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"PRETORIAâ\200\224The Rustenburg National Conference of Churches yesterday offered to save the floundering peace talks by convening another summit on violence that already had the support of the Government, the

ANC and Inkatha.

~ Speaking at the Summit on Violence organised by the Government, former Dutch Reformed Church moderator Johan Heyns said: â\200\230It is completely futile without the other parties here.â\200\231

He said several important leaders not present had said they would be prepared to attend a meeting convened by an impartial body such as the churches.

Later, Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen said the Government would welcome contributions and he was specifi-

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first step.

However, a senior source disclosed that Mr de Klerk had given Mr Heyns a â\200\230very positive responseâ\200\231 in private discussion.

It is also understood that Rhema Church Pastor Ray Macaulay had travelled to see Inkatha Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who had given him â\200\230an 80% assuranceâ\200\231 that he would attend.

The Rustenburg group, a broad cross-sÃction of church

leaders, is co-chaired by SACC general secretary Frank Chikane and Louw Alberts. Mr Heyns said the group could be expanded by representatives from other religions and parties that wanted to _'oi_p{te in a follow-up con-

It was important that the sum-

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mit discuss the proposal so that planning for the follow-up conference could immediately start. The Rustenburg group will meet on Monday to discuss details.

At a briefing at the end of the first dayâ\200\231s proceedings, Dr Viljoen said the conference had been valuable, with a divergence of views being expressed. He said it was a pity that not all parties had been present.

Major role-players absent from the dayâ\200\231s proceedings were the ANC, SACP, Cosatu, Azapo, the PAC and the SACC. :

He said some had â\200\230expressed vehement or sharp views, but our purpose was not to gang up against or bash up organisations not presentâ\200\231. The â\200\230sabre-rattlingâ\200\231 showed how deep-seated the complex issues were.

The conference was dominated by constant reference to the importance of all parties being present in order to combat th violence. :

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A series of distractions is held to future talks { P

; It will be no progress process. But he reckoned without the

excuse the ANC's refusal to get down

{o business, the biggest being violence

*in the townships and the fai
_ ministers to curb it. Part of the blame

was laid on the carrying of spears by
Inkatha. That dispute has been tempo-
rarily resolved at a meeting between
Mr de Klerk and Chief Buthelezi.
Their agreement has made not a jot of
difference to ANC attitudes to negoti-
ations. A more serious problem is the
hunger strike among prisoners. Mr
Mauadela declared, creditably, that his
wife's trial and sentence to six years in
jail will not interfere with the political

For South Africa, the black leader-
ship issue is now crucial. At Durban,
Oliver Tambo, the ailing president
NC, will go. So probably will
the council's secretary-general. Mr

- Alfred Nzo. It will be best for the ANC

and South Africa if Mr Mandela also
departs. He is a sympathetic and his-
toric figure. But he is fatally indecisive
in the struggle between those who
desire to do serious business with
government and those locked into the
old revolutionary attitudes. South
Africa's future hangs on a revolution
within the ANC.

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THE PRETORIA NEWS Saturday May 25 1991

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had' indicated that very few*â\200\231
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The prospect of an independently-convened peace summit

is gaining momentum at the

government's 231st Conference on Violence and Intimidation which ends in Pretoria today. Leading this drive for peace is former Ned Geref Kerk moderator, Professor Johan Heyns, who has said the National Conference of Churches would act as facilitator for a follow-up, all-party summit. It

Significantly the government, the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party have all indicated they would consider this proposal.

IFP leader Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi said he would discuss the proposal with the party's central committee and be guided by it.

ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus

said the movement would consider any positive initiative by independent

church leaders.

Asked about the proposal, Constitu-

tional Development Minister Dr Gerrit

Viljoen said the government would wel-

come positive contributions by all sides

to broaden the participation in a follow-up conference.

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ESTHER WAUGH, Political Reporter L) â\200\231
HOPES remain high that the three key players in the

negotiation process will sit down at the same table to
thrash out ways of ending the violence tearing South
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~ He warned fhat' nothing could be _] '~ Delegates were unanimous

He reflected the wider view
of the conference in declaring
the struggle against

He said the governmentâ\200\231s
conference was the beginning
of an important process â\200\224 a
promise rather than fulfillment.

Speaking after the first day
of the conference, Dr Viljoen
said some valuable contribu-
tions have been made by dele-
gates regarding the nature,
causes and solutions of violence
and intimidation.

A wrong perception existed
that the conference would be
marked by similar views but
the government welcomed the
divergence of views expressed.

Dr Viljoen said it was a pity
allâ\200\231 parties concerned were not
present. No one could avoid
the implication of violence and
everyone would eventually be-

- achieved if the main players -
~'were not involved.

come part of the debate.

about a code of conduct for
politicians and security forces,

.. Dr Viljoen said. Such codes of
â\200\230conduct would, however, be

formulated by negotiations.
The goal of the conference

was to give delegates a chance

to express their views.
Four chairmen â\200\224 Institute

for a Multiparty Conference -

chairman Dr Oscar Dhlomo,

Barlow Rand chairman Mr

Warren Clewlow, church leader Dr Louw Albert and Dr Viljoen' â\200\224 have been appointed by President de Klerk, with the agreement of delegates, to chair the meeting on a rotating basis with Mr de Klerk.

After Mr de Klerkâ\200\231s opening speech, three keynote speakers â\200\224 Dr Dhlomo, Centre for Pol-

- icy Studies director Professor

Laurence.Schlemmer and Dr Nel Marais, a researcher in the security community â\200\224 out-

- lined the nature and causes of

violence.

- Referring to the open session, Lawyers for Human Rights national director Mr Brian Currin said the morning session was counter-productive

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and the kind of contributions caused more alienation.

He said delegates should stick to the theme of the conference rather than shifting it by bashing the organisations not attending the conference,

Democratic Party leader Dr

* Zach de Beer also said the plat-

form.had been used for bashing

certain organisations. Referring to some of the

delegatesâ\200\231 bashing of the ANC, Viljoen stressed this was not

- the governmentâ\200\231s intention â\200\230with the conference.

A common theme was th ANC could not- be excludecâ\200\230i3

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not the proper authority to
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are beipg boycotted by the

South African Communist
party, the Congress of South
African Trade Unions, the
Pan Africanist Congress, the
African People's Organisation,
the South African
Council of Churches, some

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black homeland leaders, and
the white opposition Conser-

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Chief Mangosuthu Buthe
said, the Inkatha leader, told
delegates that his movement
was not generating the
violence, but was a victim of it

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He said he had never heard of

any Inkatha decision
violence as a political strategy
although it threatened and threa-
tened people did react in a
human way by retaliating.
The Zulu leader Ehlangeni said
that the conference should
put up a secretariat

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the orders of Mr de Klok es
the government moved to
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political prisoners (Stephen
Taylor writes). Pretoria, which
had previously insisted that
the cases Â» LUd be considered
next month, said they were
being released on the advice of
a committee of judges.
However, the rapid deteri-
oration in the hunger strikersâ\200\231
health was clearly a factor.
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