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## POINTS FROM THE PRESS

### 21 NOVEMBER, 1985

#### ON VIOLENCE

\* Many people were injured during police action as unrest continued in **Mhluzi**. Residents reported clashes as workers using back routes to work were confronted by youths trying to enforce the stayaway. Teargas, bird-shot and rubber bullets were used yesterday. Doctors in Middelburg said they had treated 30 people so far.

\* The **Mamelodi Civic Association** has called for a work stayaway today to commemorate the deaths of 12 people who were shot by security forces during a rent protest march in the township on November 21, 1985.

\* A delegation from the NUM met Vlok yesterday to discuss violent clashes between black workers in the **Natal coalfields** during September and October. NUM's Ramaphosa proposed establishing a joint forum of all affected parties, namely the NUM, the police, mine management, mine security and Inkatha. Vlok undertook to order a full investigation into the violence and deaths.

#### SEBOKENG INQUEST

\* Colonel Wessels van Niekerk, head of CID in the Vaal, told the inquest hearing that he was convinced Inkatha had been responsible for the murders at the Sebokeng hostel on 4 September this year.

\* He said Themba Khoza, who wanted to fight and die rather than leave the hostel, was among the trapped men.

\* Colonel Van Niekerk told the court the army shooting the people was not necessary, and that a Colonel Fourie, who was in charge of the police at the time, had given an order not to shoot. No shots had been fired prior to this.

\* State counsel Anton Ackerman said the only bullet linked to an R4 rifle was one which, according to witness Wilcon Tafeni, killed his brother David. Tafeni said he and his brother had been patrolling the hostel at 4am when they met a group of unknown men, some of whom were white. The men fired at them.

#### UDF

\* The UDF will decide in the new year on a

future direction and new structure which could involve a broad front, led by the ANC and including the PAC, Inkatha and Azapo.

\* A document on restructuring was presented to the UDF's national executive committee at the weekend. The document made no provision for the UDF to be disbanded. Final decision will be taken at the UDF national conference in February.

#### SIBIYA DENIES EMIGRATING

\* Gordon Sibya, SA's only black nuclear physicist, denied allegations that he is emigrating to the US because of disruptive elements in the ANC. He said he was in the US on business matters for a couple of weeks only.

\* The story was written by Fred Brigland for the Sunday Telegraph (UK).

#### SA AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS

\* SA has been named by the US government as one of 20 countries suspected of possessing or attempting to acquire chemical weapons.

#### GOVERNMENT ATTACKS ON ANC

##### \* Pik Botha in Munich

Botha called on the ANC to "let bygones be bygones".

- He appealed to ANC representatives to help the government arrange a meeting between Buthelezi and Mandela.

- He called on the ANC to drop its economic programme, which would frighten European investors away.

- He complained that internal divisions within the ANC and the movement's links with the SACP were hindering progress towards a political settlement. "My government cannot resolve their internal strife".

- He said elements in the ANC either opposed reconciliation or were more interested in their own positions after Mandela was gone than in helping the negotiation process under their deputy president.

##### \* Viljoen at the US Chamber of Commerce

- The ANC's failure to distance itself from mass mobilisation, boycotts and intimidation called into question its stated commitment to peace and had created a "great obstacle" to negotiations, Gerrit Viljoen said.

- Viljoen rejected demands for a constituent assembly and a winner takes all constitution.



- He said a new constitution should include universal adult franchise with minority protection. The country's administration should continue under present laws, he said.

- With reference to the ANC call for an interim government, he said there would have to be a special relationship between the government and the negotiating body.

- The reform process had reached an irreversible stage. He said government realised that the reform process could not succeed if legislation such as the Land and Group Areas Acts were not abolished to establish the government's credentials as genuine reformers.

- He said ANC economist David Lazar had described the ANC's recent economic proposals as flawed and lacking in economic vision.

## **THE BANTUSTANS**

### **Reincorporation**

\* SA will have to assume responsibility for debts of more than R2-billion when the TBVC states are reincorporated into SA.

\* Cabinet has instructed officials to prepare, by Friday, an initial assessment of the probable cost. An immediate cost is R1,4-bn bridging finance which Transkei, Ciskei and Venda have borrowed from commercial banks since 1986. The loans have been guaranteed by SA.

\* Personnel salaries make up 47% of total expenditure in Venda, and 44% in Ciskei.

### **Transkei**

\* General Holomisa announced he would dissolve, from April next year, his civilian-dominated Council of Ministers and transfer its functions to his Military Council, which would be vested with full ministerial authority.

\* The Military Council would be enlarged from five members to 12, of whom seven would be civilians. He said the decision was intended to eliminate bottlenecks and bureaucratic red tape, improve executive efficiency, reduce costs and increase ministerial accountability.

### **Lebowa**

\* The SADF is to permanently deploy its soldiers at all the chiefs' kraals in Lebowa with an attempt to counter "radical activities" where traditional leadership is threatened.

\* The commander Group 45, Colonel Herman van Niekerk, addressed more than 30 chiefs, their councillors and headmen from the northern region of Lebowa at a "chiefs day" held at

the 117 Battalion near Soekmekaar.

\* The chiefs came from Seshego, Bochum, Mokerong 2, Sekgosese and the northern area of Thaba-moopo district.

\* Van Niekerk called on chiefs to resist intimidation by radical organisations. During discussion problems identified included protection of the chiefs and effective telecommunications for emergency situations.

## **POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT SURVEY**

\* Political and business leaders generally expected a loss of control during SA's transition phase.

\* This is the finding of the Political Environment Survey conducted by Idasa's Van Zyl Slabbert, FFF president Mike Olivier and press officer Gael Neke, and Strategy Computer Holdings MD Michael Charnas.

\* Among the conclusions are:

- The closer people are to the negotiation process, the more optimistic; the further away, the more apprehensive and pessimistic.

- There is a general expectation of a loss of control during the transition phase, heightened by arbitrary violence and declining economy. But the majority are optimistic about long term prospects.

- There is a strong fear of nationalisation and confusion about whether nationalisation threats are real.

- There is a general acceptance that privilege will be non-racial, but poverty remain black.

- For business people a dichotomy exists between approval for De Klerk and apathy towards political events.

- Management fears loss of control of business and interference at executive level. ANC is aware of its own lack of managerial skills.

- Black business is apprehensive that the ANC has no economic base and no understanding of business and economics.

## **MK CADRE ON TRIAL**

\* George Mbanjane, 31, charged with throwing a hand grenade into a car carrying policemen on 22 August this year in Moroka, an incident in which a constable was killed and another injured, complained yesterday that the ANC had failed to obtain a legal representative for him. The matter was postponed to December 16 to allow the accused to obtain legal representation.