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Boy (8) survives attack on family

■ OWN CORRESPONDENT

An eight-year-old Vosloorus boy yesterday told how he survived a brutal attack by feigning death after his grandfather, uncle and sister were shot dead in the East Rand township on Monday.

Lwazi Ndlovu, a Grade 2 pupil at I H Harrison School in Doornfontein, Johannesburg, said he lay in the car and only came out after the gunmen, who had mowed down three members of his family, had moved off in the direction of Vosloorus Hostel.

He and his grandfather, Alexandra Ndlovu (60), his uncle Mpikeleni Ndlovu (18) and sister Kenetiwe (8) were on their way home from Natalspruit when three armed men approached their car at a four-way stop.

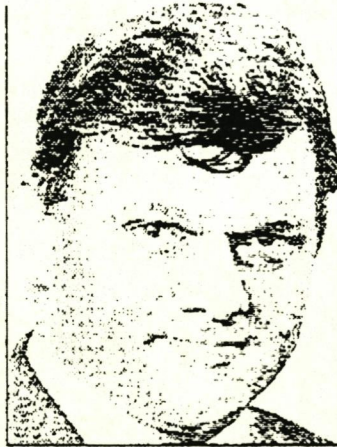
Lwazi, of Extension 9, Martinba Gardens, said one of the men opened the driver's door and, without saying a word, fired three shots at his grandfather.

His grandfather and uncle died instantly. Young Kenetiwe died after she was hit in the chest and legs.

"The men then turned the gun on me," Lwazi said. "I was hit in the arm. I pretended to be dead. I saw the three men running into the hostel."

"They were running away because a Casspir was approaching," he said.

This is the second tragedy to strike the Ndlovu family in less than two years. In September 1992, Lwazi's father Meshack (35) was killed when he was fired at from a passing minibus taxi during a march.



Rajbansi ... promises to
"flatten the Nats"

PAC woos Rajbansi

Durban — The PAC is trying to woo controversial Indian politician Amichand Rajbansi into its ranks, it emerged yesterday.

Recently appointed PAC public relations head Dede Pillay said she and PAC deputy secretary-general Thobile Gola would meet the "Tiger of Chatsworth" in Durban today in an attempt to get him to join the PAC.

Rajbansi confirmed the meeting, but said it was "difficult to say" whether he was tempted by the PAC offer.

However, he was confident he would win a seat in the interim government and said his recently formed Minority Front was sure to win the Indian vote in Natal.

"I belong to a party and I'm a team man. We can consider linkages and alliances with anybody but the National Party. When I finish off in Natal I'll flatten the Nats," Rajbansi said. — Sapa.

Freedom Alliance's last chance for discussions

Final Constitution call

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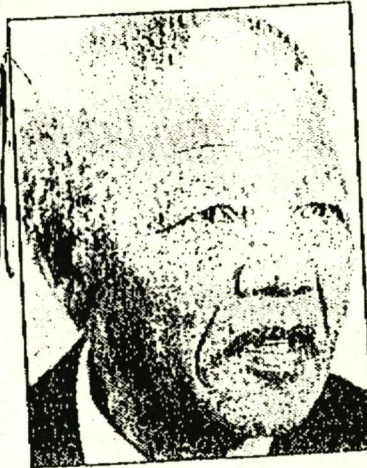
South Africa's prospects for a peaceful transition go on the line today when the Government and ANC meet the Freedom Alliance (FA) to discuss its demands for changes to the Constitution.

The Pretoria meeting, which follows a series of fruitless discussions between the three organisations late last month, takes place with less than a week to the January 24 deadline for agreements.

If a breakthrough is made, an emergency session of Parliament will be called next week to pass amendments to the Constitution.

There were mixed signals from within the FA yesterday on whether they were hopeful of a breakthrough.

KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi told French Foreign Minister Alain Juppé in Pretoria that he doubted the



Mandela ... "bent on central dictatorship".

THAT'S NO LIE
talks would bear fruit.

He charged in a memorandum to Juppé that ANC president Nelson Mandela was "bent on ruling this country from the seat of a central dictatorship".



Buthelezi ... doubtful about outcome of talks.

But Bophuthatswana negotiator Rowan Cronje said last night that the impasse could be broken if there was a genuine commitment from all parties.

He warned that there were

elements in the FA who were saying there was no sincere effort by the Government and ANC to reach an agreement.

The talks may have been boosted by the progress made during Monday's discussion between President de Klerk and Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini.

A meeting last week involving top negotiators Roelf Meyer (Government), Cyril Ramaphosa (ANC), Cronje and Dr Ben Ngubane (KwaZulu) also made some progress on the vexed issue of an FA commitment to participate in the negotiation process, said a source.

Government sources were guarded yesterday but said they were hopeful that the bulk of the FA's demands could be accommodated. One added that success would depend on the alliance's flexibility on certain issues on which the ANC would find difficulty changing its position.

Zulu king's power

THE mass concentration of Zulu's who reacted to the call by their king to Pretoria proved without a doubt the power of King Goodwill Zwelithini.

As usual, the immediate reaction of Mr De Klerk is that the ANC/SACP/NP alliance will study the situation regarding the monarchy and the KwaZulu problem — this is again a stalling tactic by the ANC/SACP/NP alliance. They have no intentions of relinquishing any power to the Zulus.

The ANC/SACP/NP alliance, true to Communist practice, will promise everything until they take power. Once in power, agreements, verbal or written, are ignored. They do as they please.

Once the ANC/SACP/NP alliance controls the country, KwaZulu/Natal will just be another prov-

ince, governed by a Communist controlled political commissar who will have total power. The king will be a figurehead, with no power — prior to being exiled or even worse.

For KwaZulu/Natal to become a powerful state in South Africa, it must be totally independent

within the context of a larger confederation — the central government being determined by the states.

Together the Freedom Alliance will win and build a true future in South Africa for its people.

S G ASTON

Pretoria

Biased coverage

FOR about the last three years or so, whenever the ANC/SACP alliance called for a work stay-away, school boycott or hospital boycott, which generally led to killings and burning and destruction of property, the electronic media gave very little attention to or constructive comment on these terrifying events.

On Monday the Zulus gathered in Pretoria to support their king. I am amazed at the howl of outrage from various radio stations including 702, and the very negative report against the "non-entity" of the Zulus to behave in such a manner.

It does not require a genius to feel the absolute

bias against these Zulus.

I applaud the lady who telephoned Radio 702 to take this station to task for its obvious bias in reporting on the Zulu gatherings in Pretoria and the feeble attempts by the two 702 announcers to defend their reports.

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Johannesburg

Bop: LHR has lost its political neutrality

Citizen Reporter
and Sapa

THE Bophuthatswana Government yesterday accused Lawyers for Human Rights of losing the last vestiges of its political neutrality and objectivity.

In a statement reacting to the LHR's submission to the Transitional Executive Council to disarm Bophuthatswana's security forces because of their hostility to the April 27 election, the homeland said the call proved the LHR had lost all touch with political reality.

"People are being killed like flies in many parts of South Africa where any idea of a free and fair election in April is a pipedream."

• LHR has called on the IEC to disarm Bophuthatswana's security forces because of their

hostility to the April 27 election.

In a memorandum handed over yesterday, LHR urged the TEC to act to ensure free and fair elections in Bophuthatswana.

A statement later said: "It must be clear to all reasonable people that the Bophuthatswana security forces cannot be entrusted with the task of policing the elections as they are in effect nothing more than (President Lucas) Mangope's private army."

LHR suggested the South African Government take over Bophuthatswana's administration or at least place an immediate embargo on funds and services to the homeland.

Until those two steps were taken the South African Embassy in Mmabatho should allow

its premises to be used for voter education, political rallies, issuing of identity documents and a safe haven for South Africans being harassed in the homeland.

When the matter came under discussion at yesterday's meeting of the TEC, the ANC's Mr Cyril Ramaphosa said he could not understand how the South African Government could keep quiet when its citizens were being intimidated and harassed in a country such as Bophuthatswana.

"Why has the South African Government not come up in defence of our people? Is it because they are Black?", he asked.

Mr Ramaphosa said the SA Government should act immediately by protesting to the Bophuthatswana Government.



Independent Electoral Commission chairman Mr JUSTICE J C KRIEGLER and vice-chairman Advocate E D MOSENEKE (SC) at the unveiling of the 1994 election emblem at Kempton Park's World Trade Centre yesterday.

Electoral body is to prevent poll disruption

THE Independent Electoral Commission says it will take all necessary steps to ensure voting stations around the country are free from disruptive actions which will prevent easy balloting in the April 27 elections.

The IEC said at a news conference at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park yesterday contingency plans were already in place to ensure voter safety, especially in areas disrupted by violence.

IEC chairman, Mr Justice J C Kriegler, said although the commission would do all in

its power to ensure a free and fair election, the primary responsibility for law and order lay with political parties.

He said the IEC was in close contact with the Transitional Executive Council on the implementation of whatever was necessary to enable free elections to be held.

"Once the governmental structures had done their part, it was the responsibility of the parties to get their acts together," Mr Justice Kriegler said, reiterating: "The commission is inter alia armed with the power to declare an election or part of an election in any particular area to have been so disruptive that it does not go into the count."

He warned that those wishing to disrupt the electoral process "may merely find that in their own no-go areas where they have maximum support, there will be no count in the eventual tally of votes".

Mr Kriegler said contingency plans were already in place to ensure polling stations would be erected around Bophuthatswana should that homeland's government decide not to participate in the elections.

This would enable the enfranchised there to vote.

He added that the IEC would not be able to enter Bophuthatswana should its government not participate.

On the allocation of election funds established by the Electoral Act, registered political parties could apply for assistance. — Sapa.

Reef unrest not linked to Zulu gathering: Gen

By Sapa and
Citizen Reporter

PLANNING for Monday's gathering of about 20 000 Zulus at the Union Buildings had been "highly successful" and it would be pure speculation to link unrest on the Reef to the event, according to SA Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe.

He said Monday night's SABC-TV Agenda news programme may have created the impression that little or no planning had been done prior to the gathering.

There had also been criticism that there was no communication between the police and the organisers.

Gen Van der Merwe said in a statement yesterday that when it became known State President De

Klerk and King Goodwill Zwelithini were to meet, top-level police officials were called in to comprehensively plan policing of the events surrounding the meeting.

Contact was made with possible roleplayers, including the KwaZulu Government, Inkatha Freedom Party, KwaZulu Police (KZP) and representatives of the king.

Further joint meetings were held and a media conference called during which policing of the event was discussed and agreements reached with the organisers.

The SAP had deployed sufficient members, supported by the South African Defence Force and a KZP contingent.

Prior arrangements had also been made for the "speedy departure" of the

Zulus after the gathering, and they had been escorted out of Pretoria or to the railway station.

Gen Van der Merwe said it was impossible for the police to comment on the possible connection between incidents of violence on the Reef and the gathering in Pretoria.

"These cases are being investigated and it would be pure speculation to try and link them to the gathering in Pretoria.

"Bearing in mind the number of people who attended the gathering and the number of incidents that were reported, the fact that only one person was reported to have died during the event and eight people treated for injuries, one can conclude that the gathering and the planning thereof was highly successful."

Non-ANC pres may be needed: Mandela

MR NELSON Mandela said yesterday that even if his African National Congress won South Africa's first democratic elections in April, it could be in the "national interest" to have a non-ANC Head of State.

Speaking at a Press briefing after talks with visiting French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe, Mr Mandela said it was not up to him to suggest who should be the next president of South Africa.

"In our organisation we have men and women of real calibre and integrity who could fill the position," the ANC president said.

"It may be of national interest to have a president outside the ANC," Mr Mandela added, without being more specific.

He declared that the government to be formed after the poll on April 27 would be one of national unity, bringing minority parties into a power-sharing arrangement with the winner of the poll.

All political parties in South Africa should take part in the election, Mr Mandela said.

Asked about threats by the Freedom Alliance, notably the Inkatha Free-

dom Party and the White far-Right, to boycott the poll, he said: "We will continue until the very

last moment to persuade them to join us and come along with us." — Sapa-AFP.

Electoral court men appointed

APPOINTMENTS to the Independent Media Commission and the Special Electoral Court were announced by the Transitional Executive Council yesterday.

The seven media commission members are Mr Justice John Trengrove (chairman), Dr Namane M Magua, Raymond Louw, Willem (Wimpie) de Klerk, Jenny Malan, Zubeida Jaffer and Libby Lloyd.

Two of the five electoral court members were appointed by the Transitional Executive Council, and the remaining three by South Africa's Chief Justice.

The two executive council appointees are Mr Justice I Mahomed of the Transvaal Provincial Division of the Supreme Court, acting in the Appeal Court, and Cape Bar advocate Dr J C Heunis.

The three appointed by the Chief Justice are Mr Justice J W Smalberger, of the Appellate Division

of the Supreme Court, Mr Justice J M Didcott, of the Natal Provincial Division of the Supreme Court, and Mr Justice P J van der Walt, of the Transvaal Provincial Division of the Supreme Court. — Sapa.

Violence won't be tolerated

NOTICE was served at a Transitional Executive Council meeting yesterday that hostility in any part of the country in the run-up to the April 27 elections will not be tolerated.

Bophuthatswana, KwaZulu and the East Rand were named.

With only three months to polling day the executive council had to do something, Mr Joe Slovo of the South African

Communist Party told the meeting.

He said he was not suggesting the "tanks roll in", as had his colleague Matthew Phosa of the African National Congress, but the council had to take the matter seriously.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa complained about Bophuthatswana, and Transkei chief negotiator Zama Titus about KwaZulu.

The council meeting agreed its management committee should deal with concerns about Bophuthatswana and KwaZulu.

Government chief negotiator Roelf Meyer countered by saying the East Rand issue was "clearly complex".

The violence was an indictment against all parties in the area — "in a sense an indictment against all of us here". — Sapa.

Violence could harm process: Mandela

THE danger of violence destabilising the process to democracy should not be underestimated, African National Congress president Mr Nelson Mandela said yesterday.

Addressing a joint news conference with French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe in Pretoria, he said there were minority groups which were not only concerned about

their future and values, but which were "determined to arrest all movement to a democratic future".

It was the democratic movement's duty to address the fears of all South Africans, including those of minorities.

Mr Mandela said an "holistic strategy" should be applied to solve the violence.

The plan discussed with State President De Klerk could be jeopardised if details were published prematurely, because it involved a number of parties. But Mr Mandela said measures could include a region being declared a disaster area, that the entire community be involved in upgrading programmes, and that hostels be turned into family units.

Tremendous progress had been made in building a new South Africa, and there were many people who were determined to contribute to this process.

The ANC would continue trying to involve the Freedom Alliance and other parties in the elections, but would proceed without them if necessary.

Polls which indicated a

landslide election victory for the ANC were encouraging, said Mr Mandela, but he warned against complacency.

The ANC should be on its toes, for while the government might be tagged as illegitimate, paralysed by corruption, and accused of orchestrating violence, it remained devastatingly effective in elections. — Sapa.

Indian 'front'

THE leadership of the African National Congress, the Natal Indian Congress and the Transvaal Indian Congress resolved at a meeting yesterday to mobilise a broad range of people under the ANC banner.

In a joint statement, the organisations noted that "the best hope for peace, prosperity and stability lies in decisive ANC electoral victory".

Such an election win could only be achieved by "building the broadest unity of all sectors into a front, within the Indian community, behind the ANC".

The meeting — attended by ANC president Nelson Mandela — also resolved to build a credible leadership platform to effectively address the Indian community.

— Sapa

TEC will summon K/Z police chief

Citizen Reporter

THE Transitional Executive Committee is to summon the Commissioner of the KwaZulu Police, Lieutenant General R P During, to appear before the full council on January 25.

The management committee of the TEC recommended that Gen During should personally report on the existence of hit squads in the region.

It had noted the Goldstone Commission's report on the matter as well as further information supplied by the SA Police.

It was, therefore, of the opinion that the Commissioner of the KwaZulu Police would be able to furnish information and

documents relating to the activities of such a hit squad or squads.

Dr Dawie de Villiers of the National Party, said it might be better if Gen During appeared before the subcommittee for law and order, since it was better equipped to handle the matter.

However, the leader of the SA Communist Party, Mr Joe Slovo, pointed out that the matter was of such public importance that a subcommittee meeting, which was not open to the media, would not be the ideal venue.

The TEC accepted the recommendation.

70,3pc vote for ANC: HSRC

THE African National Congress would get 70,3 percent of votes in the coming elections if its support in the TBVC states was taken into account, according to the Human Sciences Research Council.

In a statement yesterday the HSRC said it had processed data not included in its November/December survey

which put the ANC's support at 67 percent.

The National Party's support was 15,5 percent compared to the HSRC's earlier estimate of 17 percent without taking the TBVC states into consideration. The Inkatha Freedom Party could count on 4,5 percent, compared to the previous six percent forecast.

The Conservative Party's support remained at three percent, while sup-

port for other Right-wing parties slipped from two percent to 1,8 percent, taking the TBVC states into account.

The "large discrepancy" between the ANC's support in the PWV region (71 percent) and nationally (67 percent, excluding TBVC states) was largely due to the influence of Natal-KwaZulu and the western Cape, the statement said.

The ANC was the largest party in Natal but obtained only 50 percent of the vote, while in the western Cape the ANC was the party chosen by 36 percent of those surveyed.

Spoilt papers were a "very serious prospect" and the HSRC was attempting to encourage and assist voter education efforts. — Sapa.

Peace plan for East Rand is taking shape

A PLAN for a multi-party initiative to bring peace to the East Rand swung into action at a Transitional Executive Council meeting yesterday.

A two-member government and African National Congress team mandated to look into the matter and which visited the area last Thursday painted a picture of a devastated community.

They were confident, however, the problem could be solved.

The government's Mr Fanie van der Merwe and Mr Mac Maharaj, of the ANC, had not completed their work, but Mr Maharaj said they could "report back in days with a proper plan".

Pivotal to the plan will be the establishment of a task force, according to a Transitional Executive

Council decision a week ago.

But clear indications of the final initiative emerged yesterday in a resolution adopted by the 19-member council.

"The TEC should drive the major initiative and take ownership of it, in co-operation with other initiatives," the resolution states.

"Whatever structure is

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necessary for this initiative should be set up involving other parties and bodies not on the TEC.

"The problem would in this way be addressed at a multi-party level."

The issue has in the past week been discussed twice by State President De Klerk and ANC presi-

dent Nelson Mandela. Follow-up talks are expected soon.

Mr De Klerk also raised the matter in talks with Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini and Inkatha Freedom Party president, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, on Monday.

The overall plan is expected to involve the withdrawal of the controversial Internal Stability Division from the area, to be replaced by the South African Defence Force; the possible dismantling of the equally controversial self-defence units; upgrading hostels; and ploughing money into the community to rebuild its socio-economic fabric.

On his and Mr Van der Merwe's trip to the East Rand, Mr Maharaj reported that the chances of survival of non-IFP supporters in IFP-controlled areas were "very slim", as were those of IFP supporters if caught in ANC-controlled areas.

Between the opposing factions were tracts of no-man's-land where houses had been gutted and cars wrecked.

"A completely dead zone," said Mr Maharaj.

"Only an insane person would walk there alone."

Vehicles abandoned in these areas had not even been stripped for parts — not even their tyres.

Mr Maharaj and Mr Van der Merwe warned against adopting a generalised approach to the East Rand.

Areas had common problems such as housing and sanitary matters, "but each requires specific attention", Mr Maharaj said.

The problems had to be tackled on emergency, medium and long-term levels.

For instance, Eskom was prepared to begin electrifying homes within a week at a cost to residents of only R30 a home. The cost to Eskom was R3 000 a home.

Mr Maharaj said some local structures were in no position to tackle the problems.

He suggested the area be declared a state of emergency and organisations capable of bringing peace be brought in.

There was no reason why despair could not be quickly replaced with hope. — Sapa.

AVF to set up transitional authority

THE Afrikaner Volksfront has decided to implement its transitional authority in Pretoria on January 29 to lead the Afrikaner to freedom, Conservative Party leader, Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg, an-

nounced last night.

The decision was taken by the AVF yesterday, Dr Hartzenberg told a public meeting in Pretoria.

Representatives of the Afrikaner volk across the country would be invited to attend the occasion to sanction the body to plan

and take decisions for the Afrikaner and to mandate it to "achieve our freedom before the April 27 elections", he said.

Dr Hartzenberg said although the Freedom Alli-

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ance, the government and the African National Congress would be meeting today "we don't expect much to come from the talks".

It did not matter what they (the government and the ANC) decided, the Afrikaner was marching to freedom and self-determination.

Dr Hartzenberg warned that the Afrikaner should not be forced to become the enemy of those who wanted to force an unjust dispensation on them.

Accusing the media of trying to drive a wedge between him and AVF leader Constand Viljoen, Dr Hartzenberg said they had a "hearty" relationship.

The implementation of the AVF's own transitional authority was proof that the Afrikaner was determined on the way to freedom and would not be ruled by the Communist dominated ANC, he said.

Surveys showed the ANC would get most votes in seven of the nine provinces, which meant the Afrikaner would be dominated on central, provincial and local levels.

An Afrikaner volkstaat could still secure a peaceful solution "at this late

hour" and amendments to the constitution could be made before the end of the month, Dr Hartzenberg said.

A plebiscite could be held to determine who wanted to be included in the homeland. This could be completed in March so that elections could take place in the volkstaat while the rest of the people voted in the general elections.

In Pretoria, earmarked as the capital of the proposed volkstaat, more than half of the residents had indicated they wanted to be included in the volkstaat.

Dr Hartzenberg also

called on the city's thousands of civil servants to make themselves available for the volkstaat because they had been "cheated" out of their job security and pensions by State President De Klerk.

Pretoria City Council CP leader, Mr Paul Fouche, called on supporters to a gathering at the downtown municipal offices on January 25 to protest against the new joint non-racial local government dispensation.

Pamphlets would be distributed in Pretoria to call supporters to "drastic but non violent" action to protest the 50/50 dispensation, he said -- Sapa.

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Government delegate Dawie de Villiers approved the resolution to send a protest, but said the TEC's management committee and foreign affairs subcouncil needed to acquire and verify more information.

Sapa reports the Bophuthatswana government accused LHR of losing the last vestiges of its political neutrality and objectivity. Reacting to LHR's submission to the TEC, it said: "The Bophuthatswana government will be changed only by its own people at the ballot box."

Meanwhile, KwaZulu Police Commissioner Lt-Gen Roy During was asked to appear before the TEC on Tuesday next week to provide information and documents concerning the operation of hit squads in his force.

The TEC also approved appointments to the special electoral court and the Independent Media Commission.

Judge I Mahomed of the Supreme Court's Transvaal Provincial Division and Advocate Jan Heunis of the Cape Bar were appointed by the TEC, while Judge J W Smalberger, Judge J M Didcott and Judge P J van der Walt were the Judge President's appointees to the court.

The Independent Media Commission will be chaired by Judge J Trengove and consists of Namane Magua, Raymond Louw, Willem de Klerk, Jenny Malan, Zubelda Jaffer and Libby Lloyd.

The TEC also established an interim party liaison committee to communicate TEC directives and resolutions to parties contesting the election.

The TEC agreed that until guidelines were established for the relaying of information by its seven subcouncils to the media, all subcouncil meetings would be held in camera.

Row erupts over peace office

JOHANNES NGCOBO

A WAR of words has erupted between the Wits-Vaal peace secretariat and the council of the East Rand township of Vosloorus over the leasing of offices to the secretariat's joint communications centre.

The secretariat's Vosloorus co-ordinator, Victor Mpahleli, yesterday claimed that the Vosloorus council had refused to lease offices to the centre, but town clerk George Prinsloo denied this.

The centre was previously housed at Natalspruit Hospital.

Mpahleli said the Vosloorus council had said its property might be at risk if the centre's operations were moved.

He said the council would discuss the matter today.

Prinsloo said his office had agreed to lease an office to the secretariat and it should talk to him if it was not getting a satisfactory answer from his staff.

Meanwhile, a group of youths abducted a patient under police guard from Natalspruit Hospital yesterday, Transvaal Provincial Administration spokesman Nico Pieterse said.

Police said about 60 to 80 unarmed youths had abducted Siphiwe Tshepe, who was awaiting trial for the attempted murder of policemen shot in Thokoza last week.

Tough line against election disruptions

THE Independent Electoral Commission yesterday indicated it intended taking a tough line on any attempt to disrupt voting and would scrap votes at disrupted polling stations.

Commission chairman Judge J C Kriegler said, at a news conference the commission had the power to declare an election or part of an election so disrupted that it would not be counted.

Those who wish maliciously to disturb and disrupt the overall electoral process may merely find themselves in the position that in their own no-go areas, where they have maximum support, there will be no count in the eventual tally of votes.

The commission is responsible for the administration of the election, for voter education, for ensuring that it is free and fair and for certifying the result.

The Electoral Act empowers the commission to make regulations regarding the nature and content of political advertising and on the conduct of parties and candidates. It is establishing an election adjudication secretariat to co-ordinate the work of the electoral tribunals and the special electoral court.

The commission said no formal complaints had yet been lodged, although it was aware that some parties had indicated they intended to do so.

Asked whether the commission intended to have polling booths in the TBVC states, Kriegler said all the territories other than Bophuthatswana had indicated they would be part of the process. The commission had

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no power in law to enter Bophuthatswana unless it joined the election process.

But it was the responsibility of the commission to ensure that as many as possible of Bophuthatswana's citizens, who are entitled vote, would be able to cast their ballots. Contingency plans were already being formulated to place polling stations around Bophuthatswana.

Commission vice-chairman Dikgang Moseneke said it was likely that the election would be proclaimed soon, after which parties would have 10 days to register.

The proclamation would indicate the date and the number of days in which the election would take place.

The commission was making inquiries about funding for political parties, but no estimate of how much money would be made available was possible at this stage.

Sapa reports that the electoral commission also launched its official emblem.

The dark blue, light blue and white emblem has a three-dimensional ballot box and voter's slip with Independent Electoral Commission lettering in bold type on one side and a map of SA on the other.

"Your vote is your secret" is written at the top in blue against a white background.

Kriegler said the colours represented the commission's independence and non-partisanship. Blue also represented peace.

He said the ballot box portrayed SA as a single entity and expressed the commission's determination to fulfil its mandate.

ANC support put at 70,3%

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — ANC support at the end of last year would have been more than 70% if voters from the four "independent" homelands were included, the Human Sciences Research Council said yesterday.

It said this month's data, which put ANC support at 67%, had excluded the TBVC states. If the residents of those states were included, ANC support had increased from 62% in July to 70,3% in November.

NP support between July and November dropped from 17% to 15,5%. PAC support increased from 2% to 2,4%, and the DP's from 2% to 2,1%. However, Inkatha Freedom Party support dropped from 10% to 4,5%, while CP support remained at 3%.

No dissent over ceasefire, says PAC

THE PAC has dismissed three telephone calls to Sapa in which alleged Apla members denounced the organisation's decision to end the armed struggle.

PAC deputy president Johnson Mlambo said the names used by the callers were unknown to the PAC. He suggested "security agencies" were responsible for the calls, aimed at undermining the PAC.

The Law and Order Ministry had called on the PAC to clarify statements made by Apla, its armed wing, which the ministry said contradicted the PAC's recent announcement of a moratorium on violence.

PAC national organiser Maxwell Nemadzivhanani said the code name Karl Zimbiri used by one caller was out of use within the organisation. The original Zimbiri had died.

The only three military commanders entitled to issue statements on Apla operations were Apla commander Sabelo Phama, Apla political commissar Romero Daniels and Apla information chief Johnny Majosi.

Nemadzivhanani also denied there was dissent within Apla's ranks over the moratorium.

He said the PAC and Apla commanders had not given any orders for Apla operations since the announcement of the moratorium. The leadership had no knowledge of involvement by Apla operatives in Sunday night's attack on a Durban satellite police station.

He alleged claims to the contrary were the work of "enemy agents" intent on discrediting the PAC in the run-up to the elections.

However, the PAC central Trans-

kei region yesterday expressed its shock and disgust at what it termed the PAC's unilateral decision to suspend its armed struggle.

PAC regional secretary Mfanelo Skwatsha said the move was not in line with national conference resolutions taken in Umtata last year.

"This move is nothing but capitulation and renegation on the part of the PAC leadership."

□ The PAC is trying to woo controversial Indian politician Amichand Rajbansi into its ranks.

PAC public relations head Dede Pillay said she and PAC deputy secretary-general Thobile Gola would meet Rajbansi today in an attempt to get him to join the PAC.

Rajbansi said it was "difficult to say" whether he was tempted by the PAC offer. — Sapa.

Optimism and hope surge despite violence

DESPITE township unrest, rising violence, staggering unemployment, political squabbling and uncertainty about the future, a worldwide Markinor poll lists SA as having had the fourth most dramatic increase in optimism last year.

SA's high score ended three years of pessimism. In the 57-country poll, SA was ranked 14th on the annual optimism index, up from 31st the previous year.

Korea showed the biggest rise in optimism, followed by Sweden and Greece.

TIM COHEN

In Korea and Sweden it was not so much a case of a marked change in outlook as a return to the status quo by rectifying the previous year's dramatic drop, Markinor deputy MD Christine Woessner said.

The rise in SA's optimism index was due primarily to a surge in hopefulness among blacks. Figures released this month showed that 60% of blacks felt things would be better in 1994, although only 31%

of whites shared their optimism. The overall optimism score for SA was determined by taking an average across all races.

SA reflected a dramatic rise in optimism worldwide, with 32 countries recording significant increases in the past year.

The Gulf states and China proved the most optimistic, followed by Israel, New Zealand, the US, Australia and Mexico.

The countries showing the greatest drops in optimism were Chile, Turkey, Japan, Portugal and Brazil.

ANC rolls out red carpet for SADF

JOHANNES NGCOSO

THE ANC is organising a series of rallies in East Rand townships to welcome the SADF troops it says will be deployed in the strife-torn area in place of the SAP's controversial internal stability unit.

ANC PWV deputy secretary-general Obed Bapela said he was expecting a formal announcement soon on the unit's withdrawal from Thokoza and Katlehong. He said this was part of the peace plan forged recently by President F W de Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela.

"We are awaiting the final agreement and the announcement. Then we are going to organise huge rallies aimed at introducing SADF members into the East Rand communities," Bapela said.

The rallies would be aimed at achieving a spirit of co-operation between the security forces and the community.

ADRIAN HADLAND reports from Pretoria that the Transitional Executive Council yesterday proposed setting up a multiparty body to co-ordinate and manage the urgent rehabilitation of the East Rand. While the TEC would "drive the major initiative and take ownership of it", the new body would include parties not represented on the TEC, such as the Inkatha Freedom Party, local authorities and civic organisations.

The two TEC management committee members investigating the situation on the East Rand — the ANC's Mac Maharaj and government's Fanle van der Merwe — were this week told by peace secretariat

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head Antonie Gildenhuys that Inkatha had to be included if a solution was to be found.

The multiparty body would take into its ambit any existing or proposed plans for the East Rand, including the strategy being discussed by De Klerk and Mandela.

"We need a single structure in charge," Maharaj told the TEC at its weekly session last night. The body would co-ordinate the implementation of rehabilitation plans and would be able to override other structures or call for their assistance.

He compared the concept to the declaration of a disaster area in California after Monday's earthquake, when a single task team was placed in charge of operations.

Maharaj said particular "nodes of instability", such as hostels in Katlehong and Thokoza, could be identified. If the problems in these areas, including severe social difficulties such as lack of sanitation, accommodation, electricity, employment and security, could be tackled quickly and effectively, these benefits would filter into the surrounding communities.

While different problems were experienced in different areas, it was essential that a single, achievable plan was formulated for the region as a whole.

Government's Roelf Meyer supported

the multiparty approach.

ANC delegate Cyril Ramaphosa said the TEC would be legitimised if it acted quickly to stabilise the situation. Bringing peace to the East Rand was essential if voting was to take place in the region.

Maharaj said Eskom had announced it would "spring into action" to provide electricity to East Rand residents. It could begin work in a week and could provide connections at R30 a household.

Meanwhile, the SAP yesterday reported that three bodies had been found in Katlehong. Another man was killed in a gunfight with police. Several other attacks on police were reported in Katlehong, Thokoza and Daveyton but no one was wounded and no arrests were made. A number of violent incidents were reported on the East Rand on Monday night, some apparently connected to the Zulu march in Pretoria.

Sapa reports that a Red Cross team was forced to withdraw from Katlehong on Monday after one of its vehicles was stoned and a volunteer slightly injured. The International Committee of the Red Cross said the team had been assigned to provide first-aid at a funeral, but had been prevented from reaching people who had been wounded.

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Freedom Alliance talks resume

GOVERNMENT and the Freedom Alliance are optimistic that today's meeting with the ANC could make substantial progress towards reaching an agreement on changes to the constitution.

It is also expected that last year's impasse, over the commitment that government and the ANC demanded from the alliance, could be amicably resolved. Good progress could result in today's meeting continuing tomorrow.

Alliance chairman Rowan Cronje said yesterday that at Friday's informal meeting "we found a way of entering into real negotiations on the matters on the table". The commitment had not been raised.

"Effectively government and ourselves have reached a point approaching agreement on four of the six items on the agenda and if the ANC is prepared to move as far as government, then I am optimistic we

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will get a settlement," he said.

A senior government source said: "The possibility of reaching agreement is definitely there. We have handled far more difficult issues in the past and resolved these." But he warned against over-optimism, citing countless attempts in the past that had gone sour. Just because the commitment issue had not been raised on Friday it did not mean it had gone away.

It is understood that the ANC is still not happy about the alliance's position and feels that it (the ANC) has moved enough already by adopting a softer line on the commitment at the last meeting.

The ANC is concerned that the alliance is "leaving too many back doors open" to avoid committing itself to the elections.

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Freedom Alliance

The alliance says any agreement will still have to be approved by its members' executives.

The four issues that have been resolved, or where agreement is expected, are:

- Provincial powers and functions;
- Provincial financial autonomy, including taxation;
- Provincial power to draft their own constitutions; and
- Protection of provincial autonomy.

The two key sticking points were the alliance's demands, strongly motivated by Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini at his meeting with President F W de Klerk, for a two ballot system of voting in the elections, and the issue of self-determination.

The CP and KwaZulu were insisting on self-determination for their "nations" and, while it seemed that the KwaZulu demand would be accommodated, the CP's was ruled out. Neither government nor the ANC were prepared to concede to this.

Meanwhile Constitutional Development

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Minister Roelf Meyer said differences of opinion within the alliance, especially on self-determination, complicated negotiations on their participation in the elections and transitional structures.

Sapa reports that Meyer, addressing a breakfast meeting of Johannesburg businessmen, said: "It is still our intent at this late hour to see whether we can reach, as far as possible, an inclusive agreement on the constitution."

Government's approach was to convince the alliance that the interim constitution already addressed its concerns. He said the De Klerk-Zwelithini meeting had represented "a step forward".

He was optimistic that a new government, even if dominated by one party, would follow balanced policies. A future cabinet was constitutionally obliged to operate on the basis of maximum consultation and consensus.

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Days of irony

MONDAY was loaded with the ironies of present-day South Africa. Among the most striking were the straight-faced and self-righteous protests by ANC officials at the intimidation of township residents wanting to go to work. That tactic, as we all know, was more or less invented by the militant and youthful ANC supporters, who see political mobilisation as a phenomenon to be enforced rather than achieved through peaceful persuasion.

On the other side was a party whose supporters have often been victims of these tactics, but who showed they had learned well how to employ them. They have even worked out that by creating a phantom and faceless "front" organisation — in this case a purported trade union association — it is possible to sidestep the blame for any damage done.

Monday's events, and the strong possibility that Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi could become a Savimbi-type spoiler, must be food for thought for those who, in the 1980s and even the early part of the 1990s, built him up as the great democratic hope for the future purely on the basis of his anti-sanctions and anti-communist stance.

Internationally, communism collapsed into its own rotten foundations, and those who spent the 1980s preoccupied with the Cold War failed to anticipate the real threat to international stability in the 1990s — the religious and ethnic

fundamentalists, often used as pawns in the Cold War but whose activities now afflict large parts of Europe and the Middle East.

The South African parallels are striking. The local communist ideologies are in disarray and retreat for the same reason as their foreign comrades. But hopes for democracy are threatened by Afrikaner and once "useful" Zulu nationalist movements, representing only a minority of those in whose name they act.

There are good grounds for believing that neither Inkatha nor the white right wing is seriously seeking a feasible settlement. A pattern is becoming apparent that, as soon as concessions are made, new demands arise. Nevertheless, the NP, the ANC and others involved in the next phase of talks with the Freedom Alliance, starting today, must not allow their scepticism to detract from good faith negotiations.

There are many concessions that can and should be made on their own merits. These cannot include an Afrikaner homeland where other citizens' rights are trampled upon. But there is no reason not to accede to the strengthening of the federal character of the constitution; agreeing to symbolic points such as incorporating "KwaZulu" into the name of the Natal region; and bowing to wholly legitimate calls for a dual ballot election.

If Inkatha and its allies reject such significant offers, the rest of South Africa will know at least that every effort had been made.

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Karedl Seoe — shot five times.

“We have tried everything in our power to build peace in the area but in vain.”

occasions they fired shots and threatened to kill us if they did not find him," she said.

Her son was one of the "comrades" who hunted for the alleged killers of SABC-TV staffer Mr Calvin Thusago, who was stabbed to death in the township last year.

"Since that incident my son's life has been in danger. He fled home and stayed with relatives in the Vaal Triangle.

"My son had a premonition of his death. On Sunday he told the family that there were people who were after his blood. Minutes after he left we received the message that he had been shot dead. I found him lying in a pool of blood," Mrs. Dineke said.

An executive member of the ANC Sharpeville branch, Mr Peter Voko, whose grandson Seeo was also killed in the township, said the organisation had held several meetings to discuss ways to end the battles among the three groups.

"We have tried everything in our power to build peace in the area but in vain," he said.

The situation in Sharpeville remained tense yesterday after residents expressed fears that the two killings could lead to further violence.

The mother of Paseka Dineke, Mrs. Agnes Dineke, said her son came back home last week after he had fled the township in fear of his life.

"On several occasions armed groups came to my house looking for my son. On each of these

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Pretoria imbizo toll rises to 17

By Isaac Moledi and
Glenn McKenzie

THE DEATH TOLL resulting from Monday's Zulu march to Pretoria has risen to at least 17, police confirmed yesterday.

East Rand police liaison officer Lieutenant Janine Smith confirmed an additional three violence-related deaths in Katlehong on the East Rand on Monday evening.

Police also said two people, stabbed with spears in Pretoria, had died.

Among those who were killed were three family members in Vosloorus.

Mr Alexandra Ndlovu (60) his son Mphahlele (18) and his granddaughter Keneilwe (16) were shot at close range

■ POLITICAL INTOLERANCE

Family loses 3 members near hostel:

inside their car near a hostel.

Lwazi Ndlovu (8) who was with them, survived the attack.

Political organisations and individuals yesterday reacted angrily to widespread destruction of property, intimidation and assault on innocent people that accompanied King Goodwill Zwelithini's visit to Pretoria.

Loss of human life

The Azanian People's Organisation expressed dismay at the way the rally was conducted by the organisers.

"When any organisation engages in programmes involving many people, it is incumbent upon the organisers to ensure that there is no loss of human life and destruction of property belonging to black people," Azapo publicity secretary Dr Gomolemo Mokae said.

The African National Congress expressed concern at the "blatantly orchestrated intimidation and political intolerance".

The IFP said it took "strong exception" to reports linking it to widespread intimidation.

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7 SDU members arrested

FOURTEEN people, including seven self-defence unit members, were arrested in Daveyton on the East Rand in connection with several crimes including attacks on policemen and the murder of civilians.

Police said the men were arrested during an operation which started last Wednesday with the arrest of one of the most wanted men on the East Rand. More arrests are expected.

Several firearms, ammunition, stolen goods and dagga were seized during the arrests and police are conducting ballistic tests to determine which weapons could be positively linked to which crimes.

Ulundi hired imbizo train — claim

R101 000 BILL Anger at alleged
KwaZulu misuse of taxpayers' money:

Sowetan Correspondent

THE KwaZulu government is believed to have spent R101 000 to hire a train to ferry Zulus from Durban to Pretoria.

They massed in the gardens of the Union Building while King Goodwill Zwelithini met President FW de Klerk.

Political opponents are likely to raise this at next week's meeting of the Transitional Executive Council.

An estimated 14 people died around the country on Monday after Zulu people were called upon to stay away from work in support of their king and an estimated 35 000 people gathered at the Union Buildings.

Mr SS Sibisi, an official in the Ulundi office of KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi, is thought to have hired the train from Spoornet at a cost of R101 000.

As the Inkatha Freedom Party distanced itself from the stayaway and the gathering at the Union Buildings, this money apparently

came from the KwaZulu government's R6.1 billion budget, which is financed by taxpayers.

Attempts yesterday to get the KwaZulu government to give its side of the train hiring has not been successful.

The 18-coach train left Durban on Sunday evening at 7.45pm. Mr Thomas Shabalala, a well-known figure in Inkatha Freedom Party circles, was on the platform helping to organise the journey. The train had place for 1 712 passengers but was only three-quarters full when it left Durban.

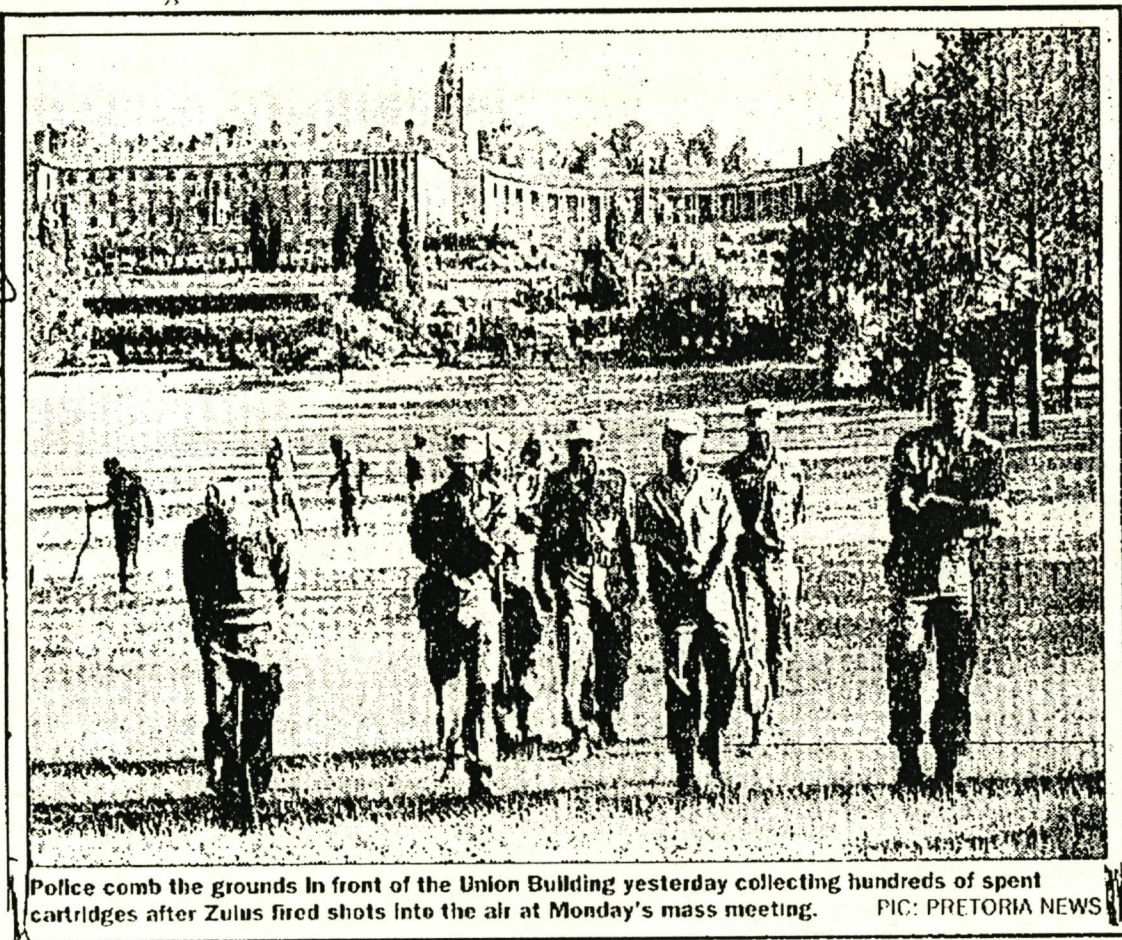
It returned to Durban early yesterday.

Mr Jeff Radebe, chairman of the African National Congress' Southern Natal region, strongly condemned the alleged hiring of the train and said it was totally out of order "for the IFP to use our money to ferry people to such an imbizo".

He said the TEC had to decide to close the tap of resources to the KwaZulu government because as long as nothing was done KwaZulu would "continue to abuse taxpayers' money".

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NEWS Call to close KwaZulu money tap ● Three die in volley of bullets



Police comb the grounds in front of the Union Building yesterday collecting hundreds of spent cartridges after Zulus fired shots into the air at Monday's mass meeting. PIC: PRETORIA NEWS

Sowetan Comment

THERE is a variety of political themes to be drawn from the Zulu-cum-Inkatha Freedom Party march on the Union Buildings on Monday.

The bottom line is that violence is unacceptable. If political leaders cannot control their members during such demonstrations, a ban must be placed on the carrying of arms. There is no way that a civilised society can allow people to march and travel long distances openly displaying their arms.

Up to ten people were killed and township communities terrorised.

What, in fact, was the object of the meeting? While we have respect for the Zulu king, he is being manipulated by the politicians to do things that are unbecoming to a monarch. This is a moral view and will not impress those involved in political games, especially at election time.

For Chief Buthelezi this was a shrewd political move, made even more impressive by the concern expressed at acts of intimidation and the wanton killing of people. It was astute of him to play the role of a loyal subject for the support he got was impressive even if it was mainly based in.

Buthelezi knows President De Klerk and the Government are forced to show sympathy to his and King Zwelithini's constituency. The bland political outcome, notwithstanding, the symbolism of having such a meeting at the very heart of Government had enormous impact.

NOT SERIOUS: Nelson Mandela's remark that the future president of South Africa need not be a member of the ANC was a reflection of the movement's commitment to national unity, but did not amount to a serious proposal, the ANC has said.

HITTING THE ROAD: President de Klerk is returning to the Western Cape for two more election "roadshows" next month to woo votes in the one region where the National Party has high hopes of winning.



An article in The Star on Monday incorrectly stated that the contract for the fencing of the "Beirut" area in Alexandra was jointly granted to Simon Mlamba and ANC community leader Linda Twala. Twala was not granted the contract but acted in an advisory capacity only. The Star apologises for the error. >

IEC on track to monitor poll

■ BY HELEN GRANGE

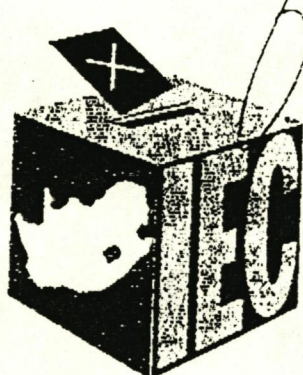
The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) burst into the public eye yesterday with the launch of its emblem, designed to symbolise its task of impartially managing the election process.

The IEC is charged with setting up the election, educating voters, monitoring the political campaigns and ensuring that parties adhere to an electoral code of conduct.

After the election, the IEC must also assess whether the poll was free and fair.

Speaking at yesterday's launch, IEC chairman Mr Justice Johann Kriegler warned that if the voting process was disrupted in any particular area, the IEC would not hesitate to state this. "As a result, votes from such areas will not be counted in the eventual tally of votes," he said.

An essential part of the IEC's job would be to publicise the rules of the Electoral Court and regional and local tribunals, which would assess and judge alleged breaches of the electoral code and impose sanctions in terms of the IEC Act, Mr Justice Kriegler said.



INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION

The media have already heard a handful of complaints from political parties about opposition campaigns being in breach of the electoral code. However, none of these has yet been referred to the IEC.

Fines and jail sentences of up to two years will be imposed for breaches of the IEC Act. The Electoral Court will be chaired by an Appeal Court judge, two Supreme Court judges, a lawyer or magistrate, and a fifth person appointed by the Transitional Executive Council.

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The IEC Act empowers the IEC to make regulations governing the nature and content of political advertising, and to enforce these along with the Independent Media Commission.

There are 11 members of the IEC, appointed by the State President on the IEC's advice. Five of the members are from the international community.

The IEC will begin its work in earnest when the political parties are officially registered, which will take place within 10 days of the election date being announced in the Government Gazette — possibly on Friday.

The colour of the new IEC logo is blue to symbolise the IEC's non-partisanship.

The emblem has a three-dimensional ballot box and voter's slip with IEC lettering on one side and a map of South Africa on the other.

Mr Justice Kriegler said the ballot box portrayed South Africa as a single entity and expressed the IEC's determination to fulfil its mandate.

The IEC's message, "Your vote is your secret", will be carried in languages appropriate to the different regions.

Mandela proposal not serious - ANC

■ POLITICAL STAFF

Nelson Mandela's remark that the future president of South Africa need not be an ANC member was a reflection of the movement's commitment to national unity, but did not amount to a serious proposal.

Reacting to Mandela's suggestion yesterday that even if the ANC won the elections in April, it could be in the "national interest" to have a non-ANC head of state, spokesman Gill Marcus said: "This

was an aside.

"It was not a serious proposal so much as a reflection of Mr Mandela's commitment to the principle of national unity in government."

Marcus added: "What he is saying is that if it would help resolve problems in the country, he would consider this."

She concluded: "This is not a new proposal. The ANC certainly has not changed its view that Nelson Mandela will become the president."

WHAT'S NEW?

Women in flight from hostel terror

■ BY CHERYL HUNTER

Hundreds of terrified women streamed out of the Vosloorus women's hostel on the East Rand late yesterday, too scared to spend one more night in their cramped quarters.

The evacuation of the building followed a nightmare evening on Monday when three people were shot and a woman's room burnt.

According to hostel dwellers, a group of men armed with AK-47s entered the building the previous night and asked residents to point out the IFP members in the hostel.

They then shot at people standing in the passage and "warned us that if we're still here tonight, they will come back and kill all of us", Nompumelelo Nkosi said.

The women said the police had been at the hostel at the time of the shooting and had taken three injured people to Natalspruit Hospital, but they did not feel safe enough to stay.

A young student who had nowhere to spend the night said a policeman had told her to "go — we cannot protect you", and she was taking his advice.

5 die on E Rand

Five people were killed in violence on the East Rand yesterday, police said today. Another four were killed on Monday.

■ In Katlehong, a suspect died from gunshot wounds after a shoot-out with police. The bodies of two men who had been shot and one who had been burnt were found.

■ A man and a woman were injured in an attack on Nguni Hostel in Vosloorus and a man was killed by a knife-wielding gang in Daveyton — Crime Staff.

Officials find war psychosis

TEC report reveals daily horror

■ BY ESTHER WAUGH
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A report describing the horrors of the violence-torn East Rand has been presented to the Transitional Executive Council.

An all-party plan to bring peace to the area is still being worked on.

The report reveals a deeply divided and devastated area.

It was compiled by the TEC's joint executive secretaries — Government constitutional adviser Fanie van der Merwe and ANC negotiator Mac Maharaj — following a visit to the East Rand last week, after a TEC decision that urgent steps be taken to curb the violence there.

Presenting the report, Maharaj said it was imperative that the TEC initiative be co-ordinated with others, including the De Klerk-Mandela peace plan.

The TEC decided last night that it should "drive" a co-ordinated multiparty peace plan.

It is understood that President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela are likely to meet again before the end of the week.

De Klerk said the Government would, before the end of the week, announce certain steps to end the violence.

Maharaj told the TEC that strangers entering ANC or IFP "territories" were tested to see whether they supported the party, and if they failed, the likelihood of surviving was "slim".

PROBE by Govt and ANC representatives follows urgent decision to curb East Rand violence

Describing a "dead zone" near hostels, Maharaj said abandoned vehicles remained there without anything stolen from the cars. The police station in Tokoza had "nothing to do" and "no one goes there to file complaints".

Turning to hostels near the Kwezini railway station, he said two were vacant after residents had driven out the inmates.

In Phola Park, there was no water, garbage removal or sewerage, he said.

The squatter camps at Mandela Park, Holomisa Park and Tambo Camp were situated on a river bed and unsuitable for permanent housing.

In non-IFP areas, schools were functioning, but in IFP areas no schooling was taking place.

Maharaj said it seemed that the residents were caught up in a war psychosis. All East Rand residents despaired of any solution being found.

The same situation pertained to members of the SAP's Internal Stability Unit. "They don't know what they should be doing."

Little hope of solutions to FA woes

■ POLITICAL STAFF

Cape Town — Efforts to draw the Freedom Alliance into taking part in the election and the new constitutional system appear to be heading for failure according to top government sources.

Another trilateral meeting between the Government, ANC and the alliance is being held in Pretoria today but Government leaders had little hope of it succeeding in resolving differences.

They said problems were the CP's insistence on a "volkstaat" and the ANC's hardline attitude.

The alliance wants the rights of regional governments to be entrenched in a new constitution and the guarantee that future central governments will not be able to change these. It is also demanding separate ballot papers for central and regional government elections.

Government sources said the intransigence of the CP and ANC may wreck last-minute efforts to come to some agreement. The attitudes of Inkatha, and lately of Bophuthatswana, have been more reasonable. Ciskei recently withdrew from the alliance.

The deadline set for the talks is February 24.

TEC to ask KZP police head about death squads

■ BY ESTHER WAUGH
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KwaZulu Police (KZP) Commissioner Lieutenant-General Roy During will be requested to attend next week's meeting of the Transitional Executive Council, where he will be asked about a hit squad in the KZP ranks.

Speaking during yesterday's TEC meeting, SA Communist

Party chairman Joe Slovo said During would be asked for an explanation of the existence and operations of the hit squad.

The Goldstone Commission found last year that a hit squad within KZP ranks had killed nine people.

The TEC also resolved that it request the State President to appoint a commission of inquiry into the crisis in TPA hospitals.

It also appointed the five-member Special Electoral Court, which will adjudicate in disputes arising out of the TEC and the Independent Electoral Commission.

The three members designated by the Chief Justice are Mr Justice JW Smalberger of the Appellate Division, Mr Justice JM Didcott of the Natal Supreme Court and Mr Justice PJ

van der Walt of the Pretoria Supreme Court.

The TEC further appointed the Independent Media Commission (IMC), which will ensure all political parties receive equitable treatment by State-run media.

The IMC will be chaired by Mr Justice John Trengove, a retired judge.

'70 percent will vote for ANC'

The ANC would get 70,3 percent of votes in the coming election if its support in the TBVC states was taken into account, according to the Human Sciences Research Council.

The HSRC said yesterday it had processed data not included in its November/December survey, which put the ANC's support at 67 percent. — Sapa

Bid for Bekkersdal peace

■ BY MONTSHIWA MOROKE

United Nations monitors have joined a local interim peace structure in Bekkersdal on the West Rand, and there is already optimism that the situation could return to normal.

On Monday the UN team joined the local monitoring committee to observe the safe return of Kgothlang Senior Secondary School pupils as they trickled back to school for registration.

Violence has split Bekkersdal in two and left at least 15 people

dead since December 18.

On Friday, the Ministers' Fraternal, a group of clergymen, invited Azapo, PAC, ANC, IFP and taxi association officials to a meeting where two representatives from each organisation were elected to the committee.

A spokesman for the clergymen said the committee's objective was to work towards peace.

Parents have also been invited to join this body, and hopes are high that the invitation will be extended to the Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat.

Tension grows between ANC, IFP in Alex

■ BY ABDUL MILAZI

Tension is mounting between ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party factions in Alexandra, near Sandton, following the death of IFP leader Simon Mlambo, who was killed by unknown gunmen on Friday.

Another IFP member was killed on Monday when residents from the IFP-aligned "Beirut" section were allegedly shot at by Alexandra youths while on their

way to attend the Zulu rally in Pretoria.

Seven shacks and several cars were burnt in Alexandra in what residents claimed was a retaliatory attack by IFP supporters.

However, Alexandra IFP deputy chairman Phillip Dlangamandla disputed the allegations. He said the IFP had never attacked anyone, and it was only now that its supporters would start defending themselves.

Police raided the M1 Hostel yesterday after one of its resi-

dents had shot at passers-by with a handgun. A homemade revolver was confiscated.

Lieutenant Roger Houston, who led the raid, said one of his patrols had seen someone shooting at passers-by through a window at about 11.30 am. No one was injured.

Dlangamandla said about 20 IFP members had not returned from the Pretoria rally and the IFP suspected that they had been abducted by Alexandra residents.

He added that ANC-aligned Alexandra residents had declared war on the IFP.

"Now that peace is no more, the IFP will not take part in local peace structures and will never be part of any future peace efforts. We will fight because we are not afraid," Dlangamandla said.

■ Hostel residents yesterday claimed that police stole money and damaged their furniture during the raid. The SAP denied the allegations.

'IFP man's death is result of dispute'

Reconstruction of Alexandra halted

■ BY ANNA COX

The future of a R3.5 million reconstruction plan for Alexandra lies in the balance following the death of IFP hostels general secretary Simon Mlambo last week.

Work on the first phase of the plan and the fencing of the Beirut area — a buffer zone between the hostels and greater Alexandra — came to an abrupt halt this week following his death.

IFP Youth Brigade leader Phillip Ndlangamandla said he believed Mlambo's death was a direct result of a dispute over the fencing contract which had been awarded to Mlambo last

THE future of a plan to reconstruct Alexandra is uncertain as parties wrangle over contracts

Wednesday.

The dispute erupted in December last year between the various political parties over whom the contract for the fencing, demolition and reconstruction of the area should be awarded to.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has allocated R3.5 million for the demolition and reconstruction of houses which were abandoned when

about 3 000 people fled the violence there in 1992.

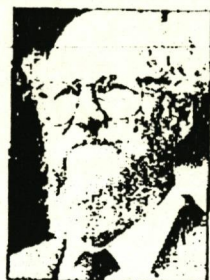
It had been stipulated that Alexandra contractors should be used but, because consensus could not be reached, an outside contractor from Soweto was appointed for the demolition work.

The homes in the Beirut area were razed to the ground during violence in March 1992 and since then the refugees have been living in church halls and civic offices in cramped and overcrowded conditions.

It had been hoped that reconstruction would start almost immediately so that families could move back into their homes by mid-year.

**Phosa's in-law
a DP leader**

ANC legal affairs head
and eastern Transvaal
chairman Matthew
Phosa's mother-in-law,
Venge Habile, has been
elected leader of the DP
in the same region. —
Political Correspondent.



Patrick Laurence
looks at an
apparent
paradox in ANC
economic policy

*In other words,
they will
nationalise
the assets
but not the
profits.*

Nationalisation and the ANC

The African National Congress has adopted apparently contradictory positions in its attempts to mollify anxiety over proposals to reconstruct the economy after the April 27 elections.

The contradiction may, however, be more apparent than real — a case of different emphases rather than fundamental discrepancy.

The proposals, contained in the ANC-led alliance's newly released discussion document *Reconstruction and Development*, have rekindled anxiety in the business community and among the ANC's political opponents that the ANC may be regressing to its previous belief in socialism and nationalisation as panaceas for South Africa's economic ills.

The section on mining and minerals — released by ANC spokesman on the mining industry Paul Jourdan two days before the formal release of the whole document — seems to have been mainly responsible for the disquiet which soon greeted the draft proposals.

Challenging the present system, in which minerals are owned by private mining companies, the document declares: "The minerals in the ground belong to all South Africans, including future generations. Thus we must

seek the return of mineral rights to the democratic government, which should in turn give the people control over optimum exploitation of them."

The declaration recalls the sentence in the ANC's 1955 Freedom Charter: "The mineral wealth in the soil, the banks and monopoly industry shall be transferred to the ownership of the people as a whole."

The Freedom Charter is important for two primary reasons: it was the political manifesto of the ANC and its allies for years and even today serves as an inspirational declaration; it was adopted in June 1955 by the "Congress of the People" when nationalisation and socialism were still seen as answers to the world's ills, not least by the ANC.

Minerals

There is thus an understandable tendency for conservatives in business and in politics to fear that calls for the ownership of minerals to revert to "the people" may presage transfer of the ownership of banks and "monopoly industry" to the people under an ANC government.

The ANC's political foes charge that the ANC is surreptitiously reinstating its supposedly abandoned policy of nationalisation, with potentially devastating consequences for South Africa.

The Chamber of Mines, in a more considered response, observes that the primary challenge facing the mining industry is to mobilise the capital and skills to extract South Africa's decreasing mineral resources from the ground.

It makes two further pertinent points: that the prevailing system of mineral ownership has served South Africa well and that minerals have no value until extracted and sold.

The ANC, in a bid to counter the chorus of opposition, makes two seemingly contradictory points:

Jourdan and the ANC's information and publicity department say there is nothing new in the statement on ownership of minerals, that it is a restatement of policy delineated in the Freedom Charter and the 1992 policy document, *Ready to Govern*.

Nelson Mandela takes the opposite tack, stating: "Although the clause on mining is still in the Freedom Charter, we have made the shift away from nationalisation."

Thus the ANC is simultaneously emphasising continuity with and divergence from the Freedom Charter.

The anomaly can, however, be resolved. ANC economic policy is evolving, a process which logically implies a link and a break with the past.

Public ownership of the minerals beneath the soil is still ANC policy,

but the wholesale nationalisation implicit in the sweeping rhetoric of the Freedom Charter is not.

Transfer of the ownership of minerals to "the people" need not mean nationalisation. *HO HO*

As the ANC's information department has pointed out, ownership of mineral rights is vested in the State, or the Crown or the people in democratic Australia, Canada, Botswana and parts of the United States.

Whereas Mandela reiterated in January 1990 that "nationalisation of the mines, banks and monopoly industry is the policy of the ANC" and that "a change or modification of our views is unthinkable", he now emphasises that ANC policy has shifted fundamentally.

Investors

To quote from his address to the ANC Youth League last Friday: "We have guaranteed investors against confiscation of their property and have guaranteed their right to repatriate their profits and dividends."

Mandela, like many of his comrades in the ANC leadership, has noted that nationalisation and socialism falled lamentably in the former Soviet Union and its satellites.

He, like them, is now committed to a mixed economy which seeks to re-

concile a strong and vigorous private sector with a degree of state intervention.

But as political analyst Michael Kentridge observes of the ANC's revised economic policy: "... while the state continues to play a central role, that role is explicitly within the context of a mixed economy; socialism of either the East European or African variety does not feature."

But the evolution of ANC policy away from socialism does not mean that there is nothing to worry about in its *Reconstruction and Development Programme* or in the framework of the ANC-linked Macro-Economic Research Group (MERG).

Nationalisation is not at the core of the debate: it is mooted as a selectively applied option rather than an instrument of a wholesale policy.

But ANC economic policy still contains contentious proposals, ranging from a reconstruction levy (a wealth tax) to laws compelling major financial institutions to forgo their "excessive risk aversion" and lend money to, and invest in, black-owned enterprises.

These proposals have been forged to help the ANC address the central challenge: redressing the glaring disparities bequeathed by decades of apartheid.

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The IFP president reiterated his "total commitment" to a negotiated constitutional settlement but said the government and ANC had "our balls in their court (sic)".

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The Zulu king

THE name of KwaZulu was not included in the new constitution devised and signed last year, and, according to Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini, the Zulu nation took this as a serious insult. The whole of Natal and KwaZulu was, they believed, theirs — just as it had been the land of their fathers. They feared dispossession, and they feared, too, that in the egalitarian new South Africa the monarchy and the Zulu Kingdom would be given no recognition and no status; they would simply vanish. They wished for a federal system in which the kingdom of Natal-KwaZulu would be federated to, but not merged with, the rest of South Africa. It was these fears and frustrations which took the Inkatha Freedom Party out of the multi-party negotiations, and which caused it to opt out of the April elections.

The latter decision, however, lost the IFP support, even as it boosted support for the ANC. Clearly, this fact must have been at least a part of the motivation for the talks on Monday between the government, including President F.W. de Klerk, and a Zulu delegation of which King Zwelithini was a member, even though he is by definition apolitical. The discussion was successful, in that it was announced afterwards that a working group would be formed whose task would be to investigate ways of recognising and assuring both the monarchy and the Zulu kingdom. This is an important step forward, and the first cautious reopening of the door to participation in the elections. It is to be hoped that all concerned will do everything in their power to open this door still wider so that IFP supporters may express their wishes through the ballot box. This would certainly be infinitely more desirable than their expression, later, of anger and disappointment through violence and bloodshed.

Anti-KZT protest

KWAZULU Transport (KZT) employees will march through the city today, protesting retrenchments that will result from the withdrawal of bus services to the Edendale Valley on January 30.

The march, which has been organised by the Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU), will start at 11 am from Market Square and proceed to the KZT offices in Berg Street to hand over a memorandum.

Union spokesman Bheki Ngidi said that 147 KZT employees have received notice of retrenchment. He added that the company ignored union suggestions on improving operations.

Yesterday the Chamber of Commerce held a crisis meeting on the service's withdrawal.

— Witness Reporter

March to stop 'MK training'

INKATHA Freedom Party supporters marched to the Mpumalanga police station yesterday afternoon to protest against the alleged training of Mkhonto We Sizwe recruits in the eMalahleni township.

KwaZulu Police station commander in Ngwenyama, Captain Ngwenyama, said he received a memorandum from the protesters which called on him to put an end to the training at a local stadium. — Sapa.

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IFP wins reprieve for squatters

THE Inkatha Freedom Party said yesterday it has won a temporary reprieve for the Duku community for the demolition of squatter dwellings. IFP spokesman Ed Tillet said Inkatha leaders and Duku community members met Natal MEC Val Volker last weekend where the concession was granted. — Sapa.

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Mandela: Might be in national interest

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Non-ANC leader mooted

PRETORIA—Nelson Mandela said yesterday that even if the ANC won South Africa's first democratic elections in April, it could be in the "national interest" to have a non-ANC head of state.

Speaking at a press briefing after talks with visiting French foreign minister Alain Juppe, Mr. Mandela said it was not up to him to suggest who should be the next president of South Africa.

"In our organisation we have men and women of real balance and integrity who could fill the position," the ANC president said.

"It may be of national interest to have a president outside the ANC," Mr. Mandela added, without being more specific.

He declared that the government to be formed after the poll on April 27 would be one of national unity, bringing minority parties into a power-sharing arrangement with the winner of the poll.

All political parties in South Africa should take part in the election, Mr. Mandela said.

Asked about threats by the Freedom Alliance of conservatives, notably the IFP and the white far-right, to boycott the poll, Mr. Mandela said: "We will continue until the very last moment to persuade them to join us and come along with us."

He also warned against putting too much faith in current opinion polls which put the ANC well ahead in the electoral race, pointing at the strength of the ruling white

minority NP.

"The NP may be illegitimate and corrupted," Mr. Mandela said, "but they are an efficient political party."

He also said the danger of violence destabilising the process to democracy should not be underestimated.

There were minority groups which were not only concerned about their future and values, but which were determined to arrest all movement to a democratic future.

It was the democratic movement's duty to address the fears of all South Africans, including those of minorities.

Mr. Mandela said a holistic strategy should be applied to solve the violence.

The plan discussed with President De Klerk could be jeopardised if details were

published prematurely, because it involved a number of parties. But Mr. Mandela said measures could include a region being declared a disaster area, that the entire community be involved in upgrading programmes, and that hostels be turned into family units.

Tremendous progress had been made in building a new South Africa, and there were many people who were determined to contribute to this process.

The ANC should be on its toes, for while the government might be tagged as illegitimate, paralysed by corruption and accused of orchestrating violence, it remained devastatingly effective in elections.

Mr. Juppe said France was ready to assist in training the peacekeeping force. — (Sapa)

Court sequel to shareblock sale

Court Reporter

THREE Amanzimtoti businessmen, including a Kingsburgh councillor, appeared in the Durban regional court yesterday on allegations of fraud, contravening the Shareblocks Control Act and theft of R45 000.

Town councillor 58-year-old Mr. Gladstone Goosen, Mr. Tony Feasey, 48, and Mr. Samuel Richard Markram, 52, will plead to the allegations today.

Mr. Feasey has also been cited in his capacity as representative of Coastline Estate Agents.

The charges relate to a property sold to a company called Coastline Crescent Shareblock.

The state will allege that on April 18, 1990, Coastline unlawfully sold the property to Mr. Dale Karon Feasey for R80 000 without a special resolution of a general meeting of the company approving the

Freedom Alliance, govt, ANC in last-ditch talks

By Donwald Pressly
Political Reporter

JOHANNESBURG—The Freedom Alliance has until Monday to reach constitutional agreement with the government and the ANC if a special session of parliament can be called before the election to accommodate its demands.

The parties are holding eleven-hour talks today, headed by constitutional development minister Roelf Meyer, ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa, alliance chief negotiator Rowan Cronje and Inkatha negotiator Ben Ngwenane.

According to constitutional development spokesman Izak Reber, President De Klerk must sign any amendments to the constitution 90 days before the April 27 election.

Parliament must, therefore, approve constitutional changes next week after the multiparty negotiating coun-

the concessions.

Mr. Reber emphasised that Monday was, therefore, "definitely the deadline."

Alliance co-leader and Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthe had already expressed doubt that a breakthrough will be made, saying ANC leader Nelson Mandela is determined to become an absolute dictator in the new South Africa. He was being assisted by the National Party government in achieving this aim, he claimed.

Months of talks between the three parties have failed to reach agreement to allow the five-party alliance back on board — after it boycotted multiparty constitutional talks in July last year.

Although one member of

the alliance, Brigadier Oupa Gqozo's Ciskei government, has already agreed to participate in elections and transitional structures, Inkatha, the Conservative Party, the Boputhatsewana government and the Afrikanervolkfront still refuse to participate.

They are demanding greater provincial administrative and fiscal powers, the right to self-determination of nations, a two-vote system on April 27, preservation of provincial integrity and the right of provinces to write their own constitutions.

The government and the ANC continued to demand a commitment to the election process before agreement on these issues.

Mr. Meyer said yesterday the government's approach was to convince the alliance that the interim constitution already addressed its concerns.

FORUM

Policy questioned

SIR — With every issue of the Mercury the threat of an ANC takeover in Natal is strengthened. This newspaper's ill-advised and irresponsible campaign against the Inkatha Freedom Party in conjunction with its personal vendetta against Chief Minister Buthelezi is chipping away at the wall of Natal's defences which offers protection for a strong, quasi-autonomous federal system.

If the Editor and the board of directors would take time to read the Natal/KwaZulu Constitution as drafted by Inkatha in comparison with the infamous stuff prepared at the Trade Centre they would recognise it as a civilised system of law that gives protection to all races of this province, and takes nothing from one group to give to another.

Natal/KwaZulu, Inkatha, the whites of both languages, the Indians (Hindu and Muslim), the coloureds, plus six or seven million Zulus, bonded together offers the only opposition to the onset of an ANC dictatorship of Mandela and his Natal minions.

The Natal Newspapers' attempts to curry favour with the ANC will be just whistling in the dark once the Zumas, Gwains and Radzibes brandish the whip in Natal.

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Dukuduku forest evictions delayed

THE Natal Provincial Administration has agreed to delay evicting hundreds of squatter families from the Dukuduku forest near Mthathaba until Monday.

The Inkatha Freedom Party said the week-long moratorium had been granted by Natal MEC Val Volker following the intervention of the IFP.

A party spokesman expressed optimism that a solution to the situation could be found, adding that further meetings would be held this

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week with Mr Volker and of details.

Two squatters and one policeman have been killed during clashes at Dukuduku, sparked by the NFA's decision to evict thousands of people from the rare indigenous forest.

Mr Volker said yesterday that relocations would start on Monday, although it was hoped that squatters would agree to move voluntarily.

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Put KwaZulu police under SAP control, Goldstone urged

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IMEDIATE steps should be taken to ensure that the policing in Natal during the general election is both effective and independent and this can be achieved if the KwaZulu police is immediately put under the direct command of the South African Police, the Goldstone sub-committee hearing was told this week.

Concluding its sitting in Durban, the committee, chaired by advocate M Wallis, had investigated alleged KZP involvement in public violence and intimidation in Natal.

Representing the ANC and Cosatu, and the family of the slain ANC leader Reggie Hadebe, Mr Gilbert Marcus SC said that, regardless of whether KwaZulu chief minister and Inkatha Freedom Party president Mangosuthu Buthe had boycotted the elections, "the potential for bloody conflict in Natal looks large".

He said that all 28 homeland police stations should be put under the command of the SAP, adding that the command assumed by the SAP should be integrated down to each police station so that the day-to-day activities of the police are subject to direct control of the SAP.

He said this could only be achieved by placing a senior SAP officer in charge of every police station in KwaZulu. Alternatively, a team of independent police men, including, if necessary, foreign experts, should conduct an independent audit of all cases involving serious crime currently being investigated by the KZP.

Mr Marcus said: "This team ought to be given the power to give directions for further investigations of the cases involved. However, this alternative suggestion will not carry with it the necessary guarantees of effective and independent policing which are required in the run-up to the elections."

He said the lack of efficiency and ineptitude of the KZP was in itself a cause for extreme concern. Absent an efficient and effective law enforcement mechanism, the

community would inevitably lose faith in the police force and resort to self-help.

"When ineptitude is combined with political partisanship, there exists a serious potential for the complete breakdown of law and order."

The committee was told of members of the KwaZulu police undergoing training courses in the Capriv and being given lectures on the ANC "as an enemy of the IFF and the KZP".

He said that a "great majority of the Capriv trainees are still employed by the KZP", they were "highly unsatisfactory" and "an inference can be drawn that they were not trained solely for VIP protection".

The nature of some of the training, the secrecy of the project, the lack of candour when the truth began to emerge and the connection of trainees with acts of public violence, all continued to fuel the perception that the SAP was assisting KZP and IFF leaders to build a private hit squad facility for use against the UDF and later the ANC.

The committee also heard that an audit inspection of the reaction unit in Ulundi, conducted in September 1991, revealed that a substantial number of weapons were simply unaccounted for and that the auditor-general concluded the "internal checking and control over stores, equipment and armory leaves much to be desired".

In support of the ANC suggestions, Mr Howard Varney of the Legal Resources Centre in Durban said an alternative might be to place KZP activities under scrutiny in the run-up to elections.

If the KZP are left to their own devices, there would appear little prospect of stability and free and fair campaigning in KwaZulu areas.

The Goldstone sub-committee is investigating six incidents which allegedly linked the KZP to public violence and intimidation.

KZP legal representative Louis Visser SC said this had not been proved.

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Royal puzzle

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SUGGESTIONS OF political manipulation and the use of taxpayers' money to swell the Zulu demonstration in support of King Goodwill Zwelithini's meeting with President De Klerk, pose various questions which the KwaZulu government needs to answer. Apart from endangering public order, it needs to give a full account of its involvement in arranging the demonstration as well as how supporters' travelling costs were paid.

However, none of this detracts from the seriousness of the issues raised at the meeting regarding the future role of the Zulu monarchy. It is evident from Monday's events, as it has been clear over many years, that this is an issue both of vast complexity and vital importance to the political future of this province.

One problem, demonstrated again in Monday's events, is the extent to which the monarchy has been drawn into party politics. It has complicated the issue by making it practically impossible for any solution not to be seen as a victory for one side and a defeat for the other.

Fortunately, Mr De Klerk seems to have gained a fair understanding at the meeting of the need to resolve the issue. Having to engineer his own government's demise, it has become his lot to show understanding to all sides. But the agreement to appoint a working group to see how the monarchy could be accommodated in the interim constitution should go some way towards defusing the issue.

The ANC is in a more difficult position. Conceding to the king's demand for a two-ballot system could cost it control of Natal. But to avoid being seen to be disrespectful it might feel obliged to agree to having the monarchy's position constitutionally defined. We believe the best way is to have a two-ballot system, and that the position of the monarchy should then be written into the constitution of Natal/KwaZulu.