

# ANC YOUTH LEAGUE BULLETIN

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## VIOLENCE AND SELF DEFENCE

### Conference mooted

GOVERNMENT is to call a multiparty conference to find a way of ending township violence, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said yesterday.

He also slapped a ban on carrying pangas, axes and bush knives in "conflict situations", but refused to extend the ban to traditional weapons, which he identified as spears, sticks, knobkerries and shields.

And in a stinging attack on the ANC, he told a news conference that despite all the measures to curb the killings the violence continued "apparently with the ANC in every case the catalyst".

- Business Day 17/4/91

### Conference rejected

THE ANC and PAC yesterday rejected government's call for a multi-party conference on ways to end township violence.

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela said at a news conference that Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok's call for a multiparty conference was "a propaganda ploy" in preparation for President FW de Klerk's visit to Europe.

He addressed reporters after eight members of the National Conference of Churches (NCC), led by Rev Frank Chikane and Louw Alberts, met the ANC National Executive Committee.

Mandela said there was no point in meeting on the issue because government knew exactly what to do to end the violence - "and we are not going to be engaged in any discussions which, in our view, are not intended to address the matter seriously".

- Business Day 19/4/91

### Vlok on weapons ban

A BAN on the carrying of dangerous weapons under the Dangerous Weapons Act would be unreasonable and unwarranted, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

- Sapa/Sowetan 17/4/91

### Call for defence units

TEN more people were killed in Soweto and Alexandra in continuing violence at the weekend - against a backdrop of a call by ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela that people should form self-defence units.

Mandela urged a crowd of about 5 000 at the mass funeral of violence victims in Alexandra on Saturday to establish self-defence units.

If it is okay for whites to have neighbourhood watch units then it should be equally okay for blacks to establish defence units.

"The aim of defence units is not to carry armed operations against the government and its installations but to protect the communities from a third force hiding behind ethnic violence," he said. - Sowetan 15/4/91

### Self-defence document

THE ANC's draft proposals for the formation of township self-defence units have already been widely distributed among members of the ANC and its allies, Cosatu assistant general secretary Sydney Mafumadi said yesterday.

Mafumadi, chairman of the ANC-Cosatu-SACP tripartite alliance's working committee on violence, said the committee had commissioned the booklet and that it had been produced by the ANC...

The booklet, entitled For the Sake of Our Lives - Guidelines for the Formation of People's Self-Defence Units, envisages paramilitary township defence structures operating under the guidance of the ANC's armed wing Umkhonto we Sizwe.

The ANC said yesterday the document was produced in November last year.

Mafumadi said the document had reached all parts of SA where the alliance had an organised presence.

"It is intended to facilitate discussion around the issue of self-defence. On the basis of the feedback we receive, the draft might have to be reworked." - Business Day 17/4/91

### Police warning

THE Ministry of Law and Order yesterday issued a stern warning that it would not allow so-called "self-defence units" to take over the functions of the police.

A spokesman for the Ministry, Captain Craig Kotze, said in Cape Town yesterday that the police were totally opposed to all private political armies across the spectrum, including the Wenkommando's of the extreme right and the ANC's self-defence units. - Citizen 15/4/91

### Govt responds

CIVIL war could erupt if the ANC carries out its intention to form defence units in strife-torn townships, the police have warned...

However, the government is showing signs of readiness to meet some of the ANC's ultimatum demands for measures to end township violence.

And there are government moves to hold a multiparty conference on violence.

Although the government is reluctant to be seen to be reacting to the ANC's demands - which might suggest that the ANC has the initiative - it has made clear that further action on violence is imminent.

Herstigte Nasionale Party leader Jaap Masais has reacted to ANC Youth League leader Peter Mokaba's weekend statement that the ANC has called for weapons to be seized from white rightwingers.

Mr Mokaba has said the plan was part of a "peace offensive" aimed at halting the growing violence...

Constitutional Development Deputy Minister Roelf Meyer said in an interview last night that the government was looking at steps to end the violence.

This was not being done with a view to meeting any particular demands, he added.

And Constitutional Development Minister Dr Gerrit Viljoen said on SABC-TV that the government accepted that it was its responsibility to end the ongoing violence...

The government seems to be willing to consider action to curb the bearing of traditional weapons by Inkatha supporters. But it is concerned that this will antagonise Inkatha lead-



er Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.  
- Star 15/4/91

### Units will go ahead

THE ANC will go ahead and implement self-defence units, no matter what the government or South African Police think, ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela told Sapa at Johannesburg's Jan Smuts Airport last night.

"It is not a question of what the police think," the ANC leader said.

"It is a question of what we regard as necessary for the defence of our people. That is the issue.

"We do not expect permission from the police." - Citizen 17/4/91

### No contradiction

AN ANC document calling for armed defence units to be formed in the townships was "not a contradiction to the call for disarmament at public rallies or other mass gatherings", an ANC spokesman said yesterday.

"Self-defence units are aimed at protecting the people against attacks. In the instance where communities may be armed, such weapons will not be carried in marches or at public rallies.

"Any weapons at the disposal of such units will be purely for self protection," the ANC said.

- Citizen 17/4/91

### Units operating

DEFENCE units formed by civic association members in several townships have started operating, a spokesman for the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) said.

Cast general secretary Sam Ntuli said meetings were held in a number of southern Transvaal townships during the past two weeks, and committees had already been formed in Alexandra and East Rand townships.

- Star 18/4/91

### SAP intelligence

THE ANC already has about 50 so-called defence units in place in black townships in South Africa, according to the Security Intelligence Division of the police.

The Citizen was told at a very senior level yesterday that by the end of January there were 42 ANC defence units which had already been formed in SA and that training was being given to more defence unit members in the Transkei. - Citizen 18/4/91

### Barriers erected

THE Maritzburg township of Slangspruit looked like a World War 2 battleground yesterday as residents set

up road barriers to stop people going to an Inkatha Freedom Party prayer meeting at nearby Imbali.

The barriers across 500 m of roadway included burning car tyres, scrap cars, stones, boulders, broken bottles, a steel toilet and other items. IFP supporters had to use another access road to get to the meeting. There were no other incidents.

Slangspruit residents claimed the barriers were put up because their houses were regularly shot at by people going to or from Inkatha meetings. Velaphi Ndlovu, a member of the KwaZulu legislative assembly, denied this. - Star 15/4/91

### Hostel set alight

NANCEFIELD hostel in Soweto was set alight following renewed fighting between the dwellers and residents of a nearby squatter camp yesterday.

- Sowetan 15/4/91

### Allegations against SAP

BARAGWANATH Hospital was a scene of blood, confusion and paid last night as more than 70 people were rushed in for treatment after police allegedly open fire on them in Soweto.

Men, women and children on stretchers and in wheelchairs queued in the casualty ward at Baragwanath last night, for medical attention...

Eyewitnesses said police shot them after a few hundred ANC supporters gathered to defend themselves against a threatened Inkatha attack...

The Star news team was outside the hostel just before the alleged shooting began. A large police and SADF contingent sat in Casspirs and vans on the bridge overlooking the Nancefield hostel, watching hundreds of armed Zulu warriors crouching in the grass.

When The Star tried to follow two Casspirs to the area where the ANC supporters were gathering, a Casspir parked across the road, blocking the entrance, while the other disappeared.

- Star 15/4/91

### Harassment by SADF

A WAR of words has erupted between the ANC Northern Transvaal region and the local command of the SADF over allegations of intimidation and harassment.

The first salvo was fired by the ANC last week in a statement accusing the SADF of waging a campaign against the organisation in many rural areas of Lebowa.

The ANC said the SADF had declared "mini states of emergency" in many villages and was distributing pamphlets to thwart ANC programmes. - Sowetan 18/4/91

## PATRIOTIC FRONT

### ANC, PAC agreement

THE ANC and PAC have agreed to a conference in August which, they believe, will lead to the establishment of a patriotic front of anti-apartheid forces.

The agreement was announced at a news conference in Harare last night at the end of their two-day meeting which was hailed as an "outstanding success".

They condemned Monday's announcement of the lifting of some trade sanctions against SA by the EC, saying their cause was being done a disservice.

ANC publicity chief Pallo Jordan, who read the ANC/PAC statement, reiterated his organisation's threat to government to break off talks if it did not meet its demands for the dismissal of key ministers and an end to violence by May 9.

Jordan said the ANC and PAC would retain their independence after the establishment of a patriotic front...

ANC intelligence chief Jacob Zuma said organisations which would be invited to join a proposed coalition would be mainly those which subscribed to the popular call for a constituent assembly.

- Business Day 17/4/91

### No dictators

THE PAC and ANC do not intend dictating terms to other liberation groups in the envisaged "patriotic front".

Spokesmen for the two organisations, on their return from a two-day unity conference in Harare, yesterday dismissed claims that they intended becoming the principal players in the future "patriotic front" of the country's liberation movements.

They said all organisations who met certain specific principles would have equal representation.

- Sowetan 18/4/91

## NEGOTIATIONS

### IFP rejects open letter

THE Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) has rejected demands set out in the recent "open letter" of the ANC and its approach to negotiations.

This was said in a statement issued by the IFP last night after the adoption of a number of resolutions by the IFP central committee.

It said that the central committee was "appalled and devastated" by the "vicious attack" of the ANC on the



IFP in the ANC's open letter to the State President...

The IFP's central committee said it had taken note of the ANC Youth League's statement on the IFP's reaction to the ANC's open letter, and was withholding all comment on it pending advice from its lawyers on whether the statement was actionable.

- Citizen 15/4/91

### Difference on local govt

CENTRALISED government or devolution of power to regional and local authorities is one of the major remaining issues to be decided during negotiations between government and the ANC.

Government sources confirmed this at the weekend after publication of draft ANC constitutional proposals which considerably reduced the areas of difference between them.

The ANC proposals show there are still huge differences between it and government on the division of power among component parts of a new government. Underlying the ANC proposals is adherence to its long-standing belief in strong centralised government delegating powers.

Government's policies is that devolved power to regional and local levels should be entrenched...

Leading ANC advocate Dullah Omar said entrenched devolution of power would mean a future national government would be unable to implement national policies to reduce historical inequalities. He said this, combined with government's proposals for minority or group protectionism, would nullify or frustrate majority rule.

- Business Day 15/4/91

### Govt invitation to PAC

THE South African government has made an about-turn on the question of the constituent assembly and has invited the Pan Africanist Congress to talk about the issued.

In a letter to the PAC this week, Minister of Constitutional Development Dr Gerrit Viljoen said the government would like to talk to the PAC about a constituent assembly.

- Sowetan 15/4/91

### POLITICAL ORGANISATIONS Scrutinise top jobs

THE top 1 500 jobs in the public service would have to come under scrutiny in the new SA, ANC manpower director Mzwai Piliso said yesterday.

He told an Anglo American Corp conference on human resources management in Vereeniging the jobs

would have to be looked at "in order to show the face of the new SA".

- Business Day 17/4/91

### PRISONERS AND EXILES

#### More exiles expected

THE on-off exile repatriation programme gets under way again this week when 115 exiles return from Tanzania.

The group, expected to arrive on a charter flight on Thursday, will be the first from an East African country...

The move heralds a fresh breakthrough in the repatriation of exiles after last week's apparent breakdown in the process.

Government on Friday indemnified a further 1 208 people and granted special remission of sentence to 119 prisoners.

- Business Day 15/4/91

#### Islanders released

FORTY-ONE political prisoners were yesterday released from Robben Island in keeping with an agreement between the government and the ANC.

Those released yesterday were serving sentences ranging from five to 30 years and were convicted between 1981 and 1990.

The ANC and the government agreed in terms of the Pretoria Minute that all political prisoners be released and exiles indemnified by April 30.

The Robben Island 41 were met by Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Chris Hani. They were among 119 prisoners, the latest to be reprieved by State President FW de Klerk, who should all be released by today.

ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma said the ANC had demanded the Ministry reveal how many people arrested for unrest-related offences were in jail for the organisation to determine how many those it described as political were still imprisoned.

"What is happening is that the government decides who to release and grant indemnity. There are more than 40 000 people waiting in exile and more than 2 000 inside the prisons," said Macozoma.

- Sowetan 17/4/91

#### Returnee released

DR Kenneth Khosa, the exiled Soweto medical doctor arrested by Bophuthatswana police at the weekend and later handed to the SAP, has been released...

His detention baffled his family when both the homeland and SAP denied they were holding him.

Khosa was detained on Saturday afternoon by Bophuthatswana police at the Kopfontein border on his way home for the first time since leaving South Africa in 1976.

- Sowetan 18/4/91

#### Some indemnified

A FURTHER 1 208 people had applied for and been granted indemnity, bringing the total number to 3 692, the Minister of Justice Mr Kobie Coetsee said on Friday.

The director-general (justice) announced in the Government Gazette on Friday that 1 208 people who had applied for indemnity for undergoing military training contrary to the provisions of the Terrorism Act had received it.

The total of 3 692 people who had received indemnity represented 73 percent of the total applications received. - Sapa/Sowetan 15/4/91

#### Death row reprieve

CONVICTED killers Robert McBride, Barend Strydom and 15 other death row prisoners were saved from the gallows last night in a move the ANC has described as "an act of good faith".

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee last night announced the Panel of Review of Certain Death Sentences, established in November last year before changes in the Criminal Procedures Act, had decided to commute the sentences of 17 people.

- Business Day 17/4/91

#### Review panel

THE JUSTICE department yesterday confirmed that the cases of 143 death row prisoners are under consideration by the panel for the review of death sentences. - Business Day 18/4/91

#### Judging indemnity

GOVERNMENT'S committee of judges set up to consider indemnities for sentenced political prisoners is examining the claims to freedom of 15 people - most of them Umkhonto we Sizwe members. - Business Day 18/4/91

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### Metropolitan chamber

LEADING Soweto Civic Association official Cyril Ramaphosa and Transvaal MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl expressed surprise yesterday at the apparent about-turn by the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) on participation in the newly launched Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber.



Ramaphosa said his organisation and the other civic associations which signed the metropolitan chamber constitution were not so "politically naive" as to get involved in anything based on racial representation.

"We are refuting the allegations by Cast that the chamber is based on racial representation and is aimed at undermining national political demands for a constituent assembly and an interim government.

"We will be meeting Cast within days to enlighten them about the true nature of the chamber," Ramaphosa said...

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the organisation would meet Cast soon to find out its stance on the newly constituted metropolitan chamber. - Business Day 15/4/91

### Civic stays out

ADMINISTRATIVE and political problems plaguing Katlehong had prompted three other southeast Rand towns to form a joint administration and services base with the township, Germiston town clerk Tony Heyneke said yesterday.

Katlehong is facing water and power cuts and continuing violence...

Heyneke said the municipalities of Germiston, Bedfordview, Palm Ridge and Katlehong had recently committed themselves to the formation of the South East Rand Co-ordinating Committee (Sercom)...

Asked if the Sercom could be seen as a step towards the single-tax base concept and whether it would solve Katlehong's financial problems, Heyneke said: "We hope it will form the basis of that concept, but the councils felt that the political question should be left for discussion at national level.

"The financial position of Katlehong has not been discussed because the local civic association refuses to take part in talks until the black local council is excluded." - Business Day 17/4/91

### Legislation soon

LEGISLATION enabling local authorities to dissolve and form non-racial local government structures could be tabled in Parliament within the next two weeks, Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Provincial Affairs Dr Tertius Delpoit said yesterday...

Stressing that the proposed legislation was intended as an interim measure - so as not to anticipate negotiations on a national level - Dr Delpoit said the government would not prescribe models but would leave local authorities to come up with their own agreements.

Such agreements would have to be approved by the Provincial Administrator before being ratified.

- Star 17/4/91

## COMMUNITIES

### Land occupied

MORE than 600 Sharpeville squatters, supported by residents, defied police and a court order yesterday when they "reclaimed" 250 hectares of unused, private land adjoining the Vaal township.

"We told the people not to be afraid, but to stay and erect their shacks even if the police come," said Ms Jaconita Ranake of the Vaal Civic Association. - Sowetan 15/4/91

### Power cuts continue

BLACK local authorities throughout the Transvaal owe more than R1 billion collectively and electricity cuts are still continuing as a result.

A Transvaal Provincial Administration spokesman said the amount, which is owed by 82 local authorities in the province, is for service charges.

According to Eskom, Transvaal townships owe at least R1,6 billion for electricity supplied...

A delegation of Civics Association of Southern Transvaal was last night scheduled to attend a meeting with affected local civic bodies.

Power supply to Katlehong township has been cut off since last Tuesday...

At Vosloorus, residents not paying their electricity amount will soon find themselves in the dark. A council spokesman said letters were delivered to residents who are not paying their bills.

Meanwhile at Tokoza, residents have been without power supply since December 1 1990.

- Sowetan 15/4/91

### Pta to cut power

MORE than 130 000 Atteridgeville homes will be without electricity after the Pretoria City Council decided to cut bulk electricity supplies to the township at 8am today...

Atteridgeville-Saulsville Residents' Organisation (Asro) official Simon Tshidi said residents would launch a rent and services boycott "in retaliation to the electricity switch-off". - Business Day 17/4/91

### Legal action threat

THE Atteridgeville-Saulsville Residents' Organisation (Asro) has warned that it will take legal action unless electricity is restored to Atteridgeville today.

- Business Day 18/4/91

### Farm reclaimed

GOVERNMENT is considering using force to remove up to 300 people who reoccupied farming land from which they were ejected 13 years ago, an Agriculture Ministry spokesman said yesterday...

The farm is adjacent to property owned by AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche. - Business Day 17/4/91

### Land reform evidence

A DELEGATION representing 13 dispossessed communities and an estimated 50 000 people gave evidence before the parliamentary Joint Committee on Land Reform yesterday.

It suggested that a special committee be commissioned to look at every case of dispossession, including that of whites, the spokesman for the group, S Motswege said at a press conference afterwards. - Star 18/4/91

### Thousands in land bid

ABOUT 40 000 people in three Natal villages are poised to return to their original land in the latest bid by dispossessed communities to reclaim their areas.

The Association for Rural Advancement said delegates from the three rural freehold communities - Roosboom (Ladysmith), Charlestown (Volksrust) and Criemen (Elands-laagte) - met last month to discuss plans for their return.

These communities were forcibly removed from their land in the late 1970's. - Sowetan 18/9/91

### Bop bus boycott

COMMUTERS at Moretele near Hammanskraal are calling for the immediate withdrawal of Bophuthatswana Transport Holdings buses following an alleged cross-border operation into South Africa by Bophuthatswana police yesterday.

It was claimed the police fired tear-gas and rubber bullets at stone-throwing mobs after the windows of more than 50 buses were shattered.

A number of people were said to have been injured during the incident, which allegedly occurred near the Hammanskraal railway station inside SA early yesterday.

The incident is believed to have arisen as a result of a boycott against a 20 percent bus fare increase two weeks ago. - Star 16/4/91

## LABOUR

### Potwa strikes

MORE than 6 000 Post and Telecommunications Workers Association (Potwa) members yesterday em-



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barked on a nationwide strike, demanding a R500 across-the-board increase and minimum salaries of R1 300.

Potwa spokesman Floyd Mashele said the SA Post and Telecommunications (SAPT) management had responded to their demands by saying their budget could cater for only R318 million to be divided among the entire workforce. - Star 16/4/91

### **Protest will continue**

YESTERDAY'S countrywide protest action by postal workers would continue indefinitely if the Post Office Amendment Bill was passed in Parliament.

This warning was issued by Potwa, whose members embarked on sit-ins, go-slows and demonstrations to protest against the Bill and in support of higher wages.

The Bill, which was being debated in Parliament last night, would split the Posts and Telecommunications Department into two state-owned companies.

Potwa objected to this, saying it was the first step towards privatisation. - Star 18/4/91

### **Raid on unionist**

EIGHTEEN heavily armed men yesterday raided the Soweto house of Potwa president Kgabisi Mosunkutu and allegedly held his domestic worker and 14-year-old son at gunpoint for about 50 minutes. - Star 16/4/91

### **Farmworkers priority**

TRADE union leaders - celebrating the promulgation of the Labour Relations Amendment Act - will now push for labour legislation to be extended to South Africa's 1,3 million farmworkers.

Workers employed on the country's 65 000 farms are covered only by the Machinery and Occupational Safety Act and the Workmen's Compensation Act, and are regarded as being among the most exploited of the labour force. - Star 15/4/91

### **Cosatu stand on NMC**

MANPOWER Minister Eli Louw yesterday appealed to Cosatu to continue its involvement in the National Manpower Commission, and denied the advisory body had recently been overruled by officials of his department.

Cosatu and the commission said yesterday they would seek urgent meetings with Louw after Cosatu claimed unwarranted bureaucratic interference with the process of labour law-making.

Cosatu threatened to withdraw

from the commission after it claimed the department had ignored recommendations submitted by the commission on extending the Basic Conditions of Employment Act to farmworkers, despite negotiations between agricultural employers and unions. - Business Day 17/4/91

### **Mine deaths increase**

LAST week's mine deaths ... have again focused attention on the issue of mine safety.

In its most recent mine fatalities and accident statistics report, the Chamber of Mines says the 1990 gold mine fatality rate on affiliated mines was 1,24 per thousand employees at work - a deterioration of 0,08 on the 1989 rate of 1,16. The report says there were 522 deaths last year on chamber gold mines, compared with 516 in 1989. - Business Day 15/4/91

### **Ciskei strikers fired**

WITH one department as yet unaccounted for, 1 638 striking Ciskeian civil servants are reported to have been dismissed for not returning to work...

The National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union have pledged to fight for the workers' reinstatement. - Sowetan 18/4/91

## **HOMELANDS**

### **Mabuza gives reasons**

THE government's threat - even after February 2 last year - to cut budgetary assistance to the ANC-aligned KaNgwane government was one of the reasons for the shock resignation of Chief Minister Enos Mabuza, which takes effect today...

Mabuza also said a senior SA Cabinet Minister had as recently as this year refused to make development and settlement land available to the homeland as punishment for the KaNgwane government's steadfast opposition to the bantustan system.

This tactic of Pretoria, whereby "good behaviour" earned financial rewards, had become unacceptable to him. - Star 15/4/91

## **EDUCATION**

### **Rival teacher body**

FOURTEEN teacher organisations have called for the formation of a new national body at a meeting in Cape Town.

A spokesman for the proposed new body, Mr Leepile Taunyane, said this organisation would be founded on three principles which are: the right of every child to quality education;

the improvement of teachers working conditions; and a high level of professionalism from teachers.

He said in order to achieve these principles, the organisation should be non-racial, independent, autonomous and politically non-aligned.

Taunyane did not say when it would get off the ground.

But the SA Democratic Teachers Union yesterday rejected the establishment of another national teachers organisation.

- Sapa/Sowetan 15/4/91

### **Principals return**

MAMELODI principals resumed their duties today, ending their month-long exclusion from schools after pupils had barred them from school premises.

Principals of 48 schools in the township took a decision to resume duties last week after they claimed that attempts by various organisations to resolve the crisis had failed.

- Star 15/4/91

### **Schooling disruptions**

UNCERTAINTY, class disruptions and stayaways marked the first two days of the second quarter of schooling in the Transvaal.

Attendance at schools under the Department of Education and Training varied from nought to 80 percent with thousands of pupils in Atteridgeville and Soshanguve boycotting classes.

The Mamelodi principals who resumed their duties on Monday were once again chased away from their schools, allegedly by members of the Congress of SA Students.

There was a complete stayaway in Atteridgeville. It was sparked off by pamphlets distributed by Cosas saying pupils should only return to school today.

A Cosas official in the Southern Transvaal, Mr Aaron Moela, said the organisation's executive yesterday visited various townships to assess the situation as the regional office had not called for any stayaway.

- Sowetan 17/4/91

### **Schooling situation**

CLASSES at Katlehong schools were disrupted yesterday in what is believed to be a reaction to the suspension of 16 teachers last week...

The DET liaison officer in the Highveld, Levy Tshetlo, said pupils at the Kusasaletu Comprehensive School in Secunda staged a sit-in yesterday and demanded the appointment of a principal for the school.

At the Imemeza Secondary School in Watervalboven, pupils refused to



go into their classrooms and milled around the school premises.

Classes resumed at Atteridgeville and Soshanguve high schools near Pretoria without incident yesterday following disruptions this week.

The DET's regional chief director for the northern Transvaal, Job Schoeman, said the situation at schools in the area, including those in Mamelodi, was back to normal...

Schooling has ground to a halt in 141 schools in the Bochum district of Lebowa, where about 400 teachers have embarked on a sit-in at the circuit inspectors office. - Star 18/4/91

### Textbooks arriving

THE first consignment of additional textbooks order by the Department of Education and Training for pupils who are currently in Standard 10 have been delivered to schools.

DET director-general Dr Bernhard Louw said textbooks valued at R2 746 072 had been ordered from publishers, who were at present dispatching the books directly to schools.

The shortage of textbooks in most black schools has been a rallying point for students' demands as they urged the department to improve conditions in schools. - Star 15/4/91

### Books shortage

THE positive response by thousands of black pupils to the back-to-school campaign has resulted in a shortage of textbooks, Department of Education and Training director-general Dr Bernhard Louw said yesterday...

National Education Co-ordinating Committee general secretary Ihron Rensburg said the DET should be blamed for the crisis because the authorities had been warned in advance to make provision for the increased number of pupils. - Star 16/4/91

### Students merger

SA's two largest student bodies, the National Union of SA Students (Nusas) and the SA National Students' Congress (Sansco) will merge later this year to form SA's largest non-racial student body.

The merged organisation will be launched between July and September and will not be affiliated to any political party. It will, however, "broadly follow the policies of the ANC-SACP-Cosatu alliance," Nusas and Sansco said in a joint statement yesterday. - Business Day 18/4/91

### Students stranded

ABOUT 600 students at the Daveyton College of Education have been left stranded after the college was

"closed" without notice last week...

However, students have vowed to continue going to school because neither they nor the college council, parents and the SRC were informed about the decision. - Sowetan 17/4/91

## CHURCHES

### NCCL to meet Mandela

A DELEGATION of church leaders is to meet ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela today.

Headed by National Conference of Church Leaders co-chairmen the Rev Frank Chikane and Dr Louw Alberts, the delegation is expecting to receive Mandela's response to proposals it made regarding a new dispensation.

NCCL representative Ms Val Pauquet said the proposals were contained in the church group's Rustenburg Declaration document.

The declaration was made by delegates from various churches at the NCCL conference last November.

- Sowetan 17/4/91

## COURTS

### Winnie gives evidence

WINNIE Mandela told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday she had been "outraged" when told that "serious allegations" had been made of her involvement in the kidnapping and assault of children.

Mandela, who gave evidence for the first time yesterday, said she was told of the allegations by members of a crisis committee in the second week of January 1989.

- Business Day 17/4/91

### Cross-examination

PROSECUTOR Jan Swanepoel sought in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday to show that Winnie Mandela's alibi was false.

Mrs Mandela testified she was in Brandfort on the night that Stompie Seipei and three others were allegedly abducted from the Orlando West Methodist manse and taken to her home in Diepkloof, Soweto.

- Star 18/4/91

### CO case postponed

CONSCIENTIOUS objector the Rev Alan Storey (22), son of Methodist Bishop Peter Storey, appeared briefly in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of refusing to serve in the SADF.

The case was postponed until June 17, for a decision by the Attorney-General on whether to proceed with the prosecution.

After Mr Storey's appearance, defence lawyer Jennifer Kinghorn said

the postponement indicated "something may be in the pipeline for conscientious objectors". - Star 16/4/91

## Community court

A JOINT working group made up from the Justice Department and Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) met for the first time yesterday to discuss the possible formation of a community court in Alexandra.

- Business Day 19/4/91

## SPORT

### SA not ready yet

THE Azanian People's Organisation and the African National Congress yesterday said SA was not ready to be admitted to the Olympic movement as the country still practised apartheid.

ANC executive member Steve Tshwete said South Africa could join the Olympics only when the country had met certain conditions.

One of the conditions, he said, was the total eradication of apartheid.

"We would wish that unity at all Olympic codes be achieved.

"Unity should not be seen to be achieved at administration level only, but the ordinary player on the ground must be convinced that non-racial sport is truly practised," Tshwete said. - Sowetan 17/4/91

### World athletics moves

OLYMPICS boss Juan Antonio Samaranch gave his blessing yesterday to SA's possible participation in the world athletics championships in Tokyo in August. - Business Day 18/4/91

## SANCTIONS

### Japan watching

JAPAN might consider lifting economic sanctions if SA releases its political prisoners, International Trade and Industry Minister Eichi Nakao said yesterday.

However, a ministry spokesman later quoted Nakao as saying Japan was not considering lifting sanctions but might privately consider doing so while watching moves by the US and the EC, Reuter reports...

Congressman William Gray, the third-ranking Democrat in the House of Representatives, said yesterday Pretoria had met none of the conditions prescribed by the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act for the lifting of US sanctions. - Business Day 17/4/91

### Consult black leaders

LEADERS of the world's Anglican churches said at the weekend that sanctions had been successful in



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bringing about change in South Africa, but that any signal for lifting them "must come from consultation with the leaders of the black community".

In a statement issued at a meeting in Newcastle, Northern Island, they also urged Western governments to provide "massive development aid" to black South Africans. They said this aid should be devoted to housing, land, education and health services and should be controlled "by representatives of those who have been oppressed". - Citizen 15/4/91

**THE ECONOMY****Food prices hit**

FOOD prices have hit consumers in the stomach in the past year, with steady hikes continuing to outstrip the official inflation rate.

Central Statistical Service's consumer price index figures show food prices have been going up at an annual rate of over 15% since the beginning of 1990.

There have been particularly steep price rises for milk, milk products and eggs.

Fresh meat prices have climbed steadily, along with those for grain, while fruit price increases have been held at a high level of around 25% year-on-year...

The situation is unlikely to improve this year, with the introduction of VAT in October expected to exacerbate sharp price rises.

All foodstuffs now excluded from GST will be subject to VAT, barring brown bread and mealie meal.

Lower income earners are hardest hit by food prices because they spend about 55% of their income on basic items - food, clothing, footwear, rent and transport. This can be compared with the 28% that higher income earners spend on basic items.

- Business Day 15/4/91

**World Bank interest**

SA and the World Bank have not yet jumped into bed together, but have in recent months been eyeing one another with increasing attraction. The to-nadering can be seen in the visit this month of three separate missions to study the economy, urbanisation and education.

The interest is significant. SA is a paid-up shareholder of the bank and has ritually attended annual meetings, despite the fact that apartheid has limited the relationship to almost nothing...

But what can SA gain from growing contact? Critics say World Bank programmes, and those of its associate the IMF, have often been disastrous in Africa...

The problem is that many African countries are now hopelessly in debt. Debt servicing uses up vast amounts of foreign exchange earned from exports. In the worst cases, such as Mozambique, this is 100% of export earnings...

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**INTERNATIONAL  
SADF aids Unita**

A SENIOR Angolan army officer has claimed that South Africa is air-dropping military supplies to Unita troops fighting a major battle for the town of Luena.

He also said that white men seen with the Unita forces at Luena were assumed to be South Africans and that South Africans were directing the Unita artillery in the battle.

This is believed to be the first time the MPLA government has claimed direct involvement by South African forces in Angola since the SADF withdrew from that country in 1989 as part of the settlement that led to independence for Namibia. - Star 15/4/91

**Hani to tour US**

UMKHONTO we Sizwe chief Chris Hani begins a two-week, 10-city tour of the US this week as the guest of the Communist Party of the USA.

- Business Day 18/4/91

**De Klerk tour**

PRESIDENT FW de Klerk will meet a cross-section of Britain's top bankers, possibly including Bank of England governor Robin Leigh Pemberton, when he visits London next week.

The meeting at South Africa House, part of a week-long diplomatic assault on Europe starting on Saturday, could determine whether banks set up new operations in SA soon.

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