

No preconditions for summit: Buthelezi

INKATHA Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi says he has no preconditions for a summit conference with African National Congress president Mr Nelson Mandela, and would like such a meeting as soon as possible.

"I can see him tomorrow," Chief Buthelezi said yesterday.

There have been wide-

spread calls for a meeting between the two leaders to help solve South Africa's raging political violence which has largely been ascribed to a battle between ANC and IFP supporters.

Speaking at Jan Smuts Airport on his return from Britain, the IFP leader condemned the massacre of 10 people on the Natal South Coast on Monday, saying: "Viol-

ence is not in the interests of anyone."

He said he was pleased with the progress of the new multiparty constitutional negotiations forum. "There was a general consensus that the biggest obstacle was violence and that something should be done about it."

Political analysts have said Inkatha's call for the disbandment of the

ANC's armed wing Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK), and the IFP's stance that the form of state be decided before the election of a constituent assembly, might be a major stumbling block at multiparty talks.

Chief Buthelezi would not be pressed on this issue, however, saying it would be irresponsible for him to comment to the Press about "non-nego-

tiables".

The Peace Accord offered a way of controlling South Africa's violence which was caused largely by "loose cannons" in all organisations.

Chief Buthelezi reiterated the IFP's stand that private armies should not be allowed to exist, and the allegation that MK cadres had killed Inkatha members. — Sapa.

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IFP spy claim: Jordaan says he'll give more info

PIETERMARITZBURG. — Democratic Party MP Mr Kobus Jordaan would release more secret information on political figures if they tried to undermine the negotiating process, he said yesterday.

He was replying, in the Parliamentary Provincial Committee on Natal in Pietermaritzburg, to a de-

mand from the Inkatha Freedom Party that he release all information on his claims that Inkatha Central Committee member Mr Walter Felgate could be an NIS spy "or shut up".

Mr Jordaan said he would use his information as and when necessary if political figures on whom he had information tried

to undermine the negotiating process.

State President De Klerk had said he envisaged that when a Transitional Executive Council was set up, sub-committees would be formed to focus on matters such as the police and the SA Defence Force.

"At that time I will make all information in my possession available through the representative of my party (on such a sub-committee) whom-ever he may be.

"This person will then have a mandate to feed this information into the new system as he thinks right."

Mr Jordaan said in an interview afterwards that he trusted the State President, but not necessarily the people around him.

Referring to last week's break-in at his Umhlanga home, during which intruders apparently searched his papers, he said he was not scared for his safety.

"Why must I be personally scared? I have come a long way with this thing."

He said he had been a victim of a similar break-in in Pretoria a few years ago when he was still on the staff of the Department of Constitutional Development. — Sapa.

IFP warned: Don't make enemy of NP

THE IFP was not as invulnerable as it seemed to think, and it would not be wise for the organisation — or its imported advisers — to make an enemy of the National Party, Dr Johan Steenkamp (NP Umhlatuzana), said yesterday.

Addressing the Parliamentary Provincial Committee on Natal in Pietermaritzburg, he also asked for an assurance from IFP members of the committee that nepotism and large-scale bribery played no role in the KwaZulu administration, and that the territory's police were impartial.

Inkatha was trying to project itself as the only

hope for South Africa and its traditional constituency as the last remaining representatives of the noble savage.

It still believed it could get all the power in Natal, but even if it did win an election, and thought it could go it alone in the Province, it had a nasty surprise coming.

Natal was the one place in South Africa that was destined for power sharing.

The IFP had better change its policies on this issue quickly.

Wise words

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— at last

COULD it be that South Africa's political leaders have finally realised that they often contribute to the climate of violence by what they say, even if they don't mean to do so?

The reactions of ANC president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to the latest spate of bloodletting in Natal have been remarkable. We had from Mandela a plea to his followers not to seek vengeance for the Port Shepstone killings, and a frank admission that some ANC members are implicated in violence. This admission was coupled, crucially, with a warning that such "animals" will be punished. We had from Chief Buthelezi an expression of regret about the murders, and a calming message to IFP devotees.

In addition, the IFP's Dr Frank Mdlalose immediately issued an impassioned, conciliatory statement after the Port Shepstone murders, and SA Communist Party chief Chris Hani, in a speech, condemned Apla's continuing "armed struggle". Put together, these interventions could serve to stave off another round of revenge killings.

We have often taken political leaders to task for irresponsibility in their utterances, and it is a relief to be able to commend them for their new approach, even though it is belated. But the country demands something more from them than measured words. ANC and IFP negotiators should seize this opportunity — created, as is so often the case in our country, out of a tragedy — to finalise the expected meeting between Mandela and Buthelezi. That it has been delayed so long is scandalous; the error would be compounded if this moment of reason is squandered.

The Government would also do well to study the Mandela and Buthelezi handling of the Port Shepstone incident, and President de Klerk should make it compulsory in the case of Hernus Kriel. We do not need any more bellicose outbursts from him.

ANC welcomes steps to name SABC board

Citizen Reporter

THE African national Congress yesterday welcomed the announcement by the Ministry of Home Affairs that a process was to be set in motion for the appointment of a new SABC board.

"The process now being set in motion is a result of protracted negotiations, during which the National Party government came round to accept basic democratic principles taken for granted in other parts of the world," an ANC Department of Information statement said.

However, that the management of the SABC continued to restructure the corporation unilaterally, including the setting up of a so-called

voter education unit, was "a blatant attempt by the supporters of the NP government to pre-empt the appointment of a new board".

"This reinforces the ANC's view — shared by the majority of South Africans — that the appointment of the new board is only the beginning of a process that should result in the restructuring of the SABC from being a mouthpiece of the National Party government into a true public broadcaster."

The government's delays in accepting the proposals put forward by the campaign for Independent Broadcasting, had resulted in the extension of the term of office of the current board.

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Just two days a year to probe the problems of a province

Natal all summed up

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Natal and KwaZulu have captured the headlines of the world in recent times.

Political Correspondent
MARTIN CHALLENGOR reports

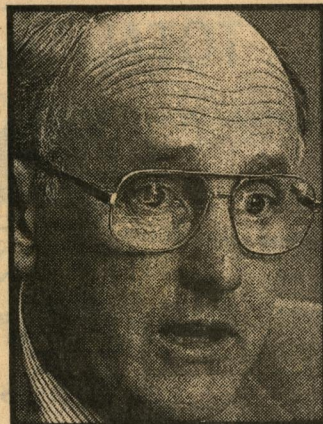
THERE are many vital, dramatic issues that demand attention in the Natal and KwaZulu areas — issues such as political violence and mining at Lake St Lucia.

There is also the realisation that if a new South African constitution is to work at all, it will have to work first in Natal and KwaZulu.

If this country was a normal democracy, these issues and many more would be hammered out at a public hearing of the regional tier of government. Alas, this is not the case, and parliamentary public representatives get two days a year to focus specifically and publicly on the Natal/KwaZulu issue. This occasion was the session of the extended parliamentary standing committee on provincial affairs, Natal, that took place in Pietermaritzburg this week.

Keen to make their points, the MPs packed in more than 120 speeches as they reflected on Natal's R2,695 billion budget. No votes were taken as all the decisions were made beforehand by appointed members of the Executive Committee.

In fact, one vote was taken — an impromptu poll called by African National Congress-aligned Mr Rob Haswell (Pie-



PETER MILLER
MEC in charge of health

termaritzburg South) on mining at Lake St Lucia.

Democratic Party chief whip Mr Roger Burrows (Pinetown) declared that MPs voted 21 to 12 against mining. All the National Party MPs seemed to favour mining.

In typical apartheid irony, the committee's near-neighbour, the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, is also busy at present looking at its R4,850 billion budget.

Two points arise when assessing the provincial affairs committee.

Firstly, it still remains a mystery what Mr P.W. Botha and his constitutional guru Mr Chris Heunis had in mind when they came up with this tri-cameral parliament. It has left such a gap between city government and national government.

Mr Frank le Roux (Conservative Party, Brakpan) described the committee's sitting as a farce. It reflected the NP's disturbed and distorted view of democracy. "What one would have expected from the electorate is some demonstration of their



JOHAN STEENKAMP
Umhlathuzana

total rejection of this political fraud," Mr le Roux said.

The sitting highlighted the second point — and that is just how important regional issues are in a society.

To look at the content of the debate, MPs came away with a lot of unanswered questions that they may not get another chance to probe. They go back to Cape Town after Easter and their minds must turn to the pending national departmental budgets.

One of those still-in-the-air issues was raised by Mr Peter Miller, the MEC in charge of health. He said that Natal recently fired the medical superintendent of a provincial hospital because he did not want to implement a non-racial hospital. But Mr Miller did not say who the doctor was.

Mr Tommy Abrahams (Labour, Wentworth) raised another gem. He accused the Natal Provincial Administration of nepotism. The Administrator, Mr Con Botha, "must explain how a person who has absolutely no connection with anything cultur-



MIKE TARR
Pietermaritzburg North

al, a qualified maths teacher, was appointed to the board of Napac".

"One is left with the impression that a coloured face had to be introduced on the board, and that somebody was consulted. That is probably how one Mr Frank van Wyk, brother-in-law of the National Party ministerial representative for Natal, Mr Albie Stowman, found himself on the board. This is a classic case of the nepotism of the NP," Mr Abrahams said.

This issue goes unexplored. So does the question of the two luxury flats Mr Botha had refurbished at Addington Hospital at a cost of R280 000. And certainly Mr Mike Ellis (DP, Durban North) deserves an answer on whether Mr Botha wanted to build a R300 000 banqueting hall at his official home, Parkside, in Pietermaritzburg.

Opposition MPs had gripes about things such as roads and medical services in their constituencies. These are the kinds of issues that should be explored in Pietermaritzburg, not Cape Town. They also wanted to talk



TOMMY ABRAHAM
Wentworth

about libraries, the Natal Parks Board and the Sharks Board.

But MPs also had national issues on their mind, such as federalism, the pending all-in election, spying and unemployment — much to the frustration of some MECs who pointed out that they were there to discuss regional issues.

There is no love lost between the major political parties. Dr Johan Steenkamp delivered what has to be the most stinging attack by any public representative yet against the Inkatha Freedom Party. Briefly, he said, the IFP did not stick to agreements it made, had a poor leadership structure and was not innocent in the violence.

He cast doubts on the way it ran KwaZulu and said it went out of its way to frighten everybody, particularly white people, about ANC participation in government.

For this Dr Steenkamp was dubbed by Mr Ellis as the latest, but weakest, hit man of the NP, with a brief to rubbish other political parties.

Mr Mike Tarr, the IFP MP for Pietermaritzburg North, was furious. Messages were flying between Ulundi and Cape Town yesterday to see if President de Klerk and the Natal NP leader Mr George Bartlett agreed with Dr Steenkamp.

Mr Tarr did not get another speaking chance after Dr Steenkamp, but issued a statement to say Dr Steenkamp had been patronising and racialistic. The response of NP leaders "could well set the tone for future relationships between the IFP and NP," Mr Tarr warned.

As it was, Dr Steenkamp had warned the IFP that the NP could be even more robust with them.

At this rate the election is going to be a sizzler.

One person who is going to attract a lot of media attention in the pending election is the House of Delegates member for Reservoir Hills, Mr Kamal Panday. Fortunately for the media, he will be pitted in the Durban North area against a man he really dislikes, Mr Ellis.

Even NP members do not know why Mr Panday stays with them, but they are glad he does because he gives them the majority in the HoD. They may not be too glad when he displays his club-foot style of politics from election platforms.

With his tone and words, Mr Panday would be better suited to the Pan Africanist Congress.

Clearly, the point was made yet again at the sitting that South Africa needs a new form of democracy, with provision made for elected regional government.

Clearly, elections for whatever new body emerges are going to have their brighter side.

PAC rejects Hani's call on 'White kids'

Citizen Reporter

THE Pan Africanist Congress had not killed any White children, its secretary-general, Mr Benny Alexander, said yesterday.

He accused the African National Congress and the National Intelligence Service of spreading disinformation in order to isolate the PAC from negotiations.

Responding to criticism of the PAC this week by South African Communist Party general secretary Chris Hani, Mr Alexander pointed out that it was "Mr Hani's army" which was being charged with the Eikenhof killings of two White schoolchildren earlier this month, and not PAC members.

On Tuesday, Mr Hani said the "ambushing of ordinary White kids and women along some of the highways" was something he did not accept.

Mr Hani himself was reacting to Azanian Peoples Liberation Army chief Sabelo Phama's statement on Monday that 1993 would be the "year of the great storm" in which APLA (the PAC's armed wing) would step up the armed struggle.

Mr Alexander rejected Mr Hani's criticism as "jealous, inconsistent, reactionary and untruthful".

"Mr Hani says that we must stop our military activity and meanwhile his organisation is recruiting and training fighters," he said.

Mr Alexander also accused the National Intelligence Service of deliberately interpreting APLA activities as constituting a threat to ANC support in order to divide the liberation movements and cause the ANC to panic. "Military Intelligence of the regime has been issuing disinformation

concerning the PAC, namely that we are killing White children...

"It is surprising to see and hear Mr Hani reiterating the regime's disinformation. The only incident in which White children was attacked is the Eikenhof incident and Mr Hani's army is being charged for that incident," he said.

"Mr Hani's panic shows that he is unable to analyse the propaganda of the enemy. At one time he said that APLA did not exist and now he says that APLA must stop fighting. He must be consistent."

Mr Alexander said the PAC was merely continuing and armed struggle it had fought together with the ANC "and if they abandoned that form of struggle and watch the oppressed die without lifting a finger it is their democratic right."

Senseless blood-letting - ANC

By Kaizer Nyatsumba
Political Correspondent

After Nelson Mandela's weekend admission that ANC members were also involved in violence, the ANC yesterday strongly condemned recent attacks, and called on affected communities to resist being drawn into an increasing cycle of violence.

Commenting on recent killings in Port Shepstone, Evaton and Sebokeng, the ANC said the "senseless bloodletting" could be the work only of those who sought to undermine the peace process.

The ANC said recent developments — "acts of provocation such as in Eikenhof, aimed at precipitating massacres against

blacks" and the spate of murders in the Vaal townships of Evaton and Sebokeng — indicated a worrying trend.

The organisation said the Port Shepstone massacre — in which 10 young men were killed — followed joint ANC-Inkatha Freedom Party peace initiatives in the area.

The ANC expressed its condolences to the bereaved families, and called on everyone to resist attempts to suck them into the violence.

"We are certain that perpetrators of these heinous acts will in time be fully exposed. Only those who want to postpone the transformation of our country into a democracy stand to benefit from such evil deeds."

The Rev Danny Chetty, di-

rector of Practical Ministries, yesterday said a highly professional group aiming to destroy successful peace efforts was responsible for the Natal South Coast attack.

This, he said, would clear ordinary ANC and IFP members from blame because they were not militarily competent enough to carry out such a sophisticated attack.

Addressing a rally in Mamelodi on Sunday, Mandela admitted that some ANC members were involved in violence. The ANC, he said, would take disciplinary measures against such members and would even expel them from the organisation.

Inkatha Freedom Party president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi made a similar admission.

ANC HANDS OVER SUSPECT

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Sought for killings at Eikenhof

By Sapa and
Tracy Melass

A SUSPECT wanted in connection with the Eikenhof shooting on March 19 was handed over to the police by the African National Congress' PWV region yesterday.

Mr Sipho "Fish" Gavin, a 22-year-old schoolgoer, approached

the ANC on Tuesday, claiming he had not taken part in the shootings, and wanted to be handed over to the police to clear his name.

He was afraid to go directly to the police for fear of harassment, ANC PWV chairman Tokyo Sexwale said at a news conference.

"Mr Gavin volunteered to hand himself over to the police. He said he was

not at the scene of the attack," Mr Sexwale said.

Mr Gavin is a card-carrying ANC Youth League member and a member of the ANC's Evaton self-defence unit.

Three White people, a mother and two children, were killed when Black gunmen sprayed a car with AK-47 gunfire at Eikenhof, south of Johan-

nesburg.

Mr Sexwale said the ANC had decided to provide a conduit for Mr Gavin's arrest because this was in keeping with the organisation's policy of co-operating with the authorities.

The move came after ANC president Nelson Mandela's goodwill speech in Pretoria on Tuesday.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Capt Craig Kotze welcomed the

move by the ANC.

"It is most encouraging that the ANC has accepted its civic responsibilities.

We hope today's events are indicative of a change in attitude to the South African Police.

He added that the active participation of the community, irrespective of political affiliations, to combat crime was desperately needed.

Mr Sexwale said the government should reciprocate with similar actions, such as act on corruption in government.

The Goldstone Commission, the National Peace Accord structures and the United Nations were informed of the decision to hand Mr Gavin to the police, Mr Sexwale said.

He said the three struc-

tures had assured them everything would be done to protect the suspect during his incarceration and the subsequent investigation.

Mr Gavin was questioned by police soon after his handing over. ANC legal adviser Mathew Phosa was present during the questioning.

Mr Gavin told the media through an interpreter that he was a scholar in Std 9 at the E D Mashaba Secondary School in Evaton, but had not attended school since January, because of harassment by the police.

He denied ever having been a member of the

ANC military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe.

Major Charlie Landman of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Unit took Mr Gavin into custody, and the police have guaranteed he will remain in custody until he appears in court.

Mr Sexwale said he did not know anything about the second suspect who is still wanted by the SAP.

"We have a keen interest in solving this case," said Mr Sexwale. "The ANC's name is involved and we want to see justice carried out."

He said legal counsel would be provided for Mr Gavin if he desired it.

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Students and Azapo head for showdown

Own Correspondent
A showdown is looming between the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) and the South African Black Inter-University Committee (Sabic), a source close to the student body in Pretoria has said.

The description of Sabic's annual general meeting, by people believed to be Azapo members at Medunsa, this week has placed a question mark over future relations between the two black consciousness-orientated organisations.

Azapo members' refusal to leave a conference hall, after the students had resolved to bar all people who were not students from the meeting, led observers to believe there were attempts to wreck Sabic's shaky unity.

At the annual general meeting held at the University of Zululand in 1979 Sabic adopted a policy of non-racialism. It resolved that contact be maintained with organisations having similar ideals and that such bodies be invited to all Sabic's meetings.

Some students who attended this week's meeting said Azapo had not been invited officially to the meeting.

Azapo was allowed to attend the meeting.

In spite of the fact that four universities — Fort Hare, Western Cape, Natal (black section), and Medunsa — presented a united front, Ngoye and Boputhatswana were non-committal.

Turfloop's stand was not clear, the sources said.

Prayer meeting for condemned ANC 6

By McKeed Kotlolo

A prayer meeting for six members of the banned African National Congress who were sentenced to death in the Pretoria Supreme Court will be held at Soshanguve on Sunday afternoon.

A spokesman for the organisers said the meeting will also cover the commemoration of Solomon Mahlangu who was executed in 1979 for his part in the Goch Street shootings of 1977.

He said petitions to save the lives of the six men were circulating and will also be circulated at the meeting for signatures to be sent to the State President.

The six men are: Thabo Motaung, Simon Mogwerane, Antony Tsotsebe, Jerry Mosololi, Johannes Shabangu and David Moise.

The meeting will be held at the Lutheran Church, Block H, Soshanguve. Speakers from different organisations will address the meeting.

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Forum will voice black political aspirations

By Michael Tisong

A forum where the political interests of black people will be voiced and co-ordinated is to be launched in June at Hammanskraal.

This was announced yesterday in Johannesburg by Mr Saths Cooper, vice-president of the Azanian Peoples' Organisation.

"The oppressed people are facing a political crisis and a clear political direction is called for. The President's Council and the constitutional proposals are posing a threat. These are politics of co-option of parts of the minority groups to further the seeds of destruction that the National Party has sown," he said.

The conference will be held at the historic Hammanskraal venue which has hosted many black consciousness organisations' congresses including those of the South African Students' Organisation, the Black People's Convention and the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) before SASO and BPC were banned.

The conference on June 11 and 12 will be hosted by a newly-formed National Forum Committee. Some of the people on the committee who will be present are: Bishop Desmond Tutu, Azapo president Lybon Mabasa, Dr Joe Variawa, World Alliance of Reformed Churches president Dr Allan Boesak, immediate past president of Azapo Khehla Mthembu and South African Council on Sport president Frank van der Horst.

Mr Cooper said the conference was necessary "so that we can get together to thrash out the issues concerning ourselves. Because the people on the committee are from a wide spectrum of interests including sport, religion and culture, a

broad base of the oppressed people will be represented.

"We are not forming an organisation. It will just be a forum to throw up ideas and look for ways of formulating a common purpose. No-one from the oppressor or collaborationist ranks will be present, so that excludes groups like Inkatha and the community councils straight away," he said.

Mr Mabasa said the constitutional proposals were a delaying tactic by the Government to buy time for their "system of oppression".

"The President's Council and the proposals will not better the lot of the majority of the people of the country.

"Through the proposed system, the Government will recruit certain people from the oppressed group onto their side. And on the whole, nothing else will change."

He said groups interested in the Hammanskraal forum should telephone the committee at Johannesburg 298 033 or write to Box 347, Johannesburg.