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SOUTH AFRICA does not

â\200\230need - or seek - charitable

â\200\230handouts from the interna-
tional community, according
to a leading""
' businessman.

in Davos, Switzerland, Mr
Raymond Ackerman, chairman of
Pick 'n Pay Stores Ltd said: â\200\230I
must stress that I'm not here with
a begging bowl.

â\200\230â\200\234The South African economy
is eminently capable of develop-
ing its own potential if permitted
to do so. We simply ask that we
be allowed to compete openly for
investment capital, trade and de-
velopment loans in the worldâ\200\231s
financial markets.

Leaders

He was speaking to an
| audience including array of
| world political and business lead-
ers, like Wilfred Maartens, the

Foreign Minister; Jan Vlietski, the
Polish Prime Minister; the
Deputy Trade Minister of Japan;
Sir James Goldsmith, the Interna-
tional financier, and some 700
senior delegates - from the IMF,

major international corporations.

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Speaking yesterday at the
World Economic and Agro Forum

Belgian Prime Minister; Hans-
Dietrich Genscher, the German

GATT, the World Bank, and party
Africa from - sliding back into

RAY ACKERMAN

Should pursue economic

measures by Europe and America:

person - a new black government
in Pretoria may inherit an econo-
my not even able to satisfy the
demands and expectations of its

to stimulate economic activity
elsewhere in Africa, he warned.

That could have dire con-

sequences for the country, he said.
Economic decay will almost
certainly make it impossible for an
already-fragile democracy to sur-

vive in a new South Africa, an un-
able to prevent the new multi-

democracies elsewhere in

authoritarianism.

. South Africa's future there-

fore, is integrally linked with that
of Africa as a whole.
political, economic and political

trends, it is realistic to suggest that

South Africa must become the ;

economic engine room of a con-
tinent which has steadily dropped

" on the priority agenda of the de-

veloped world.

Your governments and com-
panies are in a position to help all
in Africa achieve the de facto

economic independence it so
desperately needs to legitimise its

given inter-

occupied with decaying
3 million pr

de jure political sovereignty)

he said.

Investment

South Africa would

doubtedly attract investment capital for it is seen by the international

business community as being

able to provide a decent rate of return.

own population, let alone be able to provide

a decent rate of return.

Already, in fact, a number of leading world companies in the food industry alone have expressed direct interest in investing in South Africa.

On the subject of investment,

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- Mandela Witness Missing;

By CHRISTOPHER WREN

New York Times :

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa

â\200\224 The criminal trial of Winnie

Mandela stopped abruptly on

Monday when the prosecution

announced that one of its main

witnesses against her was believed

to have been kidnapped Sunday.

Mandela, wife of African

National Congress leader Nelson

Mandela, is charged with four

counts; of kidnapping and- four

counts of assault in the abduction

and beating of four youths who

were taken (o her home.in Soweto

in late December- 1988.

The youngest, 14-year-old

James Moeketsi Seipei, was later

found with his throat cut. The

Congress supporters.

other three were freed.

On Monday, Winnie Mandela

formally pleaded not guilty to all

charges, as did three co-defen-

dants. Her chief bodyguard, Jerry

Richardson, was convicted last

year of Seipei's murder and sen-

tenced to death. He is appealing.

The trial began Monday after

two days of preliminary motions.

Jan Swanepoel, the lead prose-

cutor, requested a short recess to

fetch his first witness, Kenneth

Kgase, one of the three survivors

of the abductions and beatings.

They testified against Richard-

son and were expected to repeat

the charge, made during his trial,

that Winnie Mandela had taken

part in the assault. But Swanepoel

Trial Halted

returned to court to ask presiding

Justice M.S. Stegmann for a dayâ\200\231s

delay in the proceedings.

*I have just now been informed

that one witness was kidnapped

last night,â\200\235" Swanepoel said. I

donâ\200\231t know if it is true, my lord,

but if it is true, it is a very serious development, because it will obviously intimidate other witnesses.â\200\235

The three witnesses, he said, had been living under the care of the Methodist Church at a house in Johannesburg.

Stegmann adjourned the case until today to give police time to search for the missing witness, who was identified as Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe.

Associated Press

Uproar: Winnie and Nelson Mandela (left rear) arrive Monday at the Rand Supreme Court as police scuffle with African National

Ambush Kills 17

and 97 we

Seventeen people were killed wounded â\200\230after gun

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the town of Pi South Africa, police

worst single incident of violence in Natal Province since the African National Congress and Inkatha concluded a peace accord in Durban on Jan. 29.

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CAPE TOWNâ\200\224The
meeting between Presi-
dent de Klerk and the
deputy president of the
ANC, Mr Nelson Man-
dela, on Thursday, has
been postponed to Feb-
ruary 25. ;

â\200\230A statement from the
President/â\200\231s office yester-
day said the meeting
had been postponed at
the request of Mr Man-
dela. No further details
were given.

Thursdayâ\200\231s meeting
was to have discussed a
memorandum on educa-
tion submitted by the
ANC to Mr de Klerk on
January 29, three days |
before'the'opening of
| Parliament. :

The memorandum ad-

dresses several aspects
of black education as
well as education in gen-
eral, and was a result of |
efforts by the Education |
and Training Minister,
Dr Stoffel van der
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said it had been ex-
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Heerden said yesterday. |that there were many
In an interview, Mr |other eg_u,ntriesf who
van Heerden said Ango-

la was a very rich coun-
try but â\200\230is not a bread
basketâ\200\231. Entering into
trade with Angola

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Unita, most notably the

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THE NATAL MERCURY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 199i

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would be beneficial to . â\200\230Weyknow that there .
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Apparently, Angola involved, said Mr van
has wanted to enter into Heerden.. Â¢
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Africa since at least
1988, but the Govern-

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fan settlement in Unita to participate â\200\231 take-overs and one-party states in Africa,

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1988 and, according to a -

Africa are the rich oil
fields in Angola, which
could offer substantial
benefit to the economy.
Mr van Heerden said
he could foresee that in
the next two years trade
might be normalised
wit%) Angola, but there
first had to be a cease-
fire in the country and
the peace process had to
be working before South
Africa would want to
make anÃ@ formal
arrangements. |

A ceasefire would
open all sorts of chan-
nels and therefore South
Africa had a strong vest-
ed interest in making' it
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~social life of Angola,

f Mr van Heiergiïï-\201n 1;wa.s
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territory to violate
Angolan airspace and
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tween the two countries. necessary medicine and n South Africa we have whites, /Indians
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ing hard to get this
ceasefire as soon as pos-
sible,â\200\231 he said. ;

Mr van Heerdenâ\200\231s
positive response fol-
lows an unusually
lengthy two-hour meet-
ing last Friday with
Angolan President Jose
Eduardo dos Santos in
Luanda, where they dis-
cussed Angolaâ\200\231s allega-
tions at the Joint
Commission talks that
South Africa had start-
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SAPâ\200\231S THUNDERBOLT

THE MASSIVE crime pre-
vention operation launched
by the S A Police, Defence
Force and traffic authorities
at the weekend will be seen
as a huge success by most
people, if for no other
reason than the almost un-
believable number of sus-
Bectsâ\200\230 tpat were appre-

ended and the equally
amazing range of crimes
with which they were con-
nected â\200\230

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atistics show that
am 11 000 arrests
de, in connection

emeanours rang-
ing from stolen firearms,
cars and livestock to mur-

der, rape and possession of __,
gold, uncut diamonds and

lllegal explosives.

Predictably, the ANC
made disapproving noises
and wanted to know the ra-

cial breakdown of those

held. But, again, most peo-
ple will agree that in the
wake of the current tremen-
dous upswing in crime, both
getty and serious, some ac-
ion was needed and will be
needed again. 0

Coiqcientally, Defence

Minister Magnus Malan
chose this weekend to an-
nounce that more than a
billion rands are to be
lopped off the budget for

defence. :

We ask what better way
can those rands be used
than to increase the re-
wards, the preparedness
and the striking ability of
the f)olice force to cope with
the lawlessness in the land?

Some observers have said
this lawlessness should be
seen in terms of the war- -
front moving from the bor-
der between Namibia and
Angola into our backyards.
If that is the case, there
would be ample justifica-
tion for the use of that bil-
lion in the way we suggest.

It would also help to pre-
vent a recurrence of last
yearâ\200\231s pay-related mass de-
fections from the police
force, and in so doing raise
the standards of the crime
prevention efforts of the
S A P and improve the lot of
those whose unenviable
task it is to stand in the
â\200\230thin blue lineâ\200\231.

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CAPE TOWNâ\200\224Brit-
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muchâ\200\231 looking for-
ward to meeting
President de Klerk,

the British Minister â\200\230

for Overseas Devel-

opment, Mrs Lynda |
Chalker, said yester- |

day.

Speaking at Tuyn-
huys before meeting Mr
de Klerk, Mrs. Chalker
said that Britain wished
to increase understand-
ing between the two
countries which was al-
ready on a firm footing
thanks to the ground-
work established under
Mrs, Margaret Thatch-
erâ\200\231s prime ministership.

Earlier, Mrs Chalker,
the first British Minister
to visit South Africa
since Mr Majorâ\200\231s rise to
power, ounced sub-
stantial (ireases for
British sch o arship pro-

es for disadvan-

ged students in South
ca.

Projects

Asked if changes in
South Africa could her-
ald further increases in
British aid to South
Africa, Mrs Chalker said
Britain had been stead-
ily working away at giv-
ing help particularly to
education and other
community projects
over the past five years.

Mrs Chalker said she
knew Mr Major was
keen' on working not
only with South Africa
but with southern Africa
for peace, stability and
progress â\200\230because these
1 are the things that mat-
ter to all the people of
â\200\230southern Africa

Britain welcomed
Mr de Kle kâ\200\231 opening of
Parliament address â\200\230and
I'm here to learn more
about what it entailsâ\200\231,
she said.

Exchange
Mr de Klerk con-

firmed that the talks Â¢

would chiefly focus on
British aid to South
Africa.

However, he added:
â\200\230We will also use the op-
portunity to exchange
views generally about

South Africaâ\200\231s posmon
and southern Africaâ\200\231s
position in relatlon to
Africa.

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uth African Govern-

â\200\230Government generally.â\200\231

Last night Mrs
Chalker met a variety of
community leaders and
the chairman of the In-
dependent Develop-
ment Trust, â\200\231Dr Jan
Steyn, at the home of
the British ambassador,

Sir Robin Renwick.

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By lan Hobbs

LONDONâ\200\224Self-con-
fessed political killer
Dirk â\200\230Coetzee last night
said he was prepared to
fly home immediately to
help Law and Order
Minister Adriaan Vlok
make the â\200\230full, complete
and ve ugly details of
alleged â\200\230Death
Squadâ\200\231 murders public.

I want to tell him ex-
actly who the ve
senior-and powerful offf
cers in the police force
are who should be sus-
pended immediately â\200\224
and why,â\200\231â\200\235 said Mr

Coetzee.

â\200\230Nobody is safe and
the police cannot be
; mted not by Mr Vlok

.certainly not by the
magjgnty of South Afri--

and the ANC, until
these men are removed
from their positlons of
great power,â\200\235 said Mr
Coetzee.

â\200\230ment and the British

| â\200\230We will obviously also
be talkxng about the re-

Coetzee
fly home

Mr Coetzee said what
he wanted first and fore-
most was State aid to
hï-\201ggÃ©nt a legal team for

If in South Africa
â\200\224 before he returned.

With guaranteed im-
munity, he was pre-

pared to return home
â\200\230forthwithâ\200\231 to have, first-
ly, a face-to-face meet-
ing with Mr Vlok.

In Cape Town yester-
day Mr Vlok said the po-
lice would do Mr Coet-
zee no harm if he came
back to South Africa to
give evidence about al-
leged hit squads in open
court.

He issued an open in-
vitation at the Cape
Press Club to Mr Coet-
zee to return to South
Africa and face the â\200\230final
test ... and that is the
test of an open criminal
courtâ\200\231.

â\200\230The police will not
Prosecute him, the po-
ice will do him no
harm,â\200\235 he said.

EDENDALE

T Mr Ntombela and two local chiefs, Mr Nsikayezwe Zondi of Sweetwaters and Mr Vusi Ngcobo, addressed thousands of angry Inkatha supporters

us revenge

By Philani Mgwaba
and Ingrid Oellermann

SECURITY force reinforcementâ\200\230?' were sent to the Taylor's Halt district near Pietermaritzburg yesterday where at least 17 people were slain and a further 29 were injured in an attack on busloads of people returning from an Inkatha peace rally late on Sunday.

The scores of extra men were brought to avert a {Jossible revenge attack by a group of nkathasuggorbâ\200\224ers which had swelled to almost 5 000 by early yesterday.

There were fears that a revenge attack would take place during the

But as the Inkatha supporters were

on the march yesterday morning, a

| KwaZulu Legislative Assembly mem-

ber, Mr David Ntombela, managed to! rsuade the angry group from attacking the KwaShange area.

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By midday yesterday the group had dispersed and the situation was stable.

Mr Ntombela said yesterday that those killed were Inkatha members who were ambushed late on Sunday while travelling in two buses from a meeting at KwaQanda, a rural settlement outside Pietermaritzburg.

Stayaway

The meeting was apparently a report-back on results of the recent peace talks between Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi and the ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela. i

| the buses with rifles and pistols, as
1 well as stoning them. â\200\230

lined both sides of the road, firing on

â\200\234The people are angry about the at- |
tack and I had to dissuade them from
attacking KwaShange. No one went
to work because the people wanted to

o to KwaShange and avenge the
eaths of their friends and relatives,â\200\231
Mr Ntombela said.

Mr Ntombela said another 11 people

were injured in the attack and he ex-

pected more bodies to be found be- |
cause some tEeople had not returned |

home since the attack.
In KwaShange, several residents

said a group from Elandskop had
stopped buses yesterday morning,
looking for people who lived in areas
where the ANC was known to have
support.

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Tt is understood that the attackers ||

One resident, who refused to be
named, said: â\200\230Schools are closed and

[i\â\200\230mog e did not go to work for fear that
heir

â\200\234homes would be attacked. Ev-

â\200\234erybody is armed and ready for a pos-
sible attack from Elandskop.â\200\231

The ANC last night invited
Inkatha, the PAC and other â\200\230anti-
apartheid organisationsâ\200\231 in Natal to
institute jointly a commission of in-

uiry to uncover those responsible for

the attack.

The ANC condemned the attack in the strongest possible terms and ex-

pressed its deepest condolences to the bereaved families and all those who sustained injuries.

Our Pietermaritzburg Bureau reports that police were still combing the KwaShange district yesterday for victims.

A police helicopter circled above the area yesterday.

who gathered in groups yesterday.

They urged them not to take the law into their own hands. The crowds disbanded after several hours.

An S A Police spokesman, Maj Pieter Kitching, said the dead and injured had been found scattered over a wide area indicating they had been fleeing.

The majority had bullet wounds or stab wounds and some had been hacked with axes.

The injured were admitted to Edendale and Grey's hospitals but by late yesterday only two victims remained in hospital.

Maj Kitching said when the buses were stopped by gunmen who

began shooting, many of

the passengers panicked and jumped out of the

buses and fled. The buses drove off.

See also Page 8 and . Editorial Opinion

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by WYNDHAM HARTLEY
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THOUSANDS of Inkatha supporters were per-
suaded yesterday not to attack kwaShange â\200\224 after
the toll of Sunday nightâ\200\231s bus massacre rose to 17
people killed and 29 wounded.

A stayaway had been called by Inkatha in the
upper Vulindlela area in response to the attack,
and more than 5 000 heavily armed men gathered
at Taylorâ\200\231s Halt to seek revenge.

However, David Ntombela â\200\224 a member of the
KwaZulu Legislative Assembly â\200\224 interceded and
urged the people to exercise restraint.

A short while later, Ntombela, with senior
police officers, again interceded, this time in
Sweetwaters, where a spontaneous gathering of
Inkatha men wanted to avenge the killings.

The killings occurred when KwaZulu Trans-
port buses were returning to the rural settlement
of Sweetwaters from nearby Taylorâ\200\231s Halt, where
the passengers had met local residents to discuss
moves to promote peace in Natal.

This followed the peace accord between ANC
leader Nelson Mandela and president of Inkatha
Freedom Party Mangosuthu Buthelezi two weeks
ago aimed at ending a bloody feud between sup-
porters of their movements which has claimed
more than 4 000 lives in the past five years.

Ntombela told the men, who were armed with
traditional weapons and firearms, that he was
speaking in his individual capacity and not as a
member of Inkatha.

â\200\234We stand for peace and, although they call
me a warlord, I never killed anyone,â\200\235 Ntombela
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ands.â\200\235

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Ntombela said there was a definite feeling among the chiefs that they did not want ANC people in their areas.

â\200\234There were no guns on our people who were killed at kwaShange â\200\224 be patient, talk to God, and the chief and indunas will tell you what to do,â\200\235 he said. He added that the world could now see â\200\234who is sparking the trouble all the timeâ\200\235 and that it was not Inkatha.

Police Captain Danie Meyer told the crowd that an attack on kwaShange would be pointless as there were only women and children left in the area, and he urged the men to disperse peacefully.

In the meanwhile police discovered more bodies scattered in the veld near the scene of the original attack. Police spokesman Major Pieter Kitching said spent shotgun and R1 cartridges were also found.

The National Executive Committee (NEC) of the African National Congress (ANC), in a statement issued from Johannesburg, condemned the attack in â\200\234the strongest possible termsâ\200\235 and extended condolences to the bereaved and injured.

The ANC invited the Inkatha Freedom Party, the; Pan Africanist Congress and other anti-apartheid forces operating in the Natal region to jointly institute a commission of inquiry into the incident,

. Inkatha national chairman Frank Mdlalose said last night that peace efforts between Inkatha and the ANC were still definitely on course. He had discussed the bus incident with ANC national executive member Jacob Zuma, and they had agreed they would â\200\234jointly look into the matterâ\200\235,

Mdlalose said there was still a strong commitment to peace, and that the leadership of neither

* side wished to point fingers.

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/[1 BELOW: The body of one of the men found near the scene of Sunday night's bus massacre which left 17 people dead.

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make a point of commenting on

readers letters. Sometimes the
- object, all too obviously, is to out-
~ smart the letter writers. -

This has always seemed to me
to run co to the principle
that the letters page is primarily
~ readersâ\200\231 territory and that the edi-

i â\200\230tor should try to keep out of it,
except where it may be necessary,
for instance, to correct a factual
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FW Thorpe of Midrand com-

. plains that the editor did not reply
to a question he put at the end of a

recently published letter. This let-

ter criticised one of The Starâ\200\231s edi-
" torials on the grounds that it had
not â\200\234bluntly and unequivocallyâ\200\235

- condemned the ANC for â\200\234ignoring

the arms embargo and retaining
their huge armouryâ\200\235, partlcularly
AK-47 rifles.

Mr Thorpeâ\200\231s last sentence ran:
â\200\234Or is it possible that you support
the action of the ANC?â\200\235

I must say that when I read the
letter in The Star I took thls last

sentence to be a rhetorlcal ques- :

tion, to which Mr Thorpe would
not have expected an answer.

However, it appears he posed it
in all seriousness, going so far as
to envisage the possibility that.
â\200\234The Starâ\200\231s aim might be to be-
~ come the ANCâ\200\231s mouthpiece if
they gain government controlâ\200\235.

I therefore asked the editor-in-
chief, Richard Steyn, to comment.
He says: â\200\234The Star is no more sup-
portive of the ANC than it is of
the NP or any other political
party. The newspaper agrees with
.the ANC on certain issues and dis-

agrees strongly on others. '

â\200\234We are nobodyâ\200\231s mouthpcece
and never will be. The reason why
I declined to respond to Mr
Thorpeâ\200\231s innuendo is that it was a
classic â\200\230have you stopped beating
your wifeâ\200\231-type question, impossi-
ble to answer satisfactorily in one
or two short sentences.â\200\235

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A RECENT cartoon by Andy has

dlspleased â\200\230one or two readers. It

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- | JAMES

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showed a figure clearly recognis-
able as Marike de Klerk holding a
telephone receiver and saying to
her equally recognisable husband,
â\200\234Itâ\200\231s Willem, dear â\200\224 he wants to

be reclassified.â\200\235

The innuendo was obvious and
the caricature of the State Presi-
dent singularly unflattering. But
was the cartoon in what one read
er calls â\200\234shocking bad tasteâ\200\235?

Â© At one time, it is true, such a :
topic would have been out of

bounds for a cartoonist on a repu-
table newspaper. But those days,
with their strong flavour of what

is now called â\200\234elitism" have van-

ished.

In Britain, for instance, the
press and even television are mer-
ciless in their caricaturing of the

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What many people do not recog- '

nise is that this marks a revival of
an old British tradition. In Victori-
an times, the Prince Consort was
mercnlessly lampooned in journals
like Punch and the sacred person

of the good Queen herself was not
spared.

It is possible to have misgivings

about this trend. I feel a certain
sadness watching the British mer-
-rily butchering an institution that
most of them, when it comes down
to it, deeply cherish.
But it is quite unrealistic not to

expect ripples from this wave of -
irreverence to wash up on our
shores.

I doubt whether Andy's cartoon
upset many households.

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IN HIS television column, On the
Box, in the Saturday Star of Jan-

uary 19, John van Zyl attacked

SABC-TV for failing its viewers in

. three ways: information, culture

and education.

#Criticising the intellectual level

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Â¢ of Good Morning South Africa, he

wrote: 'You can always Judge a
television service by the sort of
ideal viewer that it seems to be
addressing. I have no doubt the
ideal viewer GMSA wants to ad-

- dress is a rural, white Afrikaans-

speaking person with a Std cer-
tificate.'

Erika Smuts of Randburg de-
nounces Dr van Zyl for showing (I
translate from Afrikaans) 'igno-
rance, shallowness and insensitivi-
ty'. She divines from Dr van Zyl's
column (correctly, I have no
doubt) that he wants television to
play a role as a 'communication
medium in the new South Afri-

However, she says, he should re-

member that 'these people to

whom he refers so disparagingly
are going to play an important
part in the future of our country'.
She calls on him to forget the
false status of so-called intellec-
tual achievements and contends

that the value of people lies â\200\234not -
in their income, language, stan-
dard of education race or place of

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residence but rather in theu' out-
look on people and the worldâ\200\235.

Ms Smutsâ\200\231s concern for the indi-
â\200\230vidual and emphasis on the contri-
bution they make to society are
commendable, and I shall not con-
test what she says. However, the
relevance of these views to the
SABCâ\200\231s shortcomings in the cul-
tural field escapes me.

On one point, though, I am en-
tirely with her: the kind of stereo-
type conjured up by Dr van Zyl to
typify an uncultured person would
be better discarded before we
enter what we hope will be a
healthier, more harmonious South
Africa. _ â\200\230

Howâ\200\231s that again?
A CALL for a hospital to intro-
_duce a nappy-washing service was
f*pooh-poohed by health commit-
tees thisâ\200\230week. - Darlington and
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@ If you have a complaint about
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into operation. R E CHINERY (MRS)
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SIR - I wonder why our
African leaders, particu-
larly politicians, academ-

ics and professional.

people, know nothing
about our history.

Our present African
generation is completely
lost. Our school children
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Our nationalities and
traditions are fading away
gradually because of criti-
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| sense in that? Why not an
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Do these people really
accept the colonialist il-
legal republic of South
Africa, formed by stolen
territories from their
rightful owners?

Slave mentality has
dragged them into col-
laboration with the apart-
heid system in all its vari-
ous political, social and
economic manifestation.

How can we be a one
nation in a one country
while we have never been
a one nation and have

never lived together as:

one nation in a single

country?

By accepting this false

structure we- are really
furthering and collaborat-
ing with the evils of the
apartheid system.

The reincorporation of
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it is free for every Tom,
Dick and Harry.

I gave him a quick
answer; no-manâ\200\231s-land is
a graveyard. :

Self-determination and
a democratic form of
government exercised not
only for the people but:
also by the people could
be our first priority.

- SELIMO NTHOLE

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â\200\230compassed me:

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