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## **Buthelezi involves** king in politics

I noted with dismay, humour and shock your ediHowever, contrary to torial comment of January 20 (King speaks). Your comments smack of utter bias and/or ignor-! ance

It is amazing how you were so impressed with "convergence of' 35 000 Zulus' on the Union Buildings." to such an extent that "nothing can detract from the spectacle of so many thou-sands of 'Zulus' demonstrating".

One death, injury or damage to property is too many in South Africa and yet you were still impressed when an innocent bystander was killed by the "Zulus", a woman hir by a stray bullet from stray "Zulus" and many other incidents associated with the march.

Like a small child who is fascinated by the idea of 6 million toys, you cannot hold your excitement to the idea that there are 6 million or even more Zulus in South Africa.

We are indeed the big-

your belief, we are not warlike

A true Zulu respects his culture and never uses it to frighten off or to kill other people, as stray IFP "Zulus" do.

You are correct when you say the majority of Zuius support the ANC and have their allegiance to King Zwelithini at the same time. However, it hurts when the same king rides in the same political gravy train with our power hungry "traditional Prime Minister", whose support base is dwindling day after day.

Our king has been apolitical for a long time and now, because Buthelezi is losing support for his resistance to change, he is involving the king in polities to the extent that IFP and the king are one and the same thing.

We are people of South Africa, Mr Editor, and no one has a right to claim a territory in this land. How, for that matter, can

Buthelezi claim KwaZulu when he does not have support in that area of South Africa.

You also made a blatant statement that "the Zulus will not bow their heads to especially the Xhosas." Let me explain this to you. We are not at war with the Xhosas or with anyone for that matter. After April 27 we will not take our spears against a democratically elected government, no matter who wins the elections. We will accept that government and work with it.

However, we will point our spears against spoilers whether they come from Natal, Eastern Cape or any other part of South

Right-wing but wrongminded Afrikaners tarnish our Zulu pride every time they refer to Zulus as their allies. Please do not add more sait to that wound. Not every Zulu supports the IFP/Zwelithini alliance.

PROUD ZULU

Pretoria

## Mining houses fire broadside at ANC

ANGLO American Corporation and Johannesburg Consolidated Investment yesterday launched a broadside against the ANC, warning that its minerals marketing proposals flew in the face of basic economics.

In a JCI-sponsored seminar in Johannesburg, senior representatives from the two mining houses said ANC plans for the state to oversee minerals marketing could kill rather than expand foreign demand.

Though SA was a major minerals supplier, it was in no position to control commodity prices in the face of low-priced competitors in the Commonwealth of Independent States and China.

Any suggestion that SA was operating a cartel would prompt customers to switch to alternative sources, while government control over marketing minerals would prove costly and inefficient.

Anglo slammed as "misleading" and detrimental suggestions that a central marketing organisation would inflate minerals exports and earnings. This was "against all laws of economics", said Anglo new mining business director Raymond Cohen.

"People who suggest that are either out of touch or have the potential to make huge sums of money — in which case we should get in touch with them."

JCI-owned Rustenburg Platinum marketing director Todd Bruce said any at-

#### ANDY DUFFY

tempt to operate a cartel would badly damage the platinum market.

The seminar, organised by the ANC's economic planning department, was called to discuss party policy on minerals marketing, set out in its reconstruction and development programme. The ANC's policy calls for a "government minerals marketing auditor's office" to monitor companies' marketing arrangements "and the national marketing of certain minerals".

ANC economic planning chief Trevor Manuel told delegates that between \$12bn and \$34bn had flowed out of SA between 1970 and 1988. One major conduit had been trade. Most of SA's exports had been minerals related.

Steam coal exports were marketed privately through Richards Bay and diamonds through De Beers' Central Selling Organisation. "The ANC and its allies envisage future such co-operation to maximise the forex earnings from exports of our diminishing mineral resources."

Cohen said the policy was awry. There was no proof the minerals industry siphoned money from SA. The ANC should instead consider why that money had left SA. There might be a case for strengthen-

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#### Mining houses

ing the Reserve Bank's auditing power, but there was no call for new bureaucracy to monitor that already in place.

Anglo American was not prepared to make its records available to answer unsubstantiated claims.

The viability of a state-run marketing arm was questionable. A similar operation in Zimbabwe cost about R300m a year and had produced nothing. Cohen said.

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"Customers require a great deal of nurturing," he added. "They need their egos massaged. We do not think people in government — whatever government — can look after people quite as well as the customers need."

Delegates said the CSO's cartel offered no parallels for a commodities cartel. Samancor MD Mike Salamon said any analysis of policy options had to be "thorough and industry specific".

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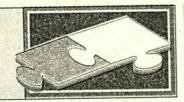


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Public meeting called

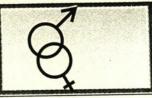
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Court application a test case for TEC

# KZP man 'will be forced' to appear

PRETORIA-An urgent supreme court application would be lodged to force KwaZulu police commissioner Lt-Gen Roy During to appear before the Transitional Executive Council (TEC), it was announced yesterday.

The court application, which is expected to take place before the end of the week, will be a test case for the TEC as it is the first time a dispute concerning the council's powers has been referred to the judicial system.

#### **Mercury Correspondent**

The council heard last night that Gen During, under orders from KwaZulu police minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi, had refused to attend a meeting of the TEC to provide information and documents on the operation of hit squads within his force.

The TEC was told Gen During had been tracked down to a town in the Western Cape where he was on vacation. There he was presented by local SAP officers with a letter from the TEC as well as last week's TEC resolution demanding his presence.

In a faxed response, Gen During said he would not be attending the meeting, "on the instructions of the minister of police".

A TEC official was however despatched into the corridor outside the TEC chamber to officially summon Gen During.

The TEC resolved "to take all appropriate legal steps to make sure Gen During presents himself before the council".

TEC chairman Zam Titus said preparatory work for the case would begin immediately. The TEC would institute a

civil action against Gen During which could result in a prison sentence or a fine.

How soon the case was heard depended on the availability of senior counsel, he

Meanwhile President De Klerk stepped into the fray, saying it was the TEC's role to ensure that free political activity could be carried out in all areas including self-governing territories.

The president pointed out that the TEC had already sent SAP units into KwaZulu in December and emphasised that he was not keen on "storming in with troops".

Two days to cast votes as

'Back door' remains open

## ANC asks Bank to waive import duties

PRETORIA - The ANC had asked the Reserve Bank to walve import duties on election materials and for access to finrands to buy a building, the TEC heard

last night. DP delegate Colin Eglin said the application, which was passed on to the TEC's finance subcouncil, favoured one party and

should be closely examined. Even if the waiving of import duties was spread to all political parties, monitoring mechanisms should be put in place to prevent parties "stocking up on capital goods prior to the elections"

#### ADRIAN HADLAND

A TEC source confirmed that the ANC's treasury department had requested the waiving of duties for the importation of goods including electronic equipment, Land-Rovers and T-shirts.

Eglin said he had serious concerns about the ANC's application for finrands so that it could buy a building in Pretoria to use as

party offices. "I think it is wrong to use the TEC for matters falling under the Reserve Bank and for political parties to use finrands to

purchase commercial buildings "Securing a commercial building reflects a commercial enterprise of a capital

nature," Eglin said. But one delegate said the move was intended to level the political playing field

ahead of the elections. The TEC agreed to refer the matter to the finance subcouncil, which will investigate whether the ANC request should be approved, whether all parties should be able to claim access to import duty waivers and whether the finrand could be used for electoral purposes

# London papers slam

#### BY ALAN ROBINSON

STAR BUREAU

London — The African National Congress's economic blueprint for SA has been savaged as a populist and irresponsible package that will only retard and distort the country's economy.

And ANC leader Nelson Mandela has been condemned for a "failure of statesmanship" in allowing the blueprint to go through.

The remarkably forthright criticism comes from The Times, which urges the ANC not to "run from reality".

In a leading article yesterday, the newspaper describes the projected reconstruction and development programme as a patent misnomer and says the ANC has "failed abjectly" to convince economists that it can pay for its promises of homes, jobs, free health and education for all.

ANC promises that the money can be found without boosting inflation or causing balance of trade difficulties and that there would be no increase in the total tax take, only a rearrangement of tax extraction, "will be a con-

siderable feat if this can be pulled off".

"To its discredit, the ANC has struck an ambiguous posture on nationalisation — the dreaded N-word that Mr Mandela is careful not to use when abroad.

This does not inspire confidence, allowing even for the charitable view that the programme be seen only as an election manifesto."

The Times pointedly advises the ANC leader to "strip away false illusions, scale down expectations and avoid lavish promises". It says his support base is probably strong enough to permit him to "tell home truths".

The newspaper says: "The ANC must abandon its populist brew in favour of a plain-speaking commitment to judicious fiscal and trade policies, and to macroeconomic common sense."

And it has a further piece of advice: "Mr Mandela might begin to repair the damage to confidence caused by his party's programme by promising to retain Derek Keys, the current Finance Minister, and Chris Stals, the Governor of the Reserve Bank, after the elections.

"Their retention will be a reassuring antidote to the populist tunes Mandela feels compelled to play on the stump. It will be an antidote, too, to the ANC's flawed programme."

In its coverage the Financial Times says the RDP dodges the hard choices, and should probably better be understood as an election manifesto than an economic plan.

"The financing is at best vague, at worst unrealistic. Nothing is costed, no priorities are set, all options (including the threat of nationalisation) are left open."

A few months in power will probably reveal to the ANC all the contradictions inherent in its plan: It calls for people's power to be exercised at all levels, while simultaneously demanding a high degree of central planning, and it proposes high spending increases without concomitant rises in revenue.

"Most ANC leaders still pursue a moral approach to economic questions, arguing it must be done, it should be done, therefore it will be done," the paper quotes a SA businessman as saying.

Self-defence units (SDUs) have been at the centre of controversy over their involvement in East Rand violence. Patrick Laurence talks to an SDU leader

# ANC has 'nothing to do with SDUs'

young man smiled as if to imply, he young man smiled as if to imply, politely, that the question was naive, a question which only an outsider could ask

"No," he replied. "We won't listen to them. They live in the suburbs. They have nothing to say to us.

Siphiwe was seated in a small house in Katlehong, one of the trio of East Rand townships where 1 200 people have been killed in internecine warfare since May last year.

Two young men sat on the couch next to his chair, listening intently to his replies. They, like Siphowe, were members of a local self defence unit or SDU.

Siphiwe had been asked whether SDUs would disband if instructed to do so by the national leaders of the African National Con-

gress, some of whom live in Johannesburg's mainly white suburbs. A member of the ANC who later boasted that the ANC branch in Katlehong was the biggest in South Africa. Siphiwe was not being disloyal. He was simply stating that the decision to disband the SDUs would be taken by the "soldiers" on the ground, not the

ANC's leaders who lived away from the war

Siphiwe - a fictional name, used in deference to his request not to identify him - had earlier denied that the ANC had been instrumental in forming the SDUs, thus contradicting an ANC document. "For the Sake of Our Lives", calling for the establishment of SDUs and ascribing a central role in their forms-tion to the ANC guerilla army, Umkhonto we

"Nothing at all," he said in reply to a ques-tion about what role the ANC had played in the formation of SDUs. It was delivered with the same smile that accompanied his answer that SDUs would not dissolve at the behest of the ANC leadership in Johannesburg.

He denied that SDUs in Katlehong had been formed by, or even with the assistance of the ANC. Like SDUs as a whole, they fell under the aegis of the South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco), not the ANC.

"There are people in Sanco who are not members of the ANC," Siphiwe added. There are members of the PAC and Azapo To illustrate his point he identified one of the men on the couch as a PAC member.

An inquiry about where they had obtained their weepons brought another smile to his face.

"We bought them." he said. His comrades on the couch nodded in agreement.

We med contacting the ANC. They said that they didn't have weapons. They had signed the Pretoria Minute (of August 1990 suspending armed struggle against apartheid. They didn't help us.

The money to buy sims had been raised by the community, Siphiwe added. Reports that township residents were forced by SDU commanders to contribute to the purchase of weapons or - more crudely - to pay protection money met with the same emphatic derial

"They trust us." Siphiwe said as a young woman brought us roofbos tea. "We are their soldiers. We protect them."

SDUs had been formed in response to ha-

resement of residents in Radebe, a section rather than suburb of Katlehong, by Inkatha Freedom Party supporters living in migrant worker hostels, he said.

#### 'Aggression'

Siphiwe pointed to water tanks silhouetted against the skyline. They marked the posttion of IFP-controlled hostels. He recited the names: Kweswine, Buyafuthi, Mazibuko, Ekuphumuleni and "Sun City". Some had ac-quired notoriety in ANC circles as "IFP barracks'

IFP 'aggression" had taken two forms: first FP zealots had tried to force residents to join inkains and then, in 1991, "after the tax war", they had started attacking township folk

We were defenceless. People ran away, to Soweto, to Sebokeng, to Vosloorus. Then last year all the youths went to (the neighbouring zone of Mavimbela to form an SDU.

We started using guerilla warfare against Inkatha. We attacked at night During the day we sent small boys to carry out surveillance of their positions. After two or three weeks we changed our strategy. We decided we must fight them during the day."

In between blowing smoke into the air from his cigarette, Siphiwe related how the IFP was pushed back to hostels on the

"We push them," he said. His hand o chestrating his tongue, he exclaimed push them. Push, push.

After two months the Rabede section bad been recaptured from the FP. Siphiwe said. The SDU had not suffered a single casualty against 300 for the EFP, he added. "We made sure we killed them

Then, as Siphiwe narrated it, the war entered a new phase: the IP regrouped, receiving reinforcements from Natal, and, assisted by policemen from the crack internal Stability Division, began a new offensive.

Again, according to Stphiwe, the SDUs proved more than a match for the IFP and their allies. "We killed seven of them." he said nonchalantly, referring to the policemen who allegedly helped the EPP by ferrying them to and from the hostels in armound

"We pushed them from Mingadi section back to the hostels." he said of the IFP. "They only have four bases left."

His response to the question of whether h and his comrades had tried to talk to the EFP men in the hostel brought another incredulous smile to his face.

We can't go there." he said, pointing to the water tanks standing like sentinels on the afternoon skyline. We tried to go there on Peace Day last September. They fired at

He categorically dismissed persistent re-ons of warfare between rival SDUs in Karlehong and its neighbouring townships, in-cluding the "execution" of young men who late last year were found with bullet holes in the backs of their heads and their hands bound behind their backs. There is no such

thing," Siphiwe declared.
"Gangsters" from outside the area had taken control of a part of Mavimbela and launched an attack on an SDU in Neala, another section in the trio of troubled townships, he said. They killed an SDU commander over the New Year but the murder was not

political he insisted.

The problem had since been sorted out. Siphiwe said. His comrades on the couch agreed. "We disarried the gangsters. They fled back to the townships where they came from.

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# A time for separation

It's not 'Red-baiting' to say the SACP's influence in the ANC remains an unknown and confusing factor.

HE SA Communist Party has been thrown on the defensive by charges that it is a dominant — and manipulative — influence in the ANC. The accusations, activated by publication of the names of the ANC's 200 candidates on the national list for the April election, are but the first salvoes in a coming propaganda barrage.

SACP spokesman Jeremy Cronin, attempting to neutralise the propaganda, says only 34 of the 200 candidates are SACP members. Of these, he adds, only 16 are in the top 50 names on the ANC list. Cronin's acknowledged list of communists differs from that of the NP, which calculates that 27 of the first 50 candidates are SACP members. Cronin explains the discrepancy by accusing the NP and its conservative allies of wilfully including former SACP members in their tally.

His explanation, however, will not spike his opponents guns as long as the dividing line between SACP and ANC remains blurred. It is difficult to know where the SACP ends and the ANC begins, in regard to policy as well as membership.

The situation is further complicated by the SACP's history as a conspiratorial party, characterised by secrecy and deception rather than transparency. Cronin's assurances to the contrary, voters cannot be sure that the SACP does not have undeclared "sleepers" in key positions in the ANC. For that reason they cannot accurately calculate the SACP's influence in the ANC.

Those who favour the ANC have to recognise that a vote for the ANC is simultaneously a vote for the SACP, that the endorsement of bourgeois capitalists in the ANC is at the same time endorsement of the SACP's "democratic socialists".

The sooner the SACP campaigns under its own manifesto and stands or falls under its own banner, the better for South Africa.

Economic balance needed

## Slovo peers into life after April

#### BY PETER DAVIES

A mixed economy with a balanced role between the private and public sector is the path post-election South Africa should travel in "the fore-seeable future", SACP chief Joe Slovo told a business breakfast gathering in Houghton this morning.

In a discussion organised by stockbroking company Davis. Borkum and Hare, chaired by Helen Suzman and broadcast nationwide on M-Net's closed-circuit business channel, Slovo gave candid views on the ANC-alliance's view on nationalisation.

He said that in 1959 the SACP had rejected "old-style statism and commandist control" as well as "nationalisation as a panacea for the country's economic ills".

#### Capital flight

Slovo conceded that both the ANC and its allies were no "raving free-marketeers" but there needed to be a flexible balance between government intervention and demands of private business.

Across-the-board nationalisation would lead to "great flight of capital, sabotage and destabilisation" and compensation costs would limit the impact of redistribution.

However. Slove said the SACP had not abandoned its long-term aim in which the means of production are so-

'GROWTH without redistribution would be meaningless to the majority of South Africa's people'

cialised so that "ultimately one person doesn't live off the labour of another".

In post-election South Africa, growth without redistribution would be meaningless to the majority of people, but he added that redistribution without growth amounts to "little more than a populist cliche".

He said the aspirations of the majority of people should not be seen as a threat but rather as "an asset, an opportunity to be harnessed".

Slovo said mineral rights should be returned to the State as they were "a precious and depleting natural resource" and had only recently and "perhaps cynically" been privatised.

Foreign investment should be treated rationally, with no special privileges or disadvantages bestowed on anyone, and rights of repatriation of dividends and income for investors shou; id be guaranteed.

The first step to solving the violence problem would be to "get the election out of the way" so that people "no longer regarded the forces of law and order as the enemy".

### KZP chief will be compelled to face TEC

BY ESTHER WAUGH

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KwaZulu Police (KZP) Commissioner Lleutenant-General Roy During failed to appear before a full sitting of the Transitional Executive Council yesterday.

The council then decided to take legal steps to compel his attendance. TEC chairman Zam Titus said a court order could be served on any official instructing him to appear before the TEC.

The TEC earlier asked During for Information on the Goldstone Commission's finding that a hit squad operated within KZP ranks. During was, however, prohibited by KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi from cooperating with the TEC.

The TEC also appointed a three-member task group—consisting of lawyers Fink Haysom and Howard Varney and the SAP's Colonel Ivor Human—to investigate the existence of hit squads in Natal-KwaZulu.

A peace plan for the East Rand is to be announced within the next two days. The TEC agreed that its executive secretaries — Government constitutional adviser Fanie van der Merwe and the ANC's Mac Maharaj — should continue to co-ordinate a strategy to end violence.

It was also decided last night that the TEC management committee would discuss South Africa's role regarding the Lesotho conflict. Titus said the Government had turned down a request by Lesotho to send a peacekeeping force to the country.

#### Swazi threat on April poll

The Swazi government has warned thousands of South African refugees who hold dual citizenship that action would be taken against those who voted in South Africa's April election. — Star Africa Service.

## Alexandra killing spree

#### STAFF REPORTERS

Three men, including a prominent ANC leader, have been killed in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, since Saturday.

Local ANC leader Mandla Maseko was shot eight times in a drive-by attack on Saturday. He is in hospital in a critical condition.

Maseko, a former MK

soldier and representative of the Alexandra Returnees Committee, was involved with peace negotiations. He recently started a security company to patrol the industrial areas of Marlboro, Wynberg and Kew.

Patrick Mtshali (19), thought to have been abducted from his home on Sunday, was found in a sewer on Monday, shot in the head

Khosi Ngidi (29) was found with gunshot wounds in his chest yesterday.

According to police, at least six people have been killed in the township since Thursday, following simmering unrest since the death of IFP general secretary Simon Miambo on January 14.

#### B BY ESTHER WAUGH

South Africans will go to the polls for three days - on April 27, 28 and 29 - instead of just on the 27th.

The Transitional Executive Council yesterday agreed to recommend to the President that the election take place

## Election will be held over three days

over these three days

President de Klerk la to proclaim the election in the Goverument Gazette on Friday.

Special votes will be cast on April 27. Ordinary voles will be

cast on April 29 and 29, with the last day being proclaimed a public bobilay

Voters will be able to go to the polls between 7 am and 9 pm on these days.

Darring the TEC debute, ANC pegotiator Mac Maharaj said the management committee had considered the Independent Electoral Commission's recommendation that the elec-

tion take place from April 26 to April 28

Democratic Party negotiator Colin Eglin noted that the pub-He would be confused if the election began on April 26 instend of the already appound ed April 27.

Mahazai said it was unperfant that the first election day be used for easting special votes, because this would

speed up the process of counting the votes and announcing the results

Maharal said the malority of voters would be worling people who would not be able to vote during working hours The management committee also took violence and Instabil-

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## Election will be held over three days, TEC decides

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Ity Into account when deciding on the hours of voting.

Kalzer Nyatsumba reports that De Klerk expressed the hope yesterday that an inclusive deal could still be reached in negotiations with the Freedom Alliance. But he warned that time was fast running out for amendments to be made to the Interim Constitution

At a Pretoria press conference. De Klerk revealed that the Cabinet had held "an extraordinary short meeling' vesterday morning to review the trilateral talks involving the Government. the ANC and the FA. 'If an agreement is reached, then a short parliamentary session can still take place next week, but there are time constraints Such agreements will have to be reached now," he said.

Last night the deadline for finding an inclusive negotiated settlement was postponed for a third time this week. Talks be-

tween the Covernment, ANC and FA will continue tomorrow when the ANC will submit written proposals to the alliance.

FA negotialor Rowan Cronje said last night "I don't have a let of hope we will find a settle ment, but I am prepared to give it a last chance

The deadline for agreeing on amendments to the Interim Constitution was first sel for Monday night, and was then postponed until last night.

The Government has been in-

sisting that agreements should be reached before the proclamation of the election.

Cronje said the ANC had done a "complete back filp" vesterday, and the Fot felt there was no point in continuing negotiations. The PA was told its demund for two ballot papers was unneceptable. It, in turn, refused to accept that the powers of the nine provinces be expanded on condition that "framework legislation" by the central government be accepted.

ANC pegotiator Valli Moosa said his organisation's written proposals, to be submitted tomorrow, had emerged from the past two days' talks

Constitutional Development Minister Roell Meyer said there were another two days for negotiations before the proclamation of the election. If tomorrow's talks result in an agreement. amendments could still be made to the Interim Constitution.

But if there was "sufficient reason", talks could continue even after Friday, and the agreement could still be included in the constitution after the April election he said

The Government, ARC and Alrikaner Volksfront - an FA member - continue negotiations today. Earlier this week it was proposed that a body representing Afrikaners be set up to discuss a white homeland with a constitution-making body.

FA negotlators said last night an agreement with the AVF alone was not possible.

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## FW seeks democracy pledge

BBY KAIZER NYATSUMBA POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

National Party leaders have publicly pledged to take disciplinary action against any members in-volved in 'anti-democratic activities", and challenged ANC leaders to do the same.

Launching the NP's "Declaration on Fair and Free Elections" in Pre-

toria yesterday, NP leader President de Klerk said members of his party had been subjected to massive intimidation in townships across the country, and most of the culprits appeared to be ANC members.

NP members had been ly harassed, the party's offices and biliboards had been defaced and its meetings disrupted. He had had to cancel sche-

duled walkabouts in some townships because "ANC reception committees" had been waiting for him.

De Klerk said threats to a free and fair election also came from the Right and violence. The Government, he said, would threatened and physical- do everything in its power to ensure free political activity anywhere in the country including in KwaZulu and Bophuthaiswana

## Blacks buy Sowetan

#### BY SVEN LUNSCHE

A group of prominent black businessmen, headed by Dr Nthatho Motlana, has acquired control of the country's largest daily newspaper, The Sowetan, from the Argus Group.

The deal places control of an influential newspaper with the black business sector just three months before the April

elections.

The Argus Group said in a statement yesterday it had agreed in principle to relinquish control of the Sowetan to the Prosper Africa Group, whose directors include Motlana, Dr Sam Motsuenyane. Franklin Sonn and Dr Enos

Mabuza.

All four directors are members, but not office bearers, of the ANC. Motlana stressed however that the Sowetan's editorial independence would adhere to the paper's Editorial Charter. Editor Aggrey Maaste and senior management will retain their posts, he added.

The Argus Group has rejected offers by the ANC to acquire the Sowetan, in line with its guidelines that a potential buyer guarantee the editorial independence and commmercial viability of its newspapers.

Media Workers Association of SA acting president. Mathatha Tsedu, who is also political editor of the paper, said:

"As a union we welcome black business participation in the paper, but there is some concern about where the paper will move politically."

Argus chief executive Doug Band described the move as a commercial venture that would "empower black business and place control of the Sowetan in black community hands".

In terms of the deal, a complicated pyramid structure will leave Argus with about 43 percent of a newly formed company that owns the Sowetan. Prosper Africa will control 52 percent and five percent will be held by staff.

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## Ramushwana leads NPKF

#### BY HELEN GRANGE

The National Peacekeeping Force (NPKF) has got its new commanding officer — and surprisingly, he hails from neither the SADF nor Umkhonto we Sizwe.

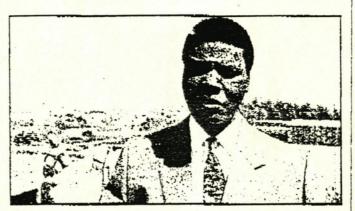
The TEC's defence subcouncil yesterday unanimously decided on appointing the controversial Venda military ruler Brigadier Gabriel Ramushwana to the post.

Subcouncil member Ronnie Kasriis told the TEC the appointment meant that Ramushwana would resign his position as head of the homeland administration, withdraw from the ANC's national election list and resign his position on the defence subcouncil.

Ramushwana is currently one of the targets of a witch-hunt in Venda to unearth individuals involved in corruption.

He and more than 500 other Venda government officials are alleged to owe the local pension fund a total of more than R40 million.

Informed sources said Ramushwana owed the fund R580 000, and it seemed likely this week that he and other al-



Ramushwana . . . embroiled in Venda controversies.

leged offenders would be put on trial:

Ramushwana could not be contacted yesterday.

Last June, Ramushwana was accused of using more than R1 million of State money to finance a Thohoyandou businessman's shopping centre, but his staff denied this.

In April 1990 he led a bloodless military coup in Venda and took over the government.

It was Ramushwana who hosted the first gathering on South African soil of Umkhonto we Sizwe. Despite the controversies, Ramushwana has been described as an affable yet strong military leader who has gone a long way towards quelling the violence in Venda.

He can speak 19 black languages as well as English and Afrikaans.

Until yesterday, the officers tipped to lead the NPKF were SADF-nominated Brigadier George Kruys and Brigadier Derek Mgwebi of the Transkei Defence Force.

The dispute was clearly resolved by the abandonment of these limited options FAX NO. 0358-202070 TO DR. M.G. BUTHELEZI

28TH. JANUARY 1994

WITH REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE, I AM SONDING A COPY OF MY LETTER PUBLISHED BY THE MERCURY ON THE 26TH. INSTANT, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT EVERYBODY SHOULD VOTE AGAINST THE ANC - COMMUNISTS. OUR AIM IS TO GUIDE THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA, AS STATED IN THIS LETTER.

MAY GOD GUIDE YOU ACCORDINGLY.

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#### Vote of Confidence

ADVERTISEMENT SUPPLEMENT TO THE NATAL MERCURY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1994

# An open letter to all South Africans

There are many people who do not know for whom they should vote or whether they should vote at all in the forthcoming election.

This applies to many elderly people and others who feel that there is absolutely no hope for those who do not support the ANC/SACP alliance.

The media, in quoting the results of various polls which have been taken and in their editorials, have given the impression that the alliance is going to take over absolute control of South Africa after April 27.

I believe this is not going to happen as they must obtain a two thirds majority to do so and there are millions of people who do not support the alliance, even though they are silent at

Mr Ozzie Knox is a minister of the Gospel who works with all denominations and groups. He has a law degree and studied law with prominent people such as Harry Schwartz (our ambassador in Washington, US), Nelson Mandela and the late Seretsi Khama at Wits University after the war. He has addressed this open letter to all South Africans.

present for various reasons.
South Africa is a Christian

South Africa is a Christian orientated country and according to statistics quoted, 70 to 80 percent of the population are Christians.

These people would certainly not agree to this country being converted into a one party communist state as has been done in most of the countries up north. I am sure that many others would not like to see this happen to South Africa.

The answer to those who are in doubt and who may even be thinking of not casting their votes or considering not participating in the election, is to be determined to cast their votes against the ANC/SACP alliance as any vote not cast means two votes for the alliance.

Those who are against this alliance must stand together and vote for any party which is against communism. To do otherwise would be

disastrous as our beautiful country would probably be converted into a one party state and we may never have the opportunity to vote again.

I urge all Christians to vote as we do not want a communist Anti-Christ state for South Africa.

■ Mr O Knox turns 80 next month and is still very active in keeping up to date with the current affairs of South Africa

He has a long South African history and has a great concern for the people of South Africa. He is the great grandson of Captain Carl von Brandis, who was the first magistrate of Johannesburg during the time that the goldfields were established

## THE CITIZEN, WED.DAY 26 JANUARY 1994

# Slams

YOU have carried bizarre reports of the "HSRC" saying the "HSRC" saying the ANC will win over 70 percent of the likely votes in the coming election. As the HSRC politicos in all their published reports, including the private "Update" series, openly do not cover large parts of South Africa properly including the TBVC sitates, they cannot possholy claim such a thing with creditability.

Also the HSRC is notorious for producing polls where there are up to, or over. 50 percent don't know/won't say in key groups, including its latest set, for this current claim, casting doubt on its sampling or interviewing techniques.

There is no proof that the ANC has anything more than about 61 percent of current voters quite an achievement and if it does get 67 perdespite the HSRC and its polls.

DONALD SIMPSON

Houghton

## THE BUS.DAY, WED.DAY 26 JANUARY 1994

#### Talks

between government and the Zulu king would not be resolved by the weekend.

But the alliance leaders attacked the ANC, singling it out as the major stumbling block to reaching an agreement.

Alliance chairman Rowan Cronje said:
"We have exhausted all possible attempts at reaching a compromise and there was no point in continuing negotiations." He accused the ANC of reneging on deals made last week. However, ANC chairman Thabo Mbeki had offered to put in writing a compromise deal and the alliance would study this tomorrow.

Cronje said there was little hope for a settlement "and we feel there is no real sense in going on. We are being held on a string. But Thursday is the last chance"

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Inkatha negotiator Walter Felgate said:
"The ANC called the shots and was reluctant to make concessions even when government put forward compromises on the powers and functions of provinces."

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mand, stating that it was non-negotiable.

"Both government and the ANC admitted this was not democratic and prejudiced smaller parties and those wanting to contest only regional elections, but they would not budge," Cronje said.

He said while progress had been made on regions' constitutions, powers and functions, and autonomy in levying taxes, government and the ANC had reneged on these deals late yesterday. This had left the alliance in the position where it had to accept the constitution as it was, with the balloting system not even being discussed.

Sapa reports that alliance adviser Mario Ambrossini said he doubted that the ANC would produce anything tomorrow that warranted optimism. "The talking is over," he said.

But government chief negotiator Roelf Meyer remained optimistic that a settlement was still possible. "The door should always remain open," he said.

And Mbeki said the talks had not broken down completely as there was still room to build on what had transpired.

## THE BUS.DAY, WED.DAY 26 JANUARY 1994

Volksfront 'may take part in poll'

# Talks with Alliance end in acrimony

FREEDOM Alliance talks with the ANC and government ended in acrimony, and with no agreement, last night but negotiators agreed to meet again tomorrow to consider a written proposal from the ANC.

However, the Afrikaner Volksfront, the CP and the Inkatha Freedom Party indicated that they might be prepared to take part in the elections, even if a final settle-

ment had not been reached.

In a bid to take the pressure off achieving such a settlement President FW de Klerk offered the option of incorporating deals in "binding party agreements", instead of legislating amendments to the interim constitution. And the TEC's declaration of the election dates means the Freedom Alliance has until February 7, by when parties will have to register, to decide whether to take part in the elections.

De Klerk told a news conference that agreement with the alliance was still possible before it became impossible to legislate constitutional changes. But at an extraordinary Cabinet meeting yesterday it had been agreed that if this was not achieved, binding party agreements could be signed and the constitution could be amended after the elections.

This would obviate the need for the short parliamentary session that had been planned for next week

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De Klerk said negotiations would not end, even if agreement was impossible before the elections.

At a news conference in the Bophutha-

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tswana embassy in Pretoria last night, Volksfront leader Gen Constand Viljoen indicated that the CP and the Volksfront were prepared to take part in the elections, even though a volkstaat had not been guaranteed. He would not say what the bottom line was on the issue.

But a senior CP source reinforced the view that the CP was conceding ground, saying the party would probably be happy with an added constitutional principle on self-determination. This had been offered by the ANC and negotiations could continue after the elections, he said.

The news conference was attended by Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Bophuthatswana President Lucas Mangope. CP leader Ferdi Hartzenberg, and the Volksfront's Viljoen and Gen Tienie Groenewald. The alliance leaders warned of an increase in violence if an unrepresentative election went ahead, and said members would make their own decisions on the elections by the end of the week.

Buthelezi appeared to back down from his refusal to take part in elections unless the allfance's six demands were met. Referring to this weekend's Inkatha general conference, where a decision on the elections is due to be taken, he said: "I would not call a conference if I was not prepared to listen to the people."

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# Volksfront, CP set to take part in poll

THE CP and the Afrikaner Volksfront were prepared to participate in the April elections even though a volkstaat was not guaranteed, Volksfront leader Gen Constand Viljoen indicated last night.

But chances of a political settlement being reached in talks between the Freedom Alliance, the ANC and government looked slim, even though the parties decided to push the deadline forward by two

At a news conference after talks ended last night, alliance leaders said individual parties would make their own independent decisions at the end of the week on whether they would take part in the elections.

Viljoen said he could not state the bottom line on the Volksfront's demand for a volkstaat. A senior CP source reinforced the view that it was conceding ground on this issue, saying the CP would probably be happy with an added constitutional principle on self-determination. This had been offered by the ANC and negotiations could continue after the elections.

They alliance's leaders attacked the ANC, singling it out as the major stumbling block to reaching agreement, even when government was prepared to com-

Chairman Rowan Croule said: "We have exhausted all possible attempts at reaching a compromise and by this afternoon we said there was no point in continuing with negotiations as there was no chance of a

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settlement after the ANC reneged on last?
week's gains. But then (ANC foreign affairs director) Thabo Mbeki said he believed there was a basis for agreement and promised us that the ANC would put forward, in writing, their compromise position."

The alliance would study the document on Thursday and make a final decision.

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Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi also did an about-turn on his recent statements that Inkatha would "not participate in the elections if our six demands are not met". Referring to this weekend's conference where a decision on "a the elections is due to be taken, he said: "I's would not call a conference if I was not prepared to listen to the people." He said be would not even make a recommendation to the conference.

He indicated that the decision was likely to be a conditional "yes" to taking part in the elections, as negotiations between government, and the Zulu king were still to progress, and would not be resolved by the

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Walter Felgate, said: "The ANC called the
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"Both government and the ANC admitted and acknowledged that this was not democratic and that it did prejudice smaller parties and those that wanted to contest the elections on a regional basis only, but they would not budge," Cronje said.

They admitted there had been progress on the powers and functions of regions, the autonomy of regions to levy taxes, and regional constitutions.

TIM COHEN reports that negotiators have effectively removed the deadline on talks, saying agreed changes to the constitution could take the form of "binding party agreements" rather than legislation.

At a news conference yesterday, President F W de Klerk said there was still a possibility that an agreement with the Freedom Alliance could be achieved before legislating the changes became impossible.

But even if this were not the case, any agreement forged with the alliance could still take the form of binding party agreements and the constitution could be

amended after the election versions.

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This decision was taken at an extraordinary Cabinet meeting yesterday, which was considered the last possible date for agreements to be achieved and still allow time for a short parliamentary, session next week to pass legislation on the changes.

ANC, government and alliance negotiators agreed last year that Monday would be a deadline for the end of their negotiations, but De Klerk's decision yesterday effectively removes that deadline.

The decision places a question mark over whether the scheduled short session of Parliament, due to take place next week, will go ahead.

De Klerk said if a situation was reached where it would be impossible to arrive at agreements which could result in amendments to the constitution before the election, negotiations would still not come to

He said he understood the promulgation of the election had to take place between 60 and 90 days before the election, and once this had taken place no further changes to the constitution would be possible until after the election.

The election is due to take place in 91

De Klerk undertook to promulgate the election as soon as negotiations made it possible.

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