

Letter from Durban

Healey in the Zulu wars

Mr Denis Healey, the Labour Party's shadow foreign secretary, really got into his stride yesterday. He took many photographs and kissed lots of babies, assuring each successive mother that her's was the healthiest, prettiest infant he had ever seen.

He was in Durban, Natal, and visited the very poor township of Claremont before going on to see the ruins of the Mahatma Gandhi settlement at Phoenix.

Last year the settlement building was burnt down by Zulus, who have always regarded it as their territory. There is, unfortunately, a long history of racial tension between Indians and Zulus in Natal — indeed, Gandhi originally founded the settlement (in 1904) to promote reconciliation.

Mr Healey seemed horrified by what he saw, and denounced Inkatha, the Zulu movement headed by Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, which he held responsible for the destruction.

He said that when he had been in South Africa in 1970, he had regarded Chief Buthelezi as a co-belligerent against apartheid. He was sorry to see that since then the chief appeared to have come to terms with the South African Government, and abandoned the radical cause.

At Phoenix, a Casspir anti-riot vehicle appeared on the horizon. Mr Healey seemed delighted to see it, and rather disappointed that it kept its distance.

Emboldened by the presence of the law, he repeated his (illegal) call for sanctions. He said that he had discussed the issue with the leaders of the frontline states, who were prepared to put up with hardship in order to shorten South Africa's agony.

When he first arrived in South Africa, Mr Healey was circumspect in expressing his views on sanctions. As the days have passed, his language has grown stronger and stronger, but more and more reminiscent of Question Time in the House of Commons.

After Phoenix, Mr Healey

went to the Ecumenical Centre, for discussions with black political church leaders. Despite the ecumenism, Mr Healey's visit to Durban was organized by the local Roman Catholic clergy, and it must be said that they are much better at it than the Johannesburg Anglicans. The Catholic tradition of authoritarianism makes for efficient scheduling.

Emphasis on Irish angle

When asked by various churchmen about his own religious beliefs, Mr Healey emphasized his Irish, rather than his Yorkshire origins. He also described himself as a fellow traveller with religion.

Among his hosts yesterday were five of the six men who in 1984 spent some weeks as rather embarrassing guests of the British Consulate in Durban, where they had sought refuge from the South African police.

They included Mr Archie Gumede, a co-president of the United Democratic Front anti-apartheid coalition, to whom Mr Healey presented a copy of *Healey's Eye*, an anthology of his photographs.

While Mr Healey was in Durban, his deputy, Mr Donald Anderson, went to Port Elizabeth to see local church leaders and black townships.

The role of deputy to Mr Healey is not an easy one: the boss has decided opinions, and rarely feels the need for much advice. So beyond slicing the lemons and opening the tonic, there may not be much to do. But Mr Anderson seems endlessly resilient.

Mr Healey was disappointed that he was unable to see Mgr Denis Hurley, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Durban, who was away. Mgr Hurley, a former rugby player, whose family came from Limerick, is a burly, ruddy-faced, jovial and ebullient character. I suspect that the two Denises would have taken to one another.

Bruce Anderson

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Top S. African banker fears a 'siege economy'

Agence France-Presse

PRETORIA—Economic growth and stability in South Africa will inevitably be hampered by the adoption of a "siege economy" aimed at beating world economic sanctions, South Africa's top banker said yesterday.

Reserve Bank Governor Gerhardt de Kock's statement, in an address to the bank's annual meeting, contrasted with declarations by President Pieter W. Botha that South Africa's economy would emerge strengthened from sanctions.

While allowing that a siege economy—generally understood to be an emergency program of import substitution coupled with sharp cutbacks in consumer spending—might initially help some industries, de Kock said it would also produce tight regimentation and a maze of bureaucratic controls.

He added that it was doubtful that short-term banking strategies could prevent a siege economy developing without comprehensive political and constitutional reform.

"In the final analysis, the combination of a continuous capital outflow and a siege economy would be bound to have adverse effects on economic growth and stability," he said.

Speaking on financial sanctions, de Kock said foreign investors had been withdrawing capital and credits from the country for more than 18 months because of a deterioration in perceptions of the socio-political situation.

A net capital outflow of 2.5 billion rands (\$1 billion) during the third quarter of 1985 was followed by a net outflow of 4.4 billion rands (\$1.8 billion) during the fourth quarter, he said.

During the first and second quarters of 1986, this outflow declined

Bernardin protests detention, torture of S. Africa cleric

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin yesterday protested the detention and torture of the Rev. Smangaliso Mkhathshwa by South African police as "a moral outrage."

Mkhathshwa is general secretary of the South African Bishops' conference.

In a telegram to Herbert Beukes, South African ambassador to the United States, Bernardin said, "The church will continue to resist and protest any action which violates the dignity of the human person. We stand in solidarity with the Roman Catholic Church of South Africa in its efforts to win freedom and justice for the black majority."

to 1.6 billion and 1 billion rands, respectively.

The over-all large capital outflow and the denial of normal access to credits from international sources had forced South Africa to become a capital exporting country, de Kock added.

Tougher sanctions will force South Africa into boosting domestic production of scarce imported goods, while the domestic market will not be able to absorb its present export output, analysts say.

The beleaguered economy would be faced with a virtual blockade of its imports and exports, while its search for rare, consumer items that it cannot produce would carry an ever-increasing premium.

S. African riots flare in Soweto

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From Chicago Tribune wires

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa—Fierce battles erupted Tuesday night between security forces and residents of Soweto, South Africa's largest black township, and hospital sources said at least 30 people were injured.

Witnesses reported from Soweto, a township of some 2 million people outside Johannesburg, that riots flared after authorities attempted to evict residents who have been taking part in a rent boycott.

The government's Bureau for Information, sole official source of unrest news under a 10-week-old state of emergency, said a white policeman and three black colleagues were injured when blacks hurled a hand grenade in Soweto's White City section.

Sources at the nearby Baragwanath Hospital said at least 30 injured people had been rushed to the emergency ward.

The riots, in which residents barricaded roads with burning tires and boulders to keep away security forces in armored vehicles, appeared to be among the most serious since emergency rule was declared on June 12.

A resident said by telephone: "The police are shooting left and right. They just shot an old man. They are shooting at everyone, anything."

He said security forces were using shotguns, rubber bullets and tear gas against large crowds of people.

One witness said: "People are fighting back. They set up barricades and are throwing everything they can find at the police."

In recent months rent boycotts—called by activist groups to protest comparatively high rents for state-owned housing and other, more political grievances—have spread through South Africa's black townships.

Rents yield the bulk of revenue for township administrative authorities, many of them unpopular bodies, and so part of the protest has been drawn from resentment at what black activists call the financing of their own oppression.

Civil-rights monitoring groups estimate that the authorities are losing \$500,000 a day in unpaid rents resulting from boycotts in 42 black townships by about 300,000 families.

Recently the authorities have begun to fight back by evicting those refusing to pay. Previously, there has been little protest over the evictions.



AP Laserphoto

Stanley and Renate Hinrichsen and their quadruplets, one of whom died recently. The others were not harmed in Monday's attack.

6 arrested in slaying of S. Africa quads' dad

CAPE TOWN, South Africa [AP]—Police arrested six people Tuesday at a black squatter camp in connection with the slaying of the father of South Africa's first test-tube quadruplets.

Three masked intruders shot Stanley Hinrichsen in the face and stabbed him in the back during the attack Monday night at the 53-year-old real estate agent's luxury home in Contantia, a posh suburb of Cape Town, police said.

Hinrichsen's wife, Renate, was stabbed several times, but a neighbor locked the 14-week-old infants in their nursery and they were not harmed.

Mrs. Hinrichsen, 33, was reported in good condition at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town.

The quadruplets, three boys and a girl, were born seven weeks

premature on May 8. One of the boys, Ross, died recently. The others—Mark, Andrew and Natalie—were being cared for by friends, police said.

Police said nothing appeared to have been stolen from the house, but they recovered Hinrichsen's car, along with two knives and a revolver, when the six suspects were arrested early Tuesday at Crossroads, a sprawling squatter camp east of Cape Town.

Police said \$40 was found on the kitchen table. Theodora du Preez, a neighbor who was helping care for the babies, said Mrs. Hinrichsen offered the intruders money if they agreed not to hurt the babies.

Police said they were questioning a woman who had worked as a servant for the Hinrichsens.

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Hell breaks
loose as
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SHOTS were fired last night and several people wounded as Soweto Council blackjacks evicted rent defaulters in White City Jabavu and Mofolo.

The Sowetan was told by people living in the area that many shots were fired. They alleged a number of people were lying in the streets wounded, and asked that ambulances be summoned.

The eviction move had apparently been anticipated by residents, who blew whistles as the council policemen and officials moved in.

Streets were then barricaded with rocks and dustbins, and residents gathered in a bid to resist the evictions.

The area was plunged into darkness as residents and council law enforcement officers battled it out.

The sound of gunfire continued into the night, residents alleged.

One resident said: "The council police are shooting left and right. They just shot an old man. They are shooting at everyone, everything."

Another resident said: "People are fighting back. They are throwing everything they can find at the council police."

The Sowetan was also told that two youths who had been shot in the legs tried to get assistance from a doctor in Dube, but the doctor was not at home.

According to Sapa at least three people were injured.

• At the time of going to press, the Sowetan

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Casualties rise as Soweto gunbattle rages into early hours

A GUNBATTLE raging into the early hours of this morning in Soweto, left at least one person dead and nine injured.

By late last night extra ambulances had been called out to the area as Soweto youths went from door to door in their flight from security forces telling residents to stay awake and keep their lights off.

Eyewitnesses said barricades were erected and missiles hurled at police.

Soweto residents believe the trouble was spreading and many took cover in

their homes.

Describing the scene in Soweto as "a riot", residents last night said the entire township was covered in a blanket of teargas.

Some residents claim the shooting began at 7pm. Residents in areas adjoining White City said the shooting had not let up from about 9pm.

An hour-and-a-half later one resident held her telephone receiver outside her door for *Business Day* to hear the gunfire.

A spokesman for the Bureau for Infor-

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mation, Karel du Toit, said late last night he could not confirm this report.

"We have nothing on it yet. I can't say anything until we get it from the authorities," he said.

Soweto Town Clerk Nico Malan dismissed claims from several sources that the trouble resulted from evictions being carried out after 7pm.

However, residents who were visited by the youths, said they were told not to go to sleep in a bid to show authorities

they were not prepared to accept the spate of evictions taking place or what happened at the Chiawelo school on Monday.

Malan said it was possible that council offices at Central Western Jabavu had been attacked by youths earlier last night.

"There is a lot of activity there," he said.

"Arsonists and stone-throwers are living things up a bit. I don't know what the reason is but it is definitely not as a result of evictions. No-one was evicted

today."

Residents said five youths were injured near the No 1 Soweto Community office, White City.

Others said it seemed council police were going specifically for the youths.

The shooting covered a wide area White City and a resident of the adjoining Mofolo South township said streets were deserted.

By mid-evening a spokesman for Bagwanath Hospital confirmed that nine injured people, one serious, had been admitted. One person brought in was dead on arrival, he said.

CITIZEN 27/8/86

ACTS not opposed to Tutu the man — but sanctions

Citizen Reporter
A THEOLOGICALLY "midground" body of concerned grassroots Anglicans said yesterday that it was not opposed to Bishop Desmond Tutu the man — but strongly rejected the Bishop's renewed call for punitive sanctions against South Africa.

The new chairman of Anglicans Concerned for Truth and Spirituality (ACTS), Mr Alastair Macaulay, said that the body

was "not in the business of attacking personalities" as such and objected to being labelled as anything other than "holding the theological mid-ground"

Referring to a report in The Citizen describing ACTS as being "strongly anti-social Gospel, anti-liberation theology and anti-Bishop Tutu", he

said that this ascribed views to ACTS which were not in the actual formal statement on the issue.

But the body was in fact strongly opposed to the intrusion of ideologies in the church — among them those of liberation theology and apartheid — as being inconsistent with Biblical truths.

Backgrounding the basis of ACTS, he said it was an "Anglican organisation holding the theological middle ground which does not believe in compartmentalisation of the spiritual and temporal spheres of life".

He said ACTS believed that the Christian religion was involved in the whole of life and that the church must address itself to injustices in the social ordering of society as part of the ministry of the Gospel to the whole man.

"We have declared our opposition to Bishop Tutu in the specific issue of his renewed call for punitive sanctions. This is altogether different to the statement attributed to ACTS that we opposed the Bishop as a whole.

"ACTS is not in the business of attacking personalities as such but ideas expressed by personalities — where ACTS conceives them to be contrary to Biblical truth."

Mr Macaulay said yesterday that lay Anglicans were "confused" by the silence of their bishops on the issue of sanctions and disinvestment.

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Black civil war underway — Buthelezi

ULUNDI. — The weekend slaying of Mrs Evelyn Sabelo showed that the Black civil war he had warned about had now materialised, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said here yesterday.

It was un-African to make women and chil-

dren targets in a war, he said, and his was an indication of the lengths those who wanted to make South Africa ungovernable were prepared to go.

Mrs Sabelo, wife of KwaZulu Legislative Assembly member Mr Winington Sabelo, died and their three children were seriously injured in a handgrenade and AK-47 rifle attack on their Umlazi home at the weekend.

The KwaZulu Chief Minister and Inkatha President said in a statement: "I am naturally shocked, like everyone, by this cold-blooded murder of a woman and attempts on the lives of her children.

"This indicates the lengths to which those who wish to make the country 'ungovernable' wish to go in brutality and hideousness.

"It is un-African for women and children to be targets in a war and I am concerned about the extent to which this kind of crime will brutalise those who are at the receiving end of this dastardly violence. The Black civil war I warned about has now materialised.

"I cannot see what can break the spiral of this violence in the light of the reluctance of those who have opted for violence to talk to us. I fear it seems that the only language we can expect in the circumstances is that of the gun, grenades and bombs.

"It is clear that the stakes are loaded against those of us who are committed to non-violence. But this in itself will not stop the upward spiralling of Black-on-Black violence."