

Mandela thanks Bahamas for their support

NASSAU. — African National Congress president Nelson Mandela wrapped up a private visit to the Bahamas with a speech thanking residents of the island nation for their support in his country's struggle against apartheid.

On Monday at the College of the Bahamas, Mr Mandela said it was a "great honour and a pure pleasure" to meet Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham and his Cabinet.

"That opportunity allowed me to thank both the government and the people of this Commonwealth for the solid support which they have given us in our struggle against the most brutal, the most cruel system of racial oppression our country has seen," Mr Mandela said.

On April 27, South Africa will have its first open elections. Mr Mandela's African Nat-

ional Congress is expected to form the country's first majority-rule government.

"That is not just a day when the overwhelming majority of the people of our country are going to select a government of their own choice," Mr Mandela said. "It is a day of liberation. It is a day of victory — victory for us, a victory for you." — Sapa-AP.

From the black Press

SOME of the predominantly white political parties such as the National Party and the Democratic Party had been playing a dangerous game under the pretext that they were exercising their democratic right to organise freely, Sunday Nation said.

"While we do not challenge the right of any political formation to organise freely anywhere in the country, we must begin to question the objectives of the forays that these parties have been making into black townships.

"The Democratic Party has taken the lead in this dangerous game of going into areas, and provoking the opposition, rather than organising and mobilising political support."
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SUNDAY NATION continued: "We have already seen too much violence coming from inter-party clashes yet some of the parties are going right to the edge — and ordinary people may have to pay with their lives for maverick antics.

"We believe it is an abuse of the right to organise freely for these organisations to be venturing into squatter camps in the guise of organising people when they were the parties of the white parliament which made people live in such squalor.

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"THEIR dilemma of course is that they are discovering that the only growing constituency in the country is black — thus the rush into the townships.

"Those black people who do live outside of the townships are blissfully ignored. It is becoming clear that the parties go into these in a provocative fashion so that they can get media exposure and then blame other parties for stirring up the violence."

From the Bible

TEST everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.

(1 Thes 5:21-22)

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DP plan to make SA safe

Political Correspondent

MAKING South Africa safe will require a security crackdown, but it must be impartial.

This is the central idea behind a summit Democratic Party leader Zach de Beer is calling this weekend of all DP representatives on Peace Accord structures to formulate an action plan to "make South Africa safe".

The summit, which coincides with the DP's national congress in Cape Town on Saturday and Sunday, will focus on the central role the DP "must play in an impartial and effective crackdown against violence".

Dr De Beer is expected to urge DP representatives "to build on their current work and play a determined local watchdog role".

He said in a statement it was clear the country needed "strong security action to apprehend warlords, protect human life and roll back intimidation".

But he warned that there was a real danger this would heighten, not dampen, violence and tension "if the action were not absolutely impartial and even-handed".

"The role of the DP, as the only party with clean hands and an untarnished commitment to human rights, will be to ensure that the much-needed security crackdown is fair, just and non-partisan."

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lowed objections by the ANC.

Discussion between the ANC and the government would be held as soon as possible, and the issue of cellular telephones would not be taken further before these discussions were concluded. — Sapa.

Cellular phone on hold

THE government has put its cellular telephone Bill on hold to allow for further consultation with the African National Congress.

A joint statement from Constitutional Affairs Minister Roelf Meyer and ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa yesterday said the decision fol-

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Plot to kill Mokaba — claim

Citizen Reporter
and Sapa

A 39-year-old Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging member, arrested on a charge of terrorism more than two weeks ago, told police of a plot to kill Mr Peter Mokaba, African National Congress Youth

League president.

This was disclosed yesterday by Captain Craig Kotze, Law and Order Ministry spokesman.

The man had been arrested on September 12.

As soon as police became aware of the alleged plot against Mr Mokaba, they informed the ANC's legal head, Mr Matthew Posa.

Police accompanied the man to Mr Moka-

ba's home yesterday for further investigation. The ANC was informed of this.

The police viewed the matter in a serious light and were still investigating details, said Capt Kotze.

Mr Mokaba told students at the University of Durban-Westville

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yesterday that an attempt had been made on his life at his home on Tuesday night.

Mr Mokaba told more than 1 000 students, "I was waiting for them last night ... I'll never leave my home for them. I'm ready for them no matter what they've got, let them know that".

Another speaker said "two Afrikaners" had been arrested for trying to plant a bomb at the house.

Witwatersrand police could not confirm the Tuesday night attempt.

ANC secretary-gen-

eral, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, confirmed that the ANC had received information from police of a Right-wing plot to assassinate Mr Mokaba.

According to the information, the police obtained confessions from Right-wingers who were arrested for the bomb planted at Bronkhorstspuit a week ago.

However, Capt Kotze said the man had been arrested before the bomb blast in Bronkhorstspuit.

Mr Ramaphosa welcomed the effort made by police to inform the organisation of the plot, but said the ANC was disturbed by the refusal of the police to provide

the names of the suspects.

"We have every reason to suspect that the Right-wingers might have both national and international Right-wing connections as in the murder of the general secretary of the South African Communist Party, Mr Chris Hani.

The ANC demanded that the names of the Right-wingers be disclosed and their confession made public.

The organisation also wanted information on whether the unit arrested was implicated in any other acts of terror. The suspects must be speedily brought to justice.

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AVF STOPS TALKS WITH GOVT, ANC

By Fred delange
and Sap

THE Afrikaner Volksfront yesterday withdrew from all bilateral discussions and negotiations with the ANC and the government.
The leader of the AVF,

General Constand Viljoen, and the chairman of the executive of the organisation, Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg, said without the right of the Afrikaner nation to full self-determination in an own state being recognised by the ANC and the govern-

ment, there could be no further talks.

"The AVF is now being forced to give attention to other methods to ensure the freedom of the Afrikaner folk," they said.

This new crisis was

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DISTURBING ALLEGATIONS

MR BRENDON Willmer, chairman of the Natal Freedom Campaign addressed a meeting at the Pigeon Club Hall last night.

He expressed his extreme concern on how a body which has no voter credibility such as the T.E.C. will, after its inception have control over such vital issues as finance, the Defence force and the security forces.

By far the most alarming aspect of his speech, was the imparting of what he assured his audience was accurate and largely verified intelligence information.

The text of this portion of his speech is quoted.

"The information I am about to disclose comes from an impeccable source within the intelligence community. And, although we have been unable to verify certain aspects of this report, for reasons which will become self obvious, we are nevertheless convinced (that) this information is substantially correct. Based upon this belief, we have no choice but to publicise these allegations, because to remain silent would be an abandonment of our duty as responsible citizens."

"We have been informed that between mid January and mid February next year, Umkhonto we Sizwe, the

ANC's terrorist wing, will launch a major assault on IFP strongholds in Natal. The primary purpose of these attacks, which will involve over 4 000 MK members and auxiliaries drawn from the so-called Self Defence Units (SDU's), will be to assassinate Inkatha leaders in the townships and rural areas, and thereby destroy the IFP at grassroots level."

"A total of 1 358 IFP officials have so far been targeted for elimination, but the number is expected to be increased by the time MK have finalised their planning."

"It is believed that Umkhonto we Sizwe have between 30-40 000 AK 47's cached in Natal, together with vast quantities of ammunition, grenades, mines, machine pistols and RPG's. Part of this arsenal of death will be utilised by MK, in its planned onslaught against the Government of KwaZulu and Inkatha."

"Umkhonto we Sizwe members have been transferring into Natal for some months past, in preparation for 'Operation Mbokodo' (+), as this 'ethnic cleansing' has been code named."

"In addition, we have been informed that MK also plan to launch indiscriminate attacks into white and Indian areas, as part of a 'softening-

up' policy to terrorise all sections of the civil population, so that they will more readily submit to ANC control."

"We are also advised, that integral to this planned subjugation of minorities in Natal, will be a series of marches held during the intended time frame for this holocaust, which will take place in all main centres of the Province, and which will 'spontaneously' go out of control, resulting in widespread destruction of property and loss of life."

"Although the Government, and its security agencies are aware of these plans by Umkhonto we Sizwe, they have made no attempt to pressure the ANC into calling-off its campaign of terror, which could very easily precipitate a civil war. Neither have the Government ordered the arrests of those involved, even though they are known. And neither have the Government drawn up contingency plans to deal with the specifics of this threat. Why?"

The possible answer to this statement, according to Mr Willmer is that this emergency which will be a localised civil war will enable the T.E.C. to assume control without an election and to rule by decree as long as it wishes as there is no "sunset clause" in the legislation promoting its existence.

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OAU lifts economic sanctions

OAU lifts curbs

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"We have asked for the immediate lifting of sanctions and they have supported that," he said.

Mr Mandela said he felt "very good indeed" about the OAU decision, "because the support (in the OAU) is almost overwhelming".

The OAU ad-hoc committee resolved further that diplomatic relations be restored or established, whichever was the case, only after the April 27 election.

The Pan Africanist Congress, however, opposed the move to lift economic sanctions, which followed in the wake of Mr Mandela's

call at the UN last Friday.

A host of countries, including the Commonwealth, have lifted remaining economic sanctions since the appeal at the world body.

"The PAC has made its opposition to this resolution very clear," PAC secretary-general Benny Alexander said after the meeting. "This resolution really will prop up our regime against the African people."

"There's no way that the propping up of the regime can constitute assistance to the oppressed."

The matter of South Africa's membership of the OAU was not discussed at the meeting. Namibian Foreign Minister Theo-Ben Gurirab said afterwards.

The 14-member OAU ad-hoc committee, which is mandated on behalf of the OAU to take binding decisions on matters concerning South Africa, reached its decision at a two-hour meeting.

Members of the ad-hoc committee are: Egypt which is the current chair; Nigeria, Mozambique, Angola, Botswana, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Senegal, Algeria, Cape Verde, Congo, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Namibia. The ANC and PAC both have seats on the ad-hoc committee as well.

Mr Gurirab said the meeting, which went "very well", took its decision based on a report on the situation in South Africa by the OAU sec-

nia.

Cyprus said yesterday it was lifting economic and trade sanctions against South Africa.

A government statement said the Council of Ministers authorised the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Commerce and Industry to take all necessary measures to implement the decision.

Trade ties between South Africa and Ireland are set to deepen, according to ambassador Kent Durr.

Mr Durr was speaking at the official launch in Dublin of the Ireland-South Africa Trade Association (ISATA).

The ambassador said Ireland was the only European Community country with which South Africa did not have formal diplomatic ties.

But in the aftermath of the country's recent political developments, official relations with Ireland could be expected to resume.

Mr Durr said bilateral trade relations between South Africa and Ireland had been normalised over the last couple of years.

Malaysia plans to send a ministerial trade mission to South Africa next week, only two weeks after lifting trade sanctions against that nation.

Primary Industries Minister Lim Keng Yaik told reporters yesterday he and 19 government officials and businessmen would leave on Sunday for a 17-day tour of South Africa, Tanzania and Kenya. — S.S.P. KENNEDY/AP

NEW YORK. — The Organisation of African Unity decided in New York yesterday to lift economic sanctions against South Africa with immediate effect.

"A resolution has been passed by the (OAU) ad-hoc committee (on Southern Africa) supporting the appeal we (African National Congress) have made for the lifting of (economic) sanctions," ANC president Nelson Mandela said after the meeting at the OAU headquarters in New York.

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3-phase EC move

BRUSSELS. — The European Community's executive commission proposed yesterday that the EC should normalise relations with Pretoria in three phases as Pretoria moves towards an all-race democracy.

EC Co-operation Commissioner Manuel Marin said the community would support South African inclusion in programmes of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund as soon as a Transitional Executive Council is set up.

Under the commission's plan, EC countries would then drop all remaining economic sanctions against Pretoria once the council was fully operational, and the community would establish a permanent delegation in South Africa.

In the third phase, the commission would propose a comprehensive system of political, trade and economic relations with South Africa after the first democratic election there scheduled for April.

Mr Marin said in a statement: "The process of normalising and deepening relations with South Africa should take place in response to the acceleration of the process towards democracy itself."

The commission's

proposal is expected to be formally endorsed at a meeting of EC Foreign Ministers in Luxembourg next Monday and Tuesday.

Last year the community ended embargoes on oil deliveries to South Africa and on imports of South African gold coins, iron and steel. It also restored links in sport, culture and science.

Mr Marin said that the 12 EC members were still applying UN bans on arms exports, security and nuclear co-operation and exchanges of military attaches, and these should be lifted once the TEC was "up and running".

At the same time, the community would take a decision on helping to finance the elections.

But the commission is remaining officially neutral on whether the new South Africa should seek its links with the EC individually or through regional African organisations.

The commission agreed that the choice should be left to a "democratically-elected" South Africa.

— Sapa-AFP.

IFP man hurt as Vista students hurl bricks

INKATHA Freedom Party central committee member Thembu Khoza was injured, although not seriously, after Vista University students disrupted a panel debate on the Soweto campus yesterday, the IFP said.

An IFP statement said a group of students, objecting to Mr Khoza's presence on campus, had thrown bricks at the IFP delegation as it was escorted to its cars. Mr Khoza was injured and

cars were damaged.

The IFP statement said the disruption was a premeditated attempt to silence the IFP, as the protesters had waited until the delegation had entered the hall and surrounded the premises.

Posters read: "One traitor, one bullet".

"An IFP member had to fire shots into the air to disperse the crowd and to enable the delegation to leave the campus.

"This flagrant disre-

gard for democracy and the right of IFP leaders and members to speak cannot be tolerated. Is this the new South Africa, where people are abused due to their different political opinions?"

"The IFP believes that the root cause of violence in this country is due to the lack of democratic principles and political tolerance amongst people." — Sapa.

IFP, ANC quit Natal talks

DURBAN. — Both the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party pulled out of peace talks in different flashpoints of violence in Natal yesterday.

The ANC in the Estcourt area of the Natal Midlands walked out of peace talks and threatened widespread mass ac-

tion if the KwaZulu Police was not withdrawn from the area.

And in Port Shepstone, on the Natal South Coast, Inkatha also called off planned peace talks in protest against the assassination of two of its leaders there recently.

According to an ANC regional leader in Est-

court, the organisation's Midlands leader Harry Gwala and his team walked out of a meeting with police hosted by the Regional Dispute Resolution Committee.

On the South Coast, Inkatha called off a peace meeting in protest against the recent murder of IFP leaders Elizabeth Ndlovu.

20 gunmen rake hostel-dwellers with fire

As many as 20 gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles and 9mm pistols broke through a wall at Germiston's Scaw Metal Hostel before raking inmates with gunfire, police said yesterday.

Miraculously, only three residents were wounded in the attack at 10.15 pm on Tuesday, and a fourth man injured himself when he jumped off a balcony to escape.

The wounded were yesterday recovering in Germiston's Willem Cruywagen Hospital, said police spokesman Lieutenant Deon Peens.

He said the 15 to 20 gunmen used a sledgehammer to break a hole in a wall at Scaw Metals in Wadeville, near Katlehong.

They fired on residents as they moved through the compound before

leaving through the hole.

When police arrived they found 52 spent AK-47 cartridges — indicating that at least three AK-47s had been used — and three 9mm bullet cases, Lt Peens said.

While investigating the shooting, police seized a 9mm Browning pistol with 13 rounds of ammunition and a magazine in one of the hostel rooms. The find did not appear to be connected to the attack, Lt Peens said.

He said the motive for the shooting and the identity of the attackers were unknown.

Asked about reasons for the attack, the Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress yesterday both claimed they had the widest support among the Scaw Metal Hostel residents.

IFP Transvaal deputy chairman Mr Humphrey Ndlovu claimed the attack was launched by members of the ANC's military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe to drive the IFP out of the hostel. — Sapa.

Mokaba tells APLA: Accept peace units

DURBAN. — African National Congress Youth League president Mr Peter Mokaba urged the Azanian Peoples Liberation Army yesterday to accept joint peace-keeping units of the transitional executive council.

Speaking at the University of Durban-Westville, he also castigated Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthe-lezi.

He pressed the Pan Africanist Congress' armed wing APLA to reconsider its stance towards the TEC's proposed joint peace-keeping force.

He said: "We have been told by our sister liberation movement that if

we form the TEC peace-keeping force they will still attack us. The PAC must sit back and reconsider."

To tremendous applause from at least 1 000 students, Mr Mokaba added: "No one talks war with the ANC. Hold hands with us, we are in the eye of the storm and we must defeat a common enemy."

While he appealed for a compromise with APLA, saying there could never be freedom for the ANC if there was oppression of the PAC, Mr Mokaba warned: "There is no way we can allow anyone to direct his guns against us and live to tell the story."

— Sapa.

ANC office search after cache find

EAST LONDON. — Police searched the African National Congress offices in East London yesterday after an Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) member and two other people were arrested for carrying illegal firearms.

The three were detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act after being stopped at a roadblock in Cathcart late on Tuesday night.

Two R-5 rifles, a BXP sub-machine-gun and 75 9 mm rounds of ammunition were allegedly confiscated from their car.

The weapons, alleg-

edly stacked in the boot, were wrapped in a black canvas bag normally used by police and soldiers to transport bullet-proof vests, police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Christo Louw said.

The weapons' serial numbers had been filed off. Col Louw said forensic tests are being carried out in Pretoria to determine their origin, and whether the firearms had recently been fired.

Ciskei Commissioner of Police, Maj-Gen Fikile Zibi, said he was "99 percent sure" the weapons were among those stolen from a Bishop's police training college last week.

"They're doing tests, and I'm sure we will be able to confirm it tomorrow."

It was originally reported that only R-1 rifles had been stolen. However, Gen Zibi said several R-5 rifles had also gone missing.

Col Louw said police raided the ANC offices after keys to the offices were found on the MK

cadre. He is employed by the movement.

"A member of the ANC arrived at the charge office in Cathcart, demanding the keys. He was accompanied to East London by the South African Police to search his office, but no weapons were found," Col Louw said.

Border ANC media officer Mr Mcebisi Bata confirmed that a senior ANC official went to Cathcart shortly after learning of the arrest, but denied it was to collect his office keys.

"We sent someone there to investigate. That's all. Not specifically to get our keys. Even so, the keys are the property of this office."

Mr Bata said police arrived at their offices about 2 am, claiming a senior ANC member had been arrested a few hours before.

"They went through all the offices with sniffer dogs, saying they were looking for more guns." — Sapa.

100 000 convicted criminals may vote for new SA

ONE-HUNDRED-THOUSAND convicted criminals could be part of the electorate that votes for the new South Africa if the majority of delegates at Kempton Park have their way.

Except for a few key players, a clause in the first version of the draft electoral Bill allowing for a vote from South Africa's prison population was overwhelmingly accepted — and applauded — by the negotiating council.

Presented to the council yesterday, the document made no distinction as to different categories of prisoners, except to say that drug addicts and those of unsound mind should be barred from voting.

Only the government, the Democratic Party, the Afrikaner Volksunie and the Bophuthatswana Government rejected the idea.

It was not put to the vote, but speaker after speaker endorsed the clause, saying apartheid had caused "deprivation" and had in this way encouraged crime and consequent incarceration for many.

South African Communist Party chief Mr Joe Slovo said that not to grant prisoners the vote would be "a vengeful attitude".

already been indemnified. Mrs Kruger said no Western democracy contained such a provision in its electoral Bill.

Having already voiced her party's dislike of the clause, DP spokeswoman Ms Dene Smuts called at least for categories of criminals to be barred from voting. "A rapist is a rapist and I don't think he should get the vote," she said.

Replying to the debate, technical committee spokeswoman Dr Frene

Ginwala said there was in fact a trend led by some states in the US and Canada which supported prisoner voting rights.

Some even allowed prisoners to stand for office, Dr Ginwala noted. "But the council can decide on that."

• The negotiating council is scheduled to meet again on October 5 to discuss constitutional issues.

A series of bilateral meetings between parties focusing on outstanding

issues, including the vital matter of regional powers, will fill the intervening week. Planning Committee chairman Mr Mickey Webb said bilateral talks on regions in particular had been given a week to reach completion.

The council has four more weeks to finalise the draft interim constitution to present for endorsement to Parliament when it begins its final 1993 sitting at the beginning of November. — Sapa.

African National Congress speaker Mr Popo Molefe agreed, questioning "what kind of society South Africa's convicted criminals had transgressed against anyway?"

They "don't have to be MPs", he said.

The quip did not go down well with the outspoken Afrikaner Volksunie negotiations chief Mrs Corlia Kruger.

Mrs Kruger said people who were sent to prison should by definition lose some of their rights, and the right to vote should be one of them.

"Why should a man that holds up a bank with an AK-47 and kills four people be allowed to vote," she said. "People don't go to prison in South Africa for stealing apples."

South Africa boasted the worst criminal figures in the world and thousands of prisoners had

Land tax could help redistribute wealth: ANC

By Chris Steyn

A LAND tax to induce owners to sell excess land, and legislation imposing a ceiling on land ownership and multiple ownership of farms, were among the methods the African National Congress could use to redistribute wealth, the deputy head of the organisation's Department of Economic Planning, Mr Tito Mboweni, said yesterday.

Addressing business-

men at the Alexandra Chamber of Commerce in Alexandra, Mr Mboweni said ANC policy was very clear regarding land distribution, and the state would have the power to acquire land in a variety of ways, including expropriation in accordance with the provisions set out in the Bill of Rights.

The ANC also proposed a Land Claims Court system with the

main focus on the restoration of land and land rights to those dispossessed by apartheid, and redistribution of state and indebted land.

Other possible strategies for redistribution of wealth discussed by Mr Mboweni were tax reform, nationalisation, Black economic empowerment, anti-trust policies, income redistribution, skills-wages nexus, mini-

mum wage policy, and social incomes.

"Redistribution policies are inevitable in the future democratic South Africa.

"The success of redistribution will depend to a large extent on the achievement of a national consensus, which should fundamentally involve those of our country's citizens who have benefited from past privileges and patronage. For indeed they are a centre of power, perhaps no longer a centre of political power but most certainly a centre of economic power," he said.

Mr Mboweni said the reform of the tax system could also be a powerful mechanism of redistribution. The specific taxes that would be used for redistribution could only be considered, however, once the entire fiscal system had been investigated by a representative fiscal commission.

"One would therefore hope that the commission will indeed take the absolute necessity of redistribution into consideration in its recommendations about tax and expenditure reform," he said.

As far as nationalisation was concerned, Mr Mboweni said there were mixed conclusions about its performance, and a general view had emerged that it may no longer be the best policy to follow in pursuing wealth redistribution.

"However, in our own situation, public sector corporations which were started by the state, have played an important role in job creation, income distribution and also in the economic development process.

Violence, looting at ANC's Daveyton rally

Citizen Reporter

TUESDAY's African National Congress rally in Daveyton, on the East Rand, ended with several incidents of violence, malicious damage to property, looting and assaults, causing large-scale damage, police reported yesterday.

The police said protesters who attended the rally had shown no regard for law and order, and that it was clear organisers had lost control.

According to East Rand police spokesman, Lieutenant Deon Peens, the ANC had been given permission to hold the march, on condition that the protest was peaceful, and

those attending would behave and not contravene any laws.

However, once a petition setting out certain demands had been handed over to the Benoni police, protestors went on the rampage.

Several establishments, including a shop in Actonville, a fast-food outlet, private vehicles and the SAP's rugby club at Willowmoore Park, were plundered.

Several shopkeepers and the rugby club's caretaker were also assaulted.

Lt Peens said police were still investigating, but the damage caused was estimated at several thousands of rands.

No arrests had yet been made.

"It is clear that the organisers lost control of those attending the march. This type of behaviour results in the police having to take action against the offenders," Lt Peens said.

"We are often taken to task when we deal with situations such as that which presented itself yesterday (Tuesday). If organisers maintain control over events it would not be necessary for the police to take action.

"Police action may lead to the injury of the offenders. This can be avoided if the organisers maintain control."

NP is favoured by Coloureds, Asians, poll finds

THE National Party is the favoured party among Coloureds and Asians, securing a 46 percent and 39 percent vote respectively, a Markinor research group has found.

The African National Congress came in second strongest, mustering 16 percent of first votes by Coloureds and 17 percent among Asians.

The findings emanate from a Gallup poll on socio-political and economic trends conducted among 400 Coloureds and

400 Asians in metropolitan areas in July.

In a similar survey of Whites and Blacks, Whites gave the NP a 43 percent first choice vote, and Blacks gave it three percent.

The ANC received two percent of the Whites' first vote, and 68 percent of Blacks' vote.

The Inkatha Freedom

Party received a one percent vote among both Coloureds and Asians.

The research showed State President De Klerk as more popular than his National Party among Coloureds — 78 percent said he was a good leader.

Seventy-three percent of Asians and 70 percent of Whites approved of Mr De Klerk's leadership, as

did 35 percent of Blacks. ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela scored 70 percent of Black votes and 14 percent among Coloureds and Asians.

Markinor deputy managing director Ms Christine Woessner said the gap between the NP and the ANC was substantial and it remained to be seen how the situation developed as the April 1994 election approached. — Sapa.

Bakkie theft suspect a peace committee man

Citizen Reporter

THE owner of a stolen bakkie recovered his vehicle from two suspected thieves on the East Rand yesterday, after fatally wounding the driver and

arresting the passenger, who is a local peace committee member.

Police said five armed men forced their way into a house in Tsakane at about 1.45 am, and rob-

bed the owner of a company vehicle.

The man's employer reported the theft to local police at about 6.15 am, but was referred to another station in Brakpan.

On his way to Brakpan, the employer, who works in the township and wishes to remain anonymous, spotted the stolen vehicle at a traffic intersection.

Police said the man had stopped his car at a traffic light on the corner of Springs Road and Thema Road, Kwa Thema, when the vehicle pulled up next to him.

The owner, armed with a shotgun, confronted the men but they tried to flee.

He fired a shot at the vehicle, fatally wounding the driver in the head.

He also arrested the passenger, who tried to flee.

Police said the passenger is a local member of the Tsakane peace committee.

The man will probably appear in the Spring's Magistrate's Court today.

Inkatha man stoned

INKATHA Freedom Party
central committee member
Themba Khoza had been
slightly injured when Vista
University students threw
bricks as he departed from a
panel debate on the Soweto
campus yesterday, Inkatha
officials said.

Gunmen at station kill four passengers

THREE men and a woman were shot dead when gunmen opened fire at train passengers disembarking at Soweto's Ikhwezi station last night, police said.

Sixteen people were injured and were taken to hospital, Maj Herman Oosthuysen said. Police believe five men carried out the attack shortly before 6.30pm. Various weapons, including homemade firearms and hunting knives, were found.

Police had received good descriptions and arrests were expected shortly.

LLOYD COUTTS reports that three people were wounded when about 20 men armed with AK-47 rifles and small arms fired into the Scaw Metals hostel in Wadeville, Germiston on Tuesday night.

The attack came about a month after gunmen killed 12 members of a burial society and injured 20 others in an assault on the hostel.

Police spokesman Lt Deon Peens said Tuesday night's attackers used a sledgehammer to smash a hole in a wall at Scaw Metals at about 10.15pm.

Police found 52 AK-47 shells and three 9mm shells at the scene.

Inkatha Freedom Party Transvaal deputy chairman Humphrey Ndlhovu claimed the attack was launched by members of the ANC's military wing Umkhonto we

Sizwe to drive Inkatha out of the hostel, reports Sapa.

He said Inkatha had received calls from frightened hostel residents on Wednesday morning. An ANC PWV region spokesman would not comment on the claim.

Scaw Metals management said the shootings were random and appeared to be a spillover of township violence.

Meanwhile, Inkatha KwaThema chairman Samuel Motha, 35, was shot dead early yesterday as he left his East Rand home for work. His body was found by his wife Margaret when she went to investigate the shots. Spent AK-47 and 9mm cartridges and a bullet were found at the scene.

In another report, police said a total of seven bodies, including those of two policemen, were found in Thokoza, Karkeleng and Tsakane on the East Rand on Tuesday and yesterday.

It was also reported that an unidentified man was stabbed on a train between the Germiston and Knights railway stations on Tuesday. He disembarked at the Germiston station and went to the nearby Delmore Hospital where he later died.

Police said yesterday the taxi driver shot dead near Thokoza on Tuesday morning was Peter Mapane of Thokoza. Eight people were injured when the occupants of a white Cressida opened fire on the taxi.

Mokaba slammed for his 'racist' remarks

TIM COHEN

CAPE TOWN — The ANC had no right to give orders to the police, DP leader Zach de Beer said yesterday in reaction to ANC Youth League leader Peter Mokaba's call for the removal of the internal stability unit from the townships.

Police were there to enforce the law and were accountable only to the legitimate government in doing so, he said.

If members of the internal stability unit did not behave as policemen should then ANC leaders should formulate complaints to the SAP, the Minister or soon to the security subcouncil of the Transitional Executive Council.

DIRK VAN EEDEN reports that the Law and Order Ministry also lashed out at Mokaba for his "racist" remarks.

During the rally in Benoni on Tuesday, Mokaba said: "They (the internal stability unit) have a choice. They either move out willingly or they will be forced out. We are here to say to criminal De Klerk: take your dogs out of our townships."

Law and Order spokesman Craig Kotze said Mokaba's statements that internal stability unit members had to choose between "a bullet or a ballot", could be interpreted only as direct incitement to murder policemen and their families.

Such "political arson" would add to the already unacceptably high climate of violence in certain townships, and could be interpreted by many ANC supporters as an open invitation to attack policemen.

NP Youth organiser Max van der Watt said: "Mokaba's predictable habit of putting on his radical jacket every now and then leaves the NP Youth Action cold."

De Klerk wins Asian and coloured support

PATRICK BULGER

THE NP, particularly President F W de Klerk, enjoyed majority support among coloureds and Asians, according to a Markinor Gallup poll released yesterday.

The poll was conducted among 400 coloureds and 400 Asians in metropolitan areas during July 1993.

The ANC came in second strongest, mustering 16% of first votes by coloureds and 17% among Asians.

Markinor deputy MD Christine Woessner said the poll showed NP support among the two groups could grow to 50%. However, up to 30% of people interviewed would not answer the question: "If there were elections tomorrow, which organisation would you vote for?"

De Klerk, 31% of coloureds said, was leading the country "very well", while 47% felt he was leading the country fairly well.

Among Asians, 23% said De Klerk was leading the country very well and 50% felt he was leading the country fairly well. However, only 6% of blacks felt De Klerk was leading very well but 29% felt he was leading fairly well.

Just less than a quarter of whites thought he was leading very well.

Asked: "Who should lead all South Africans?", 58% of coloureds and 46% of Asians and whites answered De Klerk.

Nelson Mandela scored badly with coloureds and Asians with only 14% of respondents saying they would like him to lead.

Among blacks, however, Mandela emerged as the undisputed leader with a 70% vote. Only 3% of whites favoured the ANC president.

DP leader Zach de Beer was one of the few other leaders who elicited a mention. Allan Hendrickse, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Clarence Makwetu, J N Reddy and Joe Slovo did not feature at all among coloureds and Asians.

Asked to score the leaders on a scale of one to 10, Buthelezi received a score of 4.2, Mandela fared slightly better, but De Klerk emerged as the clear winner among coloureds and Asians.

"Coloureds and Asians are thus largely positioned in the political centre with little inclination towards radical movements," Woessner said.

"The NP and De Klerk are in the clear lead with the ANC and Mandela second. The gap between the two parties at present is still substantial. It remains to be seen how the situation develops closer to the April elections."

Volksfront pulls out of talks

PRETORIA — The Afrikaner Volksfront yesterday announced it had withdrawn from all further discussions with the ANC and government.

Volksfront chairman Ferdi Hartzenberg and directorate chairman Gen Constand Viljoen said statements abroad by President F W de Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela had made it clear that they did not recognise the Afrikaner's right to an independent volkstaat.

"The Volksfront is now forced to give attention to other ways of ensuring the Afrikaner nation's freedom."

Government and the ANC expressed surprise at the decision. Constitutional Minister Roelf Meyer and ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said they had been making progress in recent talks with

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and BILLY PADDOCK

the organisation. They said the move could compromise accommodation on the issue of self-determination. Ramaphosa called it "a bolt from the blue".

Viljoen and Hartzenberg said the Volksfront had held "open and responsible" negotiations with government about the Afrikaner's right to self-determination in an independent state. The issue had also been discussed with the ANC after the ANC asked for a meeting.

However, government's and the ANC's recent conduct had made these discussions impossible. Mandela and De Klerk had made it clear that they did not recognise

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the Afrikaner's right to self-determination. Mandela had also tried to drive a wedge between the Volksfront and Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Ramaphosa said the ANC would seek a detailed explanation for the decision as it had a responsibility to keep as many people in the process as possible.

Meyer appealed to the Volksfront to return to talks and find ways of accommodating self-determination issues.

Neither would comment on speculation that the decision was a result of possible divisions in the Volksfront. But NP spokesman Marthinus van Schalkwyk said the announcement was a desperate attempt by Viljoen to appease the more radical groups in the Volksfront, who had criticised him for talking to the ANC.

Right-wing sources said the statement was the most serious threat yet from the

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Volksfront. "It's the beginning of the war," Hartzenberg and other CP members have threatened that the adoption of the Transitional Executive Council Act would be considered a declaration of war.

Although Viljoen had rejected right-wing terrorism, sources indicated that this policy might have changed. HNP leader Jaap Marais said it was clear Viljoen had folded under pressure from hardliners.

Former Volksfront member, MP Andries Beyers, said it was "an incredibly tragic day" for the Afrikaner when its leaders said the time for talk was over.

"You cannot fight a moral war for an immoral cause. The Volksfront cannot negotiate its policy, because it is based on apartheid and discrimination."

He appealed to the leadership to reconsider its position on negotiations.

Language policy

THE SABC yesterday urged organisations and people who would like to contribute to the SABC's language policy to do so before the end of October. Written submissions may be sent to the Chairman of the Board, Private Bag X1, Auckland Park, 2006.

R1m-a-day youth corps planned to mobilise 50 000 unemployed

A VOLUNTARY "national service", aimed at drawing at least 50 000 unemployed young people into a programme of community projects and education, is to be launched next year.

The newly formed National Youth Development Forum is behind the project, which has also been backed by the National Economic Forum, government and development bodies.

It is expected that when the service is operational by the end of next year the cost will be about R1m a day, including payment of small allowances to volunteers.

The forum would not give details of funding yesterday, but said its proposal enjoyed strong support and there was no concern about raising the money.

"Everybody is desperately concerned about the youth. The state is keen to assist and so is everybody else," the National Youth Service Initiative's technical group leader Bob Tucker said. The initiative would be in place by February, and could be functional within months with about 2 000 participants. This would grow to 50 000 volunteers by the end of next year.

Projects would include the rehabilita-

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tion of urban and rural infrastructure, the building of housing, education and literacy training, voter education programmes, environmental conservation, health care and social services.

Establishing the initiative was one of the key programme decisions taken by the forum, launched at the weekend to combat the marginalisation of SA's youth.

Tucker said the initiative was not based on creating "youth brigades" and then looking for something for them to do, but

instead would negotiate for a representative share for youth in a range of socio-economic projects.

He said no new structures would be put in place to facilitate the initiative, but projects would address the needs of SA's existing economy.

Initially each participant would get an allowance of R7,50 a day, one meal, clothing and possibly a travel allowance.

"The development benefits of participation should be significantly greater than the monetary allowance. The estimated total costs of the development programme

and allowance per participant per day would be R20," Tucker said.

The proposal to create the initiative was put before the forum after an intensive analysis of programmes around the world as well as local proposals, forum convenor Sheila Sisulu said.

A National Youth Service Commission would be established to ensure that activities were undertaken in co-operation with existing organisations, she said, adding that the service initiative would provide education and training activities to supplement on-the-job skills development.

Debt written off

THE KwaZulu government has agreed to write off debts of more than R14m incurred by residents of Mpumalanga for rents and services in the unrest-hit area between Durban and Maritzburg.

Police probe alleged plot to kill Mokaba

POLICE are investigating an alleged plot to kill ANC Youth League president Peter Mokaba after a claim by an AWB member in police custody that plans had been made to assassinate him.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Craig Kotze said yesterday that a 39-year-old AWB member, arrested on September 12 in connection with alleged terrorism, had made the claim during interrogation.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said SAP investigations head Lt-Gen Johan le Roux had told the ANC that the information had been obtained from right-

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and DIRK VAN EEDEN

wingers arrested in connection with this month's bomb blast in Bronkhorstpruit.

Kotze said police took the suspect to Mokaba's home yesterday in the course of their investigation. "It must be emphasised that this matter is viewed in an exceedingly serious light and it must be stressed that the SAP informed the ANC of these allegations as rapidly as possible."

Ramaphosa welcomed police efforts, but said the ANC was disturbed by the

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SAP's refusal to provide it with the suspects' names and its refusal to say whether the plot was part of a "wide offensive". The ANC suspected that the right-wingers had national and international connections.

It demanded that it be given their names, and information on whether they were implicated in other acts of terror, and that they be brought to justice.

"The immediate threat to the process of peace and democracy in our country remains the broad right-wing coalition of blacks and whites. This coalition represents a minority of our population and

must be exposed. The ANC condemns the plot to assassinate Peter Mokaba and the use of violence to resolve political differences. We believe that the multiparty forum offers an opportunity for the people of our country to resolve their differences amicably through the process of negotiations," Ramaphosa said.

Sapa reports that Mokaba mentioned the alleged plot in an address at the University of Durban-Westville yesterday. "I was waiting for them last night. ... I'll never leave my home for them. I'm ready for them no matter what they've got," he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Govt, Inkatha meet

PROGRESS had been made in the talks between government and a KwaZulu delegation which continued in Pretoria yesterday, Constitutional Development Ministry spokesman Izak Retief said. The series of talks would continue in Durban today.

COMMENT

Some light

WHEN Winnie Mandela says the time for war talk is over, as she did at a rally on Tuesday, perhaps South Africa really is on the road to peace. There is still a long way to go, of course, but the past week may well mark a turning point in South Africa's steady progress to democracy.

Events in New York and Washington, where ANC leader Nelson Mandela called off sanctions and the International Monetary Fund and World Bank heaped praise on the country in signalling their willingness to help in its economic recovery, have apparently prompted a new pragmatism at home.

ANC national chairman Thabo Mbeki has been to Ulundi for talks with Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, and it looks as though the long-discussed joint peace effort by Buthelezi and Mandela will finally come about. A closer relationship between the two leaders, symbolised in visits together to trouble spots in Natal and on the East Rand, would do much to reduce the conflict which has claimed so many lives.

Winnie Mandela's moderated stance was not echoed by ANC youth leader Peter Mokaba at the rally, but even his familiar call for the withdrawal of the police's internal stability unit from the townships has a positive side. There is some agreement from the police themselves with the view that policemen in the townships should be drawn from the communities "to which they are accountable".

Police agreed at an anti-crime summit in Soweto at the weekend that they would take up community organisations' request that the township be policed by personnel living in the area. Methods of involving the community in policing, and the need for residents to "do their share" were discussed. There is not a great gap between this development and Mokaba's statement that township self-defence units would be strengthened to form the core of a new police force.

Grassroots peace moves are also progressing in other areas such as the East Rand, where 17 organisations, including the ANC and Inkatha, are continuing with their efforts to end the strife between residents and hostel dwellers.

The Human Rights Commission, in its latest report, predicts that the violence death toll between July this year and the April 27 election will be 2 600, based on figures which show that nearly 10 000 people have been killed in the past three years. These awful statistics should be reason enough for a renewed effort at all levels for reconciliation, now that the country is indeed on an irreversible course for a new political dispensation.

The cries of "genocide" by the PAC in opposing the lifting of sanctions, and posturing by right-wingers at the other end of the spectrum, are becoming increasingly incongruous. Despite the violence, there really does seem hope that South Africans are starting to find each other.

Inside track

THERE was disarming frankness in the statement by spokesmen for the new company, Nolwazi Education Publishers, about its future prospects. As a black-run company, practising affirmative action and having links to the ANC, they expected to be well placed to tender for a new government's school book needs. The ANC links are through Thebe Investment Corporation, which has formed the company in a joint venture with international publisher Macmillan, as this newspaper reported it would some months ago. Local publisher Skotaville also has a small stake.

There is no denying the company's good prospects, and rivals like Perskor will hardly have grounds for complaint if political considerations play a part in the

awarding of future government contracts. The comments are nevertheless an ominous sign that Thebe's links to the ANC are regarded as a legitimate means of securing business from a new government in which the ANC is certain to play a dominant role.

Thebe may have a laudable aim in being a "catalyst to correct the economic imbalances in SA society through its functions as a sound business entity", but it must be seen to be competing fairly in the market place. While its political connections remain, it will not easily escape suspicions that it is earning contracts on grounds other than its business expertise and the quality of its products, and the same will apply to its associated companies.

THE NATAL WITNESS

Scores of guns missing from KZP, A-G finds

by WYNDHAM HARTLEY
Political Editor

A LARGE number of firearms in the KwaZulu Police are unaccounted for — with 101 reported cases of theft of weapons and ammunition to the value of R78 000 — the Auditor-General has reported.

In a report for 1991/92 tabled in Parliament, Auditor-General Henri Kluever also complained that there were audit queries outstanding since 1983 which have not had satisfactory replies from KwaZulu officials.

Kluever reported R25 million in unauthorised expenditure in KwaZulu. This is a massive increase over the R1,8 million unauthorised expenditure recorded in the 1990/91 financial year.

This report comes in the wake of a law enabling the State President to take over the administration of self-governing homelands on the

verge of collapse.

The legislation allowed Pretoria officials to this week take over the administration of Lebowa under the guard of a large contingent of South African police.

Numerous reports from Kluever have indicated serious irregularities in the financial management of almost all the self-governing territories including KaNgwane, KwaNdebele, QwaQwa and KwaZulu.

In his audit of the KwaZulu Police, Kluever found that R1 038 989 was paid in compensation for actions taken by members of the force: R69 050 was paid to compensate nine persons who were assaulted, R894 750 in respect of 10 separate shooting incidents, R1 750 in cases of unlawful detention, R52 200 for unlawful arrests and "R21 239 paid to two mothers of minor children whose respective fathers had been shot by members of the police force".

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South Africa talks resume

By Alec Russell
in Johannesburg

SOUTH Africa's multi-party democracy talks resumed for a crucial and potentially final round yesterday amid a new mood of optimism that a settlement may be near.

The key and most-contentious item on the agenda is the shape of the interim constitution which is to come into force after elections to be held next April.

The government and the African National Congress have indicated this is the last opportunity for the Inkatha Freedom Party to rejoin the peace process.

Inkatha has distanced itself from the two breakthroughs of the summer; the announcement of an election date and agreement on the powers of a transitional multi-racial body to work with the government before

the elections. Inkatha delegates walked out of the talks in early July and the ANC will have to make considerable concessions to coax them back.

But weekend disclosures that the ANC has been holding secret talks with the umbrella Right-wing movement, the Afrikaner Volksfront, is a clear sign of the group's willingness to compromise in search of a peaceful settlement.

In a further sign of optimism, the most respected independent South African monitor of political violence, the Human Rights Commission, said in its annual report published yesterday that destabilisation could be

expected to taper off after the election.

The commission warned that violence would continue at peak intensity throughout the election campaign, but that afterwards "players without significant support will be exposed and no longer in any position to flex their political muscle".

The report concluded: "There does not appear to be any force powerful enough to sustain a rejection of an election result which favours a democratic constitution and government."

If South Africa is to keep to its timetable for democracy, the negotiators have about five weeks to reach agreement on the interim constitution before sending the draft Bill to parliament in Cape Town for endorsement.

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'Pretoria shares blame' for 9,000 deaths

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN
IN JOHANNESBURG

MORE than 9,000 people had died in political violence in South Africa since 1990, at least in part because the government had lost control of its strategy of destabilising the liberation movement, according to a private human rights organisation here.

Speaking at the launch of *Three Years of Destabilisation*, a report prepared by the Human Rights Commission, Max Coleman, its chairman, said the National Party government, in trying to retain maximum power after the unbanning of the African National Congress, adopted a two-pronged approach: negotiation and destabilisation.

New York: The European Community has decided to lift its remaining sanctions against South Africa, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said yesterday. A formal decision will be taken at a ministerial meeting in Brussels on Monday, Mr Hurd said, but EC foreign ministers had "agreed that the EC would now move to remove the existing sanctions". This will not affect the arms or oil embargoes against South Africa, which were mandated by the UN Security Council (AFP)

"During the past year any control the government once had over its destabilisation strategy has disappeared and fallen into the hands of the composite anti-democracy camp," he said, adding that the strategy, which he believed the government had now abandoned, had become counter-productive by discouraging foreign investment.

The report links the violence

to political events, blaming it on the "beneficiaries" of apartheid. These, it says, include the white right wing, the security establishment and some homelands. "Together they are responsible for the activities of the so-called third force," it claims.

The group's methods have not received universal approval. Last October, the South African Institute of Race Rela-

tions criticised its work, accusing it of being selective, of elevating allegation into fact, and of ignoring the rules of evidence. The group, together with Amnesty International and the International Commission of Jurists, has also been accused of ignoring the ANC's role in creating a fertile ground for violence.

The ANC yesterday quoted the commission as saying that 86 ANC members were still in jail despite last September's agreement with President de Klerk guaranteeing the release of all ANC political prisoners whose committed offences before October 1990.

□ **Takeover bid:** Auditors protected by 120 policemen have moved into offices of Lebowa, the homeland report-

edly on the verge of bankruptcy, police said yesterday. South Africa supplies most of Lebowa's budget and has sought for the past month to take over its disbursement to try to stave off the homeland's bankruptcy. Investigators withdrew last week after Nelson Ramodike, the Lebowa chief minister, reportedly said that their safety could not be assured.

The problem surfaced in August, when South African officials said Lebowa was running out of money. South Africa refused to authorise pay rises for Lebowa government workers. No salaries have been paid, and thousands of civil servants have been striking in protest against the freeze. (AP)

□ Attackers gain access by breaking wall 4 injured as gunmen open fire at hostel

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Between 15 and 20 gunmen with AK-47s and pistols opened fire on residents at the Scaw Metals hostel in Wadeville, Germiston, wounding three hostel dwellers, police said.

A fourth man was injured when he tried to escape by jumping out of a first-floor window.

Police said the injured men were taken to Willem Cruywagen Hospital in Germiston, where they are reported to be in a satisfactory condition.

The attackers gained access to the building by breaking

through a wall.

Police took possession of a Browning pistol and ammunition found in one of the rooms.

● Police said three bodies were recovered in Katlehong and Tokoza yesterday.

And in Benoni, police said marchers who attended an ANC rally stoned cars and tried to break through police roadblocks to get to the central business district. Windows at a primary school were smashed and marchers looted a cafe in Liverpool Street.

Police were stoned and protesters pulled down the national flag at the fire station.

Mr W A J Schoeman, superintendent of a police rugby

club in Willowmore Park, was kicked and beaten by looters, who stole all the club's liquor.

In Daveyton, police were stoned in Mocke Street and burning tyres were used to barricade the road.

● Police are investigating the possibility that the white Cressida used in an AK-47 attack on a minibus — in which the driver was killed and nine people wounded near Tokoza yesterday — has been used in other attacks on taxis.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Deon Peens today said a reporter from the Sowetan newspaper gave them the registration of the Cressida.

Kei coup plot accused appeals for intervention

The Argus Correspondent

UMTATA. — The alleged mastermind of the failed November 1990 coup in Transkei, Mr Vulindlela Mbotoli, has appealed to Lawyers for Human Rights to intervene so he can be released in terms of the Pretoria and Groote Schuur Minutes.

In a letter addressed to the director of LHR, Brian Currin, Mr Mbotoli said the Transkei government created a precedent in December last year by releasing 20 prisoners after granting them political status.

"I am concerned at the differential and discriminatory treatment which has showed transparent patronage and outright favouritism by an organisation (LHR) claiming to be impartial", he said.

Mr Mbotoli said Mr Currin's voice was loud and clear in condemning repression in Bophuthatswana, Ciskei and Kwa-zulu.

He called upon Mr Currin to personally condemn Transkei military leader Bantu Holomisa and his government for upholding repressive laws.

Major-General Holomisa had said earlier that during the attempted coup soldiers were killed and damage amounting to nearly R2 million was caused to property.

Negotiators agree on local government

Political Staff

JOHANNESBURG. — Negotiators have agreed on establishing local government as a third tier of government.

But, local government authorities will only be restructured after the April 27 elections because new provisions for these authorities will be contained in the Interim Constitution which will only be enacted on the day of the elections.

The Negotiating Council yesterday accepted a proposal by Local Government Minister Dr Tertius Delpoit that a mechanism should be found to consider interim measures for local government in the run-up to the elections.

ANC negotiator Thozamile Botha argued that "the status quo might not change radically".

Technical Committee member Professor Marinus Wiechers, however, pointed out that "apartheid local government authorities" would be unconstitutional and a transgression of the Bill of Rights.

The council has approximately four weeks to finalise the draft Interim Constitution to allow for it to be passed during the November session of parliament.

The Technical Committee on Constitutional Matters, which is drafting the Interim Constitution, yesterday outlined 14 issues which have not been finalised and another nine which have not been discussed in the council.

Issues to be finalised include deadlock-breaking mechanisms for the adoption of the final constitution, the executive, the judiciary and the powers of regions.



Picture: Agence France Presse.

PROTEST RALLY: A militant supporter waves a wooden gun in response to ANC Youth League president Peter Mokaba's speech calling on the Internal Stability Unit (ISU) to leave black townships at a protest rally in Benoni yesterday. The ISU have been accused of perpetrating violence in the townships.

Probe into radioactive metals at scrapyards

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Scrap metal with radioactive contamination up to 100 times higher than permissible levels have been sold by several mines to scrapyards around the country for several years, says a spokesman for the Council for Nuclear Safety (CNS).

He said scrapyard workers could be at risk because of the cumulative effects of long-term exposure to high radiation.

The CNS began an investigation after officials in the Netherlands city Rotterdam detected radioactive contamination in a cargo of stainless steel scrap components originating from Bushveld Recyclers in Phalaborwa and destined for a company in Sheffield, England.

Subsequently the CNS shut down Bushveld and the Phalaborwa Mining Company while investigations continued.

CNS spokesman Jonathan Cooper said the sale of radioactive material to scrapyards was a direct contravention of safety regulations contained in the Nuclear Energy Act.

Mr Cooper explained that about 20 mines had licences in terms of the Nuclear Energy Act to handle material defined as a nuclear hazard.

In the course of the processing of ore from gold, uranium and other mines, plants and mines became contaminated with radium concentrates. The machinery in those plants or mines was also contaminated.

"Then the plant is dismantled and the machinery or parts of the plant are sold for scrap," said Mr Cooper.

"Safety regulations have been broken. It has to be disposed of according to strict regulations," he added.

The CNS investigations are continuing.

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prepared for a rescue operation.

"Fortunately, the driver of the forklift jumped off as it fell off an embankment and crashed through the roof. Since nobody was in the area, there were no casualties. But a number of us had a terrible shock."

Conservative MP in bid to stop inquest

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — A Conservative Party MP whose wife was murdered last year has made an attempt to stop the State proceeding with an inquest into her death.

Mr Stephanus Petrus van Vuuren, MP for Ventersdorp, filed an application

by Pretoria Supreme Court judges Mr Justice M M Joffe and Mr Justice S J Mynhardt, who reserved judgment.

Mr Van Vuuren — whose wife Hermiena was murdered by intruders in their smallholding home in April last year — said in papers before court the institution of the inquest would

by such a procedure."

Mr Van Vuuren said he was arrested on July 14 last year in connection with his wife's murder and the stealing of a firearm.

He appeared in court on July 29 last year, where he pleaded not guilty on all charges.

Mr Van Vuuren said the case was postponed on a number of

OUT OF AFRICA



UN may allow warlord Aidid to go into exile

NEW YORK. — The United Nations may allow fugitive Somali warlord Mohamed Farah Aidid to go into exile if he can find a country to accept him, a UN peacekeeping official has said.

"We are not offering exile to Aidid," the official said, but added that if another country offered to take him it could end the stalemate with international peacekeepers.

However, other officials said Aidid was being sought

for trial under a Security Council resolution calling for the arrest, trial and punishment of those responsible for killing 24 Pakistani peacekeepers in June. Aidid was cited in a UN report as being responsible for the attack.

● In Washington, President Clinton urged the United Nations to make a greater effort to rebuild Somalia's shattered social structures, saying US peacekeeping forces were not sent there to run the country. — Sapa-AFP-Reuter.

Mobutu told to pay up

PARIS. — A court has ordered Zaire's President Mobutu Sese Seko, left, to pay champagne and wine bills worth F2,44 million (about R1,5 million) to a French company.

The appeals court in Paris ruled yesterday that President Mobutu owed the sum to a French import-export company that had delivered "food products". — Sapa-AFP.



NIGERIA: Pro-democracy and human rights campaigners vowed to press ahead today with a three-day national protest, in defiance of a police ban.

The Campaign for Democracy says the "peaceful" protest is aimed at forcing the interim national government, established by the military on August 26, to cede power to the winner of the June 12 presidential election.

ZIMBABWE: Roman Catholic bishops have appealed for an end to insults and acrimonious debate on the land issue.

In a statement the bishops said: "The spirit of reconciliation must not die. The goodwill of all parties concerned, as well as the expertise they have, are needed to bring about a land reform which is just and fair to all."

ANGOLA: President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe called for an end to the fighting and urged Unita to accept the results of last year's elections.

"We are gravely concerned at the escalation of fighting between Unita and the legitimate MPLA government," he told the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

EGYPT: Muslim militants launched two attacks in upper Egypt, killing one police guard and wounding another, and warned of more attacks before a presidential poll next week.

LIBERIA: The United Nations is preparing to repatriate thousands of refugees after the signing of a peace accord to end the civil war.

Reports: Argus Africa News Service, Sapa-AFP

Nelson exits world stage for break in Bahamas

The Argus Foreign Service

NEW YORK. — African National Congress President Nelson Mandela took the weekend off from selling South Africa in America for a short holiday in the Bahamas.

Mr Mandela quietly slotted in the island getaway between his historic call on the world at the United Nations to lift sanctions last Friday and his round of meetings with political and corporate leaders in New York this week.

He flew to the Bahamas in the Heinz food company's corporate jet shortly after making his UN speech.

Mr Mandela returned late on Monday in time to attend a reception President Bill Clinton gave at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel for heads of state and foreign ministers attending the opening of the UN General Assembly debate.

ANC sources said Mr Mandela needed the break from his work schedule. They said they were determined not to work him as hard as during his visit to the US in July.

No more detail was available about the trip but it is understood Mr Mandela went without any members of the entourage accompanying him.

The chairman and president of Heinz is Mr Tony O'Reilly, who is also chairman of Safe — the South Africa Free Election Fund — which was created with encouragement from Mr Mandela to raise funds from US business for voter education.

Mr Mandela and Mr Clinton met briefly in the receiving line at Mr Clinton's reception and ANC sources said both had expressed the wish that they should hold a longer meeting before Mr Mandela left the US on Saturday.

□ Mandela hits out at IFP leader but praises Viljoen

Buthelezi's call to arms is 'a declaration of war'

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The Argus Foreign Service

NEW YORK. — African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela says Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi has "declared war" by calling on Zulus to arm themselves and prepare to fight.

Discussing threats to the negotiation process, Mr Mandela contrasted Chief Buthelezi's attitude with that of Volksfront leader General Constand Viljoen, whom he praised as "a responsible man".

Mr Mandela was speaking at a news conference after meeting the board of the South African Free Election Fund (Safe).

Asked if there was any chance of getting Chief Buthelezi back into negotiations, he detailed the extensive foreign and domestic effort that had been made to do just this.

In spite of its failure so far, the ANC would continue to talk to Chief Buthelezi to try to persuade him to come back, he said.

"Now he has declared war and has called on Zulus to arms themselves to fight. I hope wiser counsel will warn him of the dangers."

Mr Mandela was asked whether the ANC's talks with General Viljoen held out any hope of bringing Chief Buthelezi back into negotiations — since both leaders seek a constitution with a high degree of regional autonomy.

Mr Mandela said he would not like to speak on behalf of Chief Buthelezi. "All I want to say is that he is danger of being hopelessly isolated."

By contrast, Mr Mandela said his impression in talks with General Viljoen was that he was a "responsible man who understands that violence is neither in the interests of the country, nor of whites, nor of Afrikaners."

"I think he is trying to bring his people back to the negotiation table."

● Sports shoe maker Reebok indicated in talks yesterday with Mr Mandela that it intended to return to South Africa, ANC sources said.



SAFE TO SMILE: Nelson Mandela jokes during his New York news conference yesterday.

R6,8-m collected for SA elections

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NEW YORK. — The South African Free Election Fund (Safe) has collected R6,8 million of its R34 million target for registration and education of voters for next April's elections.

Safe announced this after meeting African National Congress president Nelson Mandela in New York and also said it had appointed Beyers Naude, of the Ecumenical Assistance Trust, to allocate and monitor

the funds in South Africa.

Safe would begin channelling funds into South Africa early next month, said a statement at the Mandela meeting.

The organisation was established this year by high-powered American business and civic leaders.

Founding members include former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, former World Bank President Robert McNamara and Leon Higginbotham, retired chief justice emeritus of

the United States court of appeals.

Safe aims to support non-partisan voter education and participation in elections, especially for those voting for the first time.

"Safe will ensure free, fair and fast elections in South Africa and a peaceful transition to democracy," the statement said.

Safe is supposed to be the sole conduit for private sector, non-partisan contributions to the elections.

Smokers reclaim the sky

said Freedom Air spokesman Randy Reich, who added that the charter's future will depend on the success of those flights.

Freedom Air gets around the federal smoking ban on commercial flights of six hours or less because it is considered a club, requiring a membership fee of \$20 (R66).

"It's a public service to give smokers their rights back," said Mr Reich — Sapa-AP.

