Thatcher was 'bullied' by world leaders

LONDON - Former UK prime minister Margaret
Thatcher felt "bullied" by leaders were "all glaring at the world's leaders over her me" refusal to impose sanctions on SA, she said in her mem- how the pack instinct of oirs released yesterday.

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CHRIS BATEMAN

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surprise and regret rose: one by one they protested that it was not 'personal'. I answered that it clearly was personal and I wasn't having it - the atmosphere immediately became more subdued. They asked me what I would accept. I announced the concessions (unilateral action against Krugerrand imports and withdrawal of support for trade promotion).



Alliance negotiates

THE Freedom Alliance formally begins negotiations with government and the ANC this week, optimistic that a constitutional deal is only weeks away.

"I am very optimistic that we will find a solution," alliance chairman Bophuthatswana's Rowan Cronje said.

"If there is equal determination on the part of the other parties, we could have a constitutional agreement within a month."

The alliance met government last night and is due to meet the ANC today.

Because of today's meeting, as well as a meeting between the ANC and govern-ment, there will be no World Trade Centre talks. - Sapa.

SA guards to leave Transkei

PRETORIA — The diplomatic row between SA and Transkei was temporarily smoothed over yesterday when agreement was reached establishing a joint committee to "normalise relations".

The two parties also agreed to replace security guards stationed at SA's Umtata embassy, as demanded by Transkei. This followed an urgent meeting in Umtata between homeland officials and Foreign Affairs director-general Rusty Evans.

However, key issues were not resolved. The status of SA ambassador Horace van Rensburg, who was officially kicked out of the homeland at the weekend, would be discussed later by the committee, a Foreign Affairs spokesman said.

Yesterday Transkei military leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa was adamant that Van Rensburg should not return, but ADRIAN HADLAND

he had no objections to SA appointing a new ambassador. Foreign Affairs said Van Rensburg had been replaced temporarily by charge d'affaires David Bezuldenhout.

The diplomatic rumpus, which stemmed from the SA embassy's alleged involvement in the Umtata raid earlier this month, threatened not only diplomatic relations but also Transkei's continued participation in national negotiations.

"If the SA government chooses to chase away our ambassador in retaliation we will take up the matter with the negotiating council. If they refuse to debate the matter, Transkei will withdraw from the council," Holomisa said.

The replacement of 12 embassy guards

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by black SADF soldiers from Eastern Province Command, while agreed in principle, was also referred to further investigations by the Transkei and SA security forces. Evans said the contingent would be "rotated" until a decision had been taken.

Holomisa wanted black soldiers who had joined the security forces after February 1990 to guard the embassy because they were unlikely to be "remnants of the Angolan war" or "right-wing lunatics".

He reiterated his view that embassy officials had been involved in intelligence gathering prior to the raid. The onus was on SA to prove that embassy staff, particularly embassy guards, had not been involved in planning the raid.

Tension following the raid was exacerbated by riots in Umtata after a service for the five youths killed, and by the murder of two SA policemen near Kokstad.

Holomisa claimed that the policemen, whose bodies were found in Transkei after being abducted from a charge office, had been the victims of right-wing elements in

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SA's security forces. "It was another mischief by the white security forces."

But senior SA and Transkei police officers had made a co-operation agreement to track down the killers. The SAP offered a R200 000 reward for information leading to arrests and convictions.

Our political staff reports that Holomisa assured the white community and tourists that Transkei security forces would protect them and a significant concentration of troops was guarding major routes.

Meanwhile, BILLY PADDOCK reports

Meanwhile, BILLY PADDOCK reports that the negotiating council's planning committee yesterday decided to refer three conflicting resolutions on the raid to a joint meeting today of the SA and Transkei governments and the PAC to see if they could resolve the matter. They would report back to the committee tomorrow.

The committee also asked the meeting to consider ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa's list of questions.

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Kwesine hostel 'under siege'

RESIDENTS of Katlehong on the East Rand had imposed a virtual siege on the Inkatha-controlled Kwesine hostel. Trans- situation in Katlehong could result in hos-vaal Hostel Residents' Association chair- tel residents doing "what they won't tell to man Joseph Kubheka said yesterday.

Kubheka said it was no longer possible # for hostel residents to travel by privately owned car or minibus taxi through the because of attacks by local residents.

He said the only mode of transport hostel residents used was trains. "Even train travelling is not possible at times because the people of Katlehong vandalise the Germistor-Kwesine railway line," he said.

Kubheka said the virtual siege of the hostel by Katlehong residents was taking its toll on hostel inmates. "People are hungry ... even spaza shop owners find it difficult to get food into the township."

Inkatha Transvaal deputy chairman Humphrey Ndlovu said he feared that the WILSON ZWANE

anyone, including me".

SA Rail Commuter Corporation spokesman Rudie Hollenbach confirmed that the a railway line between Katlehong and Kwetownship to towns or their places of work sine stations was tampered with. Train services had to be suspended for 30 minutes yesterday morning after rocks had

been put on the track, he said.

ANC PWV spokesman Vusi Gunene could not comment on attacks on vehicles carrying Kwesine hostel residents, saying he did not have the necessary information.

He did, however, comment on the delivery of food to Kwesine by right-wingers at the weekend. "This kind of a thing fans existing tensions," he said.

Ndlovu said: "Aid is aid. Be it from the Red Cross or whoever, we will accept it."

Prize idiots picked

CRACKPOTS on the Nobel Peace Prize committee have dished out their latest gongs with all the madness that money can muster.

The prize this time has been awarded jointly to convicted terrorist Nelson Mandela and South African State President F.W. de Klerk.

For anyone who doesn't remember or never knew why Nelson Mandela was jailed for 27 years, the facts are chillingly simple and easily checked.

He was found guilty of plotting to bathe South Africa in the blood of thousands of innocent people. Even Mandela has never

Mandela

said that his trial was unfair. Mandela and a group of South African communists were arrested before they could blow up bus stations, trains, schools and power lines.

Their aim was to cause so much horror that the South African government would "overreact" by arresting hundreds of black activists.

This, they figured, would anger the rest of the world and bring sanctions to cripple their country.

And it worked, even though Mandela and the other plotters were grabbed before they could blow up South Africa.

Left-wingers persuaded the world's do-gooders and weak politicians to swallow the propaganda that Mandela was a good man. And the rest is history.

De Klerk is hell-bent on giving away his country under the banner of democracy to the communist-dominated African National Congress of which Mandela is the puppet leader.

Since he freed Mandela three years ago more than 12,000 South Africans, most of them black, have dled in bloody battles.

Elections are promised for April but the awesome spectre of civil war haunts the land. Some Peace!

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Human rights: Amnesty's appeal to C'wealth

- Common-LONDON. wealth leaders whose summits regularly conapartheid were told yesterday to put their own houses in order on human rights when they meet this week.

International rights group Amnesty International said Heads of State of Britain and 49 ganisation should make human rights a priority when they meet in Cyprus from Thursday.

"The Commonwealth has taken a number of positive steps in the past two years to promote hu-man rights," Londonbased Amnesty said in a statement.

"But much remains to

former colonies in the orare renewing our appeal to take actions as a matter of priority."

Less than half the Commonwealth states have ratified two key UN international covenants on civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights.

A mere 11 have become parties to the United Nations Convention against Torture, and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Amnesty Punishment. said.

Britain, the former colonial master of the other 49 members from the developed and developing world, has signed the three conventions.

Sec-Commonwealth Chiet retary-General Emeka Anyaoku has said he hopes the summit canaddress the promotion of democracy and economic

development in South Africa - which pulled out of the Commonwealth in 1961 - and elsewhere.

He has also said the Commonwealth must practise what it preaches, and is proud that only three member states remain under military or one-party rule, down from eight in 1991 when the last summit was held in Zimbabwe.

That meeting had made some progress in getting all members to pledge to protect as well as promote human rights but had not agreed on any real action, Amnesty said.

The pressure also called on the Commonwealth to strengthen the role of non-governmental organisations such as itself and to improve human rights training. --Sapa-Reuter.

Violence 'without motive' kills 33

INDISCRIMINATE killings in Natal and on the East Rand continued at the weekend, with 33 more people losing their lives since Saturday in what police called motiveless violence.

Two assistant constables, killed by AK-47 fire in Tembisa on the East Rand on Saturday, were named as Petros Funeka and Diamand Nqohube. Both were 23. Their service pistols were missing. Thirteen bodies were found in the Katle-

Thirteen bodies were found in the Katlehong/Thokoza/Vosloorus area and two in Daveyton. They had been burnt, hacked or shot, police said.

There had also been several attacks on police, particularly on Katlehong's internal stability unit.

The shooting of the Rev Johannes Nhlabathi, a minister of Katlehong's Church of Christ, in front of his seven-year-old son last week has prompted the SA Council of Churches to host a summit in Benoni on Thursday to tackle the chronic violence.

In Natal 11 people were killed at the weekend. The dead included two policemen who police suspect were killed by Apla, and a one-year-old child was who was burnt to death.

Kwazulu police said six bodies had been discovered in the greater Durban area at the weekend.

An SADF member was shot in KwaMashu, north of Durban. His firearm and ammunition had been stolen, police said.

In Isipingo a one-year-old child was

burnt to death and a woman stabbed to death in an attack by 20 men on a house.

Two have died in fighting between Umlazi hostel residents and residents of the neighbouring Uganda and Zamani informal settlements south of Durban, it was reported yesterday.

In Cape Town, police found the body of police Sgt David Galant, who they believed had been thrown from a moving train, on the Bellville railway line.

Police are offering a R10 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the 29-year-old policeman's killers. Galant's 9mm pistol is missing.

A policeman was shot dead while walking in NU 9, Mdantsane, on Sunday night and his service pistol was stolen.

Meanwhile, the national peace committee has endorsed the Peace Train concert, which will begin in December.

The organisers say the concert will feature international performers and local artists such as Ladysmith Black Mambazo and Afrika Soul.

A 250-voice, multicultural youth choir from Natal will also take part.

☐ The ANC said a witness to the Mamelodi taxi rank shooting earlier this month had come forward and made a statement to the police. Five people were killed and 15 wounded in the attack.

Two people arrested in connection with the shooting will appear in the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court today. — Sapa.

Divisions emerge in ANC alliance over Cosatu's national strike call

ANC, SACP and Cosatu leaders held highlevel but inconclusive discussions vesterday, as divisions emerged between the alliance partners over the union federation's proposed national strike next month.

The ANC said only that the meeting bad agreed to refer the matter to the alliance's leadership. But an SACP leader said Cosatu appeared to have "misunderstood" the implications of certain clauses in the draft constitution, which have been put forward as the reason for the strike.

The ANC said workers' concerns had been discussed regarding a clause on labour relations in the proposed interim constitution's chapter on human rights, as well as the future of the public service.

Cosatu objected to including an employer right to lock-out and security of tenure for public servants.

The SACP source said ANC and SACP pegotiators had stressed in the pegotiating council that they would not agree to any clauses precluding affirmative action and restructuring the public service.

When negotiators met the Cosatu leadership for further discussions, the problem "would be resolved quite easily".

TIM COHEN, ERICA JANKOWITZ AND BILLY PADDOCK

Yesterday's meeting, attended by ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa, SACP national chairman Joe Slovo and Cosalu general secretary Sam Shilowa, was called by Cosatu.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the idea of a national strike was not discussed directly, although the suggestion was included in a written report presented by Cosatu. Cosatu made it clear that it had not taken a unilateral decision, and its proposal would be discussed by its regional structures. The ANC said it would also discuss the issue in its structures.

Union sources said the prime mover behind the national strike resolution was SA Clothing and Textile Workers' Union (Sactwa) deputy general secretary Ebrabim Patel, long considered an intellectual within a moderate union.

This year's Sactwa congress proposed ending Cosatu's alliance with the ANC and SACP, citing union Independence as a major consideration. At the same congress ANC economics head Trevor Manuel raised eyelnows by playing down the unions' role in economic policymaking.

Shilowa confirmed that the ANC and SACP had expressed surprise at Cosatu's call for a strike, but said there was no tension between the alliance partners.

National Manpower Commission director Frans Barker also expressed surprise at Cosato's objections to the Bill of Rights. The lock-out clause had been discussed by the commission, which consists of government, union and business representatives. At a meeting in July, consensus had been

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reached on the fifth draft of the Bill, in-if the "magnitude of the strike". cluding the lock-out provision.

Barker said the consensus view was that ? the draft Bill did not affect existing labour : relations legislation.

However, Shilowa said the current La- 1 long it would last. bour Relations Act, which included a lockout clause, had been passed without Cosatu's blessing. If the federation withdrew its backing now, the commission "would no longer have consensus".

He said that in line with ANC and SACP policy, both parties would refer the matter to their leaderships before taking a decision on whether to back the call because of

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Cosatu regions would discuss the recommendation at congresses this weekend.

By November 5 all parties would know whether they would join the strike and how

Rallies would be held on November 6 and 7 to "report back on our victory", or to finalise strategy for the national strike.

Shilowa said he had requested an urgent meeting with the negotiating council to discuss the right to lock out and the insulation of the public service, as well as the regions' powers affecting workers' rights.

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Webb gets top post
MICKEY Webb, Ciskei's
negotiator at multiparty talks,
has been appointed Foreign
Minister for the homeland. He
was sworn in yesterday by
Ciskei Supreme Court Judge
Willem Heath.

ANC off to summit

ANC national chairman Thabo
Mbeki and NEC member
Mendi Msimang are to attend
the Commonwealth heads of
government conference in
Cyprus this week. Foreign
Affairs says government will
not be represented.

Buthelezi: No to referendum

ULUNDI. — Kwa-Zulu Chief Minister stangosumu Bumelezi has rejected the proposed referendum as a deadlock-breaking mechanism in the democracy talks.

Addressing the Kwa-Zulu Legislative Assemply yesterday, Unier Buthelezi accused State President De Klerk of attempting to substitute consensus with a referendum, which would empower a majority to silence the aspirations of the minority.

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KwaZulu must have the power to adopt its own rules governing subjects such as family law, labour law, commerce and industry and criminal law, he added.

"If the rest of South Africa rejects our offer to be included in the new South Africa as a federal state, then we will consider our options."

KwaZulu negotiators had scratched the bottom of the negotiations barrel in bilateral talks both with the government and the ANC.

Chief Buthelezi vowed to stick to a non-violent solution.

"In spite of the growing climate of civil war, which is affecting our people, killing our friends and comrades, destroying our communities and destabilising our political structures, we shall never abandon our fundamental policy of non-violent form of negotiations."

Now was the time for action which could no longer wait, he said.

"Our action is going to be within the parameters of our tradition and will be characterised by non-violence, reasonableness and defence of our rights.

"We will not destroy, intimidate or resort to disruptive mass action, for the protection of law and order is of too great a value to us.

"Today we say to Mr F W de Klerk and Mr Nelson Mandela that they cannot go it alone without us, and that consensus with us must be achieved through the recognition of our right of self-determination."

Chief Buthelezi urged the immediate suspension of negotiations to seek consensus-based agreement on the form of state and the process from which an expeditious finalisation of a final constitution would proceed to the holding of elections.

He said the Zulu nation did not recognise the legitimacy of the interim constitution and would not be bound by it. — Sapa.

Mbeki seeks Dutch aid

AMSTERDAM. — African National Congress chairman Thabo Mbeki yesterday visited The Netherlands to seek econ. Netherlands to seek economic support for South Africa, the Dutch Foreign

man said.

"The aim is to make Affairs Ministry said.

Mr Mbeki discussed continue their interest in the need for both govern- and commitment to South ment and private invest-ment in the South African

Africa, the spokesman
said. — Sapa-Reuter.

E Rand violence: 18 killed at weekend

Citizen Reporter

AT least 18 people, including two policemen, were killed and three were wounded in violence on the East Rand at the weekend.

East Rand police spokesman, Lieutenant Deon Peens, said a man was found hacked to death in Mandela Park, Katlehong, and another was found fatally stabbed in the Ncala Section, Katlehong, on Sunday morning.

Police later discovered the body of a man hacked and burnt and another man burnt to death in the Twala Section, Katlehong.

A man was found shot dead in the Radebe Section, Katlehong, and another was discovered shot and killed in the Mngadi Section, Katlehong.

Police found four men shot dead and one burnt to death in Tokoza on Sunday. Two more men were found shot and killed in the area on Saturday and one died of bullet wounds there on Friday.

Two men were found shot and killed in a house in Mocke Street, Daveyton, on Saturday.

Unknown gunmen shot and killed two off-duty Kempton Park policemen, Assistant Constables Petrus Funeka, 23, and Diamand Nqohube, 23, in Tembisa on Saturday night. The policemen were walking in the Esawgeni Section at the time of the attack. Both were robbed of their service pistols.

Lt Peens said spent AK-47 cartridges were found at the scene.

Two women were found with shot and hack wounds at the Katlehong Cemetery on Saturday and a Mr Paulus Khumalo, 18. was shot and wounded in Tskana on Friday. All three were

hospitalised.

Police arrested three men and seized two AK-47 assault rifles ammunition and magazines and .22 ammunition in raids in Tokoza and Tembisa at the weekend, and confiscated a 9 mm Browning pistol found in a street in Alrode.

FW pocket-book Jan Smuts, says Jaap

RIGHT-WINGERS continued to criticise State President De Klerk yesterday following last week's announcement that he would share the Nobel Peace Prize with African National Congress president Mr Nelson Mandela.

Herstigte Nasionale Party leader Mr Jaap

Marais charged that Mr
De Klerk appeared increasingly like a pocketbook version of General
Jan Smuts who courted
aliens and enemies.
while becoming increasingly hostile towards
his own people.

"The praise Mr De Klerk currently receives from foreigners and enemies is obviously the reward for treason against his own nation," Mr Marais said.

The Nobel peace award had long ago become a "mere gadget" for stroking the egos of Leftist political figures, but the latest award, made while South Africa was the crime mecca of the world, had made the prize nonsensical, he said. — Sapa.

Reconsider Nobel Peace Prize to FW: URBAN. – Transin military ruler, Mar-General Bantu plomisa, has urged Holomisa

kei military ruler, Major-General Bantu Holomisa, has urged the Norwegian Nobel Committee to reconsider awarding the Nobel Peace Prize to State President De Klerk.

Mr De Klerk was awarded the prize jointly with African National Congress leader Mr Nelson Mandela last Friday.

In a letter to the Director of the Nobel Institute yesterday, Gen Holomisa said the SA Defence Force raid on an Umtata home 10 days ago should lead to a reversal of the decision to honour Mr De Klerk.

As Commander-In-Chief of the SADF, and in conjunction with senior Ministers, Mr De Klerk had authorised the raid resulting in "the sordid, callous, cold-blooded murder of school-going children," charged Gen Holomisa.

The South African Government has alleged some of the victims were linked to the Azanan Peoples Liberation Army (APLA) and claimed the house was raided as it was used as an APLA base to spring attacks on innocent South African civilians.

Gen Holomisa said the majority of South Africans interpreted the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to Mr De Klerk as a "snub", adding the decision to honour the State President may have been taken before the Umtata raid.

He said the raid had been roundly condemned by the United Nations, European Community and Organisation of African Unity Observer Missions to South Africa, as well as by South Africa's Lawyers for Human Rights.

"In the interests of South Africans, whose consciences are revolted at the recent orgy of the violent raid, you are kindly requested to reconsider your decision to award the Nobel Peace Prize to President De Klerk," read Gen Holomisa's letter.

He added that South Africans were "baffled by the apparent tenacity of the (Nobel) committee to honour President De Klerk as a champion of Peace and reconciliation in South Africa when many thousands of Blacks have died under his presidency".

The awarding of the peace prize to Mr De Klerk was thus a mockery of the ideals of peace and justice. — Sapa.

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The SA Police reported a gang fight in the Makhalthini area of Stanger, on the Natal north coast, during which one man was fatally shot.

A year-old child was burnt to death, a woman was stabbed to death and a second child "sustained

chop wounds" after an attack by 20 men on a house in Isipingo on Sunday.

In Bhongweni, near Kokstad, two policemen were abducted and weapons were stolen by assailants who scribbled "APLA" on the police station wall. The bodies of the policemen were found in Transkei on Sunday. - 5apa.

Still no consensus on new SA regions

A DEBATE on regions at the World Trade Centre at Kempton Park yesterday served only to highlight the lack of agreement between participants.

The 21 parties at multiparty talks were unable to agree even on the number of regions South Africa should have, let alone their boundaries.

At the end of the day negotiators agreed instead to give a mandate the planning committee, whose job it is to facilitate talks, to establish an adhoc committee to try to resolve the differences.

The debate was based on the second report by a commission on the demarcation/delimitation of regions.

The commission of experts has proposed nine regions: Western Cape; Northern Cape; North West; Orange Free State: Eastern Cape/Kei; Kwa-Zulu/Natal; Northern Transvaal: Eastern Transvaal; and PWV (Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging).

They recognised the enormity of the task facing negotiators, and stated in the introduction to their 100-plus page report:

"It will...be extremely difficult for a body like the Negotiating Council to take definitive decisions on the boundaries that would satisfy all the citizens of the country...

"Even a referendum in a certain community would not necessarily be the answer..."

However, they were adamant that the number of regions should not be increased from nine, but said the possibility of subregions should be investigated.

"The process, from a political standpoint, is at an early stage and taking the diversity of view-

points into account it is clear that the subject matter has not yet been extensivley analysed."

The future powers and functions of the regions had not yet been determined, and since these would have a major effect on the communities concerned, the delimitation of the regions could not be looked at in isolation, the commission added.

It noted the issue was a "highly emotional" one, and therefore it was not surprising there were conflicting viewpoints from almost all communities.

— Sapa-Reuter.

Strike proposal: COSATU talks to

Citizen Reporter

(COSATU), representing more than a million workers, yesterday met with its tripartite allies, the Afri-can National Congress and the South African Communist Party, to discuss calls for a national strike on November 17.

In a brief statement the ANC said the meeting COSATU's discussed concerns about clauses limiting worker rights in the draft constitution being discussed at the World Trade Centre.

COSATU has called for a national strike on November 17 to force negotiators to accede to its demands.

COSATU is demanding that multi-party negotiators agree to remove a proposed constitutional clause guaranteeing the tenure of civil servants and remove an interim Bill of Rights clause, enabling employers to lockout striking workers.

The ANC said yester-

day the meeting had THE Congress of South agreed to refer the matter African Trade Unions for the attention of the broader tri-partite alliance leadership.

ANC spokesman said yesterday the meeting had not discussed COSA-TU's efforts to meet with the multi-party planning committee to discuss its objections to the draft constitution.

COSATU wants the objections to be discussed at a full meeting of the Negotiating Council.

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Cosatu's agenda

OSATU's threatened work stayaway next month has immediately prompted speculation about a hidden agenda. Is the new leadership wanting to show that it is as tough as its predecessors — especially since Cosatu has so far not staged its traditional annual stayaway? Or is the federation trying to demonstrate its independence from its larger ally, and sending a signal that it is unhappy with some ANC policy positions?

We would not pretend to know precisely what Cosatu is up to. What seems clear, though, is that there is

some unstated goal.

For a start, any company worth its salt has by now worked out contingency plans for stayaways which minimise or eliminate production losses. The only effect of a stayaway is the psychological one which discourages new investment.

Further, Cosatu's objection to the proposed clause in the Bill of Rights which affords employers the right to lock out as the counterpoint to the unions' guaranteed right to strike seems hardly worth the trouble. It is purely symbolic and, embarrassingly for Cosatu, National Manpower Commission officials insist that Cosatu officials agreed to the clause in closed meetings.

Practically, lockouts and strikes are covered by the Labour Relations Act and by Industrial Court guidelines. The only effect of the clause is to make it impossible to scrap from the Act the provisions which make lockouts (and strikes) legally possible. Cosatu surely does

not have that in mind.

Security of tenure for public servants is a more serious issue. On the one hand, a future South Africa cannot continue to be administered solely by the senior officials of the old regime. Blanket, guaranteed security of tenure is inconceivable. The country cannot afford the growth in numbers which would result if all existing officials were to remain in office along with their replacements.

Nevertheless. it will do South Africa and its transition no good at all if wholesale, destabilising purges of the public service are carried out, and if those unfortunate enough to lose their positions do not receive fair compensation in line with standards set by the private sector.

We remain confused at Cosatu's ire. World Trade Centre drafts on the issue, while they include a clause designed to ensure continuity between the present constitution and the next, do not appear to guarantee permanent security of tenure. Indeed, they specifically envisage a process of "rationalisation" and talk about state employees' conditions "for as long as they continue to perform" state functions - implicitly recognising that their term of office is finite. And even if this interpretation is less accurate than Cosatu's, an impetuous stayaway threat, made out of the blue, seems hardly rational at this stage.

The question remains — what is Cosatu up to?

Buthelezi rejects the proposed referendum

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Filipinos laud FW and Mandela

MANILA. — The Philippine Government yesterday hailed the selection of South African President De Klerk and Nelson Mandeia for the Nobel Peace Prize, and said it was "seriously considering" the opening of diplomatic ties.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Roberto Romulo said in a statement that the award, "should serve is further inspiration for the people of the world to continue to support efforts at achieving a democratic and non-racial govcriment in South Afri-

He added that Manila was "seriously considering the opening of diplomatic relations with South Africa", but did not elaborate. — Sapa-AFP.

THE CITIZEN COMMENT

Don't strike

SOUTH Africa is struggling to come out of the recession, despite government assurances that the economy is recovering.

And this is a time when workers, like employers, should be hoping that retrenchments and sackings are over and more jobs are

going to be created.

It is, in fact, a time when everyone should pull together, as happened when the government, the ANC, the IFP and other parliamentary and non-parliamentary bodies made their joint bid for an International Monetary Fund loan and for investment in South Africa.

ANC president Nelson Mandela, like Finance Minister Derek Keys, put across a message

of confidence about the future.

It was a sterling effort on their part, the Black nationalist leader and possible State President and the Finance Minister well versed in national and international finance giving corporate leaders and bankers a sales pitch that invecting in South Africa was safe, that the country needed and welcomed foreign investment, and that there were good business opportunities that should not be overlooked.

All reports suggest that the foreign business leaders were impressed, but also had reserva-

tions

The endemic violence frightened them. Who wants to invest in a country which has the

worst violence in the world?

They worried also about the political situation and how it would be resolved, particularly who would be in power after April and whether, despite Mr Mandela's assurances, the country would not become another basket case because of socialistic planning, nationalisation, wealth taxes and other policies that could further damage the economy.

And so the eyes of foreign business remain focused on events in South Africa, watching

every move that takes place here.

Which makes it essential that nothing is done to escalate violence, already at a deplorably high level; nothing is said that suggests an ANC government would abandon free market principles for socialistic experimentation; and that there are no wildcat or national strikes to suggest that the labour position is volatile.

Which brings us to the threat by the Congress of South African Trade Unions that it will hold a national general strike on November 15.

The strike, according to COSATU general secretary, Mr Sam Shilowa, will go ahead unless negotiators at the World Trade Centre remove a proposed clause in the interim constitution guaranteeing the tenure of civil servants after the April 27 election.

They must also remove a clause from the interim Bill of Rights enabling employers to lock

out striking workers.

This suggests blackmail - agree or else.

Another key demand is that the election be held on April 27 without a preliminary referendum.

Mr Shilowa says COSATU will proceed with the general strike regardless of the damage to the economy.

It appears that COSATU did not discuss the strike first with the African National Congress and the SA Communist Party, with which it is in alliance.

This is interesting, since it suggests that CO-SATU is prepared to follow its own agenda in which case an ANC government might find COSATU as bolshie as the South African Government does.

It is a shame that COSATU does not care

what happens to the economy.

It should be concerned, as half of the Blacks are out of work and more will be jobless if nothing is done to get the economy going again.

We suggest the ANC, which is now being conculted, should tell COSATU not to go ahead

with the general strike.

It will not only harm South Africa, businesses and workers but will also have sick and tired of the violence and economic hardships and are looking to the major parties and alliances to end this country's troubles.

Train murder trial of five on November 3

Court Reporter

TWO women and three men appeared in the Jo-hannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday before in Dlomo of Doornkep.
Mr P Griessel on charges Miss Dorris Ntsele of Moof murder, arising from recent train violence.

Neethling, obtained a postponement to November 3 for further investigution. She said the num-

ber of dead still had to be specified.

The Zulu-speaking accused were Miss Thembefolo North, Mr Edford Platt of Dobsonville. Mr Petros Phenyane of Mo-The prosecutor, Miss K folo North and Mr Osborne Mdaono of Snake Park, Soweto.

They are being heid without hail.

Federal option

PRESIDENT De Klerk has threatened to hold a referendum. If the question on the referendum was "Should a federal constitution be considered for South Africa?", there would be no threat.

The reason that the IFP walked out of the Kempton Park negotiations was

precisely because the ANC/Communist alliance refused point-blank to consider this option, even though they had not even consulted their own electorate on the matter.

Comrade Mac Maharaj unilaterally decided there was sufficient consensus and as usual, the Nats buckled under.

Why not allow South Africans themselves to decide the type of constitution they want rather than leave the matter in the hands of a handful of politicians of uncertain legitimacy?

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nie case: Detention backed

LUSAKA. - United Na- 14 He said in an interview: tions High Commissioner for Refugees representative in Zambia Mr Abou Moussa has defended Zambia's detention of " South African exile Mr Katiza Cebekhulu.

Mr Moussa said the detention was in Mr Cebekhulu's own interests as no other country was prepared to guarantee his safety.

"The Zambian Government has granted Cebekhulu refugee status in order to protect him from any danger - it is up to the Zambian authorities to determine whether Cebekhulu would be granted safety if he returned to South Africa."

Mr Cebekhulu was a key witness in the Winnie Mandela kidnapping case in which she was convicted and sentenced to a six-year jail term, which was subsequently suspended on appeal earlier this year.

"UNHCR has proached many countries to receive Cebekhulu, but all have declined to assist him because he was allegedly difficult to protect, Mr Moussa said.

The UNHCR chief also said everything had been going well for Mr Cebekhulu outside prison until he made careless statements which exposed him to danger.

Mr Cebekhulu last week told the Bruce Munyama Human Rights Commission of Enquiry that he wanted to be sent back home because he

could not stand the bad prison food.

Mr Moussa, however, argued: "He is an exceptional case who can't be kept with other refugees - those are not the best conditions under which he can be protected."

Mr Cebekhulu was granted political asylum by the defeated United National Independence Party (UNIP) government in 1991 when he was reportedly smuggled out of South Africa via Mozambique and Angola. -Sapa.

Violence 'without motive' kills 33

INDISCRIMINATE killings in Natal and on the East Rand continued at the weekend, with 33 more people losing their lives since Saturday in what police called motiveless violence.

Two assistant constables, killed by AK-47 fire in Tembisa on the East Rand on Saturday, were named as Petros Funeka and Diamand Ngohube. Both were 23. Their service pistols were missing.

Thirteen bodies were found in the Katlehong/Thokoza/Vosloorus area and two in Daveyton. They had been burnt, hacked or shot, police said.

There had also been several attacks on police, particularly on Katlehong's internal stability unit.

The shooting of the Rev Johannes Nhlabathi, a minister of Katlehong's Church of Christ, in front of his seven-year-old son last week has prompted the SA Council of Churches to host a summit in Benoni on Thursday to tackle the chronic violence.

In Natal 11 people were killed at the weekend. The dead included two policemen who police suspect were killed by Apla, and a one-year-old child was who was burnt to death.

Kwazulu police said six bodies had been discovered in the greater Durban area at the weekend.

An SADF member was shot in KwaMashu, north of Durban. His firearm and ammunition had been stolen, police said.

In Isipingo a one-year-old child was

burnt to death and a woman stabbed to death in an attack by 20 men on a house.

Two have died in fighting between Umlazi hostel residents and residents of the neighbouring Uganda and Zamani informal settlements south of Durban, it was reported yesterday.

In Cape Town, police found the body of police Sgt David Galant, who they believed had been thrown from a moving train, on the Bellville railway line.

Police are offering a R10 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the 29-year-old policeman's killers. Galant's 9mm pistol is missing.

A policeman was shot dead while walking in NU 9, Mdantsane, on Sunday night and his service pistol was stolen.

Meanwhile, the national peace committee has endorsed the Peace Train concert, which will begin in December.

The organisers say the concert will feature international performers and local artists such as Ladysmith Black Mambazo and Afrika Soul.

A 250-voice, multicultural youth choir from Natal will also take part.

☐ The ANC said a witness to the Mamelodi taxi rank shooting earlier this month had come forward and made a statement to the police. Five people were killed and 15 wounded in the attack.

Two people arrested in connection with the shooting will appear in the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court today. — Sapa.

Homeland system 'falling apart'

and the South African muscle. authorities over the Umtata raid is a further sign that the homeland system. one of the last vestiges of Johannesburg.

National Party's dream of separate development, the there have been signs that test last year. 10 homelands were, for with a democratic South many, more myth than Africa possibly only six reality.

areas where tribes could account for their actions. flourish in andiluted harmony.

dispute between Transkei finance, advice and the brother of the man he for the homeland leaders government has funded

Since President de Klerk announced the lift-National Congress in Febwrites Alec Russell in have remained as stark testimonies to the corrup-

months away, homeland They were touted as leaders may at last have to

supposedly irdependent der charge.

overthrew.

Since toppling Presi- starting to crumble. dent Lennox Sebe in a his soldiers shot dead 28

Brig Ggozo, an ally of the far Right, has granted indemnity to soldiers law allowing the govern-In Ciskei, one of four action to escape the mur-

more than £12 million.

follows the passing of a South Africa.

In fact they served as homelands, Brigadier But the decision by the Amendment Bill appears ment because be is a dumping grounds for Oupa Good, the military Ciskei Attorney-General to be acknowledging that national politician with unwanted black labour, dictator, has been for- to charge Brig Gozo is the homelands were all potential to disrupt the with their leaders depen- mally charget with the seen as a sign that the pro- form and little substance: elections.

THE increasingly bitter dent on Pretoria for murder of Charles Sebe, tective cocoon provided in the past decade the by the National Party is some of them to counter spreading ANC influence.

Pretoria officials have The homelands are ing of a ban on the African coup in 1990, Brig Goozo assumed control of the expected to abide by the has run Ciskei as a totali- financial affairs of rulings of the Transitional apartheid, is falling apart, ruary 1990, the homelands tarian state; in his most Lebowa, one of six self. Executive Council, a notorious abuse of power, governing homelands, fol- multi-racial body which is lowing disclosures of mass intended to "level the Set up by Pretoria in the tion and poverty suffered African National Con- corruption, which is political playing fields" in 1970s as part of the ruling by blacks under apartheid. gress supporters and believed to have cost the advance of next April's But in recent weeks wounded 200 during a pro- South African taxpayer election. Such submission will herald their reincor-Pretoria's intervention poration into the new

Of the six self-governinvolved in the massacre ment to rescind decisions ing homelands only Kwaand may attempt a similar taken by homeland leaders. Zulu, led by Chief Mango-The Self-Governing Ter- suthu Buthelezi, may ritories Constitution finesse a special agreeTranskei dispute threatens talks

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

A DISPUTE between the military dictator of the nominally independent black homeland of Transkei and the South African government is beginning to threaten the constitutional talks.

General Bantu Holomisa, the chairman of the Transkei military council, has ordered the expulsion of Harold van Rensberg, the South African ambassador, and 12 South African soldiers who guard the embassy after the killing of five youths in a suburb of Umtata, the capital of the homeland, by a squad from the South African Defence Force. The general claimed that the embassy was used as a base for the attack.

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In return, R. F. "Pik" Botha, the South African foreign minister, has indicated that Transkei's ambassador in Pretoria will also be expelled, and

General Holomisa has said that he will ask for the matter to be taken up at the talks. Failing a satisfactory answer, he said: "We will seriously consider our presence there."

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Although no one outside South Africa has ever recognised the black homelands, which were given a spurious independence under the apartheid policies of H. F. Verwoerd, all four — Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskel — maintain the full panoply of states, with flags and armies, and formally exchange ambassadors with South Africa proper.

Relations between Transkel, which was founded as one of the two tribal homes for the Xhosas, and South Africa have steadily deteriorated since General Holomisa seized power in December 1987, and took a turn for the worse last Christmas when attacks against civilian targets in the border region were said to have been launched by the Azanian People's Liberation Army, the armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania, from the homeland.

The general has firmly allied himself with the African National Congress, although the has still not held the elections that he promised when he seized power.

