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Mandela rejects

POLITICS

Goldstone findings

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JOHANNESBURG. â\200\224 ANC president Nelson Mandela has summarily dismissed the findings of the Goldstone Commission on the causes of violence in South Africa.

Opening the ANCâ\200\231s crucial four-day policy conference at Nasrec, near Johannesburg, yesterday, Mr Mandela told nearly 800 cheering delegates that the report was â\200\230â\200\234superficialâ\200\235. ST

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone released to parliament this week a bombshell report which said the primary cause for the violence was â\200\234political rivalryâ\200\235 between the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party.

Although he did not specifically exonerate the security forces â\200\224 consistently accused of fomenting â\200\230â\200\234black-on-blackâ\200\235 violence â\200\224 Mr Justice Goldstoneâ\200\231s report was immediately interpreted by the government as a vindication of repeated

Government  
bugged us,

says ANC

The Argus Correspondent  
JOHANNESBURG. â\200\224 A bugging device was found in an ANC meeting hall at Nasrec where the organisation is holding a four-day conference on an economic programme for a post-apartheid South Africa.

ANC spokesman Mr Pallo Jordan, holding the device, a miniature microphone with an in-built transmitter said to have a range of between 500 m and one km, said the main suspect was the government.

The ANC had scheduled a discussion on the role of the police and the army and other security services. )

â\200\234This is an example of what we are up against. There is - very little doubt who is behind this and our principal suspect is the South African government,â\200\235 Mr Jordan said.

@ Police told The Argus political staff that they had no reason to spy on legitimate political organisations such as â\200\234RatANC.

claims that its â\200\234hands were cleanâ\200\235.

In his keynote speech, Mr Mandela went out of his way to avoid a personal attack on the judge, but left no doubt that the ANC rejected the commissionâ\200\231s conclusions.

Delegates to the ANC conference said this raised serious

questions about the future .

credibility of the government-appointed commission.

Mr Mandela said to prolonged applause: â\200\234The (Goldstone) statement pre-empts the work of his own commission.â\200\235

Mr Mandela said that to attribute the violence to political rivalry between the ANC and IFP was to ignore the fact that the rivalry had been fostered and manipulated by the government and its security forces.

â\200\230â\200\234Secondly, with regard to who holds the key responsibility for bringing the violence to an end â\200\224 to place this responsibility on the ANC and IFP is

to ignore the reality that it is the National Party regime which wields state power.â\200\235

The commission was still charged with, among many other things, investigating alleged military training by the SADF of at least 200 IFP members who are still loose in the community.

It is also investigating secret funding by the regime of the IFP over a period of at least four years, and the involvement of the Kwazulu Police and the SA Police in Weselton. :

The judgment in the Trust Feed massacre case is unmis- takeable proof that none of this can be dismissed as irrelevant or imagined.

Other delegates expressed outrage that the report ap- peared to apportion blame equally between the IFP and the ANC a conclusion they disputed hotly and that the involvement of the security forces in violence was treated as secondary.

Emotional welcome for ex-Democratic Party MPs

Political Staff

JOHANNESBURG. Five former Democratic Party MPs

have exchanged the comfort of parliament's leather benches

for plastic delegates' chairs at

the ANC policy conference here.

Mr Jannie Momberg, Mr Jan van Eck, Mr Rob Haswell, Mr Dave Dalling and Mr Pierre Cronje were given an emotional welcome, including a standing ovation.

Four of the five attended in their new capacities as delegates of the Western Cape region of the ANC, while Mr Cronje represented the Natal Midlands.

Shortly after ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela ended his opening speech, an official, Ms Cheryl Carolus, asked that the five join the organisation's leaders on the platform.

They were escorted to the stage amid tumultuous applause, shaking hands with delegates as they made their way to the front of the hall.

The five then greeted ANC

secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, chairman Mr Oliver Tambo, deputy president Mr Walter Sisulu and Mr Mandela.

Mr Dalling said afterwards:  
"I have never experienced anything like that in my life before."

Mr Van Eck said he had felt a "wonderful sense of liberation", while Mr Haswell said it was a "warm and tingling sort of experience".

Mr Momberg said it was an "emotional experience that made him feel he had been accepted unconditionally."

The MPs who now sit in the cross-benches in the House of Assembly left the DP for the ANC five weeks ago after a protracted dispute over where the party should place itself in the changed political scene.

PAC rally flops

TZANEEN. Only 30 people attended a Pan-Africanist Congress rally in Nkowa township here and even the guest speaker, PAC national organiser Mr Maxwell Nemadzivanini, did not arrive. Sapa.

JOHANNESBURG. African  
National Congress president Mr  
Nelson Mandela yesterday set a

deadline for the govern-  
ment to negotiate on a new

constitution, warning that  
blacks may otherwise take to

the streets and stage crippling/  
strikes.

In separate comments before about 300  
delegates at the National Exhibition Centre  
outside Johannesburg, Mr Mandela also at-  
tacked the findings of an independent com-  
mission which on Wednesday largely  
blamed the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom  
Party for ongoing violence in the country.

Speaking at the opening of a four-day ANC  
policy conference, he said a proposal to  
delegates had set July as a deadline for

possible mass action to break the intransi-  
gence of the regime.

Mr Mandela announced the deadline after  
the Congress of South African Trade Unions

plans on Tuesday for a high-

profile programme of marches, demonstrations

and even a general strike.

Secretary-general Mr Sam

Shilowa said the campaign was designed to

strengthen the hands of the (ANC) negotia-  
tors.

Mr Mandela, referring to recent deadlock  
at Codesa, said: "The inescapable reality is

that the regime laid bare its fundamental  
contempt for the rights of the people. The  
unmitigated

desire to hang on to power.â\200\235  
v Z He said the ANC blamed the police and  
; army for carnage in black townships, de-  
Â£ spite the findings of Mr Justice Richard

Goldstone, chairman of South Africaâ\200\231s  
standing commission on violence.

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Mandela, at the start of

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ANC threat

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of prominent black ac-  
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to the publication of a  
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General Christoffel van  
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night; Deputy Justice  
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Schutte said in a statement to  
Sapa that he was amazed at Mr  
Mandelaâ\200\231s scepticism about the  
Goldstone Commissionâ\200\231s findings.  
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which is expected to put a sharper edge on

ANC constitutional and economic demands.

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â\200\224The Goldstone report stated  
that even if the government was  
fostering the violence it could not  
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â\200\234We remain convinced that the  
police and army are responsible  
for fomenting the violence in our  
country,â\200\235 Mr Mandela said.

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ments, Mr Mandelaâ\200\231s

speech gave no etalls  
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would \_be, but he ac-  
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whites. â\200\224 Political Cor-  
respondent, Sapa and  
UPI

Man gets  
medals 47

â\200\230Women ignore ousting

JOHANNESBURG. â\200\224 The suspension  
of the regional executive committee  
region of the ANC  
Womenâ\200\231s League took a new turn yes-  
the REC  
that it intended to ignore the ousting.

â\200\234The democratically-elected REC of  
this region has come to the conclusion  
that the â\200\230suspensionâ\200\231 has no force and

(REC) of the PWV

terday with a statement by

effect,â\200\235 the REC statement said.  
The decision to

suspend the REC

relevant branches  
League on Sunday,  
clarify the position. â\200\224 Sapa

was taken last Sunday at a meeting of  
33 branches of the ANCWL in the PWV  
region and was later endorsed by the  
leagueâ\200\231s national executive commit-

tee.  
But the REC statement said it in-  
tended to carry on business as usual.  
It had also called a meeting of all the  
of the Womenâ\200\231s

June 7, to try to-

Perot  
picks  
up the  
pace

DALLAS. â\200\224 Mr Ross  
Perot yesterday began  
picking up the pace of  
his unofficial US presi-

dential campaign, even

years late

QUEENSTOWN. 'â\200\224 For-  
ty-seven years after the

conclusion of World War

as the political primary  
season wound down for  
Democratic frontrunner  
Mr Bill Clinton and Re-

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Probe into deaths  
of â\200\230Cradock Fourâ\200\231  
gains momentum

The Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. â\200\224 The in-  
vestigation into the deaths of  
the â\200\234Cradock Fourâ\200\235 was pro-  
ceeding on several fronts, act-  
ing Attorney-General for the  
Eastern Cape Mr Michael Hod-  
gen said today.

Mr Hodgen said a team un-  
der his direction was gathering  
information following allega-  
tions which appeared in the  
newspaper New Nation about  
the deaths of Mr Matthew Gon-  
iwe and three colleagues in the  
Eastern Cape.

President De Klerk has or-  
dered a new investigation into

the deaths of the four â\200\224 Mr -

Goniwe, Mr Fort Calata, Mr  
Sparrow Mkonto and Mr Sicelo  
hlawuli.

Mr Hodgen said he could not

. earlier this week

say at this stage whether an in-  
quest would be held or whether  
charges would be brought  
against anyone.

Any inquest would be held in  
open court, but some proceed-  
ings could be held in camera.

He had tried to reach inde-  
pendent MP Mr Jan van Eck,  
who claimed in parliament

Botha had allegedly said his  
overnment was responsible  
or the execution of large num-

bers of black radicals.

- He wanted Mr Van Eck to  
contact his team if he had any

information that could help  
them. :

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234I have spoken to his wife,  
he said.

There had been no communi-

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cation from Transkei leader  
Major-General Bantu Holo-

General Holomisa's refusal  
to hand over a file allegedly  
containing details of state-  
sponsored violence was ham-  
pering investigations.

Mr Hodgen said the original

document was vital to the in-

vestigation.

He appealed to anyone with  
information to contact his  
team.

People could contact either  
him or Advocate Mr JP M  
Marais, chief clerk of the At-  
torney-General, Grahamstown,  
B 0461 29333 or the police in-  
vestigating team, headed by  
Colonel Kobus Jonker,  
o 012 310 1287 (o) or  
B 012 543 0556 (a/h).

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THE GOLDSTONE Commis-  
sionâ\200\231s latest report on violence  
has unleashed a fresh round of  
invective between government  
and African National Congress  
as the two groups continued at  
each otherâ\200\231s throats today.  
â\200\234The findings have unmasked  
the ANCâ\200\231s quest for Marxist-type  
absolute power, cond\_u~~ct~~ed under  
a disguise of a commitment to de-  
mocracy,â\200\235 said the deputy Minis-  
ter of Justice, Mr Danie Schutte.

But the re-  
port, which  
said the root  
of the trouble  
was the ANC-  
IFP power  
struggle, has  
not stifled  
ANC accusa-  
tions that the  
government  
and its securi-

ty forces are  
fomenting the  
killing and  
destruction.

ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela  
reiterated this yesterday, saying the  
ANC-IFP rivalry had been â\200\234fostered  
and manipulatedâ\200\235 by the State.

And in his opening speech to the  
ANCâ\200\231s four-day National Policy Con-  
ference at Nasrec near Johannesburg  
Mr Mandela said from now on negoti-  
ations would be coupled with mass  
action. Â¢â\200\231

â\200\234In the interests of all the people of  
our country we must break the (nego-  
tiations) deadlock. We know that the  
masses of our people is a most reli-  
able deadlock-breaking mechanism.â\200\235

However he gave tacit support to  
Cosatuâ\200\231s â\200\230planned programme of mass  
action, scheduled for July.

â\200\234We have said that negotiations are  
a site of struggle. Consequently, the

negotiations under way at Codesa  
must be supported by other means of  
struggle. A draft alliance programme

be discussed in this

of action will  
conference.â\200\235

He revealed that a special ANC â\200\234ne-

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â\200\234We should not feel defeated  
the failure of Codesa 2 to delivea;ftfrf

terms of the timetable which we have

proposed,â\200\235 he said. â\200\234If anythin that  
rea (t,}; should spur us on tz strigvâ\200\231e for

the deadlines which  
have defined.â\200\235 We ourselves

The ANC leader said the current '

conference was â\200\234essentiall about pre-  
paring to governâ\200\235. The ANC shcî¬\201xld  
eÃ@inerge with clear policy proposals  
for a fut\_ure democratic government.  
He said the conference would seek  
to inspire South Africaâ\200\231s poorest, most  
downtrodden people, but also â\200\234those  
w}â\200\230xâ\200\230o have benefited from apartheid.  
Let us provide them with a vision  
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nation, a vision of an ANC govern-

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ment which will be able to govern  
competently and inclusively.â\200\235

He added that â\200\234even those who have  
benefited from apartheid, live in  
great fear and insecurity.

B In an escalating war of words



. which started during Codesa 2 earlier

this month, neither the government nor ANC have relented in their mutual blame for the event's failure.

Both President de Klerk and Mr Mandela have been accused of personal responsibility for the deaths which have taken place.

Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer described Mr Mandela's initial salvos, delivered on a visit to Sweden and Switzerland, as the type of comments which fanned violence.

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Meyer sald that from  
the Governmment's per-  
spective, â\200\234we can still say  
it (an announcement on  
Thursday) s still attain-  
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e teâ\200\235 lay ahead  
and also exprmgs con-  
cern â\200\234that we have not  
made significant pro,  
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esterdayâ\200\231s debate on  
the technical committee's  
Teport on violence was  
fruncated after several  
regotiators raised con-  
cerns about its contents. A -  
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expand its report to indi-  
cate what conditions were  
necessary (o eliminate  
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Felgate. The 15-member  
comrmission on regions  
was also appoioted during  
the day.

It wil make recom-  
mendations within six  
weeks on the delimitation  
of regions for elections as  
well as their implications  
for the â\200\234structures of the  
constitutionâ\200\235.

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relief among pegotiators  
that a'potential erisis had  
been ' defused yesterday  
when the Governmment  
and PAC emerged from

an early-morning meeting  
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stay in the process and

was hailed by key nego-  
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the resilience now inher-  
ent in negaqtiations.

â\200\234It was an indication  
that the negotiating Â¢Â°â\200\234n-  
cilâ\200\231s roots are firmly an-  
choredâ\200\235 Meyer said. â\200\230It  
was the first time the re-  
sumed process had been  
subjected to these types of  
demands.

â\200\234The fact that all par-  
ties are at the end of the  
week still at the table is  
in itself significant,â\200\235 he

said.

Ramaphosa said that  
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Minister Heraus Kriel bad  
tried to "sabotageâ\200\235 nego-  
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New hot

seat at  
Trade  
Centre

ESTHER WAUGH and  
CHRIS WHITFIELD

A WEEK of political turmoil has exposed a yawning gap between the Governmentâ\200\231s negotiators at the World Trade Centre and some of their Cabinet colleagues.

Top Government sources are adamant that the differences are more about style than substance, and that talk of a split should be ignored.

However, their political opponents believe that hawks in the Cabinet are bent on destroying, or at least manipulating, the process.

Baptism of fire

Government sources said differences existed between those who had been exposed to â\200\234â\200\230the mood of South Africaâ\200\235 at the World Trade Centre and those in Parliament who were exposed only to â\200\234the mood of whitesâ\200\235.

At the World Trade Centre, Kriel faced a baptism of fire at the Negotiating Council on Thursday night â\200\224 the first time he had attended a council meeting.

Of more political significance was the fact that it was the first time a Cabinet Minister had

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Hot seat

had to account for his  
and his department's 3Â¢+  
tions before the Nego-  
tiating Council. Kriel  
was warned by ANC sec-  
retary-general Cyril Ra-

maphosa that it could be

repeated. . . .

The flip side of the  
coin is that it has creat-  
ed a precedent â\200\224 one  
apparently insisted on  
by the Government â\200\224  
and other parties can  
also be called to give ac-  
count of their actions.

Kriel fared poorly in

the session. He appeared .

to deliberately duck  
questions, particularly  
those on why he did not

- inform Minister of Con-

stitutional Development  
Roelf Meyer and the

other Ministers at the â\204¢â\200\231

negotiâ\200\231[ating tableâ\200\235 O\  
He was subjected to  
harsh criticism, espe-  
cially from Ramaphosa.  
and he was told that he  
was a danger to nego-  
tiations. SACP chairman  
Joe Slovo said the â\200\234best  
serviceâ\200\235 Kriel could do  
for the negotiating pro-  
cess was to resign.

The fact that constitu-  
tional talks are still on  
track is due in no small

'measure to the commit-  
ment by all groups to ne-

gotiations.

The Patriotic Front  
members in the Nego-  
tiating Council urged the  
PAEEO remain in the  
process and not to fall

into [â\200\234the trap set by  
Kriel".

The PAC was still

â\200\230there yesterday. Kriel

was :oz. his place once  
again being filled by

. Meyer. Has Kriel fallen  
â\200\234into his own trap?

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WHETHER the transgression was politically motivated was the universal, unchanged test for the release of political prisoners, the Minister of Correctional Services, Mr Adniaan Viok, said yesterday.

Speaking during debate on his Budget Vote, he said 1477 prisoners had been released since February 2, 1990, most of whom had been ANC

members. i

A panel of judges had drawn up the guidelines for the release of political prisoners and the government had received strong representations from

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: 200\231"R'eleased prisoners  
200\230mostly ANC members200\231

across the whole political

' spectrum.

The release programme was important for the negotiation process and the idea had been that 200\234this should clear the slate".

The government had to be fair and even-handed to all.

Yet the Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) complained when one IFP member was released, but had nothing to say about released ANC members.

The LHR hid behind its human rights mantle. It was time South Africa knew exactly what they were playing at.

- 200\231closed on the past. .

If the country wanted to build a new future, the book would have to be

200\234That is why every-one



has to be judged by the  
same norms."â\200\231

Mr Viok said Mr Mah  
moud Rajab (DP Spring  
field) had warned about 3  
possible civil war in thd  
prisons. The government  
was aware of and pre-  
pared for this.

He also wished to add  
his shock and sympathy at  
the attack on the car of]  
the wife of the MP for Er-  
melo. Mr. Moolman  
Mentz, near DF Malan  
Airport on Thursday.

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COMMENT

Agreement :

YOU can look at the Pan Africanist:Congress-government agreement on the PAC-Azanian People's Liberation Army arrests in two ways; :

The first is that it puts the negotiations back on track. The second is that it

The PAC remains at the talks at least until the National Executive Committee meets to-

.. day to consider its position. :

The PAC undertakes to discuss its commitment to armed action and its position on violence, .

It will report back to another meeting with the government on Tuesday with a clear, unambiguous report on its position in this regard.

One assumes by this that the PAC will decide whether APLA, its military wing, will continue its killing of Whites, particularly farm-ers. It is

It will no longer be possible for the PAC to say simply that it is not in charge of APLA, which has its headquarters in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, and therefore has no control over: its actions. ?

If the PAC says clearly and unambiguously that its armed struggle is at an end, we will be the first to say thank goodness for that.

A second way to look at the agreement is that the government bowed to pressure to make concessions that would keep the PAC at the talks. i

Look at it this way: :

The government agreed to release PAC National Executive Committee members Thomas Likotsi, Waters Toboti and Dr Solly Skosana immediately. i

Addressing the negotiations on Thursday night, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hernus Kriel, did not refer by name to Mr Likotsi, but accused Mr Toboti. head of publicity, of involvement in crimes already mentioned. ' :

This could be a whole range of crimes placed at the door of other arrested NEC men, but

the charges are not specified.

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Dr Skosana, head of economic affairs, was accused of being involved in co-ordinating APLA task forces on the East Rand and the housing, funding and medical care of APLA members. i

The release of these three men suggests there was nothing against them at 200\224 or they were freed under pressure. |

In his statement, Mr Kriel' said that Mr Jaki Seroke, head of political affairs, was accused of illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition. i

He appeared in court yesterday.

The government is to provide on Tuesday a further report on NEC members Enoch Zulu, Maxwell Nemadzivhanani and Abel Dube.

Mr Kriel accused Mr Zulu of a murder allegedly committed in 1977; two charges of illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition; providing funds for the purchase of firearms and possession of an illegal passport.

Mr Nemadzivhanani, national organiser, was said to be facing two charges of illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Information was being investigated that he might have been an accomplice in the murder of Mrs Sandra Swanepoel, a farmer's wife, of Letsitele, and that he applied for and received three identity documents.

As for Mr Dube, PAC intelligence chief, Mr Kriel said he was possibly connected to a murder in the Western Cape; and he allegedly drew up plans for attacks on police stations as well as a list of SAF and SADF members to be eliminated.

We do not know whether on 200\2301 at 200\230uesday Mr Kriel will have reasons for releasing these men as well. |

If he has, then one might ask why they were arrested in the first place.

Meanwhile, of the original 73 PAC/APLA members held, only 30 are still in detention.

A swoop of this magnitude at 200\230 must have had a purpose, and the police must have been confident that they would find some important

fish, otherwise it was a waste of time and the  
row the arrests caused should have been  
avoided. â\200\234

Or is the answer simply thaL pressure forced  
the police or the government, or both, to  
backtrack? Her

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principles tabled at  
negotiations

THE technical committee on constitutional matters yesterday presented negotiators with a comprehensive set of constitutional principles which, if accepted, could signal important progress in the peace process.

The technical committee

report was tabled at

yesterday's session of the  
26-party negotiating  
Council at the World  
Trade Centre, in Kemp-  
ton Park.

Negotiators for the  
government and the Afri-  
can National Congress  
and their allies said if the  
constitutional principles  
were accepted by the  
council - before next  
Thursday's negotiating  
forum meeting, a date for  
an election might be set  
next week.

The council adopted a  
declaration of intent at  
the beginning of May  
which said if the negotia-  
tion process moved for-  
ward sufficiently by

" next week, an election

date not later than the  
end of April next year  
would be set.

Negotiators aligned to  
the Concerned South

Africans Group  
(COSAG) were sceptical,  
however, yesterday that  
sufficient progress could  
be made by next week.

Their argument is that  
the public commission  
dealing with the bounda-  
ries of regions has first to  
issue a report before suffi-  
cient progress can be

" made.

The technical commit-  
tee on constitutional mat-  
ters yesterday tabled 14  
â\200\234general constitutional  
principlesâ\200\235, as well as a

detailed list of principles  
dealing with the â\200\234alloca-  
tion of powers to different  
levels of governmentâ\200\235".

The general constitu-  
tional principles begin  
with 3 recommendations  
that the future constitu-  
tion 'shall provide for the  
establishment of a single  
sovereign state with a  
democratic system of gov-  
ernment and 3 common  
South African citi-  
zenship'

â\200\234There shall be a separ-  
ation of powers between  
the Legislature, executive  
and judiciary, with appro-  
priate checks and bal-  
ances to ensure accounta-  
bility, responsiveness and  
openness.

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cultures and  
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promoted

Government shall be  
structured at national, re-  
gional and local levels.

â\200\234At each level of gov-  
ernment there shall be  
democratic representa-  
tion.

â\200\234Each level of govern-

ment shall have appropriate and adequate legislative and executive powers and functions that will enable each level to function effectively.

Amendments to the constitution, including alterations to the powers, boundaries, functions or institutions of regions. shall require special procedures involving specified majorities.

Collective rights of self-determination in forming, joining and

maintaining organs of civil society. including lin-

guistic, cultural and religious associations. shall, on the basis of non-discrimination and free association, be recognised and protected.

The status of traditional leaders shall be acknowledged and recognised in an appropriate manner in the constitution.

Provision shall be made for participation of minority political parties in the legislative process in a manner consistent with democracy.

It further recommends that a financial and fiscal commission, to include representatives of each of the regions, be constituted to advise the national government on the distribution of

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All outside talks are  
sidelined, says Mandela

ANYONE who stays out  
of South Africaâ\200\231s negotia-  
tions will be politically  
sidelined, African Nat-  
jonal Congress president.  
Mr Nelson Mandela, said  
yesterday.

Speaking at a Press  
conference at the ANC  
head office in Johannes-  
burg, Mr Mandela said  
despite the recent drama  
in multi-party negotia-  
tions 3s a result of this  
week’s arrest of Pan Afri-  
canist Congress members,  
â\200\234there is no reason to be  
pessimistic about the fu-  
tureâ\200\235.

â\200\234You will notice the  
way we (negotiators) han-  
dled demands like self-de-  
termination from the

Right-wing ... and the

PAC crisis. in spite of  
sharp differences.  
Process

â\200\234I am optimistic ... the

democratic process s

strong enough to weather  
all storms.â\200\235

Mr Mandela was con-  
ciliatory when he was ask-  
ed if he still trusted the  
government after Tues-  
dayâ\200\231s police raids on PAC  
members.

â\200\234This should not lead  
to any extraordinary pan-  
ic,â\200\235 he said, and in an ap-  
parent reference f0 the  
PAC’s threat to withdraw  
from negotiations. added,  
â\200\234anyone who stays out of  
the process will definitely  
be sidelinedâ\200\235.

Asked about a meeting  
with Inkatha Freedom  
Party leader Chief Mang-  
osuthu Buthelezi, Mr  
Mandela said he had been  
prepared to meet the Ink-  
atha leader after Zulu  
King Goodwill Zwelithini  
reportedly volunteered  
his services as facilitator.

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Lhe king, however, ap-  
parently had been mis-  
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therefore now not poss-  
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The ANC leader smid  
violence was a feature of  
the kind of transition  
South Africa was going  
through.

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think violence will end  
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The IFP yesterday  
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ANC/IFP leadersâ\200\231 meeting of

CAPE TOWN. â\200\224 Inka-  
tha Freedom Party (JFP)  
president Chief Mangosu-  
thu Buthelezi says he is  
astonished and disap-  
pointed that African Nat-  
ional Congress (ANC)  
president Nelson Mande-  
Ja is no longer prepared to  
meet him on a one-to-one  
basis to find ways of curb-  
ing political violence.  
Chief Buthelezi said in  
Cape Town yesterday

that it was vital for the

two leaders to meet in or-  
der to set an example of  
reconciliation for their  
followers.

He said it was not the  
function of Zulu King  
Goodwill Zwelithini to fa-  
cilitate a meeting between  
them.

Mr He was still determined  
to try to arrange a meet-  
ing, however, as he be-  
lieved that the problem of

political violence could  
not be resolved if it was  
not jointly addressed by  
the IFP and ANC.

Earlier this week Mr  
Mandela agreed to meet  
Chicl Buthelezi after  
King Zwelithini reposed-  
ly offered to act as a facih-  
lator.

Bui, speaking during a  
tour of Wilwalersrand  
schools on Thursday and  
again at a conference in

Johannesburg yesterday,  
the ANC leader claimed |  
the King had been incor- |  
rectly reported. and said  
the intended meeting was  
now off.

The King could not be  
reached to confirm this.

Mr Mandela also cited  
the ANC's old position  
that violence could only  
be ended when a demo-  
cratic government was in  
place. â\200\224 Sapa.

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Tekoza. Police are

By Carol Hiils

THE Goldstone Com-missionâ\200\231s preliminary inquiry into the violence at Tokoza following Saturdayâ\200\231s march, in which 13 people died and 61 were injured, found that the police had acted responsibly and sensitively and that allegations against the SAP were based on incorrect information.

he cummission in o stutement yesterday commended the ANC alliance for undertaking a complete evaluation of the conduct of mass marches in light of the events at Tokoza.

It also expressed its appreciation to ANC president. Mr Nelson Mandela. for his personal role in the evaluation and said this reflected the seriousness in which the ANC viewed the rnater.

The commission said the facts not in dispute indicated that:

Â® There were substantially fewer marshals at

the march, from the To-,

koza Stadium to the Al berton City Hall. than the 1 000 the ANC azlliance organisers had undertak-  
Â¶n to provide. There were not sufficient marshals present. to control the marchers.

Â® ANC alliance organisers gave no consideration to the desirability of

marching past the Tokoza

hostel, which was known to house people who

would have strong objec-

tions to such a march.  
\* ANC alliance organisers made an error of

judgment in failing to consider alternative routes for the march

when, on the morning of the march, they were informed of hostility at the

+ Tokoza hostel, also

A fracas broke out between marchers and hostel dwellers when the marchers reached the hostel, but was broken up by police using teargas, rubber bullets and bird shot. No injuries or deaths were known to have resulted from this

action.

A group of about 10

people, who were behind

the hostel and not in sight of marchers, then fired into one of the hostel buildings.-

A shoot-out ensued in which firearms were used from both within the hostel and within the marchers. One AK-47 was found on the road where the marchers had been proceeding, A Some of the marchers

proceeded to Khumalo

Bridge.. At least five people began firing at members of the SAP with AK-47 rifles. The police returned fire with live am-

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munition. There were no reports of deaths or injuries.. i i

The commission said

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the ANC alliance commission

â\200\230ceded that attacks made  
by some of their spokes-  
men against police con-  
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use of firearms against the  
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to ensure that hostei  
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The Inkatha Freedom  
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Dr Hastzenberg said.

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PAC as absolutcly}

sign that the govern-  
ment had now capitulated.

The leader of tbe  
Consesvative Party, Dr

-Â\$ Ferdi Hastzenberg, said -

in Capc Town the deci-  
sionâ\200\235 was 2 setback for  
the maintÃ©nance of law

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It was now clear to  
the CP that the govern-  
ment had no intention  
to stop violence.

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yesterday.

and order in South Africa -

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CP slams agreement X

FROM PAGE 1

sana, Mr Waters Toboti  
and Mr Thoinas Likotsi.

They were released  
from John Vorsier  
Square yesterday after-  
noon.

PAC secretary for  
political affairs, Mr Jaki.  
Seroke, was also re-  
leased and was charged  
with illegal possession  
of a firearm.

He appeared in the  
Johannesburg Regional  
Court today as  
the courts were closing  
for the day.

Dr Shosana and Mr  
Fobou were at the court  
to lend support to Mr  
Seiqs.

Defence attorney, Mr  
N M Mavundla, apol-  
ogised to the court for  
the lateness of the hour,

but said the matter had not been in his hands. The magistrate, Mr 1Â\$ Badenhorst, postponed the case to June 14 for further investigation. He released Mr Seroke, 33, of Lily Avenue, Berea, Johannesburg, on warning. . . . A report on the other detainees, including NEC members, Mr Enoch Zulu, Mr Maxwell Nemadzivhanani, and Mr Abul Dube, will be submitted at a bilateral meeting on Tuesday. The PAC will then make its position clear on violence and armed action.

It will give a "clear unambiguous report on its position in this regardâ\204¢.

The PAC's national

executive committee will meet today to discuss

the issue,

The government agreed that all material and property confiscated from PAC offices during the raid this week would be returned, while an assessment of damage to PAC property would be provided by the government when it meets the organisation on Tuesday. PAC secretary-general, Mlt Benny Alexander, said while they would participate in yesterdayâ\200\231s proceedings. the PAC National Executive Committee would meet today to assess the climate for further participation.

National Council of Trade Unions general secretary, Mr Cunningham Ngcukana, was not

arrested and detained

during the swoop on the  
Pan Africanist Con-  
gress, NACTU said in a  
statement yesterday.

The statement, signed  
by Mr Ngcukana him-  
self, said he had been in  
Brussels at the time of  
the raids and only re-  
turned to South Africa  
on Thursday.

NACTU's offices  
were, however, raided  
by police this week, and  
the trade union fedes-  
ation was seeking legal  
advice following the  
police action.

NACTU said advice  
was also being sought  
following the detention  
of staff members and  
statements by Law and  
Ouder Minister Hernos  
Kiehl and the Minister's  
spokesman, Capt Craig  
Kotze, with a view to  
instituting legal pro-  
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was still a chance an clec-  
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next Thursday's negotia-

ing forum,  
however, they admitted negotiators faced an uphill task if they wanted to complete the workload in time. Members of the Council of African States

Group (COSAG) said

yesterday evening they doubted the negotiating council would achieve the task.

The council only meets |

once more, on Tuesday, before Thursday's forum. Members of the planning committee confirmed they would meet twice before the Thursday morning and would be assessing progress. Yesterday began with a

meeting between the gov-

ernment and the Pan-Africanist Congress on the controversial police swoop on PAC members on Tuesday, and it was

.. Jeter announced the PAC

would remain in the nego-

negotiation process.  
- However, the pressures

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of Thursday night's special session of the council on the police swoop, which ended after midnight, took its toll on negotiators, and by yesterday afternoon participants appeared drained of energy.

In the end, the awaited debate on the spont of the technical committee on constitutional matters

was not held.

Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Rocell Meyer, said afterwards he was concerned about the lack of progress made by the council in, m

discussions on the technical committee report on vigilance.

A spokesman for the committee admitted that the council there were some difficulties within the committee. There are political agendas.

A resolution proposed by Mr Meyer was adopted which specified what the council wanted the technical committee to do for its next report on Tuesday.

The committee will now examine specifically what conditions are needed to eliminate violence.

ANC secretary-general,

Mr Cyril Ramaphosa

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said yesterday evening he remained confident of agreement on an election date. Q} ]

Inkatha Freedom Party chairman, Dr Frank Mdlalose, however, commented: I am still worried that we're moving too fast.

PAC foreign affairs secretary, Mr Gora Ebrahim, said as far as the PAC was concerned, yesterday was the first substantive meeting of the negotiating council.

These is a lot of common ground, (but) there are always differences, Mr Ebrahim said. o=



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radation of the environment, the highly conservative nature of the white population and of the police force in the area, the strong concentration of returned exiles in the Vaal, anarchy resulting from the breakdown of administration, a (rumoured) plot on the part of the Government to use the Vaal as a testing ground for destabilisation policies, the ready availability of

weapons and inter-organisational

rivalryâ\200\235.

The township environment was very poor. Recreational facilities were Virtually non-existent. There were no parks, few sports fields (the few fields available were mostly neglected) and no playgrounds for children.

Living conditions were sub-standard and the air was polluted. A recent health survey conducted at schools in the Vaal area found that 70percent of children suffered from respiratory illnesses.

The administrator of Sebokeng â\200\224 the most populous of the six Vaal townships, with 28 000 houses and a population of just less than 500000 â\200\224 estimated that at least half its people were out of work

. The proportion was thought to be

typical of the other five major Vaal ps.

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and private construction companies refused to work in the townships for fear of car hijackings or physical attacks. Municipal property was vandalised and sabotaged, black policemen had been forced to evacuate their homes, and doctors had been robbed by thugs posing as patients. . Police in Vereeniging said Sebokeng and other Vaal townships were â\200\234no-goâ\200\235 areas for whites. Comrades had built barricades and dug trenches in the townships', streets. All factors combined to paint a picture of a militant, anar-

chic and highly politicised region. Although the report dealt mainly with violence, paranoia and a general sense of insecurity in the area, the delegation said it had observed

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promising sign of a new era. A  
â\200\234We had the pleasure of being  
invited to a ballroom-dancing com-  
petition, organised by the ANC  
Youth League in conjunction with  
the Sebokeng Dancing group, â\200\235  
members said. â\200\234Before a stern-  
looking jury in a bare concrete hall,  
young couples performed waltzes  
and tangos in an attempt by the  
ANC to broaden support by engag-  
ing in a variety of activities. As one  
ANC Youth League leader ex-  
plained: â\200\230Not all youth is interested  
in never-ending meetings, |work-

shops and toys. â\200\231. â\200\235 !

THE report added: "We saw

schools where teachers were teach-  
ing and students were studying, we  
met many people who in various  
ways were working for a better fu-  
ture,

â\200\234One encouraging aspect of the  
peace process in South Africa is the

fact that a broad range of people

has become involved in a variety of  
negotiations and discussions at dif-

ferent levels,

â\200\234Transforming South Africa  
from an apartheid state to a more  
open and democratic society is not  
only the business of men (and a

few of women) at the top, Ne-  
gotiations are held at local level  
between white municipalities and  
civic organisations from the town-

" Steps on restructuring local govern-  
ment and a common future in undivided  
cities.

â\200\234The National Peace Accord and  
its peace committees meet regularly,  
trying to find peaceful ways  
of dealing with conflicts ... no  
doubt, the mode of operation of  
peace committees calls for im-

provement. But the important fact is that they exist, and that many of them function effectively at one level or another. |

â\200\234This broad level of involvement  
oo various levels is a unique fea-

â\200\230ture, not found in most countries

that are trying to make the transi-  
tion from war to peace and from  
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- government. Many people havd a  
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The mission's report, published  
in the Netherlands, claims there

. a wide-scale abuse of power on  
the part of security forces.

It says State violence against  
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- the worst form of violence threa-  
tening South Africa.

" However, the report reserves se-  
rious criticism for political organi-  
gations, accusing them of overlook-  
ing murder and intimidation.

\* The mission, sponsored by three  
. Dutch police unions, was made up  
. of two senior police officers a Gert  
. van Beek of Amsterdam and Joop  
KteoroSa of Gronigen a and Am-  
am advocate Willem van

.- Mapet, who previously visited  
,. South Africa as an observer of po-  
.+ litical trials on behalf of the Inter-  
" national Commission of Jurists.

- The mission, which decided to  
" observe [matters at grassroots  
.. level, was based for three weeks in  
." "Sebokeng's Zone 7 a scene of some  
" of the worst violence in recent  
~ years. Members stayed in Sebo-  
keng Hostel, known as Vietnam,  
> and the nearby Cuba squatter

a Our report is based on the spe-  
+. cific experiences of the delegation  
7 between March 4 and 25" said  
. Fons Geerling, a member of the  
<. Dutch Anti-Apartheid Movement  
n. . who acted as facilitator for the  
.: - mission. a During that time we held  
nuraerous meetings with police of-  
ficers, both black and white, rang-  
ing in rank from brigadier to con-  
table. Except for an initial hassle  
about being refused visas, no obsta-  
\_ cles were placed in the way of our  
. work a  
~ They also interviewed many  
members of the major parties and  
~ organisations either directly affect-  
ed by or who took part in the vio-  
' lence, and made several recom-  
\* mendations on Improving police  
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fom a speech given on the Easl  
. Rand this week from a man like-  
"ly to hold a post in the next Cabi-  
" pet. His name -- Tokyo Sexwale.  
~ " Mr Sexwale is chairman of the  
ANCâ\200\231s PWV region. He was  
' speaking to a crowd of sup-  
" porlers in ihe wake of the vio-  
â\204¢ fence which erupted last week-  
end. The violence appears to  
have been triggercd by the ANC

~ + jnsisting on marching

katha-controlled hostel.  
Clearly, lhere has been a great

deal of til-for-

{he march. Were the police in-

crowded theatre|

basic right.  
But freedom of speech ends at

a certain point. You may not  
shout "Fire!" in a crowded theatre. If you do, you will be held  
responsible for the consequences.  
To insist on holding a certain

march at a certain venue under -

certain political conditions is no  
different from shouting "Fire!"  
From this, we can see that the  
word "right" is becoming over-  
worked and undervalued in our

arning of

Does any group

freedom of assembly

past an lo-

cord them special status.

They do not have a right to kill  
those who kill them.

Their rights extend no further  
than the courts. The courts will  
decide who has done the killing  
and what punishment will be suf-  
fered. Perhaps even the death  
penalty. But no political player  
has a right to grant his followers  
grace to escape further mayhem. -

Nor should any group be al-  
lowed to add fuel to the fire by

political context. -, which stages a march where the only

Which brings me to the opening  
quotation from Mr Sexwale.

Certainly, supporters of the  
ANC have many rights. But they  
are no different from any other  
citizen of the land, and even the  
continued and iniquitous exemp-  
tion from the vote does not ac-

certain outcome is death. To take  
this course is to make a mockery  
of the very concept of rights, so  
sadly abused in our land these  
many years.

@ The author is programme  
director of news and sport at  
Radio 702.

But let's examine two key  
quotations on issues and examine them in

broad terms, so as not to pre-  
empt any findings the commis-  
sion may eventually make.

have the right  
to stage a march likely to erupt  
in violence, or even to cause vio-  
lence as a peripheral item?  
Supporters of such organisa-  
tions will argue their right to

is not a right yet, but ought to  
be, and hopefully will be  
enshrined in a future cons

The ANC, for example,  
that in the wake of mandated that it be allowed to ex-  
ercise such a right in its planned

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march on Ulundi. It went ahead  
with the march on Bisho â\200\224 and  
who can forget the outcome  
there?

There's the rob â\200\224 and I can  
best illustrate my point by refer-  
ring to another right â\200\224 [freedom

of speech. As I have written  
many times in this column, free-  
dom of speech involves not only  
being able to say what you your-  
self want, but according the same  
status to the next man, however  
much you dislike his views, I think it is 2



At nighttail, the people in and near Xathiehong, Tokoza and Phela Park, begin to tremble. JOE LOUW reports.

THE people of Siluma View Park, a small satellite township near Katle-zong on the East Rand, huddle together in a crowded community hall in neighbouring Park Ridge, a predominantly Indian community.

There are 300 of them, refugees from the violence that has engulfed Xathiehong, Tokoza and Phola Park since last Sunday.

The people in this area are mostly strangers to the area. But they have never seen anything like this. "It was the closest thing I

have ever seen. I saw 12 real live war," said Kindiza Ngupeze, a Peace Action monitor, of a gun fight between Siluma

and Xesine Hostel

about 200 of them were armed with AK-47s and were crawling in the grass, some crawling and firing, all of them in the direction of the township. They began to sweat until when I got a clearer view. I saw several young boys, also armed with

rifles and handguns shooting and driving the

Sestel Sweliers Sack. Navea Naidoo is the co-organiser of the Pzim Ridge Crisis Committee, a hastily formed community structure which includes Islamic Welfare organisations. The civics of Siluma View and Palm Ridge and

Guy Fawkes night

"The gunfire that we hear at night emanating from the township and the hostel is unbelievable," she says. "It is like Guy Fawkes night."

The danger of the refugees - men, women, and old people and dozens of small children

last Monday. According to an eyewitness from Siluma View, a group of about 100 heavily armed men swarmed out of Xesine Hostel to attack residents of the Mavimbela section of Xathiebong township. They burnt houses, shooting and killing at

least 30 residents. The witness, who wanted

to remain anonymous for fear of reprisals, told

wo. zie Saturday Star. â\200\234Mavimbela s near our  
r+~ownship â\200\224 just an empty field separates us.  
Â». We were terrified and many families nearest

\*\* ~:he hostel began to evacuate the women and

37 The zex: Ã@ay the mob attacked Ramkumpi

â\200\234:\*'geerion in bread daylight, according to a resi-  
-.dezt and Siluma residents began to flee in  
\_earsest Tte men in the township began to  
â\200\234"t3ke measures to protect themselvesâ\200\235.

â\200\234Palm Ridge people also got frightened

when they saw hundreds of families arriving  
in their township asking for help,â\200\235 Naidoo  
says. :

â\200\234We had to organise quickly to try and re-  
spond to the crisis. Fortunately, we were  
able to persuade the Germiston City  
Council to make available the Paim Ridge  
Community Centre for a temporary shelter  
for our neighbours.â\200\235

Operation Hunger supplied blankets and  
food. while Nestle has been providing baby  
foods, the: Red Cross medicines and nappies  
and the Central Islamic Trust, local busi-  
ness and members of the Indian community  
all played a role in a magnificent demonstra-  
tion of spontaneous humanitarianism.

The â\200\234big guys" of the ANC have not been  
quite so impressive, as far as some members  
of Park Ridge Crisis Committee are con-  
cerned. â\200\234None of them have made an appear-  
ance here in Park Ridge to express solidarity  
with the people or to console them in this  
dark hour,â\200\235 said Naidoo, â\200\234Only the regional  
representative showed up here although  
ÂSemgton- Park is barely 6km away from

ere.â\200\231 :

When questioned about what the police  
have been doing to defuse the situation, cor-  
don off the hostel and protect residents, one of  
the refugees had a short answer: â\200\234Nothing.â\200\235

â\200\234On advice of the ANC peace desk,â\200\235 Naidoo  
said. â\200\234we contacted a police member of the  
local dispute resolution committee, an Adju-  
tant van Wyk, requesting a patrol. He pro-  
mised to come here but never did and so far  
nothing happened about 3 patrol.â\200\235

â\200\234We were worried sick about our houses,â\200\235  
one family-head commented. â\200\234The police  
never bothered with us ~ only once in a while  
one sees a Casspir running past there on the  
main road; nobody is gatrolling although they  
know exactly what is happening.â\200\235

The tension around this welter of townships  
~ Kathlehong, Tokoza, Siluma Park as well  
as Park Ridge and the nearby squatter camp,

Phola Park - eases during the day but as soon as night falls people begin to tremble.

Yesterday when we visited Palm Ridge Community Hall as hundreds were being fed. fresh stories and rumours added to the already intense fear. 200\234Busloads of reinforcements are on their way to Kwesine to reinforce the hostel dwellers, 200\235 was the latest information.

Siluma residents will spend another freezing night on the floors of the Park Ridge Centre. Tomorrow night, a disco has been booked and nobody knows what will happen.

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SABC.bOard:  
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panel choice

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THE panel selecting the  
new SABC Board has  
been told to rethink its  
selections.

Cooling speculation  
that the announcement  
of the new SABC Board  
was imminent, Chief  
Government Spokesman  
in the Office of the State  
President Dave Steward -  
said yesterday the panel -  
had submitted a list to  
President de Klerk on-  
May 21.

The proposed board  
list created concerns  
which the State Presi-  
dent discussed twice  
with the panel. As a re-  
sult, an amended list has  
been submitted which  
will be considered by De  
Klerk.

Steward said an an-  
nouncement on the new  
board would be made  
"probably on Monday,  
but no later than Tues-  
day at which time, for  
the sake of full trans-  
parency, he will also  
issue the panel's original  
list.

ANC spokesman Carl  
Niehaus said the ANC

objected to the state of  
affairs whereby the  
State President turned  
down proposals of very  
eminent persons chosen  
to make recommenda-

. tions about the new  
board.

The ANC found it dis-  
turbng that here was a

situation where an independent process had been set up with these persons given authority, yet their suggestions were turned down twice.

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Conservative Party  
Broadcasting spokesman  
Dr Pletter Mulder said  
his party felt negative  
about the whole process  
because they had been  
ignored right from the  
beginning. He said the  
Government chose to negotiate  
with the ANC  
and did not ask other  
parties to participate.

It is strange that the  
Government decided on  
the method but are now  
not satisfied with the  
outcome, he said.

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Goldstone findings

Political Staff

JOHANNESBURG. â\200\224 ANC president Nelson Mandela has summarily dismissed the findings of the Goldstone Commission on the causes of violence in South Africa.

Opening the ANCâ\200\231s crucial four-day policy conference at Nasrec, near Johannesburg, yesterday, Mr Mandela told nearly 800 cheering delegates that the report was â\200\230â\200\234superficialâ\200\235.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone released to parliament this week a bombshell report which said the primary cause for the violence was â\200\234political rivalryâ\200\235 between the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party.

Although he did not specifically exonerate the security forces â\200\224 consistently accused of fomenting â\200\230â\200\234black-on-blackâ\200\235 violence â\200\224 Mr Justice Goldstoneâ\200\231s report was immediately interpreted by the government as a vindication of repeated

Government  
bugged us,  
says ANC

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. â\200\224 A bugging device was found in an ANC meeting hall at Nasrec where the organisation is holding a four-day conference on an economic programme for a post-apartheid South Africa.

ANC spokesman Mr Pallo

Jordan, holding the device, a miniature microphone with an in-built transmitter said to have a range of between 500 m and one km, said the main suspect was the government.

The ANC had scheduled a discussion on the role of the police and the army and other security services.

â\200\234This is an example of what we are up against. There is very little doubt who is behind this and our principal suspect is the South African government,â\200\235 Mr Jordan said.

@ Police told The Argus political staff that they had no reason to spy on legitimate

political organisations such as â\200\234ha ANC.

claims that its â\200\234hands were cleanâ\200\235.

In his keynote speech, Mr Mandela went out of his way to avoid a personal attack on the judge, but left no doubt that the ANC rejected the commissionâ\200\231s conclusions.

Delegates to the ANC conference said this raised serious questions about the future credibility of the government-appointed commission.

Mr Mandela said to prolonged applause: â\200\234The (Goldstone) statement pre-empts the work of his own commission.â\200\235

Mr Mandela said that to attribute the violence to political rivalry between the ANC and IFP was to ignore the fact that the rivalry had been fostered and manipulated by the government and its security forces.

â\200\230â\200\234â\200\234Secondly, with regard to who holds the key responsibility for bringing the violence to an end â\200\224 to place this responsibility on the ANC and IFP is

to ignore the reality that it is the National Party regime which wields state power.â\200\235

The commission was still charged with, among many

other things, investigating alleged military training by the SADF of at least 200 IFP members who are still loose in the community.

It is also investigating secret funding by the regime of the IFP over a period of at least four years, and the involvement of the Kwazulu Police and the SA Police in Wesselton.

The judgment in the Trust Feed massacre case is unmis- takeable proof that none of this can be dismissed as irrelevant or imagined.

Other delegates expressed outrage that the report appeared to apportion blame equally between the IFP and the ANC. a conclusion they disputed hotly and that the involvement of the security forces in violence was treated as secondary.

Emotional welcome for ex-Democratic Party MPs

Political Staff

JOHANNESBURG. Five former Democratic Party MPs have exchanged the comfort of parliament's leather benches for plastic delegates' chairs at the ANC policy conference here. >

Mr Jannie Momberg, Mr Jan van Eck, Mr Rob Haswell, Mr Dave Dalling and Mr Pierre Cronje were given an emotional welcome, including a standing ovation.

Four of the five attended in their new capacities as delegates of the Western Cape region of the ANC, while Mr Cronje represented the Natal Midlands.

Shortly after ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela ended his opening speech, an official, Ms Cheryl Carolus, asked that the five join the organisation's leaders on the platform.

They were escorted to the stage amid tumultuous applause, shaking hands with delegates as they made their way to the front of the hall.



The five then greeted ANC

secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, chairman Mr Oliver Tambo, deputy president Mr Walter Sisulu and Mr Mandela.

Mr Dalling said afterwards:  
â\200\234I have never experienced anything like that in my life before.â\200\235

Mr Van Eck said he had felt a â\200\234wonderful sense of liberationâ\200\235, while Mr Haswell said it was a â\200\234warm and tingling sort of experienceâ\200\235.

Mr Momberg said it was an â\200\230â\200\234emotionalâ\200\235 experience that made him feel he had been accepted unconditionally.

The MPs â\200\224 who now sit in the cross-benches in the House of Assembly â\200\224 left the DP for the ANC five weeks ago after a protracted dispute over where the party should place itself in the changed political scene.

PAC rally flops

TZANEEN. â\200\224 Only 30 people attended a Pan-Africanist Congress rally in Nkowa township here â\200\224 and even the guest speaker, PAC national organiser Mr Maxwell Nemadzivhanini, did not arrive. â\200\224 Sapa.