

Teachers told: sign up or else

Judge warns police not to take sides



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A SUPREME Court judge has urged that policemen in Natal should not be biased towards either side in the Natal political conflict and has asked for an inquiry into allegations that Inkatha is recruiting members of the KwaZulu Police (KZP).

Mr Justice Didcott was speaking in the Supreme Court, Durban, this week at the end of the trial of a former member of the KZP.

He found former constable Bantu Mthuthutho guilty of murder and sentenced him to 16 years in jail for shooting Joshua Molefe in Kwama-kutha last February.

Passing sentence, the judge said Mthuthutho claimed that while he was training to join the KZP it was "driven home to them" by the officer in charge that recruits should sign up with Inkatha.

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They were specifically instructed by their superiors to join the organisation and as a result he put his allegiance to Inkatha above his duty as a policeman, thinking this was what was expected of him.

The officer in question, Lieutenant-Colonel Dube, was asked to give evidence and denied all the allegations.

However, the judge said of Dube's evidence: "I cannot say that he so impressed as a witness that I consider the matter to be a closed one.

"On the contrary, it is specifically referred to the attention of whatever Minister in the KwaZulu Government exercises responsibility for the KZP to investigate and decide what should be done about it should

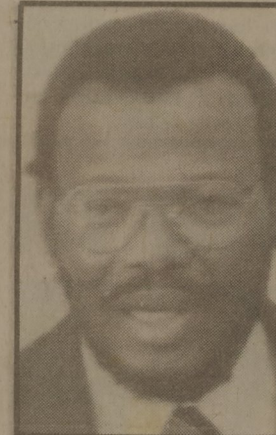
he come to the conclusion that there is or has been any policy or conscious efforts to recruit policemen as members of Inkatha."

The judge said he was not speaking of the "earlier days" of Inkatha, but of the more recent years during which there was violence between members of Inkatha and members of the United Democratic Front.

The police had to be neutral if they were to perform their function properly. They had also to be seen to be neutral if public confidence was to be maintained.

The judge said he trusted his remarks would be "considered most earnestly" by "those to whom they are directed".

KwaZulu's Minister of Police is Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, president of Inkatha.



Dr Buthelezi ... He
is Minister of Police
in KwaZulu.

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By Mdu Lembede

THOUSANDS of Umlazi schoolteachers are fuming after being told this week that if they refuse to join Inkatha they will be considered traitors by the KwaZulu government.

The stunned teachers were told also that they risked losing many fringe benefits, including housing subsidies, educational bursaries and promotions "if you fail to come out in the open and clearly tell us where you stand politically".

In an unprecedented membership recruitment drive, Winnington Sabelo, a senior member of Inkatha's Central Committee and a KwaZulu MP, told the teachers that the time would come when their jobs could no longer be guaranteed.

"Be warned that we have been instructed by Ulundi to move from school to school, compiling lists of all teachers who are working in our schools. The lists will uncover all those who are not part of us."

Mr Sabelo told the meeting that the KwaZulu government had finally devised a new system of screening all people applying for jobs, including teachers.

"We will have to know exactly where they stand politically before they are even considered for the jobs, and I am sure you all know what will happen to those whose political affiliation is not clear to us."

Mr Sabelo, accompanied by two members of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly (KLA), addressed teachers at separate meetings on Tuesday and Thursday. The meetings, attended by teachers from more than 60 schools, were held at the Mangosuthu Technikon in Umlazi.

Mr Sabelo hit out at teachers who objected when called on to sign the mandatory pledge of loyalty to the KwaZulu cabinet and Inkatha leader, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, and those opposed to teaching the KwaZulu-prescribed, but non-exam "Ubuntu-Botho" subjects, labelled the "Inkatha subjects" by scholars in the townships.

"You have to understand that you are all employees of the KwaZulu government. The government and Inkatha are one and the same. Therefore, if you don't mind receiving your monthly salary cheques from the KwaZulu government, I fail to understand why you feel so uncomfortable about being card-carrying members of Inkatha."

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"The mere fact that the Minister of your department (Education and Culture), Dr OD Dhlomo, is also the Secretary-General of Inkatha, and that your organisation, the Natal African Teachers' Union (Natu), is an Inkatha affiliate, indirectly means you are all Inkatha members whether you admit it or not," said Mr Sabelo.

He told the teachers that the KwaZulu government would be forced to take drastic action against teachers who joined trade unions, especially the Cosatu-affiliated National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu), or political organisations like the UDF and the MDM.

"The KwaZulu Department of Education and Culture is empowered to recognise a professional

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body of teachers and consequently it has recognised Natu. We do not want to politicise education in Natal in the same manner that labour relations have been.

"Be wary of organisations that will lead you nowhere. And be very careful of the Indians who play a prominent leadership role in them. Never forget that they still have a score to settle with us, so don't be fooled into believing that they have forgotten and forgiven what happened in Natal between Africans and Indians in 1949," he said.

Some of the teachers who spoke to the **Sunday Tribune** after this week's meetings said they felt disgusted and insulted by what they described as a violation of their freedom of expression and association.

"On one hand they tell us that we should not join or associate ourselves with trade unions and political organisations of our choice, as they do not wish to politicise education, but in the same breath they try to blackmail us into joining Inkatha — a political organisation. I wish they would make up their minds," said an elderly woman who has been a teacher for 22 years.

A young high school teacher, who asked not to be named, said: "If this is the way they attract the millions of card-carrying Inkatha members they always brag about, they must please count me out."

Traitors

"Something tells me that this renewed recruiting drive has been triggered by the recent, highly-successful peace march in Durban organised by the Mass Democratic Movement."

Dr Dhlomo was not available for comment.

■ Delivering his budget speech in the KLA in May this year, Dr Dhlomo introduced legislation empowering the administration to take drastic steps against any teacher who either joined or attended meetings of any trade union.

He said: "The department is determined to weed out teachers who allow themselves to be misused by bodies which do not have the welfare and progress of KwaZulu children at heart. We do not need them in our schools and we regard them as traitors in our struggle to liberate ourselves through education."

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Right-wing group pla

Wit Wolwe!

By SOL MORATHI

WIT Wolwe have threatened a major campaign of attacks against blacks countrywide and guerrilla warfare against the government because of perceived moves to accommodate blacks in the political system.

In an exclusive interview with *City Press*, Major GJA Everson of the SA Police directorate of public relations in Pretoria said a white man claiming to be the new leader of the Wit Wolwe had phoned this week to warn police that his organisation was launching attacks on blacks.

The anonymous caller also warned that his rightwing group would start guerrilla warfare against the government soon.

The police view the caller's threats seriously and are going all out to counter any action the Wit Wolwe might take.

Everson said the man claimed to be a 29-year-old karate expert with "fresher ideas" than convicted mass murderer Hendrik Barend Strydom.

The man said the Afrikaner nation was sick and tired of the shift in the South African political situation which gradually moved towards including black people in the running of the country.

"We will not compromise," he said, indicating that the Wit Wolwe were preparing to switch to "harsher" Ossewa Brandwag-type tactics.

The Ossewa Brandwag was a semi-military group of mainly Afrikaans-speaking people who were violently opposed to South Africa fighting against Germany in World War II.

A number of their members - including the country's former Prime Minister and State President, John Vorster - were interned in camps in South Africa.

According to Everson, the caller said the Wit Wolwe was an existing underground terror organisation.

The police have previously denied the Wit Wolwe existed as an organisation.

The man said he and some Wit Wolwe members would go overseas to seek military and financial backing against black people and the government.

■ In what the police believe is a related incident, two black Pretoria petrol attendants were kidnapped at a Verwoerdburg garage and assaulted by men claiming to be Wit Wolwe.

Police questioned seven people after the incident, but no formal charges have been laid.

The fracas apparently started when the youths refused to pay for petrol. When they raced off, one of the attendants shattered the back window of their car with a steel pipe.

Two attendants were then kidnapped and assaulted.

Police traced the youths to a college in Kempton Park where they were questioned. One is a son of a headmaster of a school in the area.

Dirk van Wyn-gaardt, manager of the garage, said it was the second time Wit Wolwe had struck at his business. A week ago, a black petrol attendant had leaned against a white customer's car who threatened to bring in the Wit Wolwe to sort out the business.

Death in his pocket

By DESMOND BLOW

A HEIDELBERG sheet-metal worker put death in his pocket when he picked up a powerful radio-active isotope at the Kendal Power Station six months ago, thinking it was a ball-bearing.

He is believed to have received the most powerful dose of radiation recorded in South Africa.

Jacob Butu Mahangu, 38, kept it in the back pocket of his overalls for 12 hours and took it home to the hostel where he lived with 149 other men.

The following day he was admitted to HF Verwoerd Hospital. He is still there.

After several operations on his right leg, the whole of his right leg and part of his buttocks were removed this week.

Doctors cannot say whether they can save his life. It is likely that he is sterile and will develop cancer.

The accident only became known to the Press this week as hospital authorities at first refused to confirm that Mahangu was in hospital.

Visitors were turned away from his isolation ward.

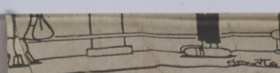
The Transvaal Attorney-General has ordered an investigation into the incident to see whether negligence led to Mahangu, a non-radiation worker, coming into contact with the Iridium 92 isotope.

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Mass killer faces 14 charges of murder

ALLEGED Klerksdorp mass murderer David Motsegwa, 45, may have killed more than five of his 14 victims in a month.

Motsegwa will appear in the Klerksdorp Circuit Court on 14 counts of murder and one of attempted murder, appears

on October 16.

The indictment alleges he murdered:

- Wilheminah Mathiba on January 5, 1988;
- Grace Dedeka on February 1;
- Lena Mogari on February 2;
- Eva Makhungu