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 Defence Force (TDF), at the trial of 18 men facing charges connected with the aborted coup in the territory in November, 1990.

Col Zondani told the Umtata Supreme Court he was approached by Col Duli's brother, Charles, a lieutenant in the TDF, in April, 1989 to organise army uniforms and arms to "spring" his brother Craig from detention.

Col Zondani said he supplied Lt Duli with 12 brown army overalls, but was unable to supply arms.

He told the court several meetings were held in Queenstown during which a former Transkei security policeman, Mxolisi Mjali, Rev Goodman Ngxise and the alleged coup mastermind, Vulindlela Mbotoli, were present.

The witness said he decided to play along with the conspiracy, hence the supplying of overalls. But he also, at a convenient time, informed the head of Military Intelligence, a Col Ndzwayiba, of the meetings and contributions made by each speaker.

He said it was decided at one conspiratorial meeting that should the operation succeed, the former commander of the TDF, Maj-Gen Zondwa Mtirara, would head the army and Col Duli would become chairman of the Military Council.

Col Zondani told the court he was questioned about the strength of guards at the homes of Brig Matanzima, Brig Keswa and Gen Holomisa. He supplied wrong information.

The trial continues on Thursday.

## **VIOLENCE**

### **Train Boycott Bites**

JOHANNESBURG May 6 Sapa

Witwatersrand commuters entered their third day of a biting train boycott on Wednesday with a marked reduction in violence against commuters in the area.

But, an explosive situation emerged in the Pietermaritzburg area where thousands of protesters have staged a three-day stay-away demanding the removal of Inkatha Freedom Party supporters, the Kwazulu police and 32 Battalion from the Imbali township.

An IFP convoy, including a member of the organisation's central committee David Ntombela, was attacked outside Pietermaritzburg on Wednesday evening, police confirmed.

Mr Ntombela had earlier threatened to "become directly involved in mass mobilisation of the community to restore peace and security".

He alleged people were being killed, intimidated and forced to take part in the stay-away.

In other reports, police said two men were wounded and hospitalised on Wednesday morning after a hand grenade exploded near a room at the Dube hostel in Soweto.

The bodies of two men with stab and bullet wounds were found by police later in the day, also in Soweto.

Despite the drop in unrest on the Witwatersrand, a new report by the Human Rights Commission -- an independent monitoring group -- recorded horrendous statistics of violence for the period April 29 to May 5 throughout the country.

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The report came as news broke of the Organisation of African Unity's first formal initiative to intervene in the carnage.

At a Press conference in Johannesburg earlier in the day, Pan Africanist Congress secretary general Benny Alexander disclosed that five OAU members -- Algeria, Congo, Nigeria, Uganda and Zimbabwe -- would send a delegation to the country on a fact-finding mission.

In its first reaction to the move, the government accepted the proposed visit of the OAU monitoring team, which will investigate the township violence.

In a letter to the Nigerian High Commissioner in Botswana, Alaba Ogunsanwo, Foreign Affairs director-general Neil van Heerden said the government "was prepared to request the relevant South African authorities to assist the team in making an objective assessment".

He said the matter had been discussed between President F W de Klerk and Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak in Windhoek on March 20, 1990.

The issue was again raised during discussions between President de Klerk and the Nigerian head of state and OAU president, General Ibrahim Babangida, in Abuja, Nigeria, on April 10, 1992.

### **Train Boycott Creating Conflict Areas - SARCC** JOHANNESBURG May 6 Sapa

The Reef train boycott was unnecessarily "charging emotions and creating conflict areas", South African Rail Commuter Corporation head Wynand Burger said on Wednesday.

In a statement Mr Burger implored the Train Boycott Steering Committee to "join hands and jointly search for solutions" to the ongoing commuter violence on the Witwatersrand in which hundreds have died in the last 17 months.



The boycott brought unnecessary hardship to the major portion of commuters who wished to go about their "normal way of life unhindered", said Mr Burger.

"We from the Metro side, with the security forces, are doing everything in our power to afford commuters safe and comfortable transport by train."

The regular Metro train services would be maintained.

Reporting on the effectiveness of the boycott, Mr Burger said initial low occupancy levels during the Monday morning peak hours, particularly on the Soweto and the East Rand Leralla train services, were followed by larger numbers of commuters using the afternoon services.

On Wednesday morning Soweto trains were only carrying some five per cent of their normal passenger load but other sections such as the East Rand and West Rand lines enjoyed peak hour occupancy rates of as much as 75 to 80 per cent.

#### **Soweto Taxi Owners To Meet To Discuss Boycott** JOHANNESBURG May 6 Sapa

Soweto taxi owners and operators will meet on Thursday to discuss an appeal by Reef train boycott organisers for a drop in fares by 20 per cent to assist commuters during the protest action.

The Train Boycott Steering Committee on Wednesday admitted a "massive transport problem" and asked the taxi umbrella body Sabta for its active assistance.

The boycott started on Monday to press for an end to train violence which has plagued the Witwatersrand since September 1990.

Organisations backing the action include the Human Rights Commission, African National Congress and Pan Africanist Congress, Congress of SA Trade Unions and the National Council of Trade Unions. The Inkatha Freedom Party has opposed the boycott and has called on its members to use the trains.

In a statement on Wednesday, TBSC spokesman Mr Ronnie Mampoepe said they had met Sabta to stress the need for an immediate 20 per cent fare reduction, and the suspension of any local taxi fare increases pending the lifting of the boycott.

"We also asked Sabta to relax the demarcation rules for taxi routes, and to allow people with available transport to assist in ferrying commuters to their destinations during peak hours."

Mr Mampoepe said the Soweto Sabta region, represented by nine delegates from various taxi affiliates and Mr Knox Matjila of Sabta's national office, committed itself to giving its unqualified support to the boycott.

The meeting resolved to convene a meeting of all affiliates, taxi operators and owners at the Orlando East community centre on Thursday.

-- A 95 per cent commuter stayaway was recorded on the Soweto

train route by Spoornet on Wednesday morning.

#### **Witnesses In Train Violence Fail To Come Forward** PRETORIA May 6 Sapa

Witnesses and complainants in most cases of violence on trains in the Johannesburg and Germiston areas failed to come forward to give statements, but newspaper reports indicated they spoke to reporters, a Goldstone Commission committee heard in Pretoria on Wednesday.

Colonel William John Henry Benn, head of the investigating unit on violence on trains in the two areas, told the committee it had been difficult for the police to investigate most of the cases because witnesses disappeared without trace.

He said during attacks injured commuters who gave names and addresses to the police at the spot and later registered in other names at hospitals made it impossible to trace witnesses.

Asked by committee chairman Gert Steyn if it was possible to acquire statements from injured people in hospitals, Col Benn said the police in most cases were told it was a patient's privilege to decide whether to lay charges or not.

He said in other incidents witnesses approached to give statements by investigating officers said they had already given statements to their representatives and refused to give information to the police.

Col Benn said he had appealed to the public through Radio Metro and offered a R20000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person or persons responsible for politically motivated attacks and murders on trains. So far there was no response.

However, he said, the police received help from the public in three attacks on commuters -- the attack at Jeppe Station (charges were withdrawn against the accused), Park Station (a man was arrested and received seven years' imprisonment), and when a Cosatu member pointed out five men at Germiston Station (the case is continuing).

At the same sitting the commanding officer of the Internal Stability Unit in Soweto, Colonel Alexandra Stapelberg, told the committee it was impossible to search for dangerous weapons during rush hour when about 358000 commuters entered or left the stations.

He said normal policing could not be applied at rush hour.

#### **Two Plead Not Guilty To Train Murders** JOHANNESBURG May 6 Sapa

Two Zulu-speaking men who were allegedly involved in an incident on October 17 last year in which commuters were thrown from a moving train, pleaded not guilty to a charge of murder when they appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on Wednesday.

The State alleges that Icam Mazibuko, 24, of Mapetla Hostel in Soweto, and Michael Mguni, 25, of Merafe Hostel, also in Soweto, were involved in an attack on a train between Jeppe and



George Goch stations. Johannes Tsotetsi died as a result. The two men on Wednesday declined to make a statement or make known the basis of their defence to the court.

The hearing was postponed to July 17.

#### Press Release

Issued by: Congress of South African Trade Unions

#### PRESS STATEMENT 6/5/92 - TRAIN BOYCOTT

COSATU salutes the commuters of the PWV region for the disciplined and selfless way in which they have observed the train boycott over the last few days. The massive response to the call, particularly by communities who have been plagued by train violence, should send out a sharp and clear message from commuters to Transnet and the South African government: "so far and no further. End the train massacres".

The overwhelming response by commuters is especially noteworthy, given the sacrifices which commuters have had to make to support this action, including long queues, higher prices and general discomfort. These sacrifices have been made with the full knowledge that this is the only weapon we have to bring pressure to bear on the authorities to end the carnage.

Even the regime has been forced to acknowledge the overwhelming support for the action, by admitting that over half a million commuters have boycotted the trains without coercion or intimidation. There has also been a sudden drop in attacks on the trains.

COSATU: -- calls on commuters to remain resolute and disciplined in their observance of the boycott; -- calls on the taxi associations to give effect to the agreements which have been reached, particularly relating to taxi fares; -- commends those vehicle owners who have been giving people lifts, and call on all those with private transport to assist people living in their areas to get to and from work; -- call on employers to assist workers with transport for the remaining period of the boycott, and to refrain from penalising workers who are late as a result of the boycott.

Finally COSATU wants to assure commuters that their sacrifices won't be in vain. If this magnificent action fails to force the authorities to take decisive action against the train violence, COSATU is committed to stepping up action to end the carnage, not only on the trains, but throughout our townships, hostels, and factories.

#### Trust Feeds - W. Krugel Appointment Hailed

PRETORIA May 6 Sapa

The head of the University of South Africa's Department of Criminal and Procedural Law, Professor Jan van Rooyen, has come out in support of the appointment of retired Regional Court president Willem Krugel to oversee the inquiry into the alleged police cover-up in the Trust Feed massacre.

Mr Krugel's appointment this week by Minister of Law and Order

Hernus Kriel has been criticised in certain quarters for, among other reasons, his membership of the Broederbond.

Prof van Rooyen said in a statement on Wednesday he had known Mr Kruger for more than 20 years and knew he was a member of the Afrikaner Broederbond when he (Prof van Rooyen) appointed him a research projects consultant in his department.

"I have always been strongly opposed in principle to secret organisations and have at some time myself declined an invitation to become a member of the Ruiterswag, the junior pre-Broederbond organisation," he said.

"However, I have the highest respect for Mr Krugel as a fair and independent judicial officer, as a person, as a contributor towards improved criminal justice in South Africa and as a research colleague.

"He is a person of utmost integrity. I would have appointed him whether he had been a member or not of the Broederbond, the Sons of England or the Freemasons."

He said there may be a debate as to whether a proper judicial commission should have been appointed to investigate the Trust Feed massacre in terms of the Commissions Act, but there could be no question about the competence and integrity of Mr Krugel.

"Sight must also not be lost of the important fact that at the end of the investigation his report will be made public," Prof van Rooyen said.

#### LHR Slams Vlok's Explanation on Shange Release

PRETORIA May 6 Sapa

The "feeble explanations" given by Minister of Corrective Services Adriaan Vlok for the release of Kheta Shange were inadequate, confused, and insulted the intelligence of the public, Lawyers for Human Rights said on Wednesday.

LHR national director Brian Currin said in Pretoria Mr Vlok had said that Shange had, "like other political prisoners", been released in terms of Section 63 of the Act on correctional services.

But, Mr Currin said, to his knowledge, Section 63 had nothing whatsoever to do with the procedures established as a result of the Groote Schuur and Pretoria Minutes to effect the release of political prisoners.

Mr Currin said Mr Vlok had indicated that the scheduled release date of Shange had been decided upon by Justice Minister Kobic Coetsee a mere 36 days after Mr Justice Gordon had told Shange there was "little hope for your reformation. You are, in my view, a beast in policeman's clothing..." and that Shange would be "removed from society for a considerable period of time".

Mr Currin said if Mr Vlok's information was true, this demonstrated, at the very least, Mr Coetsee's utter contempt for the judge's directive.

LHR had requested lawyers to determine whether Shange could be



\* motive had been established.

### Savuka Drummer Slain

GREYTOWN May 6 Sapa

A drummer in Johnny Clegg's Savuka band, Dudu Ndlovu, was murdered while visiting Natal's Tugela Ferry area on Monday night, a Sapa correspondent reported on Wednesday.

Mr Ndlovu, who was visiting family at a nearby kraal, was walking down a road with a friend when he was hit in the chest with an AK 47 round. SABC radio news reported on Wednesday the friend managed to escape.

On Tuesday morning police found nine spent AK 47 cartridges on the scene of the murder. Police so far have been unable to establish a motive for the killing, Sapa's correspondent in the area said.

### HRC Unrest Report

JOHANNESBURG May 6 Sapa

Fifty seven deaths and 81 injuries were recorded by the Human Rights Commission during the week April 29 to Tuesday yesterday -- May 5).

The HRC's "Weekly Repression Report", released to Sapa on Wednesday, added of this total, 47 deaths and 62 injuries were recorded country-wide between May Day (May 1) and Tuesday (May 5).

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According to HRC research, security force action accounted for three deaths, 10 injuries and 50 arrests in actions recorded in the PWV area and Natal during the week under review.

"Hit squad" actions accounted for one death and two injuries in the PWV, according to the HRC.

"The remaining deaths and injuries are categorised as uncertain and other political actions," the HRC report said.

### Press Release

Issued by: African National Congress

From: The ANC PWV Regional DIP Tel: 333 0399 Ref: Wally Mbhele

A woman was killed and another man injured in Meadowlands, Soweto, when a group of hostel dwellers fired at bus commuters going to work in the early hours of this morning.

Mrs Puncho Rathefola was shot in the neck at about 5 am as she tried to flee a hail of bullets coming from a group of more than 30 hostel dwellers who had converged in the vacated Bakwena Street and marching in the direction of a local bus terminal randomly fired at residents going to work.

Another commuter, known only as "Willie" suffered minor injuries on the foot.

This group then retreated back to Meadowlands hostel which has become a terror base from where attacks against the community are consistently executed. They only retreated to the hostel after a group of local youths had gathered together for the purpose of defending bus commuters.

It must be noted that this latest assault against residents comes in the wake of a visit by senior officials of the ANC/SACP to all the embattled Soweto townships yesterday, including Meadowlands, which is the most hard hit by violence.

On Saturday, the body of 55 year old Mr Mvuselelo Dyodo of Senaoane was discovered at the gates of this hostel after he went missing when he was going to a May Day rally in Jabulani. It is still a mystery how Mr Dyodo went to that hostel. The only probability at the moment is that he was abducted into that hostel (Meadowlands).

Visiting Meadowlands, Mzimhlophe, Killarney and Dobsonville yesterday, the general secretary of the South African Communist Party, Chris Hani and the ANC PWV chairman, Tokyo Sixwale heard grim tales of how residents have been forced to either flee their houses or resign their lives at the terrible cost of hostel vigilantes who have become a thorn on their flesh.

The apparent failure on the side of the police to arrest the perpetrators of violence and their collusion with Inkatha warlords was highlighted by desperate residents. On a number of occasions, the police have been asked to keep regular patrol on the side of Meadowlands hotel as most attacks on the residents emanates from that angle. However, the police have not only refused to heed that request but have also turned a blind eye to attacks coming from the hostel.

The Local Dispute Resolution Committee has still not yet been formed in that area because of the IFP's unwillingness to attend the meetings despite serious allegations implicating their members in Meadowlands violence.

The ANC PWV region once more extend a hand of invitation to both the IFP and the police to exercise restraint and practically contribute to all genuine efforts of bringing about the climate

### NPC Progress Report

JOHANNESBURG May 6 Sapa

Since its constitution in February this year, the Witwatersrand/Vaal Regional Dispute Resolution Committee has







