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THE HERALD (Harare) — Zimbabwe has made its stand on the sanctions issue clear. Pretoria has hit back by slowing down our trade. Now is the time to mobilise all our resources to ensure our economic survival.

We cannot afford to sit back and wait for whatever emergency packages progressive nations might offer us to weather the possible further loss of exports-imports routes. We must get our heads together to map out exactly how such developments would affect us, draw up schedules of the kind of aid we would need and launch an all-out effort to secure that aid.

Work has already started in this direction, although this has so far mainly concentrated on securing alternative transport, communications and energy links — and the progress here has been encouraging.

Some states have also made progress in reducing their dependence on trade with South Africa. . . . Zimbabwe managed to reduce its exports to South Africa to 10,9 percent between January and November last year, a major drop from the previous year. Imports, however, still remain fairly high at 18,2 percent. . . .

THE STANDARD (Nairobi) — Pretoria has evidently swung into operation its long-planned anti-sanctions strategy.

The other crucially important aspect of Pretoria's meticulous strategy is that of sanctions-busting, an iniquitous exercise which was being hypocritically supported and abetted by many reputable firms in Western Europe, the Americas, Southeast Asia and the Far East.

It is becoming increasingly evident, therefore, that insofar as the racist regime in Pretoria continues to enjoy so much collusion and hypocritical co-operation from so many of the world's regimes and reputable industrial and commercial organisations (many of which do booming business

with emergent Africa), it will be extremely difficult to bring that regime to its knees.

For some 30 years now, sanctions of various kinds against racist South Africa have been called for, but their results have thus far varied from total failure to unimpressive success.

Certainly not until Britain, the United States, Germany, France and Japan are enjoined to mandatory sanctions against Pretoria will the regime there feel any real pinch.

While punishing Pretoria, let's all now go to the rescue and assistance of the threatened fellow Africans in the Frontline states.

THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA (Lusaka) — The racist regime is capable of murdering poor Zambia within a month or just a few weeks. We depend on South Africa for our supply of spare parts for mining equipment. We also depend on South African goods which our mouths swallow with disgrace.

The racist regime wants Zambia and Zimbabwe — which oppose apartheid — to support it through the barrel of commerce and agriculture. It's not a bluff, but it's certainly blackmail.

There is strong suspicion among black independent states that the two conservative governments of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and US President Ronald Reagan have influenced the racist regime to impose economic sanctions against Zambia and Zimbabwe. They have encouraged President Pieter Botha to fire the first fatal shots.

Botha has, as expected, responded positively and has fired deadly economic shots at the two countries in the hope that they would kowtow to the machinations of apartheid and capitalism. They believe that we are beggars and that as beggars we have no right to choose.

NO REGRETS — SADF SPEAKS ON CROSS-BORDER RAIDS

Zimbabwe hiding facts on death toll, says Nel

Pretoria Bureau

The death toll from Monday's three-pronged attack by South African security forces on Lusaka, Harare and Gaborone could be as high as six.

The South African Government yesterday claimed the security forces had killed at least two ANC members in Harare and seriously wounded — or killed — two others in Gaborone during Monday's raids.

But Zambia has claimed that another two people died in the raid on Makeni Plots near Lusaka.

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Deputy Minister for Information Mr Louis Nel said the South African Defence Force remained convinced that at least two, and possibly more, ANC members had died in Harare.

"We believe the Zimbabwean Government is withholding this information for its own purposes."

He added that two more members of the ANC had been injured in Gaborone and it was not known if they had died.

He categorically denied that the security forces had abducted anyone or brought back prisoners from the raids.

EPG peace moves 'are not dead'

Pretoria Bureau

The Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group had made it clear since this week's cross-border raids that its peace initiatives were not dead, Deputy Minister for Information Mr Louis Nel said yesterday.

The EPG delegation left South Africa within hours of the raids and there has been speculation that their attempts to mediate a peaceful solution have been torpedoed by South Africa's cross-border aggression.

The foreign group was in Lusaka on the eve of the bombing of the city for talks with ANC president, Mr Oliver Tambo.

Mr Nel said a wrong impression had been created that the group had left prematurely.

"I have seen no statement from the EPG that they have cut their visit short."

"And the chairman has made it clear that their initiative is not dead."



Brigadier J A Klopper (left), director of operations of the SADF, the Deputy Minister of Information, Mr Louis Nel (centre), and Brigadier Herman Stadler, chief of security intelligence, at the Pretoria press conference yesterday.

Challenge to prove that target was refugee camp

Pretoria Bureau

South Africa has denied that the Lusaka "terrorist transit facility" it attacked on Monday was actually a refugee camp run by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The UN has gone on record as saying its camp at Makeni Plots outside Lusaka was attacked, and Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda has also said the target was a refugee camp.

There have been conflicting reports about the raid, which came to light only some time after the strikes on Harare and Gaborone had been revealed. Many questions still remain about the attack, including how many people were killed.

PROOF CALL

Deputy Minister of Information Mr Louis Nel said yesterday that until the Government had seen proof that a refugee camp had been hit, it would deny this. "It be easy for the UN to prove — let it do so."

"Only specific ANC targets were attacked. We have no quarrel with the people of Zambia and every precaution was taken to prevent injury to civilians."

Mr Nel said it was a common ploy for victims of South African raids to say refugees had been attacked.

Unrepentant SA tells world and the ANC: We'll go in again

By Sue Leeman and Kym Hamilton, Pretoria Bureau

In the face of international condemnation, the South African Government remains unrepentant about this week's raids on Harare, Gaborone and Lusaka, saying the attacks succeeded in disrupting vital ANC infiltration routes from these Frontline capitals.

And at an international press conference in Pretoria yesterday Deputy Minister of Information Mr Louis Nel issued a strong warning that should the ANC continue its incursions from neighbouring states the Government would not hesitate to strike again.

"We have now given a clear message to the ANC that we can reach them — this has been understood."

The security forces had "conclusive proof" that their

targets in the raids were ANC bases from which armed and trained terrorists made their way into South Africa.

However, no documents or other items were seized and no prisoners taken.

Mr Nel would not give further details on exactly how the raids were executed.

193 attacks

Mr Nel said one of the main reasons for Monday's pre-dawn strikes — which hit offices and a home in Harare, a camp outside Lusaka and a small settlement near Gaborone — was the growth in the number of terror attacks in SA in the past 18 months.

Between April 1985 and the

same month this year there had been 193 attacks compared to only 60 between April 1984 and April 1985. Some had been launched from Zambia, Botswana and Zimbabwe.

Since 1976, he said, 43 blacks and 35 whites had died in ANC terrorist action.

In the last 10 years the ANC had been responsible for:

- Twelve landmine explosions. A further 30 landmines planted by the ANC were found by the security forces.
- A total of 113 hand grenades were used in attacks and another 1 273 were seized by security forces.
- The use of 115 limpet mines in attacks. Security forces located another 409.
- Seven demolition mine explosions and 87 of these mines were dug up.

Security forces had also located 85 anti-personnel mines in ANC depots.

Mr Nel said it had become clear from foreign reaction "that the nature and the character of the ANC are not properly understood".

The ANC, he said, was a terrorist organisation which formed part of an international terror network and was dependent solely on foreign aid.

He insisted that the ANC was not a threat to the South African Government, but rather to the lives and property of ordinary citizens.

Campaign

Mr Nel said the ANC's victims were often innocent civilians who died in the ANC's campaign to intimidate the population.

"In this regard, the ANC does not differ at all from the Palestine Liberation Organisation, the Irish Republican Army and Red Brigades."

ANC terrorists were trained mainly in the Soviet Union, East Germany, Angola and Libya and the organisation was dependent for its arms support exclusively on Russia and Eastern Bloc countries.

Cars rented in Bulawayo for attack

HARARE — Three of the vehicles used by the South Africans who attacked two targets in Harare on Monday were rented from the Bulawayo offices of an international car hire company.

Mr Brian Bowyer, general manager of the United Touring Company, which owns Hertz in Zimbabwe, said the men had paid a cash deposit of 2 000 Zimbabwe dollars (about R2 500) and, to the best of his knowledge, had produced their driving licences and filled in the necessary rental forms which require addresses and other details.

Mr Bowyer said he did not know whether the men were whites or blacks.

The cars were in the hands of the police, he said.

Mr Bowyer said he believed the raiders had also hired vehicles from other car rental companies. — Sapa.

All SADF raiders believed back at base

HARARE — All members of the SADF raiding team that blew up two African National Congress targets in Zimbabwe in the early hours of Monday were today believed to be safely back in South Africa, according to sources in Harare.

Information gathered so far about Pretoria's first acknowledged incursion into Zimbabwe suggests a much larger South African force entered the country than was believed.

Despite a tip-off up to two hours before the

SADF attacked the ANC offices in Angwa Street, Harare, and a house in Ashdown Park, the Zimbabwean security forces did not ambush the raiders.

An Organisation of African Unity seminar in Harare on forming a pan-African military force went into closed session today.

● The identities of four local people detained in connection with the incursion have not yet been disclosed. One is believed to be a white former Rhodesian army officer. — Sapa.

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THEY SAID IT

● President Botha failed to use the National Party federal congress to turn his back finally on the concept of apartheid. In the constitutional field, in particular, it is clear that the NP under Mr Botha has no intention of abandoning race — and with that race classification and separation — as the cornerstone on which he intends to build constitutional structures. — **Mr Colin Eglin, leader of the Progressive Federal Party.**

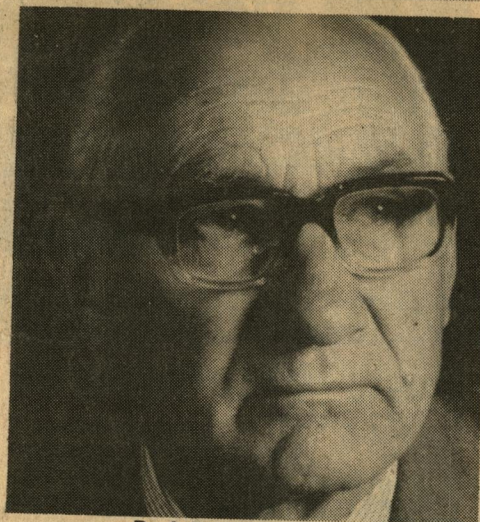
● SABC news broadcasts keep the public well informed rather than entertained and a competing news service will not be in the public interest. If we should allow another television network to broadcast news I have very little doubt that newscasts by it and SABC-TV would become more dramatic, more entertaining and less informative. — **Mr Louis Nel, Deputy Minister of Information.**

● As long as I am this country's leader, there will be no tampering with the principle of the Group Areas Act — land ownership and property rights. I am prepared to make the Act more flexible, but not to end separate residential areas. — **President Botha.**

● The Group Areas Act must be changed or scrapped — at least regarding new land — if orderly urbanisation in South Africa is to succeed. — **Mr J Kruger of the Development Bank of South Africa.**

● Terrorists must expect no mercy, and if necessary steps will be taken even over our borders to wipe out terrorist gangs. We don't negotiate with terrorists — we fight them. — **Mr Louis le Grange, Minister of Law and Order.**

● The most difficult assignment awaiting us is to create and develop, through negotiation, structures for handling the common interests of all communities in South Africa. This must take place in such a way as to include the black communities in deliberation and power-sharing about those common interests, without domination, on the basis of consensus decision-making. — **Dr Gerrit Viljoen, Minister of Development Aid and Education.**



Dr A D Wassenaar

● There are more than 700 000 unemployed in South Africa and the Government will make all efforts to repatriate illegal workers (about 1,3 million) to their countries. It is Government policy to give priority to local unemployed. — **Dr Piet van der Merwe, Director-General of Manpower.**

● The country's economic ills are directly attributable to the actions of the Ministers of Finance and of Trade and Industry. To recover, South Africa needs an economic leader as strong as we fortunately have on the political field. While the State President is facing a momentous task, he and the country are being let down badly by the two Ministers in charge of the economy. — **Dr A D Wassenaar, former chairman of Sanlam.**

● It can be reported to Pretoria that the Legislative Assembly has indicated that the people of kwaNdebele do not agree with independence and they will not opt for it. — **Mr Solly Mahlangu, the homeland's Speaker.**



Dr Piet van der Merwe

● The Afrikaner should get rid of his inferiority complex and stop being afraid of contacts with others. Too few South Africans know one another as human beings. — **Professor Tjaart van der Walt, rector of Potchefstroom University, addressing the annual congress of the Afrikaanse Taal- en Kultuurvereniging.**

● In the light of the country's economic situation and the onslaught of sanctions, South Africa can no longer get by without a long-term economic masterplan. — **Mr Chris Kuun, president of the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut.**

● We are concerned that what is happening in South Africa is affecting not only students, but also the careers of thousands of schoolchildren. Pupils in large numbers have been detained, and regulations recently announced by the Department of Education and Training have had a profoundly negative effect on schools which feed our universities. — **Professor Karl Tober, principal of Wits,**

at a general assembly called to express concern at the emergency regulations and detentions.

● If the game was getting a bit quiet I would send in a couple of sharp throws over the top of the stumps to get the spectators back into the game and wake up a couple of fielders who'd dozed off. I suppose I regarded myself as another member of the attack. — **Colin Bland reminiscing on his cricket career.**

● There are places in Namaqualand which experienced severe droughts for eight or nine years. To keep the farms going, the older people built up enormous debts and the younger people moved to find work. It is extremely doubtful whether these children will ever come back to the farms. It is understandable — why should they come back and face these huge debts? — **Mr Andries Kotze, chairman of the Namaqua Publicity and Development Association.**

● If Mr Tambo and other ANC external mission members think they can bypass the people of kwaZulu on their way to victory they are sorely mistaken. — **Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.**

● All the talent that is available simply can't be accommodated at the moment. Many talented dancers graduate and then are lost because there aren't enough opportunities for them to dance professionally. — **Lynne Fouche on the news that Johannesburg is to have its own professional full-time ballet company.**

● It is naive and deceptive to talk about white self-determination if you invite blacks to help run the country. There is nothing in Christianity about political power-sharing; Christianity says nothing about a multiracial Cabinet and provincial councils. — **Dr Andries Treurnicht, leader of the Conservative Party.**

● I surprised myself. I didn't think I would be able to sprint past Kirsty, but I felt good. — **Zola Budd after beating Welsh Commonwealth gold medallist Kirsty Wade.**

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Chief Mangosuthu Gatsha Buthelezi: Correction and apology

In the *Sowetan* of December 12, 1984, a reader's letter was published which criticised Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

The letter referred to Chief Buthelezi and to the Inkatha movement. The letter alleged that Chief Buthelezi ordered his impi into an Educational Institution, Ongoye, with instructions to restore order and to kill if need be.

The writer of the published letter commented that this type

of conduct was disgraceful and criminal.

"After receipt of a complaint from Chief Buthelezi, the *Sowetan* has satisfied itself that the allegations in the letter referred to above, concerning Chief Buthelezi's alleged conduct and the order he is alleged to have given, to be completely false and incorrect.

The *Sowetan* takes this opportunity to retract the false and incorrect allegations



CHIEF Gatsha Buthelezi.

and to apologise unreservedly to Chief Buthelezi for any harm which has been caused to him as a result of the published letter."

Rajbansi weighs words carefully

Political Staff

The Ministers' Council Chairman in the House of Delegates, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, weighed his words carefully during yesterday's debate on South Africa's cross-border raids.

While not going so far as to say he supported the attacks on African National Congress targets, Mr Rajbansi told President Botha: "I am of the view that action on the part of any government against elements who want to engage in senseless destruction of life and property can be justified."

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Mr Rajbansi said any parties involved in acts of violence should know there could be "no winners and no losers".

He concluded by saying: "Recent events should make us all determined to make a stronger call for a truce respected by all sides in order to try the programme of peace."

Mr Rajbansi declined to say earlier this week whether or not he supported South Africa's action.

His Cabinet colleague and counterpart in the House of Representatives, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, said at the time he had "no criticism" of the action of the Defence Force.

Attack was only our first blow, Botha warns ANC

Political Staff

President P W Botha has warned the African National Congress that South Africa has "only delivered the first instalment".

He was speaking in the House of Delegates yesterday during a snap debate, called by the Solidarity Opposition, on South Africa's attacks on ANC targets in Zimbabwe, Zambia and Botswana on Monday.

President Botha said South Africa had performed the raids with responsibility and with "all right on its side".

South Africa would continue to strike against ANC targets in other countries "in accordance with our legal right".

"We have only delivered the first instalment, and if necessary we'll strike again."

To cries of "Hoor, hoor" from the House, he added that South Africa would continue to take such action as long as he was head of State.

"South Africa has the will and the capacity to break the ANC."

"We will certainly not be deterred by fanciful arguments that are being advanced here and abroad," he said.

"We desire peace and we are prepared to protect that peace."

The ANC continued to be responsible for acts of violence and for murdering innocent people.

Until the ANC was prepared to return to the country to "talk to South Africans in a decent way", South Africa would take action against the ANC.

Earlier in his speech, Mr Botha accused the United Nations of contributing to the escalation of violence against South Africa.

"A large number of unlawful acts perpetrated or instigated by the United Nations against South Africa have led and will increasingly lead to unlawful conduct against this country by individual states."

These states were prepared to harbour terrorists knowing the United Nations would console them when South Africa acted against the terrorists, he said.

'Black local authorities a battlefield'

The ANC had chosen black local authorities as the battlefield on which it would try to bring about a "Moscow-controlled dictatorship", the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said yesterday.

Replying to the second reading debate on the Black Local Authorities Amendment Bill, he said that unless something was done to "restore the balance", the ANC would succeed in its plan to make parts of the country ungovernable.

Events in Crossroads near Cape Town showed what could happen if "diabolical forces" were allowed to have their way. There were people in Crossroads who were fighting against the "forces of violence and chaos" to bring about order.

The rent boycotts in the Rand townships were also part of the plan to make areas ungovernable.

Mr Heunis said a feeling of rejection had been brought about in the black community by people who created the impression that blacks had been excluded from the political process.

"This was not true. Reform was a dynamic process and the 1983 constitution had never been put forward as the final solution for South Africa. — Sapa.

Raids were an act of war — Poovalingam



Mr Pat Poovalingam... the ANC are 'our people'.

If Zimbabwe, Botswana and Zambia had been able to retaliate after the SADF raids on Monday, South Africa would be at war, Mr Pat Poovalingam (Solidarity, Reservoir Hills), said yesterday.

He said in the snap debate on the raids that a country could commit an act of war without declaring war.

The ANC, and organisations like the Pan Africanist Congress, were not foreigners, he said. "They are South Africans and are not enemies of the country — they are enemies of the Government".

While he was not in a position to support or condemn the strikes because he did not have all the facts, he said ANC members were "our people".

"Azapo is definitely not communist, and at the

outset the PAC was formed in opposition to communism."

Mr Mamoo Rajab (Solidarity, Springfield), defence spokesman for the Opposition in the House of Delegates, said the ANC was an important organisation and would have to be included in any negotiations over the future of South Africa.

He said the raids would not assist the negotiation process. His party did not support the use of violence for political ends from any quarter.

"Yet we have acknowledged, and so has the President, that the ANC has many nationalist members. These men have turned to the Soviet Union precisely because of the frustrations of their attempts at achieving an acceptable political solution to the problems of the country." — Political Staff and Sapa.

