ANC moderates Win the da E African National Congress has endorsed the multi-party conference scheduled later this month - despite a . groundswell of grassroots resistance to its strll-unratiiied deal with the government. At a m conference in Soweto yesterday, after the movements crucial three-day national executive committee meeting, ANC leader Pallo Jordan announced that the NEC had approved the conference, set for February 25, ttwith a view to the speedy resumption of Codesa". .The Weekly Mail understands that there was strff resistance from some regions, particularly in Natal, to the conference and calls for a national meeting of the ANC to discuss its agreement with the government. Behind the scenes, negotiators were saying that meeting the February E and 26 deadline agtwd by the ANC and the government would be lta complete miracle". The ANC negotiators and the government were keenly aware of the signals a failure to meet their deadline would send to the world. At the press conference, Jordan also said the NEC had atTrrrned that a government of national unity wm "not a deal struck between political partres, but the outcome of the preferences of the South African electorate as expressed in the first democratic elections". He declared the ANC's commitment to a government composed of all parties elected to a con- ' stituent assembly subject to a minimum threshok of five percent. Last week, ANC negotiators agrwd to a fiveyear "govemment of national unity" (in effect, a cabinet) consisting of all parties winning more than the or 10 percent of the vote in the country's first non-racial national election. Those in the ANC opposed to the deal interpret this as an effective power-sharing deal for the five years after the drawing up of a new constitution. In return, the government d its imistence that the powets and functions of the regions be decrded before a constituent assembly is elected. It is understood that at the NEC meeting, ANC leaders in favour of the tive-year plan pleaded that a government of national unity would encourage investment and stability. They also stressed that, as one ANC ttmoderate" put it, llthere is no possibility of a better arrangement because the government will refuse to compromise further, and lnkatha would dig its heels in even deeper". But what the negotiators term the "emotional" arguments of their more hard-line comrades struck an amwering chord with a large percentage of NEC members, and an even greater proportion of members at the grassroots. The view put forward by the three ANC Natal regions and the ANC Youth League, and reportedly backed by the elements in the ANC's western Cape, PWV and Border regions, was that a national ANC conference should be called to discuss the agreement. ANC leaders overcame the dee mis ivin s o the rank-and- le over

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The ANC has not excluded the possibility that a r

national conference be called to facilitate consultation on the proposal while the multi-party conference be allowed to go ahead.

Opponents to the plan are not objecting to the idea of a transitional government of national unity, but reject the notion of guaranteeing the government-orany other party-seats in the new cabinet before they have proved what support they have in a national election.

ltA transitional government of national unity
should be the prerogative of the leader of the
majority party, not the result of constitutionalised
power-sharing? said one opponent.

From the government side, the moderates appear to have won the day over the hard-liners, at least for now. With Magnus Malanls resignation coming into effect on March 1, and several other mbinet conservatives such as Louis Pienaar and perhaps Adriaan Vlok. likely to follow him. those in favour of playing softball with the ANC seem to be in control.

The anti-deal rhetoric of the ANC handliners is being echoed, from different perspectives, by two issue is resolved.

Buthelezi is knee-jerk rejection of the proposals may be tempered by the realisation that the deal presents his best chance yet of getting into a transitional government. Despite opinion polls to the contrary, many observers are convinced the IFP will be able to swing the minimum percentage needed to guarantee a place in the transitional government

At present, the government and the IFP are engaged in three days of talks which are to end tomorrow. Government and IFP sources are reported to be optimistic that delegates will reach enough agreement for the preparatory conference to go ahead.

Government sources have said all the outstanding issues are not connected with the preparatory conference.

The IFP is said to be holding out until the government gives it assurances about the disbanding of MK, power-sharing and the protection of regional governments.

PAC secretary general Benny Alexander also derided the accord. "We wish to inform the regime and the ANC that they are not fooling anybody and we are convinced that the regime and the ANC are going to get married and give birth to a baby named lneooolonialismi?

arties Both the lnkatha Freedom.Party and ?htelgsn Africanist Congress have derided what they term the "power-sharing deal 2 whrch has been portrayed as a pact to exclude all others from the reins of government. . . '

While the reality might be qurte different - it was in fact an unratifred proposal, not binding on other parties to negotiations, for those wrth suffrcient electoral support to get cabinet representation for a limited period - it is being used as a powerful mobilising tactic.

IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi described the proposed transitional government as a ttrecipe for disaster", and insisted that the issue of boundaries and the power of regions should be disposed of before a constituent assembly is formed. tilt would be absoluwa wrong for the independent states and self-goveming territories to buck-le under ANC and RSA pressure and agree that

the future of the region should be determined by a

constituent assembly. That would be putting the cart before the horse." y
Buthelezi added that the current violence in the country meant elections could not be democratic.
He has also stressed that he is not prepared to join a multi-party forum until the Umkhonto weSizwe

Nat power-sharing model rejected ANC support for five-year coalition govt THE ANC yesterday announced its acceptance of a coalition government for up to five years after the first nonracial elections, but one in which minority parties would not have veto powers.

Following the three-day national executive committee meeting in Soweto, general secretary Cyril Ramaphosa said the endorsement of the plan for an interim government of national unity was unanimous. The NEC also endorsed the proposal that a multiparty planning conference he held from February 25.

The' ANC rejected government's power-sharing proposal for either a fixed or a permanent period. Government wanted the executive of an interim government to take decision: by consensus and thereby dilute majority rule. he said. "Majority, rule must not be diluted or sacrmeed in the executive. The president. elected by a simple majority of a constituent assembly, will be able to take decisions and not be hamstrung by minority parties."

He said government and the ANC had an agreement that government's insistence on the power-sharing idea would not be an obstacle to a negotiated settlement. But he indicated that government might raise the proposal at a multiparty forum.

There is still uncertainty whether the" plan outlined by the ANC yesterday is the preliminary agreement its negotiators agreed to with government, although the organisation presented it as such. It said the report from the ANC's negotiators was endorsed and the NEC underscored its rejection of government's ANC";

months to design clear policies for reconstructing government

Ramaphosa said the ANC would meet memben of Contralasa today and later Azapo and the PAC to discuss the full plan and to "ensure that they are represented at the planning conference".

Sapa reports that Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer said last night the NEC statement on constitutional negotiations was "quite confusing. I can't see what is the difference between powersharlng and a government of national uni: ty, and the ANC will have to explain that" Government spokesman Dave Steward i said the differences between government t and ANC amounted to "mantles". and BILLY PADDOCK

power-sharing proposal.

The ANC will meet government on Monday to thrash out the finer details of the agreement

In terms of the plan adopted by the NEC. an interim government of national unity, elected within the next year or so, would govern and negotiate a new constitution. Once the new constitution was adopted,

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this interim government would become a
government of national unity and recon-
struction. It would continue to rule for not
more than five years from the date of
elections for an interim government.
The executive would he made up pr0por-
tionally of members of all partiee with at
least 9% of the seat: in I constituent
assembly. The president would appoint
representatives of minority parties to the
cabinet.
The president would exercise executive
powers after consultation with cabinet hut
in the case of certain specified powers. to
be determined in negotiations, he would
have to consult other parties and their
leaders. In the event of a disagreement. the
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have to consult other parties and their leaders. In the event of a disagreement. It presidents decision would have to win the support of two-thirds of the cabinet. The assembly would have to adopt a new '. commotion within a nlne-month period; The NEC emphasised that the negotiations package would be linked to the restructuring of government, the judiciary and the public service in the transition period. The ANC planned to convene a "major conference" within the next four D To Pay. 2

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added: "It looks like the process is still on
track" "1

Cl Yesterday the NEC also condemned the Budget deficit and government's attempt: to shift its "incompetence and corruption to the taxpayers. It recommended that'h moratorium be placed on all gratuities except the contractual ones of public servants. Government should establish a flsl cal commission to advise on revenue and expenditure; there should be transparent departmental and judicial controls ovei' expenditure including an audit on the 1992/93 Budget; and a planned approach te expenditure and homeland duplication 4 should be adopted to provide an efficient public works programme. 7

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ANC WONIT SHARE POWER WITH NP Wonit share power Wi THE African National Congress National Ex. ! ecutive Committee, yesterday endorsed a government comprising all parties for up to five years after an elecnon. But it rejected a . pro sal that It would shzroepower with the National Party for a similar time penod. Reading from a statement. after the NEC's three-day meeting in Johannesburg, ANC information chief. Dr Pallo Jordan, said the proposed government of interim i unity should draw on all m ! political players and should have a limited life. Speaking at the lpelegeng Community Centre in Soweto, Dr Jordan said: "The NEC recognised that in the interests of peace, stability and reconstruction, there will be a need for a Government of National Unity of limited duration that draws on the talents of a representative tange of South Afn'mns. "The NEC affirmed that the composition and mandate of a Government of National Unity is not a deal struck between political parties in smoke-_ tilled rooms." said Dr Jordan. Such a government should therefore be composed of all parties which achieved a minimum of Eve percent of the seats making up a Constituent Asembly - the countitutiou-making body. The constitutional process was spelled out by ANC seuetuy-genetal Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, at a Pres conference. Mr Ramaphosa said the ANC executive had endotsed the multi-party Negotiations Planning Confetence to be held on February 25, and this should then lead to a resumption of the Convention of a Democratic

South Afn'ea (Oodesa). Thereafter. a Transitional Exewtive Council - with sub-councils for law and order and defence - should be set up to level the playing fields, prepare for the country's first general election and ensure a climate for free politiml power, said Mr Ramaphosa. Once a general election had been held, the NEC believed an Interim Government of National Unity (IGNU) should run the country while deliberations continued over the constitution. tAfter the adoption of the new constitution. the IGNU would continue in the same form as a Government of National Unity and Reconstruction in order to phase in structures provided for in the new constitution," a resolution amplilied. The resolution added that the Government of National Unity would exist for a spediied ttlimited duration". Its term would come to a close by the first election - which would be held no later than Eve years after the elections for a Constituent Assembly (CA) - under the new constitution. But, it added. such an united executive would be governed by the oven'iding ptindple that minority parties did not have the power to paralyse the executive. "That is completely different from the National Party scenario." The Government of National Unity might exist less than five years. it! must emphasise that the duration of the Govemq _ i k J13? ment of National Unity is still subject to negotiations at a multi-patty forum." Mr Ramaphosa said. Turning to the question of regionalism _ in the light of threats by Kwa-Zulu leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi. to de-

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UD1 - Mt Ramaphosa said the CA would consist of people elected on the basis of national and regional lists. A special commission would be established to deal with regional boundaries and powers. uAny TBVC state refusing to join a united South Africa will be going against the will of the people," said Mr Ramaphosa in a later interview. The TBVC states would be represented on the Transitional Executive Council (TEC) as Kit is essential for them to be part of the new South Africa, which we all want". Turning to sanctions, Mt Ramaphosa was cagey, saying the NEC had disused the issue at length, "but a decision will be communicated to you either on Saturday or Sunday at the Intemational Solidarity Conferencc". The three-day lntemational Solidarity Conference takes place at a venue outside Johannesburg from today. 1 IO Iу ((1 tthI? Mr Ramaphosa told the SABCis Agenda programme that while the African National Congress' government of national unity and the National Party's power-sharing proposal were structurally identical. the difference lay in the process at operation. The ANC's govemment of national unity would be 'ifully cmpowered in terms of the mandate (that) the majority party would have received from the population", and would immediately move to implement that mandate. The NP's concept of power-sharing, however, was a uconcept which seeks to dilute democracy which would limit the application of democracy". Mr Ramaphosa said the NP proposal that all parties should have veto powers could "paralyse the effectiveness of govemment".

He also disagreed with the NP notion of a rotating Cabinet chairmanship. The President should be elected by a constituent assembly. He stressed, however, that minority parties would participate jointly with the majority parties as governets of the country. This would enhance democracy.

The ANC envisaged that a new constitution would be adopted within nine months of the implementation of an interim government. - Sapa.

Talks hopes rise as ANC approves unity govt plan Back to the future By Peter Fahricius and Jo-Anne Collinge CAPE TOWN - The ANC's national executive committee (NEC) last night gave its crucial approval to the proposal for a five-year government of national unity drafted by Government and ANC negotiators last week. This promising development. coupled with ens couraging signals emanating from the Government-lnkatha Freedom Party bosberaad at Richards Bay. indicates that negotiations are still on track for the important multiparty planning conference on February 25 and 26. This would in turn arrange the resumption of full-scale Codesa-style multiparty negottations. The NEC last night issued a confusing resolution which firmly rejected the National Party's notion of powersharing - but essentially accepted the crucial agreement by Government and ANC negotiators for a government of national unity lasting five yeaxs. Government sources said it seemed the resolution had been. couched in strong and dismissive language partially to placate militant regions that were strongly suspicious of the provisional agreement with the Government. But the NEC also made it clear there would be no power-sharing in the interim government in the sense of minority parties having w was; 31'.th 1 overturn the decision. I This appeared to have ! overcome fears in political 1 circles that referring the ' azzt'azawzgszswi Talks hopes rise as ANC The NEC resolution specified that all parties winning more than 6 rcent of the vote in constl uont assembly elections would be elected proportionally in the execu- 1 tive of the interim govern- 1 In the first phase before the adoption of a new constitution. the government would be called the interim

government of national unity. In the second phase, after the adoption of a new constitution, it would become known as the government of national unity and reconstruction (GNUR), which would phase in aspects of the new commotion. It would also embark on a far-reaching programme of reconstruction including an affirmative action programme to democratise the organs of State. Confirming one of the key elements of the proposal drafted by negotiators, the NEC said the GNUR would exist for a specified and limited period until the first elections under the new constitution - no longer than five years after the elections for a constituent assembly. At a press conference in Soweto yesterday, ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramahosa explained why the EC proposal was an outright rejection of the Government's traditional notion of power-sharing. He said the National Party wanted an executive where decisions were taken by consensus and majority rule was diluted completely. "Our idea of a government of national unity means majority rule should not be sa-.crificed in any way. We see .the president as being able v m take decisions without leer f; OToPageal' O From Page 1 being hamstrung." The NEC resolution a spells out that the president shall be elected by simple majority of the constituent assembly. Representatives of minority parties in the Cabinet would be appointed by the president in consultation with the leaders of these parties. Ramaphosa indicated that the resolution had been passed unanimously and that an intensive effort would be made to communicate it to all approves unity govt plan Ramaphosa . . . resolution was unanimous. ANC structures.

The ANC would also meet Azapo and the PAC soon to try to persuade them attend the conference in February. i A major ANC confer- I ence would be held be- i tore the end of June to t address the issues of development and reconstruction. ANC informa-' tion chief Dr Pallo Jordan said. Ramaphosa stressed that any understandings between the Government and the ANC were not binding on other parties. It was not clear last night exactly how far the NEC resolution tallied with the proposals drafted by negotiators last week.

THE ANCis . statement on eonstit uquite confusmg , national executive .cqmmittee utional negotiations .was Constitutional Minister Roelf Meyer said in reaction yesterday evening. _ WFhe statement itself is quite confusing, " Mr Meyer said at a hotel in central Johannesburg where he was the guest speaker, hours after the NEC statement was IS-"l canit see what is the difference between power-sharing anti a government of national unity, and the ANC Will have to explain that." TO PAGE 2 FROM PAGE1 The NBC said it unanimously rejected the National Party's proposal of power-sharing, uwhether pennanent or for a fixed period". Instead the ANC said it wanted the majority party after elections for a constituent assembly to invite smaller parties to join it in an interim executive to run the country until the adoption of a new South African constitution. After the adoption of the constitution the ANC wanted tta govemment of national unity Roelf is confused and reconstruction". Its term would last a maximum of five years until the first elections after the ballot for the constituent assembly. Asked to comment on the ANC's maximum Eve-year period, Mr Meyer said, itWe have been exploring and consulting on the basis of a period of a tive-year transitional government and not anything less than that". As for the govemmentis next step in the negotiations processnhe said, nWe are still busy ' with our own process of consultation with our own constituency. and as soon as we have completed that we will also

be able to make clear what our position is". Pressed on how the ANC statement compared with understandings between the government and ANC at their recent bilateral meetings, Mr Meyer said: ttWell thatis why I am saying, it's not clear from the statement actually what they, re saying. It's quite confusing and I suggest that we take it up with them in further discussions to get more clarity on what exactly they have decided."

C rejects NP deal! he ANC this week relected, without reservation, the National Party's power-sharing proposal. This dedsion follows a thnee-day national executive committee meeting of the organisation in lohannesburg. However, the organisation said: "In the interest of reconstruction and peace and the need to minimise the potential threat to democratic advance from divisive forces in the period immediately following the adoption of a new constitution, we declare our support for an interim government of national unity (IGNU), which would exist up to the point of the adoption of a new constitution.' It went on to say that while the 1GNU will continue in the same form as a government of national unity to phase in structures provided (or in the new constitution, it will exist only for a speth period. Its term. the ANC said, would not extend into the period aner the country's Hist election, which will be held not later than five years after the election of a constituent assembly. The ANC's rejection of the proposed deal coincides with the launch of the ANC's election campaign this week. Starting this week, senior members of the ANC-NEC will be addressing meetings throughout the country on the ANC's policy positions in the elections, expected late this year or early next year. it also emerged this week that it is now almost certain that senior Cosatu leaders will form a signiiioant segment of ANC members of parliament in an interim government and a government of national unity. And the most likely otfidals to be considered by the ANC when it dmws up its list of candidates will be Cosatu's six elected national leaders. These Include Cosatu president, lohn Gomomo, iirst vicepresident Chris Dlamini, second vice president Godfrey

Oliphant, national treasurer Ronald Mofokeng, general secs tetary lay Naidoo and assistant general seaetary Sam Shllowa. The possibility of labour

leaders sewing in a future government emerged as the ANC set its election machine In motion amid optimism that a pteparatory meeting to clear the way for the resumption of

multi-pany negotiations will go ahead on February 25 and 26 next week.

Movement towards a preparatory conference continued at a brisk pace at various levels with a flurry of meetings between various political groupings.

And it is expected that few remaining obstacles would be removed when the ANC and government meet again next Monday and Tuesday in a and bilateral before the ptepamtory meeting.

Reliable sources In Cosatu confirmed this week that a Cosatu Central Executive Committee (CEC) decision taken in October last year did not preclude the possibility of union leadels standing as ANC candldates.

The CEC decisions, which remained under wraps until this week, made it clear that Cosatu will neither participate in the election nor put up candldates.

But sources in the federation says this did not bar the ANC from including elected Cosatu officials among its candidates. Cosatu's biggest amliate, the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) this week adopted a similar position and said if its leaders were approached by the ANC to stand as candidates, they would be released to participate in the elections. The possibility of Cosatu enjoying direct representation on a government of national unity for the first five year term after the adoption of a democratic constitution, therefore becomes real.

At this stage it is not yet clear just how far the mandate of Cosatu leaders on an ANC election list will extend.

One option open to Cosatu is to restrict the mandate of its leaders to participating in the constitution making process only.

The second option is to extend this brief and allow omcials to serve on an Interim government.

The third option is to allow its oiTicials to be appointed to a government of national unity, which could in terms of proposals currently on the ANC/govemment negotiating table, be in office for at least live years after the adoption of a democratic constitution.

But there is already some degree of opposition from within the ranks of organised labour and political movements to the NUM decision to free officials to be included on an ANC election list.

alks on trackl CAPE TOWN. Constitutional talks are firmly on track to a two-day preparatory conference in Johannesburg next after week getting green lights from both the African National Con-Freedom Party yesterday. Although lnkatha's oflicial position is still to be finalised today, negotiating sources say positive progress has been made at a current three-day llbosberaadll with the government. One more two-day bilateral between the govemment and the ANC remains to be held on Monday and Tuesday to finalise arrangements for the preparatory conference. The conference will decide on the format, name gress and the lnkatha FROM PAGE 1 and date for the resan tion of Codesa-style multi-party constitutional negotiations. The preparatory talks v are expected to target March for the first plenary of resumed constitutional talks, well within the time frames pursued by State President De Klerk and the ANC for a rapid transition to democratic elections. Although the NEC statement yesterday rejected any notion of power sharing deals, it eontinned the MOS agreement to an Interim Government of National Unity (IGNU) which could rule for five years before an election based on the new constitution is called. ttSome progress" had been made by govemment and lnkatha Freedom Party officials after a second day of bilateral talks in Richards Bay, chief lFP negotiator, Dr Frank Mdlalose, said last night.

It was possible to resolve toenain issues" the IFP had raised in time for next Thursday and Fris day's proposed multi-party preparatory conference in the Johannesburg area. The IFP had made it clear its objections about, for instance, an alleged power-sharing deal between the government and African National Congress, had to be for this afternoon. tsorted outit before a preo The talks had been conparatory conference could be held. nIt is now possible to resolve them in time for next Thursday." Dr Mdlalose, also IFP national chairman, said from his hotel in Richards Bay. According to observers. the government/lnkatha ttbosberaad" is crucial in getting multi-party negotiations back on track. Dr Mdlalose refused to i be drawn on the details of the govemment/Inkatha talks of the past two days until they ended. They are expected to complete their discussions by early this afternoon. Dr Mdlalose continued a joint govemment/Inkatha statement was scheduled Talks are 011% ducted in a livery friendly and cordial" manner. uWe have covered quite a lot of ground and will probably be able to make some statement when they end". -Sapa.

HE African National Congress has quietly launched worldwide operations to raise at least SIOO-million for its campaign in South Af-rica, s coming multiracial election. Officials of the organisation said a network of fund-raising groups was in place in the Americas, Europe, Asia and Australia. Their targets include sympathetic governments, political parties, trade union movements and church organisations be-sides people in streets of cities around the globe. Their plea for support is being planned on two levels: .Recognising that few governments are likely to pay anything towards the electoral expenses of a political party engaged in campaignmiection trail for R1 00m ing, the ANC intends pressing for contributions to a voter education fund which, in theory, would benefit the countryls blacks. The reasoning is that South Africa's disenfranchised majority needs to be properly briefed, or taught, about the intricacies of democratic politics from which it has been barred for so long. .On the non-govemmental plane, however, the ANC seems convinced that it can count on the backing of a variety of groups and movements for its own particular policies and programmes because of the leadership role it has been playing over the years in the liberation struggle. The inten-TheA ican National Con ressis lobetrottin -to raise R100-million or its election cam ai n, re rts ARTHUR GAVSHON tion is that potential supporters would be made aware of the exact way in which their contributions would be used. Despite the constraints imposed by the worldwide recession there is little doubt that the ANC can rely upon considerable help from the llnited States, European Community, Com-W ZWJ / Li / 1/ 75 monwealth countries and from Japan and other leading trading nations. In most of these lands activist groups have been supporting the struggle against apartheid for many years with money, gifts and political rallies. US state and civic authorities have banned investments in South Africa and business with South African firms. Most of the 12 European Community member-countries have been doing the same although, as apartheid structures have come down, their boycotts have been easing. The ANC has been the main beneficiary ofmaterial help with its president, Nelson Mandela, acclaimed almost universally as the symbol of black resistance.

Underlining the esteem in which Mandela is held, the freedom of 10 British cities has been conferred upon the ANC leader. He was to have received the awards at a ceremony in Glasgow on Monday, but the occasion has been postponed because, on medical advice, he has had to call off his planned visit to Europe next week.

The aim of fund-raisers in Britain is to collect at least \$1,5-million for the ANC. In the US and Japan, more is expected. Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, Malaysia and the Caribbean states are expected to be the main Commonwealth contributors.

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All sing it! Exhausted or not, Nelsonis got the power
'1' LEAST 3 part of Nelson
Mandela's exhaustion, Sauer is
convinced, is attributable to his
showing up at the Wanderers last
Saturday.
There, one well-wisher after an-
other came up to greet him. Each
time the ever-courteous leader
would stand up. shake hands and
exchange a few words.
Even this bit of "relaxation"
must have added to the burdens of
negotiating with the Nats, selling
the package to restive ANC ranks
and devising strategies for coping
with Inkatha.
When he left, Mandela did
something unusual. Instead of ex-
iting through the back of the play-
ers' enclosure. he headed down the
tunnel in order to do a little walk-
and-wave round part of the field.
His security men looked a bit
surprised but sponsors Total were
prepared. As Nelson strode on to
the pitch. the sound system blast-
ed out their theme tune - a song
by American rap band Snap which
goes: "I've Got the Power!"
O There seemed to be no musi-
cal fanfare - but probably more
TV exposure - when F W did his
own bit of flag-showing at New-
lands on Wednesday.
PERHAPS by playing that tune
the cricket sponsors weren't mak-
ing a subtle political point but
simply taking evasive action to
keep the PA man off the air.
At the start of play on Saturday,
his voice came booming out:
"Ladies and gentlemen. for the
first time in South Africa .. . Paki-
stan!" And out came Richie Ri-
chardson and his Windies team.
What. Sauer wonders. might he
have said when Mandela came
out? "Ladies and gentlemen
Mangosuthu Buthelezi"?
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THERE'S nothing like a bit of
frank talk for shooting an obscure
junior Minister into the limelight.
Sauer refers of course to Fanus
Schoeman. appointed deputy to
constitutional guru Roelf Meyer
late last year and little heard of
before or since.
That is. until his announcement
last week on the five-year power-
sharing "deal" with the ANC.
Meyer wasn't available last
Friday, when the Government
started getting queries about an
ANC briefing on what was - or
wasn't - provisionally decided at
their bosberaad.
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Schoeman was hastily called in to counter-brief journalists. And instead of the expected smoke screen job, he gave them the tullest account so far of where the country is likely to be going. Sauer hears this didn't go down too well in the Cabinet. hence the strenuous row-back exercise over following days by several people. including a somewhat chastened Schoeman himself.

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THE tragi-comic Koornhoi dailiance with a pregnant young lady inspired this charge on The Star's Parktown graffiti wall: "Piet Koringhof bak bruin brood." ODD

WILL the new SA operate from Cape Town. Pretoria. Johannesburg . . . or maybe Ulundi, or all of the above? At the present preinterim juncture, the focus of significant action alternates rapidly between the various venues. Last week's bilateral dramas were mostly centred on Cape Town. This week the main focus shifted to KwaZulu and the Rand, where the ANC's National Executive Committee spent three days digesting whatever was agreed at the bosberaad with Government. Now, covering meetings of the NBC is almost as difficult as covering a bosberaad. One similar. ity is that the venue is never announced. And it's never as predictable as Shell House. Jo'burg. the ANC's national HQ.

This week the NEC met somewhere in Soweto. maybe to show closeness to the people and count-(11A CM

er the Winnie Mandela faction's "silken sheets" accusations. More specifically, Sauer understands it was in Sowetols White City section, although nobody should read anything into that. I: n 0

NO DOUBT the NEC foregathered in some hall, no Soweto house not even Winnie's palace - being big enough to accommodate its 86 i members plus attendant staff. Leaks out of the NEC are hard to come by. Even if the media locate the venue, its no good lobbying outside as at parliamentary caucuses or Codesa. Members tend to hare off at speed the minute they spot a reporter. With iactional suspicions rife, it's unwise merely to be seen talking to a hack, even if it's only about soccer or the weather. ODD

UNHAPPILY prescient was this big ad for an Absa Bank service which appeared in financial journals shortly before Bob Aldworth did his flit. It was boldly headed: "How to get a runaway success I 9 all (i-'73

with complete financial control." D D Cl

A REFRESHING dissenting lote amid all the widespread acc'aim for Sir David Frost comes tom the Sowetanls TV writer. Mic Rahothata.

Wrote he: "The 'Week of Truth has come and gone. can someone tell me what the truttis, 'cause I still don't know? Nothing really new cane out of these interviews. Only me person learnt something - :ir David Frost himself. Thanks br nothing."

A QUOTE from John Major: it have sat in the Cabinet for si: years. It just seems like 60." And one from Billie Jean King on the late Arthur Ashe: "He always said it was harder being, black than having Aids." D itw Cw

r__ By Sapa and Kevin Flynn THE ANC announced last night that its president, Mr Nelson Mandela, will not attend tonightls fund-raising banquet at the Johannesburg City Hall. Since it had declared on Wednesday that he would attend the banquet, the sudden change caused speculation that Mr Mandela might be suffering from more than ntiredness" and texhaustion". There was. however, no continuation of this. A spokesman earlier yesterday said the banquet could not be cancelled because more than 50 tickets at R450 a head had already been sold. ANC PWV region spokesman, Mr Ronnie Mamoepa, said in a statement that Mr Mandela's doctors had advised him to take an un-Not at banquet FROM PAGE 1 MrMbeki. interrupted rest, there- On Sunday, SAC? fore disqualifying him sectetary-general Chns from attending the ban- Ham would stand In for quet. Mr Mandela at a rally Instead, ANC Intet- outside Randfontein on national Affairs head the WCSt Rand. The Mr Thabo Mbeki: speech that would have would address the ban-been delivered by Mr quet at 7 pm, Mr Ma- Mandela would be read mocpa satd by Mr Ham". Mr Mbeki would also u Mr Mandela's state of stand in for him at a exhaustion" was In no breakfast in Johannes- way related to the operburg tomorrow mom- atton he underwent in ing. The speech that May 1990 to remove a would have been deliv- non-mahgnam CYSI from ered by the ANC presi- his bladder. Dr Louis dent would be read by Geoelter the doctor who performed the operation in the Park Lane Clinic, told The Citizen yesterday. There was dno chance at all " of the condition

resurfacing.

COnfusion mars deal with AN C SOUTH AFRICA'S negotiating process is taking on the semblance of a wandering civil war as political leaders once again exchange threats, insults, and accusations in what have almost become traditional rites of passage marking any hint of progress.

The latest hostilities came in response to reports of the outcome of last weeks negotiations between the ANC and the government, at which agreement was apparently reached on some form of powef-sharing. Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi of lnkatha said at the weekend that if there had been any such deal, the country had better prepare for real war. Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, said the deal was not for power-sharing, but for a sharing of power and anyone suggesting the contrary was engaged in ttmischievous" rumour-mongering. The government in turn suggested the contrary and declared that if the ANC said anything different, the deal was off.

At the centre of the controversy was a statement by the deputy minister of constitutional development, Fanus Schoeman, on Friday that the government and the ANC had agreed to five years of powersharing by means of a ugovemment of national unitf after a final con-By David Beresford in Johannesburg stitutional settlement had been

stitutional settlement had been reached.

Mr Mandela, however, insisted that no such deal had been reached, that the ANC had proposed an "interim government of national unity" which, he insisted, tis not power-sharing? On Sunday, Mr Schoeman reiterated that ta government of national unity is power-sharing" and said that if the ANC persisted in its denials, "we are back to square one."

Sources say the ANC, which faces opposition in its own ranks to entrenched power-sharing with the white minority until the end of the century, is anxious to present the five years of unity government as a voluntary initiative. The government wants the phase constitutionally entrenched.

Members of the AN C negotiating team are believed to have offered a compromise by which they would give written undertakings to President F. W. de Klerk's N ational Party that they would form a multiparty coalition government after elections.

The Guardian has learned that other significant advances include

an agreement in principle that there should be a mechanism to break deadlocks in the constituent , assembly on the adoption of a final constitution. There are differences as to the period in which the mechanism - probably a referendum -- would be invoked, however, the government wanting a period of about three years, the AN C nine months.

(Le Monde, page 20)

Mandela's doctors put their foot down By Peter Wellman Everyone knows what makes Nelson Mandela run, but he finally stOpped and sat down on Tuesday because people won't leave him alone. He is under doctors' orders to rest, but his idea of rest is not exactly what his doctor had in mind. Since Tuesday he has spent time at ANC headquarters. He agreed to go ahead with his address to a gathering of more than 300 top businessmen and opinionmakers at a fancy banquet at the JohannesburuCity Hall tonight. i ' But this flagrant disregard of doctors' orders - from the ANC and its 74-year-old leader - was not to be accepted. Last night, the doctors put their foot down, ordered him to cancel his appearance, and uruled that Mandela must have an iminterrupted rest from exhaustion", according to an ANC statement. ANC international affairs head Thabo Mbeki will, instead, speak at the banquet. But the doctors unprece. dented intervention does not solve Mandela's dilemma: people, who often come a long way to speak to the ANC leader, demand to see him, and him alone. They want to tell the folks back home that they shook his hand, and it is difficult for aides to prevent his being swamped by acquaintances, friends. and people who have never seen him before Mandela has been turned into a cult figure - something he has never wanted. The good news is that he is now taking a break of sorts. The bad news is that an awful lot of people want to see him . . . just to make sure he's all right

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lWhois Whoi to attend AN C mdaba By Themba Molefo Political Re'potter 1 Wmidwide representation at ANC conference in Johannesburg: THE worldls "who' 5 who" in politics, sports and religion. communismand Christians alike. will attend the ANC's international solidarity conference in Johannesburg today. The conference is organised by the ANC's international affairs departmem and will bnng political and financial backers of the organisayon together for the fIrst time. ANC international-Itf(nirs mm 'Ml' Thqbo Mpeki will chair the meeting whilelcey ANC executives willleatlr discussions on vanous topics. The_ANC's invitation list includes names such as Dr Alejandro and Mrs Bendana of the Sandinista National V Liberation Front: Mr Riddick Bowe. world heavyweight boxing champion; MI Mike Terry, British Anti-Apartheid . Movement; Mr Bernie Grant. a black British Labour Party , MP: and Mr Pedro Julio Machado; centIiIl' C6mmittee member of the Communist Party of Cuba. ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela is scheduled to address the conference e

(Boxing Superstar Bowe jets in for ANC indaba By Peter Davies World heavyweight boxing champion Riddick Bowe jetted into Jan Smuts Airport from the United States yesterday afternoon as a guest of the ANC's International Solidarity Conference, which begins today. The massive Bowe, who in November knocked out Evander Holyfield to win sport's most prestigious crown. will also give boxing clinics in the townships. Bowe was welcomed by sports guru Steve Tshwete in the absence of ANC president Nelson Mandela, who is under doctor's orders to rest. Bowels manager Rock Newman did most of the talking at a brief press conference at the airport. He said it was "a humbling experience" to touch down on South African soil and scoffed at suggestions that Bowe's first title defence recently against Michael Dokes was a soft match. But the heavyweight clash that the whole world wants to see is Bowe - who holds the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation belts against Briton Lennox Lewis. who was awarded Bowels World Boxing Council title when the champion refused to fight him last year. Bowe, casually dressed, confided that Muhammad Ali was in his view the greatest fighter of all time. in/r/ WWW;

THE CITIZEN COMMENT

Mandela

THE health of Mr Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, is of concern, since he is a key player in the negotiations leading to the new South Africa.

The ANC says Mr Mandela is suffering from exhaustion. If so, it is enough to require the cancellation of a trip overseas as well as various local engagements.

Mr Mandela is 74 - and he carries a heavy load that would tax the strength of any younger man.

Nevertheless, after a spell in hospital in 1990 when a non-malignant cyst on the bladder was removed, Mr Mandela has appeared to be in good health.

We cannot speculate on the state of his health at the moment, since tiredness and exhaustion can be just that, or symptoms of other problems.

What is significant is that the ANC announced that he would speak at a fund-raising banquet tonight, but last night retracted this and said his doctors had advised him to take an uninterrupted rest.

This suggests there is more to his nexhaustion" than the ANC cares to admit.

Mr Mandelals health is of great import both to the ANC and the government.

To the ANC, Mr Mandela is a symbol of the struggle for liberation, a father figure, an elder statesman, a man whose 27 years of imprisonment made him a folk hero and, on his release, turned him into a saint; the worlds longest serving ltpolitical" prisoner, as his admirers called him, was now free.

Why he was in jail was of no consequence; his long incarceration gave him martyrdom. His release from jail, together with the unbanning of organisations, set the scene for the remarkable reforms introduced by State President De Klerk.

And though Mr De Klerk is the creator of change, and has shown tremendous courage in both introducing it and carrying it out against the wishes of a growing number of his own people, there is also no doubt that the imprisoned and the freed Mr Mandela was a catalyst for change as well.

Mr Mandelals years of incarceration did not embitter him.

His suave appearance, his articulateness, his air of reasonablesness may hide the fact that he was once a firebrand, a revolutionary, a man who might have faced the death penalty if the charge against him had been formulated as one of high treason.

But that he is a true leader of national and international status is beyond doubt.

Predictably, Mr Mandela, while feted overseas, is no longer the saintlike ligure that he was when he emerged from prison.

He heads a liberation organisation that still refuses to become a political party.

He heads an organisation that is engaged in a bitter war with the Inkatha Freedom Party in Natal.

He is, moreover, not a man who can ensure peace by his presence or authority, or a man

who can determine the history of our times, but a leader buffeted like other leaders by the gales of change that are uprooting much of value as well as much that was wrong. He is now an ordinary mortal, who heeds the wishes of his National Executive Committee rather than dominating his organisation and leading it as a strongman.

Nevertheless, he is respected for his humane-

ness, his integrity and his statemanship, though he remains a politician who responds to events like any other politician.

Right-wingets who consider the ANC an abomination and have never forgiven Mr Mandela for the role he has played, and is playing, in the liberation of his people, should know that Mr Mandela is the most important player, from the Black nationalist side, in the drama unfolding in this country.

We ourselves may not always agree with his views - and we would rather see him lead than listen to what his organisation wants him to do - but without him at this point in our history, the negotiation of a new dispensation, the securing of the future of this country, will be all the more difficult.

With that in mind, and because he has our re-

With that in mind, and bemuse he has our respect, we wish him a speedy recovery from whatever ails him.

Threats to ANC, Swedes by SARA Citizen Reporter THE organisation calling itself the South African Republican Army (SARA) yesterday threatened that ubad things" were going to happen before and after its second anniversary on March 24. It claimed that the aim of one of its operations was to ttbring the African National Congress to its knees". and it threatened to target Swedish institutions in South Africa because of the Swedish Government's support of the ANC. . The Legation of Sweden in South Africa was treating the threats seriously, and would notify the proper authorities, a spokesman said yesterday. It was regrettable and indeed, deplorable. that anyone would consider such terrorist activities particularly at this time of great change in the country he said. ANC spokesman, Mr Carl Niehaus, called on the South African Police to thoroughly investigate the threats. SARA should be brought to book if there was found to be any truth in its previous claims of responsibility for the assassination of the ANC's Natal Midlands deputy chairman, Mr Reggie Hadebe. and the killing of six people at the Chris Hani Squatter Camp. ttThe ANC believes that the vast majority of people in South Africa will not allow themselves to be carried along by this type of lunatic fringe," he said. The police are investi-

In a telephone call to "Die Citizen yesterday a Mr Douglas Ndlovu said SARA believed President De Klerkls dealings with the ANC were "totally out or order" and tel: that Mr De Klerk we; "playing with fire".

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ttbrothers" in the South African Defence Force (SADF) to stage a coup d'etat and "take control of the country" with a t'total seizure of power". SARA also called on its ubrothers" described as Right-wingers to take action.

uWe feel that in nine months there is going to be total chaos in the country. It is going to be like Somalia. There are going to be warlords." said Mr Ndlovu.

He told The Citizen that SARA supported the lnkatha Freedom Partyls (3% / W73 ideals. but had members who belonged to a variety of organisations. including the ANC.

In a previous telephone call Mr Ndlovu claimed that SARA consisted of returned exiles opposing the ANC.

Capital Radiozm ANC move to buy station - MD DURBAN. - Capital Radiois managing director yesterday dismissed reports that the African National Congress was considering purchasing the Durban-based station. "We have not received any offer from the ANC so far . . . none of the offers is from .any political party but merely from people with a commercial outlook, " said Capital MD Herbert Jikela. He was speaking in an interview with Sapa following media reports that the ANC was considering buying the station.. ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus yesterday also denied reports to this effect. WFhis report is entirely wrong. All I have said was that there is interest from democratic organisations to investigate the possibility of securing Capital Radio as an independent station, " he said. Mr Jikela, meanwhile. described the reports as upure speculationii. He said the station owned by the Transkei Government _ was up for sale for R6 million. There had been about six offers but these would remain confidential until the homelandis Military Council, who was considering the offers, had 1 made a decision. Questioned on reports that the station was experiencing financial difficulties, he said: uThe current economic climate is not good for anybody and weire no exceptiont. The station was still being funded by the Transkei government and was not planning to close down or retrench staff, he added. He said the sale of the station stemmed from the Transkeiis decision to privatise some parastatal organisations which could be run on a commercial basis. On the subject of deregulation, Mr Jikela said his station was ready to broadcast on an FM frequency and was awaiting the outcome of an application for a temporary FM transmission licence from the Minister of Home Affairs. _Sapu.

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AN C Midlands plans to do away with kwaZulu By FAROUK CHOTHIA THE African National Cougressi Natal Midlands region has announced plans to launch a mass action campaign to plus forthe dbolution of the kwaZulu homeland and the implementation of transitional government structures in the province. ANC Midlands deputy-chainnan Blade Nzimande said the region believed that the fomtiouot' transitional structures at national level would not automatically Elter through to the ground, ttwhere it matters most". Natal was becomingtta bmfor reactionary forces" and a Mg federal blocii, he said. Nzimande said this had to be countered through mas action or ebe the ANC would be tweak and forced to submit to everything in negotiations". ANC regional executive committee member Mpume Sikhosana said the region would also campaign for the dmolutiou of the kwaZulu homeland. All kwaZulu-coutrolled departments, including the police force, health and education, should fall under the South African government. These wouldcome under multiparty control in the ruu-up to elections. Sikhenna said. The ANC was already having succes on this front, he added. In the face of immense pmre last year, kwaZulu-controlled schoob iu Edeudale. near Pietermaritzburg, had been transferred to the Depanment of Education and Training. The ANC was also putting pressure on local councils under kwaZulu government control. ttFor example, we are pushing for Wemhed to fall under the Estcourt town council" Nzimaude commented that Coda: agreements did not clearly state that r the hself-governing states" would be a dissolved before an election - and ; mass action was therefore needed to a ensure that it happened. The dissolution of the homeland would also break lnkatha leader Mangosuthu Butheleziis ttleverage" over King Goodwill Zwelithini, and with it the lnkatha plesidentis claim to he the custodian of Zulu cultuie. ttWe believe very strongly that the king is being held hostage by the kwaZulu government. If the homehudgmthekiugwillbefreetoact above party political interests, to attend both Inkatha and ANC tallies." ' The ANCis southern Natal branch ' has not signalled its intention to join the m action campaign, but is formulating an election strategy aimed at weakening lnkatha. Regional secre- ? tary Sihusiso Ndebele said the movement would present itself 5 the champion of the Zulu cause, and Inkatha as

playing the contrary role. 1
The region has declared 1993 ttthe
year of King Dlnizulu", and plans a
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sided with his enemy. Diuizulu was
made honorary president of the ANC
shortly after Its launch.
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ANC suggests affirmative action in new foreign service PRETORIA - A democratic SA would need a fundamentally restructured foreign service. an ANC discussion document has recommended.

Compiled by 15 senior ANC diplomats after a training course in Europe last year, the document suggests the institution of a "deliberate, calculated and conscious" affirmative action programme.

The programme should take active measures to harness talent and develop potential "in an effort to redress historical and all other imbalances which currently prevent parts of the population from entering the foreign service", the document said. A Foreign Affairs spokesman said the department had been been recruiting among all sectors of the population for many years. While there had been a reluctance to join the service because of political and financial considerations. about half of this yeafs new recruits were black. ltObviously there is a great deal to be done to recruit among a wider proportion of the population and we recognise that steps should be taken to redress the imbalances, but it is not necessary to implement a stringent programme of affirmative ac-.tion," he said.

The document said a parliamentary commission should be responsible for the restructuring of the foreign service but added that unconstitutional and unilateral changes should not be employed.

The ANC diplomats argued that the foreign service should adopt a code of conduct with disciplinary procedures to tackle violations by service officers.

The Foreign Affairs spokesman said its diplomats' actions, guided by the Public Service Code, were iivery seldom found wanting".

The document, which is not yet official ANC policy, also argued that current foreign service members and political appointees should be required to undergo a reorientation course.

"I don't think any course of this nature is necm during the transitional phase or under a democratic government." the Foreign Affairs spokesman said. "All diplomats undergo continuous training mostly conducted by private institutions outside of the department.

"The courses are of the highest quality and I don't think the ANC or anyone else would be dissatisfied with what is currently available."

The ANC document said as SA took its place in the international community, the Foreign Affairs Department would need to be expanded.

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SOUTH AFRICA
The hopes and fears of MK
An army waits in the wings for the call to join a new defenceforce
he most serious remaining
difference on the road to
interim government in South
Africa is over the integration
of the security forces. The
ANC wants its armed wing, Umkhonto we
Sizwe _ called MK - to be merged with
the South African Defence Force under a
new, integrated command structure. The
government has insisted that Umkhonto
must first be disbanded and its members
apply individually to join the SADF
And while talks continue, so does
destabilisation. MK commander Joe
Modise talked in January to SADF gener-
als and to top SA Police Ojficers. while the
subject of military integration was very
much on the agenda at the bosberaad -
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als, politicians and media. making Apia a
kind of stalking horse to link MK with
black terrorism. ASE talked to Calvin
Khan, an Umkhonto spokesman, about
MK 's present problems and future role.
hThe key element in the whole debate is
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proper control during the transition period.
and that the integration is conducted in
such a way that you end up with a truly
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Its not easy for two former enemies
who have fought each other physically.
the SADF on one side and MK on the
other. to realise its in their interest. as sol-
diers, to discuss constructively what the
country is going to look like.
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of the government. and elements within
the SADF. who refuse to consider even
the possibility of discussing either the
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There is a very strong feeling among
senior SADF officers. and sections within
the government. that in a future defence
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Of course it's a notion we reject total-
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we see the process of integration unfolding. And at some levels there is a lot of consensus as to what a future defence force would look like in terms of levels. accountability. the principles which would govern it...WeNe agreed it will be much smaller. It will be highly professional. it will be non-political - partisan only to a future democratic constitution. It will be accountable to the people _ there will be transparency. there will be oversight mechanisms. an enforceable code of conduct. so the armed forces do not breach their mandate to defend the constitution. We have politically conscious human beings who value the ideals of democracy and freedom. and I think there is broad consensus on the role and nature of a future defence force. The problem is. how do you reach that common end goal. given that we come from different political posil'xi I MW W H 73 tions. have different historical backgrounds and military doctrines. Something they must begin to realise is that if you don't create the conditions where your defence force, even during transition, enjoys the confidence of themajority of the people, negotiations and the election proces. will be meaningless. MK can still provide that political and moral legitimacy The notion of absorption into the SADF must once and for all be dismissed. Its the future government which will determine the nature of the defence force, not the present SADF generals. And it's not necessary, if weire ttying to reconstruct the future, to wait until there is agreement in place to begin to address some of the real ideological and political differences. We need confidence building. constructive debate to remove obstacles from both sides to integration. We are hopeful that some of the recent purges. restructuring of higher echelons. may be an indication that the more progressive-minded officers (and I use that term very loosely) who see the future of this country as something we all have to build together, aret beginning to take over the reins of the SADF. But at the same time I want to believe that the problem is more at the top layers of the SADF.

I think the rank and tile soldiers - irrespective of the kind of racism that they displayed historically - have accepted the harsh reality that if they want to

remain employed as soldiers. they become part of that new defence force. Q. What about the many MK cadres who could not be accommodated - some have become renegades because they havenlt been looked after, because of a shortage of resources? The ANC did not come back from exile as a government, it didnlt have state resources at its disposal. Being a liberation movement we have real limitations in our ability to provide for all our people. There are very serious problems. in MK particularly the only skills are military ones.

A large part of our work is to ensure

that these individuals are given , access to skills training and 40" basic education. We have had an ex-combatants' association catering for example for small business development. for the pastyear.

Because its a transition period. funding and related issues have been extremely difficult to resolve. But we have made incredible strides. When the media. and often the state talk about renegade MK/ANC elements I mean of cases?

Until MK does become engaged in the integration process we have to accept that we have those problems. That is why we want a speedy resolution.

Theoretically you donit have any demobilised soldiers at the moment. We have suspended armed activities - not armed struggle. We are going through a very difficult petiod, in which the government iself is not being open and honest in terms of levelling the political playing field. We know that the government and elements within the security forces have 1 identified MK as a very serious threat. and they have gone out on active campaigns, not only of disinformation, but they have killed our people. they continue attesting. torturing. detaining. abducting our people, assassinating MK comrades.

Q. What is the progress in upgrading training for Umkhonto in Uganda, Tanzania and India?

MK as an armed formation can play a very effective role in a future defence force in terms of its size and capability. Of course thereis the notion developed amongst the state and our adversaries that MK is nothing but a ragtag army - nothing could be further from the truth. Those people donit know what MK's strength and potential are. the calibre of its training and the vast experience and human resources we have been able to develop. We recognise that we are going to be part of the conventional armed forces in the future. We recognise that our training 1 was limited to guerrilla warfare. We have started the process to convert our guem'lla forces into conventional forces for thousands of MK cadres in some countries. Q. Is some of this conventional training going on in Western countries? SOUTH AFRICA

No. as usual they have kowtowed to the pressures of the SA state. They say they've recognised that the ANC is going to be a critical player. and that MK is committed to democracy. Yet they say they will not move on these issues until there is an agreement at the political level. We say fine. if you can secure the agreement of the SADF to training 50 officers at Sandhurst. we will provide you with the 50 officers no problem. well do it now. They say to us. we recognise the con-

structive role you want to play. but unfortunately we still have to deal with the SA government. 80 those who historically provided support for apartheid are still being dictated to by it. Likewise the US says. we are very keen to train your people. but at the present point we donit want to antagonise the de Klerk government. However. at the end of the day I think those things will fall into place. you will have a transitional authority which is going to be responsible for the security forces. Welre saying. if its inevitable. lets start the process now. Q. Whatls the thinking behind the Apla activities. and what the media makes of it? Is it .7 ___. linked to attempts to .. discredit MK? j Obviously we have .E absolutely nothing to do with the activities of Apla. It is not constructive. at least for us. to engage in acts which will be detrimental to the democratisation process. Iim not speaking ' for or criticising or condemning Apla. this is MK's position. We are not even ruling out the possibility that elements of the state may be involved in this kind of activity. It will continue as long as the regime fails to understand i that you have to speedin move : to a negotiated settlement. That violence, whether from the ultra right or ultra left. will always be there unless you crew ate conditions which are conducive for the democratisation 1 process to-succeed. __ The only way the vio-. lence can end is through total commitment of all parties to recognise that whatever democracy they want to see will be meaningless unless the problem of violence is addressed effectively. Of course some of the more hawkish elements in SADF continue to say we are infiltrating and distributing weapons. Where is the evidence? Its in their interests. every time there is Apla activity. also to allege MK bases within Transkei. It will be absolutely essential that violence from whatever quarter is stemmed. The only way is to come together and discuss. openly and honestly and frankly. how you control all these forces. whether MK. SADF, Inkatha. Koevoet. to ensure that the transitional period is free and fair. For the SADF its an extremely difficult psychological problem to overcome - the realisation that even though you may think that you are physically stronger. at the end of the day you have lost the war. We are saying to them. we are not interested in confrontation. We

have fought long and hard. we have brought this country to the point where freedom and democracy is a very real prospect. Let s not throw this opportunity away.

NE ON ONE invitations should be issued to all the political parties who were initially invited to Codesa to assess the current political situation and plan the resumption of multiparty negotiations.

These ate the first steps towards the resumption of multiparty talks - part of a seven-page agreement between the Govenment and the ANC which was made in Cape Town last week.

The PAC and Anpo, the Conservative Pattyand the Herstigte Nationale Party will be given another chance to return to the ptepantay meeting which is tentatively scheduled for late next week

The Afrilumer Volksunie will be the only new party that will be included in the talks. It has been mpted in plinciple that the ANC's secretary general. Mr Cyril Runpaphosa. the Minister of Constitutional Development. Mr Roell Meyet'. Democratic Party leadel' Mr be de Beer. MrSam Titus. and Dr Frank Mdtnlose. the chairman of the lnkatha Freedom Party. will be on a "chairing panel". "The main purpose (of the meeting) was considered as being the resuscitation of the management committee for Codesa with a taxgetdate scheduled formid-FebmaryandCodesa itself at the end of February 0: beginning of March." the document says.

The document confirms once and for all that. there is consensus between the two that the Constituent Assembly should be a single chambered body elected by proportional lepresentation and "accomling to a system which will incorporate national as well as legional reptesentation".

A deadlock - breaking mechanism will be agreed on as reported on Tuesday in Sowetan if no constitution is adopted after a set period. A tentative time frame is given as nine months. The first issue to be addressed by the Assembly is regional government and decisions on the issue will require a tw0-thirds majority (of the Assembly) and two-thirds of the majority of the regional representatives in the Assembly. A Senate and structure for tegional govemment "will be phased in after the adoption of the (new) constitution.

"The establishment (if a government of national unity for a term of office of live years during which the institutions of the constitution. adopted by the Assembly. including a Senate and structures of regional government will be phased in.

"A special role will be given to regional lepresentatives. possibly through the Senates (sic) alter the constitution making. for overseeing the implementation of regional govenment." the document states.

The Government and the AN C have agreed on a blueprint for a democratic South Africa. Political Correspondent Ismail Lagardien presents details of the plan:
The crucial part of the agreement is ambiguous and says: "It was odginally envisaged that the constitution-making body would sit. adopta constitution (during intetim government) and

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- "1'o understand the above pangmph one should understand what it implies. Instead of muiereleeuomthatis. nine months later. there would not be mother election. other than what the constitution-meking body decided. During that period there would be established a government of national unity." the document says. The government of national unity will be made up as follows:
- 0 A State President who will appoint a Cabinet;
- O The Cabth will be made up of nominees of political parties whose representation in the Assembly exceeds 15 percent;
- O The Cabinet appointments will be in proportion to the representation of such parties in the Assembly;
- 0 A political party entitled to do so may decline to participate in the Cabinet;
- O All appointnents will be made by the State Ptesident in consultation with the leader of the particular political party:
- O There will be nappropriate mechanisms" for the allocation of Cabinet portfolios this. the document says, has not
- been agreed on yet: and 0 Executive power will be exercised by the State President after consultation with the Cabinet. subject to certain specified executive powers.-including statutory and pmogative powers which will be exercised by the State President only with the consent of the leaders of the political parties represented in the Cabinet. The document explains here thata list "will be addressed in future".
- The last point is: "The arrangements regarding the government of national unity contained in the transitional council shall remain in effect for five years after the elections of the Assembly. unless the government of national unity decides by full consensus that such period should Among the principles agreed on a future Among the principles agreed to are:
- O South Africa will be an independent saver. eign state in which all will enjoy a common South Alncan citizenship:
- 0 South Africa will be a democratic. nonracial and non-sexist state;
- I The wnstitution will be the supreme law; 0 There will be a separation of powers between the legislature. the executive and the judiciary "with appropriate checks and balances";
- O The judiciary will be independent. non-mcial and impanial;
- O There will be a legal system that guarantees equality before the law:
- 0 The divetsity of languages. cultures and religions will be acknowledged;
- O There will be representative and accountable government embracing multi-party democracy. regular elections. universal adult sufftage. common votets toll and a general proportional representation: i
- O All will enjoy universally accepted human rights, freedoms and civil libenies. including freedom of religion, spwch and assembly which will be guaranteed in an enforceable and justifiable charter of fundamental rights: Any envisaged changes to the powers of the

regions would need the consent of the regions and a mechanism would be devised. possibly a Senate. elected on a regional basis. through which this could be affected.

The role of the Zulu king remained a problem. but at this stage a way is being sought to address this issue - a. likely passage to multiparty talks for the king has been mooted and Contralesa seemed a possibility. The TBVC states will be administered by the four provinces. while their own administrations would be used to dispense services in their respective areas.

These options are not final and would depend largely on the outcome of the elections as all the people in the TBVC states will participate therein alter their South African citizenship has been restored.

f the Conservative Party's vision of where the political process is heading is an accurate projection of how events will unfold, then it is more than likely that the entire Concerned South Africans' Group (Cosag) made up of lnkatha, the CP, the Bophuthatswana government. the Ciskei government as well as a number of opposition homeland parties, will not participate in Codesa-styled talks. CP spokesperson Clive Derby-Lewis told Nzw NATION that the CF, as pan of the Cosag alliance. was committed to live bottom line demands. which must be met before it enters a multiparty forum. These are:

I That Codesa be considered a dead forum:

I That the right of nations to determine their own affairs in their own territories be guaranteed;

I That mammum autonomy be accorded to the regions;

I That Umkhonto we Sizwe be banned and that all amis caches be surrendered:

I That the concept of a unitary state be abandoned.

Derby-Lewis agrees that these bottom line demands must ultimately be subjected to the test of multiparty negotiations. But they will not be put to a multiparty forum such as Codesa. Rather. they will have to be resolved at a multiparty preparatory conference, he says Unless the CP demands are accepted as the basis on which any fixture multiparty talks will be conducted. the CP will not attend a negotiating forum that the preparatory meeting agrees upon. In addition, the preparatory meeting will also have to decide on who would be allowed to attend multiparty talks. says Derby-Lewis.

his, he explains, will be necessary to ensure that the forum is not once again loaded in favour of the ANC. This. according to Derby-Lewis, was the maior flow with Codesa. Another central criterion, says Derby-Lewis. is that only those who have electoral representation should be allowed to attend.

Although Derby-Lewis says this will effectively rule out the ANC, SAC? and PAC, this is not necessarily the case if one considers the fact that the ANC does in fact have electoral representation who joined the movement last year. Derbylewis, however, says the exclusion of these organisations should not be seen as a problem in any case. The ANC. for example, "is already represented in the forum by the Transltei government and therefore has no need to be there in its own right.

"in any case. if the ANC and SACP do

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attend. we will not recognise their right to decide on our future.' he says. He explains that. even though a large number of parties will be represented at a Codesa-lilie forum. the C? will only be negotiating with the government.

This is how the CP envisages a multiparty forum conducting its business. It effectively means that talks at a multiparty forum will be nothing more than a series of bilateral negotiations between government on the one side and all other parties on the other.

"At the end of the day, it is only the government that can surrender constitutional power and only the government can decide who it will surrender that power to." says Derby-Lewis.

Implicit in this reasoning is that the C? does not find it necessary to negotiate with anyone other than the government. For the CP, multiparty negotiations have no parallel to multilateral talks. Derby-Lewis goes on to explain that it will be up to the government then to talk to other participants at multiparty negotiations to gauge their responses.

hat is obvious from Derby-Lewis's comments is that the CP vision of a multiparty forum dilfels vastly from Codesa.

This also implies that Codesa will have to be scrapped altogether. not with a View to increasing representation and facilitating decision-making. but to clear the way for a one-to-one engagement between the CP and government in a multiparty ionim.

But Derby-Lewis says that whatever position the CP advances will be a Cosag position, stressing that his party is committed to the Cosag alliance and will table proposals that have the support of all its partners.

He remains convinced that. when the government does in fact present the Cosag proposals to others at a multiparty forum. it will find support among the majority.

But what of the likely scenario of the CP, and the Cosag proposals, being rejected by a majority? "Then all those nations that want self-determination should be allowed to go ahead." says Derby-Lewis.

This, however. would make nonsense of the very basic tenets of democracy - majority decision making.

There is an alternative, says Derby-Lewis. If National Pony (NP) leader FW de Klerk fails to achieve consensus between those advocating a unitary state and those demanding self-detemiinaa'on, he should, as promised, put the different proposals to a white electorate in a referendum.

'And we in the C? are convinced that we will win such a referendum." he says. Derby-Lewis says his party will be

forced into an armed struggle if De Klerk. in the face of opposition from the CP. forged ahead with a unitary state option without consulting the electorate. At this stage. it seems highly unlikely that the CP's participation in negotiations will go further than the preparatory meeting enVisaged in the build up to the FOR MULTIPARTY TALKSH

Multiparty negotiations to lead South Africa into a transitional phase could be just weeks away. But there is little clarity on just who will attend such a forum. Rather than broadening it to include more than the original players who participated in Codesa, the reconstituted forum could end up being smaller and representing a much narrower political base.

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reconvening of a Codesa-type lomm. Derby-Lewis also believes that it is highly unlikely that'the unitary-state proponents and the advocates of self-detemination will reach consensus on the shape and scope of a multiparty 10mm

But this does not spell the end of the CP's efforts to seek a negotiated solution. The inevitable scenario will be two-pronged multiparty negotiations says Derby-Lewis.

"We see the government having to negotiate with parties in Codesa at one level and with the Cosag parties at another level." he explains. And it will be up to the government to seek a convergence of views.

This. however, presupposes that Cosag would hold equal or greater sway in any political equation to parties propagating the unitary state option through a forum such as Codesa.

But just how important Cosag will be in inliuencing the shape of a new order will ultimately depend on its political clout. This in turn will be determined by its cohesiveness as the political process unfolds at both the bilateral and multilateral levels.

Cosag grew out of a common apposition to the Record of Understanding. a product of bilateral discussions between the ANC and the NP. But already there are cracks in these foundations on which the group was built.

lnkatha. which broke off contact with the government in protest against the agreement. has since resumed bilateral discussions with the NP.

erby-Lewis says his parry has also been having discussions with govemment.

At the same time. the limited common ground that might have existed between the Afrikaner Volksunie (AVU) and other Cosag partners, especially the CF. appears to have been completely eroded. Derby-Lewis goes as far as to say that he did not ltnow what the AVU. which

seemed poised to enter Codesa-styled multiparty talks, was doing in Cosag. "They have more in common with the NP." he says.

Beyond the AW. there is no source of tension. he adds. and remains convinced that the group will strengthen itself. According to Derby-Lewis, there is 7M 45

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every likelihood that Cosag will expand. He points to the recently formed Free Western Cape Movement. some elemenu iii the House of Delegates and Republican Unity Movement, an alliance of com servative English-speaking organisations. as among possible new partners in Cosag

erby-Lewis himself is chairperson 0! an alliance of 15 English-speaking groups, which he believes will loin Cosag.

While there could be an expansion of Cosag. there is not necessarily a total convergence of views on at least one central issue - whether to opt for a confederal or federal state.

Derbylewis does not believe this is an insurmountable obstacle. He explains that. while different terms are used to desu'ibed options preferred by each of the parties. the positions are not vastly different in essence.

"When one studies their (lnkatha's) proposal, it becomes clear that it is more accurately a confederal option that lnkatha is proposing," he explains "KwaZulu wants mammum autonomy - they want to mle themselves." More

- they want to mle themselves." More accurately. they want almost complete independence. more than just federalism. "Federalism." Derby-Lewis says. "has in it some elements of a unitary state. "1'm not sure that a federal structure would be able to accommodate the degree of autonomy that the Zulus are demanding." he adds.

Derby-Lewis is convinced that all parties in Cosag, with the exception of the AW. are at one on the question of self-determination and maximum autonomy. This common objective will continue to hold the group together, he believes. But what if lnkatha. in the absence of agreement at multiparty talks, opts for secession to realise its goal at self-determination? "If this option is dismissed and agreed upon in Cosag. we will support it." says Derby-Lewis.

"Even from our own position, we don't rule out the possibility of secession if that is the only way to break away from an undemocratic government."

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HE tiny Karoo town of Willowmore, which wasabout to make history by staging the countryis first non-racial municipal elections, will no longer be polling its residents on March 10.

The reason? When nominations were called for, only 11 candidates' names wele put forward for the new councills 12 seats - and the need for an election thus fell away.

White municipal officials in the town believe this shows tlm: the nominees - almost all of them former members of the white town council, the coloured management committee and a liaison committee appointed to represent black residents -enjoy the wholehearted support of Willowmore's 7 000 inhabitants, of whom 800 are white, 800 black and 5 400 colouted.

For Fritz Marx, assistant director of constitutional affairs in the Cape Provincial Administration, the fact that none of the seats has been contested confirms the apathy towanb local government: "That's the history of local government in the Cape. People just aren't interested. lt's appalling" For the African National Congress in the western Cape, it oontinns the opinion that most of Willowmore's residents are deeply suspicious about a new system being imposed on them from above, without suflicient consultation -- and that far from being apathetic, theylte avoiding involvement like the plague. Said a spokesman: ttDemocracy isnlt about giving people local government and then saying, be interested. It's a process of empowerment. People are highly smpicious of the govemmentls motives - and they donit want to be contaminated."

The ANC has yet to launch a branch in the town which exists largely to serve the local $^{\mbox{\scriptsize MM}}$

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Willowmore in the Kama farming community. There is, however, an active civic association.

Chairman Joey de Vos claims it has 65 percent support among those living in the coloured township of Hill View and the black township, Down. Town clerk "Fallie'l Taljaard concedes the civic has support, but insists its not much. Short of a vote, itls difficult to asess.

But next Thursday the civic will bestaging a march through Willowmone's streets to hand over to the mayor a petition protesting against the new non-racial council to be sworn in on March 10. llOur protest is to publicise the fact that Willowmore's people dontt recognise the single municipality and donlt accept it? said De Vos. "There cannot be a single municipality until a new dispensation (for local government) is negotiated at national level."

It was this stance which kept empty the chair reserved for a civic representative during meetfi/ W3

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South Africa 's first non-racial election has been cancelled. Was it due to a lack of interest, or because the sitting councillors are all ideal? GAY! DAVIS reports from ings in Willowmore of the negotiations forum set up in terms of the Interim Measures Act, the controversial legal instrument enabling the government to change the face of local government ahead of any nationally negotiated framework.

De Vos derides those who made up the negotiations forum as ltso-called leaders who werenlt representative". Apatt from the white council, the management committee and the black liaison committee, organisations represented included the Rapportryers, Lions Intemational and the Child and Family Welfare Society. Perhaps tellingly, none of the black school principals who took part in the forum are among those nominated as councillors. Willowmore has been split into six wards, each with two councillors. Wands 1, 2and 3 encompass Hill View and Down township, while wards 4, 5, andb take in what town treasurer Kobus Kritzing 1' calls 11the old white town" because 1tmany people of other race groups now also live there". But the new council will still have six white councillors to guard the interests of 800 white inhabitants. De Vos cites this as an example of the boereverneukery he believes taints the whole process. While it doesn't mean a white veto as such, neither does it allay his fears that white councillors _ better-educated and more experienced - will be able to swing things their way.

So far, 25 cities and towns in the Cape have proclaimed single municipalities in terms of the Interim Measures Act - more by far than in any other province, where similar moves have met vociferous opposition from black communities, often led by strong civic associations. None of the Capels new single local' authorities, however, is a significant metropolitan area, with multiple local authorities. _"All theylve really done is invite coloured management committees into the white council chamber, " says Basil Davidson of the Capebased Development Action Group. Should any of the Willowmore council's seats have been contested and an election held, people's right to vote would have depended in terms of the Interim Measures Act - on their owning or renting property. De Vos maintains this is unfair: black and coloured homes are more crowded than those of whites, and white people, being wealthier. often own more than one property - further weighting the vote.

Kritzinger says it is the civicls own fault if it is unhappy. tlThey fought for an open municipality in the first place. They could have nominated someone."

Whatever happens. he says. on March 10 the new councillors will have been elected ttand therels nothing anyone can do about it".

tSA must not repeat human rights abuses Political Staff CAPE TOWN - South Africa must never repeat the infringements of human rights that characterised its past history, Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee said yesterday. However. he stopped short of apologising for the abuse of h human rights by the National Party Government that was a hallmark of the apartheid era. Coetsee addressed a press conference yesterday on the t Government's published Charter of Fundamental Rights, sayh ing the Government wanted to create a culture of human rights in South Africa. The Government would give financial help to other political parties and organisations that wanted to present their own Bill of Rights. It was open to suggestions on how this could be done.

Coetsee said the Government would release an analysis of the comparable provisions as put forward by the Law Commission, the Government, the ANC and the IFP.

'You will be surprised how close we are 'on fundamental issues," he said.

Asked whether the Government would apologise for its earlier record of human rights abuse. Coetsee said: "Past infringements of human rights have brought us to the situation where we have to ensure this is not be repeated in the future."

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THE INDEPENDENT PAPER FOR A CHANGING SOUTH AFRICA WEEKLYMAIL y Volume 9. Number 7. February 19to 25 1993 A government of horse-traders GOVERNMENT of national unity is inevitable and desirable. it is the only alternative to an ongoing struggle that would deplete the country, strengthen the hands of those who have developed a taste for violence and ensure that the rest of the world loses interest in us. But that does not mean we have to jump up and down with joy. Very few South Africans can be happy at the prospect of being stuck for another live years with the same scoundrels and crooks in govemment, even as junior partners. This newspaper has long argued that the priority of national negotiations must not be point-scoring or electioneering, but funding the shortest route to democratic elections that will sort out the real power-players from the rhetoric-driven troublemakers. At last, that seems to be the case whether you call it power-sharing or a government of unity. However, we must not hide the difficulties that lie ahead. Power-sharing is a necessary evil; we must recognke that it's necessary, but we must also prepare for the evil inherent in it. It means rule by horsestrading. Representatives of different parties will be in government to look after their constituencies and each one of them will 1 have to be given a slice of the cake. Resources will be dished out not on the rational basis of investing where the need is greatest, but by ensuring that each element of the government has some food in its belly. / f/ 2/ 7.5 Take, for example, the money that will have to be spent on education. Instead of the ability of a strong government to take an overall perspective and spend money according to need and demand, a government of national unity will have to spend according to the strength of each interest group. And since the National Party ls likely -- by vlrtue of history, skill and cunning- to continue to wield disproportionate power, we can expect Its supportem to contlnue to get a substantial part of education funds. if a government starts slalhltlg the clvll larvlce In the way that b so badly needed In order to alvert funds from, as another example, homeland i bureaucracies to education, it could destroy a cab- I lnet of national unity. Neither NP nor lnkatha min- ! istels are going to sit around while their voters lose jobs. There goes the peace dividend. But the biggest single problem will lie in the lack

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But the biggest single problem will lie in the lack of a aubstantlal onlelal oppolltlon. If any party with at least flve to 10 percent of the vote la la government, then the only opposition will be the tiny, fractious, fringe voices that are easily ignored.

11lis removes the most powerful watchdog of a democracy: a strong opposition that can use parliament to ask hard questions and speak out against any wrongdoing. The other maior watchdog is usually the counts - but judges will also be chosen by home-trading.

Add to this the culture of silence that is likely under any government of national unity and you have a maior problem. Criticism of politicians will

be an attack on a government with a strong claim

to represent national interest, whatever it does. There will be a strong temptation to silence dissidence for the sake of unity.

The only likely watchdogs are going to be nongovernment organiatlons and independent media.

"Navv huvs Russian ship for 840,9-mBy Fred de Lange I THE South Afn'can Navy has bought for R4032 1 million a Russian Arctic supply vessel to replace the SAS Tafelberg replenishment ship, which was i secretly decommissigned a few weeks ago. i The Minister of De- Cape Town some time next week. fence. Mr Gene Louw, The ship, the Juvent, announced in Cape Town . yesterday that the ship which was completed in was on its way to South Africa and would be in FROM PAGE1 March last year at the Kherson Shipyard in the Ukraine, will be paid for out of the current operating budget of the Navy. A spokesman for Anna scor. Mr Bertrand Retief, said in Pretoria yesterday Annscor officials inspected at least 12 vessels over several months before deciding on the Juvent. Once it arrived in South Africa and all the administrative arrangements had been made, work would immediately start to convert it from a commercial supply vessel to a naval vessel. Mr Louw said a detailed and searching evaluation was made before the decision was taken to purchase a ship. Various aspects had to be taken into account, including the following: 0 The cost of purchase, as compared to the cost of further repairs upgrading the SAS Tafelberg. for which R20 million had already been budgeted. SAS TafelbergTs advanced age of almost 35 years was a major factor in this decision. 0 Whether a new ship could be built in South Africa, as was the case with the highly successful naval ship. the SAS Drakensberg, to provide job opportunities inside the country. However. the ' Navym bargain price of the ship influenced the decision to purchase it. The price of R4032 million was about onethird of the cost of building a new ship in South Africa.

The cost of purchase had been raised from the Navyls own budget. a major portion being the funds earmarked for the renovation and upgrading of the SAS Tafelberg. No additional funding from defence of state coffers had been necessary. Dr Das Herbst, a spokesman for the Ministery of Defence said the purchase had shown that the economic punitive actions against South Atria were crumbling faster than foreseen. This, he said, was the second breakthrough in recent times. the purchase of the Pilatus training aircraft being the Erst. .Dr Herbst said the purchase of the ship was not in contravention of the arms embargo because it was a commercial and not a naval vessel in its current form. "Those propagating sanctions against South Atrial are fast losing their jobs," he said. The new ship, for which a name still has to be found, will be manned by the officers and crew of the SAS Tafelberg and will be commanded by ; Captain .1 A .1 B Vorster. Compared to the SAS Tafelberg, the new ship has a greater tonnage, is longer and wider, and cruises faster and further. It has an ice-breaking capability which will allow the navy to assist the Department of Transport in polar regions with research. It has a helicopter landing deck. hanger and cons trol room which would make the conversion to a Naval ship even cheaper. The SAS Tafelberg was also a commercial ship which was convened to a Navy supply vessel in 1965. Since then. the shit o had been refitted twice. " 3 u/ 9,75% WW5

iState funding for ' all Human Rights Charters: Min By Brian Stuart CAPE TOWN. State funds may be used to publish the Human Rights Charters drawn up by all the major negotiation parties in South Africa, Mr Kobie Coetsee, Minister of Justice. announced yesterday. Other parties and organisations were invited to submit their proposals, or suggestions to improve the Charter already published by the government, to the Director-Generzil ofJustice. The government was recently criticised for spending Rl.5 million of tax-payersl money to publicise its own Charter for debate. Mr Coetsee told a media conference yesterday that the Cabinet was sympathetic to the view that all charters should be similarly published. in order to encourage a "culture of human rights" and to prompt the debate on the issue. He believed there should be no objection to the use of public monies being spent in this way. The government had spent almost R10,5 million to fund the Codesa negotiations. which also had the objective of reaching consensus on constitutional issues. Although a number of different Charters had been published by different parties and groups, they contained similar elements and guaranteed the same rights. Differences were mainly in the wording or in emphasis. uThere are parties which are trying to create differences where there are none. You would be surprised how close we

sues."
It was intended to publish soon an analysis of the proposals for a Charter of Human Rights made by the Law Commission. as well as those

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of the government, the ANC and lnkatha Freedom Party.

He had invited Parliamentls Joint Committee on Justice to examine the proposed Charters. lts report would be tabled in Parliament and debated. Asked whether the government would apologise for trampling on human rights in the past. Mr Coetsee said it was the infringement of past human rights that had brought the realisation that a Bill of Rights was necessary to ensure that this did not happen again.

The government view was that a Bill of Rights should be in place either before or at the same time as transitional govemment came into being. llThe some: the better. bemuse we have to learn to live by such a Charter."

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Mr Coetsee said a Bill of Rights was the ultimate protection for the individual against discrimination.

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Impose death penalty for murder of policemen -CAPE TOWN - The death sentence should be imposed on murderers of policemen, Douglas Gibson (DP Yeoville) said yesterday. Speaking in debate on a private members motion, he said: "Society has to demonstrate that it is on the side of law and order and will not tolerate the l systematic killing of those who protect it." The abolition of the death penalty was appropriate in stable democracies, but not in South Africa. "The death penalty," said Tony Leon (DP Houghton). "is not going to help. No one has been able to prove that the death penalty works as a deterrent." While it could be seen as a short-term fix, the death penalty was no substitute for action the Government had to take to combat crime. Raymond Radue (NP King Williamis Town) said the death penalty could be revived in extreme cases as it was the only effective deterrent to coldblooded murderers. The licence to kill for politi-Douglas Glbson . . . hang the murdeters of policemen. cal objectives should be removed sooner rather than later. His experience of the Azanian People's Liberation Army attack on the King William's Town golf club had given him insight into the suffering of many fellow South Africans: "I empathise with their outrage." Gibson said leaders should commit themselves to the peace process if they were to address violence responsibly. Their followers should be seen to be disciplined. The security forces had to accept their reform into friends of the people, and not opprasors or exploiters. The public had to start supporting members of the SAP and SADF. "Society cannot tolerate a sit-

the SAP and SADF.

"Society cannot tolerate a situation where more policemen were killed last year than the total number of people murdered in the UK."

Earlier, Willem Botha (CP Uitenhage) said the crime wave had been caused by the Government's unbanning of the ANC and SAC? and the release murderers.

The death penalty had been suspended and was no longer a

deterrent. Criticism of the security forces by outsiders, terrorists and the Goldstone Commission had also tarnished their image. Botha said. - Sapa. SADF wants! rethink on budget cuts Pretoria Correspondent The South African Defence Force is appealing to the Cabinet to reconsider its proposed 5 percent cut to next years defence budget. A senior military source said the SADF was not able to accommodate a further 350 million saving proposed in the Budget guidelines for 1993/94. The heads of the air force and the navy have both spoken out strongly against the cuts. At a parade at Hoedspruit, Lleutenant-General James Kriel asked the Government to leave the SA Air Force alone if it expected air operational capability. Chief of the SA Navy Vice-Admiral Robert Simpson-Anderson has added his voice to Krielis. He said at a ceremony in the Cape that the navy could not handle any further cuts. An SADF spokesman said the SA Army could also not afford any further cuts, especially considering its expanding role in internal stability and crime prevention. Sowetanls expertise will help NP Political Staff CAPE TOWN - A Soweto busi- ' nessman is among several extra-political figures to join a new National Party's Information and Management Committee to beef up the partyls election strategy. D L Chuenyane's appointment to the National Information and Management Committee was Interim rule for 9 months - Hani Political Staff CAPE TOWN - The ANC had rejected sharing power with the National Party for five years and instead wanted an interim government, led by Nelson Mandela. to be in power for nine months. SA Communist Party eneral-secretary Chris Haul Ia d yesterday. However, at a press confer-

ence in Johannesburg later in announced yesterday by the head of the NPls election campaign, Minister of Public Enter-

prises and Cape leader Dr

Another businessman, N J

Dawie de Villiers.

Frangos. and uwell-known po litical adviser" Dr Jan du Plessis are also to serve on the committee.

"Professional advice" will be given by consultant Eldad the day the ANC leadership made clear it would negotiate for a government of national unity, lasting five years. Haul. a member of the ANC's national executive committee, was speaking at the University of Cape Town.

He said a constituent assembly should have a nine-month life-span in which to draw up a new constitution.

He said the ANC would like Louw.

De Villiers said the main aim of the committee would be to "broaden the support base of the NP and establish the basis for a well-structured and successful election campaign". The committee will begin operating next month. The NP has also formed a new strategy committee in the Cape.

the process completed within nine months. uThen we must have elections. This is the position of the ANC." Haul said the ANC and SACP

were in favour of elections for a constituent assembly.

The leader of the majority party would elect a Cabinet of national unity in consultation—with leaders of other parties who had scored 5percent or more in the elections.

CAPE TOWN - Government would spend millions publictsing a vnrlety of proposed Bills of rights to foster a human rights culture, Justice Minister Koble Coetsee said yesterday. In the face of criticism that government intended using public funds to propagate lts own proposals exclusively, Coetsee sald addltional funds would be provided for the propagation of other proposals. He also called for proposals for allocation of the funds, saying government regarded the development of a human rights culture as extremely important, in line with the recommendations of the SA Law Commission.

Additional funds outside the estimated Rl,5m allocated would be provided, Coetsee said. Suggestions should reach the department wlthln two Weeks. he said.

It was important that government foster the debate on the topic and if s pending R10, 5m on Codesa was justifled. then s nding public money on fostering a uman rights culture was also acceptable.

Asked at a media briefing whether government would suspend the propagation of its own proposal pending the inclusion of other suggestions, Coetsee said momentum would be lost if It did.

In any event, he said, other parties had been propagating their points of view on the subject for some time, so government would simply be "level-Govt human rights campaigff llng the playing field".

In reply to questions about whether government intended to outlaw raclsm, Coetsee said legIslation already did so and government's proposed Bill would prevent a future parliament enacting racist legislation. Government'l roposed Bill did not criminalise racial discrimination, but the equality clause would enable courts to invalidate racist practices. Coetsee said the argument that, by not criminallsing racial discrimination government was fostering it, was defective.

He said there was a surprising convergence of opinion between the law commission, government, ANC and lnkatha prop osals and an analysis of the similarities would be released. 'soon.

A SOUTH African- born academic who survived an assassination attempt by Ulster Protestant extremists believes he was set up by South African intelligence operatives.

Professor Adrian Guelke recently returned to South Africa to work in Wits University's department of international relations. In an interview, he described how he had been shot in his bed by a death squad of the Protestant Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF) on September 5 I991.

Guelke said there were strong indications that he had been set up by a South African intelligence operative-be tater received a note from the extremist Ulster Defence Association (UDA) apologising for the mistake. At the time, he was researching links between the security forces and political violence in South Africa.

A letter written by British Prime Minister John Major on the Guelke hit. of which The Weekly Mail has a copy, says: "The police are continuing their investigation into this appalling incident. and they aretaking full account of any possible South African connections".

Guelke was shot once in the stom. ach. as he was asleep beside his wife, by men who kicked down the front door of his terraced house near the university in Belfast. The gun jammed. and the gunmen fled.

Guelke said the link between the bungled hit and South Africa was provided by an investigative reporter called Alan Murray with good contacts in the security forces and the UDA. ttMurray did some digging and discovered that the UFF had got the wrong man. People in the UDA toid Murray that I had in fact been set up by a third party," Guelke said.

t'l'his third puny had an intelligence report relating to a foreigner who was playing an active role in the international operations of the provisional Irish Republican Army. The UDA men

. said this IRA agent'st tile had my name A SouthA rican academic who was shot in his bed b Protestant extremists believes

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directed them to my house in Belfast. Withe UDA then sent messages to me saying that it was all a mistake. that they had been used. and that I would be safe from further attack I have since heard from a variety of sources that the third party was a in fact a South African."

This is by no means the first time ' 'Armscor has been linked to Protestant extremists in Ulster. In January 1988 outside Portadown in Ulster. a police patrol stopped two vehicles and found

them laden laden with 30 9mm Browning pistols. 61 Czech-made AK47 assault rifles, I50 fragmentation grenades, 124 magazines and about I I 000 rounds of ammunition. . Three men from the UDA. which has close links with the UFF, were an'ested. The arms turned out to be pan of a much larger consignment smuggled into Ireland for use by three rightwing loyalist groups. In March 1988 British undercover agents shot dead three IRA activists in Gibraltar. Their bodies were relumed to Ireland where the republicans turned the funeral into a political rally. A man called Michael ttFlint" Stone, an assassin who had been armed and used by UDA warlord John McMichael. tossed splinter grenades into the crowd and tired on the mourners with a 9mm Browning. leaving three Catholics dead and 68 injured. The-weapons turned out to be from the Portudown cache - and investigations by a number of Irish and British journalists revealed that the lethal weapons consignment was sold to the loyalists by 'Armscor. The cache was uwutiscatt .mabemem wxf .-H. t , Lucky" .Proteseor Adrian Guelke survived an assassination attempt when the the gunmen' 3 weapons jammed ed from Palestinian guerrillas by the Israeli security forces and shipped on to Ireland via Lebanon in crates marked "ceramic tiles". The UDA, along with with two other paramilitary groups, paid for the weapons with E50 000 they had stolen in a bank raid in Portadown the previous year. Armscor had reasons other the pecuniary ones for doing the deal: access to stateof-the-an missile technology being developed at the Shorts

weapons company. which has two plants in east Belfast staffed mainly by Protestants.

In October 1988. a few months after the loyalists weapons were seized. two men walked into a paint shop at Shorts and stole a model of the Javelin missile aiming system.

They failed to obtain a fully operational version of the aiming unit for a new missile called the Starstreak.mpahie of avoiding the ttchaff" that tighter aircraft throw out to throw guided missiles off track.

A few months later parts of 3 Shorts blowpipe rocket went missing from the plant. In April 1989 three members of the Ulster Resistance Movement. a loy-Photo: GUY ADAMS

alist splinter group which received some of Armscoris 198800nsignment, were arrested by French police in a Paris hotel room which they Were trying to do a deal with a South African

diplomat.

Details of these covert deals were bsequently confirmed by known mover British agent Bn'an Nelson. ho admitted that he had personally travelled to South Africa on instructions from McMichael, where he met Armscor agents and set up the early stages of the Ponadown weamns deal. Guelke said he had written about the 1988 arms shipment from South Africa to Ulster, but doubted this was the motive for the attack on him. uMany others had written about these links and. anyway. that was in the past," says Guelke.

itBut there was one sensitive area that I had been probing when I visited my parents in South Africa in 1991: extreme rightwing violence. What struck me most was was the amount of evidence on links between violent rightwing organisations and elements in the security forces, and between Inkatha and the security forces?

s A up to its 'dirty tricks? RESH evidence is emerging to suggest that South Africa's iidirty tricks" operators have been involved in the civil war in Ireland. It _ has been eStablislIed that at least two secret agents involved in arms smuggling to paramilitary organisations in Northern Ireland were linked to South African intelligence. Other bizarre evidence of such links was beamed to millions of Britons last night in a BBC television documentary.

In a recent parliamentary briefing, the head of the South African Army, General Georg Meiring, Hatly denied any dealings between the South African Defence Force and Ulster Protestant extremists.

The BBC documentary examines the role of two men. believed to be British intelligence agents, who were pivotal in organising an arms shipment; destined for the Protestant extremist groupthe Ulster Defence Association, from South Africa to Northern Ireland in 1985. The shipment was partially intercepted by British police, but the programme insists it boosted the armed might of the Protestant paramilitaries, which last year were responsible for the deaths of more people than the Irish Republican Army (IRA).

It suggests that one of the extremists. Charlie Simpson, who has strong links with South Africa, is also a British agent.

Simpson, formerly in the Rhodesian Army, was, by his own admission, the middle man in Project Echoes, the South African Military Intelligence (Ml) plan to discredit the African National Congress by exposing its purported links with the IRA. It was Simpson, according to the South African government, who notified the British A BBC documenta has revealed

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government in April last year that Ml agent Leon Flores was plotting to get Ulster extremists to assassinate renegade South African policeman Dirk Coetzee.

Suggesting that the British authorities may be backing Protestant extremists in the Ulster conflict, the documentary asks why they failed to confiscate the entire shipment.

Another man who linked up with Simpson in South Africa, Brian Nelson, was a known undercover British agent sent to' infiltrate Protestant extremists. He met Simpson in Durban in 1985 to clinch the arms deal. '

in the programme, Flores denies recruiting Ulster extremists to assassinate Coetzee and claims that the only reason he went to London with colleague Pamela du Randt was to set up a meeting between her and Simpson, whom he knew.

The South African government has insisted Flores and Du Randt were acting on orders and were sent to London merely to investigate links between the ANC and IRA. At a meeting at a pub in London, Protestant paramilitaries allegedly offered to assassinate Coetzee.

During his debriefing by the South African government, parts of which were obtained by the Leon Flores Denles recruiting oxtronilsts

. BBC, Flores said: uThey did mention to me that

any time we ever needed a job to be done, whether it's in London, in Ireland, in South Africa and , lill say it came down to assassinations of any' sort Flores continues to deny offering to carry out assassinations or that he knowingly met with Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF) members, and maintains that instead he met Andrew Hunter, chairman of the Tory hackbench committee on Northern Ireland, who needed information on links between the ANC and IRA. But he adds: "My interrogators-in Britain, in London, said I was meeting UVF people2 ltcould have been, I can't argue that." According to Coetzee: uFlores was here to finalise the contract on my life. Operation Echoes was just a cover story." Flores and Du Randt went to Ireland after meeting Simpson in london. There Flores met a man calledyrian'i anciw J'Egshown a video of missile W ' Mad/ i 4/1/73 In Treland technology. Flores claims the UVF men he met wanted explosives as "payment'i for information on lRA/ANC links. Flores and Du Randt were arrested on April 19 in bondon while attempting to fly back to South Africa. Simpson, interviewed off-camera by a BBC reporter, claimed his involvement with Flores was solely to get Project Echoes offthe ground. It was Flores' idea to go to Ireland, he claimed. When asked how he knew Flores, Simpson replied: "1 m just not allowed to answer that.' Simpson, convicted of illegal poSsession of. arms, was closely associated with Ulster extremist William McGrath, founder of a paramilitary loyalist organisation called Tara, and believed to be a British intelligence agent. He also had links with another British army agent, Brian Nelson, who was sent to inliltrate the (legal) Ulster Defence Association (UDA), which _ denies it has links with extremist paramilitaries. Nelson committed a string of offences while working undercover for the British, including .conspiracy to murder. In his diary he recounts how he came here in 1985 to buy arms for the UDA, a deal set up by Simpson, then living in Durban. Nelson realised Simpson had connections with the South African government when he offered a huge consignment of weapons, including pistols, rifles and RPG rocket launchers, at a reduced price. Simpson was clearly working for the British government in blowing Flores' real agenda. Whether he was an agent for the British at the time of the 1985 arms deal bis a question that demands to be answered", the documentary concludes. a. La 3;

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Future role of our armed forces is anything but clear, writes Keith Campbell
Who Will the SADF defend?
sions on the future of the
SADF are well under way.
However, the available evi-
dence suggests that the focus of
these talks is in merging the vari-
ous armed forces and groups
found in South Africa today (in-
cluding the homelands). and on en-
suring their effective control by
an interim government.
That is all very well. and im-
portant. but these are questions
for 1993-94. The future of the
SADF beyond this period depends
on the answer to a very different
and. as yet, largely unasked ques-
tion: What is the SADF for?.
The answer is not as obvious as
it first appears. A digression is re-
quired to illustrate the point.
Defence of the homeland (ex-
cept against air attack) has not
been a serious problem for Cana-
da for more than a century. From
World War! to the end of the
Cold War, the defence of Canada
was defined as requiring the de-
fence of Western Europe. and
from 1945 Canadian soldiers were
permanently based in Germany.
With the end of the Cold War,
IT IS now clear that discus-
all Canadian troops are being
withdrawn from Germany, but
home garrison duty is not an op-
tion because the Canadian army is
now being employed, in its en-
tirety, as an instrument of foreign
policy. Canadian soldiers are now
scattered over a wide arc of the
Earth's surface. engaged in peace-
keeping or peace-making or
peace-ohserving duties.
Every soldier in Canada is ei-
ther just returned from overseas,
just about to go overseas, or in
training. or on leave, or providing
essential command and logistic
support to those actually over-
seas. In the whole army, there is
not a single uncommitted unit.
So our original question, "What
is the SADF tor?" expands into a
series of more recise questions:
Is the SADF to wholly or par-
tially an instrument of foreign
policy? Is it for national defence.
defined broadly? Or national de-
fence. defined narrowly?
The answers to these questions
will have profound effects upon
the recruitment, organisation,
equipment and training of the fu-
ture SADF.
On patrol . . . but tlndlng the enemy may be difficult.
Unlike Britain, or Australia, or
New Zealand, South Africa has
never been able to send conscripts
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far from home to fight in obscure

wars. Thus, if a future South African government decides that there is no threat to the country, and the SADF and especially the army can be used primarily as an instrument of foreign policy, the new SADF would have to be an all-volunteer service. Furthermore. like the Canadian army, a South African army assigned such a function would have to be composed largely of light infantry, light armour, light artillery - all easy to transport abroad - with relatively few tanks and other heavy arms. An SADF intended to he partially an instrument of foreign policy could have conscription, but would have to have units and branches (paratroops, navy, air force) specifically designated for overseas operations and composed solely of volunteers. An example of a broadly defined defence concept can be provided by New Zealand. That country conceives of its defence as requiring the maintenance of the defence, stability and development of the whole of the South Pacific region and (in co-operation with Australia) the equally extensive South West Pacific and South East Asian regions as well. Consequently, New Zealand's armed forces are structured. trained and equipped to operate thouands of kilometres from home it need be. None of the services are intended for the immediate defence of New Zealand itself. For South Africa, such an approach would require the country to regard any threat to any country in southern Africa as a threat to itself. As with the case of New Zealand (and Australia) heavy stress would have to be laid on airpower and seapower. While the Royal New Zealand Air Force is decidedly smaller than the SAAF. the RNZAF is used to operating at vastly greater distances from its home bases than the SAAF is. And while the Royal New Zealand Navy and the South African Navy are both i 1 4 small fleets of excellett quality, the BNZN is a "blueswater" or ocean-going force whereas the SAN is a "brown-water' or coastal defence force. And, of course, under ch a defence concept. it would be essential that South African soldiers could be deployed anywh e in the region at short notice d with minimal opposition at me -

which would again su eat at least a partly volunteer ice. Narrowly defined efence means the direct defence (South Africa itself. in effect, thil is the role the SADF currentlyifulfils, and retention of this rolelwould necessitate no changes it the SADF, except that. it cotscription was retained, it would for allraces.

These then. are the qu ions and options facing the counryts leaders with regard to the flture of the SADF. Hopefully, they will make their decisions with are and deliberation. and not in haty political horse trading. t

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NIS agent ; confesses, says IFP By Chrla Steyn A FULL confession has been made by the National Intelligence Services agent at the centre of an alleged plot by N15 to discredit the Inkatha Freedom Party by implicating it in illegal gun-running, Inkatha spokesman. Mr Ed Tillet, told The Citizen yesterday. Once the agent realised uthe game was up", his confesion was tttotally voluntary". uWe made it clear to him that we had concrete evidence against him and others. He just had to explain what had happened. "It was then that the realisation dawned on him . . . and it was under these circumstances that he made the confession, " Mr Tillet said. The agent confessed that his actions had been fully authorised by the head of MS in Natal, Major Hentie Botha, who had links with the former Security Branch, now called Crime intelligence TO PAGE 2 _' Agent tconfeshses, FROM PAGE1 Services. A spokesman for Minister of Justice Kobie Coetsee said yesterday evening that an investigation had been launched into the alleged plot. "The National Intelligence Service is not involved in strategems and activities of the nature described in the report, and views the matter raised by Chief Minister Buthelezi in a serious light. Investigations were immediately launched." The alleged NlS agent also confessed that the purpose of the exercise was to smear the IFP. and not to complete a normal security services investigation. The (F? said yesterday that it was extremely concerned about threats to the agents life and his family by a very senior in-

telligence officer. This had caused the IFP to reveal his identity to a director of MS who had travelled to Durban from Cape Town. "The IFP formally asked that the government take urgent steps to guaiantee the safety of the agent and his family." the statement said. Yesterday's dramatic developments followed claims by IFP president. Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi. that two Star reporters. Mr Jacques Pauw and Ms Peta Thornycrott. had worked with N15 to prove that lnkatha had smuggled weapons into South Africa from Mozambique and that it had links with the rebel Renamo movement. "Following weeks of in-

vestigations, the IFP was able to establish that a report published in the November 1 edition of The Star under the heading iHow lnkatha Gets Its Guns', was the result of contacts over many weeks between Patiw and intelligence sources in Natal, and followed directly on the heels of a visit to Monmhique by fellow Star reporter, Peta Thomycroft. with this agent." the IFP statement said. u(Joineidemally. the Weekly Mail. amareutly unaware of the operation. published a report stating that a group of N18 agents had visiwd Ma-Ibique late in Omber - at the time lhomyuot't and her Natal agent arrived in 1 Me-nhique." MrPauwhasdisclosed to The Citizen that the agent was a former Special Forms operative who had resigned from theArmythreeyearsago andhadbeenaeontaetot his since. Mr Pauw said the man might be a MS agent. However, he pointed

However, he pointed out that the story published in The Star was wholy based on an affidavit made to the newspaper by former senior lnkatha ofticial, Mr Bruce Anders son, following his depot.

tation from South Atria for his involvement in illegal gun-running. The IFP also disclosed in its statement yesterday afternoon that the agent had requested an urgent meeting with the organisation "because a key individual from the ANC's intelligence department (DIS) wanted to speak to the IF? to do a deal." "The offer was rejeaed." the IFP said. "ThelFPisawareofaseties of projects in which the ANC and government intelligence servnees' have oo-operated as part of a plan to undermine' the IFP."

At a PICS conference in Durban yesterday, IFP Regional Natal Organs er, Mr Senzo Mfayela, said if the seum'ty services were genuinely attempting to establish whether there were links between the IFP and Renamo. then the very last thing they would have done was to operate ithis would have defeated the ends of the police enquiry.

"In fad. the investigation has revealed that it was not the Pres that was being of me to the seanity serviws. but rather that the security services were smoothing the way for the Pres. This reveals a delinitive political motive or agenda," Mr Mfayela said.

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CP ready to talk, but no govt-AN C deal: Dr T By Brian Stuart CAPE TOWN. - The Conservative Party is prepared to take part in constitutional negotiations, but not on the basis of prior govemment-ANC deals or agreements, Dr Andries Treumicht, CP leader, said yesterday. The CP and parties which participated in Codesa had agreed to be part of the proposed Planning Conference, to help design the future multilateral negotiation process. uBut if the government and ANC come to the conference with some sort of lunderstanding'. then they .quudy have their answer, not only from the CP, but also from others in COSAG.

uWe are part of the debate in South Africa today. We are active in talks," Dr Treumicht said in an intenriew on the eve of his 72nd birthday today.

Having led the CP since its formation in 1982, he was convinced the party represented an important and fundamental point of view, based on the human realities of the country, with its diversity of people and ethnicities. liOur basic point of departure is not just a fashion of the day, but is more deep-rooted, " said Dr Treumicht.

It had proved to be well-grounded within society. While other groups might lay less stress on ethnicity. it was nevertheless a reality, and would be one of the determining factors in the country's future.

Secondly, events elsewhere in the world conlinned the CP in its point of view that self-determination was an essential component of a peaceful society.

Even those who did not sympathise with the CP agreed that South Africa should not become "another Yugoslavia," where ethnicity resulted in violence.

In otherwise stable countries, such as Belgium and Canada, satisfactory solutions had to be found for the reality of diversity.

In the European Community, in spite of a spirit of interaction and co-operation, different countries were retaining their independence.

uWe do not, as some critics maintain, represent an outmoded view. Our point of departure is very modern."

Dr Treumicht said the CP had gained ground since being the losing party in last years referendum. Its policies were being better understood and appreciated.

For example, certain basic principles had been adopted within the Concerned South Africans, lateral agreements. Group (COSAG). These included a rejection of Communism. and the unacceptability of an interim government based on the imposition of a central, unitary government over the whole of South Africa.

COSAG would not accept a centralised government, in which power was delegated downwards. In such a system the dels egated powers could be withdrawn by the central i government.

Instead COSAG saw
the existence of various
states within South Africa
as the point of departure,
with authority delegated
upwards on certain issues.
It was on this point that
Codesa had been offtrack - its initial Statement of Intent had set out
.a unitary state.
uIt is also important
that COSAG will not consent to the government
and ANC coming with bi-

viewing the negotiations merely as a rubber stamp."

Dr Treumicht said of
I his own leadership of the
i CP: uI see myself not in
I terms of leadership, but

I as part of a team. If the . team is happy, then I am happy."

The CP had experienced increasing support, especially since the gov-I emment-ANC Record of Understanding last September and the CPS involvement with others in COSAG.

"The CPI: image is better. It is seen as a that stands by its prin-

dPM-T'....

'Rude' AWE offends UK right E ugene Terre 'Blanche's erratic behaviour on a jimd-faising trip to Britain and Belgium has prompted the National F rant to suggest'the AWB takes a course in public relations. By JAN TALJAARD TIFF upper lip elements in the British far-right are having difficulty coming to terms with the Afrikaner Weerstandsbewegingis ltlack of the elementary oourtesies".

This has led to tensions between John T yndall, leader of Britainls National Front and an AWB delegation that visited Britain in May last year in an attempt to solicit funds. The AWBis Eugene TerrelBlanche, his second-in-cornmand, Ernie van der Westhuizen, rgeneralsil Willem Etsebeth, Piet Hamman and a tCommandantll Roodt were all pan of what turned out to be a rather disastrous and at times farciml visit to Britain and Belgium.

Following the visit, Tyndall and one of his executives, Barry Clark, fired off short missives alternately describing the AWB visit as a nflascoil and the AWB officials as in need of tta little tuition in public relations and the elementary eourtwies".

Tyndall also accused TerrelBlanche of tlbewildering changes of plan which made it quite impossible for me to keep up with them (the AWB)" and causing him to wait in vain for telephone mils.

Scum said the visit was farcical in more ways than one. Problems with visas, rumours of a an illicit cross-channel trip on a fishing boat, and problems with the management of a hotel on bondonis Leicester Square all conspired to make it an exercise in how not to conduct public relations.

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In the end, sources say, most of the funds collected from the European donors had to be paid out to pour oil on troubled waters. The visit'formed part of a AWE campaign to solicit funds from rightwing organisations in Europe. Since early last year the AWB has corresponded with more than 220 overseas bodies in an attempt to raise money. Apart from the trip to London and Belgium, "generals" Alec Cruywagen and Johan "Hagarll Thompson also visted Greece last year to attend a congress of the white supremacist Members of the Golden Dawn movement. An appeal for financial assistance for the AWB ltfrom White Nationalist Comrades in Europeii has also appeared in the farright British publication, League Sentinel ttlon ... Eugene Tom'Blancho 'laeks the elementary courtesles'

. Photo: KEVIN CARTER

It states: "Although the AWB need FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NOW! to fight their case, they have also written to say, that they may later have to appeal for PHYSICAL and MILITARY ASSISTANCE to help prevent their country from takeover by Black-Marxist forces, and their Zionist financiers that are intent on destroying the White Race in

Africa."

It seems that despite the visits and letters, funds from Europe are almost nonexistent and TerrelBlanche will have to cast his cupped hanck in the direction of his local supporters rather than his comrades in Europe. With the AWB at the moment growing at a faster rate than ever since 1988, the coffers may well be filling again.

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Armies to have one medical service The South African Defence Force (SADF) is opening its medical service training to all, including liberation armies, as part of its demoaatisotion process. This was announced by the SADF Surgeon General, Niel Knobel, during a media brieting in Pretoria this week. Knobel said the South African Medical Service (SAMS) had - for the post number of years - concentrated on repositioning itself in order to function efficiently and cost effectively in a new South Africa. The service has attracted a substantial number of blacks and women, some of'which will be qualifying in the near future, said Knobel. "The SAMS is a fullyfledged member of the health service community of South Africa and makes a substantial contribution to health legislation, poli-Ly and service rendering. Recggnition "There are a number of defence force projects at present, conducted by the SAMS that have already gained national and international recognition in terms of their nationbuilding value in the health environment," said Knobel. He said among them there was "project curamus". which concentrates on the physical, psychological, social and spiritu-01 needs of serving and exserving members of the security forces, who have become injured, wounded or handicapped in the execution of their duties. According to Knobel, members of MK, APLA and other liberation

armies, who were handicapped in the execution of their duties before the inte-

gration of the military

forces, will also qualify for the benefits of this project. The benelits will include material compensation through insurance and specially designed pension schemes, retraining and employment where possible. in close conjunction with the department of health and manpower.

LU King Goodwill Zwelithini is reported to be hacking i4 indunas in their bid to stop waZulu chief minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi from removing their area from royal jurisdiction _ and imposing uforeign" chiefs there.
'lhis is the first time Zwelithini and Buthelezi have locked horns in public in over a decade, although some observers say it does not signal a major rift between the two. In papers before the Durban Supreme Court, I4 indunas from Bananango in the Nguthu district in Zululand claimed that Buthclezi wanted to demarcate the areas and impose three "foreign'i chiefs on them. lnduna Simon Mnguni said in an amdavit that his people were opposed to the constitution of new tribal author-Royal battle as Buthelezi locks horns with the king ities and boundaries in the Babanango area. Buthelezi's iiillegal actions', were designed to reduce Zwelithini is authority. This would be iicontrary to the custom where the area was directly under the control of the Zulu king". In a replying affidavit, the deputy secretary in Buthelezi's office, Carel Vos, denied this. He claimed Zwelithini had given his approval to the constitution of new tribal authorities. Minutes of a community meeting A clash over new tribal authorities has created a ri t between lnkatha Is leader and the Zulu kin . B FAROUK CHOTHIA held in 1990, however, paint a diiTerent picture. Presented to the court, these quote the king as saying: uThe scripture is correct that Jesus Christ's clothes latati/ W 2/513 were divided amongst the people, but with me my area is subdivided and given to foreigners while lam still alive. mIhose who subdivide the area must stop," Zwelithini added. Mnguni said Zwelithini had told them at a subsequent meeting that he had resolved the problems with the kwaZulu govemment and chiefs would not be imposed. The case was adjourned to next month. it x int V cl-.-_u . -Qih 2 King Goodwlll ... Those who

subdlvlde must stop'

Arms charges :? Minister accused ofdelaying announcement ofarrest n lnkatha Central Committee member, Isaac Ntsele, his son and two others, are due to appear in the kwaNgwanase Magistrates' Court on Monday on charges of gun running. Ntsele, who is also the chairperson of the Mangozi branch, was arrested on February 6 for smuggling 13 AK-47 rifles, more than 50 kilograms of AK-47 ammunition and other arms from Mozambique. Also arrested were his son Mgadi Ntsele, his employee Harry Zikhali, lnkatha supporters Peter labulani Ntuli and Mozambicans Mandla (Eumede and Vasco Parafinho. Despite being arrested on February 6, law and order minister Hemus Kriel only announced the arrest five days later. The announcement was triggered by pressure from ANC Northern Natal brunch, who had information from a source about Ntsele's arrest on Febmary 9. WE Speaking to New NATION, the source rejected Kriel's allegation that the delay in reporting the arrest was due to an attempt at apprehending suspects that had escaped. The ANC alleged that Kn'el withheld information about the arrests to protect lnkatha, in light of the recent arrests of Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) members for alleged smuggling of weapons. The source said that the two Mozambicans who had escaped were police informers. According to northern Natal sources and lnkatha spokesperson Errol Goetsch, Ntsele had been a member of the Central Committee for several years. Ntsele is reportedly one of the richest businessmen in the for northern Natal region of kwaNgwanase. He owns two general dealer stores. a gum tree forest and a tractor-hiring business. He drives an expensive German motor vehicle and has a 4 x 4 tmck. Mao /i/J/,4,;3771/ ///2/ '12

New Manon: What attracted you to the KZP and made you give up retirement to take up the post at Pollce Commiesioner?

Rov Dunmc: I felt it would be a challenge. and i also felt that I was missing out. Retirement was boring. I'm personally a very active person, in tact I'm a bit overactive.

This is an extremely interesting period in our history and this is what also attracted me to get back and stuck in and see if i couldn't do something good. What was your Impresalon ot the KZP before you took the lob?

I grew up in Zululand and matriculated ln Empangenii My (other was a police officer his whole life. i know the Zulu as a proud and strong nationt They are people you can work with. I'm sure that they are impressionable enough and intelligent enough to accept change and the motivations that I'm trying to develop here.

How do you see the future at the KZP, given that kwaZulu and other homelande might eventually be re-Incorporated into South Africa?

There's no politician, not even the state president, who can give us a definite answer as to what the future holds for the kwaZulu police or any of the other homeland police forces We may see a situation in the future where we have re-incorporatmn.

We are definitely looking to the future - adhering to the standards of the SAP and standardising as far as recruitment and promotions are concerned. But the future excludes planning as far as integration goes. because that is

far as integration goes. because that is a political issue. Dr Buthelezi will have to decide if he will allow something like that. At this point l'm trying to develop a greater consciousness amongst my men - starting from the top - that out mission is to reach back to the public. The general public are our clients and 'our friends. Over a period of time a lot of hostility has developed because of a lot of propaganda - but I don't discount that there are also possibly valid teasons for this hostility.

Do your tuture plana tor the force include expansion?

At this point we are not expanding. We are recmiting, but it's actually only to makeup deficits of deaths and people who go on pensions This is not because we don't want to expand, but because of Financial constraints. We are trying to consolidate, evaluate and strengthen our force at the moment. We are ttying to increase the professionalism oi the force

Are there any senior members at the . \mbox{KZP} who need to be retired because they are beyond the point of retormlng or retraining

l cannot identify anyone specifically at this stage, although We only been here

for a very short time. But it may be a possibility. We often find that when there are extreme changes, people are inclined to revert to a subculture - and the police definitely has its own subculture - because they feel a lot safer there They feel that the outside world is against them, and with all this propaganda and the hostile media, you find that there is that kind of reaction. What l'm trying to do IS ne-educate tiist. staning right at the top. And it that doesn't work. I'm afraid we'll definitely have to resort to drastic action, if necessary. Does this trainan Include any element of ellmlnetlng political blast My whole policy mission, on which all our strategic planning is concentrated, is aimed at improving our public relations That is being done right now, right throughout the KZP. In the past there have been tensions between the SAP and KZP. especially on the ground. How do you see the relationship between the two torces developing in tuture? We've already started to develop a lot closet liaison between the SAP and the KZPi We are strongly interrelated because the kwaZulu region - or the "I've already given all my district commissioners and station commanders instructions to develop community forums. These will be forums where we will be able to ve close liaison with the community itself any person within the community, irrespective of which political party he or she belongs to. This is essential so that we can get a broad picture of what they actually want from us, what they expect of us. They are our customers. If we dont know what our customers want we can't serve them properly" KZP Commissioner Maj-Gen Roy During lulu! Aiming to win hearts and minds face Hu-Nation speaks with Major-Generel Roy During, the new Commissioner ot the

kwaZulu Police (KZP). After 36 years in the torce. the 57-year-old career policeman decid had had enough of retirement and jumped at the chance to head the KZP. The son of a

policeman. During joined the force atter matriculating and rose quickly through the ranks . He

served in the special unit responsible tor the security of the state president and other

and foreign dignitaries from 1967 to 1988 and was subsequently appointed police commissioner of the Western Cape. He also served for a time as head of a special counterinsurgency and unrest unit. He has been head of the KZP since December last year Natal region - is so fragmented that the

different forces' territories flow into each other. We have started liaising at a very high level with the SAP. through a monthly meeting with the local regional commissioner. We've already discussed numerous problem areas where we can give each other assistance. Proper communication between us is an absolute necessity.

Will the KZP be Included in a number at recently unveiled proposals by the SAP to Improve community-pollee relations? Yes. in preparation. I've already given all my district commissioners and station commanders instructions to develop community forums. These will be forums where we will be able to have close liaison with the community itself any person within the community. inespective of which political pony he or she belongs to. This is essential so that we can get a broad picture of what they actually want from us, what they expect of us. They are our customers. if we don't know what our customers want we can't serve them properly. We've also sent some men on a course called the community-liaison course so that they can go back to their areas and establish these forums. These forums will take place at the district level, at the station level, as well as at the regional level. And I'd like to go and speak to all of them. once they're set up. Will the KZP be part at recently termed Peace Accord structures, such as the

Peace Accord structures, such as the Police Board. and will you allow complaints against KZP members to be Investigated by the SAP?
Well, obviously the kwaZulu Police is a

statutory body. so in other words. we are autonomous, The SAP has no right of interference in our affairs and we have no right of interference in theirs. So when something is reported to the Police Board, it will be referred back to us But i can give you my assurance that. as commissioner. I will not tolerate any irregularities. We are looking at all sorts of things that are possible problem areas, which I will eradicate.
Will the SAP still be barred tram kwaZu-

In unless they have the authority of a KIP district commissioner?

We are an autonomous statutory body, so we cannot have other organisations interfenng with our internal affairs. it is not allowed. But there is absolute cooperation between us. However, there will be incidents. i can assure you, where we will ask the SAP for assistance. But a district commissioner still has, in princtple of course. the authority to say we don't want your assistance here, or your interventions here.

What about more on-the-ground cooperation. such as lolnt policing. between the KZP and SAP In tuture? Yes, but it depends on what you mean by joint policing. if it's just a temporary exercise, then yes. but if you are referting to a more permanent situation, then no.

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In the light at increased attacks on the KZP, do you teel your lorce has adequate protection and equipment? Financial constraints do hamper us. As long as you havent got the money to buy the facilities to afford protection, then you're in a difficult positions For example, an armoured vehicle costs R350 000, a bullet proof vest costs more than R2 000 if we had the money, those two things would be one of the first priorities. it's something that worries me and my top men considerably. because we know that we're sending men into the field who are not adequately protectea The KZP hes a record at being unwill-

lng to investigate Itseit or its members who have broken the law. The most obvious example is the case ot Umlazi sergeant Siphiwe Mvuyene. who is now tacing charges only because of an SAP investigation. What is your response? These are perceptions that have been blown completely out oi proportion I can't think of one Single case where there's been evidence against a man, and he wasn't prosecuted. We've often tell that the police are

persecuted. If there is any case reponed against a pOlKe nfiiter, it is usually investigated extremely thoroughly. That's one oi the courses that has been followed throughoul my police career. Even if i heard of 0 Lose which took place a year or two ago, and there's eVidence, I would Certainly pursue the mattero l'm absolutely Slncetc about that. I could never allow something like that on my conscience.

But as I say. so many of these eases are just propaganda We get reports like that. and when you investtgute it you can't find anything You get reports being made to the Goldstone Commission, But as soon as you start investigating, you find that there's no tnith in it. Very often the witnesses who are so Willing to talk to the media or the Coldstone Commission don't come and give us the same information.

How many times has the SAP commissioner asked on TV for those people to come forward and give affidavits? So we must come to certain conclusions that a lot of ii is just propaganda, just liesi

What Is your message to the people at kwaZulu?

We appreciate the terrible situation they are living in, of political violence and escalating crime. We aspire to help remedy this situation as far as it is humanly possible. But we ask them to consider us also as their fnends With their cooperation, l'm quite confident we can make tremendous progress. We must just accept each other, accept that we need

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AN alert medical assessor at a Johannesburg lnquest Court inquiry into the death of a detainee, yesterday noticed that part of a report by independent pathologist, Dr Jonathan Gluckman, was based on the wrong tissue samples.

Dr Patricia Klepp observed that the reference number on the post-mortem report prepared by state pathologist, Dr Michele Voster, was: body number DK 3205/90 with the histology (tissue sample) reference number as ZDS 91 while the reference on Dr Gluckman's report was 11.14 90. Dr Gluckman said he had relied on the tissue samples taken during the original post-mortem and had not taken his own 1 samples. These samples were in

respect of the brain, the lungs, the heart muscle. and the kidneys. He stated that he had therefore been sent the wrong slides after requesting the laboratory to provide these.

The discovery was made shortly before the mid-day adjournment, and during the adjoumment Dr Gluckman received the correct tissue sample slides. He then prepared another report iiix respect of the brain, lungs, heart muscle and the kidneys of Mr Bethuel Maphumulo, who died in custody on Demmber 13, 1990.

Evidence earlier this week presented before inquest magistrate. Mr C de Lange. and assessors, Dr H Bukofzer and Dr P Klepp, was that Mr Maphumulo handed himself over to the police on December 11, 1990 and died W/Z/gzg

Gluckman report based on wrong samples after a life-and-death struggle, which ended up in the Protea Police swimming pool. He had allegediy tried to escape. Counsel for the police, Mr E du Toit SC, dun'ng

cross-examination of Dr Voster, submitted that the death could have been caused by "neurogenic cardiac failure", which is known as "dry drowning". Counsel for the family, Mr D Kuney SC, sub-

Mr D Kuney SC, submitted that the cause of death was consistent with "neurogenic shock consistent with throttling". Dr Voster had given the cause of death as umultiple injuries". Called to testify yesterday by Mr F Roos, who is leading the evidence, Dr Gluckman stated that in his opinion the muse of death was consistent with ttmanual strangulation". He said he had found the left horn of the hyoid bone (in the throat) to be fractured.

Dr Voster had also noticed a fracture of the hyoid bone.

The hystology report from the tissue samples was not directly related to this Ending.

During cross-examination by counsel for the police Dr Gluckman appeared to have difficulty hean'ng Mr Du Toit's questions, and he also appeared to have some difficulty finding cross-references in Dr Vorsteris post-mortem neport. When cross-examined at one stage by Mr Du Toit regarding the fracture of the hyoid bone, Dr Gluckman claimed that it was "a typing error" and not a lack of description on his part that had resulted in his report reading 1tthe left hyoid"

instead of the uleft horn

of the hyoid" bone.

Suspect strangled - Gluckman By Abdul Milnzi Robbery suspect Bethuel Maphumulo died as a result of "manual strangulation" while in police custody in Soweto. independent pathologist Dr J onathan Gluckman yesterday told an inquest at the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court. He said it was unlikely that Maphumulo (31) had drowned as was claimed by police earlier in the inquest. Maphumulo died on December 13 1990 after handing himself over to the SAPS Soweto murder and robbery unit.. which was invstigating a rob bery charge against him. ,. Gluckman. who was present when State pathologist Dr Michelle Vorster conducted, the post-mortem on Maphuw mulo's body, said fractures oni his neck and haemorrhages one his skin appeared to have been" caused by "extensive. substantial force". ' He said Maphumulo's body had numerous abrasions and injuries. including marks on e his neck and eight broken ribs. On Wednesday. Vorster told the inquest she had concluded Maphumulo had died as a rey sult of multiple injuries. Earlier Soweto police captain Henry Beukes told the inquest that he was attacked by Maphumulo after the suspect had escaped during interrogation. Beukes said he had found Maphumulo hiding near a swimming pool. During the ensuing struggle. they both fell into the pool. Beukes said injuries to Maphumulo's body might have been caused by the "uneven paving" around the pool where they had struggled before falling into the water.

The inquest continua.

Investigate killer gang

residents.

ACTIVISTS from Maokeng In the Orange Free State have instructed attorneys to ask the Goldstone Commlsston ot Inquiry to investigate alleged collusion by the "Three Million Gang". prosecutors and the police. ANC leader in Maokeng, Dennis Bloem this week said lawyers were preparing statements made by former gang member. Elias Marumo. to be presented to the commission. This follows another detection by a member of the gang, Mpho Samuel Taka, a close friend of the late gangleeder, George "De Wittie' Ramasemong.

In a statement to his lawyers. a copy of which was glvan to New NATION, Take made further revelations implicating police, lawyers and members at lnkatha. He said a lawyer. well-known to him, applied for bail for the gang after they were arrested for attacking Maokeng

in one incident Taka said they were on a revenge mission when a white sergeant Oosthuizen found them in possession of an assortment of weapons but said "when you go to the old township you must not attack young children. You must look out for the iringkoppe' like Dennis Bloem'. Deliverfood

He also alleged that a white Sierra with a Welkom registration number - driven by three Inkatha members. used to deliver food in Troubou where the gang stayed. These lnkatha members. awarding to Take. were Msibi, Khumalo and Monareng - all from Welkom. Giving details of arms used in the attacks. Taka said he assumed that the different weapons 'De Wittie' was supplied with were from the loml town councillors, because 'they promised to give us firearms."

qwane' in Gelukwaarts to meet the mayor. Koekoe. to disimiss lnkatha and the supply of arms to them.

"The mayor never mme back to us about making peace with the comrades. His aim was to incite us and inflame the

situation." Taka said in the statement.

He also added that he had seen the local state prosecutor, a Mrs Pienaar talking to "De Wittie" like persons who were on friendly terms during one at their trials.

"We know that "De Wittie' used to sleep at her place.
because he used to tell us so. in fact I went to the home

because he used to tell us so. in fact I went to the home of Mrs Pienaar with De Wittie, Cheeky. Thabo. and Ndade."
Taka said.

Ciskei cuts links With former MI man_By PATRICK GOODENOUGH
THE Ciskei government may soon
end a lucrative contract with a company run by key far-rightwinger and formermilitary intelligence boss General
Tienie Groenewald. It has also wamed
an associated ex-Bureau of State
Security officer to steer clear of the homeland.

The Weekly Mail reported last week that Groenewald's Pretoria-based consultancy, Multi-Media Services, had been accused of manipulating U

Ciskei military leadaer Brigadier Oupa quzo to suit his Volkstaat agenda.

Groenewald also arranged for Major-General llTai" Minnaar. an intelligence operative for former Ciskei president Lennox Sebe, to run a VIP protection training course for Ciskei soldiers. A R94 000 training course for homeland parahats was on the cards for next month. After the Weekly Mail report, the Ciskei government announced that Ciskei Defence Force membels were nnot at all happyll about Minnaarls renewed involvement in the homeland because of his background. The course will go ahead, but under trainers not linked to M innaar.

quzo has also ordered a probe into MMSls activitities. A spokesman said that if the Itallegations and revelationsll proved true, the government would not hesitate to "dissociate itself completely from the company concerned".

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a PAC wants new multiparty forum little over two weeks ago, the PAC seemed poised to resume bilateral discussions with the National Party (NP) government. According to the organisation's international affairs secretary, Gora Ebrahim, the PAC was merely waiting to finalise a date for such talks.

Ebrahim suggested that no major obstacles existed in the way of talks and there were indications in government that some cabinet ministers were ready to proceed, despite attacks by the PAC's armed wing, the Azanian Peoples' Liberation Army (Apia).

But attitudes on both sides hardened after the Government reiterated its demand that the PAC distance itself from Apla attacks. And any optimism about the possibility of talks between the two evaporated. This week, the PAC warned against the government and the ANC entering into

secret deals.
Both the ANC and government denied that the "toenadering" on questions of regionalism and an interim government of national unity amounted to a deal. But this failed to cool tempers in the

The organisation's president, Clarence Makwetu, was forthright in his attack and warned of armed resistance against any power sharing deal.

But just when all indications seemed to suggest that the PAC would opt for continued resistance, even after a government of national unity came into power, the mood changed. PAC secretary 'general Benny Alexander said his organisation could decide to attend preparatory talks to discuss ways of achieving a confent assembl.

Stiltlte PAC alsoysuggested that, should the government agree to the election of a constituent assembly on the basis of one person, one vote on a common voters role in a unitary South Africa, there would be no need for armed struggle. But the government has yet to tespon'd to the PAC's demand, the organisation 5 director of information, Waters Toboti says. ''

He adds that the armed struggle will continue during and even after multiparty talks if the PAC's vision of a constituent assembly is not realised. This has raised hopes that the PAC may well remain part of the transitional process, even if, in the interim, prospects for the resumption of talks with the government have been placed on the backburner.

"Our doors remain open should the regime decide to continue with the agreed meeting," the PAC said after its national executive committee meeting two weeks ago. As for bilateral talks with the government, the PAC said that talks aimed at reaching a common understanding

on the modalities of establishing a new multilateral forum are both necessary and meaningful.

"Bilateral talks aimed at making secret deals on constitutional matters are both undemocratic and harmful to the democratisation process," it added.

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If the ANC's responses to claims that it had entered into secret deals are anything to go by, it should not be difficult to address the PAC's concems.

According to the ANC, whatever agreements are reached at bilateral talks between itself and the government will ultl-mately have to be put to a multiparty forum for amendments and approval.

But, before the PAC 1 enters multiparty talks, it wants the negotiating forum to change.

F ollowing its recent NEC meeting, the organisation listed five characteristics which must define a restructured multiparty forum:

O The forum should have a pointed agenda, dealing with the modalities of establishing an elected constituent assembly and the mode of controlling the transitional process.

- It should have neutral international involvement at the level of the convenorship, chairpersonship etc.
- It should observe the principle of transparency.

O t should not be a decision-making body but a facilitating structure. These demands do not represent insurmountable obstacles to the PAC's entry into multiparty talks and, with some compromise on all sides, there is scope for consensus. But this is not all the

PAC wants. Even if all . four of its demands are met, the PAC still wants the multiparty forum to

be restricted to tpolitical parties of a national character".
This will effectively exclude homeland parties and is therefore unlikely to generate sufficient support from the major parties. The ANC, for example, has strong allies among some homeland parties, among them Transkei and Venda. And it is unlikely to support any move to exclude them from multiparty talks.

Land plans)1? The PAC says it would make it easierfor the masses to own land z'fz't came to power that, if it came to power, it won The Pan-Africanist Congress (PAC) say; abolish the system of private land ownership to "make it easier for the masses to gain access to the land". In a policy document released this week, the organisation says the whole question of land reform would have to start with the socialisation of the land and a limit to the size of land any individual could hold. The document - compiled by Dr Peter Mayende, the PAC's secretary for land and agriculture, and Dr Solly Skosana, environmental affairs secretary - sets out various steps that the organisation would have to take on land issues if it came to power. The first basic task of a PAC government would be to legislate various laws that would make it easier for the "masses" t0vgain access to land ownership, it says. "The system of private ownership of land and Its transfer through private transactions will, through legislation, be abolished and existing property laws will be repealed." According to the document, it would be necessary to have a legal framework under which land reform - encompassing the social, economic and political spheres of human activity - could be achieved. On the redistribution of the land, the PAC said the process would entail the "liquidation" of the bantustan system. Such land would revert to the nation and would be administered by local authorities. ' But it said that redistribution would not be fully implemented unless there was "attainment by the African people of politi-

cal-military power and a democratic mandate.

vla free parliamentary elections. "The question of politm V JMWYV icai power should be resolved decisively ln favour of the Africans and other oppressed groups in our country," the document says. individuals would be entitled to a general limit of 300 hectares of land. The document says there will not be "any compensation, because this land was obtained through colonial conquest, and therefore its 'ownership' has no legitimacy". The only compensation that would be paid by a PAC government, would be for those whose landholdings, or portions. would be expropriated. "Such compensation will, however, be limited to devel-W43 Dr Peter Maende and Dr Solly Skosana of the PAC . . ' individuals will be entitled to a general limit of 300 hectares of land opments made on the land". it said that the final decision with regard to the amount to be paid, would be the responsibility of the state. The PAC rejected the "willing buyer-wiliing seller" system which Zimbabwe has attempted in buying land from white farmers. "Zimbabwe's negative experience shows clearly that there should never be any compromise on this issue." It said the prime beneficiaries of land redistributlon would be "families currently residing in the bantustan: and residents of the new 'squatter areas' most of whom are recently-arrived migrants from the rural areas". The PAC added that it would be the duty of a post-apartheid state to Intervene actively in the economic sphere in order to protect and promote the Interest of the masses, who remain

underdeveloped and dis.
criminated against.

Students go on the ram page
I CAMPUS ANGER Mamelodi, Cape Town also in uproar over studentsi financial problems By Sipho Mthembu and Sapa mos erupted in Soweto yesterday when hundreds of pupils went on the rampage. damaging vehicles after rejecting the suspension of the go-slow strike which started on Monday.

In Mamelodi. Pretoria. Vista University's campus was closed until next Tuesday after students hurled stones at private vehicles and the institution's building after a meeting with the authorities over registrations ended in a deadlock.

A police spokesman estimated the damage at R13 000.

In Cape Town about 80 chanting students at the University of the Western Cape entered the offices of the rector. Professor lakes Gerwel. amid a new storm over financial exclusions. The group left after Gerwel agreed to meet a delegation to discuss the plight of students barred fr m courses because they owed the university oney.

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In Soweto yesterday a number of vehicles were stoned and set alight before and after meetings which were held at the Prudence and Pace College in Tladi and Jabulani. i The meetings rejected a call by the Southern Transvaal region of the Congress of South African students to end the boycott. Pupils went on the rampage, stoning vehicles after leaving classes at about 11am. Mr Sam Dubazana. a businessman in Dube. said his delivery van had its windows shattered by pupils at about 12 noon. At the Jabulani Technical College police used teargas to disperse chanting pupils who had blocked traffic on their way to a meeting. At the Selelekela High School in Orlando East teachers toyi-toyied on the premises, protesting against "heavy salary deductions". A police spokesman in Soweto, Colonel Tienie Halgryn, yesterday said two delivery vehicles were hijacked and burnt in sporadic incidents of violence yesterday. i W 0777

'Suspicious' Sadtu threatens strike
By GAYE DAVIS: Cape Town
TEACHERS mistrust and suspicion has
become a major obstacle in defusing the crisis
currently besetting the Department of Education and Culture (DEC) in the House of Representatives.

Embattled education minister Abe Williams, obliged to introduce cutbacks to meet an estimated RlOO-million budget short-fall'in the teeth of fierce opposition from his teaching corps, now faces nationwide protest action spearheaded by the 60 000-strong South African Democratic Teachers, Union anil'set to begin on March I. sadtu national secretary Randall van den l-ldeiver announced the campaign after emerginglfrom talks with Awie Muller, chiefexecu-

1-ldeiver announced the campaign after emerginglfrom talks with Awie Muller, chiefexecutive director of the DEC and other senior de' artment officials in Cape Town on W nesday.

an den Heever said Sadtu rejected DEC attelnpts to pass the talks off as lloonsultationii on'the pending cutbacks and said the union would campaign around 12 demands it had given the DEC.

These included calls for urgent attention to be given to the issues of substitute teachers, payment for temporary teachers and the provision of school textbooks and stationery as well as a moratorium on closing teacher-training colleges and an independent investigation into alleged maladministration of money in the House of Representatives.

He said he could not rule out the protest action culminating in a countrywide strike by teachers has an act of last resortii.

However, the "biggest prohlemi' in resolving the situation was teachers mistrust of a department which they believed had gone back on its word, he said. ml'here IS a serious crisis of confidence which makes it very diflia cult to have negotiations. Neither Sadtu nor Utisa (the Union of Teachers Associations in South Africa) see the DEC as an acceptable negotiations partner.

uOur members are saying, Do not negotiate with them, they will lead you into a trap'. Teachers no longer trust the word of the DEC?

Van den lleever said he could appreciate the DEC was ltin a hell of a fix - but they have bungled things and now discussions are impossible".

The Democratic Party has meanwhile called on Williams to accept the recent court ruling invalidating the DECS decision not to allow the appointment of substitutes for teachers on study and vacation leave and not to , lodge an appeal against it. i Spokesman Clifford Nusson said Williams was playing for time to reduce the delicit in this years budget. As an appeal would only be heard in August, it could Itseriously destabilise education?

Dissatisfaction over the situation in schools run by the House of Representatives is mounting. Teachers and parents from Modderdam High School demonstrated outside the DECS Cape Town offices yesterday, the latest in a succession of similar protests -.- while (each

ers at a Stellenbosch high school, Luckhoff Senior Secondary, signalled their intention to strike from next week if their demand for the appointment of two substitute teachers was not met.

Van den lleever said Sadtuis national executive committee would discuss the planned mass-action campaign at a meeting on February 26 and 27.

Sadtu would also be consulting with the National Education Co-ordinating Committee, civic and parent organisations and political parties, including the ANC, PAC and Azapo, he said.

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Fear lurks at scene of 3 Swanieville N slaughter By Peter Davies A long, neat row of freshly dug graves wait to be filled in Kagiso cemetery, just 2 km across the veld from Swanieville squatter camp. where 28 peo-; ple were brutally slashed and 1 burnt to death nearly two years ago. Those graves may not stand empty for long. On Tuesday a 1 Supreme Court judge acquitted five Kagiso hostel dwellers of taking part in the May 12 1991 massacre owing to lack of evidence. The judge sharply criticised the police for failing to make sure hundreds of the killers were brought to justice. Swanieville residents fear the result of the case may unleash another vicious bout of l bloodletting. The residents are loath to discuss the events of 21 months ago, when hundreds of heavily armed Kagiso hostel dwellers hacked. slit and shot their way through the West Rand squatter camp, murdering anyone they chanced upon. The attackers. identified as Inkatha Freedom Party members by their red headbands, also left razed shacks and gutted cars in their wake. Squatter camp allegations that police Casspirs escorted the murderous mob were never proved. Swanieville residents are. angry. me believe attackers will w ak mayhem again. On that crisp Sundw' moming in May 1991. lnlfred Mfiko awoke at 5.30am. Rumours had spread that lnkatha hostel dwellers were planning an attack some time that weekend. As a precaution, she had left her 10-year-old son with a colleague at the nearby Cremona Cheese Factory. Later. as she was her washing, she saw a police Casspir moving down her dusty road, heard a car heater and then the crackle of gunfire. She woke her husband David, 0T0 Page 3 1' MM"? -Fear lurks in camp 0 From Page 1 then joined terrified squatters running blindly towards Azaadville.

On returning to the

smouldering camp that Sunday afternoon, a neighbour told her that David had been hacked and bludgeoned to death. Titus Nong married the widow last year. He said the community was angry but not surprised at the judge's ruling. "Police just went to that hostel and arrested people at random. "lnkatha will return here before the end of a May. Swanieville has no Zulus - the people here don't want them. So we are seen as an ANC stronghold even if we are not active politically. Swanieville's only white resident, Louis Oosthuisen, also thinks another attack is possible. "I don't worry as a person. but I worry for the people around me. I will help defend them if I have to." says the 37year-old tractor driver. On the surface Swanie-e ville looks peaceful. But the memories of May 1991 lurk just beneath the surface. Residents are too scared to have their photos taken. "To advertise yourself is to sign your death warrant." says Nong. Virtually every grave at Kagiso cemetery is well tended. Behind David Mfiko's resting place is a cluster of seven graves. Just beyond stands a neat row of open red- 1 earth graves waiting to be filled. Swanieville residents are praying that lightning doesnit strike the same place twice.

Unita leaders get peace deadline I LAST DAY Rebels must name date for talks With government: UANDA - The United States. Portugal and Russia have given Unita rebel leaders until today to name a date for peace talks with the Angolan government, extending an original deadline by two days. The three countries trying to end Angola's renewed civil war did not say whatthey would doifUnita failed to respond. But diplomats in Luanda said they might allow the M PLA government of President Jose Eduardo dos Santos to receive foreign military help against the rebels. The United States was one of Unita's backers in the war that began in 1975. The three countries said unwillingness by Unita to set a new date for peace talks with the government was unsatisfactory and urged the movement to name a time by today. The three countries -Observers to 1991 peace accords designed to end I 7 years ofcivil war-originally said Unita had until Wednesday night to set a date for new peace talks in Ethiopia's capital Addis Ahaha. On Wednesday they issued a statement one minute before their deadline for the rebels to announce a date. Senior Unita officials on Tuesday told the UN special representative in Angola, Margaret Anstee. that they needed three more days to consider the matter but the observer countries said this was a disappointing answer. to W/ i The 199! peace accords stipulated that neither the government nor Unita could receive outside military aid. But the three countries. together with the United Nations. are losing patience with Unita leader Jonas Savimhi who has resumed civil war with an unprecedented intensity. Senior US. Russian and Portuguese officials planned to meet in Lisbon next week. the diplomats in Luanda said. "One possible topic would be opening the door to supplying the MPLA government with military aid," said one diplomat who requested anonymity. _ Sapa-Reuter. Tt. /i

/i a U 7 1 .t t 3 Wide praise for Clinton package LONDON -- US President Bill Clinton won international praise yesterday for taking the tough decisions he says are needed to kickstart the US economy and tame the soaring budget deficit. The US dollar rebounded from record-tying lows against the Japanese yen in Tokyo in response to the economic recovery package unveiled on Wednesday night. It strengthened against other major foreign currencies in early European trading. "He has bitten the bullet," said economist Chris Caton of Bankers Trust in Sydney, Australia. "This could work. And in the long run it will bring the deficit down." The Times of London said in an editorial that Clintonls budget proposals "show about an equal measure of political courage and low cunning". "He deserves credit for facing the reality that his campaign promises to attack the deficit through taxes on the rich were nonsense," the newspaper said. Clinton on Wednesday unveiled details of a plan to trim US deficit spending through a \$500 billion (about R1 550 billion) package of higher taxes and spending cuts. 0 More reports -Pages 4, 11 and 16 Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa said Clinton's economic plan might signal renewed US pressure on Japan to open its markets. "If the US takes this course, Japan will also be expected to take measuru. Thatls what I am concerned about, " Miyazawa said. Josen Takahashi. a senior economist at Mitsubishi Research Institute in Tokyo, said Clinton's measures would be painful for Americans and might promote protectionism - but were the only way the US could cut its budget deficit. iiEven though the deficit reduction can be successfully achieved, they will have a big negative effect, for instance on employment, and the big issue is how long (Clinton) can maintain public support, " he said. The European Commission

welcomed Clintonls commitment to agreeing on a General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade world trade deal, but coupled this with a warning that any recourse to protectionism to spark economic recovery could lead to disaster. Peter Staisch. chief editor of Germany's N-TV, said Clinton's speech reminded him of John F Kennedy's appeal to Americans not to ask what their country could do for them, but what they could do for their country. - Sapa-AP-Renter.

Will 'Clintonis plan Work? RESIDENT Bill Clinton is not the first and will not he the last elected politician to abandon what he promised during an election campaign. The Republicans hope voters will blame him for abandoning his middle-class tax cut. Certainly, Clinton is taking a gamble in the tax increases he proposes. He bought votes with promises he knows he ought not to keep. But what matters most is not whether Clintonls lips were worth reading during the campaign. It is whether they are worth reading now. Clinton's economic plan represents a decisive shift from the last 12 years of Republican rule. Higher taxes are certain, with the planned increase amounting to well over lpercent of gross domestic product (GDP). But spending cuts are supposed to be greater than the planned increases in spending. It is not so much a case of tax and spend as of tax and reallocate spending. It is not the fact of higher President Bill Clinton has taken a brave gamble with his proposal to Increase taxes. taxation - \$240 billion more over four years - that marks the change, it is also the nature of those taxes. Some 70 percent of the increase in taxation is to be contributed by people earning more than \$100000 (R300 000) a year. But tax increases are not restricted to rich individuals and corporations. Higher taxes on energy, for example, will fall on virtually all Americans. Meanwhile, spending is to be cut by \$250 billion over four years. The bottom line will be a reduction in the federal budget deficit from \$332 billion (5 percent of GDP) in the current fiscal year to \$207 billion (2 percent of GDP) by 1997. Total deficit reduction is to be some \$500 billion over four years. This plan is plausible only if the president can both obtain the tax increases and the control over spending that he wants. Plans for higher taxes will confront outraged interest groups, perhaps even an outraged public. As for spending control, the president may propose, but Congress disposes. Politically, the plan is brave. Economically, however, it falls short of what is needed. The US has the lowest national savings

rate of any industrial economy. bar Greece, and a deficit that absorbs 30 percent of private gross savings. A faster rise in the US living standard demands a marked increase in its rate of capital formation. For that the US needs a balanced budget, perhaps even a surplus. Without one, Clinton will fail to deliver on his promise of a transformed US. The need for a smaller deficit is greater still when increased taxes fall so heavily on those who save most. Political realities mean Clinton can offer less deficit reduction than is required and loss additional spending than his supporters desire. He is bound, in short. to make far more people unhappy than happy. Unhappily, the temptation for a Democratic administration that cannot deliver substantial spending increases through the budget is to deliver them offbudget. Costs can be loaded on businesses via higher minimum wages, for example. Or on consumers via protection against imports. In the long term such changes could have dire effects on US employment and growth. Clinton faces no easy choices. Though his budget plan may not be enough, it is broadly in the right direction. But many temptations remain. - Financial Times News Service. :1

ashington 3 Mouse gt Can he take the USAID bull by the horns. 7 ust before he took office as US President. Bill Clinton announced the replacement for Herman Cohen as Assistant Secretary of State for Africa: George E. Moose. Moose is a 49 year-old foreign service bureaucrat whose postings have included Barbados in the early 19705. the Southern Rhodesia desk (as it was called) and South Africa desk (as deputy directon in the late 19705. the United Nations in the early 19805. the ambassadorships to Benin and Senegal in the 19805 and deputy US representative to the United Nations the past two years. Born in New York City and educated at tiny Grinnell College in Iowa and Syracuse University in New York, Moose has been hailed as the darling of conservatives Henry Kissinger. Jeanne Kirkpatrick and Chester Crocker. This patronage led to a fast-track through the otherwise stuffy Waspish US foreign policy establishment (Moose is an African-American). In 1987 Moose told the Washington Post that many career opportunities were denied to African-Americans in the State Department "not because of any conscious racism but by the natural workings of a system that is instinctively clubby for people of similar backgrounds and simultaneously so competitive that it doesnt dispose them to be generous or concerned for people outside their little group." He commented that in the State Department "blacks feel like outsiders like they are being isolated and looked down upon. 50 it should come as no surprise when so many blacks finally say. This is costing me too much in terms of wear and tear on my psyche.' It was known. however. that that being an African-American was a prerequisite for the Africa Assistant Secretary position. Moose took brief respites from uFoggy Bottom" (the comer of Washington that houses State and the Federal Reserve). He spent a year as a fellow of the corporate-funded Council on Foreign Relations and has also been based at Howard University in Washington as 11diplomat-in-residence." Mooseis work in Africa was seen as so consistent with Reagan-Bush foreign policy that in 1989 he gained the Presidential Performance Award. Why. then. did Clintonls new Secre-

Why. then. did Clintonls new Secretary of State. Warren Christopher. choose Moose out of so many qualified African-American candidates? Christopher may not be a particularly liberal diplomat himself: he has been embarrassed by revelations that as a Justice Department staffer in the 19605 he was involved in surveillance of antiwar activists.

Moreover. under Christophers lead as czar of the Clinton transition team. other conservative forces are emerging in State.

These are reflected in Clintonis tough approach to Iraq and the pre'inauguration violation of his promise not to use Coast Guard ships to turn back the Haitian political refugees while they are still in neutral international waters.

In fact. the so-called uNational Security Cluster" of Clinton transition officials announced three weeks after the November election inclded Moose as one of three men responsible for filling State Department positions. The cluster also had responsibility for USIA (which provides information on the US to foreigners and organises study visits) as well as the beleaguered US Agency for Intemational Development (US AID). One hint of the degree to which US propaganda and aid are still considered "security" issues was that Penn Kemble. a conservative demo-x11 1111be V71 M

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crat who raised funds for the Nicaraguan contras. was made responsible for the USIA transition. .

There are as yet no real indications of Africa policy changes that might emerge from the Clinton administration. Moose will probably not shake or stir US trade or debt policies which have proven so harsh to the Third World in recent years. But foreign aid appears one policy arena that will be subject to a good deal of debate. Already the well-respected American Council for Voluntary International Action (whose secretary is Vivian Derryck. formerly a leading candidate for Moosels post) has requested the cluster official responsible for US AID transition appointments to curb arms sales and US "security assistance" to the Third World. The Council argues "We do not believe that it is appropriate for US AID or its successor to focus on export promotion activities...we further believe that large capital projects should only play a limited role in any US aid programme, especially in the pooorest countries." Clinton continued in a recent foreign policy speech that he would rely on such voluntary agencies and other NGOS "to help in the development of independent. civic and service sectors in the new democracies." Moose's activities will pro- I vide one barometer for whether a new set of interest groups can rein in the old policies.

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Peacelkeeping force
endorsed by OAU
ADDIS ABABA. Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Foreign Ministers endorsed a plan yesterday to set up the first pan-African peace keeping force despite a chronic shortage of money.
They approved a resolution saying it was "in the

continued interest of member states to have the force established as soon as it was possible". The resolution will be forwarded to an OAU summit in Cairo in June, which will also discuss the organisations parlous financial situation caused by the non-payment or late payment of membership dues totalling about R120 million. Ethiopia was one of several states which called for the postponement of the plan until member states pay their arrears and restore the OAU to full economic health. It argued that OAU finances were so poor it would be forced to call on outside countries to help pay for the force. which would undermine African

Despite this, Ministers approved the establishment of a special fund to finance a peace keeping force with contributions Vlrom the OAUls 51 member states and the United Nations, which has said it will help.

sovereignty.

All but five of the OAUls members are in arrears to the OAU. which has had to slash economic and social programmes.

The OAU has taken a back seat while the United Nations or regional organisations have tried to police wars which have broken out from Sudan to Senegal and Liben'a to Rwanda.

It is trying to get more involved in the peace keeping force and mandated Secretary-General Salim Ahmed Salim to "pursue his efforts at pre-

ventive diplomacy". Mr Salim is studying plans for a "conflict resolution" mechanism within the . QAUW ..___,._- , _ The Ministers, who were preparing a summit agenda, agreed further consultations were needed on who should command the proposed force, which is to be drawn from crack units from all member states and kept on constant alert. Conference sources said some Ministers wanted the existing panel of OAU leaders to head it while others felt it should be placed under a special committee of elected member states. an OAU Security Council. The OAU has not mounted a peace force since it sent a mixed force to Chad in the 19805 which was forced to withdraw in confusion because of uncertainty about its role. The organisation has been powerless to stop civil wars in three member states - Somalia, Rwanda and Angola - in the past year and has been unable to end rebel conflicts in Sudan. Liberia, Senegal, Djibouti. Uganda or Mozambique. - Sapa-Reuter.

Glue eta; Established 1887 South Africa's largest daily newspaper A vote for peace

GOVERNMENT which enjoys majority support is in a better position to address near endemic vioy lence than one that does not. From that uncontestable axiom, the Common-

- . wealth Observer Mission to South Africa
- -. (Comsa) concludes that South Africa's best
- hope is to move speedily towards democratic elections.

Comsals proposition can be put differently: the violence must not be allowed to postpone democratic elections, since the elections are themselves a necessary condition for ending it.

The mission's conclusion, contained in a ; detailed report, contrasts with the view expressed last year by the International

' Commission of Jurists - that the level of violence was too high for free and fair elections to be held.

Yet from that assumption a different . conclusion can be drawn: that unfree and unfair elections might increase anger and - resentment and consequently exacerbate violence. The example of Angola, where inadequate UN monitoring allowed the election losers to cry foul and resume civil war, comes readily to mind.

South Africans, like Greek sailors of old, may feel that they risk being sucked under by Charybdis and/or devoured by Scylla. There is, however, a way forward between these perils. A multiparty conference must be convened as soon as possible to chart an agreed course to the future. Meanwhile, all parties must work actively to reduce the 'violence.

Such a programme may have to include joint control of the security forces. It will certainly require an immediate end to covert operations by these forces, a cessation of gun-running by the ANC and the IFP, a high-profile peace campaign by Nelson Mandela and Mangosuthu Buthelezi and a reaffirmation of support for the National Peace Accord.

International observers, whether from the Commonwealth, the UN, the European Community or the OAU, have a role to play, too. As Comsa observes, their presence helps contain violence in volatile situations. They can help facilitate the free and fair elections so vital to resolution of the fighting.