

THE FORUM Letters to the Editor

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S R SOUTHWOOD

Barricade area

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D BOWLEY-MANNING

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BUYING POWER?

DENIALS that black political organisations are over-enthusiastically campaigning for 'their' body politic are fatuous and we've little doubt that among other less demanding reasons, like a measure of tribalism, the settling of old scores and heaven knows what else, the continuing violence, death and bloodshed confirm it.

The ANC deputy president, Mr Nelson Mandela, says Government forces must intervene and put an end to it, which is something of a surprise when he has at various times included them along with Inkatha and the KwaZulu Police as being largely responsible, or he'll be obliged to call for the arming of youth 'to defend themselves'. Heaven help us all if that ever happened.

But the apparent belief that the whole process is more a handover to a 'liberating' ANC — hence no doubt the continuing threat of the resumption of the 'armed struggle' — rather than an all-party negotiation is further confirmed in the ANC's latest insistence that almost the entire \$10 million the US Congress voted earlier this year to **promote negotiations** be summarily forwarded to the ANC treasury for its exclusive use!

The latest report from Washington is that instead of Congress's intention that the money be spent over two years on a variety of projects to help advance negotiations, that the ANC wants \$9 587 062 for just one year's activities — and to the exclusion of all other parties.

And, what's more, it wants the money channelled through the American Committee on Africa, the leading US sanctions lobby, and the strongly pro-ANC Lawyers' Committee on Civil Rights Under Law and not the NED, whose charter calls for the promotion of pluralism.

The primary objective is quite plain: to ensure that the ANC begins constitutional negotiations from 'a position of proportionate equality' with the Government, which no doubt would put all other participants without such massive funding at a decided disadvantage!

In a list of demands reading more like that needed to stage the ballyhoo of an American convention on a subject of major importance, is included the funding for 19 headquarters and regional offices, 60 more vehicles than those at headquarters, 44 salaried staff, plus funds for travel, seminars, conferences, 'commemoration meetings', mass rallies, slogan-bearing consumables, including bumper stickers, leaflets and buttons, etc.

Somewhat chilling in the light of youth's antics up to now is the suggestion that one of the youth league's chief responsibilities 'would be guiding the militance of youth in the new directions required by the current state of political life in South Africa'.

In return for such moral blackmail the ANC offers the US 'a strong, mass-based ANC, which would be in a position to effectively harness the tremendous political support that it enjoys' and, we would add, do democracy a grave disservice in the process by loading the dice.

For if all this was to happen, what hope would there be for any of the other significant groups likely to take part in the negotiations?

And if the South African Government was to counterbalance such blatant partisanship with funds of its own, we've no doubt the screams of outrage would bring the constitutional roof down.

This is one time when, if the Americans are going to be giving, they'd better be even-handed about it all!

Pik's UN plea to start ANC-Inkatha peace meeting

PRETORIA—Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha has called on the United Nations and the international community to appeal to ANC leader Nelson Mandela and KwaZulu leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi to join forces to end the bloodshed in South Africa.

In a letter handed to UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar yesterday, Mr Botha said his Government had been pressing for such a meeting because ending the violence between the African National Congress and Inkatha had become a major Government priority.

'Dr Mandela claims that the ANC will not allow him to participate in such a meeting,' said Mr Botha.

He added: 'I have appealed to governments through local diplomatic representatives to use their influence to bring about such a meeting — but I believe it would be useful if the international community could issue a public appeal to the two leaders to join forces in putting an end

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Africa as a whole'.

Mr Botha said attempts by any one political party or alliance of parties to become, through intimidation and threats of violence, the sole and dominant political force in South Africa would be met by reaction, including violent reaction.

Discussing allegations of police bias, Mr Botha said: 'There are no angels in the South African Police, just as there are no angels in any of the political parties of this country'.

He told Dr Perez de Cuellar that Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen had stated the South African Government was prepared to consider an interim arrangement which would allow organisations such as the ANC and other parties an opportunity to influence decisions in Parliament while negotiations were under way.

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The letter was given to Mr Perez de Cuellar in response to a UN debate on a UN document titled 'Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in South Africa'.

Mr Botha also objected to the UN's intervention in South Africa's internal affairs, saying it was the sole right of South Africa's leaders and people to negotiate a new constitution for the country.

He warned the hardships flowing from a continuation of sanctions would cause 'an explosive situation which would have serious consequences for the negotiation process and for the southern African region, if not for

EC to consider easing sanctions

By Simon Barber

WASHINGTON—The European Community yesterday signalled the UN General Assembly that it was ready to consider easing sanctions on South Africa in spite of objections from the ANC and its allies in the African bloc.

Addressing the assembly on the EC's behalf at the start of a three day debate on S A, Italian representative Vieri Traxler hailed the 'rapid and important developments in S A' which 'clearly indicate that the end of apartheid is in sight'.

The choice of words was intended to suggest that the EC viewed Pretoria as well on the road to making the 'profound and irreversible' progress towards ending apartheid demanded by last December's UN Declaration as a condition for lifting sanctions.

Violence

At the same time, Western diplomats made it clear they did not intend to accept a draft resolution offered by the African bloc proclaiming that profound and irreversible changes were not occurring in S A.

Considerable differences also emerged on the question of the violence on the Reef and in Natal, which the draft resolution attributed to 'the actions of those opposed to the democratic transformation of S A'.

Mr Traxler said the EC acknowledged that the unrest had its roots in apartheid but emphasised that this 'did not exonerate anybody from seeking an end to it'.

The African draft implicitly criticised the report on UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar submitted last July by attempting to give equal weight to a counter-report issued last month by the OAU.

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INSIGHT

ANC leader takes tough line on violence

'WAR TALK' BY GWALA DURING COLOURFUL RELAUNCH OF WOMEN'S LEAGUE IN DURBAN

The African National Congress's Women's League was re-launched yesterday at a rally at Currie's Fountain in Durban. The Daily News Political reporter, **NICOLA CUNNINGHAM-BROWN** was there and reports back on the addresses ... and the dress.

IF the black people of South Africa do not achieve liberation through the negotiations which are about to take place with the National Party Government, they will take it by force, according to African National Congress Natal Midlands convener, Mr Harry Gwala.

Speaking at the re-launch of the ANC Women's League at Currie's Fountain in Durban yesterday, Mr Gwala took a hard line when explaining to the 10 000-strong crowd the

ANC leaders' decision to suspend the armed struggle.

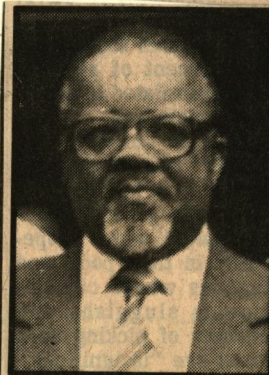
"The leaders' decision to suspend the armed struggle is a big test for the National Party Government," he said. "But we are not going to compromise ourselves. We are not going to ask for liberation; we are going to fight for it."

Mr Gwala said the power of the white nation in South Africa was their army; it was soldiers in the South African Defence Force which had kept apartheid going.

The ANC had tried every peaceful means to end apartheid before it had decided to form its military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK).

The fact that the Government was now talking to the ANC was entirely due to MK's struggles, he said.

"Today the Government is asking us not to continue the armed struggle. They say we must create a climate where there is no war. But what are they actually doing themselves?" he asked.



Mr Harry Gwala.

"Even as we stand here, outside this stadium there are fully armed policemen waiting. Our townships are surrounded by soldiers, vigilantes and the Kwa-Zulu Police and hit squads."

Mr Gwala said the ANC leadership had decided to suspend the armed struggle because the Government had said the armed struggle was hindering negotiations and that events would move far more quickly if it were abolished.

"Now we want to test their sincerity. And we have suspended military action, but when we are attacked, we will defend ourselves.

"If we don't achieve liberation through negotiations, we will take it by force."

He said that during the ANC's talks with the Government the ANC were not supposed to raise the issues of land and wealth redistribution: "We must only talk about the vote ... when lots of land is owned by the Americans, the British and the West Germans.

"The wealth of the country is not enjoyed by the people of South Africa, but by those outside. And lots of our children are killed by malnutrition, when there are those in this country who become sick because they eat too much."

He said there was a definite need for the wealth of the country to be shared among all the people of South Africa.

A TROUPE of well-turned-out drum majorettes from Pretoria, complete with short skirts and long white boots, set the tone for the relaunch of the African National Congress Women's League's re-launch at a mass rally at Currie's Fountain in Durban yesterday.

The baton-swirling drummies, with smart uniforms in the ANC colours of black, green and gold and black berets with green and gold buttons, drew loud catcalls and whistles from the male members of the crowd as they completed a set of precise manoeuvres in front of the main grandstand.

However, the drummies denied that their pastime was sexist: "We are the people's majorettes," they told The Daily News, saying they gave entertainment to the crowds and derived exercise themselves.

IN DURBAN

The day also had its political contrasts. ANC executive committee member Mr Govan Mbeki appealed to ANC women to befriend both Inkatha and white women.

"Show Inkatha women that the salvation of the oppressed lies in unity. Go to white women who are still filled with fear and doubt and convince them of the certainty of the establishment of democracy in our country," he said.

However, the huge crowds toyi-toyed around the stadium singing "Shaya amabhunu (Hit the Afrikaners) and "Phansi no Gatsha" (Down with Buthelezi) in between other freedom songs.

The leaders in the women's movement competed for first place in the fashion stakes with considerable aplomb. Mrs Adelaide Tambo,

wife of ANC president Mr Oliver Tambo wore a regal outfit of green and white robes and head-dress, with huge strings of glorious glass and amber beads.

She read out a message from her husband, which said that the existence of a strong mass women's organisation was necessary for the achievement of the full liberation of women in South Africa.

A subdued Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela, who kept a low profile during the day's proceedings, wore a sombre outfit of black silk headdress and black and yellow print robes, with strings of black, green and amber beads.

When the dignitaries present were introduced, the crowd responded with tumultuous applause, but in Mrs Mandela's case there was a significant lack of response.

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ADELAIDE TAMBO (left), wife of ANC leader Oliver Tambo, makes a point to some of the comrades at the ANC Women's League rally held at Currie's Fountain in Durban yesterday.

Picture: John Woodroof



TOPPING OFF A GOOD DAY: a selection of headwear seen around Currie's Fountain yesterday.

Hundreds of marshalls wearing green sashes and headbands controlled the crowds and people were body-searched as they entered the stadium, with weapons being confiscated. However, a number of journalists said they felt "violated" after the "very unprofessional frisking" and said they would be taking up the matter with ANC officials.

Meanwhile, hundreds of women sported intricate patchwork jackets and jerseys in the ANC colours and batik print robes were also popular.

Vendors selling new Women's League T-shirts to commemorate the day, bright yellow with the slogan "A nation is not free until its women are free" on the back, enjoyed a roaring trade as did those selling cool drinks, food and other ANC paraphernalia.

Police ambush followed alert

Mercury Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG—Four S A P members were ambushed by unknown gunmen in Diepkloof Extension, Soweto on Tuesday night.

One S A P member died and three were seriously injured when they went to investigate a report made by ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu to the Soweto divisional commander, Maj-Gen Johan Swart, of squatter camp residents being ambushed by Inkatha members.

Mr Sisulu telephoned Gen Swart at his home after residents told him that Inkatha supporters were attacking the squatter camp.

Liaison between the two men was one of the channels recently agreed to between the ANC and the S A P to help curb the township violence.

Smashed

ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma said yesterday Mr Sisulu had been telephoned by Diepkloof residents and had passed on the details, as well as that of a local contact, to Gen Swart in terms of an agreed arrangement.

Mr Macozoma said the relationship between the ANC and S A P was one which neither side could do without.

Police at the Protea station yesterday allowed journalists to inspect the two police cars. Both bore bullet holes on the front and sides. Side windows had been smashed.

Police spokesman Col Tienie Halgryn said last night police had raided the squatter camp again late yesterday afternoon. No guns, but a number of dangerous weapons, including knives and spears, were found.

Govt, ANC to address world businessmen

London Bureau

THERE has been unprecedented interest shown in a key conference here next week at which representatives of the South African Government, the ANC and business will address 120 'very senior executives' from leading companies around the globe on their vision for the future.

For the first time at a Business International conference on South Africa, representatives of both the Government and the ANC will share a platform.

The conference is a crucial opportunity, at a time when the continuing township violence is severely damaging investor confidence abroad, for the apparently shaky ANC/Government alliance to persuade potential investors that South Africa remains a safe proposition.

The ANC, in particular, will have to decide whether it wants to attract new investment now, or run the risk of losing it to more stable central and eastern European countries also crying out for capital investment.

Among keynote speakers at the all-day conference next Thursday are Finance Minister Barend du Plessis, ANC Foreign Affairs Representative Thabo Mbeki, Reserve Bank Governor Chris Stals and former Urban Foundation head Jan Steyn. Business will be represented, among others, by Bobby Godsell of Anglo American and Conrad Strauss of Standard Bank.

Mixture

Mr Graham Hatton, publications director, Europe, Middle East and Africa, for Business International, said yesterday the conference would be the biggest ever held in London and about equal in scale to the New York conference 'at the time of the crisis in 1985'.

The reason for the 'particularly good response', he said, was that in the new political climate, 'a lot of people see opportunities that were perhaps not there before'.

The delegates would be 'a mixture of representatives of major international companies with large investments in South Africa and quite a number of prospective new investors in South Africa'.

Mr Hatton said the aim of the conference was to provide representatives of international companies with the opportunity to 'ask questions of the key decision-makers in the country', with a view to assisting them in the management of their business interests in South Africa.

Before the present rapprochement between the ANC and the Government, he said, separate meetings were held with leaders from both parties. During President P W Botha's term, he and a number of Cabinet ministers came to London for such a meeting, while ANC president Oliver Tambo addressed a separate meeting.

He said large and medium-sized companies would be represented by 'very senior executives'. Countries involved include West Germany, France, Italy, Britain, the United States and Japan.

The number of delegates to the conference, which is closed to the media, would be double the norm of about 60.

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Killers descend on hostel

25 Zulus hacked to death

JOHANNESBURG—Twenty-five Zulu migrant workers were hacked to death at the Vusumuzi hostel in Tembisa yesterday by a group of men believed to be Xhosas, Johannesburg news reports said.

One man was decapitated.

Tembisa residents living nearby said they were awakened by gunfire in the early hours of the morning and saw the warring parties fighting a running battle. Some of the people at the hostel fled into the veld.

The attack on the hostel is believed to be in retaliation for an attack on Xhosas living at the Ethafeni hostel about two weeks ago.

Residents reported seeing 'many bodies' around the hostel yesterday, which were later picked up by police.

Shot

Police reported that municipal policeman Constable L Madadolu's bullet-ridden body was found near the Etlaweni hostel in Tembisa.

In the embattled Soweto township, two policemen and a gunman were shot dead last night in two separate incidents.

Soweto police liaison officer Lt Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said that in the one incident, two policemen had been on duty at Soweto's Dube railway station when a gunman approached and shot and killed one

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of them.

Two other suspects who were present during the shooting then removed a gun from the dead policeman after which the second policeman and a security guard at the scene drew their guns.

In Vosloorus, groups of youths armed with stones and petrol bombs were reported to have clashed with police yesterday.

In Sebokeng and Evaton police were attacked with stones early yesterday after a councillor's house was burned down.

Capt Piet van Deventer, police spokesman for the Vaal Triangle, said there had been no further reported incidents of violence in the area including Ennerdale, where millions of rands' damage was caused when drunk mobs burnt down the civic centre on Tuesday.

Injured

Earlier police confirmed continuing violence in Tembisa, Katlehong and Vosloorus yesterday, with 'street by street' barricades having been erected by residents and youths and gangs of people attacking each other sporadically.

Police had used tear-gas to disperse a crowd of about 130 people in Vosloorus. A petrol bomb was thrown into a Casspir, slightly injuring one policeman but causing no further damage.

● Demolition work on the hostel in the Sotho section of Vosloorus began yesterday in response to the demands of about 200 women who marched to the Vosloorus Town Council offices on Tuesday. — (Sapa)

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Manhunt for white mini-bus gunmen

JOHANNESBURG—Police have launched a manhunt for four killers who gunned down three men, killing them, and wounded five other people at and near a central Johannesburg taxi rank last night. One attacker was reportedly wounded.

Police said four men in a mini-bus started shooting with an AK-47 assault rifle at members of the public.

The attackers then got out of the vehicle in Polly Steet, between Marshall and Main streets, and shot a security guard, wounding him in both feet.

The security guard returned fire, wounding one of the gunmen in the side.

While speeding away, the assailants again opened fire and wounded a man in the leg. — (Sapa)

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Road to nowhere

NOT THE LEAST off-putting aspect of Mr Piet Clase's open schools' scenario is the fear that what has been happening — or not happening — in black classrooms in recent years might be transferred into white education.

We all know that black education is in a mess and that a good deal of the responsibility for it lies squarely on the Government's shoulders.

But we also know that the rest of the responsibility lies with those who so blindly followed the 'liberation before education' road to nowhere with the result that there is now a whole generation in a legion of the lost — untrained for anything but mayhem and wholly unemployable.

We also know that the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Stoffel van der Merwe, has had to postpone this year's black matric examinations because so many pupils have spent the

time they should spent on learning on other far less innocuous activities.

Even now, with the postponement, it is estimated that 70 000 of them will have to write supplementaries next year in spite of the fact that the pass mark has been reduced to 20%. This year the figure was 3 000.

Even the faintest suspicion that a situation like that might develop in open schools would, we believe, be the kiss of death for them.

What is needed now, we would suggest, is a realisation among blacks — and not only the children, but also their parents — that if Mr Clase's plan can ever be made to work — and there are serious doubts about that — then they must be part of the system that says youngsters go to school to learn, not to boycott or to burn, and not to march or generally commit mayhem.

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NEWS



New U.S. envoy

BISMARCK Myrick is the new United States of America Consul General. He brushed his Durban office desk for the first time last Friday. Myrick has specialised in the African region during his State Department career, serving in Liberia and Somalia and travelling to 35 countries on the continent. He is co-author of *Three Aspects of Crisis in Colonial Kenya*.

Myrick replaces the colourful Tex "Larger-than-life" Harris who left Durban in July. — ER.

News in brief

THE Natal Organisation of Women (Now) is no more. Now resolved to fold on Sunday to join the ANC Women's League.

Now has been actively involved in a campaign for women's rights and against human rights abuses in Natal in the absence of the ANC. There is a move nationwide to incorporate regional women's organisations into the ANCWL. THEATRE Alliance for Natal (Tan), bringing together close to 1 000 performing artists in the region, will be launched on Sunday at 10am at St Aidan's Hall in Durban.

ANC discipline must be strong, Gwala tells Machibise branch

by Lakela Kaunda

IF the African National Congress is fighting to rule this country, organisational discipline should be strong among members, ANC Midlands convenor Harry Gwala told a large audience at the launch of the ANC's Machibise branch.

He said branches were the foundation of the ANC and should be consolidated to exert strong discipline on members.

"All South Africans who want freedom should

join the ANC, but not through violence or compulsion. We should explain what the ANC stands for and why we want them to join us."

He urged members to raise funds but "not through coercing people. Do not go to business people and force them to donate stipulated figures, and do not 'tax' vehicle owners at 'toll roads'. We do not want the name of our organisation to be tarnished."

He said while the armed struggle remained an

option, the ANC had resolved to give negotiations a chance. He announced that ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela will address a rally at Wadley stadium on October 7 because "when he was here in March he spent too little time and could not meet with the people."

The meeting elected branch executive Sho Shabalala chairman, Jabulani Shangase secretary and Mabutho Ngubane treasurer. The Pata branch of the ANC was launched on Sunday.

Stop this Bill, asks Contralesa

by Lakela Kaunda

THE Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa (Contralesa) has sent a memorandum to State President FW de Klerk requesting him not to assent to the KwaZulu government bill on Amakhosi and Iziphakanyiswa, passed in Ulundi recently.

The Bill, among other things, empowers the Chief Minister of KwaZulu to appoint or depose any inkosi of any community. It empowers him to suspend, dismiss or impose a fine on an inkosi who is "suspected" of having misconducted himself.

The Bill has been sent to the state president for endorsement.

Contralesa has asked De Klerk not to assent to the Bill because of the following reasons:

- It encroaches upon the independence of traditional chiefs. If enacted, their tenure of office would in terms of the Act be susceptible to abuse and manipulation at the instance of the government in power.
 - In view of the fact that chiefs are accorded judicial functions by the Bill, it is important that they enjoy the security of the knowledge that they are separate from and independent of the executive arm of government. It is also important that they be seen by communities they serve to be independent.
 - The enactment of the Bill would hinder and complicate the process of political and constitutional change in that it would impose upon the administration the difficult and complicated task of dismantling a system in which certain persons had acquired vested rights or interests.
 - The Bill seeks to confer the power to maintain law and order upon the tribal chief which is inappropriate and potentially dangerous. This power should in any constitutional and legal dispensation be vested in the police and those organs of state concerned with the administration of justice.
 - The Bill fails to take into account the historical roots of chieftainship and the socio-cultural factors which give rise to the condition in society whereby chiefs enjoy the respect of members of their tribe.
- The Bill could lead to a situation where a person was appointed as chief who had no cultural or historical roots in the community.



Celebrated jazz pianist Abdullah Ibrahim (Dollar Brand) who returned to South Africa last week, will perform at the Durban city hall on Tuesday at 7pm. Ibrahim, who has been in exile for 14 years, has returned home for good. His return coincided with that of Hugh Masekela who is on a two-week visit in the country. Masekela left South Africa in 1959. Ibrahim was photographed at the Wits Great Hall. PIC: Rafe Mayet, Afrapix

Black Sash seeks to resolve pension problems

by Heidi Gibson

THE Black Sash Advice Office has called on KwaZulu's welfare and pensions minister M.M. September to meet with them to discuss further recommendations spelt out in their memorandum handed to him earlier this year.

Durban Advice Office co-ordinator Lynn Hotz told *Echo*: "The Minister said at the protest march he would meet with a delegation from us but he has never come back to us."

The call follows a directive issued about a month ago by Ulundi's pension head office requesting the Black Sash Advice Office in Durban to refer all local inquiries to district pension officers.

Hotz said the advice offices had received a letter pointing out that Ulundi's head office staff could not cope with the volume of inquiries faxed to them.

"While we support and welcome the ordering of inquiries to be channelled straight to the district pension officials... there were various other recommendations explained in the memorandum that have not been addressed and we feel that the time is now right to do so," said Hotz.

Hotz said the form pensioners were now being issued with after inquiries had been made by district officers or magistrates was "the exact one" recommended in the memorandum.

However, she said, other problems like gross inefficiency, incorrect computer programming and poor communication between the head office and the district officers still had to be addressed.

Ann Strode from the Pietermaritzburg Advice Office said the decision to fax September regularly came after he said he had no idea of the magnitude of the problem. She said it was hoped that this would show him the problem was so great it needed intervention from Ulundi.

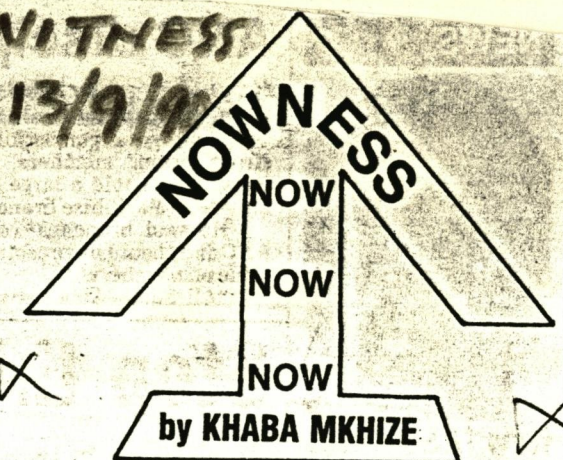
She said she hoped the Head Office was not "passing the buck" by placed the responsibility on district offices, and that a letter would be sent asking Ulundi to take more direct responsibility.

A KwaZulu pensions department spokesman confirmed the directive and said it made more sense for people directly in touch with local pensioners to deal with inquiries rather than head office.

Clumsy reporting is killing the people

WITNESS

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FOR the past two weekends I have been in Johannesburg and what I experienced there is something hard to explain. U feel it in your gut sensibilities that being a Zulu is like carrying a burden of guilt, thanks to those who have advertised the conflict as Xhosa/Zulu.

Wesley Ntuli of Edendale who now works and stays in Soweto says conversations in parties are devoid of any tribal issue. It's an unwritten law to abstain from discussing the conflict which has claimed more than 500 lives.

Unlike Ntuli, who is able to talk the "Vlytaal" and seSotho, I found it hard to mix with folks up there because of a strong Zulu accent. I resorted to speaking English but there were problems when the person I was talking to could "speak it".

Bonga, a cousin from Esikhwini in Empangeni had to risk arrest when attending a wedding for removing his NUF registration plates and replacing them with local ones to de-Zuluise himself and his family.

One Mkhize guy says he feels ashamed to introduce himself as a Swazi from the royal Dhlamini family of Swaziland.

It's not safe to be a Zulu anymore on the Reef. What a pity. We Zulus have an identity crisis these days.

To avoid being killed when walking the streets of Sebokeng I devised a

tactic. Because I can't talk the "taal" and opening my mouth would become very risky, I decided I would act deaf and dumb should someone stop me.

To be a Zulu these days is practically not safe at all. Not when newspapers reported (on Tuesday) that "Yesterday morning a man was shot dead by a gang of Zulus on a train travelling east of

shows: "Residents of the Soweto areas of Tladi, Naledi, Meadowlands and Central Jabavu vowed to demolish the hostels and flush out the Zulus". Or could it be in similar vein as in the case of "Germans versus the Allied Forces"?

What has happened now to yesterday's reporting of Zulu/Xhosa? It's all confusion and makes the whole scenario more

these townships?

Or are the Zulus now faced with destruction by all the tribes of Soweto? That's the danger of reporting human conflict in terms of tribes and races. Stop please, you people in the media. Please stop it; your style of reporting is killing us.

The current violence on the Reef has all along been reported as Xhosa/Zulu. It is

Yvonne Chaka Chaka knows this is not so. She told journalists across the Limpopo River last week that it was a lie to tribalise a political conflict.

Last week a report from Sapa went so tribal as to specify what language Mandela was using in Sebokeng — "Speaking in Xhosa, Mandela said...". Since when are we fed information about the



Mr Vlok, why were these men not disarmed by the Riot Unit police on the army vehicle in the name of law and order?

Johannesburg".

Not when neither Afrikaner nor English but white reporters dabble in such dangerous and unproved labels as this paragraph

dangerous by asserting that residents of the four townships "vowed to demolish the hostels and flush out the Zulus". Aren't there Zulus among the residents of

undermining the quality of South African journalism to suggest that the media is ignorant of the fact that the war is not tribal but ideological. Even singer

language used by De Klerk, Mandela or Buthelezi? I repeat, this is dangerous. This is a special appeal to my colleagues.

And this trend is detrimental when its simplistic and naïve distortion of news crosses the borders of

crosses the borders of our country and confuses readers abroad. This scenario is fraught with intellectual pollution. The media is guilty of exporting wrong perceptions which only succeed in bouncing back wrong responses. This is no stock exchange matter but people's lives are directly at stake.

I would like to supply another example of this dangerous negligence: As early as last week a picture emerged that shows that there is a third factor, anyway, in the Transvaal killings. Whites have been spotted fighting on the side of vigilantes; it had been white police initially, according to some reports. But up to now I have not read a label like Xhosa/Zulu/white-

with-blackened faces in the similar way as Zulus in red headbands and the ANC/UDF/Cosatu alliance.

Why is the "white" element not included in the label description of the conflict?

When the violence started in Maritzburg we were given police unrest

reports saying people had been killed in a faction fight. We queried this supposed fact and because we could not dare to deceive our readers who knew what was going on, we challenged the police about the inaccuracy and decided to take a plunge and call it a political conflict. To date no one is calling the conflict here "factional".

The Sowetan last Wednesday quoted police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe as saying that eight people died in faction fighting between Zulus and Xhosas. "It is the usual story", according to Malherbe. Yes, the usual story to let apartheid off the hook.

I wonder whether they made dead bodies talk to determine whether they were Xhosas or Zulu speakers before they died.

One of the reasons that may be attributed to the norm of disseminating half-baked stories could be the rush for a DEADLINE. Notwithstanding the bottomline of getting the news out before deadline, I must conclude by saying that

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this LINE is really DEADLY. Careful presentation of news is paramount. Better be silent than mislead. Thank U. The IDAF has added its voice to this urgent matter. People who carry on blackening and ethnicising the conflict must know that they are nourishing the limbs of apartheid. If they are enemies of apartheid then they must desist from the habit of using misleading phrases and words.

They must also know that they are making things very difficult for Zulus. Zulus have been stigmatised in this country. They are associated with violence wherever they move today. They are suffering for the sins of ideological apartheid.

These stigmatised folks now need a symbolic figure to absorb the entire nation's imposed guilt like Adolf Hitler did for the Germans. For Germans it was the Nazi Party and their leader who became "shock absorbers" to block the world's animosity against them. Will we have one such figure to save us?

Last Saturday the Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok said the truth will be the strongest weapon the SAP intends using to fight the vicious propaganda campaign directed against them by "some ruthless and selfish people" in South Africa.

Vlok also warned "those who make

allegations must also take note that we shall approach them for the necessary evidence to substantiate their claims, and if they refuse to co-operate, we will expose them."

Now let's check this for truth. The picture on this page shows men armed with weapons as if they are modelling them for the benefit of the police. Arms like these, at the end of the day, claimed lives and limbs.

A question for Vlok: Why were these men not disarmed? Would they have been disarmed had they been carrying them in Sandton or in Hilton? Is allowing the carrying of arms in public not encouraging faction fighting or violence or conniving with killing?

Let's get the "truth weapon" in motion, not because we are "some ruthless and selfish people" but because we like peace and hate violence.

SISULU DIDN'T SET TRAP: ANC

Police in Soweto ambush

Died in ambush

CITIZEN 13/09/90
By Deborah Fine and Sapa

THE African National Congress totally rejects an alleged "insinuation" by the South African Police that ANC internal leader, Mr Walter Sisulu, led police into an ambush in which a 21-year-old Constable Dewald Liebenberg was killed in Diepkloof, Soweto, on Tuesday night. Three other policemen were seriously injured.

According to an SAP statement, minutes after a telephone report from Mr Sisulu that Inkatha members were allegedly attacking Diepkloof Extension One residents, police reacted and were led into an apparent ambush.

The statement, issued by Brig Vic Haynes, of the SAP's Public Relations Division in Pretoria, said the initial report had proved to be false.

Approached about the statement, Brig Haynes said: "We do not under any circumstances point fingers at any specific person until the matter has been properly investigated."

"We do not at all say that Mr Sisulu deliberately led the policemen into an ambush."

The statement said Mr Sisulu had telephoned SAP Gen J Swart at his home late on Tuesday night to report that Diepkloof Extension One residents were allegedly being attacked by Inkatha members.

Minutes after Mr Sisulu's call, two SAP vehicles had gone to Diepkloof to investigate the alleged attack.

"No such incident took place," said the police statement.

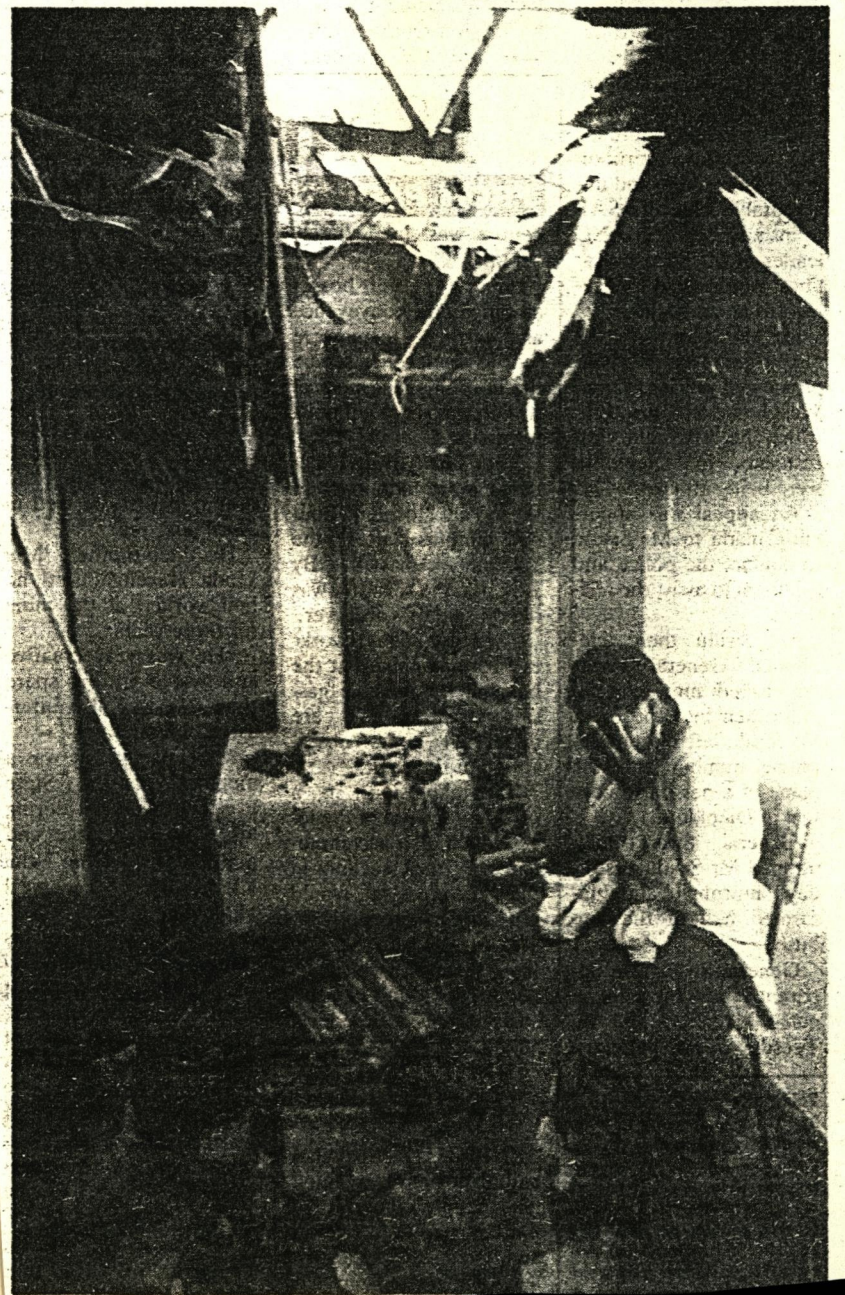
While they were patrolling the area an unknown person or persons fired on the SAP vehicles.

Const Liebenberg was fatally wounded and Constables R Abromowitz, F A Langeveld and T H Khumalo were seriously wounded.

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Constable DEWALD LIEBENBERG (21), of Alberton, who was killed during the ambush in Soweto on Tuesday night.

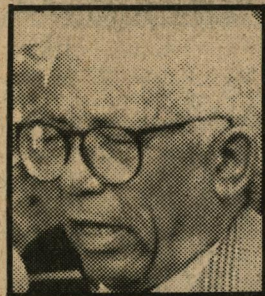


Winnie tipped me off, says ANC leader Sisulu after a policeman is killed in Diepkloof attack

Mrs Mandela



Mrs Mandela



Mr Sisulu

link to fatal ambush

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Daily News Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG: ANC internal leader Mr Walter Sisulu today revealed that Mrs Winnie Mandela tipped him off about a telephone call late on Tuesday night, warning of an Inkatha attack in Diepkloof township, which ultimately led to a fatal ambush on police called to the scene.

Speaking from his home in Soweto today, Mr Sisulu recounted events that led to his call for help to Soweto police commissioner General Johan Swart.

Two patrol cars dispatched to Diepkloof as a result of Mr Sisulu's call came under a hail of automatic fire.

One policeman was killed and three others were injured.

Mr Sisulu said: "On Tuesday evening, between 10 and 11pm, I had a phone call from Mrs Mandela who told me she had had a panic call from Mrs Miriam Vilikazi of Zone One, Diepkloof.

"She gave me the phone number of the person.

"I then rang General Swart. I told him my information was that Inkatha was attacking in Diepkloof and gave him the particulars. He said he would attend to it.

"On Wednesday, shortly after 7am, General Swart rang me and told me of the ambush.

"He also mentioned the three Carlton Hotel workers who had been killed in an ambush on a yellow minibus.

"His impression was that these people had been killed by mistake, and that the attackers had thought they were police, because they were in a yellow van.

Person

"General Swart then said there was no such person as Mrs Vilikazi at the number I had given him the night before, and that the telephone number was a police number.

"He said he took the matter very seriously and was contemplating contacting the Minister of Police (Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok) about it. He asked me to provide an affidavit."

Mr Sisulu said he then tried the number Mrs Mandela had given him.

"I found Mrs Vilikazi at that number, the one said to be a police number.

"I then confronted General Swart with this — but he simply said he still wanted an affidavit. I said I would give him one, but through my lawyers."

Run away

Mr Sisulu said that when he had telephoned Mrs Vilikazi yesterday morning he had not asked her if she had contacted Mrs Mandela, but had asked if there had been an attack.

"She said there had been an attack, but that she had run away."

Mr Sisulu added: "I protest very strongly at any insinuation that the ANC was involved in any ambush.

"For quite some time now, I have been ringing the police about calls for help, not only from Soweto, but from all over the country.

"People ask me to intervene and I contact the police immediately. This is nothing new."

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'Sisulu didn't set trap'

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Brig Haynes noted that the police were daily accused of group allegiance in the Witwatersrand "Black-on-Black" violence.

"In this instance a young member of the force lost his life because he reacted immediately to a false allegation that residents of Diepkloof were being attacked by Inkatha."

ANC media spokesman, Mr Saki Matozoma, said at a Press conference late yesterday afternoon it was "incredible and unacceptable" for the SAP to insinuate that an ANC leader of Mr Sisulu's calibre would lead policemen to an ambush.

Mr Matozoma said Mr Sisulu had received a telephone call at his Orlando West home on Tuesday in which he was told that residents in Diepkloof were being attacked.

An appeal was apparently made to Mr Sisulu to contact the police and ask them to assist the residents.

Mr Sisulu then telephoned General Swart and asked him to send policemen into the area. Mr Sisulu left him a telephone number and the name of a person to contact in Diepkloof.

General Swart telephoned Mr Sisulu yesterday morning and informed him of the ambush.

General Swart also apparently said the contact name given to him on Tuesday night belonged

to a fictitious person, and that the telephone number was that of a policeman.

Mr Matozoma said Mr Sisulu had then immediately called the number himself, and had, in fact, found a family at the telephone number in question.

Gen Swart again contacted Mr Sisulu, and asked him to prepare an affidavit on the incident,

which Mr Sisulu agreed to do.

Mr Matozoma said Mr Sisulu and other leaders of the ANC had been woken up several times by residents calling for their assistance during the recent township violence.

They had, in numerous cases, called the police to attend to such incidents, and it was therefore in this context that Mr Sisulu's call to General Swart should be seen, he said.

UMandela wexwayisa

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uHulumeni ngendluzula

ETHEKWINI:- IPhini likaMongameli we-African National Congress (ANC), uDr Nelson Mandela, uxwayise uHulumeni waseSouth Africa ukuthi uma engathathi zinyathelo zokugqeda udlame kulelizwe, abantu bazophoqeleka uku-ba bathathe izikhali bazivikele.

Ubekusho lokhu emhlanganweni woBumbano lwamaZwe abaNyama e-Afrika, i-Organization of African Unity (OAU), obekungowekomidi eliqondene nezindaba zase-Afrika eseNingizimu. UDr Mandela uthe: "Asizimisele ukukwamukela nokufakazela ukufa kwabantu bethu, uHulumeni wakuleli elwa nathi."

UDr Mandela ugxeke uHulumeni ngokuthi ukhuthaza Inkatha Freedom Party, nabantu abazibhele ubuso kanye nezibana zikaHulumeni

ekubulaleni abantu bakhe be-ANC. Uthe i-ANC seyawumisa umzabalazo wezikhali ngoba ikholelwa ekuxoxisaneni ngokuthula.

Ubuye wadalula ukuthi i-ANC yakwengaba ukungena ezingxoxweni zabaholi bezombangazwe abakhethwe nguHulumeni njengabaholi bezabelo. Ngesikhathi ethula inkulumo yakhe, unxuse namzwe angaphandle ukuba aqhubeke nokunswinya iSouth Africa.

UMongameli wezwe lase-Uganda uMnuz. Yeweri Museveni uyithakasele lenkulumo kaDr Mandela naye wagcizelela ukuthi iSouth Africa mayinswinywe kwezomnotho kuze kuqedwe ubandlululo.

UMongameli Museveni ubuye wanxusa onke amaqembu alwa nobandlululo ukuba asebenzise isu elifanayo kulomzabalazo wokulwa nobandlululo wathi izimpi zobuzwe kazilungile. Uthe ukungahlangani kwePAC ne-ANC, nokulwa kwabalandeli beNkatha nabeb-ANC kuyisikhinyabezwe esikhulu emzabalazweni.

Kwenzeka lokhu nje, noNobhala weCongress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), uMnz. Jay Naidoo, utshele abacosheli bezindaba emhlanganweni obuseGoli ngeledlule ukuthi inhlangano yakhe izophoqeleka ukuba ithathe izikhali ukuze kuvikeleke amalunga ayo.

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Sisulu: ANC furious at ambush 'insinuations'

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JOHANNESBURG — The ANC has strongly denied an "insinuation" by the SA Police that Walter Sisulu, the organisation's internal leader, led the police into an ambush at Diepkloof, Soweto on Tuesday night.

The attack resulted in one policeman being killed and three seriously injured.

The death toll on the East Rand rocketed to 46, from 26, overnight, according to the police. This follows violent clashes in Katlehong, Thokoza, Tembisa and Vosloorus.

The ANC's denial follows an alleged telephone call to the police from Sisulu which, according to police, said that Inkatha members were attacking Diepkloof Extension One residents.

Police reacted immediately and were led into an ambush, according to a statement by the SAP. Yesterday's statement, issued by Brigadier Vic Haynes of the SAP's public relations division in Pretoria, said the initial report had proved to be false.

Approached about the statement, Haynes said: "We do not under any circumstances point fingers at any specific person until the matter has been properly investigated."

"We do not at all say that Mr Sisulu deliberately led the policemen into an ambush."

Constable D.H. Liebenberg (22) was fatally wounded and constables R. bromowitz, F.A. Langeveldt and T.H.

Khumalo were seriously wounded.

Police have repeatedly been targets for attacks in Reef townships recently.

In an attack on a vehicle mistaken for a police vehicle yesterday, three people were killed and four seriously injured when a yellow minibus was fired at with AK47 rifles in Soweto.

A police spokesman said the vehicle had been transporting employees home from work in the early hours of yesterday morning. As it travelled along the main road near the Nancefield Hospital, it was fired upon. Three people were killed instantly and four were seriously injured and admitted to the Baragwanath Hospital.

Lieutenant Christo Lotz (27), a security policeman who is recovering in an East Rand hospital from a gunshot wound which narrowly missed his spine, said he may have been shot on Tuesday with a firearm stolen from another policeman who was shot dead in Katlehong.

The ANC said in a clarifying statement yesterday that Sisulu received a telephone call at his Orlando West home on Tuesday in which he was told that residents in Diepkloof were being attacked. An appeal was made to him to contact the police and ask them to assist.

Sisulu then telephoned a General Swart at his home and requested him to dispatch policemen into the area. Swart was given a telephone number

and a name of a person to contact in Diepkloof, the ANC said.

"This morning Swart phoned Sisulu and said that the police who went to Diepkloof were ambushed. He also said that the contact name given to him the previous night belongs to a person that does not exist and that the telephone number he was given is that of a policeman. After receiving this news, Sisulu called the number himself and found a family at that number — not a policeman as the general had said," the ANC said.

The ANC statement said that in the course of the morning Swart phoned Sisulu again and asked him to prepare an affidavit on the matter. Sisulu agreed to do so. "The suggestion by the SAP that an ANC leader of the calibre of Sisulu would lead policemen to an ambush by phoning a police general is as incredible as it is unacceptable," the statement said.

"In the township violence of the past weeks Comrade Sisulu and other leaders of the ANC have been woken up by residents calling for their assistance. They have, in numerous cases, called on the police to attend to incidents such as that at Diepkloof last night. It is in that context that the call by Sisulu to General Swart should be seen."

Sisulu was at a meeting yesterday afternoon and was not available for comment. — Sapa.

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COMMENT

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Mandela's force

WHEN Nelson Mandela calls on government to use the full might of the police and the army to quell township violence, he should spell out the actions for which he wishes to share political responsibility. If he has reservations, they should be expressed now, not later as complaints of excesses and brutality.

The foremost objection to the course Mandela proposes is humanitarian. If he is calling on President de Klerk to use whatever level of force may be necessary to stop the violence, this can be done; it will however come at a cost to society which may exceed the current death and destruction. Patrols can move in with orders to shoot on sight; they can load their shotguns with the buckshot for which they have been censured by judicial commissions. The toll, certainly initially, would be frightening.

British colonial police used to order marksmen to pick off the ringleaders of demonstrations and marches; is this the sort of killing Mandela would endorse in the name of law and order? The Israeli army blows up the houses of those deemed collaborators of militant Palestinian organisations; does Mandela seriously advocate the destruction of houses, hostels and squatter shacks which the security forces think shelter the perpetrators of violence? Would Mandela support massive detention without trial, against which he has previously protested?

The next objection is political, both domestic and international. If

President de Klerk were to unleash violence in the name of stopping violence, he would jeopardise the political process he has started. He would lose the credibility he has fostered so carefully in the black community, he would persuade whites that releasing Mandela has only put their sons into war zones in barbarous townships. He would postpone, perhaps indefinitely, any prospect of constitutional negotiations. He would kill the hope of a peaceful solution.

The effect internationally would be as bad, with sentiments fanned by emotive reporting and horrific television shots of violence and its aftermath.

Then there is the likelihood of police indiscipline, particularly under the indemnity they enjoyed during the states of emergency. Young soldiers would be involved, too, deployed in a task the army is not supposed to fulfil and for which they are not trained. A soldier's duty is to kill where necessary to defend the country's borders; a policeman's is to protect life and limb and to uphold the law at home.

Massive state violence is not the answer to civic violence. The answer starts with effective policing, but in the end the only probable way to a solution is an agreement between the major political groups which restores legitimacy to the authority of government.

The worst thing to do is to threaten to withdraw from that process; the best thing to do is promote it at all possible speed.

Feared gang's reign of terror exposed in affidavits from frightened victims

DA Daily News Reporter

THE Legal Resources Centre in Durban has released a dossier of 24 affidavits taken from former residents of K section in KwaMashu who have suffered at the hands of the feared AmaSinyora gang of political criminals.

The reign of terror the AmaSinyora has waged for two years was exposed in The Daily News last week.

Hundreds of people living in K section have fled their homes after being attacked.

In many of the affidavits, residents spoke of the AmaSinyora demanding money from them. When they were slow in paying, the gang would steal from their homes.

AmaSinyora gangsters have attacked neutrals, those who supported the ANC and UDF, and parents whose children were suspected of being comrades, according to the affidavits.

At least 11 of the estimated 50 members of the gang were named in the affidavits.

Almost all the victims said in their affidavits that they had gone to the SAP for help and protection, but were turned away because KwaMashu fell under KwaZulu control.

Most of the victims said the KwaZulu Police based in KwaMashu refused to help them.

Brigadier Jac Buchner, Commissioner of the KwaZulu Police, has said, though, that his force was doing its best to bring the AmaSinyora to book.

One man said in his affidavit that one night about 15 members of the gang went to his house looking for him, but he was at work on night shift.

Five members of the gang returned and demanded R200. They then broke a window. He called the SAP, who arrived but said "they could not do anything since the area was under KwaZulu Police authority".

The man called the KwaZulu Police twice that night. "They were not very prepared to help. They did however say they would come later to inspect the damage, but they never came."

"The AmaSinyora have come on numerous occasions and disturbed my wife and I. They threaten and intimidate us and ask for R200 every time."

On another occasion the criminals called at his home and took clothes, blankets and pots. By then his wife was sleeping somewhere else. The next night the AmaSinyora returned to take his possessions.

Neither the SAP detectives nor the KwaZulu Police had done anything to protect him, the man said.

He had since moved away, abandoning his home in fear of his life.

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NOTORIOUS GANG LOSES FIVE

Political Correspondent

FIVE people who have been killed in clashes with the security forces in the past week at Richmond Farm were members of the notorious AmaSinyora gang that has plagued K section KwaMashu residents, Mr Roy Ainslie, the Democratic Party's regional director, said today.

Initially, two members of the KwaZulu Police and a third man with them were killed while on duty at Richmond Farm last Thursday, allegedly for their firearms.

In a joint KZP and South African Defence Force follow-up operation on Sunday, three men were shot when they resisted arrest.

Mr Ainslie said reliable information was that these were members of the AmaSinyora gang.

Two more gang members were killed in further follow-up work by the security forces on Tuesday.