

EWS BRIEFS "

ALEXANDRA - Council moves to privatise the township's single sex hostels has been condemned by the newly famed Alexandra Civic Organisations (ACO) led by Moses Mayekiso.

According to Mayekiso, this is going to lead to a private company milking high rentals from the hostel dwellers. 'We call upon the Alexandra City Council to urgently stop this and open each hostel to family accommodation to alleviate the housing shortage in Alexandra'. stated ACO spokesman Mayekiso.

SOWE'I'O - A Soweto student has his results withheld because the DET felt that it was "impossible" for a Soweto pupil to get an "A" symbol in Economics Higher Grade. The student. Emmanuel Myambo. of Vuwami Secondary Public School is among hundreds of students whose results are still being withheld on allegations of irregularities. .

According to the SACC's Student Advice Office many students do not know their matric results. Thirty-six Pace College students' results have also been withheld, referred the matter to lawyers. who are considering taking the DET to the Supreme Court.

CISKEI - A food boycott continues at Thubalethu High school in the Ciskei. Students from the boarding school are demanding an improvement in the quality and quantity of food they are offered. A catering company was expelled from one of the colleges at Fort Beaufort for the same reason.

KATLEHOIB .. The Katlehong Youth League invites all Mofokeng youth to a mass meeting at the Methodist Church. near Mofokeng shops, at 1pm on Saturday March 3 to discuss Welcome Nelson Mandela demonstration, "campaign councillors" and to elect the youth leadership. among other things.

IKAGENG - Cosas has demanded the release of all detained students and the immediate reopening of schools in Ikageng after they were closed a week ago during unrest. According to a Cosas spokesperson, students heeded the back to school call Cosas made over the weekend but when they returned to school. they found that teachers were not attending.

DUDUZA - The class boycott which has been going on at M.O.M Sebowe High school in Duduza township, enters its third week. The students demand the DET employ more teachers instead of overcrowding a few classrooms while 12 classes remain empty.

t .. nested their teachers last Wednesday not to attend.

NATIONALISATION

should be the bottomline of the socio-economic policy of a post-apartheid South Africa, the UDF resolved at the Eastern Cape annual general meeting held last weekend in Port Elizabeth.

The AGM was the first to have been held since March 1985 and was attended by 96 delegates representing 48 organisations and over 100 observers.

The meeting also resolved to:

0 Endorse all efforts by the NECC to create a single, non-racial education system; 0 intensify the struggle in the rural areas by giving

these communities moral  
and material support: and  
to form a service organi-  
sations' forum. '  
Dramatic changes were  
also made in the regional ex-  
ecutive. While president Ed-  
gar Ngoyi was re-elected,  
vice-president Henry Fazzie  
declined to stand because of  
ill-health. He was replaced  
by Uitenhage civic leader

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Mkhuseleli Jack is the newly elected publicity  
secretary of the UDF in the Eastern Cape.

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Port Alfred community  
leader Gugile Nkwinti was  
elected general secretary.  
While Cradock activists Du-  
misani Beja was elected or-  
ganising secretary. Sipho  
Miggels from Jansenville  
was elected recording secre-  
tary. PE Youth Congress  
president Mkhuseleli Jack re-  
placed Stone Simui as pub-  
licity secretary, and Simui  
was elected treasurer.  
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es and the new leadership,  
pointing out that history had  
shown that leadership With-  
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was geared up to work hard  
in his new position, and that  
he saw being regional gener-  
al secretary as a challenge.  
So far. three regions of the  
UDF have had their AGMs  
in preparation for the 1987's  
annual congress in April. '

Meanwhile, at a UDF  
meeting organised by from  
affiliates in Johannesburg,  
SA Youth Congress (Sayco)  
president Peter Mokaba also  
made a strong call for na-  
tionalisation.

He said that he found it  
strange that finance minister  
Barend du Plessis labelled  
the ANC's nationalisation  
policy as theft.

"Who are we stealing our  
own wealth from?" asked  
Mokaba.

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gun once again to detain activists.  
'Clearly there are elements that  
want to disorganise our unity and  
undermine the legitimacy of the  
ANC.' says Naidoo.

Elements of this pattern are the  
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stirring up conflict. especially  
along ethnic lines or between or-  
ganisations with different ideologi-  
cal backgrounds.

Katlehong is a prime example of  
how conflict was stirred up.

According to Katlehong Civic  
Association publicity secretary  
Paul Maseko. rumours were  
spread in the township's hostel  
that hostel dwellers were about to  
be attacked by residents. This  
led to tension and suspi-

sion  
V It Francis. a union official  
said that similar  
rumours were spread among hos-  
tel dwellers in Vosloorus Wan.  
Villie and Tembisa.

Also in Tembisa. rumours were  
circulated that "the Zulus from  
Katlehong' were about to attack  
residents. However. a local priest.  
Reverend Phineus Maphethu. who  
heard the rumours. said he drove  
around the township but found no  
evidence

Bahamas!!!

they believed the militias were  
spending so that violence  
as government drags its feet  
removed by mass action.

But. even overriding that. our  
people in the bantustans are aware  
that some kind of settlement is  
about to be found in South Africa.  
They would like to be part of that  
settlement. If they remain docile to  
those administrations in the bantu-  
s a settlement may well be  
that excludes them. That is  
they are demanding reincar-  
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NN: Some political activi-  
ty has spilled over into vi-  
olence. especially in Kat-  
lehong, Khutsong and  
Maokeng near Kroonstad.

How do you explain this  
violence?

TL: There are a variety of causes  
for the violence. But the basic  
cause is the rejection of apartheid  
and the conditions it brings.  
There are also points that are pe-  
culiar to particular areas. For ex-  
ample, the Katlehong conflict is  
really a struggle between the Naat-  
spniit Taxi Association and the  
Katlehatg Taxi Association. it is  
only involved the community be-  
cause these associations serve

But because the Kallehong town council - which officially has the power to control that area - does not enjoy community support it is unable to exercise control. On the other hand, our civic structure: there are those that do enjoy the confidence of the people do not have the official stamp of approval.

So there is a certain amount of abuse of power which creates a situation that in particular we can see. Ems: the crisis: of situation. We are messed then.

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to change the old order! Bannkuvtl y would erupt throughout the Fast Rand.

"We have proved beyond doubt that there is nothing like black-on-black violence but that enemy agents are promoting violence and as says Dlamini.

'The strategy is along the lines of corrupt councils.

NN: What is the situation like in Natal now?

TL: The UDF's assessment is that the violence has slowly begun to taper off.

There are areas where the violence was cut off altogether after Comrade Mandela addressed the people in Natal. This happened in Malagmi and Umlani' for instance. But there are still communities that remain locked in hostility. One new problem has arisen recently. Mischievous-makers - agents provocateurs - have introduced certain ideas in an attempt to discredit the movement.

in the period when many of our experienced activists were in detention, some ill-disciplined set in in our organisations.

A lot of 'sponsored elements' found their way into our structures. In some areas you would find people carrying out activities not officially decided on by the UDF. but wearing the T-shirts of the front and the milieu: and allies

These people were used to discredit the movement, because when people saw them they thought they were carrying out the policies of the movement.

This problem was I believe, deliberately created by the state at a time when it suited them to paint the movement in a bad light

NN: Gangsters and vandals: like the Jackrollers in Soweto and the Sinyon: In KwaMashu seem to

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ships. What is the 33?:  
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of the governments old divide and  
rule strategy, '.

"Initially our townships were  
ethnically divided and the state  
would provoke one tribe against  
another.

'Now enemy agents are spread-  
ing tumours along ethnic and tribal

TL: We totally reject these  
gangsters and vigilantes. The  
agent provocateur: that I have  
spoken about are related to the  
lackroller element and particularly  
the Sinyoras in Natal.

We in the UDF reject the kind of  
summary justice which has be-  
come the order of the day in some  
of the communities. For instance  
a person may commit a mistake,  
and then immediately people com-  
pletely untored in the art of judg-  
ing cases and passing sentences  
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in many cases, the death sen-  
tence is automatic. A man may  
have beaten another man. Without  
taking into account what the cir-  
cumstances are. we find the sum-  
mary execution of people.

This situation is dangerous. even  
for the movement itself. A respon-  
sible and disciplined member of an  
organisation may say that there  
should not be rioting or looting. -  
Then those elements interested in  
looting themselves may say  
that the comrade is a sell-out sim-  
ply because the comrade is calling  
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But it is not enough for us just to  
reject the gangsters and vigilantes.  
It is also important for our activists  
to come forward and ensure that  
our local formations constitute  
units to which the masses can run  
for defence.

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our comrades has been that they  
must carry themselves in such a  
way that the communities in which  
they operate perceive them as their  
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people who fight for their inter-  
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lines to provoke people against  
each other."

'Much work needs to be done to unite the township residents and hostel dwellers," adds Naidoo.

'Only grassroots organising with house-to-house work and building street committees will allow us to show their frustration last week after years under bantustan rule.

identify and isolate the of violence amongst the people.

"Our organisations must begin a membership drive where every student joins Cosas, every youth joins Sayco. every worker joins Cosatu, every woman a women's organisation and all our people join the civics."

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But there is indifference between defending oneself and retaliating against an assault

Those communities and those organisations to which our people belong have the right to defend themselves but they must not take man that is offensive.

This means people must use an equal amount of force to defend

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in other words. you defend yourself atly to the point that you drive away those that are attacking. You don't now move onto the attack yourself.

Defence committees may be formed by responsible people which then guide the community: to implement the approach I have spoken about. But together with defence committees. peace committees must be built.

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