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Govt considers summit call

By Tony Stirling

A TOP-LEVEL meeting between the government and the African National Congress before the departure overseas early next week of the ANC deputy president, Mr Nelson Mandela, is "under consideration".

This was confirmed yesterday by a spokesman for the Department of Constitutional Development, which from the government side would be the department responsible for arranging such a meeting should a decision to hold one be made.

The proposed "summit" would be at the insistence of the ANC which took a decision to call a top-level meeting with the government at the recent three day meeting of the ANC's National Executive Committee in Johannesburg.

Among issues the ANC is said to be anxious to discuss before the departure next Monday of Mr Mandela is the status of pressed by its leadership

talks between the two sides.

The ANC wants the talks to be at the same level and include the same delegates as the August 6 meeting at the Union Buildings in Pretoria which resulted in the formulation of the Pretoria Minute, which embodied a number of agreements between the two sides.

The South African team was led by the State President, Mr F W de Klerk, and under him were four members of the Cabinet, Mr Mandela led the ANC delegation, which included senior members of its National Executive Committee.

Tensions which at one stage were said to be threatening the continuation of talks are said to have eased since the government's decision to renew the temporary indemnity of Mr Chris Hani, the chief of staff of the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe.

ANC concerns which have been publicly ex-

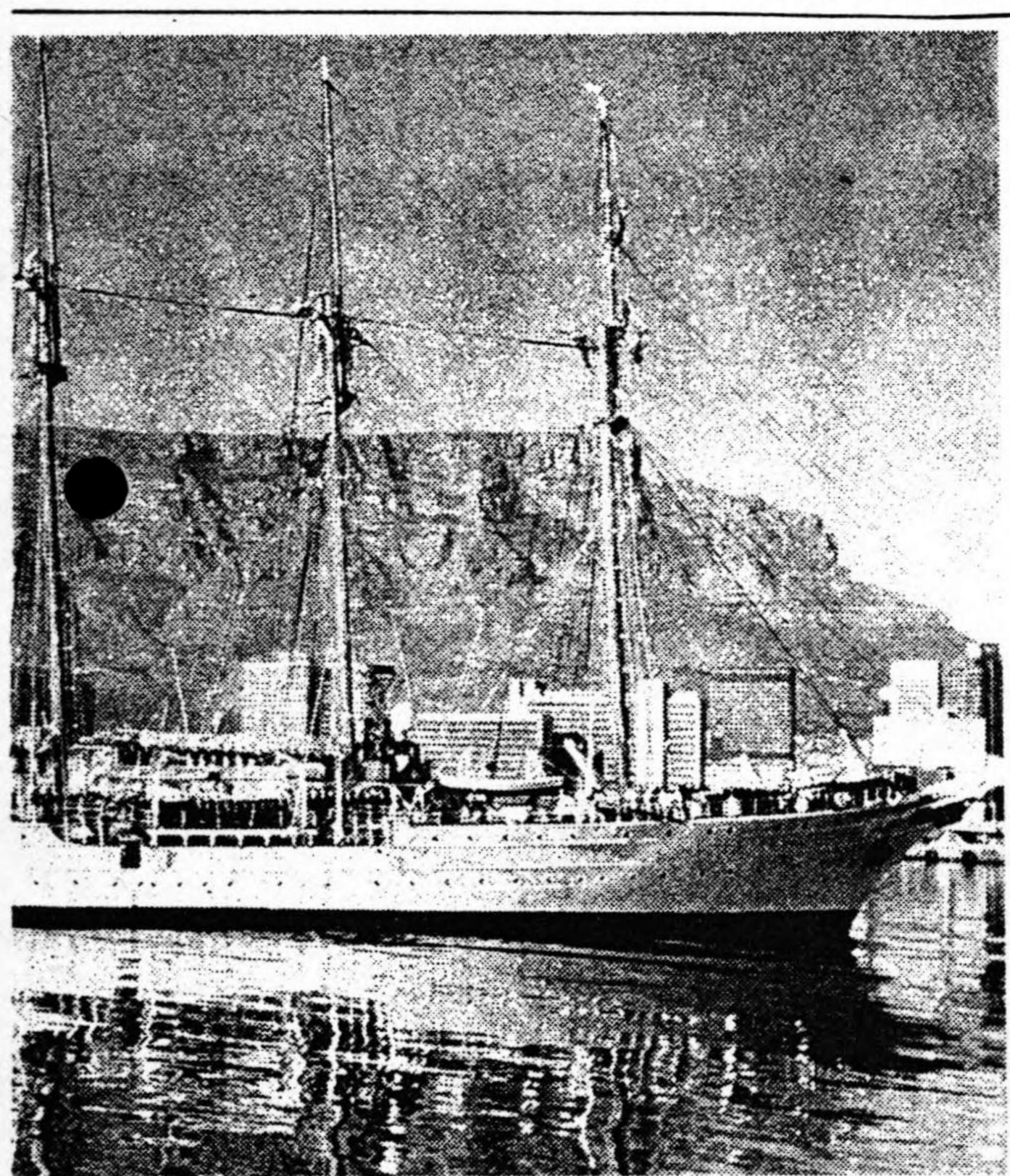
include aspects of Operation Iron Fist, including the curfew, and incidents involving the disarming or arrest of ANC cadres.

The government's view is believed to be that the provisions of Iron Fist will be kept in place because they have been effective,...

Despite claims by the ANC of a rise in violence with the return of State President De Klerk from the United States, sources said statistics showed that this was not the case and that the violence had dropped noticeably since the measures were introduced.

The police, it is believed will continue to disarm persons from any group who are found with firearms and other dangerous weapons.

"There is no government in the world which allows people to possess firearms illegally, if the government were to agree to this in respect of members of the ANC, it would have to take a similar attitude with regard to members of any other organisation," sources said.



the Chilean Navy's training vessel, the BE Esmeral-Harbour early yesterday. — See Page Eight.

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Ferodo's application for the urgent liquidation of Spareco was first brought some 10 days ago but was postponed at the time to October 5.

The proposed meeting between the International Bank of Johannesburg, Bankorp, Alpha Bank and First National Bank Spareco's bankers and the company's secured, preferent and con-

current creditors followed a proposal by the Lakewood Corporation, registered in the taxhaven, the Cayman Islands, to provide a capital sum in order to effect a composition with its creditors by subscribing for shares in the company.

The capital sum consisted of some R7 million and further amounts, up to R10 million, required to pay concurrent. secured and preferent creditors.

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mother died and he never married.

Mr Michael Belelie was also unemployed and stayed with his father.

World labour body Citian 7-40 'positive about SA'

International Labour Organisation was the about positive changes in South Africa, Manpower Minister Eli Louw said yesterday following a week-long visit to the ILO in Geneva.

matter further," said Mr Louw.

The complaints laid by Cosatu against the South African government included the fact that race was still a factor in the registration of unions.

of African National Congress deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela, the unbanning of political organisations and the leadcising or State l'iesident F W de Klerk.

He said the proposed amendments to the la-