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By Erik Larsen
THE row over the
granting of the free-
dom of Johanpesburg
to Mrs N&rgdret
Thatcher, the former
British Prime Minister,
deepened yesterday.

The African National
Congress and the Pan
Africanist Congress are
incensed over the award-
ing of this honour to Mrs
Thatcher during her visit

deepens

to South Africa next
month and have threat-
enedâ\200\235to stage mass dem-
onstrations agajnst the
visit.

Mr Paul Asherson, a
member of the Johannes-
burg Management Com-
mittee, said yesterday the

ANC knew the Johannes-
burg City Council better
than to make threats
against it.

A Sunday newspaper
quoted the ANCâ\200\231s PWV
region spokesman, Mr
Ronnie Mamoepa, as say-
ing the ANC would make

aggie rowâ\200\231

it impossible for Mrs
Thatcher to go about her
business in Johannesburg.

He told the newspaper
the city councilâ\200\231s offer to
Mrs Thatcher was a be-

- trayal of the people of Jo-

hannesburg and said the
council should have con-
sulted the ANC.

â\200\234Mrs Thatcher support-
ed thevregime and stifled

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â\200\234Those

organisations
(ANC and. PAC) are so

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building of a democratic,
and
cally strong South Africa.

economi-

our attempts to isolate it
while our children,
mothers, brothers and sis-
ters were being maimed
and killed by apartheid.
â\200\234We are in no position
_to prevent her from com-
ing to South Africa, but
| we are in excellent shape
to make her itinerary here
an impossibility.â\200\235
Mr Asherson

said:

disorganised and lacking
in communication that on
the question of consulta-
tion, Mr Mamoepa
should consult his lead-
ership before shooting his
mouth off.â\200\235

Instead of constantly
talking of destruction and

disruption, the PAC and,

ANC should try â\200\234for on-
ceâ\200\235 to concentrate on the

They should not child-
ishly harp on the same old
sanctions issue. which
brought them no credit
~and which fight they
have lost anyhow.â\200\235

Mr Asherson stressed
that the Johannesburg
City Council would
accord Mrs Thatcher
maximum security during
her visit to Johannesburg.

A British Embassy
xpol\csmdn Mr John Sa-
wyer, was quoted in the
Sunday newspaper as say-
ing Mrs Thatcher had not
yet accepted the offer of
the freedom of the city.
He described her visit as a
private one.

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ETHEKWINI: -
Izinhlango ezimbili
zombusazwe kuleli i-
African National Con-
gress (ANC) kanye
nePan Africanist Co-
ngress of Azania
(PAC) zisichithile
isinyathelo esihlongoz-
wa nguHulumeni wa-
kulelizwe sokubiza
ukhukhulelangoqo
womhlango wama-
gembu ezombusazwe
akuleli lapho kubheke-
ke ukuba kudingidwe
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ezinokusetshenziswa
ekugedeni indluzula.
Lesisinyathelo
esithathwe yilezizinh-
lango silandcla isi-
tatimende csikhishwe
nguNgqongqoshe
woMnyango WCZo-
mThetho kanye noku-
Gceinwa kwawo, uM-
nuz Adriaan Vlok, so-
kuba kuhlango zon-
ke izinhlango zibo-
nisanc ngaloludaba.
Ephawula ngalcs-
isinyathelo uDr Nel-
son Mandcla, oyiscke-
la likaMongameli

we-ANC, uthe lokhu

okushiwo nguMnuz
Vlok ukuthatha njen-
gesu nje cliyimfu-
ndisoze ehlelwe yaqo-
ndaniswa nczinsuku
lapho uMongameli
wakuleli, uMnuz F.W.
de Klerk kulindeleke
ukuba ahambele
amazwe angaphandle.
K.anti uNobhala-ji-
kelele we-PAC, uM-
nuz Barney Alexander,
uthe inhlango yakhe
ngcke izihlango
nalomhlango woku-

bonisana ngodlame.
Uthe uMnuz Vlok
njengomele czokuphe-
pha kuleli nguye oyi-
mbangcla yendluzula.
Esitatimendeni esi-

khishwe nguMnuz

Vlok eCapc Town
ngesonto elidlule esit-
hintene nendluzula ek-
hungethe leli, uthe
abantu abamashayo
nabaya emihlanganwe-
eS| SiBe ual
bezokwenqatshelwa
ukuba baphathe izik-
hali ezinjengezizenze,
obhushu kanye nezim-
bazo. Nokho lokhu ku-
vinjwa kwezikhali aku-

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zithinti izikhali zenda-
buko njengezinduku,
imikhonto kanye na-
mawisa uma kune-
micimbi ethile yesizwe
kumbe imihlangano.

UMnuz Vlok ubuye
wayigxcka kakhulu i-
ANC wathi naphezu
kwayo yonke imizamo
eyenziwayo yokungan-
da indluzula kuleli
kepha kutholakala
ukuthi kuzo zonke
izehlakalo zendluzula
czenzekayo abalandeli
balenhlangotho kutho-
lakala ukuthi bayathi-
nteka kuzo.

Uthe imibiko ctho-
lakalayo ikhomba
ukuthi izenzo czithile
ze-ANC kanye nama-
lungu ayo yizo czihole-
la endluzuleni. Wathi
nokho uHulumeni uzi-
nikele ekugedeni udl-
ame. Uthe udlame lu-
ngaphcla uma wonke
amagembu athintcka-
yo cnza imizamo chla-
nganyclweyo futhi acu-
bungule ngendlcla eju-
lileyo ngembangcla
'yendluzula.

bayasichitha
W de Klerk

Uthe wonke ama-

gembu ezombusazwe

~ athintekayo endluzule-

ni ayakwemukela
ukuthi kunesidingo so-
kuba kuxoxiswane
agodaba lodlame. Wa-
thi ngaleyondlela uHu-
\umeni uzobiza umhla-
ngano wawo wonke
amagembu.

Mayelana nokuthi

â\200\230yingani kungavalwa

ukuphathwa kwczikha-
li zendabuko emihla-
nganweni uMnuz Vlok
uthe loludaba lubucayi
kakhulu. Uthe Inkatha

Frecedom Party (IFP)

isikubcke ngokusobala

ukuthi izokubheckana
ngqo nanoma yiyiphi
imizamo yokuba ama-

lungu ayo kanyc na-

malungu csizwe sama-

Zulu engatshelwe uku-

phatha lezizikhali emi-

hlanganweni yayo kan-

ye nascmicimbini ye-

sizwe. Uthe futhi
abukho ubufakazi bo-
kuthi lezizikhali ziya-

sctshenziswa odlame--
ni.

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of Inkatha supporters.
allegedly at the hands of
ANC supporters.

He mentioned specifically two IFP meetings where members were killed: one in Alexandra on March 17, and another on April 7 in Emmdeni. Soweto.

Because of all these things Inkatha in this region decided today at a meeting outside the

- meetings

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N Rand Inkatha en

George Koch Hostel

there is no use anymore |

holding any further with the
ANC. Mr Ndlovu said. The decision was also linked to the ANC decision to form self-defence units.

The ANC. declared that defence units should operate in this area. Defence units will not defend Inkatha, only ANC supporters. Inkatha would not be forming its own self-de-

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- fence units.

According to the IFP secretary, Inkatha and the ANC formed a committee about a month ago to work in the Transvaal. However, the committee had never met. :

Mr Ndlovu said the

purpose of yesterday's

IFP meeting was to discuss the killing of our people here by ANC supporters. bating the issue; a vote was taken.

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called a reporter â\200\234filthâ\200\235
because she did not like a
certain phrase in-an article.
A senior Western Cape activist
stunned reporters a few months

N ANC official and former
journalist herself recently

|_ago by bluntly telling them: â\200\234We
expect you to become card-carry- -

ing members of the ANC.â\200\235

These are two crude examples
of the ANCâ\200\231s apparent intolerance
of the media, but they serve to
highlight increasing doubts about
the organisationâ\200\231s commitment to
press freedom. -

Coverage â\200\224 and harsh criticism

- â\200\224 of the ANCâ\200\231s May 9 ultimatum

to the Government has brought

relations between the ANC andâ\200\231
â\200\230the media to their lowest point

yet.

ANC deputy president Nelson
Mandela lashed out at the media,
â\200\230accusing it of creating a â\200\234â\200\230smoke-
screen of propagandaâ\200\235 and at-
tempting to destroy the ANC. The
mediaâ\200\231s criticism of the ultima-
tum was â\200\234a funny and conditioned

response from a group of people
who were in fact asserting that we-

have no right to express our views
candidlyâ\200\235, he said.

The ultimatumÂ»debacl'e â\200\224 for

telephone calls are seldom re-
turned by the department of infor-
mation and publicity (DIP) and
other officials. Messages often do
not reach their destination. Over-
worked DIP spokesmen are often

abrupt or. not available for

comment.

Many argue that, as a government in waiting, the ANC should appoint media officers to help take the load off NEC members. Interestingly, the ANC last week

took a firm step to improve con-

tact with the Afrikaans media, appointing a recently released activist, Carl Niehaus, as a liaison officer. â\200\231 '

To the ANC leadershipâ\200\231s credit, NEC members have steadfastly refused to brief the media on important events such as the Pretoria Minute, honouring its agreement with the Government that details of the negotiating process: would not be made public. -

But at the same time, deputy Constitutional ~Minister Roelf Meyer was holding a series of press briefings, and the Governmentâ\200\231s negotiating team shrewdly followed that up with leaks to the media. R

Many of the logistical hiccups

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which the media has to admit its share of responsibility â\200\224 will certainly die down. Hopefully, both the ANC and the media have learnt a lesson from it: the ANC to improve its public relations; the media not to push the alarm button every time it detects smoke. Nevertheless, the latest incident of ANC press-bashing, the most vehement since the organisationâ\200\231s unbanning 15 months ago, provides a useful opportunity to examine the ANCâ\200\231s attitudes towards the media. .

Compared with other political parties, the ANC has vociferously campaigned for press freedom. Its proposed Bill of Rights states: â\200\234There shall be freedom of thought, speech, expression and opinion, including a free press

which shall respect the right to

reply.â\200\235

In November last year, Mr Mandela again firmly committed his organisation to a free press when saying the ANC would never seek to control or arbitrarily determine the way in which journal-

~ ists' performed their work. .
â\200\234We wish to see the media re-

port the facts as they see them,
without hinderance by the State or
have been smoothed out, and com-
pared to other fledgling parties,
the ANC has gone public with rel-
ative success. :

But what is disturbing from an
organisation which regards itself
as the leading proponent of de-
mocracy â\200\224 with freedom of
speech as a vital pillar â\200\224 is the
ANCâ\200\231s underlying intolerance of
the media if not a desire to con-
trol it.

Last week, Winnie Mandela
branded journalists from The In-
dependent as security police spies
for having written a particularly
critical article about the shady
activities of her â\200\234football teamâ\200\235.

In Natal, a leading ANC offi-
cialâ\200\231's lambasting of a particular
newspaper whipped up emotions
to a pitch where the crowd chant-
ed at reporters attending a memo-
rial service: â\200\234Kill them, Kkill
them!â\200\235

â\200\234The ANC thinks if you criticise .

them you are the enemy,â\200\235 com-
mented a foreign journalist.

" In at least one case, a journalist
who had written an article ob-

tained from ANC insiders was Â°
subjected to a witch-hunt to estab-

lish the leak.
Even Mr Mandela, a favourite

ANC image in
need of a shine |

any political party,â\200\235 he said.

Much of Mr Mandela and the
ANC'â\200\231s current frustration with the
media stems from an honest beliei
that the organisation, which has
initiated the peace process, de-
serves more support for its poli-
cies. : :

But the media argues that the
ANC should face fair criticism
and should not regard that as im-
plied hostility.

Media criticism of the organisation's communication skills has seldom been raised. For months after the ANC's unbanning, journalists tried to keep their complaints to themselves, excusing bad information services as part of the transitional phase from a liberation movement to a political party.

But many have now become disillusioned. :

Local reporters complain that the ANC pays more attention to the foreign media to get its message across to the world. Yet, a top visiting Dutch journalist was amazed when, on a recent trip to South Africa, many of her appointments with ANC officials were not kept.

Some journalists charge that

of many journalists, is being criticised for his dismissive attitude

towards reporters. Often, notably

when he is tired, he answers probing questions with a standard response: 'I don't believe I need to answer the question because you are clearly very confused'. Many political parties have over the years resorted to methods, subtle or blatant, to influence journalists. : !

During the heyday of apartheid, the NP Government showed no hesitation in using draconian laws to control the media. Many of these are still in place. ; And other groups are guilty, too: the AWB denies certain journalists access to its public meet-

ings; PAC supporters assaulted a

photographer at Zeph Mothopeng's funeral; Inkatha supporters marching through Johannesburg threatened to kill a reporter and attempted to abduct another.

The ANC has come under closer scrutiny than other political groups for two reasons. First, because it has taken on the awesome task of bringing democracy to South Africa and, secondly, because it will be a major player in any new government. O

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second look

"T IS too early to write off President
| lÂ\$ de Klerkâ\200\231s planned summit on vio-
' il lence as a non-starter, despite its
= quick rejection by the ANC and most
other extra-parliamentary groups. Indeed
+= despite shortcomings in the plan and the
way.it was presented â\200\224 there are several
reasons for these groups to reconsider their
~ stance.

y For one thing, the move is at least a re-
- Sponse to the ANC'â\200\231s alarm about the horri-
ying level of township violence. It now
geâ\200\231, s clear that the Government had
Padly underestimated this concern, which
was.then dramatised through the ANCâ\200\231s
iâ\200\230ultimatumâ\200\235 on negotiations. With the two-
day summit, Pretoria now offers specific
dialogue on the subject. s

" Whether or not it achieves much, this
will be a forum at which grievances can be
tired, both to officialdom and the public,
nd solutions sought. Specific allegations
can be brought here on the police role and
n responsibility for the violence, most of ;
Which is laid by the ANC (and a good few
ndependent observers) at Inkathaâ\200\231s door;
nd by Inkatha at the ANCâ\200\231s door.

i The second arm of the De Klerk propos-
als holds more promise. The â\200\234standing
commissionâ\200\235 of inquiry proposed by him
â\200\230may or may not resemble the independent
jfcmission which the ANC demanded in
its open lettet two weeks ago. It is worth
reserving judgment to see what form it is
igoin to take, ,

. The commission has no fixed shape yet:
@ _plan will be published for public discus-
sion â\200\230and may even be debated at the May
24- ;summit. By not dismissing it out of
and, the ANC could make progress in get-
â\200\234&m sort of body it wants â\200\224 perhaps a
p%p nominated by both sides, or by a
trusted and mutually agreed judge. There
a;gxgptential here, as The Star has said be-

| 'Where the Government is open to criti-
eism'is on matters of timing and pres-
ntation. It had to react to the ANC open
etter, but to do so on the eve of the Pres-
Adentâ\200\231s trip to Europe inevitably raises sus-
picion that this was a very handy propa-
Banda weapon to take abroad. And there

~/appears to be no sign that he consulted anyone but his own advisers before announcing the summit, its venue and the omission. Prior wider discussion should have taken place, even at the risk of delaying the announcement. X :

« This kind of unilateral action is a trap into which the De Klerk administration has fallen before. Perhaps it's an old habit inherited from the Nationalist past, but it is out of keeping with today's new politics.

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ONLY a few weeks ago, as he was
| striding with the troops through the
- Arabian desert in his beige holiday
- slacks and a sports shirt, the only
rude words you heard about premier
John Major came from a wag who re-

marked that â\200\234he isnâ\200\231t exactly Henry .
Vâ\200\235. Today, No. 10 would take such a .

mildly snide comment as a positive
accolade. For popular young John
Major, so recently recruited to the
Goliaths of world diplomacy, has
- suddenly become the victim of a vi-
cious, irresponsible and largely un-
- justified campaign of slander and in-
nuendo.

Within the last week te man has
been denigrated in public as indeci-
sive, a fudger and a wimp. Aggressi-
vely opinionated TV interviewers,
led by former Labour MP Brian Wal-

â\200\234den (and they are a breed the public
is coming to like less and less) have
excelled themselves in trying to

humble him in public. The BBCâ\200\231s

prestigious Panorama programme
suggests he has been deliberately
covering up even his admittedly
slender tally of â\200\2340â\200\235 Levels (his high-
est recorded academic achieve-
ment). When on last Monday he stood
in Parliament to answer questions
about the appalling tragedy of the
- Kurds, he was promptly pursued by

an Opposition MP who wanted to

- know if he did indeed provide a
- wrong address 20 years ago to win a
- seat on Lambeth Council. :

This outrageous campaign is al-

most entirely devoid of factual sup-

ort. Indeed, it should by rights have

een shot down by Majorâ\200\231s huge suc-

cess in obliging an indifferent White

House to embrace his bold initiative

Opinion. | . s
John Major under fire

to create safe havens for the Kurds
inside Iraq, even if that involves the
further use of allied troops. What "

makes it even more bizarre is that

the campaign is sparked and motivated
not, as you might expect, by

Labour but by a sniping lobby of still
uncertain influence and determination
inside the Tory party itself

-which has not yet forgotten or for-

given the removal from office of Margaret
Thatcher. -

- The Tory party, which prides itself
on its unity (only Labour is for split-

ting, an old timer was murmuring

angrily this week) is thus threatened
with appalling divisions only
months, perhaps weeks, before a
fateful and highly uncertain election
on which the survival in office both

of the party and its-leader will
depend.

This presents John Major with a
most delicate dilemma. He need
hardly consult his new found friend
President George Bush, who faced a
very similar assault from the old

. Reaganites as he struggled for
election to the White House in 1988, to
learn the political truth about wimps
and wimpery. There is only one way

to beat the rap and that is to get
convincingly elected to the office you

have inherited by a resounding
victory at the polls. Major knows full
well that if this is to be achieved, he

has to emerge as his own man; and

: not just a sanitised Thatcher clone.
- In this exercise, most independent
~ observers would agree that he has

been both courageous and successful.
The Kurdish triumph apart, he -

has transformed Britain's role and

our influence in Europe by emerging

by John Ellison

John Major

as a tough and pragmatic player,
ready to go to the limits of Commu-
nity co-operation without betraying
Britain's resolute opposition to poli-
tical federalism. At home, he has
made plain that he would rather im-
prove some of Britain's basic social
institutions education, the health
service rather than see them sacri-
ficed on the altar of Thatcherite
- radicalism. Last week he unveiled
the final revision o

which will replace the present hated
charge by a qualified return to the
old rates system and which, with a .
bit of luck, will carry with it the =
f the poll tax

much needed support of Tories out
in the constituencies.

Major's private Catch-22, of
course, is that the further he goes in
this essential campaign, the more he
alienates the rump of loyal Thatche-
rites both in Westminster and in the
hustings. They fear with each day
that passes that far from assuring an
era of Thatcher II, Major is betraying

the very fundamentals of the Thatch-
erite revolution. Whether or not
that is true remains the single great-
est guessing game in British politics
but it was left to the arch Thatcherite
Norman Tebbit to warn a shell-
shocked party last week that there
were those amongst them who would
now prefer to see the Tories lose the
next election than to see Major win
):

For the party, the Major dilemma
is only aggravated by the alarming
uncertainties of the Thatcher factor.
That lady resists repeated sugges-
tions that she might go away and
write her book, taking a dignified
seat in the Lords. The fact is she is a
65-year-old with the stamina and
commitment of a woman of 40 and
seems to have no intention of quit-
ting the Commons (husband Denis

confided to the BBC that â\200\234she doesnâ\200\231t
much like writingâ\200\235).

What alarms the party managers is

- that if Mrs T ever stood up in public

and voiced her mind (which she has
so far mercifully refrained from

~doing, at least in Britain), she would
~command attention at home and

abroad which would engulf the To-
ries. In Westminster it is said that
those who do not still support her for

~ ideological reasons are frankly

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- Congress (ANC), uMnuz
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~ kakhulu Unswinyo nges;. .
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ngano, yawuchaza ngo-
kuthi kawusilona iniso.
.. Esitatimendenj esi-
khishwe yiy angano ye-
zindaba, iSapa, i-ANC
ithe ngemuva kokubuzwz
mayelana nonswinyo
uMnuz Mbeki ukubeke
ngokusobala ukuthj
unswinyo lufanele lughu-
beke.

Ibuye yawuhlaba ka-
khulu umbiko okhishwe
ngelinye lamaphepha- -
ndaba aseGoli obuquke-
the loludaba yathi ikho-
Iwa ngukuthij abezindaba
ababike ngalesisehlakalo
bazolilungisa iphutha
abalenzileyo,

Ezinhlelwen; zethele-
â\200\234vishini kuvezwe ukuthi
uMnuz Mbeki wenze le-
nkulumo ngesikhathi eyi-
sikhulumj engqungquthe-
leni yeRoyal A frican So-
ciety, eCambridge, lapho
abehlaziya khona isimo
SÂçzomnotho wakuleli ka-
hye negebe elikhona

phakathi kwabaMnyams
nabeLungu.

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Inkantolo ebiphenyad
ngokubulawa kwesikhulu
samaphoyisa esasisophi-
kweni lokulwa nokubhe-
bhetheka kodlame, uMa-
jor Deon Terblanche,
ngesonto eledlule itshe-
jwe ukuthi amaphoyisa
aseMgungundiovu aphe-
nya amacala okubulala
nokubamba inkunzi awu-
thola ngoMarch ngonya-
ka odlule umoya wokuthi
ANC nawe-
: ayeseve ekuhleli-
le ukuba kubulawe uMa-
jor Terblanche.
Lobubufakazi bethu-
jwe phambi kwemantshi,
Âfty Odendaal,
nguW/O Don Chandler
obefakaza kuloluphenyo
oluthinta uConstable
Mandla Ngcobo okuthi-
wa wavuma ukuthi wa-

mbulala uMajor Terbla-

~ nstable N

ce ngomhla kaMarch 14
ngonyaka odlule.
Uw/0 Chandler
ubuye watshela inkantolo
ngokudutshulwaa kuka-
Constable Ngcobo edu-
zane kwaseHammarsdale
emuva kokuba eboshwe
magondana nokubulawa
kukaMajor Terblanche.
Inkantolo itshelwe
ukuthi uConstable Ngco-
bo wadutshulwa wafa
emuva kokuba ezame
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ngemuva emo i
pho kwakuhleli khona
uConstable Ngcobo-

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nawe-UDF ayevele.cselâ\200\224
wenzile uzungu jokuba
kxubulawe uMajor Ter-
blanche. \

U ubeke wathi uCo-
obo wagale
waphika u uthi nguyena

owabulala uMajor
Terblanche kodwa okwa-

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thi uma amaphoyisa ese-
mtshela amaginiso wak-
hala wasevuma ukuthi
nguyena owambulala.
Uthe uConstable
Ngcobo wantshela ngo-
kuphikisana okwabakho-
na phakathi kwakhe no-
Major Terblanche wathi
ngomhla kaMarch 14
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_ULt-Col Barend Fou-
fie utshele inkantolo
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khona uConstable Ngco- -
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emhlathini wesokudla.

SOWETAN Monday April 22 1991

Assassms gun down outspoken mayor in ambush

Slain Khumalo gutsy man

DIEPMEADOW ma-
yor Moses Khumalo,
who died in a hail of
bullets on Friday
night, was known to
many journalists as
an outspoken, gutsy
-spokesman for Sow-

etaâ\200\231s sizeable moder- .

ate black community.
The last time he was in
the public eye - two
â\200\230weeks ago at a Press con-
ference after he and other

black leaders had signed

the constitution of the
Witwatersrand Metro-
politan Chamber - the
soft-spoken councillor
had staunchly defended
~ the rights of black town
councillors to serve their
community.

He also was perfectly
happy to serve on this
public forum with the
very members of the
Mass Democratic Move-
ment who were publicly
calling for his resignation,
such as Mr Cyril Rama-

- phosa of the Soweto
Peopleâ\200\231s Association,
Khumalo said that day.

â\200\234â\200\234The Metropolitan

Chamber means the same
lo us as it does to the
entire black community
~and the Mass Democratl

Movement namely a
forum - through which we
can finally end all apart-

heid once and for all.
Ending apartheid
also was the reason why
we black councillors had
joined the town council
structures years ago.
We did this long be-
fore the very existence of
the civic associations
which now are calling on
us to resign, Khumalo
told the group of journal-
ists in the Johannesburg
City Council chambers.

- Members

- As Khumalo was
speaking, members of the
five civic associations
which had also joined the
Chamber, looked on in
cool detachment - seated
at the same table.

Yet minutes before,
Ramaphosa had said he
would continue to call for
the resignation of those
black councillors sharing
the same forum with him.

Although he also de-
fended his own participa-

tion, he saw no contradic-

tions in serving with them
or addressing the same
Press conference as them.

Khumalo was equally
unruffled:

their call on us to resign is
not our problem, really,
but their problem, he
said.

We all have the basic
democratic right to dis-
agree with one another.

I moreover believe,
as do all my fellow-coun-
cillors, that we also have
the democratic right to
continue serving our com-

munity as we have done
in the past. \

I for once, certainly

have no intention of
resigning, Khumalo
bravely concluded that
day.

" He didn't have to:

Khumalo was simply mowed down in a hail of bullets, fired from AK-47

military assault rifles and f

Makarov pistols. -

Police spokesman Tienie Halgryn said the unknown gunmen ambushed

the mayor's car in

Meadowlands about 11pm on Friday.

Halgryn said the gunmen opened fire with AK-47 rifles and Makarov

-pistols, killing Khumalo instantly.

- Cartridges

He added that 18 spent AK-47 cartridges were found on the scene of the assassination.

No one had been arrested in connection with the killing.

Meanwhile, the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Danie Hough,

expressed shock at

Khumalo's murder.

In a statement, Hough described Khumalo as one of the most prominent leaders in the area of local government in the Transvaal.

Khumalo's death is nothing other than a cowardly and foolish deed, especially if it is taken into account that he continuously strived for the upliftment of his people.

Khumalo had also played an important role in achieving and signing the Soweto Agreement and the establishment of the Central Witwatersrand

Metropolitan Chamber of

Commerce, the statement
said.

Everyone who said
they supported democracy
should strive for peaceful
negotiations rather than
use violence and murder
to achieve their aims, it
said.

Ironically
It is extremely ironic
that deeds like this are
carried out just two days
after the State President
FW de Klerk announced
urgent steps to end

violence in the country. -
What was even more

ironic, the statement
added, was that Khumalo
was murdered on the eve
of his visit to Germany
where he and other Trans-

vaal council members -

were to hold talks with

JUNGLE

government leaders and
mayors on local govern-
ment and the upliftment -
of South Africa's black
community.

Senseless violence
must stop, the statement
said.

Hough expressed his
deepest sympathy to
Khumalo's family on be-
half of the Transvaal
Provincial Administra-

- tion. - Sapa.

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HE murder of Diepmeadow mayor

Moses Khumalo on Friday night is

tragic. It is also a reminder than
despite all the blood that has flowed and
all that has been said and written about it,
there are still those whose only tool is
violence,

Khumalo's political aims were un-
popular although he was probably as con-
cerned as everybody else about the eradica-
tion of apartheid and the liberation of his |
people. : :

The way he chose to do the job was by
becoming involved in government-
Sponsored town councils. His aim to work

om within the system had its merits but
was either reckless or courageous consid-
ering the politics of the day. :

There is also, of course, as Soweran
reports today, the suspicion of members
of his family that his death could have
been planned by forces other than those
who were working for the destruction of
black local town councils, :

The point though is however un-
popular his approach and his position as
mayor might have been, he had the demo-
cratic right to be what he chose to-be.
Everybody has the democratic right of

- choice and should not have to fear
violence as a result,

The danger was, of course, that his

ice made him particularly vulnerable,
especially once the pressure began to be
put on all the councillors to resign, - 1

Sowetan is aware that the -violence in
South Africa is so dangerously complex,
so easily exploitable, that his killers could
happen anywhere.

This, however, does not ;
tion any better. If - N i
worse. There is nothing good about |
people, whoever

] ' they are, whose first in- :
stinct in an argument is to reach for the |
gun or the knife. :

There can be no democracy in a society
- where one group is too scared to speak in

ublic. There can be no democracy in a
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crash of gunfire, % .

Mayor dies
in a hail,.,
of bullets

as we know, he was on
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â\200\230â\200\234â\200\230He was one of the signatories of the Soweto Ac-
cord with the Soweto Peopleâ\200\231s Delegation led by trade
unionist Cyril Ramaphosa. This rule:ï¬\201?:ny possibility
of politics being involved in his killing;â\200\235* he said,

But Soweto police spokesman Colg i
&ryn yesterday said: â\200\230â\200\234We certainly believe the motive
for his killing is political and unrest related.â\200\235â\200\231

a8 else would kill him? ** Halgryn

Khumaloâ\200\231s friend and special adviser to the Trans-
vaal Provincial Administration, Mr David Thebehali,
said he did not think Khumaloâ\200\231s killing was politically

motivated, =

â\200\230 â\200\234â\200\234There were Previous attempts on his life and they
all did not seem to be politically motivated, Hopefully
Police investigations will reveal the truth,â\200\235
Mr Cas Coovadia, a spokesman for the Civic Associ-
good terms with community

| metres away in Zone 8 where he was to discuss his trip

| to Germany., .

He was to have left for Germany the following day.

Police found his body in the bullet-riddled mayoral

| car he was driving about 11.30pm but the family was

| only informed about the killing at 7.30am the next day.

| This was the third attempt on Khumaloâ\200\231s life. The

first was in 1984 Wwhen his house was petrol-bombed.,
â\202¬ second was in 1989 when gunmen way-laid him

and riddled his car with bullets from AK-47s,

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: unhurt in both incidents.

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found decapitated with hands and feet cut off outside a:
hostel in Vosloorus on the East Rand, were among el%hh
people who were killed in unrest-related incidents at the
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kend. :

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gged from the hostel, police

bee:lâ\200\230:)aon the East Rand, in Katlehongs_ lhlen mm

found with bullet wounds. |

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th. SES .

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gmup of people fired shots into. another tlgqupâ\200\230.dent.

men have been arrested in hciï¬\202t:nn:ct::an:xâ\200\230;lh . m el
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kill?(; abi'!tz:l :nliaoâ\200\230me-owner fired shots at a group attack

ing his home.

By KENOSI MODISANE
and DON SEOKANE

. WHO killed . Dlepmeadow mayor
Mr Moses Khumalo" -

â\200\234This is the unStIOD that snll needs to be

answered after the veteran commumty coun-"

cillor was gunned down in Soweto at the
weekend

&3 His famxly ruled out polmcs as the reason why
~ he was killed.â\200\235 SRR

*â\200\234This is in no way related to the confhct be- -

tween councillors and the civic associations, We
are dlsturbed by rcports ln weekend papers that

ITâ\200\231S been another bloody weekend. How can
the violence be stopped? What do you think?
.-Let the nation hear your opinion. Telephone
. Radio Metro DJ Tim Modise today and talk to
im_live between 4.30 and Spm. â\200\230The heotline
umbe\râ\200\234"â\200\230is} 714-8063.; Listen' to. the
Sowetan/Radlo â\200\230Metro Talkback programme
~on mediumwave 576 KhZ."

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the incident was politically motivated,â\200\235â\200\235 his son,
Sydney;a former reporter wlth the Sowetan, said
yesterday. -

**There were misleading reports in some Sun-
" day papers that he was lured to an ambush. As far

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