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gest tribe in South Africa,
However. contrary to

â\200\230your belief, we are aot
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A true Zulu respects
his culture and never uses
1 to frighten off or to kill
other people, as stray 1FP
â\200\234"Zuluy' do.

You are correct when
you say the majority of
Zuivs support the ANC

and have their allegiance
to King Zwelithini at the
same time. However, it
bursts when the same king
rides in the same political
grave train with our pow-
erful hungry and traditional
Prime Minister, whose
support base is dwindling
day after day.

Our king has seen a politi-
cal for a long time and
now, because Buthelezi is
losing support for his re-
sistance to change. he is
involving the king in politi-
cs to the extent that IFP
and the king are one and
the same thing,

We are people of South
Africa, Mr Editor. and no
one has a right to claim a
territory in this land.
How, for that matter, can

Buthelezi claim KwaZulu
when he does not have
support in that area of
South Africa.

You also made a bla-
nd statement that the
Zulus will not follow their
heads to especially
the Xhosa " Let me ex-
plain this to you. We are
not at war with the Xho-
sas or with anyone for
that matter, After April
27 we will not take our
spears against the demo-
cratically elected govern-
ment, no matter who wins
the elections, We will ac-
cept that government and
work with it.

However, we will point
our spears against spoilers
whether they come from
Natal, Eastern Cape or
any other part of South
Africa.

Right-wing but wrong.
minded Afrikaners take
our Zulu pride every
time they refer to Zulus
as their allies, Please do
not add more salt to that
wound. Not every Zulu
supports the [FP/Zweli-
thini alliance.

PROUD ZULU
Pretona

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Mining houses fire

broadside

ANGLO American Corporation and Johannesburg Consolidated Investments yesterday launched a broadside against the ANC, warning that its minerals marketing proposals flew in the face of basic economics.

In a JCI-sponsored seminar in Johannesburg, senior representatives from the two mining houses said ANC plans for the state to oversee minerals marketing could kill rather than expand foreign demand.

Though SA was a major minerals supplier, it was in no position to control commodity prices in the face of low-priced competitors in the Commonwealth of Independent States and China.

Any suggestion that SA was operating a cartel would prompt customers to switch to alternative sources, while government control over marketing minerals would prove costly and inefficient.

Anglo slammed a misleading and detrimental suggestion that a central marketing organisation would inflate minerals exports and earnings. This was against all laws of economics, said Anglo new mining business director Raymond Cohen.

People who suggest that are either out of touch or have the potential to make huge sums of money in which case we should get in touch with them.

JCI-owned Rustenburg Platinum marketing director Todd Bruce said any attempt

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'tempt to operate a cartel would badly

damage the platinum market.
The seminar, organised by the ANC's

â\200\230econcmic planning departmect, was called

.to discuss party policy on minerals mar-

keting. set out in its reconstructco and
develcpment programme. The ANC's poli-
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ANC econornic placning chief Trevor
Maruel told delegates that betweez \$12bn
and \$34bn had flowed out of SA between
1970 ard 1988. One major conduit had been
trade. Most of SAâ\200\231s exports had been
minerals related.

Steam coal exports were marketed pri-
vately through Richards Bay acd dia-
monds through De Beers' Central Selling
Organisation. â\200\234The ANC and its allies ec-
visage future such co-operation o maxi-
mise the forex earnisgs from exporis of
our diminishing mineral resources.â\200\235

Cohen said the policy was awry. There
was ro proof the minerals industry si-
phoned money from SA. The ANC should
instead consider why that money kad left
SA. There might be a case for strengtien-

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' Mining houses

ing the Reserve Bank's auditing power, but
there was no cali for new bureaucracy to
monitor that already in place.

Angl'o American was not prepared to
make {8 records available to answer un-
substantiated ciaims.

The viability of a state-run marketing
arm was questiorable. A similar operation
in Zimbabwe cost about R300m a year and
had produced nothizg. Cohen said.

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â\200\234Customers require a great deal of pur-
turing,â\200\235 he added. â\200\234They need their egcs
massaged. We do not think people in gov-
ernment â\200\224 whatever government â\200\224 Âçan
look after people quite as well as the cus-
torners need.â\200\235

Delegates said the CSO's cartel offered no parallels for a commodities cartel. Samancor MD Mike Salarnon said any analysis of policy options had to be thorough and industry specific.

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Public meeting called

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Court application a test case forEBEG

KZP man â\200\230will be
forcedâ\200\231 to appear

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gent supreme court ap-
plication would be
lodged to force
KwaZulu police com-
missioner Lt-Gen Roy
During to appear before
the Transitional Execu-
tive Council (TEC), it
was announced yester-
day.

The court application,
which is expected to take
place before the end of the
week, will be a test case for
the TEC as it is the first time
a dispute concerning the

councilâ\200\231s powers has been re-
ferred to the judicial system.

Mercury Correspondent

The council heard last night
that Gen During, under or-
ders from KwaZulu police
minister Mangosuthu
Buthelezi, had refused to at-
tend a meeting of the TEC to
provide information and doc-
uments on the operation of
hit squads within his force.

The TEC was told Gen Dur-
ing had been tracked down to
a town in the Western Cape
where he was on vacation.
There he was presented by lo-
cal SAP officcrs with a letter
from the TEC as well as last
weekâ\200\231s TEC resolution de-
manding his presence.

In a faxed response, Gen
During said he would not be
attending the meeting, â\200\234on
the instructions of the minis-
ter of policeâ\200\235.

A TEC official was however
despatched into the corridor
outside the TEC chamber to
officially summon Gen
During.

The TEC resolved â\200\234to take
all appropriate legal steps to
make sure Gen During
presents himself before the
councilâ\200\235.

TEC chairman Zam Titus
said preparatory work for the

case would begin immediately. The TEC would institute a

civil action against Gen Durrin which could result in a prison sentence or a fine.

How soon the case was heard depended on the availability of senior counsel, he said.

Meanwhile President De Klerk stepped into the fray, saying it was the TEC's role to ensure that free political activity could be carried out in all areas including self-governing territories.

The president pointed out that the TEC had already sent SAP units into KwaZulu in December and emphasised that he was not keen on storming in with troops.

Two days to cast votes as

Back door remains open

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ANC asks Bank to waive import duties

PRETORIA 200/224 The ANC had asked the Reserve Bank to waive import duties on election materials and for access to finances to buy a building, the TEC heard yesterday.

PP delegate Colin Eglin said the application, which was passed on to the TEC's finance subcouncil, favoured one party and should be closely examined.

Even if the waiving of import duties was spread to all political party monitoring mechanisms should be put in place to prevent parties blocking upon capital goods prior to the elections.

ADRIAN HADLAND

A TEC source confirmed that the ANC's treasury department had requested the waiving of duties for the importation of goods including electronic equipment, Land-Rovers and T-shirts.

Eglin said he had serious concerns about the ANC's application for finances so that it could buy a building in Pretoria to use as party offices.

"I think it is wrong to use the TEC for

matters falling under the Reserve Bank
and for political parties to use finrands to

purchase commercial buildings

â\200\234Securing a commercial building re-
fects a commercial enterprise of a capital
nature,â\200\235 Eglin said.

Bui one delegate said the move was
intended to level the political playing field
ahead of the elections.

The TEC agreed to refer the matter to
the finance subcouncil, which will investi-
gate whether the ANC request should be
approved, whether all parties should be
able to claim access to import duty waiv-
ers and whether the finrand could be used
for electoral purposes

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London papers slam <\

ANC's economic plan

HBY ALAN ROBINSON

STAR BUREAU

London - The African National Congress's economic blueprint for SA has been savaged as a populist and irresponsible package that will only retard and distort the country's economy.

And ANC leader Nelson Mandela has been condemned for a failure of statesmanship in allowing the blueprint to go through

The remarkably forthright criticism comes from The Times, which urges the ANC not to run from reality.

In a leading article yesterday, the newspaper describes the projected reconstruction and development programme as a patent misnomer and says the ANC has failed abjectly to convince economists that it can pay for its promises of homes, jobs, free health and education for all

— ANC promises that the money can be found without boosting inflation or causing balance of trade difficulties and that there would be no increase in the total tax take, only a rearrangement of tax extraction, will be a con-

siderable feat if this can be pulled off.

To its discredit, the ANC has struck an ambiguous pose on nationalisation the dredged N-word that M

Mandela is careful not to use when abroad.

â\200\234This does not inspire confidence, slowing even for the charitable view ibat the programme be seen only as an election manifesto.â\200\235

The Times pointedly advises the ANC leader to â\200\234strip away false illusions, scale down expectations and avoid lavish promisesâ\200\231. It says his support base is probably strong enough to permit him to â\200\234tell home truthsâ\204ç.

The newspaper says:
*â\200\234The ANC must abandon its populist brew in favour of a plain-speaking commitment to judicious fiscal and trade policies, and to macroeconomic common sense.â\200\235

And it has a further piece of advice: â\200\234Mr Mandela might begin to repair the damage to confidence caused by his partyâ\200\231's programme by promising to retain Derek Keys, the current Finance Minister, and Chris Stals, the Governor of the Reserve Bank, after the elections.

â\200\234Their retention will be a reassuring antidote to the populist tunes Mandela feels compelled to play on the stump. It will be an antidote, too, to the ANC's flawed programme.â\200\235

In its coverage the Financial Times says the RDP dodges the hard choices, and should probably better be understood as an election manifesto than an economic plan.

â\200\234The financing is at best vague, at worst unrealistic. Nothing is costed. no priorities are set, all options (including the threat of nationalisation) are left open.â\200\235

A few months in power will probably reveal to

the ANC all the contradictions inherent in its plan: It calls for people's power to be exercised at all levels. while simultaneously demanding & high degree of central planning, and It proposes huge spending increases without concomitant rises in revenue.

â\200\234Most ANC Jeaders still pursue a moral approach to economic questions. arguing it must be done, it should be done, therefore it will be done,â\200\235 the paper quotes a SA businessman as saying.

" THE STAR. WEDDAY, 26 JANUARY 18!

Selfâ\200\224defence units (SDUs) have been at the centre of controversy over their involvement in East Rand violence. Patrick Laurence talks to an SDU leader

ANC has â\200\230nothing to do with SDUsâ\200\231

be yourg man smiled as if to imply.

politely, tha: the queston was nsive,

s questioz which oaly an outsider could ask.

â\200\234No," he repifed. â\200\234We won't listen to them They live in the suburbs. They have nothing to 8ay to us.â\200\235

Siphiwe was seated o 8 small house in Katlehong, one of tge trio of East Rand towntships where 1200 people have been Killed internecine warfare since May last year.

Two young mesa sat oa the couch next 0 his chalr, listening intently to his replies. They. like Siphmwe. were members of & local salf defence unit or SDU.

Siphiwe had bewn asked whether SDUs would disband if (nsgucted to do so by the pational leaders of the Africaa Nadgonal Congress, some of wiom live in Jobannesburg's mainly white suburbs.

A member of the ANC who later boasted that the ANC brecch in Katlebong was tha biggest tn South Africa, Siphiwe was not being disioyal Me was simply stating that the

. decision to disband the SDUs would be taken

by the â\200\234soldiersâ\200\235 or the ground, not the ANC's leaders who lved away trom the war 2008

Siphiwe ~ & fctiopal name, used in defer- etce to his request oot to identify him â\200\224 had earer denled that the ANC had been instru- mental in forming the SDUs. thus contradict- ing an ANC docuzment, â\200\234For the Sake of Our Livesâ\200\235, calling for the establishment of SDUS and ascribing a ceazel role in their forma- tion to the ANC guerilla army, Umkhonto we Sizwe,

â\200\234Nothing at all " e said in reply to 3 ques- ton about what role the ANC had played in the formation of SDUs. It wus delivered with the same smile that accompanled iijs answer thut SDUs would not dissolve at the behest of the ANC leadership in Joharnesh

He denied that SDUs {n Katlehong had been formed by, or even with the asgistance

of, the ANC. Like SDUs as a whole, they fell under the aegis of the South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco), not the ANC.

â\200\234There are people {n Sanco who are not members of the ANC,â\200\235 Siphile added.
â\200\234There are members of the PAC and Azapo ...â\200\235 To Dustrate his point ke identified oce of the men on the couch as 8 PAC member.

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taelr Â»eezons brought another smile to his face.

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Ta2 mozey to buy arms bad besn raised by the community, Siphile sdded. Reports taut towns=p regidents were forced by SDU commasdars lo congibute lo ke purchase of weapoas. or â\200\224 more crudely â\200\224 to pay protection Zio2ey roct with the same emphatic cercisl

â\200\234They tust usâ\200\235 Siphile sald a5 8 young woman Hrcatgat us roofbos tea â\200\234We are thelr solÃ©iers We protect them.â\200\235

SDUs 28Â¢ neen formed {p response to ha-resgmen: Â¢f regidents in Radebe. # section rather ax sudurb of Katlehong, by Inkatha Freedor Party supporters Ivizg in migrant worker hostels, he sajd.

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IFP â\200\234aggressionâ\200\235 had wken two forms: &rst FP zaaiots bad tried to force residents to foiz nka:pa and thez. in 1891, â\200\234alter the tax we=", they had started aitecking townshlp lok

"Wa ware defencelesa. People ran away. lo Sowe:o. lo Sedokang, to Vosloorus. Then last year all (e youths went to (e nelghbouring 203Â¢ of} Mavizbala to form ag SDU.

â\200\234AWe stamed using guerilla warfare against Inkatha We aitacked at night During the day we aent small boys to cary out surveil-lance of e~ positions. After two or three woeeks e changed our girategy. We decided we must 4521 them during the day.â\200\235

o between blowing smoke into the air from his cigarette, Siphiwe related how the IFP was pushed back to hostels on the

horizon.

"We push them." he said. His hand on chest hitting his throat. he exclaimed "We push them. Push, push." 231

After 6 months the Radede section had been recaptured So= 23032 TP, Siphiwe said The SDU had not suffered a single casualty: 300 for the 2, he added. 234 We had killed 200 aure we killed 200

230 Then, as Siphiwe narrated it. the war entered a new phase; the TP regrouped, receiving reinforcements from Natal and. assisted by policemen Avum the crack [internal Stability Division, Zegor. a new offensive.

Again, according to Siphiwe, the SDI's proved more than a match for the FP and their allies. 234 We killed several of them. 235 He said nostalgically, referring to the policemen who allegedly helped the TP by ferrying them to and from 230 Ge Sosteis in armoured vehicles.

234 We pushed them from Magedi section back to the hostels. 235 he said of the IFP. 234 They only have four bases left. 235

His response to the question of whether 22 and his comrades had tried to talk to the TF in the hostel brought another incredulous smile to his face.

234 We can't go there 235 he said, pointing to the water tanks standing in the streets on the afternoon skyline. 234 We tried to go there on 22. Day last September They fired at us

He categorically dismissed persistent reports of warfare between rival SDUs in Katlehong and its neighbouring township, including the 234 execution 235 of young men who were found last year with bullet holes on the backs of their heads and their hands bound behind their backs 234 There is no such thing," Siphiwe declared.

234 Gangsters 235 from outside the area had taken control of a part of Mavimbela and launched an attack on Az 3DU in Neala, another section in the town of troubled townships, he said. They killed an SDU commander over the New Year but the murder was 100% political he insisted.

The problem has since been sorted out Siphiwe said. His colleagues on the couch

. "We disarmed the gangsters. They fled back to the townships where they come from."

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A time for
separation

Itâ\200\231s not â\200\230Red-baitingâ\200\231 to say the
SACP's influence in the ANC re-
mains an unknown and confusing
factor.

HE SA Communist Party has been
thrown on the defensive by charges
that it is & dominant â\200\224 and manipula-
tive â\200\224 influence in the ANC. The ac-
cusations, activated by publication of the
names of the ANC's 200 candidates on the
national list for the April election, are but the
first salvoes in & coming propaganda barrage.

SACP spokesman Jeremy Cronin, attempt-
ing to neurralise the propaganda, says only
34 of the 200 candidates are SACP members.
Of these, he adds, only 16 are in the top 50
names on the ANC list. Cronin's acknow-
ledged list of communists differs from that of
the NP, which calculates that 27 of the first 30
candidates are SACP members. Cronin ex-
plains the discrepancy by accusing the NP
and its conservative allies of wilfully including
former SACP members in their tally.

His explanation, however, will not spike his
opponentsâ\200\231 guns as long as the dividing line
between SACP and ANC remains blurred. It is
difficult to know where the SACP ends and
the ANC begins, in regard to policy as well as
membership.

The situation is further complicated by the
SACPâ\200\231s history as a conspiratorial party,
characterised by secrecy and deception rath-
er than transparency. Croninâ\200\231s assurances to
the contrary, voters cannot be sure that the
SACP does not have undeclared â\200\234sleepersâ\200\235 in
key positions in the ANC. For that reason
they cannot accurately calculate- the SACP's
influence in the ANC.

Those who favour the ANC have to recog-
nise that a vote for the ANC is simultaneously
& vote for the SACP, that the endorsement of
bourgeois capitalists in the ANC is at the
same time endorsement of the SACP's â\200\234demo-
cratic socialistsâ\200\235.

The sooner the SACP campaigns under its
own manifesto and stands or falls under its
own banner, the better for South Africa.

Economic balance needed

Slovo peers
into lite
after April

B 8Y PETER DAVIES

A mixed economy with a balanced role between the private and public sectors is the path post-election South Africa should travel in the foreseeable future, SAC's chief Joe Slovo told a business breakfast gathering in Houghton this morning.

In a discussion organised by stockbroking company Davis, Borkum and Hare, chaired by Heien Suzman and broadcast nationwide on M-Net's closed-circuit business channel, Slovo gave candid views on the ANC's view on nationalisation.

He said that in 1953 the SACP had rejected old-statism and commandist control as well as nationalisation as a panacea for the country's economic ills.

Capital flight

Slovo conceded that both the ANC and its allies were embracing free-market economics but there needed to be a flexible balance between government intervention and demands of private business.

Across-the-board nationalisation would lead to great flight of capital, sabotage and destabilisation and corruption costs would limit the impact of redistribution.

However, Slovo said the SACP had not abandoned its long-term aim in which the means of production are so-

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'GROWTH without redistribution would be meaningless to the majority of South

Africa's people's

clarified so that ultimately one person doesn't live off the labour of another.

In post-election South Africa, growth without redistribution would be meaningless to the majority of people, but he added that redistribution without growth amounts to little more than a populist cliché.

He said the aspirations of the majority of people should not be seen as a threat but rather as an asset, an opportunity to be harnessed.

Slovo said mineral rights should be returned to the State as they were a precious and depleting natural resource and had only recently and perhaps cynically been privatised.

Foreign investment should be treated rationally, with no special privileges or disadvantages bestowed on anyone, and rights of repatriation of dividends and income for investors should be guaranteed,

The first step to salving the violence problem would be to get the election out of the way so that people would no longer regard the forces of law and order as the enemy.

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KZP chief
will be
compelled
to face TEC

i BY ESTHER WAUGH
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KwaZulu Police (KZP) Commissioner Lieutenant-General Roy Durrant failed to appear before a full sitting of the Transitional Executive Council yesterday.

The council then decided to take legal steps to compel his attendance. TEC chairman Zax Titus said a court order could be served on any official instructing him to appear before the TEC.

The TEC earlier asked Duric for Information on the Goldstone Commission's finding that a hit squad operated within KZP ranks. During was, however, prohibited by KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi from co-operating with the TEC.

The TEC also appointed a three-member task group consisting of lawyers Fink Haysom and Howard Varney and the SAP's Colonel Ivor Human to investigate the existence of hit squads in Natal and KwaZulu.

A peace plan for the East Rand is to be announced within the next two days. The TEC agreed that its executive secretaries Government constitutional adviser Fanie van der Merwe and the ANC's Mac Maharaj should continue to co-ordinate & strategy to end violence. :

It was also decided last night that the TEC management committee would discuss South Africa's role regarding the Lesotho conflict. Titus said the Government had turned down a request by Lesotho to send a peacekeeping force to the country. :

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Swazi threat
on April poll

The Swazi government
has warned thousands of
South African refugees
who hold dual citizenship
that action would be
taken against those who
voted in South Africa's
April election, the Star
Africa Service.

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Alexandra killing spree

B STAFF REPORTERS

Three men, including a prominent ANC leader, have been killed in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, since Saturday.

Local ANC leader Mandla Maseko was shot eight times in a drive-by attack on Saturday. He is in hospital in a critical condition,

Maseko, a former M

soldier and representative of the Alexandra Returnees Committee, was involved with peace negotiations. He recently started a security company to patrol the industrial areas of Marlboro, Wynberg and Kew.

Patrick Mtshali (19), thought to have been abducted from his home on Sunday, was found in a

sewer on Monday. shot in the head

Kkosi Ngidi (29) was found with gunshot wounds in his chest yesterday.

According to police, at least six people have been killed in the township since Thursday, following simmering tension since the death of IFP general secretary Simon Mlambo on January 14,

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Last night the Geadhine for finding an exclusive negotiated settlement was postponed for a third time this week. Talks be-

tween the Government, ANC and the FA will continue tomorrow when the ANC will submit its proposals to the alliance.

FA negotiator Rovnn Cronje said last night that the ANC has a lot of hope we will find a settlement, but is prepared to give it a last chance.

The deadline for agreeing on amendments to the Interim Constitution was first set for Monday night, but was then postponed until last night.

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sisting that agreements should be reached before the proclamation of the edvetinn

Cronje said the ANC had done a lot of work back in the vester-dny, and the FA felt there was no point in continuing negotiations. The KA was told its demand for two ballot papers was unacceptable. It, in turn, refused to accept that the powers of the nine provinces be expanded on condition that the framework legislation be passed by the central government be accepted.

ANC negotiator Valli Monse said his organisation's written proposals, (to be submitted tomorrow), had emerged from a two-day session.

Constitutional Development Minister Pieter Meyer said there were another two days for negotiations before the proclamation of the election. It is tomorrow that the results in an agreement, amendments would be made to the Interim Constitution.

But if there was sufficient reason, talks could continue

even after Friday, and the agreement could be included in the constitution after the April election, he said.

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FW seeks democracy pledge

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POLITICAL
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National Party leaders
have publicly pledged to
take disciplinary action
against any members involved in
demonstrative activities, and
challenged ANC leaders
to do the same.

Launching the NP's
Declaration on Fair and
Free Elections" in Pre-

torial yesterday, NP leader
President de Klerk
said members of his
party had been subjected
to massive intimidation in
townships across the
country, and most of the
culprits appeared to be
ANC members.

NP members had been
threatened and physically
harassed, the party's
offices and buildings had
been defaced and its
meetings disrupted. He
had had to cancel sche-

duled meetings in !
Some townships because
ANC reception committee
had been waiting for him. !
De Klerk said threats
to a free and fair election :
also came from the Right
and violence. The Gov.
Administration, he said, would :
do everything in its
power to ensure free po-
litical activity anywhere
in the country, including
in KwaZulu and Natal
provinces.

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Blacks buy Sowetan

W BY SVEN LUNSCHE

A group of prominent black businessmen, headed by DT Nthatho Motlana, has acquired control of the country's largest daily newspaper, The Sowetan, from the Argus Group.

The deal places control of an influential newspaper within the black business sector just three months before the April elections.

"The Argus Group said in a statement yesterday it had agreed in principle to relinquish control of the Sowetan to the Prosper Africa Group, whose directors include Motlana, Dr Sam Motsuenyane, Franklin Sonn and Dr Enos

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Mabuza.

All four directors are members, but not office bearers, of the ANC. Motlana stressed however that the Sowetan's editorial independence would adhere to the paper's Editorial Charter. Editor Aggrey Klaaste and senior management will retain their posts, he added.

The Argus Group has rejected offers by the ANC to acquire the Sowetan, in line with its guidelines that a potential buyer guarantee the editorial independence and commercial viability of its newspapers.

Media Workers Association of SA acting president. Mathatha Tsedu, who is also political editor of the paper, said:

"As a union we welcome black business participation in the paper, but there is some concern about where the paper

will move politically.â\200\235

Argus chief executive Doug
Band described the move as a
commercial venture that would
â\200\234empower black business and
place control of the Sowetan in
black community handsâ\200\235,

On terms of the deal, a com-
plicated pyramid structure will
leave Argus with about 43 per-
cent of a newly formed com-
pany that owns the Sowetan
Prosper Alrica will control
52 percent and five percent
will be held by state.

» Plan ahead to expand
Sowetan ~ Page 16

Ramushwana leads NPKF

W BY HELEN GRANGE

The National Peacekeeping Force (NPKF) has got its new commanding officer and surprisingly, he hails from neither the SADF nor Umkhonto we Sizwe.

The TEC's defence sub-council yesterday unanimously decided on appointing the controversial Venda military ruler Brigadier Gabriel Ramushwana to the post.

Subcouncil member Ronnie Kasrils told the TEC the appointment meant that Ramushwana would resign his position as head of the homeland administration, withdraw from the ANC's national election list and resign his position on the defence subcouncil.

Ramushwana is currently one of the targets of a witch-hunt in Venda to unearth individuals involved in corruption.

He and more than 300 other Venda government officials are alleged to owe the local pension fund a total of more than R40 million.

Informed sources said Ramushwana owed the fund R580 000, and it seemed likely this week that he and other al-

Ramushwana . . . embroiled in Venda controversies, alleged offenders would be put on trial.

Ramushwana could not be contacted yesterday.

Last June, Ramushwana

was accused of using more
than R1 million of State money
for finance & Thohoyandou
businessman's shopping cen-
tre. but his staff denied this.

o April 1990 he led 2 blood-
less military coup in Venda
and took over the government.

It was Ramushwana who
hosted the first gathering on
South African soil of Umkhon-
o we Sizwe,

Despite the controversies,
Ramushwana has been de-
scribed as a capable and
strong military leader who has
gone a long way towards quell-
ing the violence in Venda.

He can speak 18 different lan-
guages as well as English and
Afrikaans.

Until yesterday, the officers
tipped to lead the NPXF were
SADF-nominated Brigadier
George Kruys and Brigadier
Derek Mgwebi of the Transkei
Defence Force.

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Vote of Confidence

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~An open letter
" to all South Africans

ThÃ@re are many people who

do not know for whom
they should volc or whether

| they should vote at all in the
forthcoming election.â\200\231

This applies to many
elderly people and others
.who feel that there is
absolutely no hope fox those
who do not support the
ANC/SACP alliance.

The media, in quoting the
results of various polls which
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Mr Ozzie Knox is a minister of the Gospel who
works with all denominations and groups. He has
a law degree and studied law with prominent peo-
Schwartz (our ambassador in
Nelson Mandela and the late
Seretsi Khama at Wits University after the war.

He has addressed this open letter to all South

presert for various reasons.

South Africa is a Christian
orientated country and
according to statistics
quoted, 70 to 80 percent of
the population are
Christians

These people would
certainly not agree to this
country being converted into
a onc party communist state
as has been done in most of
the countries up north. I am
sure that many others would
not like to see this happen to
South Africa.

The answer to those who
are in doubt and who may
even be thinking of not
casting their votes or
considering not participating
in the election, is to be
determined to cast their
votes against the ANC/SACP
alliance as any vote not cast
means two votes for the
alliance.

Those who are against this
alliance must stand together
and vote for any party which
is against communism. To do
otherwise would be

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have the opportunity to vote
again.

I urge all Christians to
vote as we do not want a
communist Anti-Christ state
for South Africa

Mr O Kneen turns 80 next
month and is still very
active in keeping up to date
with the current affairs of
South Africa

He has a long South
African history and has a
great concern for the people
of South Africa. He is the
great grandson of Captain
Carl von Brandis, who was
the first magistrate of
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! dived smaller parties and those wanting to contest only regional elections, but they would not budge,â\200\235 Cronje said.

He said while progress had been made on regionsâ\200\231 constitutions, powers and functions, and autonomy in levying taxes, government and the ANC had reneged on these deals late yesterday. This had left the alliance in the position where it had to accept the constitution as it was, with the balloting system not even being discussed.

Sapa reports that alliance adviser Mario Ambrossini said he doubted that the ANC would produce anything tomorrow that warranted optimism. he talking 13 over.â\200\235 he said.

But government chief ne Meyer remained optimistic. â\200\234The door should always remain open,â\200\235 he said.

And Mbeki said the talks had not broken down completely as there was still room to build on what had transpired.

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FREEDOM Alliance talks with the

ANC and government ended in acrimony, and with no agreement, last night but negotiators agreed to meet again tomorro'y to consider a written proposal from the ANC.

However, the Afrikaner Volksfront, the CP and the Inkatha Freedom Party indicated that they might be prepared to take part in the elections, even if a final settlement had not been reached.

" In a bid to take the pressure off achieving such a settlement President F W de Klerk offered the option of incorporating deals in â\200\234binding party agreementsâ\200\235, instead of legislating amendments to the interim constitution. And the TECâ\200\231s declaration of the election dates means the Freedom Alliance has until February 7, by when parties will have to register, to decide whether to take part in the elections.

De Klerk told a news conference that agreement with the alliance was still possible before it became impossible to legislate constitutional changes. But at an extraordinary Cabinet meeting yesterday it

had been agreed that if this was not |

achieved, binding party agreements could be signed and the constitution could be amended after the elections.

This would obviate the need for the short parliamentary session that had been planned for next week. . 23

De Klerk said negotiations w'ou:d not -

end, even if agreement was impossible before the elections. . :

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tswana embasgy in Pretoria last night, Volksfront leader Gen Conmstand Viljoea indicated that the CP and the Volksfront were prepared to take part in the elections, even though a volkstaat had not been guaranteed. He would not say what the bottom line was on the issue.

But a senior CP source reinforced the view that the CP was conceding ground, saying the party would probably be happy with an added constitutional principle on self-determination. This had been offered by the ANC and negotiations could continue after the elections, he said.

The news conference was attended by Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Bophutbatswana Presidest Lycas Man- gope, CP leader Ferdi Hartzenberg, and the Volksfront's Viljoen and Gen Tienie Groenewald. The alliance leaders warned of an increase in violence if an unrepresentative election went ahead, and said members would make their own decisions on the elections by the end of the week.

Buthelezi appeared to back down from his refusal to take part in elections unless the alliance's demands were met. He referring to this weekend's Inkatha general conference, where a decision on the elections is due to be taken, he said: "I would not call a conference if I was not prepared to listen to the people."

It was likely that the conference's decision would be conditional, as negotiations

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But chances of a political settlement
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looked slim, even though the parties decid-
ed to push the deadline forward by two
days.

At a news conference after talks ended
last night, alliance leaders said individual
parties would make their own independent
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Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthe also did an about-face on his recent statements that Inkatha would participate in the elections if certain demands are not met. Referring to this weekend's conference where a decision on the elections is due to be taken, he said: "I would not call a conference if I was not happy with an added constitutional principle on self-determination. This had been made even more recommended by the ANC and negotiations could follow the conference. . . . After the elections, he indicated that the decision was likely =

Their alliance leaders attacked the 10ba conditional to taking part in ANC, slipping it out as the major stumbling block to reaching agreement, even when government was prepared to progress and would not be resolved by the: promise. " " R N WERBOUT of 376 SO w i

Chairman Rowan Cronje said: "We have inkalba negotiator at last night's talks,

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ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa was also totally uncompromising on the double ballot demand, stating that it was non-negotiable, Cronje and Felgate said. : F

Both government and the ANC admitted and acknowledged that his was not democratic and that it did not favour smaller parties and those they wanted to contest the elections on 8 regional bases only, but they would not budge, Cronje

' said.

They admitted there had been progress on the powers and functions of regions, the autonomy of regions to levy taxes, and regional constitutions.

TIM COHEN reports that negotiators have effectively removed the deadline on talks, saying agreed changes to the constitution could take the form of "binding party agreements" rather than legislation.

At a news conference yesterday, President F W de Klerk said there was still a possibility that an agreement with the

Freedom Alliance could be achieved before legislating

the changes became impossible.

But even if this were not the case, any agreement forged with the alliance could still take the form of binding party agree-

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