

KwaZulu police chief faces TEC 'grilling'

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PRETORIA — The appearance of KwaZulu police commissioner Lt. Gen Roy During before the TEC today would mark a symbolic and legal victory for the TEC in its quest to wield authority over the homeland, a TEC source said yesterday.

After two months of ignored requests, During will appear before the TEC to give evidence on the possible existence of hit squads in the KwaZulu police force.

A TEC media liaison officer said During would be "grilled" rather than humiliated.

During agreed to appear before the TEC after an out-of-court settlement between the TEC and KwaZulu on Friday.

Sapa reports that During's lawyer Patrick Falconer said During would appear before the TEC in his private capacity and not as KwaZulu police commissioner. In this way KwaZulu would not appear to be recognising the TEC, he claimed.

The encouragement of free political activity in Bophuthatswana is also on today's TEC agenda.

Other matters on the agenda include the budget, the reportedly shamolic state of the national peacekeeping force, and an update on the East Rand peace and reconstruction plan.

TEC delegates are also expected to voice their disapproval of Home Af-

airs Minister Danie Schutte's decision to grant temporary broadcasting licences to 15 radio stations.

TEC DP representative Colin Eglin has warned earlier that he would call on the TEC to scrap Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Amendments to the Internal Security Act, as well as several other Acts, are being considered by the TEC law and order subcommittee in relation to the Abolition of Restriction on Free Political Activities Act.

Our Political Staff reports that a Ciskei government spokesman said yesterday that Ciskei had applied for TEC membership for the second time.

A TEC source said its application would be considered by the TEC today. The application had been rejected last week as Ciskei had not carried out the conditions for TEC membership.

These were that the "Kempston Park" Bills should be passed in homeland territories. They include the Electoral Act, the Independent Media Commission Act, Independent Electoral Commission Act and Independent Broadcasting Authority Act.

These had been passed by the Ciskei council of state last week and the path was finally open to joining the TEC, the source said.

Man held over Richmond massacre

MARITZBURG — Police have arrested one man in connection with Sunday's massacre at Masunkazane, near Richmond, in which 12 people — mostly women and children — were mowed down by a group of 20 gunmen.

Natal CID chief Gen Johan Meintjies said 18 detectives had been assigned to the case and police were confident they would make a breakthrough this week.

Police battled to reach the scene of the massacre yesterday, which is inaccessible by road because of the recent rains. Meintjies and other senior policemen flew in by helicopter.

It is believed the killers ran through the community at about 4.30am, shooting randomly. Several of the people killed

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were shot as they tried to flee.

The devastated community is baffled by the killings. Yesterday the area was calm but many local people feared retaliatory attacks and were planning to sleep with friends and family for safety.

The ANC Natal Midlands branch expressed "serious concern" at the killings and blamed the Inkatha Freedom Party for forcibly intimidating the community to join their party.

Inkatha spokesman Ed Tillett said the attack was not Inkatha-related and was an internal ANC dispute. He said the ANC should stop using Inkatha as a scapegoat to suppress media leaks concerning internal ANC conflict.

Deadlocked ANC, govt talks with Freedom Alliance end in acrimony

CRUCIAL talks between government, the ANC and the Freedom Alliance ended in "complete deadlock" last night, with the parties attacking each other for misrepresentation and "a lack of will" to reach a settlement.

It seemed that some progress was made and agreements were reached, but critical stumbling blocks remain.

Negotiators will consult their principals again and there was some hope that another meeting could be scheduled. But there was little optimism for a deal.

ANC negotiator Joe Slovo said "Unless there is serious movement from the Freedom Alliance, I would say there is no hope.

We have reached a deadlock and that is sad. The Freedom Alliance just has not shown flexibility."

The ANC suspected the alliance was not serious about a settlement. Slovo said that when it was clear no agreement would be reached at the end of last night's meeting, a KwaZulu representative had said that everything still depended on the Zulu king's negotiations with government.

The alliance had not even raised the double ballot. "After the deadline for parties to register on Saturday, the double ballot will be very difficult to implement."

ANC negotiator Mohammed Valli-Moosa added that the alliance "just moved

the goal posts again tonight".

Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer said government had presented a "balanced package of proposals that should lead to a settlement".

"We have an acceptable solution and call on all parties to give final consideration to these proposals as it is close enough for agreement and it is for the country and all its people."

He said there was sufficient agreement on four of the alliance's five demands. These were greater powers of taxation and revenue for regions; amending the Natal

province to incorporate the KwaZulu name; adding another constitutional principle on self-determination that included the possibility of a territorial concept; and concession on the double ballot.

But the alliance refused to commit itself to the transitional structures and "now Bophuthatswana and KwaZulu are also demanding self-determination, with Bophuthatswana refusing to commit itself to reincorporation".

Alliance chairman and chief negotiator Rowan Cronje said there was progress but some sticking points remained. If regional powers and functions could be safeguarded, a deal was in the making.

But Inkatha Freedom Party negotiator Walter Felgate rejected everything, saying there was no agreement. He was angry at "government's misrepresentation" and insisted that only federalism could provide a solution in a plural society.

"If the ANC was not so adamant that they want a blank cheque to rewrite the constitution and dispense with the provincial legislatures' decisions, it would be possible to reach agreement." Any agreement reached now could be changed by the ANC if it won a majority in the elections.

But Valli-Moosa pointed out there were constitutional safeguards to prevent this.

Apla five held after pool attack

Police swoop on right wing after blasts

POLICE expected to make further arrests after detaining five right-wingers in connection with the spate of bombings of electricity pylons, railway lines and offices in the Transvaal and Free State, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said yesterday.

He said the suspects were linked to "far right-wing organisations" and had been arrested at Orkney in the western Transvaal and in Welkom in the Free State.

The swoop, in which a policeman was injured, followed six weeks of investigations into extremist activities. Explosives and firearms were seized in the raids.

The men are being held in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act.

During a raid on a house in Orkney a suspect fired a shotgun through a closed door, hitting a policeman in the chest. The officer was wearing a bullet-proof vest and escaped with only minor injuries.

Kriel said the arrests, as well as those of seven left-wing extremists linked to a weekend attack on a Richard's Bay swimming pool, should serve as a warning that police would act against extremists.

The Richard's Bay suspects included five Apla members. In that incident, gunmen threw grenades and fired on bathers at a public pool, wounding a teenager.

Kriel said that, in light of the arrests, ANC president Nelson Mandela should apologise for recent remarks criticising President F.W. de Klerk and the SAP.

Mandela welcomed the arrests, saying such action, if properly pursued, could only serve to restore the image of the SAP as a force capable of impartial and effective

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action on behalf of all South Africans.

"We can only hope that these arrests signal the beginning of a comprehensive strategy designed to bring to justice those elements that wish to frustrate non-racialism, peace and democracy," he said.

Mandela accused Kriel of abusing the situation to make "cheap political capital".

At least 30 bombing attacks have taken place in the western Transvaal and the Free State since November. Railway lines, pylons, ANC and Cosatu offices and business premises belonging to ANC supporters have been targeted.

The ANC alliance has blamed the right wing and accused the police of being lax in apprehending those responsible.

Mandela said last week that unless the attacks were stopped the ANC's armed wing Umkhonto we Sizwe would be used against the perpetrators.

However, AFB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche warned yesterday that SA could soon look like Guy Fawkes if government and the ANC continued to stand in the way of a boerestaat. "The Boer will strike with bombs and any other means to defend his land." He said he knew nothing of the arrests or who had been behind the attacks.

In one of the latest attacks, a refuge for black children at Warmbaths was damaged in an explosion late on Sunday night. The building's roof was blown off and surrounding buildings were damaged. No one was injured.

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bour Unions (Fedsal) condemned the sabotage attacks. It said the blasts had not only endangered the lives of the public but also of Fedsal members in the transport and electricity industries.

SA Footplate Staff Association chief secretary Chris de Vos said innocent railway staff did not want to be part of Terre-Blanche's Guy Fawkes.

Association members belonged to a range of political organisations, including those on the right wing. He challenged CP

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leader Ferdi Hartzenberg to state whether he supported attacks that threatened the lives of association and CP members.

□ Cosatu said it wanted to clarify its stance on possible mass action in protest against the bombing campaign. A spokesman said Cosatu would first approach the TEC, and measures such as consumer boycotts would be taken only if approved by Cosatu's regional structures and if police continued to fail to protect people in the affected areas.

FA, GOVT, ANC TALKS COLLAPSE

**Alliance:
No purpose
going on
unless ...**

By Fred de Lange

THE talks between the Freedom Alliance and the government and the ANC collapsed last night.

The FA announced there was no purpose in continuing the negotiations if its "reasonable requests" on safeguarding provincial constitutions were not accommodated.

Reacting to the announcement, the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Roelf Meyer, criticised the FA for "walking away from negotiations".

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AVF man quits

By Sapa and Fred de Lange

AFRIKANER Volksfront council and transitional assembly member Prof Johan Schabort has resigned from all his AVF posts, accusing the organisation's leadership of betraying the Afrikaner nation and of reaching secret agreements with the African National Congress and the South African Communist Party.

Yesterday he published a copy of a letter outlining his grievances with the AVF negotiators' "secret, Left-wing

and treasonous concessions to the Communists" while keeping their

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followers in the dark.

Prof Schabort said it was ANC strategy to keep the Right-wing occupied in negotiations until the election to prevent a Right-wing rebellion.

"After an election," said Prof Schabort, "the ANC leaders are of the opinion that ANC leaders will be able to deal with the Right-wing once they have control of the security forces".

He doubted whether the nation could trust the AVF's negotiating team, the directorate of generals and the AVF executive committee, which appeared to keep the nation deliberately in the dark about their motives.

"In this hour of crisis, the folk cannot afford such leaders."

Prof Schabort said AVF negotiators were pursuing a secret, watered-down, multi-racial volkstaat, without any real sovereignty,

and were cowardly prepared to surrender more than 80 percent of White-owned land and infrastructure.

A member of the directorate of the Volksfront, General Tienie Groenewald, said Prof Schabort's resignation should not be seen as significant.

One of the problems could be that Prof Schabort had not been elected on the transitional assembly, although he had not made any mention of dissatisfaction to the AVF leadership.

Gen Groenewald said Prof Schabort had not yet officially announced his resignation to the AVF leadership, but an executive council meeting was to be held today during which the matter would probably be discussed.

"We need to know what Prof Schabort's problems with the organisation are before we can fully comment," said Gen Groenewald.

Peace Force to get code of conduct

By Sapa and Tracy Melaas

THE Transitional Executive Council moved yesterday to bring its National Peacekeeping Force under strict military discipline.

Stung by widespread reports of desertion, disobedience and hooliganism within the NPKF based at the De Brug military base outside Bloemfontein, the TEC introduced a Code of Conduct and a Disciplinary Code for NPKF members.

The regulations go into effect immediately and will be implemented by the general officer commanding of the NPKF, Major-General Gabriel Ramushwana, who is due to take over command today.

A TEC document noted that the implementation of draft regulations compiled by its sub-committees on defence and law and order "are essential for the immediate functioning of the NPKF".

TEC co-chairman Zam Titus denied that the regulations were being

hurried through to stem the breakdown in military discipline at the base. He said, however, the introduction of the regulations were a matter of "immediate importance".

The regulations require members at all levels to sign an undertaking to adhere to the Code of Conduct and to obey commands.

The disciplinary code makes absence without leave and dereliction of duty offences. Disobedience, riotous behaviour

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and pointing firearms at fellow peacekeepers are also offences as is mishandling of property.

It is also an offence to take drugs and to be drunk and to promote the interests of any political party.

Penalties for offenders who will be brought before a trial officer include a R200 admission of guilt or a fine of up to R2 000 deductible from a salary if

the offender is found guilty. Offenders can also be confined to barracks for 30 days, given extra duties or returned to their force of origin.

The regulations contain details on how trials will be conducted.

Until now, the members of the NPKF which has been in existence for about three weeks, were subject to no code of discipline.

While the TEC has introduced the regulations with immediate effect, it was at pains to stress that the problems within the NPKF were to be expected given its pioneering nature.

• The fact that Umkhonto we Sizwe members in the NPKF were waging an intimidation battle against other members, was proof that the army should never be placed under the control of an ANC/SACP government, Mr Pieter Groenewald, the Conservative Party's deputy-chairman of Defence, said yesterday.

Mr Groenewald said it had been alleged that MK

members openly said that they would kill all the South African Defence Force members as soon as they received their weapons.

The level of intimidation was so bad that some SADF and SAP members have been sleeping in the veld because they feared for their lives.

According to Mr Groenewald, the discipline of the MK members was poor. He said it had been alleged that women arrived in busloads at the base after hours, and guards who refused to allow them access were threatened with their lives.

It was also alleged that many of the troops already had sexually transmitted diseases.

Mr Groenewald also alleged that most of the MK members had little military training and there was one particular case in which a regimental sergeant major, with experience only in clerical work, had been promoted to a warrant officer when he was posted to the NPKF.

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said, invited individual parties within the alliance for further discussions.

Mr Rowan Cronje, Chairman of the Freedom Alliance, said in a statement that if no progress was made to accommodate the reasonable requests and positions that had been put forward by the Freedom Alliance on safeguarding provincial constitutions, then there was no sense in carrying on with the negotiation process.

Speaking after a meeting of the FA leadership in Pretoria, Mr Cronje emphasised that all negotiations and agreements that could be reached on the powers and functions of regions would be meaningless unless there was agreement on this provision on provincial constitutions (Clause

160), because they would be of a temporary nature and could be totally scrapped subsequently.

Questioned on the Saturday cut-off date for the registration of political parties, Mr Cronje said: "If Saturday is the cut-off date, there is little we can do about it. We have not set it, we have not promulgated it. We are faced with a serious difficulty which to us is insurmountable."

"If we cannot cross this Rubicon to find an accommodation on Clause 160, then agreement on other issues really becomes meaningless."

Mr Cronje said the FA's position on the election remained that if it could reach an accommodation that was all-inclusive and satisfied the Freedom Alliance, it was a matter which would be considered. But this was unlikely at present unless an agreement was reached on Clause 160.

"We are not slamming the door. But unless we can resolve this, we cannot see a way forward."

"If there is movement, we are prepared to look at it. But on the issue of 160 it is meaningless to compromise, because it impacts on all other constitutional matters with the exception of self-determination."

Mr Cronje added that the FA was also con-

cerned that the important and fundamental issue of self-determination - in respect of the Volksfront, the position of the Zulu King and of Bophuthatswana - had not been adequately addressed and that insufficient progress had been made.

Mr Cronje also said that unless the ANC and the government were prepared to entrench the results of the negotiations in a final constitution, there was no sense in continuing negotiations.

Such entrenchment of agreements would ensure that the final constitution, which was to be drawn up after the election, could not ignore the powers and functions of provinces, as had been agreed on in negotiations.

Mr Cronje said this was the most fundamental of all principles and the FA could not make any more concessions on this matter.

Mr Cronje said the organisation had no new initiatives to break the deadlock and such initiatives would now have to come from the other negotiation parties.

Should the government and ANC have nothing more to offer, the FA parties would not be in a position to take part in the election.

"Flexibility is no longer the issue. We are flexible on all the issues we dis-

cussed up to now, but there is no sense in continuing if the result of the negotiations are not taken up in the final constitution," he said.

The ANC had made it clear that it was not prepared to do this because it insisted on the right of the elected constituent assembly to have a full say in the structure of the final constitution.

In terms of the interim constitution, constitutional principles must be included in the final constitution. A constituent assembly would be irrevocably bound to such constitutional principles.

The FA could not understand why the ANC was scared of including the result of the negotiation in the constitutional principles because many of the issues being negotiated were already included in some form.

"We have reached rock bottom. We are prepared to negotiate on all the other issues but we cannot negotiate on this principle," he said.

Mr Cronje said the FA wanted to move away from the Communist principle of a strong central government which was favoured by the ANC and the South African Communist Party.

"We are not saying that the central government should not have control. All we say is that the provinces should also have powers."

"The interim constitution already provides for three levels of government and powers have already been allocated to these governmental levels."

"Our compromise was

based on exactly these criteria and we cannot understand why the ANC would not entrench these principles in the final constitution," he said.

Mr Cronje stressed that the FA was not breaking off negotiations and that should new initiatives be proposed, it would continue with negotiations.

Last night's meeting was attended by the leaders of the IFP, the Conservative Party, Bophuthatswana and the Afrikaner Volksfront.

Mr Meyer said the alliance was making a big mistake by deciding to walk away from negotiations as no party could refuse to negotiate.

Progress had been made in negotiations between the alliance, the government and the African National Congress in the past few weeks.

The FA has successfully achieved concessions from the government and ANC, for example, on the double ballot issue. There is still an outstanding appointment between the State President and the King of the Zulus and the talks between the government and the Afrikaner Volksfront on the homeland issue are still in progress."

Walking away from negotiations at this stage was, therefore, casting a shadow over the intentions of the alliance, and parties not participating in the election were also thereby minimising their future political role.

News by FW de Lange, 161 Mitchell Street, Pretoria West.

ANC 'orders' Mojapelo to denounce DP: Claim

EX-ANC exile Walter Mojapelo — who the Democratic Party insists is one of its PWV candidates for the national Parliament — has allegedly been ordered by the African National Congress to denounce the DP.

This is according to DP PWV campaign director Mr Paul Asherson.

He said in a statement last night Mr Mojapelo had informed him that he had been ordered by ANC PWV secretary-general Mr Obed Bapela

to the organisation's Johannesburg head office today "to denounce the Democratic Party for which he is standing".

"It is time the ANC learnt a little democracy, and that it disciplines the ilk of Mr Bapela, whose intolerance of the choices of Democratic Party Black candidates and voters is untenable at this time.

"We will have no hesitation in hauling Mr Bapela before the IEC (Independent Electoral

Commission) or laying charges with the appropriate authorities should further harassment of DP candidates, voters or workers take place," Mr Asherson said.

Mr Mojapelo's political affiliation first came under the spotlight a week ago when a statement signed by him stated that he was not a DP member, and that his inclusion on the DP's regional list for national Parliament had been a mistake. — Sapa.

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IT DOES not seem as if the talks between the Freedom Alliance, the African National Congress and the government will be resumed.

Once again this week there was a deadlock: once again the talks were adjourned so that the negotiators can report back to their principals, this time with a view to meeting again before the Saturday deadline for registration of political parties for the April election.

Last night Mr Rowan Cronjé, chairman of the Freedom Alliance, said in a statement that if no progress was made to accommodate the reasonable requests and positions that had been put forward by the Freedom Alliance on safeguarding provincial constitutions, then there was no sense in carrying on with the negotiation process.

Reacting to the announcement, the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Roelf Meyer, criticised the FA for "walking away from negotiations".

The government, he said, invited individual parties within the alliance for further discussions.

So we have what appears to be a total breakdown in the talks.

And it does not seem as if the FA parties will take part in the election.

We are shocked at what has happened. Instead of an inclusive settlement, some major parties are now out in the cold.

In one sense, the Conservative Party, Bophuthatswana, the Inkatha Freedom Party and KwaZulu have only themselves to blame if they were sidelined in the democracy negotiations; they walked out of the negotiations and their input was not available.

However, we believe the government and the ANC are even more to blame, because they made far-reaching decisions at bosberaads and in two-party negotiations, the Negotiating Council confirming the arrangements by what was euphemistically described as "sufficient consensus".

The time to bring about an inclusive agreement was then, not after the interim constitution had been passed with the government and ANC in tandem.

The subsequent negotiations between the Freedom Alliance, the government and the ANC were bound to run into trouble because the interim constitution had already been passed and it would have been a miracle if the ANC, in particular, had been prepared to make any major changes to it.

Nevertheless, we still hoped that the ANC and government would have the wisdom to compromise with the Freedom Alliance, and the Freedom Alliance with the government and the ANC.

But if it is not to be, then fuel will be added to the violence already ravaging this country.

Foreign diplomats and observers have the notion that despite all the threats, nothing serious will happen.

There are also people in government who believe that violence from the Right can be easily contained.

The foreign ambassadors are as out of touch with the realities of South Africa as their counterparts in Bosnia and Somalia have been – and that goes for the Americans, in particular, who have committed blunder after blunder in both countries.

The government, which still consists mainly of Afrikaners, should know its own people and their capacity to resist.

Yesterday Afrikaner Volksfront co-leader, General Tienie Groenewald, said it appeared the negotiations with the government and the ANC on a volkstaat had failed and the AVF would have to consider a phase of resistance to achieve a homeland.

The initial form of passive resistance would be organised around conservative local authorities, where the Volksfront's powers lay.

It would include mass demonstrations, strikes, stayaways, civil disobedience where people would take the law into their own hands, as well as the creation of alternative government structures.

The hours remaining before Saturday are critical for South Africa – and peace. We therefore hope that, virtually at the last minute, talks between the FA, the government and ANC can be resumed and agreement reached.

Inkatha calls for abolition of Section 29

DURBAN. — The Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday called for the scrapping of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act which allows for detention without trial, and castigated the Transitional Executive Council for not abolishing the infamous legislation.

In a statement in Durban, IFP spokesman Mr Ed Tiller said the TEC should have implemented Clause 7 of the Abolition of Restrictions on Free Political Activity Act, which provides for the scrapping of Section 29.

The decision makes a mockery of the lengthy campaign fought by the African National Congress and its allies to have the controversial legislation removed from the

statute books," said Mr. Tillet.

He charged that the TEC's latest decision vindicated beliefs that safeguards in the interim constitution could be overridden by the ANC alliance.

On Monday, ANC spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa reiterated his organisation's opposition to the detention without trial law.

• The Human Rights Commission (HRC) has urged the TEC to reconsider the decision to retain Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

In a statement in Johannesburg yesterday, the HRC said the decision smacked of old-style repression under apartheid. —Sapa.

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Hit squads: No evidence, says During

By Sapa and
Fred de Lange

RUMOURS and suspicions that a KwaZulu Police (KZP) Force hit squad was operating in the territory had been widespread when he took over his post, KZP Commissioner, Lieutenant-General Roy During told the Transitional Executive Council yesterday.

Testifying in his private capacity, Gen During said at least one KZP member, Constable B G Mkhize, had admitted to an SA Police team that he had been trained as a hit squad member in the Caprivi Strip.

Apart from Const Mkhize's statement, which formed the basis of the Goldstone report, he had no direct evidence of the existence of a hit squad.

"Even prior to my appointment as commissioner with effect from December 1992, rumours of the existence of a hit squad within the KZP were rife.

"These rumours also

hinted at the leadership of such hit squads being vested in persons occupying ministerial posts in KwaZulu, senior police officers and officials of the ruling Inkatha Freedom Party."

He said the Esikhawini area in KwaZulu had been plagued by violence in late 1992 and early 1993. He personally visited the area near Empangeni in November 1992.

He subsequently asked the Deputy Commissioner: Crime Investigation, Major-General Ras, to investigate the killings of six people in an attack on a house on December 2, 1992.

Some detectives had indicated to Gen Ras that members of the KZP had been involved. It had also been found that a standard issue G-3 rifle used by the KZP had been used in the attack.

In March 1993, Mr Justice Goldstone announced an investigation into the alleged involvement of KZP members in the violence. He said a Const B M Ngubane then

told a Goldstone hearing of the KZP's involvement.

"The furthest it went was to indicate that members of the KZP might be in collusion with civilians, which constituted a hit squad, and I noted that Ngubane himself was at pains to emphasise that he was never involved in any such activities whilst he was a member of the KwaZulu Police," he said.

He subsequently asked for SAP assistance and as a result of the SAP's help, a member of the KZP, Detective Constable R Mbambo, was arrested in May 1993 for armed robbery of a motor vehicle on January 3, 1993.

He was prepared to assist with a further investigation into the matter.

Answering questions by SA Communist Party chairman Mr Joe Slovo, whom he addressed as "Colonel Slovo" (a reference to Mr Slovo's alleged post in the Soviet KGB), Gen During said he had not ordered an investigation into the Caprivi-trained KZP members.

IFP should fight election

WHILE one can understand Chief Buthelezi's rejection of the interim constitution, it would be unwise for the IFP not to contest the April elections.

Failure to contest the elections would ensure an easy ANC/SACP victory in Natal. The reality would mean an ANC/SACP administration for the next five years until the next elections.

There is little likelihood of the ANC making any concessions to the IFP despite the pledge by the ANC's Jacob Zuma to continue negotiating with the IFP after the elections.

In fact, the ANC/SACP will relish the opportunity of dismantling the KwaZulu homeland brick by

brick by simply cutting the money supply, electricity, water, etc. to the homeland.

With the KwaZulu government unable to pay their civil servants, employees will have no alternative but to accept the new Natal administration and cease their function as KwaZulu government employees.

The new ANC/SACP-dominated administration will also be in the position to resort to more drastic measures if they so wish by "moving in the tanks," as they say.

Failure to contest the election in Natal would mean the creation of a

one-party ANC/SACP provincial state and a lack of multi-party democracy.

With such power, the ANC/SACP will be in a position to consolidate its position in the various government and provincial departments, with the result that come the next election, they will be able to manipulate the result of the election in their favour as has happened elsewhere in Africa.

For the sake of multi-party democracy, free enterprise and prosperity, I urge Chief Buthelezi to contest the forthcoming elections.

WATCHDOG

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Boycott the poll?

THE Right, which includes hundreds of thousands of English-speakers, is being advised to shelve its differences, participate in the elections, obtain representation in Parliament and work for what it wants from that position.

How naive are we presumed to be? For years we fought the Afrikaner Broederbond from within Parliament and from without, to no avail.

The CP is the official opposition party in Parliament. If by-elections had not been stopped, it would probably be the government today, yet its fight for a confederation,

as opposed to a strong central federation, would not even be considered by CODESA or the World Trade Centre and was just brushed aside by the government.

Now that the CP has become part of a strong Freedom Alliance, its aspirations and those of Inkatha and Bophuthatswana are being considered in desperate last-minute negotiations.

So far, however, the Communists, the ANC and the government are not prepared to have a confederation or grant greater autonomy to ethnic groups. They assure us that we can continue to

negotiate for what we want after the election. O yeah?

Civil war is, unthinkable, but if enough people boycott the elections, they should be declared null and void. The United Nations refused to accept Bishop Muzorewa's election in Rhodesia on the grounds that not all the people had participated in the election.

There is not much hope of the UN applying the same standards here, but perhaps Western democracies may have the integrity to do so.

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Hurd's visit to SA delayed

BRITISH Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd has been forced to postpone his visit to South Africa by a day due to unforeseen commitments in London, the British Embassy advised yesterday.

Mr Hurd, who was to have arrived in South Africa today, will now arrive at Jan Smuts Airport at 8.35 am tomorrow.

The embassy said in a statement Mr Hurd would have separate meetings with President F W de Klerk, African National Congress president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha Freedom Party president Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

He will also visit a British-funded marshal's training course, address the South African/British Trade Association, and tour Tembisa on the East Rand during his stay.

Mr Hurd will leave for Mbabane, Swaziland on Friday after meeting Mr Buthelezi.

Mr Buthelezi is a member of the South African

ANC political battle carried to IFP grave

POLITICAL intolerance does not only affect the living, but in Bekkersdal on the West Rand, it plagues the dead as well.

The grave of a "neck-laced" Inkatha Freedom Party member, buried in the Bekkersdal cemetery on Sunday, has been desecrated several times allegedly by African National Congress supporters who don't want a member of their political adversary buried there. West

Rand Internal Stability Division commander, Col "Happy" Schutte, said yesterday.

He said ISD patrols had chased away youths trying to exhume the body three times on Sunday — the first group of grave diggers having been spotted only minutes after the funeral.

ISD members covered up the grave after each attempt and stepped up patrols on Monday at the

cemetery and the neighbouring ANC-supportive Mandela squatter camp.

He could not confirm an allegation by IFP Transvaal deputy chairman, Mr Humphrey Ndlovu, that the coffin was exhumed and set alight, saying ISD patrols yesterday reported the grave appeared untouched and no burning coffin had been sighted.

Mr Ndlovu earlier yesterday condemned what he termed the barbaric acts and called on the ANC to control its followers.

The funeral of the elderly IFP woman — named only as The Holy One, took place after her charred body was found in the squatter camp three weeks ago.

It was a tense affair on Sunday with police using rubber bullets, birdshot and teargas to ward off about 2 000 angry residents who pursued the 250-member Zulu cortege, said Col Schutte.

— Sapa.

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PORT ELIZABETH — SADF lawyers at the reopened Goniwe inquest yesterday withdrew as counsel for Gen Johannes Janse van Rensburg after the general faxed them a statement which differed from his previous testimony.

SADF senior advocate Anton Mostert told the Supreme Court that Van Rensburg's fax meant that the legal team had to withdraw their counsel. However, Mostert is to continue representing the SADF.

He could not disclose the contents of the fax because the general had not stated whether this could be done, but said Van

Rensburg was prepared to make an affidavit confirming the contents of the fax.

Van Rensburg, who is dying of cancer, has been accused of being a co-conspirator in the 1985 murders of UDF campaigners Matthew Goniwe, Fort Calata, Sparrow Mkonto and Sicelo Mhlauli.

The inquest was adjourned while Van Rensburg briefed a new legal team. It is believed he might testify today.

Van Rensburg, who served on the State Security Council secretariat at the time of the killings, has admitted receiving a secret military signal calling for the "perma-

nent removal from society" of Goniwe and others, 10 days before the killings.

He said he could not remember what had happened to the signal, which he said had been a recommendation that the men be detained. He had not acted on the signal.

Legal counsel for the families of the deceased, George Bizos, yesterday accused Van Rensburg of "weaving a pack of lies" about when he had received the signal.

Bizos is arguing that the general, and other SADF and SAP members, should be charged with murder and conspiracy to murder. — Sapa, Reuter.

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Freedom Alliance pulls out of negotiations

FREEDOM Alliance leaders last night ruled out making any further concessions on regional powers and said there seemed to be no point in continuing negotiations with government and the ANC.

KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Bophuthatswana President Lucas Mangope, CP leader Ferdie Hartzenberg, and Afrikaner Volksfront co-leaders Gen Constand Viljoen and Gen Tienie Groenewald were at the Pretoria meeting.

Buthelezi said: "Quite clearly we've reached some kind of dead end." He said the Inkatha Freedom Party would not reg-

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ister to take part in the elections before Saturday's deadline.

Alliance chairman Rowan Cronje said demands for regional powers were the alliance's bottom line, but the ANC was insisting that central government should be able to override regions on constitutional issues. "If these minimum powers and functions are not guaranteed, so that they cannot be reduced, it makes all provincial powers meaningless.

"We can't budge. There's no point in

negotiating regional powers that will last for at most two years. We are not slamming the door. But unless we can resolve this, we cannot see a way forward."

Cronje called Saturday's deadline an "insurmountable difficulty". Viljoen said: "We really have a deadlock. They're not conceding and we're not conceding."

No further talks with the ANC and government have been scheduled.

Sapa reports that Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer said the alliance was making a big mistake by decid-

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Freedom Alliance

ing to walk away from negotiations, as no party could refuse to negotiate.

It had no reason to withdraw from negotiations, except if there was the lack of will to try and reach a solution. Government would try to hold further talks with individual alliance parties.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said negotiations were always a matter of give and take. "Only the Freedom Alliance has been unprepared to make compromises. We'll keep the door open but we can't talk on the basis of them presenting an uncompromising position and refusing to be flexible... it becomes fruitless." He said the ANC would not yield to blackmail and the elections would go ahead as scheduled.

SACP chairman Joe Slovo doubted that the ANC's position would change. It had shown greater flexibility than the alliance and had offered a better deal on regional powers. For instance, Natal legislators could give the Zulu king a special role.

The ANC's national working committee meets today but its negotiators are firm that the alliance has to move on its demands and be prepared to accept a pack-

age agreement.

Viljoen said the alliance would have to decide by the weekend whether to take part in the elections. However, the chances of participation were "definitely fading".

Cronje said it was "highly unlikely" that alliance parties would register before Saturday's deadline. "It depends on what develops in the next few days."

Groenewald said a "very slim" chance remained that the alliance would take part in the elections, but he doubted it.

"We're praying for miracles," he said.

The chance of a deal "was sunk by the communists in the ANC", he said.

BILLY PADDOCK reports that a government source said negotiations could still take place after Saturday. Parties could register without committing themselves to the elections.

□ Meanwhile, Volksfront transitional assembly member Prof Johan Schabert yesterday resigned from all Volksfront posts, accusing the organisation's leadership of betraying the Afrikaner nation and reaching secret watered-down agreements with the ANC and the SACP.

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Highveld Steel tax bonus boosts results

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HIGHVELD Steel & Vanadium posted earnings ahead nearly 80% at R127.1m for the year to December, propelled by healthier conditions and a weighty tax bonus.

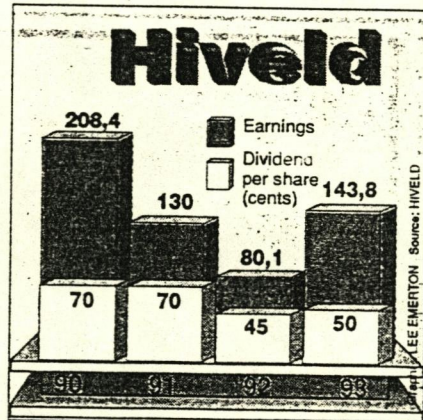
The Amic-owned company said the bulk of its operations, which span steel to aluminium cans, had seen a recovery, while the rand's devaluation had embellished firmer dollar prices.

The total dividend was lifted 11% to 50c, but Hiveld would offer a scrip alternative. Chairman Les Boyd said Hiveld wanted to conserve cash, given the growing burden from its stake in the expansion of Columbus Stainless Steel.

Pre-tax income rose nearly 16% to R86m on turnover ahead at R1,7bn (R1,5bn), but net earnings fell to R69,2m (R70,7m) following tax rate changes.

But the fall in the tax rate from 48% to 40% boosted the bottom line, presenting Hiveld with a deferred tax release of R57,9m. This translated to earnings of 143,8 a share, against 80,1c last year.

Boyd said the group's fortunes hit a nadir in the first half, but there had been a



strong second-half turnaround. Higher earnings were expected this year, provided there was political and labour stability.

Hiveld relied heavily on the mainstay steel business. Production jumped 15% to 960 000 tons as domestic demand accelerated and dollar prices rose on the back of Russian supply problems.

Prices had fallen back, however, as

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China attempted to curb its burgeoning economy. Steel consumption and prices were expected to remain at 1993 levels.

The ferroalloy operations were hit by depressed prices and a market dampened by a stream of anti-dumping duties.

But Rand Carbide lifted sales to nearly 70% of capacity, while Transalloys cut costs and gained from stabilised manganese alloy prices. Total ferroalloy production rose nearly 30% to 213 000 tons.

Hiveld had a rather tougher time with vanadium. Its Vantra operations had recently reopened following last April's closure. But the market had been belittled by high stocks and CIS supplies, and would remain cramped this year.

The company was refocusing on value-added, high margin markets. This strategy had led to the purchase of struggling Transvaal Alloys. Though the entrance of Rhombus Vanadium was unlikely to make an impact this year, Boyd said the long term effect on prices could be damaging.

"We have got capacity lying idle because

world markets cannot use it. So why do we need more capacity and equipment?"

Aluminium can operation Rheem came on stream in August. Boyd said Rheem's high quality products had found "exceptional market acceptance".

The first full year in production should lift Rheem's contribution to group sales to a level second only to steel. It was likely to prove a "major positive factor" for Hiveld.

Margins from Columbus weakened toward the end of last year, sapped by low nickel prices and deteriorating European and Pacific Rim markets. Stainless demand this year was expected to be firm, while nickel prices had bottomed.

The project had soaked up R1,27bn so far, R423,7m from Hiveld. Including this on the balance sheet pushed it from R240m net cash into borrowings, Boyd said.

The full dividend payment would drain R44,2m from Hiveld. Amic, a 52%-stakeholder, had already accepted scrip. The terms of the offer would be announced later this month.

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The HRC said: "Over the past 30 years, at least 78 000 people were detained without trial. Not only does this decision contradict the Bill of Rights incorporated in

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NP law and order spokesman Hennie Smit said his party was in favour of eventually abolishing Section 29, hopefully when the new constitution was introduced.

"Taking into account the present abnormal circumstances with both the far left and far right threatening violence, it is still needed, but it must be applied with great circumspection," he said.

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THE Afrikaner Volksfront transitional authority would announce details of a nationwide passive resistance campaign this week, if the Freedom Alliance decided not to fight the elections, Volksfront co-leader Gen Tienie Groenewald said yesterday.

"We will not accept the authority of the TEC or the result of the election if we decide not to participate.

"The question is no longer whether there will be a volkstaat. Even Mr Mandela accepts that. The question is when and how big and where the boundaries will be. Either we get it now peacefully, or in a few years' time the boundaries will be drawn in blood like in Bosnia."

Volksfront set for resistance campaign

While Volksfront leaders hoped the campaign would not lead to violence, they would not be able to control their supporters once the campaign got under way.

"The people will decide how the campaign unfolds, not me or Constand (Viljoen)," Groenewald said.

The Volksfront hoped to get as many as 70% to 80% of Afrikaners to join the campaign. It hoped similar numbers of "Tswanas and Zulus" would also join in.

The campaign would centre initially on

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conservative local authorities, many of which had already announced their intentions of defying attempts to introduce non-racial local government. It would include stayaways, strikes, mass protests and civil disobedience.

The elections could be seriously disrupted in towns where councils backed the protest campaign, Groenewald said.

He said the Volksfront would continue parallel phases of mobilisation, negotiations and resistance until "Boer Afrikaners" were granted their volkstaat.

Volksfront leaders like Viljoen had contained Afrikaners' anger for the past six months, but not anymore. "If it wasn't for Constand we would be in a civil war now. We do not think we can control the anger much longer. People have now been given no choice but to turn to violence."

Sapa reports that right-wingers last

night disrupted a meeting to inform people about the interim constitution in the Free State town of Reddersburg.

Two officials from the SA Communications Service, which hosted the meeting, were escorted out of town. SACS regional director Corrie Evert said it was regrettable that people were being prevented from exercising their democratic right to be informed about current affairs.

Meanwhile, AWB deputy leader Ernie van der Westhuizen told SABC's Agenda programme that negotiators did not appreciate how volatile the situation was. Right-wing Afrikaners would not accept anything less than their own homeland. If they did not get a volkstaat, war was likely.

"We are not planning any bloody uprising. It is being forced on us by the communists who are planning to take our country by force and deceitful means," he said.

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Policing offer by Popcru

JOHANNES NGCOSO

THE Police and Prison Civil Rights Union (Popcru) is to draw up a policy document at its weekend congress in Soweto outlining community policing for a new government.

Popcru assistant general secretary Zwi Mdlletshe told a news briefing yesterday the union's congress would also discuss whether or not Popcru should affiliate to Cosatu.

He said the community policing policy document, to be presented to the conference, would be given priority. If it was adopted, it would be presented later to the new government.

Mdlletshe said: "I am saying the future government should leave the community policing project in our hands and we will supervise its establishment."

He said many of Popcru's members were in Europe undergoing training to enable them to take up administration jobs in township police stations under a new administration.

The union was recruiting white members, he said.

Clinton's extra cash 'encouraged ANC'

SIMON BARBER

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration was pleased with the ANC's "crucial compromise" in accepting separate national and regional ballots, US Agency for International Development head Brian Atwood said on his return from SA.

The US "came in with an additional \$10m" to support voter education, and "according to reports I have received, that had some influence in the ANC's decision later to agree to two ballots in negotiations with the Inkatha Freedom Party".

Atwood later stressed that the administration had not intended to use the additional money to influence negotiations or to lever any specific concession from the ANC and government.

"We would have supported a single ballot as well — both meet the minimum standards of democracy — but we were encouraging them to make a concession we thought would bring Inkatha and the Freedom Alliance into the process. We felt that the double ballot issue was a key issue. There may be others."

Before the extra \$10m was announced, "it seemed clear (the ANC and NP) were going to stick to a single ballot" because both feared that "people would think the second ballot was for votes to choose their second choice", costing the parties support

at the provincial level.

However, the new money, which raised the total US elections contribution to \$35m, could be used to produce television and radio spots and hold seminars to make sure voters knew they still had the option of voting for the same party twice.

This had given the NP and ANC "additional confidence... to go ahead and make the concession", Atwood said.

If Inkatha and the alliance did not accept this and other concessions now on offer and agree to take part, they would be "severely marginalised" and "a source of trouble" to the new government.

However, while Inkatha and Freedom Alliance participation would "almost guarantee" a smooth transition, Atwood said he still believed "the centre is strong enough to hold" without them.

Inkatha was under "tremendous pressure" from within its own ranks to contest the election, he said. He cited, in particular, former NP members who had joined the party "in the hope they could use it as a vehicle to return to parliament".

He predicted Inkatha would "split" if its leader, Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi, continued to insist on an elections boycott by his party.

ANC names candidates for five electoral regions

TIM COHEN

THE ANC has released its lists of candidates for five of the nine regional parliaments, which indicate that familiar ANC figures and NEC members Tokyo Sexwale, Matthew Phosa, Patrick Lekota, Jacob Zuma and Allan Boesak are likely to become regional premiers.

The ANC also released its lists of candidates for national parliament for the same areas yesterday. These include many ANC stalwarts and few surprises.

Sexwale came top of the ANC's PWV list for provincial parliament, followed by Obed Bapela, Robert McBride, Amos Masondo and Ronnie Mamoepe.

The nomination of McBride, convicted for placing in bomb in a Durban bar, is sure to become a controversial election issue, with the NP already attacking the ANC for including "terrorists" in their lists.

Regional nominees from the PWV are led by Carl Niehaus, followed by Janet Love, Aubrey Mokoena, Abe Nkomo and Max Coleman.

The ANC's top five Natal candidates for provincial parliament are Jacob Zuma, Harry Gwala, Bheki Cele, Fatima Nahara and Sibusiso Ndebele. The top five regional candidates for national parliament in Natal are Scott Mpho, Yunus Carrim, Mac Makume, Sipho Gcabashe and Ben Martins.

Gwala, an extreme hardliner, could also become a controversial candidate, although his nomination high on the list indicates his strong regional support.

Sapa reports that ANC western Cape chairman Allan Boesak now heads the provincial list as the ANC's candidate for the regional premiership, after appearing 12th on the ANC's provisional list. Other leading candidates for the provincial legislature include Cameron Dugmore, Vincent Diba, Lerumo Kalako, Johnny Issel and Hilda Ndude.

The top five candidates for the eastern Transvaal provincial government were Matthew Phosa, JJ Mabena, Jaques Modipane, Elsie Coleman and January Masilela. The province's top candidates for national parliament were Fish Mahlalela, Johannes Shabangu, FS Baloyi, Garth Mngomezulu and Emma Phakathi. The top five Free State candidates for provincial parliament were Lekota, Ace Mage-shula, Solomon Nthati, Pat Matosa, and Kaizer Sebethelo, while its candidates for national parliament were Sekhophi Malebo, Patricia Coetzee, Dirk Du Toit, Maureen Madumise and Leeuw Serake.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus confirmed that the list had been adjusted in accordance with the organisation's affirmative action programme, but said the changes were generally slight. One third of the candidates on all sections of the list have to be women, while places have also been reserved for members of the ANC's alliance partners.

During grilled on hit squads

ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — KwaZulu police commissioner Lt-Gen Roy During was grilled by TEC delegates last night on possible links between hit squads and the secret SADF training of 200 Inkatha Freedom Party supporters in Caprivi in 1986.

Three alleged hit squad members recently arrested by police had been among the Caprivi 200.

During said rumours about hit squads were "rife" when he was appointed in 1992, but few facts had emerged from investigations.

While Caprivi trainees still held KwaZulu police posts, no record of numbers had been kept.

During said all allegations, rumours and gossip had been thoroughly checked.

Dockets which implied hit squad activities had been passed on to the SAP.

He agreed to make the Caprivi trainees' files available to the TEC, subject to the agreement of the KwaZulu government and attorney-general.

A Goldstone commission report last year concluded that "although certain Caprivi trainees may be involved in ... violence, there is no evidence to suggest that such involvement was a direct result of the training".

I erred in granting licences — Schutte

ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — Home Affairs Minister Danie Schutte admitted to the TEC this week that he had erred in granting temporary broadcast licences to 15 radio stations.

ANC TEC representative Mac Maharaj said Schutte had told the TEC's management committee on Monday that he had been under "extreme pressure" to make a decision on the issue and had acted "too fast".

TEC delegates had criticised Schutte for not approaching them before deciding to issue the licences.

Maharaj said the ANC was concerned that Schutte had reinforced public perceptions that government was weak-kneed in its approach to right-wing defiance.

Radio Pretoria, which had refused to obey a Supreme Court order closing the station, had been allowed to break the law "and get away with it".

The TEC agreed last night that Schutte should refer any new licence applications to the council.

After "rapping Schutte's knuckles", the TEC also decided to press ahead with the creation of the independent broadcasting authority. It was hoped the authority would be in

place by early March, Maharaj said.

A shortlist of nominations to the authority would be submitted to the TEC on Tuesday next week. The public would then be given two weeks to make representations concerning the people on the shortlist.

In terms of an agreement signed by the 15 radio stations granted temporary licences last week, broadcasts would stop two days before the formal establishment of the authority.

Maharaj said many of the parties represented on the TEC had expressed great disquiet about Schutte's handling of the issue.

Certain sectors of the broadcasting industry were unhappy with the process and others had withdrawn, while some had not even been invited to the consultations hosted by Schutte.

Schutte had acted incorrectly and had not complied with the TEC Act, Maharaj said.

Sapa reports the Home Affairs Department said the granting of temporary radio licences remained under the jurisdiction of Schutte until the independent broadcasting authority was fully operational.