by his pro deo counsel, advocate Charles More, was rejected by the prisoner on Friday night.

Cornelius said Transvaal Deputy Attorney-General Paul Fick, security police major Roelf Venter and three pro deo advocates had all witnessed the three prisoners verbally refusing any bail offers.

Fick said yesterday he was in daily contact with counsel for the prisoners to convince them to bring bail applications on behalf of their clients. He was trying yesterday to extend their visiting hours.

Cornelius also told Sapa yesterday he would file a complaint against the Justice Department today about a spokesman's alleged release of information on Van Schalkwyk's previous convictions which might prejudice his right to a fair trial.

About 60 AWB supporters gathered outside the hospital yesterday for a short church service, which was interrupted by the arrival of three armoured police vehicles with wailing sirens. AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche arrived on horseback a short while later and was asked to disperse his followers.

After a brief visit to the prisoners, he said their condition was "shocking".

British acting consul-general Norman Ling yesterday denied reports that Martin was sitting up in bed. The prisoner was propped up with pillows and was smoking to stay awake and stave off a coma.



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FORMER Defence Minister Magnus Malan will decide on the fate of a number of empty white schools around the country.

From September 1 Malan is responsible for the white Housing and Works Ministry, which decides what should be done with unused property such as closed white schools.

According to Administration in the House of Assembly director-general Jan Robson, a final decision would take at least another two weeks.

He said most of the empty schools receiving attention were in the rural areas.

The possibilities being weighed up are that a school remain the responsibility of the white education department (Culture and Education) but be opened to all races that it be transferred to the black, Indian or coloured education departments or to a private organisation registered with one of the education departments.

Robson said although

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Malan would, by law, take the final decision on the schools, it was important that this would be done after consultation with interested parties.

The House of Assembly Administration department was in close contact with the various education departments and would make its recommendations to Malan "as soon as possible", he said.

About two weeks ago the outgoing Housing and Works Minister Sam de Beer promised that a decision would be made within two or three weeks. De Beer today took over from Stoffel van der Merwe as Education and Training Minister.

DP education spokesman

He said De Beer's "ideological blood brother" Education and Culture Minister Piet Marais could be expected to shake up things in the white education department and in education generally, armed with his knowledge of the problems and needs in black education.

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Scandinavia and SA shake hands on trade

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By Michael Chester

The South African Chamber of Business (Sacob) yesterday launched into a new programme to restore normal trade relations with Scandinavia — long a key bastion in the sanctions blockade intended to isolate South Africa until it scrapped apartheid.

Moves towards better economic links were taken with the establishment of a new Scandinavian-South African business association, to be known as Scansacom.

An inaugural conference in Oslo was told by Sacob director-general Raymond Parsons that, given international co-operation, southern Africa could be on the threshold of a new era in economic development.

South Africa, he said, was an obvious gateway to trade expansions in the region.

"Southern Africa has to be re-discovered by the outside world in the light of recent political and economic changes," he said.

"Foreign businessmen and overseas agencies need to adjust to new realities emerging in South Africa."

Political changes in the Soviet Union and among its East Europe satellites marked an end to communist interventionist policies in Africa, and in turn were blowing new "winds of change" over the subcontinent, Mr Parsons added.

Benefits

The new prospect of co-operation between the major economic players in Africa (Nigeria, Egypt, Kenya and South Africa) could treble the economic growth of South Africa by the end of the 1990s — with benefits spreading to the rest of the continent.

Now that apartheid had been removed, the Development

Bank of Southern Africa was far better equipped to act as a catalyst to economic expansion in the region by the allocation of investments from overseas.

Investors in Scandinavia, Mr Parsons said, should also investigate the possibilities of forming business partnerships with budding black entrepreneurs.

"The increasing role of black businessmen should not be under-estimated in forging economic links across Southern Africa," said Mr Parsons.

"There is a considerable pool of black business skills available in South Africa to strengthen black economic empowerment through regional development."

Improvements in international trade relations were also highlighted in Johannesburg yesterday when Warren Clewlow, chairman and chief executive of Barlow Rand, addressed the South Africa/Britain Trade Association. However, there were new threats as well as new opportunities.

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ANC has released all its prisoners, says Mandela

THE ANC had released all prisoners from its detention camps in Africa, the organisation's president Nelson Mandela said yesterday.

Mandela was addressing journalists after the ANC had met two groups of former ANC prisoners.

"About 16 dissidents — half the group which returned two weeks ago — agreed to be reintegrated into the ANC and to forgive the organisation for past injustices to which they claimed they had been subjected."

Mandela said the ANC prison camps were now empty and that he could not understand why the International Committee of the Red Cross wanted to visit the detention centres. Last week the Red Cross announced that it had received ANC permission — after 15 years of trying — to inspect its prisons and interview prisoners.

Red Cross spokesman Tony Pfandtortured.

Hani said seven, and not five, former prisoners had joined Inkatha.

Law and Order ministry spokesman Capt Craig Kotze denied the claims that some of the former prisoners had been recruited as Askaris.

Mandela said the ANC had undertaken to investigate the allegations made by the former prisoners, and also promised to refer the issue of their personal security to "the highest level of government".

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ner said a delegation would visit several ANC prisons to verify Mandela's claims.

"If there are still prisoners, it's not for the ICRC to pressure for their release. We simply want to ensure that their detention conditions are up to standard and that smooth repatriation and integration into SA society can take place if they are to be released," he said.

Security

Mandela said that of the more than 30 prisoners who returned to SA 12 days ago, five had joined Inkatha, two had joined the security forces as Askaris and several had returned to their homes.

Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Chris Hani denied claims by one of the prisoners that he had been instrumental in ordering detentions and

est level of government".

Sapa reports that Inkatha yesterday accused the ANC of hiding behind a smokescreen on the issue of the dissidents.

In a statement issued in Ulundi, Inkatha national chairman Frank Mdlalose accused a number of well-known anti-apartheid campaigners, including Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, of using "soft gloves" on the issue.

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Airport shootout over 'SA weapons'

BELGRADE — The Yugoslavian army and Croatian forces fought a gun battle at Zagreb Airport on Saturday over a plane loaded with arms reportedly bought in SA for use in the civil war.

An Armscor spokesman said yesterday he was unable to confirm or deny that the arms were of SA origin. WILSON ZWANE reports. "It is normal policy not to comment on the international procurement or sales of arms. We can, however, definitely state that we have no contract with Yugoslavia nor have we made any shipments to Yugoslavia or any parties within the boundaries of Yugoslavia."

Although the plane was heading for the neighbouring breakaway republic of Slovenia, Tanjug news agency said the arms were accompanied by Croatian-born Canadian Anton Kikas.

A Yugoslavian spokesman said Kikas told defence officials that he "bought all the military equipment in SA... in Johannesburg". KIN BENTLEY reports. Kikas had added that the chartered Ugandan Airlines Boeing 707 was flown from the airport at Mbabatho direct to Yugoslavia.

A Home Affairs official said his department would be able to ascertain whether Kikas had been in SA only after it had checked its records today.

After intercepting two planes suspected of smuggling, the Yugoslavian government reportedly found 19 tons of weapons, including rifles and mines, aboard the Ugandan aircraft, Tanjug said. — Sapa-Reuters.

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Commonwealth leaders reconsider visits to SA

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Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney was apparently keen to visit SA and initially it was planned he would come on October 23 and 24, right after the meeting. It is believed New Zealand Prime Minister Jim Bolger was earlier also expected about the same time.

A Canadian diplomat, who visited SA last month as part of an advance task group to assess the advisability of a visit by Mulroney, said the task group had meetings with the ANC, government and other parties.

It had been made clear that Mulroney would visit only if he could contribute to speeding up the negotiation process. The Australians had communicated a similar message, sources said.

Now, apparently, all three governments were reconsidering the advisability of their leaders visiting SA.

Darius SANAI reports that German Deputy Foreign Minister Helmut Schaefer will visit SA in November, embassy sources said yesterday. Schaefer is a close colleague of Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Schaefer's trip could be a precursor to a visit by the foreign minister next year, the sources said.

AN EXPECTED flurry of visits to SA by foreign heads of state before and after the Commonwealth heads of state meeting in Harare in October is unlikely to materialise, because of opposition from the ANC and other extra-parliamentary groups, diplomats said yesterday.

A spokesman for Foreign Minister Pik Botha confirmed there had been indications from Canada, Australia and New Zealand that their heads of state were considering coming to SA.

However, he was unable to say whether any of them would come.

It is understood that British Prime Minister John Major will not visit SA in October, despite speculation that he would be one of the first to do so.

A spokesman for the British Embassy said Major would like to visit SA, but only when the time was right. Apparently an October visit is considered inopportune.

However, other SA government sources believed that visits by leaders of at least Canada, Australia and New Zealand were probable after the dramatic progress made by the ANC, Inkatha and government in combating violence.

There were initial indications from Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke that he would visit SA for two or three days in mid-October, just before the Commonwealth meeting in Harare, which starts on

ANC warns Deutsche Bank on bond issue

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The ANC urged the Deutsche Bank and all international financial institutions not to subscribe in this bond issue until the negotiations process was completed.

The statement by government that this bond issue would contribute to the financing of social development programmes was "devious".

"Our experience, recently confirmed by Inkatha and other disclosures, indicates the danger inherent in availing additional financial resources to this government which could be similarly misdirected."

THE ANC warned yesterday that plans by the German Deutsche Bank to facilitate a public bond issue to raise finance was a contravention of financial sanctions and could threaten negotiations.

It said in a statement: "This premature public bond issue will take pressure away from the apartheid government at this critical time in the process towards a democratic society."

The ANC said financial sanctions had been critical in pushing the process of political transformation to where it was. To undermine this would send the wrong signals to the international community.

DP puts forward constitutional proposals

CAPE TOWN — The DP yesterday made public proposals for a new constitution

ground on which to build.

The most unusual proposal contained in the DP blueprint is a seven-year term for a directly elected executive president. This, it is argued, removes him from party pressures.

The DP believed the powers of the central government should be limited and devolved to regional authorities. The constitution would have to guarantee equal access by the regions to national resources.

The DP also accepted that the TBVC countries should, by way of negotiation, be reintegrated into SA.

A fiscal commission would establish the reasonable cost of each state's administrative

DP spokesman on Constitutional Development Denis Worrall said negotiations had to get off the ground on the basis of the broad consensus which already existed between the major parties.

Although he agreed that the federal structure being proposed by his party ran counter to the ANC's preference for a

Colourful farewells for Malan and Vlok

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PRETORIA — The SAP and SADF are planning colourful parades today and next week at which they will take leave of their respective Ministers, Adriaan Vlok and Magnus Malan.

Both Ministers will be sworn into their new portfolios at a ceremony at the Union Buildings today — Vlok as Minister of Correctional Services and the House of Assembly's Budget and Main Affairs of Water Affairs and Forestry, Own Affairs Housing and Public Works.

Their successors will also be sworn in today. Roelof Meyer takes over Defence and Internal Security, while Pieter van der Merwe becomes the Law and Order Minister.

This morning Vlok will be greeted by a general salute when he arrives at the Police College in Pretoria.

He will be welcomed by police commissioners Gen Johan van der Merwe before inspecting a parade of several hundred policemen.

Next Friday the SADF has organised a large parade at Voortrekkerhof.

Cultural commissars keep stars in the wings

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The "democratic cultural committee" has been recognised by the UN as the sole judge of who should be allowed to perform in SA.

ANC spokesman Oupa Ramachela said the continuing cultural boycott was not a punitive measure, but was aimed at strengthening "the emerging democratic culture in SA".

Artists wanting to visit SA had to meet conditions laid down by the cultural com-

mittee, said Ramachela. These included a provision that the mass democratic movement and grassroots organisations either issued the invitation or were consulted.

Artists allowed to visit would be expected to hold workshops with local artists. They would also have to contribute — in money or skills — to community projects and give non-profit, benefit performances, he said.

Those who had contravened the UN cultural boycott would be asked to make a full public apology before their applications are reassessed.