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Ngwane politi-
cian, Mr. David
Lukhele yestercay
accused Kwa-Zulu
leader, Chief Ga-
tsha Buthelezi of
- intimidating Swazi
chiefs in the disp-

pited Newavuma
region.

Chief Buthelezi
took his entire ca-
binet and legisla-
tive assembly and
a contingent of
South African jo-
-urnalists to a se-
â\200\230ries of meetings in
Ngwavuma oil
Thursday and Fri-
day. In the mee-
tings, the chiefs of
the Matsenjwa,
Mngomezulu Nya-
wo and Tembe are
reported to have
expressed their lo-
yalty to the Kwa-
Zulu â\200\234homelandâ\200\235â\200\231
â\200\230administration.

The _chiefs, and
crowds of what was
described as banner
carrymg
are reported to have
said they regarded

themselves as Zulus
and not Swazis. They
are reported to have
rejected plans to
return the trans-Pho-
gola territories to

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BY JAMES
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Swaziland.

There is a popula-
tion of about 80,000
Swazis in this region.

â\200\234One wonders why he
had to take his entire
cabinet and legislative
assembly, an army of more
than 200 'people and an
army of journalists,â\200\235 Mr.

. Lukhele said. â\200\234â\200\234The purpose

was clearly to stage a big
show-off in order to
intimidate. This is part of 2
continuous and futile
exercise to force the chiefs
and their people in the arca
into docile submission to
Butheleziâ\200\231s grand designs
for their future,â\200\235â\200\235 Mr.
Lukhele said.

â\200\234â\200\234He is nlaying political
games and | know that the

chiefs said what they are
said to have said under
considerable pressure. The
whole army of people
coming with Gatsha must
have made a big spectacle
indeed,â\200\231â\200\231 he added.

â\200\234Chiefs in these areas
were not appointed without
first informing the King of
Swaziland. This was so
until 1976 when the
Ngwavuma area was
unilaterally made part of

Kwa-Zulu. It Â\$ a well

known fact that the
boundary dividing Swazis
and Zulus is the Phongola
River,â\200\231 Mr. Lukhele said in
a telephone interview from
his house in Pretoria.

] don't see why Gatsha
is making all this noise. in
1971, the Ngwavuma chiefs
wrote to me asking that
they be included in the
Swazi territorial authority.
I referred the matter to

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Chief J.M. Diamini, who
was then chief executive
councillor.

â\200\234He advised them to join
voluntarily. Subsequent to
this, a faction fight broke
out in Ngwavuma, and, as
you know, Chief Ntunja
had to flee to Swaziland.
Another man was imposed
as the new chief,â\200\235â\200\235 Mr.
Lukhele said.

sâ\200\234â\200\234We referred this matter
to Mr. P. Torlage who was
then Commissioner
General. The Kwa-Zulu
leadership then accused me
of sowing seeds of
misunderstanding. I told

them that the chiefs had -

asked to join on their own.
What they were after was
unity of the Swazi people

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"We are not afraid
anybody's land. There
should be no intimidation.
There was no bloodshed
when the land was taken
and there should be no
bloodshed when it is
returned," he added.

"Buthelezi wants Natal,
but he does not want us to
claim what belongs to the
Swazis," Mr. Lukhele
added. Two separate
meetings were held last
Thursday to Friday.

Meanwhile, in Ka-
Ngwane, . Chief Mkolishi
Diamini of the Embhuleni
Royal Kraal resigned from
the executive council of Ka-
Ngwane, The Ka-Ngwane

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that he resigned amid
rumours of a Swaziland
connection being at the root
of the reasons for his
resignation."

The paper quoted Ka-

Ngwane political officials |

as saying "he could not
have resigned at a more
sensitive time." His official
reasons were reported as
poor health. Chief Mkolishi
was executive councillor for
the justice portfolio.

The South African
Sunday Times quoted Chief
Mkolishi as saying he could
not serve in a government
which is opposed to King

Sobhuza 11 aad saying he
would throw his full weight
to support the unification

Tim-s newspaper reported
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IT WAS a lu; day /m the disabled w.slerdm at the Prince uf Wales sladmm in Mbabune
where disabled /wop!e from as far as the Northern Transvaal competed in Â¢ series of games.
I the picture, Chairman of the Swazitand teamn, Germman Moltsa is seen i action in a game
of shotput.

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Lorna Hahn, executive director of the
ing body, and the imposition of admin- ~ Association on Third World Affairs, i8 1
istrators from the Ministry of Cooper- __information representative of Inkatha, &

uthelezi commission will pioneer
constltutlional reform o

THE GREEN, hot, humid
province of Natal has never
really been taken seriously
in the countryâ\200\231s political
scheme of things.

Politically, it has always
been regarded as something
of an odd-ball step-child, out
of touch with the direction of |
the rest of the country. It.is
the only province where ihe
majority of white voters are;

conservative English-speaks\:

ers who have refused to fallâ\200\231
in behind the National Party. '
The government- adopted
an attitude of tolerance to';
this â\200\234last 'bastion: of British 1
colonialismâ\200\231 as 'itâ\200\231 tried in'

vain at each successive elec-j: <

tion to bring the majority of

Natal's voters into the fold. f, |

But quietly, over the years,:
the attitude towards: Natalf
has been changing. Only the '
out-of-touch _still pooh-pooh;â\200\231

Natalâ\200\231s position in the poiitig â\200\231

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it has become the focus of the ;

political debate, and to t(he"

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tional reform â\200\224 from the gov- | !
arnmentâ\200\231s own advisers to
academicsâ\200\231 and ' business.â\200\231
leaders â\200\224= consider Natal the
only region in the.couhtry
where there is any chance of
â\200\230beginning the process:of .re-
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with:the: support â\200\230of the 'ma-:
| jorityâ\200\231of people in the.area.
Some\P members ofthe

National Party will privately
agree with this approach. But -
very: privately.. The majority. "
view the goings: on around ::
Natal with deep-suspicion:â\200\231
and are pushing the govern- '
ment to take a hardline
against any departure from
{ apartheid in the province.

On the other hand
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implemented. "

And in the not-too-distant
future, Mr P W Botha will
have to take a stand. e

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Why has Natal suddenly
become the focal point of po-
litical debate?- .
Ironically;: the â\200\234stubborn"
white voters of the area have
something to do with this:
â\200\230Their continued opposition
to the National Party makes
it at least feasible that they
could support a political
policy for the area that dif-
â\200\230fers from the NPâ\200\231s policy of
partition. and â\200\230â\200\230independen-

. By HELEN ZILLE Cape Times Political Staff

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derictâ\200\235 for KwaZulu.
But by far the most impor-

tant reason is Chief Gatsha

.ButhÃ©lezi; Chief Minister: of::

â\200\230KwaZulu andâ\200\231 lÃ©ader. of the

.Inkatha moveÃ©ment â\200\224 'the

â\200\230. black leader the government

\-cannot afford to.ignore.'

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Leading government- ad Hs- 7 urgent priority.

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National Party members re-
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pletely out of touch with the
- mood and thinking in black

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- political circles, view Chief

â\200\230Buthelezi as a dangerous
â\200\230â\200\234radicalâ\200\235 who should be
forced to take independence:
â\200\230But leading government
advisers, academics and
businessmen â\200\230see things dif-

ferently They believe that
the co-operation of Chief:â\200\231

Buthelezi is crucial, the .

minimum requirement for &
joint future political strategy
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â\200\230Buthelezi has categorically

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From the Cape Times, O ctd-

ber 31, 1881:
THE ELECTRIC LIGHT. -~ lt
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density of the dust storms if
Cape Town would affect the
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but this hitch has been over-
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light is steady and- grOWS in
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rejected indepence. And
he appointed a high-powered: '
commission of inquiry â\200\224 in-
cÂcluding moÃ©re then 30 of-
South Africaâ\200\231s leading politi-
cal; economic and legal
brains to look at alterna-
tive systems of government
for the area. -

. They includeâ\200\231 Professor D
Sehreiner, deputy principal
of Natal University, as chair-"
man; Mr Chris Saunders,
chairman of the Tongaat
group of compan'es, Profes-
sor: Marinus: Wiechers of
Unisa, Dr Oscar Dhlomo,
secretary -general of Chief
Butheleziâ\200\231s Inkatha moVe-
ment, and Professor Law-

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THE percentage of the work
force in paid employment in
Transkei dropped from 56
percent in 1970 to 53. percent

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â\200\230(Compiled by The Women s MovÃ©Â»
ment for Peace, Claremont) = '~

tary of the â\200\230commission, -

The National râ\200\231arty of i'i-
eiallyâ\200\235 reJected the
commission.

This commission of inquiry
is expected to finalize itÂ\$

lease -its comprehensive re-
port soon. It is one of crucial
significance for the country
because it is designed not
only to recommend a solu:

It.is expected to suggest that

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i â\200\234Those who jare good 2
â\200\230travel a road that avoids
ievil; so watch where you .
â\200\230are going â\200\224 it may save
:your life.â\200\235

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starting point for similar coï¬\201:

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sources, the commissionâ\200\231s tÃ©-

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rence Schlemmer of Natal
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tion for Natal and KwaZulu:

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. KwaZulu isâ\200\231 impossible Itis
expected to reject eVeriy; as-

ities, the commission will ap-
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consensus may be reached
â\200\230on a plan to divide the fed-
â\200\234eral constituencies so that-
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i¬\201,dommation by one group in
.every, voting area, The com--
,.mission will apparÃ©ntly find:
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certainâ\200\231 amendments â\200\230may.
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groups.
As a compromise solution,
â\200\234the commission is expected *
to opt for a plan for a re-
gional federation, which will
allow Natal and KwaZulu to
merge into ohÃ© regional unit
on the basis of common eco-
nomic, social and political '
interests with a shared form
of regional government

: â\200\230Gumea-pigâ\200\231
Using Natdl as a "gumeaâ\200\224
pigâ\200\231 for thÃ© other regions
throughout the 'Â¿country, the

commission is expected to
call for a multiracial system

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eral option would have a
| reasonable chance of accep-
tance in the province â\200\224 and
toisome extent beyond it. -

Sources close to the com-
missmn say the results show
that:

A clear maJority of all
-groups â\200\224 particularly blacks
"â\200\224lin the area reject indepen-

-} 'dence for KwaZulu. On the
34 other hand most members of ate threat in the growth of

minority groups rejected a
winner-take-all one-man-
one-vote system. .. =il

Apparently a slight major-
ity of whites and a larger ma- -
jority of coloured people and

of power sharing; based" onâ\200\231 Indians accept the. possibil-

one-man-one-vote, with . pro+
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for all groups in all brarithesâ\200\231

of government, d bill of indi<
vidual and group rights, & miâ\200\230
nority veto;:â\200\231 and "'dn

independent judiciary to test

all legislation against thÃ© bill
of rights. .

The commission is Ã©
â\200\230pected to suggest a- â\200\234short:
term transition plan'tiin
order to reach this goal. This::
could involve merging the Ã©x-
ecutive of the Natal Provif-
cial â\200\230Administration with the
' KwaZulu cabinetâ\200\231 under the
joint Â¿hairmanship of thÃ© Ad-*
" ministrator and the KwaZulu
ChiefiMinister, '/

mittee would: have to super-

would administer thÃ© merg-
Â¿ ing of the, public service, ap-
point.â\200\230a commission . of
experts to advise and â\200\230arbi-
trate on'issues of conflict; de-
termine internal- tâ\200\230ederal
- divisions by common Â¿onsent .
and take all the â\200\230necessary
steps for the election of a leg- |
islative â\200\230assembly for; the
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gest that â\200\230the legislative as-

sembly should be â\200\230elected by
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*â\200\230and that a system of propors
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undet the ultimate control of

% Among blacks, political
frustration, discontent and
â\200\234militancy are said to have in-
creased markedly over: the.

pastâ\200\231 yeprs, with strong and !

; -growing Support expressed

â\200\2305 thÃ© banned:African.
'N tional Congtess. â\200\230The

JANC'S' â\200\230position is apparently -

mespecially strong in the

â\200\234Transvaal,â\200\231 .

However, Chief Buthelezi

â\200\234and Inkatha 8till have major- '

sty support in all regions biâ\200\230

'Natal and KwaZulu. @

â\200\234While there was aâ\200\231 strong
move to a confrontational -

Â»'and -even. violent â\200\230approach
â\200\230among blacks, there was still- -
. acceptance that a co- opera~
tive solution could be found."

. One-man-one-vote in & uni-
tary system is said to have

the support, as a firstioption, '
of a majority of blacks. How-<-

i ever, a regional solution â\200\230im !

; " KwaZulu and Natal, involv-:
% 'Ing power-sharing and politi- ' determine -the future of his

.cal co-operation, would also. .
be acceptable to most.

Extreme dangers

"The commrttee apparently "
issues a strong warning that a
;regional solution:in the area

â\200\234Â cannot be seen &S u siibsti- .
't lite for central â\200\230government
â\200\230rÃ@presentation and warns -
the government of extremeâ\200\231
dangers of delaying constitu-
tional reform. -

will elett a: chief minister :
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consociational" executive â\200\224

or all groups represented in
he legislative.hssembly. "

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ment take this warnin ?

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acks in Natal may still be
, prepared to accept a federal
. â\200\234â\200\234power-sharingâ\200\231â\200\235 arrange-
ment today, but that does not
mean they will be prepared
to do so tomorrow.

Sources inside and outside
,government .are not optimis-
'tic. They say the government
perceives a far more immedi-

the right wing. Ahd in terms
of this perception it could do
nothing that would undercut
the basis of apartheid to the
extent recommended by the
Buthelezi commission.. -
:Duringâ\200\231 the early days of
the Botha â\200\230administration,
there was strong hope among
the advocates of regional de-
volution. for Natal. Govern-
ment ministers had
themselves spoken out in fa-
vour of â\200\234decentralizationâ\200\235 of
government and a new re-
gional approach But there
has. 'been - Â@lot of
backpedaliing smce then.

â\200\234Separatenessâ\200\231
Now all the emphasis is on

â\200\230. â\200\234separatenessâ\200\235â\200\231 once: again,

with ministers saying that
homeland and ethnic auton-
â\200\230omy will not be undermined
â\200\234in anyâ\200\231:future . regional
' system, .

. This does not bode well iâ\200\230or.' .
the Buthelezi commission, !

whosÃ© full report is said t
be on: the verge of release
Everyone will be watthing
the. response of two leaders:
Chief Butheleziâ\200\230himself andâ\200\231
the South African Prime Min:
ister; Mr P W Botha. 1

i+ Mr:Bothaâ\200\231s response to it |

will be vital because it will

so-called â\200\234total strategyâ\200\235;
Without Chief Buthelezi,
any hope of winning â\200\234moder.

. ate'black alliesâ\200\235 in a future

â\200\230political accommodation is
*doomed to failure.

% Will Mr Botha destroy the |

â\200\230verligte strategy for the fu-

fure? He will have to if he |
-wants to retain the unity of |
the National Party; And that |-

gresent seems to be his
hig est priority el O S

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