

New bid to form Natal talks group

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Political Correspondent

MEMBERS of the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party would try next Wednesday to form a Natal regional dispute resolution committee, Dr Frank Mdlalose, national chairman of the IFP, said yesterday.

He was addressing a Diakonia briefing.

The national peace secretariat, set up in terms of the National Peace Accord, had the task of establishing regional dispute resolution committees and local dispute resolution committees.

Dr Mdlalose said the task of forming these committees was proving difficult. "I am sorry to say that much bickering and much jockeying for positions has taken place in setting up the national peace secretariat."

The IFP member of the national peace secretariat kept him informed about what was happening there and "it is not all so very glorious".

Peace

Dr Mdlalose said he and the deputy secretary general of the ANC, Mr Jacob Zuma, had for more than a year been engaged in attempts to bring about peace in Natal.

Mr Zuma was to have addressed the briefing yesterday as well, but because of delays in Johannesburg arrived at the venue just as Dr Mdlalose was leaving to attend a KwaZulu Legislative Assembly caucus meeting.

Dr Mdlalose said: "No doubt we have not achieved much success. Violence still goes on as all of you know."

But their attempts had not been completely in vain, Dr Mdlalose said. Their efforts had brought some control in Umgababa, violence had diminished in Ndwedwe, and reconstruction work had begun in Mpumalanga where the local ANC, IFP and business community had been roped in.

"You can imagine how my heart was rent when on November 18 at the Durban City Hall an attempt by the national peace secretariat to establish a Natal regional dispute committee could not reach consensus. The meeting was adjourned until December 4."

Dr Mdlalose said Mr Zuma "only arrived when we were taking up our papers" — two-and-a-half hours after the meeting had started.

Dr Mdlalose said Mr Willis Mchunu from the ANC's northern Natal region could "hardly make an impact" in terms of reaching consensus on issues.

Applauded

The ANC had arrived with a list of other political groups they thought were relevant in the Natal region who should be brought onto the committee. The IFP applauded the list but wanted to add a few organisations as well. It was "then the dispute started coming up", Dr Mdlalose said.

He hoped the differences could be resolved to allow the regional and local committees to be set up.

Of the commission of inquiry into the Thokoza massacre under Advocate Masakazi Sithole, Dr Mdlalose said there was a need for IFP witnesses to prepare affidavits. This required the help of advocates and attorneys, which cost money the IFP did not have. This meant IFP witnesses would fail to testify, Dr Mdlalose said.

If this happened, the commission would fail to bring out the truth and people would know that the facts were not revealed.

"You can imagine what frustration will follow and what this will mean to the credibility of the commission, the Peace Accord and peace itself," Dr Mdlalose said.

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ANC-govt deal 'exposed'

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by WYNDHAM HARTLEY
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THE Government and the African National Congress have struck a secret deal in spite of imminent all-party negotiations, the Pan Africanist Congress claimed yesterday.

The PAC, in a move that irreparably damages the highly-acclaimed Patriotic Front, challenged in a document that the government and the ANC had made far-reaching agreements about an interim government outside of the all-party negotiations.

It also charged that the ANC, its leading partner in the PF, was not committed to a constituent assembly, but could go it alone in the months ahead.

Furiously denied by both the ANC and the government, the claims inevitably raise serious questions about negotiations for which final arrangements are to be made tomorrow.

The PAC, the government and the ANC are among 22 organisations sched-

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uled to attend a final preparatory meeting for an all-party conference at a Johannesburg hotel.

The document must now be the most important topic at a meeting which was to decide administrative details such as venue and chairman.

The document apparently consists of minutes of a meeting between ANC secretary for foreign affairs Thabo Mbeki and Frontline States ambassadors to the United Nations.

According to the minutes, leaked to the PAC by an ambassador in New York, the ANC agreed to drop its demand for a Constituent Assembly in order that a new administrative organ be in place by February, 1992.

The ANC last night emphatically denied there was any truth to this and Mbeki suggested that the minutes were a fabrication.

"It is certainly not a record of the meeting I attended," Mbeki said.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said: "The ANC utterly repudiates these unfounded assertions ...

and shall seek means other than the mass media to pursue them with the leadership of the PAC."

Ramaphosa said that since the suspension of constitutional talks with the National Party in April, the ANC had not entered into discussions with either the NP or the government regarding the interim government, the proposed Referendum Bill or the Constituent Assembly.

Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen also rejected the claims, saying recent past disinformation about the negotiations had been made available to the press.

He also denied that either the government or the National Party had conducted any negotiations with the ANC about constitutional change.

Herstigte Nasionale Party leader Jaap Marais described the alleged agreement as "shocking confirmation of ugly political intrigue against the country's whites" and said if true it made mockery of the tomorrow's discussions and the All-Party Conference.

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ANC/Govt 'secret deal' claim

By Chris Whitfield
Political Correspondent

A ROW has broken out between the ANC and PAC on the eve of tomorrow's preparatory meeting on the multi-party talks.

The PAC, producing what it described as evidence of ANC and Government manipulation of the negotiation process and a secret agreement to install an interim government, accused the ANC of "deceit and duplicity".

The ANC's Mohammed Valli Moosa responded by calling the minutes of a meeting addressed by international affairs head Thabo Mbeki — and on which the PAC based its claims — a "gross distortion" and fabrication.

Last night Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen claimed that disinformation about negotiations between the Government and the ANC had been made

available to the Press.

There was no question of agreements with the ANC on a so-called interim government nor any other constitutional matter.

"Negotiations ... have so far centred on the negotiation process and security problems," he said.

PAC officials told a press conference that Mr Mbeki told a New York briefing of UN-based ambassadors from the Frontline states that the ANC and Government had agreed to an interim government.

The ANC "wanted it installed by February".

Tomorrow's talks steering committee meeting would consider a "declaration of in-

tent" that would form the legal basis of decisions taken by the talks. "Provisions of the declaration of intent will override present SA law whenever the two are at variance," said the minutes.

The ANC, while purporting to be briefing the PAC fully on its "secret meetings with the regime", had neglected to mention several apparent agreements.

These included the declaration of intent, the interim government issue, and discussions the ANC had held with the Government on the Referendum Bill.

Most significantly, the ANC had never communicated with the PAC that it had problems with the constituent assembly, "the bedrock of our agreement to form a patriotic front", the PAC said.

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ANC accused of secret pact with govt

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PATRICK BULGER

SECRET meetings between government and the ANC had led to an agreement on an interim government by February next year, joint decision-making on future legislation and the lifting of all remaining sanctions, the PAC claimed yesterday.

Producing what it said were the minutes of a briefing given by ANC international affairs director Thabo Mbeki to African ambassadors to the UN earlier this month, the PAC lashed out at its patriotic front partner, the ANC, accusing it of "deceit and duplicity".

But its deputy president Dikgang Moseneke said the PAC would still attend tomorrow's preparatory talks for a multiparty conference.

Both government and the ANC yesterday denied the PAC claims.

Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen said neither government nor the NP had negotiated with the ANC on constitutional matters. "Negotiations of the government with the ANC have so far centred on the negotiation process and security problems," he said.

TIM COHEN reports ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said: "The ANC utterly repudiates the unfounded assertions... and shall seek means other than the mass media to pursue them with the leadership of the PAC."

At a hastily called news conference last night, Mbeki said no minutes were kept at the meeting.

Mbeki said everything he told the meeting was in line with the ANC's position. "Someone is trying to create mischief."

Ramaphosa said the PAC's statement,

although reckless, was only a "hiccup" in the ANC relations with the PAC and would not affect the patriotic front.

A senior NP source said the declaration of intent referred to in the minutes had in fact been discussed in meetings between the ANC and government.

"A declaration of intent has been mooted for the agenda of the (multiparty conference) meeting on December 20. It was mooted in meetings with the ANC," the source said.

The PAC's document is two pages long and purports to be the minutes of a "lively meeting" which lasted for three-and-a-half hours. The PAC said Mbeki had asked the ambassadors to exclude the PAC's UN representative from the briefing.

Asked why the PAC was not invited to the meeting, Mbeki said last night he had gone to the UN to assist with the drafting of resolutions about SA, and the ANC had therefore called a meeting of states, because they were the ones that could cast votes. "The PAC does the same."

Based on what has emerged regarding negotiations in the past few weeks, much of the document is correct.

It says: "The steering committee on the 29th of November will first consider a 'Declaration of Intent'. The declaration of intent will set up the legal basis for the decisions of the conference. It will set (out) how decisions will be arrived at and how they will be incorporated into the SA law. Provisions of the declaration of intent will override present SA law wherever the two

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Okusha ngofakazi owathunjwa ecaleni lika Winnie Mandela

X ETHEKWINI: Izimpawu zonke zikhomba ukuthi umhlangano wakusasa eGoli ngolwesiHlanu odidiyele amaqembu ehlukeni ezombusazwe lapho kuzobe kwenziwa khona amalungiselelo omhlangano omkhulu wangoDecember, uzoba nezithuywa ezithile, lapho i-ANC ikakhulu izozama khona ukusebenzisa amasu okubambezela.

Ngalelisonto i-ANC yenqabile ukubonisana neNkatha Freedom Party (IFP) ngamalungiselelo omhlangano, esikhundleni salokho yakhetha ukuhlala phansi nezikhulu zikaHulumeni ezingabeLungu ukwenza uhlelo lomhlangano.

Umhlangano uzokwenzelwa eJan Smuts Holiday Inn futhi ngeke zivunyelwe izintatheli ukuba zingene lapho wenzelwe khona.

Isikhubekiso sokuqala kulomhlangano kuzobangenesokuthi ngubani ozobangusihlalo. Phezu kokuba i-IFP, uHulumeni kanye nabamele ohulumeni basezabelweni sebevumelene ngokuthi kufanele usihlalo womhla-

ngano odidiyele amaqembu kubeliJaji elikhulu laseSouth Africa, i-ANC iyakwenqaba lokhu.

I-ANC ifuna iJaji elikhulu lisizwe ngabefundisi ababili, kodwa uSihlalo kaZwelonke we-IFP, uDr. F.T. Mdlalose, uthe i-IFP ayikwemukeli lokhu.

UDr. Mdlalose uthe i-IFP ayisiboni isizathu sokuba iJaji elikhulu lisizwe ngabefundisi. Uthe lokhu kungenxa yokuthi abefundisi noma abantu abavela kwamanye amaqembu ngeke bakwazi ukukubalekela ukuthi basolwe ngokuthi bachele ma neqembu elithile.

UDr. Mdlalose uthe, ngomoya wokuvumelana, i-IFP iphakamise ukuthi uma iJaji elikhulu kumele lisizwe, kufanele lisizwe ngamanye amaJaji. Nalokhu ikwenqabile i-ANC.

UDr. Mdlalose udalule ukuthi i-IFP ivumile ukuthi izokwemukela ukubakhona kwabefundisi ezingxoxweni uma nje bezobhekana nokuthula nokuthandazela izingxoxo kuSomandla. Nalokhu futhi ikwenqabile i-ANC.

LETTERS

Buthelezi's doublespeak raises doubts

Dear Sir,

IT WAS encouraging to hear Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, on his recent return from Europe, say "his party would approach the (multi-party) talks with an open mind". It was, however, in conflict with his statement at the same time — that Inkatha would not accept the appointment of the reverends Johan Heyns and Stanley Mogoba as co-conveners with the Chief Justice.

He justified this closed mind approach by saying "it is well known that the 'church' in SA takes political sides". It is not clear whether Buthelezi's objection is to participation by every member of a church in SA, be it bishop, cleric or laity.

In either case Buthelezi's objection is irresponsible and derogatory of the upholders of the Christian religion which he on occasion professes.

His violent insistence on the right

of his followers to carry arms and his aggrandisement of the traditions and customs of his pagan forbears does not indicate that he, or Inkatha, have much to contribute to either Christianity or democracy in SA.

JACK CURTIS
Norwood

Engel
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Inkulumo yomholi we-ANC

efudumeze amalungu eNyuvesi

DUMISANI ZUNGU

ETHEKWINI:-Iphini likaNobhala jikele we-African National Congress (ANC), uMnu. Jacob Zuma, evula ngokomthetho ingqungquthela yesifunda saseNatal eseNingizimu ufudumeze amalungu alenhlango

Lomhlango wonyaka ubuwenzelwe eNyuvesi yaseDurban Westville ngomGqibelo ekuseni.

Lokhu ukwenze ngesikhathi ewazisa ukuthi yiwona ayokhipha umhlahlandlela ozoyisa

inhlangano yabo nabantu baseSouth Africa enkulelekeni ebuswa ngokwentando yeningi.

UMnu. Zuma uthe njengoba behlangene la-pha kubaluleke kakhulu amalungu alesi-sifunda ukuba athi ukubheka emuva kancane ukuze ahlale umsebenzi osuwniwe kulokhu inhlangano yabo yakhululwa ngokusemthethweni nguHulumeni waseSouth Africa eminyakeni ecishe ibemibili eyedlule.

Uthe beze kulomhlango ukuzosebenzisa amalungelo abo ukuthuthukisa inhlangano yabo. Wathi ngesikhathi behla-

ngene engqungqutheleni yabo yokuqala kulendawo ngonyaka odlule izwe lalisemanzonzo futhi inhlangano yabo isanda kukhululwa

UMnu. Zuma uthe kufanele kucace kahle ukuthi babhekene nezinkinga zokwakha abantu babo, ezinkingeni ezikhona wakhala ngodlame oselushiye iningi labantu abaNyama beyizinkedama abanye bekhungethwe yindlala, abanye bengenamizi futhi bengenalutho nokwandise ubuphofu.

Izithunywa ebezivela emazikweni ahlukene akulesisifunda ashaye eli-

khulu ihlombe ngesikhathi uMnu. Zuma ethi okubalulekile wukuba babheke umhlahlandlela wokuthi inhlangano yabo kanye nabantu ebamela baya kanjani ekwakheni iSouth Africa ebuswa yintando yeningi, engabandlululi ngokwebala nangobulili nananoma yiluphi uhlobo lokubandlulula.

Uthe yilengqungquthela ezokhipha izinqumo zokuthi yiyo yiphi indlela okuzohanjwa ngayo ukuze bafinyelele ekukhululeni lelizwe ekubusweni yidlanzana labamhlophe. Wathi kuncike kubona ukuthi balihola kanjani izwe.



UMNUZ. Jacob Zuma ongakwesokunxele kwabamile ethula inkulumo yokwamukela izithunywa ezivela emazikweni ehlukene esifunda saseNatal eseNingizimu engqungqutheleni yesibili yonyaka yalesisifunda, ebiyenzelwe eNyuvesi yaseDurban Westville ngeedlule, kwesokunxele uMnu. Bheki Cele obetolika ngesiZulu kanti abahlezi phansi yizikhulu eziphethe lesisiyingi.

ANC accused of striking deal with Pretoria

ANC accused of striking secret deal with S Africa

By Ross Dunn in Johannesburg

THE South African government and the African National Congress (PAC) yesterday accused the leadership of the African National Congress (ANC) of having engaged in secret meetings with the South African government where they had struck a deal to rule the country jointly; to establish an interim government by February; to declare apartheid dead; and to abandon the call for international sanctions.

The claim, denied by the government and the ANC, was made by the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC), which recently agreed to form a united front with the ANC against the government at the impending talks on a new, non-racial constitution.



Mrs Lidia van Heerden:
fled South Africa

Nude photos envoy sacked

A SOUTH African woman diplomat has been sacked after allegedly passing information to an Arab who blackmailed her with nude photographs taken during an affair in New York, writes Ross Dunn in Johannesburg.

Her lover, an Arab diplomat, sent the explicit photographs of Mrs Lidia van Heerden, 32, and himself to the South African Department of Foreign Affairs. The Afrikaans newspaper Beeld said she had been fired from the department and had fled the country with her second husband, a South African.

The South African government rejected suggestions that the national interest had been compromised, and said Mrs van Heerden, who had worked in its United Nations embassy, had divulged little of "real interest".

Mr Benny Alexander, general secretary of the PAC, accused the ANC of "deceit and duplicity" and of failing to inform its allies about "secret meetings with the regime".

He made the allegation when releasing a record of a briefing earlier this month between Mr Thabo Mbeki, ANC's foreign affairs spokesman, and African ambassadors to the United Nations. Mr Alexander said it showed the ANC had "problems" with a constituent assembly.

He said it had ditched one of the fundamental principles that had united the PAC and ANC: that this assembly would be the mechanism to draw up a new constitution.

According to the minutes, allegedly leaked to the PAC by an African UN ambassador, Mr Mbeki was reported to have said that a statement of intent would be adopted setting out the legal basis for an interim government.

This would be done at a preparatory meeting tomorrow when arrangements for the first multi-party talks on a new constitution, to be held on Dec 20 and 21, will be discussed.

Mr Mbeki suggested at a press conference that the document was fabricated. "It is certainly not a record of the meeting I attended," he said.

Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, ANC secretary general, denied that the ANC and the government had reached agreement on an interim government.

Dr Gerrit Viljoen, Minister for Constitutional Development, also denied that there was any such agreement.

Man died 'after police beating'

A 63-year-old man died of stomach injuries on Sunday after being beaten in a police station near Cape Town, the ANC said yesterday.

An ANC spokesman, said several people saw Mr Frederick Cardinal being kicked and hit. A police spokesman confirmed that he had died of abdominal injuries 24 hours after he was detained following a domestic row. — Reuter

From John Carlin
in Johannesburg

commitment to the election of a constituent assembly.

Yesterday afternoon, political commentators were describing the allegations as "a bombshell". For, if true, they meant that both the ANC and the government were going to find themselves deeply embarrassed before their respective constituencies and open to charges of elitism and treachery. Suddenly, the entire negotiating process seemed to be in jeopardy.

But by late evening, after the ANC had called its own press conference, the bombshell had be-

come — in the words of Cyril Ramaphosa, Secretary-General of the ANC — "a hiccup".

The ANC and the government swiftly and categorically denied all suggestions that any such agreements had been reached. Gerrit Viljoen, a cabinet minister and the government's chief negotiator, issued a terse statement saying as much. And Stoffel van der Merwe, Secretary-General of the National Party, did the same.

The ANC, the integrity of whose leadership had been directly questioned, went somewhat further, describing the PAC's assertions as "unfounded", "regrettable" and "reckless". There had been no change in policy whatsoever and all commitments made

within the Patriotic Front had been honoured.

At its press conference earlier the PAC had expressed total confidence in the veracity of its information, claiming it had emerged from a meeting held last week between Thabo Mbeki, the ANC's director of international affairs, and the African ambassadors at the United Nations. Indeed, the PAC provided reporters with a document which the group said contained the minutes of that meeting — minutes which Mr Mbeki was to say later had never even been taken, even though he acknowledged such a meeting had taken place.

The PAC statement was a model of outrage and indignation.

Now only the PAC, declared Benny Alexander, the organisation's Secretary-General, could legitimately be described as "the custodians of democracy".

Fortunately for Mr Alexander and the PAC, they did stop short of pulling out of the Patriotic Front and said they would attend a meeting tomorrow with the ANC and the government to discuss constitutional negotiations. This was perhaps why Mr Ramaphosa also pulled his punches yesterday evening, declaring that the Patriotic Front remained a solid unit and that the problem — created, he said, by people bent on mischief — should be regarded as a hiccup on the road to a negotiated settlement.

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Black groups row over 'deal' with Pretoria

David Beresford
in Johannesburg

ANGRY exchanges between the African National Congress (ANC) and its one-time rival for the leadership of the South African liberation struggle, the Pan-Africanist Congress (PAC), yesterday marked the build-up to multi-party talks which are tomorrow expected to set the scene for negotiations on the country's constitutional future.

The PAC, which is looking increasingly divided in its approach to the talks, yesterday claimed to have evidence showing that the ANC and the government had reached a secret agreement on the framework for a constitutional settlement.

The organisation said the ANC's foreign affairs spokesman, Thabo Mbeki, had disclosed in a briefing to Frontline ambassadors at the United Nations that agreement had been reached with the administration of President F. W. de Klerk for the introduction of an interim government in February.

In return, the ANC had allegedly agreed to abandon its key demand for the creation of an elected constituent assembly to decide on a new constitution.

The ANC last night described the allegations as "unfounded". Its secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa said: "The ANC wishes to state categorically that since the suspension of constitutional talks with the [ruling] National Party in April

1991, the ANC has entered into no discussions with either the National Party, or the South African government regarding the Interim Administration Bill or the constituent assembly."

The government's constitutional supremo, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, backed the ANC in its denials, saying no agreement had been reached with the liberation movement on any constitutional issues. "The government's negotiations with the ANC have so far centred on the negotiation process and security problems."

The PAC has been bitterly divided over whether to participate in the negotiating process.

Political commentators suspect there is an element of truth in the PAC's allegations, but it is assumed that the "understanding" is based more on a shared perception of the direction which the negotiations are likely to take, rather than a formal agreement.

More than 20 political organisations are expected to meet tomorrow at a hotel outside Jan Smuts International airport, near Johannesburg, to discuss the basis of future talks.

The government will, probably be represented separately from the ruling National Party. All 10 of the homelands are expected to participate.

The only major political groups expected to boycott the proceedings are three right-wing extremist organisations and the black consciousness movement, the Azanian People's Organisation.

Black allies fall out

FROM REUTER
IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa's radical Pan Africanist Congress yesterday accused the African National Congress of undermining their new alliance by making a secret power-sharing deal with the white government.

The PAC accused the ANC of "deceit and duplicity" just two days before the two groups' first joint meeting with President de Klerk to prepare for talks on reform.

The PAC said Nelson Mandela's group had abandoned key elements of a plan for black majority rule, agreed last month at the formation of a "Patriotic Front" aimed at stepping up the pressure for an end to 40 years of race segregation.

"The ANC is without question guilty of deceit and duplicity," Benny Alexander, the PAC general secretary, said. His statement added that ANC leaders "are prepared to rule this country in alliance with the (ruling white) National party by decree for many years to come."

But both the government and the ANC rejected the PAC charges, saying it had been the victim of a disinformation campaign.

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ANC prison camps

AN open letter to the
Zambian State President,
Mr F Chiluba.

We congratulate the
people of Zambia for hav-
ing taken this decisive
step in redressing the
chaos that they have suf-
fered for almost three
decades.

Lesser men would have
been daunted by the task
facing you and your gov-
ernment — however, we
believe that with the help
of Almighty God, you
will be able to surmount
all the problems which

you have inherited.

We appeal to you and
your government to in-
vestigate crimes com-
mitted by the ANC
against our people and
which were simply cov-
ered up by the despotic
Kaunda regime.

Please help us to ex-
pose the true nature of
the ANC prison camps
and the terrible deeds
that were committed
there.

In order to prosecute
those who were respon-

sible, extradition arrange-
ments will have to be
made with the South Afri-
can Government.

People like Cebekhulu,
who is being held against
his will, according to the
reports we have received,
should be brought back to
South Africa. They will
then be able to give their
evidence in a court of law
so that light can be shed
on their disappearance.

MWEZI TWALA

Johannesburg

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NP has capitulated

MR F W de KLERK's National Party, in its haste to accommodate the ever-escalating demands of the ANC/SACP alliance, has bent its knee in disgraceful capitulation.

The worst and most damaging act of this nature of the ill-conceived decision to open the flood-gates permitting millions of unemployable, uneducated and homeless Blacks to move from the rural areas into the White areas.

Those of our own people who cannot afford to move away from the affected areas have to look on while all which they had built in the form of housing, schools and public amenities are being destroyed by an alien people.

Law and order ceases to operate in areas where these people settle. They refuse to pay for municipal services. They refuse to pay rent. And the normal process of the law no longer operates within certain areas.

Yet the National Party can do nothing, lest it crosses the path of the ANC, and so derails their ill-conceived negotiation

process towards the so-called New South Africa.

When will Mr De Klerk listen for a change to the people who elected him to his high office and responsibility? Fortunately the latest opinion-poll, completed a few weeks ago, shows that 60 percent of Whites are opposed to opening their residential areas and schools. In the Free State the opposition is even more significant. Here 75 percent of Whites are opposed to sharing their residential areas and ame-

nities with other racial groups.

Surely the government cannot continue to ignore public opinion of such a magnitude any longer? To do so is tantamount to encouraging drastic reaction from the White electorate.

There is an ancient saying "Those whom the gods wish to destroy, they first make mad". Maybe this is what is happening to the once all powerful National Party!

W KNOESEN

Graskop

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LP chairman resigns: 'Party is off course'

Citizen Reporter

THE National Chairman of the Labour Party, Dr Willie Hoods, yesterday announced his resignation from the party because he could "no longer identify himself with the course the party leadership had taken and with the LP's association with the patriotic Front".

Dr Hoods, who is also the Transvaal MEC for

Nature Conservation, Museum and Library Services, said the decision was not easy to make; he had been a member of the LP for 23 years.

"I wish to submit my view that the course the party is taking runs counter to the general spirit of reconciliation found nowadays among all the people of South Africa.

"We should extend the hand of friendship and get rid of every vestige of hate and blame. We should forget the mistakes and injustices of the past and learn to be tolerant of other people's viewpoints, even if such views are in direct opposition to ours.

"We would thus pave the way to co-operation between groups of people whose viewpoints differ, and to building and developing a new South Africa with a vision of peace, progress and prosperity uppermost in our minds

and our hearts," he said.

Dr Hoods stressed that he was leaving the LP without attaching any blame to the Reverend Allan Hendrickse or his leadership in general.

He was in full support of the initiatives taken by President De Klerk but had not yet taken any decisions on possible future party political affiliations.

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ANC halts IDT's \$100-m for Black development

A SOUTH African development agency for Blacks said it was delaying attempts to launch a \$100 million (R277 million) Eurobond because of opposition from the African National Congress (ANC), but would try again in 1992.

The Independent Development Trust (IDT), set up by the government to coordinate social development for Blacks, said contradictory statements on the loan by the ANC "have impacted on the IDT's capacity to access the markets at this time".

The deal, to have been handled by JP Morgan and Co, would have represented the first time in six years that a United States bank had backed fundraising for a South African entity. It follows President George Bush's lifting in July of a 1986

anti-apartheid ban on investment and loans.

The Trust, believing the deal had ANC support, made presentations to financial institutions in London, Frankfurt and Zurich in October to gather support for the Eurobond.

But the presentations coincided with an ANC statement expressing disapproval of the loan. A further ANC statement said its opinion of the loan was affected by a misunderstanding.

The Trust said in a statement on Tuesday that following talks with the ANC recently it appeared the Black nationalist group regarded the Eurobond, aimed at raising money for schools and health care, as a

breach of financial sanctions.

"The delays occasioned by these events — time being of the essence — and the confusion created by the contradictory statements have impacted on the IDT's capacity to access the markets at this time," said the Trust.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus, reacting to the Trust's statement, said only that "obviously we are going to have further talks on this subject".

The Trust said that notwithstanding difficulties with the loan it would proceed with a programme to set up a school building fund using R300 million of its own money.

It added: "While it (the IDT) would not be able to enrich this fund with the \$100 million loan in the current year, the trustees would in their sole discretion, but with all the support they can muster, aim to do so at an appropriate time in 1992." — Renter.

By Keith Abendroth

PRETORIA sources said yesterday that there was no question at this stage — nor even discussion at diplomatic level — of South Africa withdrawing from Walvis Bay.

Still officially part of the Cape province, the port will still have a "substantial" troop com-

plement. "More than enough to deal with any possible threat," according to a Defence Force spokesman. This was despite the withdrawal of 61 Mechanised Battalion from the port.

The spokesman said troop numbers could not be disclosed for security and intelligence reasons, but "considerable elements" of two infantry units were still based at Walvis Bay.

61 Mech was being withdrawn from Walvis to be relocated at the Army Battle School at Lohatla, in the Northern Cape, and its withdrawal had been made possible by the "reduced threat" in

and to the area.

It is believed that substantial numbers of vehicles are also being withdrawn, because Walvis Bay is recorded as having the highest rust factor of

South African ports.

Meanwhile it was announced jointly in Windhoek and Pretoria yesterday that the two joint technical committees on joint administration and on the Orange River

boundary will have their first meeting in Pretoria next Thursday, December 5.

The meeting will be attended by senior officials of the two governments. The SA team, will be headed by the Director-General of Foreign Affairs, Mr Neil van Heerden, and the Namibian team by the Permanent Secretary of the Office of the Prime Minister, Mr P Damsch.

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Azapo to protest at Bop Consulate in Pretoria

By Keith Abendroth

THE Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) is to hold a mass protest meeting at 2pm today in front of the office of the Consulate-General of Bophuthatswana in Pretoria, to protest the plight of the two hunger-striking Azapo "soldiers."

Central Transvaal Regional Secretary of Azapo Mr Kabelo Seabi, yesterday described the condition of George Biya — yesterday in his 54th day of hunger strike — and Bushy Molefe — in his 65th day — as "gamt" and "near comatose and at death's door."

The two men were on Sunday transferred from the Bophelong Hospital to the Odi Hospital, adjoining the Marula Sun.

Biya is serving a 13-year prison term for illegal military activities in the State; and Molefe an eight-year term for his part in the abortive "Bop coup".

If still alive today Molefe will have equalled the strike of Irish Bobby Sands, who died on the 66th day.

In addition to the pair, there are still 19 other hunger-striking political prisoners in Bophuthatswana.

In a scathing attack on the Tswana "puppet, surrogate apartheid regime" of President Lucas Mangope, Mr Seabi said yes-

terday that the men were committed to fasting until death, or their release.

He said Azapo had committed itself to "making life impossible" for Bop, and plans included mass "solidarity" demonstrations next Friday in the State on the anniversary of its "quasi-independence."

The organisation was calling on its members "to show their revulsion of the puppet regime by using any weapon at their disposal to make the planned events a collective damp squib."

On Sunday, a special prayer service would be held for the hunger strikers at the Ga-Rankuwa Presbyterian Church, following today's planned protest at the mission in suburban Colbyn, Pretoria.

He claimed that both Molefe and Biya were being "psychologically tor-

tured" by staff at the Odi Hospital, who put "tempting plates of food before them at meal-times."

Yesterday a spokesman at the hospital refused to comment on the allegation, one that glucose had been put into electrolytic drips to which the men had agreed and now stopped, or that they were being refused visitors.

Azapo cleric, Mr Pakisi Tondi, described the "name shift" of President Mangope's official party from the Bophuthatswana Democratic Party to the Christian Democratic Party as "sheer blasphemy and idolatry."

The move, he said, "proved correct the saying that puppets are made in the image of their own masters."

• A Bophuthatswana hunger striker has suffered a heart attack, the Mafikeng Anti-Repress-

ion Forum (Maruf) alleged yesterday.

And the country's department of information dismissed as untrue further allegations that doctors at Mmabatho's Bophelong Hospital attempted to resuscitate Johannes Nhlapo, against his earlier pledge not to be assisted back to consciousness.

Bophuthatswana's Department of Prisons warned that it was powerless to prevent hunger strikers from starving to death.

Prisons Commissioner General Cas Delpoit said in a statement: "Prisoners on hunger strike are well aware that their actions would not speed up their release. Hunger strikers have been informed of this fact repeatedly."

He said the department could not do more than inform them of these facts, and the dangers of their actions.

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THE CITIZEN COMMENT Credibility

WE hope that the government will take serious note of the President's Council report on consumer issues.

According to the report, rising prices and unemployment have led to "widespread discontent among the entire population", with no confidence in the government to restore economic stability.

The report calls on the government to achieve "tangible results" in order to convince the public that it is serious about the goals of reduced inflation, lower taxation and job creation.

The government must tell the public what it is doing, why it is necessary and how long it will take. Only then can it expect consumers to join in the fight against inflation.

The report's criticism can be applied in other areas as well.

We have urged the government on many occasions to keep the public and its own supporters informed on what it is doing, why it is doing it and what the ultimate intention is.

This applies not just to economic matters, inflation and so on; it applies also to the reform and constitutional processes.

In other words, the government does not take the country into its confidence.

The result is that there is great confusion over government policy.

You expect from ministerial statements that the government will protect group or minority rights, then someone or other leaks to newspapers that minority rights as such will not be protected, but the Bill of Rights will protect the individual — and that is as far as the government will go.

Or you read that the second House of Parliament will have an overriding say over the first House's decisions, but it is not clear how the second House is going to be constituted other than it might be chosen by nine regions.

The government is seemingly prepared to make transitional arrangements in which other parties are represented in the Cabinet, then you read that, provided the interim arrangements are in place for a long time, some form of interim government might be acceptable.

The government says there will be no constituent assembly, then you learn (again through anonymous senior members of the government, talking to certain newspapers) that if the multi-party talks decide on the principles of a new constitution, a constituent assembly could be elected that would decide on a constitution embracing these principles.

Then, in a dramatic claim yesterday, the PAC alleges that the ANC, in secret talks with the government, has decided to drop the demand for a constituent assembly, provided an interim government is formed by February next year, but this is denied by Minister of Constitutional Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, who says neither the government nor the NP has conducted any negotiations with the ANC about the substance of constitutional change.

The ANC has also issued a strong denial. The atmosphere nevertheless is full of doubt and uncertainty.

Perhaps it is lack of communication, or perhaps the government wishes to be flexible, or the government is reactive instead of proactive.

Whatever the reason, it affects the government's credibility. As the President's Council report on consumer issues stated, it must tell the public what it is doing and why it is necessary — and stick to it.

As for consumer issues, we agree with the report's suggestion that a public forum be created to set up, by consensus, objectives for the economy and to propose measures to realise these objectives.

The report's suggestion of a Department of Consumer Affairs, with a powerful national, regional and local consumer council organisation to protect the public, act as a watchdog and handle and seek solutions to all consumer complaints, is a good idea.

The consumer needs to be protected against unscrupulous firms — and any effective mechanism that provides that protection will be welcomed by him.

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Final planning for preparatory talks

PREPARATIONS for tomorrow's historic meeting of the country's major political players entered the final phase last night when planning groups met in central Johannesburg to iron out last-minute difficulties.

The preparatory meeting, to convene an administrative body for the scheduled December 20/21 All-Party Conference, will take place at the Jan Smuts Holiday Inn hotel tomorrow.

This was confirmed by

senior Inkatha Freedom Party and Pan-Africanist Congress sources.

Arrangements had been conducted through a Johannesburg-based travel company.

It is believed last night's meeting attempted to deal with the thorny question of chairmen for the envisaged sessions.

As yet, no chairman has been nominated to preside over tomorrow's deliberations.

Apparently the government has insisted the big four — National Party, ANC, IFP and PAC —

should preside over the talks.

However, the ANC and PAC are against this move on the grounds that party chairmen would be biased in favour of their organisations.

IFP sources have, meanwhile, confirmed the party's national chairman, Dr Frank Mdlalose, deputy secretary general Mr S H Gumede, and central committee member Mr Walter Felgate, will travel from Ulundi for tomorrow's meeting.

The ANC's delegation

is believed to be secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa, Mr Mohammed Valli Moosa and Mr Thabo Mbeki — all names put forward at the organisation's two-day national executive committee meeting earlier this week.

But ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus said the delegation could change.

The PAC team will consist of Mr Barney De-see, Mr Willie Seriti and Mr M Mbandazayo.

Bophuthatswana has also confirmed that President Lucas Mangope will lead the homeland's delegation, which will include Minister of State Affairs Rowan Cronje and Minister of Education Clement Schume.

Each of the 22 invited parties are allowed three delegates at the breakthrough meeting. —Sapa.

CP victory likely

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had a large lead in the special votes."

By 4 pm yesterday, about 7 700 special votes

speak on behalf of the Whites of South Africa and that there was no legitimacy in his negotiations with the ANC.

"This has been a very

uncertainty.

"Another factor is widespread Black-on-Black violence, specifically on President Steyn Mine."

GOVT, ANC DENY SECRET PACT

By Sapa and
Sandy Baer

THE government and the African National Congress last night denied a claim by the Pan Africanist Congress that they had reached agreement to install an interim government in February next year.

In return, the ANC was to drop its demand for a constituent assembly.

The PAC based its claim on the alleged minutes of a meeting between ANC foreign affairs secretary, Mr Thabo Mbeki,

and UN ambassadors of the Frontline States.

An angry PAC accused the ANC of "deceit and duplicity".

According to the minutes, which were leaked to the PAC by an ambassador in New York, the agreement was reached during secret meetings between the government and the ANC.

Constitutional Development Minister Dr Gerit Viljoen rejected the allegations.

He said it was clear that in the recent past disinformation about the negotia-

tions between the government and the African National Congress had been made available to the Press.

Neither the government nor the National Party had conducted any negotiations with the ANC about the substance of constitutional change.

There was therefore no question of any agreements with the ANC concerning a so-called interim government or any other constitutional mat-

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Ugly intrigue, says Jaap

Sapa and Citizen
Reporter

HERSTIGTE Nasionale Party leader, Mr Jaap Marais, last night described the alleged agreement between the government and the ANC on the installation of an interim government as "shocking confirmation of ugly

political intrigue against the country's Whites".

Mr Marais said if the allegations made by the Pan Africanist Congress were true, then it made a mockery of the discussions to be held tomorrow and the plan-

ned All-Party Conference.

It was obvious then that parties outside the National Party, the African National Congress and the SA Communist Party would have no influence at these meetings.

Mr Marais said such a secret agreement would be an atrocious disregard for public honesty.

"It is a betrayal of every principle of democratic government. The seriousness of the deceitfulness of this action is aggravated by the State President's public declaration that the ANC, in its present relationship with the SACP, cannot be trusted."

It was an insult for any party to become involved in the intrigue of the NP-ANC-SACP, Mr Marais said.

The leader of the Conservative Party, Dr Andries Treurnicht, said that in the light of the denial by the Minister of Constitutional Development, Dr Gerit Viljoen, of the PAC allegations he would prefer to wait for clarity on the matter before commenting.

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Common ground

AWB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche and members of his supreme council met QwaQwa Chief Minister T K Mopeli in Phuthaditjhaba yesterday. Mopeli said they had found considerable common ground.

Family shot

THE wife of the ANC's Benoni branch chairman Diza Putini and their son Jerome were in a critical condition after they were shot by unknown persons last night at their Waitville home, branch vice-chairman Ebrahim Motara said.

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PAC claim dismissed as reckless

ANC accused of secret pact with govt

PATRICK BULGER

SECRET meetings between government and the ANC had led to an agreement on an interim government by February next year, joint decision-making on future legislation and the lifting of all remaining sanctions, the PAC claimed yesterday.

Producing what it said were the minutes of a briefing given by ANC international affairs director Thabo Mbeki to African ambassadors to the UN earlier this month, the PAC lashed out at its patriotic front partner, the ANC, accusing it of "deceit and duplicity".

But its deputy president Dikgang Moseneke said the PAC would still attend tomorrow's preparatory talks for a multiparty conference.

Both government and the ANC yesterday denied the PAC claims.

Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen said neither government nor the NP had negotiated with the ANC on constitutional matters. "Negotiations of the government with the ANC have so far centred on the negotiation process and security problems," he said.

TIM COHEN reports ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said: "The ANC utterly repudiates the unfounded assertions... and shall seek means other than the mass media to pursue them with the leadership of the PAC."

At a hastily called news conference last night, Mbeki said no minutes were kept at the meeting.

Mbeki said everything he told the meeting was in line with the ANC's position. "Someone is trying to create mischief."

Ramaphosa said the PAC's statement,

although reckless, was only a "hiccup" in the ANC relations with the PAC and would not affect the patriotic front.

A senior NP source said the declaration of intent referred to in the minutes had in fact been discussed in meetings between the ANC and government.

"A declaration of intent has been mooted for the agenda of the (multiparty conference) meeting on December 20. It was mooted in meetings with the ANC," the source said.

The PAC's document is two pages long and purports to be the minutes of a "lively meeting" which lasted for three-and-a-half hours. The PAC said Mbeki had asked the ambassadors to exclude the PAC's UN representative from the briefing.

Asked why the PAC was not invited to the meeting, Mbeki said last night he had gone to the UN to assist with the drafting of resolutions about SA, and the ANC had therefore called a meeting of states, because they were the ones that could cast votes. "The PAC does the same."

Based on what has emerged regarding negotiations in the past few weeks, much of the document is correct.

It says: "The steering committee on the 29th of November will first consider a 'Declaration of Intent'. The declaration of intent will set up the legal basis for the decisions of the conference. It will set (out) how decisions will be arrived at and how they will be incorporated into the SA law. Provisions of the declaration of intent will override present SA law wherever the two

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'Secret pact'

are at variance.

"The parties are eager to have things move fast, hence the ANC has problems with its constituent assembly, demand which could delay the process by up to a year. The ANC appealed for flexibility in negotiations even at the UN on SA resolutions. The ANC saw the interim government being installed by February 1992."

Last night Ramaphosa specifically denied the ANC had changed its stance regarding its call for a constituent assembly to draw up SA's new constitution.

The PAC document went on: "Mr Mbeki discussed sanctions and the position of the Frontline states and Africa. He believed

Africa lost the initiative at Abuja (scene of the OAU summit earlier this year), hence they will have to lag behind events.

"It would be difficult to support or advocate sanctions after the acceptance of the declaration of intent on November 29 1991. Legally once the declaration of intent is accepted, apartheid will be dead.

"Mr Mbeki dealt with the issue of the army and police forces. He said Africans accounted for more than half the police force and that they were very supportive of the present changes. Senior white officers too were co-operating. In the army, only the top brass understood the situation. The rank and file feared for their positions."

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Teams for talks

INKATHA will be represented at preparatory multiparty talks tomorrow by national chairman Frank Mdlalose, deputy secretary-general SH Gumede and Walter Felgate.

The ANC's delegation is believed to be secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa, Thabo Mbeki and Mohammed Valli Moosa. The PAC's will consist of Barney Desai, Willie Seriti and M Mbandazayo, while Transkei's will be led by Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa.