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Embavgoed until 12.00 noon on Saturday 29 March 19?:

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surve) of the violence in Natal in AUQUS enc Soctembel 1990.

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intelnecire warfare. which is tearing the Province apart.

The stxain on oclice resources is (ammounded by serious

police ndscondqtt which goes unchecked. Fear is ever

present in the Townships. There is no confidence in the

police fo':e ;h;ch is seen as partisan. Thexe is a lagh

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.aat'ts. of the Tranmeal we have visited a: nwch e: to NetalR we-

hbelie'e the violence has increased. We NET? 1' Altyandva on

hTuesday Du Tin Hilson. the director of the Alexandra ClinicF

t(ld us that life fo: the ordinary tOwnstir resident is even

more traumatised today than it was. His w&Vds were Undevlinei

t, the tragic events in Alexandra on Thursday. Since we we'e

here in 1990. Lhcve has been the welcome development of the

signing of the Natiomel Peace Leccvd. U(zLFonglx :etommend the

parties to use this orocess to the full.

ll is cleav that it would not be possitle 1: hold free and fair

elections on a one DeFSOn one vote basis toda? in the parts of

South Africa we have visited. That is nbt just our view, it i:

the view of Ganeval Steyn; the Regional Commissioner of Police

for Natal. It is also the view of the/VESt majority of people

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Violence therefore is the most pressing problem which South Africa faces. There are no 988) answers. we will make some practical suggestions but one of our most important messages is that 11 XS a PYOBIOm which everyone must address.

VIOLENCE ON TRAINS

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our mission started at 05h00 on Monday, 16 March 1992. At a railway station in Soweto, we spent two hours watching people (alighting their trains. That day they were being 'Very efficiently searched by Portuguese speaking Members of the South African Defence Force. People were not delayed and it would have been very difficult to smuggle any weapons past the army. It is clear to us that the government could have stopped the violence on the trains months ago by adopting the DVOCEdUres which we witnessed. If they had done 30. hundred of lives would have been saved and a message of hope would have been sent to those who need it most.

Dominous unpowered

Last Saturday some 20 000 40 000 members of Inkatha marched through Johannesburg carrying lethal traditional weapons. They were not stopped by the Police. In our last report we recommended that the carrying of 4)) weapons, including cultural weapons, be banned at all political meetings and rallies. Legislation in respect of dangerous weapons in recent years has lacked any coherence as, H5 clearly demonstrated in a quick Glance at the regulation and the judgement of Judge Didcott in the Tseholj case. He thinks the GovGymwnt has made a mistake in ducking the issue of danOQYoug wcaouz. we expect however that the Attorney General's office who flagrantly broke the law last Saturday. -

we have mentioned two ways in which the Government has failed to act. It is right that we should say that the Government appears now to be committed to doing their full part in bringing about the end.

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uh330 we were in Johannesburg. we spent some time listening to the Trust Feed! case which involved officers who were being charged with murder. One of the defendants has changed his plea to guilty of culpable homicide. It would not be appropriate for us to comment on this important case at this stage, save to say that the case has been very thoroughly prepared by the investigating officer and the Attorney General's department. The event in the Trust Feed case took place in 1988. Unfortunately we have seen evidence that innocent civilians are still being killed by South African Defence Force. 900 people who saw a police officer kill a civilian at a beer shop in Mooi River this month.

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THEHGOLCWTONE INQUIRY AT M00) RIVER

we went to Mooi River because it is One of'tbQ olaCes where the Goldstcnn (ommission he: conducted an inqiw. The CommissSOh : Interim Rezcr 1c the QtJta Fwesidnt contains the following recommendations at Paragraph 3.1.2:-

"Having regard La the build up of violence over G.Period of months there ahuld clearly have been \$or efficient'and more sensitive leadership of th& DQli\$G and securitv-forcez in xhc area. A suitable senior colice officev should be appointed at M003 Rive: as e ma !er of urgency and clear 15lm: of vommbnd established." . .

H: x \$5tvd the MOhi River Police Statioh and discussed this message with seniof police officem\$ we discovered that no senior polite officer had bveh appointed. There did not seem to be any vaii\$ Veason for the police iunuYihg the commission's Recort.

wt were told by zhe OEDUQV Minister Of Law and Order that evevy DOIiCG officev irt the \$outh Africbr- polite has signed the excellent (Od? of Condu(t in the Peace Accord. There remains however a yawning gap between the Coda of Conduct and the way policemen actually behave.

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we are even more concevned by the conduct of the hug Zulu' Loljce. 'lhe:e is overwhc)mjnu evidence that they are oneutided. and ooenly join in attacks by members of Inkatha on peorle in :L(\$n homet. u(hebvd a police stheant GEV(evidence in the Trust Feed sage. that kw: Zulu polic& ave euu5red to swesv an oath of losaltv to lnk3ths If this is Correct. it is totally unacceatablc

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wt investiaatvd an attack cu: 13 Harch 1992 on the Uganda \$auatte: came at Umlazi. We took statement: from individual witnesses and met with Lb? whole community which we: &tte:aed. we visited a hoUse where five people in their tervou. hid undev zawe tied. 0H6 Of 1 h" 1' 3 w 92:19 6; YOUHQ c hi)d whet: .. (.r j ; : \$ltrected the attackers. At)aesl one of the fiv& was Lille; and the mathem and child were injured by BUJJFTs fire 3n1c the room. He saw biood still on the floor. -Nc were told, and w& Ecve no doubt. that the attack ua\$ led by manv Kwa Zulu oolice . ' . .JijFII IL, /

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u: are also satisfied that the amount of violence caused by the ANC hau increased since we were last here. In the ab\$encc of the effective enforcement of the laws, this is perhaps inevitable. '

EUTHELEZI - A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY

ln ouY Inst report we said that in the long term, Inxatha uifl continue to icac support unless Chief Minister Buthelezi os\$ort3 his authority and controls the excesses of his suppovtevs 5nd 3" potticular "the war Lords". He has not done this. It is our view that Chief Minister Buthelezi carries a heavy responsibility fgv the escalation of the violence.

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3. Thetkwa ZUJU police must be brought under a unified \$0Uth African comm5nd. we found Sardcq \$.A.P. OffJLEit sympathetic tn this Propose).

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