

Kierk should not be surprised at the intensity at his hostile reception in Boipatong on Saturday. iii: visit was I preper display of sympathy with the victims of the slaughter. South Africa's president would rightly have steed 35533333 8! cellousnm had he not made the iatl1th _ _ _

But hie politically-charged visit to Ulundi on June t6 helped to identify him. in the mind: at Baipetonl survivors. with the killer: - allegedly linitetha supporters. PAC and ANC house were on hand to ten the flemee. But be merit WI! Mt helped by the political expediency of some of his colleagues in the period leading up to last week's carnage.

Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriei and his spokesmen Captain Crai; Kotze - a public servant who makes little secret of his political leanings - ctnmt complain it they have hen mhuntitritow. hot; hit that mutter. ten Iniutha indor Man'osothu Butheleli IN! MI Transvaal troubleshooter Themha Khan.

All tour put a great deal of energy into warning that the ANCI mass action campaign would lend to violence. All eppeii-w? it am t8 til: sure that, were violence to erupt, they would be able to say: "We told you so."

In the event. a series at bloody killing: punctuated the week at Moletune. Daveyton. Evatnn end then Bolpstong. And representatives of lnkatho and the Ministry of Law and Order lost no time in hierning it all on the ANC.

The wisdom of the ANCle cent-paign it highly questionable. But it is clear that few, if any, of the peat week's deaths were a direct result Den of

IF modern South Atrieee is first IN retroSpeet. President FW de md foremost a violent society, its second claim to infamy is fast becoming its predilection tor corrupttott.

Verious commission: hsve ex. fraud and theft in government. otten condoned or ignored by people in authority. White caller crime is getttng out of hand. to the extent that 6 000 docket: have piled up in the ottice ot the Witwatersrand attorneyegenerll alone. Now the Melemet Commission has con-iilhitn in! wont (turn timt ilit country's third party insurance fund. it is a financial disaster became it was poorly controlled and abused by officials. insurance agents. lawyers and doctors Judge Melamet hints at surprise

COMMENT

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or ANC activities. On the contrary. it seems clear that the Boipetong killers were based at Iscor's Kwa-Madela hostel - well-known as an Intmhe stronehold. There are also some untested claims at police conclusion iii the manure. The police themasittt nits tits to exgmn why they continued to fire it the backs of __denions_treton fleeing alter De Klult'! Ulllt. Of course, nohe of this directly links the hterarchtel of either Inkathe or the SA Police to the muse: are. But they both have Iomething to answer tor. tn the circumstances. blaming the mutant 9n the ANC could give an unfortunete impression that the violence, which tul-illed their predictions. suited their political agenda. The pollce. whose record in previous. massacre investigations is chequered It but. would do well to devote their total energies to tracking down the culprits. Their credibility it on the line as never before. :56 it is not helped by their tardinm 'in forcing halttl tilde?!" to admit investigators probing the slaughter

In the Boipatong cane. Iscor needs to explain why it tailed to heed several warnings from Nnmse mil Hit MIMI!!! 292E531 2 "FOP tress of Fear", had become little more than the headquarter: of l you of vigilantes. Boipaton: is not the int pteee of evidence to luggent that Numu was correct. M tor Inttethe's tendere. it is time for them to ex lain why their political stronghol s. in particular the chain of Reef hostels. hm become factories of death. Pious verbal commitments to peace are no longer enough. It it time to begin serioit: discussions on how the entire institution can be dismantled. thieves

that dishonesty we: not more wide. spread. given the scape tor irregularities in a system that invited agents and insurance companies to tap what must have Appeared a bottomless. unguarded eource of tunds. Not all were guilty of mlpreetiee. but the report reflects little credit for anyone.

Melamet hu fingered detruudm and the police should have little difficulty prosecuting them. In the meantime the Law Society end the Medlcal Association at South Africa should suspend the lawyen and act tun involved until their name: are cleared Also, given his clear incompetence, MMF director Johan Onst-

huizen should not be paid a cent at his pension. His management of the MMF shows he has done nothing to deserve it.

wives once waited hours to hurt everyday necessities, the on y queue nowadays is for jeans from the Levi Strauss boutique - at 350 a pair. Nearby, in the shadow of Stalin's towering "Palace of Culture". giant tents house I supermarket and mils with caviar to compact discs.

In central Budapest. the signs at new amninee ere even more strut-iag. Gleaming BMW and Mercedes slide put shop window: filled with esigner-lebel clothing. Mont Blane 583% ill! 8tBBF MR! 0! INS mutt: eonscious. Blink, end it cauld llmut he Vienna or Milan.

in spite at the ptrlous state of toenl economies. such visions of plenty ere increnlnly common ICI'OII central Europe. Alter item 0! ch: during shoruget, shoddy products and dreary shops. Western consumer goode hove become tangible symbols of liberation i565. eemumtm.

For many Western manutecturen. the ettraction is mutual. In the put 13 months. lam household name companies such as Coce'CQlA, Pepsico Foods. Levi Strauss, Phiiiz Morris. BAT. Unilever. Procter Gamble and Electrolux have moved in to Poland. Hungary and Czechoslovetul to acquire local production bases and distribution tystcms.

Thou their strategies differ. ell ere me n. the same eeletiated gamble. By braving the region uh-eertein and otten chaotic business conditions. they htge to come to 38mm! tame OI E Ililtiliimtt: in; markets oi the iuture.

fehtrel Euro todeg is like America in the l 305 anti ritualn in the 1050:."_says John Ltntiquist. a consumer tnduetry tpeeiaitnt with the Boston Consulting Group.

But what ere the chance at the fumble plyan om Hung: and Po- and otter contrasting yar ticks. A longer history of economic iihmlisetlen has given the former I head stert. hut t e latter's larger population makes it potentially a much bi er lm-terni bat. 30th.

however, nee similar chatte ea In each country, much 0 the recent conspicuous consumption is froth on the surface of shaky ecom

THE Multileterel Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund (MMFL had a theoretic. cal deficit of more t an thn. Judge David Melemot said in his report to Parliament at the weekend.

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de Klerk that the MP build up I
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