









By VUSI RADEBE

alleged, underwent military training in China, wore leg irons when they appeared for remand in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on charges under the Terrorism Act yesterday.

The men, charged with conspiring to overthrow the Government, are alleged to be members of the Pan-Africanist Congress.

Mr Norman Vusi Thusi, 20, of Jabavu, Soweto, Mr Prince Dube, 20, of Tembisa, and Mr . Mthunzi Colombus Mazibuko,

25, of Diepkloof, Soweto, appeared before Mr J J Jonck.

Mr Thusi and Mr Dube had

| pleaded not guilty to three - charges under the Terrorism Act and Mr Mazibuko to two charges.

| The charges relate to 1976 30

THREE young men who, it is:

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have left South Africa, joined up with the PAC in Swaziland and been sent to China for military training. :

e State alleges that during their seven-month stay in China from March 1977, they received training in the use of weapons, explosives and firearms as well as in map and compass reading. :

The State further alleges that during the period October to December 1978, the men had firearms, ammunition and hand grenades in their possession. Mr Thusi and Mr Mazibuko are alleged to have also had explosives.

The men allegedly conspired  
with the PAC in Tanzania to  
infiltrate into South Africa.

from Botswana.  
No evidence was led and the  
case was postponed to March

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BETHAL. â\200\224 fy false  
and untrue evidence had been  
given to the Supreme Court by  
the fourth accused, Mr Bennie  
Ntoele, 38, of Mamelodi, Pre-  
toria, the State submitted dur-  
ing cross-examination of Mr  
Ntoele, in the Pan-Africanist  
Congress trial yesterday.

The evidence dealt with an

alleged trip through South Afri-  
ca in 1975-76 by a man the State  
called a â\200\230â\200\230sort of Scarlet Pim-  
pernelâ\200\235â\200\231. .

Mr Ntoele is appearing, with  
17 other men as alleged sup-  
porters or members of the  
banned PAC, on two main  
charges under the Terrorism  
Act and a number of alterna-  
tive charges.

He was cross-examined by  
Mr M F Ackermann on a trip  
allegedly also made by Mr  
Ntoeleâ\200\231s girl friend, â\200\230a State  
witness who may not be identi-  
fied.

She told of visiting Cape  
Town, Port Elizabeth, the  
. Transkei, Durban and Swazi-  
land, accompanied by a man  
the State has listed as a co-  
conspirator, Mr Isaac Ma-  
fatche, alias Saki. -

Mr Ntoele agreed under  
gross-examination that Saki

was boastful angi talkative.

PAC trial told  
Black Pimper

Mr Ackermann: How did you come to lend R110 to this lying, talkative, boastful person?

Mr Ntoele: He told me his grandmother was ill and he needed money. :

Mr Ackermann: And you believed him?

- Mr Ntoele: I had reason to believe she was ill.

Mr Ntoele told the court Saki had invited Mr Nteole's girl-friend to go on holiday to the Cape with Saki.

Mr Ackermann: Why did he

-go on holiday if he was in such financial difficulties?

Mr Ntoele: We did not discuss the trip. He came to my house to tell me about his grandmother and ask for a loan.

Mr Ntoele said he was aware Saki was a fugitive from the police but had never questioned him about his (Saki's) future.

~ Mr Ackermann: How did you know you would be able to recover the loan from this penniless fugitive? -

Mr Ntoele: It was going to be used for his grandmother. If he didn't pay the loan back, I wouldn't mind.

The hearing was adjourned to Monday. 24 Sapa.

Cover-up of Info  
would be shameful â\200\224 Heun

THE ASSEMBLY. â\200\224 It  
was not shameful to inherit  
a scandal but rather to cov-  
er it up, the Minister of  
Economic Affairs, Mr Chris  
Heunis, said yesterday.

The Minister was speak-  
ing to a Private Memberâ\200\231s  
motion introduced by Dr  
Zac de Beer (PFP Park-  
town) calling on the Gov-  
ernment to recommend to  
the State President that the  
evidence taken by the Eras-  
mus Commission be tabled  
in Parliament.

â\200\230â\200\234â\200\234When the Prime Minis-  
ter stood on the steps of  
Parliament last year he  
made a very important  
statement, namely pledging  
himself to clean administra-  
tion, .little knowing how  
soon he would have to sup-  
port this statement.â\200\235

When the so-called Infor-  
matlon Scandal broke, the  
Prime Minister had: taken"  
' immediate: steps â\200\230toâ\200\231identify ' broke  
those involved by appointing  
a ludlclal commission of in-

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tive way to expose to the-  
bone the whole matter, de-

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Minister of Ecbnomic'Aftanre, Mr Heunis.

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its members a lot of embar-  
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had been confronted - with  
half an investigation which  
a former commissioner had  
compiled in his own way  
and a dossier which was too  
weak to place before a

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A select parliamentary com-

court â\200\224 and which was also too complicated, to place before the Assembly ;

â\200\234To my mind, there was

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In calling for the Erasmus Commissionâ\200\231s evidence to be tabled in Parliament,

did Dr De Beer and his,

General Van den Bergh, who

scandal

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colleagues acknowledge the integrity of that commis-

sion? Mr Heunis asked.

â\200\234I wish to ask members of the Assembly: â\200\230Have you done your best to acknowledge and defend the integrity of this commission?â\200\235â\200\231

Obstacles should not be placed 'in the way of the commission, preventing it from completing its work.

- â\200\234Is it not a fact that despite hindrances the commission had got right to the heart of the irregularities. As a result of the commissionâ\200\231s work there are people who are no longer in the Government.

The commission, because of the magnitude of its work, had asked for more time to complete its investigations. It was obvious that it should be given the opportunity to complete its work.

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with an uncompromising standpoint and integrity to do what the Prime Minister, Mr Botha, had done to take the action that he had. â\200\224 Sapa.

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Prime Minister Mr P W Botha

had blindly staked his Govern-  
ment on the findings of a com-  
mission unskilled in politics  
ated crimi-  
nal liability, not political liabil-  
ity, the leader of the New Re-  
public' Party, Mr- Vause Raw,  
said yesterday.

. Speaking to a Private Mem-  
ber's motion introduced by Dr  
Zac de Beer (PFP Parktown)  
calling on the Government to  
table the Erasmus Commis-  
sion's evidence, Mr Raw said  
the question was not one of  
criminal liability but political  
liability.

| The best body to judge politi-  
cal liability was not the Eras-  
mus Commission, which con-  
sisted of people who by training  
and instinct were not politi-  
cians, but Parliament itself.

mittee was the correct way to  
establish political responsibility  
of parliamentarians involved. ,

Even a general election  
would not help unless the public  
knew all the facts at their dispos-  
al.

The election of 1977 had not  
cleared the air because the  
Government had received a  
mandate from an electorate  
which did not have all the  
facts.

It was essential that credibil-  
ity was restored to the system  
of parliamentary government.

Mr Raw said the Govern/ have

ment had done more to under-  
mine the credibility of the  
Erasmus Commission than any-  
one else because it had failed  
to take steps to protect the  
commission from people like

had publicly held the commis- -  
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Mr Raw said the NRP Ac-  
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at is why 50 000 people  
signed the petition to have  
General Van den Bergh pros-  
ecuted.

â\200\234They signed because they  
want to have their faith in the  
system restored,â\200\231â\200\235â\200\231 said Mr

Raw. â\200\224 Sapa.

IE. ASSEMBLY.   â\200\224 The  
. X ~â\200\230Minister, Mr P W  
\* stha, â\200\230would not be able to  
solve his problems over the

Information scandal unless,

he was able to unite Parlia-  
ment behind him, Mr Jafxe  
Basson of the Progressive  
Federal Party for Bezuiden-

hout, said yesterday.

â\200\230Mr'â\200\230Basson was speaking

to a Private Memberâ\200\231s mo-  
tion calling on the Govern-

relations â\200\230with G

CAPE TOWN. â\200\224 The Prime  
Minister Mr P W Botha said  
yesterday he had nothing to  
add. to what the Erasmus  
Commission had found  
about General Hendrik van  
den Bergh.

- Mr Botha was asked by  
Sapa to comment on SAAN  
newspaper reports yester-  
day morning that Gen Van  
den Bergh, former head of  
the Bureau for State Securi-  
ty, â\200\230had said his relations  
with the Prime Minister  
had never been good.

The newspaper reports  
said Gen Van den Bergh  
had confirmed in an inter-  
view that his personal rela-  
tions with the Prime Minis-  
ter had not been good for a  
number of years, and that  
they had had a serious per-  
sonal difference of opinion  
over the invasion of Angola  
by South African forces in  
1975/76.

â\200\234But that was not, the

Secrecy over Info is la

ment to recommend to the  
State President that the evi-  
dence gathered by the com-  
mission of inquiry into al-  
leged irregularities in the  
former Department of In-  
formation should be tabled:

in Parliament.  
â\200\234Unless the Prime Minis-  
. ter unites Parliament be-  
hind him, the suspicion and  
reservations will continue.  
He can do it, but then we  
must understand one an-

PM silent on his â\200\230badâ\200\231

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most serious of the clashes  
that we have had over the  
years. I think his personal  
dislike of me stems from  
the fact that I was one of  
the few people who stood up  
to him. John Vorster did  
not,â\200\235â\200\235 Gen Van den Bergh is  
quoted as sayinĳ\201.

General Van den Bergh is  
also reported as saying that  
about a year ago Mr Vor-  
ster and Mr Botha had a  
very serious disagreement  
which resulted in Mr Botha  
tendering his resignation.

â\200\234Mr Vorster did not ac-  
cept the resignation, and a  
few days later Mr Botha  
resumed office as if nothing  
had happened.â\200\235â\200\231

Mr Botha, asked to com-  
ment on these statements  
by General Van den Bergh,  
said: â\200\234â\200\230I have nothing to add  
to that which the Erasmus  
Commission has found  
about him.â\200\235

The Erasmus Commis-

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other,â\200\235 Mr Ba %ait? ??  
The secrecy surrounding  
the Information scandal to-  
day, compared to the secre-  
cy in war-time Britain, was  
laughable.

â\200\234â\200\234The problem will not be

â\200\230 solved by the Erasmus

Commission, newspapers or  
politicians, but by Parlia-  
ment,â\200\235 Mr Basson said.

The Opposition was not  
concerned about the pros-

sion in its report last December said General Van den Bergh had not confined himself to his role as head of the Bureau for State Security but had actually used his office and his personal friendship with Mr Vorster to try to influence the course of events in South Africa itself.

He saw himself as the power behind the throne, who, through the person of Mr Vorster, tried to manipulate events in the direction that he wanted them to go.

For this reason, he

. sometimes withheld certain

facts from Mr Vorster and sometimes gave him only selected facts. Then again, there were times when he ignored Mr Vorster's instructions. Sometimes he traded on the Prime Minister's name to gain his own ends, the Erasmus report said. Sapa. :

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efution of the officials involved. Our concern is greater than that. The fact of the matter is that confidence in politicians has been shaken, he said. Parliament should be put at rest about other secret projects of the former Department of Information. There was no guarantee that other projects of a party political nature were not continuing. Sapa.

Drere Sapa

MR JAPIE BASSON

