

hope Umgababa resident Juliet

Mzobe holds out for peace in Natal,
where warring factions even fight over grave
sites.

"We have lost all hope. When our chief turns
against us and we cannot even trust the police,
we must support our men in the fighting. All we
can do is to keep on hiding away at night until
our side wins and the war ends," she says.

Mzobe's feelings reflect the despair many
black Natalians feel as the seven-year war rages
on and peace agreements and peace structures
prove worthless.

In the process, they have developed a topsy-
turvy sense of normality. It has become normal
for women and children to abandon their homes
at night, while their menfolk stay behind to ward
off possible attack. It has become normal for
young boys to be seen brandishing pangas and
guns in public.

We witnessed a mother smile proudly when
her seven-year-old son bragged about finding a
gun to avenge the death of a murdered relative.
So commonplace has death become that people
have lost the strong traditional reverence for the
dead: they simply look on when dogs tear an
abandoned enemy corpse to pieces. We our-
selves saw the remnants of a human being lying
unburied in the south coast settlement of
. Amagcina.

At the Ekuthuleni place of peace "a
squatter camp, skirmishes break out every Satur-
* day as rival factions fight over grave sites in
which to bury the week's casualties.

As a former fighter in this war myself, I feel
intense shame when I realise I may have been a
co-architect of the mess my mother province is
in today. But the war was so much nobler and so
much simpler then. We were young soldiers

"KUNGAPHELI kuyahlola (Every-
! thing must come to an end) is the only

defending our home turf from invasion by

Inkatha impis who were in any case surro-
gates of the apartheid regime whose overthrow
. we were seeking.

Then there was no question as to the aggres-
sor: Inkatha was violently defending its political
hegemony in Natal at a time when the United

Democratic Front was clearly the choice of most .

urban communities. They attacked us and we
defended. We were the undisputed angels.
Things are so much uglier now. With Inkatha
having lost all but patches of urban Natal, the
main battle now is for the control of the hills and

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A former Natal
comrade returns
to his native
province and is
ashamed by how the
noble struggle of
the mid-1980s has
degenerated.

By MONDLI MAKHANYA

valleys of the rural hinterland. While Inkatha
tries to assert its control over rural communities
through Ulundi-salaried chiefs, African Nation-
al Congress supporters attempt to make inroads
by resisting the traditionalists. The setting is per-
fect for a battle between the old and the new,
with ANC communities replacing chiefs and
indunas with branch chairmen and secretaries.

It is a perfect excuse for the chief minister in
Ulundi to arouse the rural Zulus' deep sense of
tradition by claiming the opposition is seeking to
destroy the Zulu kingdom which they hold so
dear.

Rural Natal is no longer the place where young
boys herded cows on the emerald hillsides, and
young men cornered maidens at the river to pro-
pose love. For fear of unknown gunmen, fami-
lies can no longer risk assembling for traditional
feasts and rituals. Armed men stand on the bor-

ders of villages and police guards are sought
before a large feast is held. Houses stand aban-
doned and fields lie fallow and the refugee
population swells.

Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi's retreat
into ethnic mobilisation seems to have penetrat-
ed some hearts and is already deepening divi-
sions among the province's Zulu-speakers. The
resurgence of Zulu nationalism was evident in
the mood at Inkatha's march through central

Durban last Saturday. Cries of â\200\234Zuuuulu ... Zuu-uulu ...â\200\235 greeted Butheleziâ\200\231s call on â\200\234you beautiful Zulusâ\200\235 to fight the government and ANCâ\200\231s attempts to sideline Zulus from constitutional talks and his stern warning to Umkhonto

- weSizwe to stop subjecting the Zulu nation to a campaign O â\200\234genocnde

â\200\234The Zulu nation is too bng for them. Even if they drop the biggest bomb in the world on us now we would not be finished,â\200\235 said one splendidly attired warrior, who voiced his desire for â\200\234another Isandlwanaâ\200\235.

In ANC communities there is heavy resentment over Butheleziâ\200\231s hijacking of Zulu pride and over the way the media has accepted Inkathaâ\200\231s assertion that it is â\200\234the Zulu partyâ\200\235.

Said â\200\234comradeâ\200\235 Sicelo: â\200\234We are all Zulus here in Natal. But we donâ\200\231t go around shouting about it: to us itâ\200\231s not important what you are, whatâ\200\231s important is what you believe in your heart. This thing of Gatshaâ\200\231s is causing us a lot of problems. I know alotof people who are scared to take festive season bustrips to the Wild Coast because they are afraid of being identified as Inkatha.â\200\235

It is hard to see how the countryâ\200\231s first non-

racial election can be staged in Natal. The ANC may protest about the lack of free political activity in kwaZulu, but freedom hardly exists in ANC neighbourhoods. Political territories are so clearly demarcated that no campaigner would dare canvass in an opposition stronghold. Worse still, in some areas neutrality is considered a crime.

In the urban townships the UDF youths â\200\234Jiber-

atedâ\200\235 in the 1980s, low-intensity conflict between ANC â\200\234comradesâ\200\235 has started: with no | Inkatha bogey left to fight, the conflict has turned inwards. Self-defence units and returned Umkhonto weSizwe cadres have become entangled in these battles. A loverâ\200\231s tiff, a shebeen stabbing, resentment over an unfair peopleâ\200\231s court judgment â\200\224 these have all launched youths on murderous feuds against each other.

Even policing in Natal is in disarray. Everybody accuses the South African Police of partiality, but in ANC areas the SAP is preferred to the kwaZulu Police, whose intimacy with Inkatha even frustrates independent peace monitors. Stories abound of friction and shootouts between SAP and KZP units.

Police patrols have become targets of warring factions and do not venture into some areas except in heavily armoured vehicles.

A KZP man commented: â\200\234We have become buck to them and weâ\200\231re sometimes shot at several times a day. [know thatevenif I carry 20 guns on me it wonâ\200\231t help. â\200\235 He added that he spent

much of his time retrieving decomposing bodies
from marshes and Natal's dense undergrowth:

As the war spreads, the list of villages labelled
as falling into the Inkatha or ANC sphere of
influence grows, as does the toll of the dead.
Recent massacres have occurred at Folweni, an
ANC stronghold, and Inkatha-supporting
Phateni, which stand across the road from one
another on the south coast.

It is not only the hope of peace that is disap-
pearing in Natal; hopes of liberation are also
fast vanishing among the ordinary populace.

Ezimeleni squatter camp resident Leonard
Mshinga has come to believe that "we will never
run this country if we fight over what we don't
have. Imagine what will happen when we have
the country. We will wipe each other out."

He quotes Zulu empire builder Shaka's curse |
as his assassins' spear plunged into him: "You
will never rule this land. It will be ruled by the |
swallows from across the sea, the ones with the |
transparent ears."

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HE DISTRUST and
cynicism pervading
South African politics is

such that the taking of
a fresh initiative inevitably
gives rise to a search for the hid-
den agenda.

The ANC's strategic perspec-
tive document made public
this week after widespread leaks
to the media is at present the
subject of such probes from
wary political opponents.

On paper, however, the docu-
ment has the potential to deci-
sively break the negotiations
~ deadlock.

It suggests a power-sharing
deal with the National Party
even after a new constitution is
accepted. In the past the ANC
only considered such a system
as being suitable for the interim
government stage.

The document is, according to
ANC sources, a merger of pro-
posals compiled separately by

~ SACP kingpin Joe Slovo and in-
ternational affairs director
Thabo Mbeki.

Under a sub-heading on Goals
of the National Liberation
Struggle and Our Immediate

Objectives, the document says

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ther the ANC nor the regime can
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either party at the negotiating ;

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Then, under The Need for
Government of National Unity,
it says: The objective reality
imposes a central role for the

ANC and NP in the transition.
Without co-operation between
these two forces it will not be
possible to move the peace pro-
cess forward.â\200\235

The document then points out
that the ANC has accepted the
desirability of an interim gov-
ernment of national unity in
which the ANC and NP would
â\200\234be the major componentsâ\200\235.

It adds: â\200\234However, we also
need to accept the fact that
even after the adoption of the
new constitution, the balance of
forces may still be such that we
would seek to establish a gov-
ernment of national unity in
which the ANC and NP are the
main players.â\200\235

It also suggests that the
â\200\234thorny questionâ\200\235 of the pow-
ers, functions and boundaries of
regions in a new South Africa

â\200\230may be an issue on which the

ANC could reach bilateral

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olitical Correspondent CHRIS WHITFIELD reports on a new ANC initiative

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Turning to threats to the sta-
bility of the new order, it points
to the SADF, SAP and Civil Ser-
vice, saying they have a â\200\230â\200\234vast
potential to destabilise a fledg-
ling democracyâ\200\235 and delay the
transition. ,

It suggests that the questions
of job security, pensions and a
general amnesty should be ad-
dressed as part of a negotiated
settlement because â\200\234if the tran-
sition . . . affects the interests of
the individual in these institu-
tions wholly and purely nega-
tively, then they would serve as
fertile ground from which the
destabilisers would recruit.â\200\235

Although analysts agree that
the proposals help address most
of the NPâ\200\231s fears, would facili-
tate the process and help reach
a settlement, they are cautious
for various reasons.

One was the status of the doc-
ument â\200\224 it is nothing more than
a â\200\234discussion documentâ\200\235 at this
stage and could be defeated by

hardliners in the organisation. There are apparently some in the ANC who fear it would alienate grassroots supporters, but sources in the organisation were this week generally warm about the proposals.

Another reason for caution was the negative reaction it will genda L

almost certainly draw from the likes of the Inkatha Freedom Party and its partners in the Conference of Concerned South Africans. ;

The allies are already peeved about Government/NP deals and Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer was moved this week to respond to news reports on the document by distancing Government from bilateral decision-making.

Dr Zach de Beer, leader of the Democratic Party and whose politics sit somewhere between the NP and ANC, said he was delighted to hear of the power-sharing concessions proposed in the document.

This is the way to go if we want to restore law and order and to create economic confidence, said Dr de Beer, who has long pushed a power-sharing deal.

But even he was searching for the hidden agenda, and thought the ANC proposals might have much to do with the fact that the first post-apartheid government was going to face immense problems as it attempted to redress the past.

- Perhaps they want the Nats there to share the blame, said Dr de Beer.

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Hadebe (34), spoke audibly. [
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vice-chairman of the Natal Midlands
region of the ANC, was gunned down
in an ambush at Dead Manâ\200\231s Bend
between Ixopo and Richmond on
October 27. S A

A fiery speakerand former Inkatha

outh Brigade leader, Hadebe had_ .
crossed swords wi in-
cluding KwaZuly chief minister
Chief Mangosuthy Buthelezi.

He was shot dead while returning
from a peace committee meeting in
Richmond, hardly two months after
surviving another attempt on his life,

A father of six Âç ildren and an
unborn seventh, Reggie left behind a
brood that now joins other â\200\234strug-
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Mrs Sibongile Radebe with Vika and Sbusiso ... widowed and orphaned by killers, , :

Despite the fact that it was political activism that had turned her into a young widow, the road ahead was quite clear for her.

That hope that one of the children will |
grow up to be like their father. Brave
and committed, she said.

As she prepares today to move to Hlokozi in Ixopo to bury the man she loved and cared for, Hadebe is acutely aware of the responsibility that now falls on her shoulders.

- As sole head of the now one-parent family which includes Nonkululeko (11), Bhekizenzo (11) Ntobeko) Qhawe (3) Sbusiso (2) Vika (1) and the unborn baby, Hadebe is remarkable,

With relatives around her to share the grief and to comfort her, perhaps her reaction is understandable. It will be in the days to come, when the relatives leave one by one, and the loneliness of widowhood sets in, that the

... to their lives, He knew that Inkatha and the hit squads may kill him but he did not believe in having guards,

We were threatened at Hlokozi by Inkatha warlords who even came to our home to kill. That is why we left and came here to Pietermaritzburg.

The IFP people never forgave him |
for leaving them and joining the:
ANC. They even beat him and left:
him for dead during graduation in 1983, Hadebe said.

Speaking about the husband she has to bury tomorrow, Hadebe said he had been a thoroughly committed

later.

He always gave time to his family despite his busy schedule. He left lecturing at the university to work fulltime for the ANC,

Support him in his work and make sure that the family did not suffer unduly because of our involvement in the struggle. ; :

â\200\234The older children know what has happened and they are depressed. [

man. Both to the struggle for freedom of his people and to his family.

She had grown up with him at Ixopo and had Started dating in 1976 while | i

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am angry but it is not Something new. â\200\234Many more people have died before in the course of our struggle and my duty now is to see to it that Reggie's dream of seeing our people liberated comes true,â\200\235 she said.

reality of her position will hit her.

Until then, she is strong and holding out, as the number of widows and orphans grow. Widows and orphans of 3 war that no one seems to understand or .be able to stop.

k The Argus, Friday November 6 1992

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Trade war fears
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WASHINGTON. â\\200\\224 A trade

war is looming between the United States and the European Community after Washington said it would impose 200 percent duties on \$300 million . (R897-m) worth of European white wines and other agricultural goods from next month.

' EC officials called the action illegal and a blow to efforts to reform international trade, while French farmers urged immediate counter-measures.

~ US Trade Representative Carla Hills said the United States was willing to negotiate with the EC to avert the action, but was holding in reserve up to \$3,4 (R10,1) billion more in industrial and {farm products for retaliation if the dispute over EC oilseeds subsidies was not resolved.

| The duties will be imposed ! from December 5 and could triple prices Americans pay for European white wine.

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US tariffs typically run at five to 15 percent of a product's value.

Despite the farm trade dispute, Ms Hills said she hoped the United States, EC and other members of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) world body would try to complete talks, started six years ago in Uruguay, by the year's end.

I would like to see progress so that we can move forward and carry out the G7 (group of industrialised nations) commitment to complete the Uruguay Round negotiations by the end of the year, she said.

But EC External Relations Commissioner Frans Andriessen said in a statement: 'Methods used by the United States do not hinder the search for an agreement and endanger world trade.'

A major French farm organisation urged the EC to take immediate counter-measures, calling for 'an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth'.

US move merely was

But Ms Hills told reporters the 'to correct the balance sheet between the two parties' by withdrawing tariff concessions that the EC failed

to match for oilseeds imports.
Since the United States filed
the oilseeds complaint in 1989,
Gatt panels have twice said the
EC's oilseed subsidies violate a
30-year-old agreement to give US
oilseed producers open access to
the European market.

The oilseeds row reached the
boiling point this week as US Agriculture Secretary Edward Madigan and EC Agriculture Commissioner Ray MacSharry in three days of meetings failed to reach an agreement to curb European oilseeds production.

Mr MacSharry, charging that
EC President Jacques Delors interfered with his negotiating efforts, yesterday resigned as the community's chief Gatt negotiator, EC officials said. Sapa-

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activist; in the 70s, a
feminist; in the 80s,
superwoman. Now sheâ\200\231s
an ambitious and
pragmatic political wife.
After she dumped the
headband, went for the

cookies and went misty-
eyed over a cornball
celebration for the 4th of
July, some feminist
admirers said she had
become a political
Stepford wife, a robot.
DESPITE her impressive cre-
dentials as a high-powered
lawyer, Hillary Clinton has fu-
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about a working woman as
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She is never warm and
fuzzy, even with the head tilt-
ed adoringly up at Bill Clinton
for the cameras; with her high
forehead and glittery blue gaze,
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Residents Association re-
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He said the failure of
certain hostels in terms of
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dents who regarded the
upgrading of hostels as
more important.

Measures

According to Mr De
Beer, the THRA had
given notice of intended
counter measures, includ-
ing a rent boycott, protest
action in the form of mat-
ches, and a threat that no
contractors would be al-
lowed on site.

It was also stated that
any fences repaired or
erected would be physi-
cally removed by hostel
residents and that existing
fences would also be de-
stroyed.

The actions threat-

ened would remain in

force until the govern-
ment nullifies its agree-
ment with the ANC re the
fencing and policing of

hostels. Mass protest of
this nature and scope is
likely to lead to an escala-
tion of violence, thereby

underpinning the whole
purpose of the fencing
and security measures
concerning hostels.â\204¢

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Mr De Beer said hostel
dwellers had intimated
they would be amenable
to fencing, â\200\234provided it
forms part and parcel of

hostel upgrading as a mar- |

ter of priority, which for
obvious reasons has to be
negotiated with all con-
cernedâ\200\235.

In the light of this it ap-
peared the Transvaal
Provincial Administration
would not be able to ex-
ecute its assignment in re-
spect of fencing hostels
unless the conflict was re-
solved, said Mr De Beer.

He said his department
had submitted a report re-
garding the hostels prob-
lem to the Goldstone
Commission as required
by the Record of Under-
standing. - Sapa

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Mr Kriel told a media
conference that United
Nations and Commeon-
wealth observers would
be asked to pay special
attention to the unres
arcas in Natal

He said the violence
in Natal was not ethpie
or {nbal â\200\224 it was Zulu
against Zulu, as the
ANC and Inkatha Free.

dom Party fought for
power,

â\200\234In the final analysis,
Dr Mangosuthu Buthe-
tez2 (IFP) and Mr Ncl-
son Mandela (ANC)
will have to sit down
and sort out-their prob-
lems

â\200\234My cry to them is

is: For Godâ\200\231s sake.

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We have to stop the
senseless killing of
people in our country,â\200\235

Mr Knel said the
ANC constantly main-
tained that it was the
government's fesponsi-
bility to imaintain law
and order, and that the
government had the
power to end violence

â\200\234But when we do take
further steps and meas-
ures, we are cntigiscd
by the ANC for doing

â\200\234We constantly hear 4
denial from the ANC
that they are involved in
violence. We constantly
hear deniuls that they
arc involved in internal
battles for political pow-
crin that region.

â\200\234%m- person who is

erested in truth and
will know that that
is not correct.â\200\235

The security forces
did everything possible
to stop the violence. But
peace was in the hands
of the ANC and Inka-
tha.

The IFP leadership
was prepared to meet
with the ANC. The rea-
son for the ANC's refu-
sal appeared to be that
such a meeting would be
an inditct admission of
involvement in the viol-
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â\200\234Meanwhile,

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they are imterested in
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have to stop their politis
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cncing problems in deal-
ing with the violence in
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ened march on Ulundi,
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members in the viol-
Ã©nce, and the actions of
sclf-defence units

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Permancnt new meni-
bers of the Internal Sta-
bility Unit scteled in Na-
tal had been increased

by another 310 members:
concentrated in
the province's hot spots

The mere fact that the government had announced the border patrols, and that it was aware of MK infiltration into Natal from Transkei, should have an effect in reducing MK activities

Mr Kriel said the government fully supports Mr John Hall's efforts to arrange a meeting of all signatories of the National Peace Accord

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t;announce, possibly in a matter of weeks,
Â«the first step in its newspaper â\200\234unbun-
dlingâ\200\235 programme. Appareatly Argus
â\200\234plans to sell 45% of the Sowetan newspa-
'pÃ©r to a trust whose members will be
appointed independently. In addition,
v&qwetan statfers will be offered the oppor-
â\200\234fymity to acquire 5% of the paper. while
Argus itself will retain 50%. :
7 *Arrangements for the Sowetan are part of a

â\200\234htocess of ensuring that there is a wider spread

of shareholders at alt levels of the business,
"giving blacks ownership and re preseptation on
Â«Argus newspapers, and to expand the represea-
~%ation of the board of directors to incorporate a
sfvider section of the community.

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â\200\234Hlkcussions with the ANC and other political

| *parties, as well as community leaders, but it is|
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â\200\234Thalised for an unbundling of other new.papers
in the group, but Argus has been lookiog at
ways of delinking itself from Times Media Ltd,
in which it has a stake of about 36%. Nothing
concrete is on the cards.

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THE Reserve Baok has apparently gone fo
great lengths to avoid a â\200\234money supplyâ\200\235 prob-
lem. The Bank did not want its new, African-
style notes (without Jan van Riebeeck) to be the
focus of political protest. It therefore hired a
glossy private public relations firmo to get to-
gether organisations including the ANC and the
PAC at the Bank to â\200\234sellâ\200\235 the notes to the
politicians. Judging by the lack of response to
the new notes, the Bank succeeded.

Now all it has to do is get the PRs to sell its
high nterest rate policy to the dealers who

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were convincea last week that Friday was D-
day for an interest rate cut. Bank Governor
Chris Stals's unrelenting speech on monetary
policy failed to convince bullish dealers last
Friday. His failure to cut rates caused a num-
ber of unpleasant weekends as dealers contem-
piated money lost. But no doubt the markets
are going to cry wolf a few more times in the
next few weeks while Stails ponders the eco-
nomiÂ¢ fundamentals.

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THE Commercial Bank of Namibia in Johao-
nesburg is to announce formally today that it

| will get a R25m capital injection from a Swiss

consortium, SFOM, of which the major share-
holder is Dresdner Baok. The bank's name will
change to International Bank of Southern
Africa SFOM, and it will become independent
of Windhoek. The other shareholders of SFOM
are Banque Nationale de Paris and the Belgian
bank BBL. .

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UNCERTAINTY over the details of SA Brew-
eriesâ\200\231 Ribn debenture issue has led to a fair
amount of rumour oo the market. Market
soucces say the JSE was not happy with the
way SAB intended to issue prefs. Apparently

the JSE would have preferred SAB to issue them through a rights offer.

A source said there was nothing sinister in the fact that details had not been forthcoming. SAB was merely waiting for the right time to go ahead with the preference issue, which would help it rearrange its medium to long-term financing.

A source said it made sense for SAB to use prefs, which were a cheap form of finance

looking for tax-free income without capital growth.

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RMB has introduced a novel attraction in futures trading with its Dow Jones index futures, an informal market to test if it is feasible to establish it as a Safex contract. It is an overnight market in which players can take a view on how Walil Street will trade that evening, allowing them to hedge local positions.

RMB futures head Hugh Oosthuizen said: "It has taken off like a rocket after attracting much more interest than we expected"

MINORITIES may have cause for complaints in the wake of the deal between the Pickard family and Powertech for the acquisition of the Pickard group. They have the power to block the deal as minorities own 49,8% of Picbel, 31,3% of Pichold and 6,8% of Picapli, and the transaction requires approval by a majority representing not less than three-quarters of minorities.

Some analysts say that, taking into account the cash in the group, it appears the split between the Pickard family and minorities is not quite fair. In effect, all that minorities have been offered is the cash already in the group, and not a share of the other assets. The value of these assets accrues only to the Pickard family, who also participate in the cash assets.

This could be justified by the fact that the Pickard family is to bear the risk of warranties for substantial future risks and liabilities, but some argue that even discounting the maximum risk, the minorities still get a raw deal and suggest that perhaps the minorities should participate in both the risk and a higher cash payout for their shares by Powertech.

An adviser to the Pickard family rejected the allegations as having no substance.

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ANC probes drought
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ANC president Nelson Mandela will
visit the drought-stricken far north-
ern Transvaal at the end of the month
as part of an ANC focus on the failure
of relief resources to reach those in
greatest need,

The announcement of Mandeiaâ\200\231s
visit and similar visits to areas of the
Free State today and the eastern
Transvaal in the coming weeks by
deputy president Walter Sisulu was
made yesterday,

Agriculture spokesman Derek
Hanekom said government was ham-
strung by â\200\234the invidious situation it
finds itself inâ\200\235 with 14 ethnic govern-
ment structures channelling drought
relief funds

â\200\234We have refrained from making a
political issue out of this, but the
reality is that it is a political prob-
lem. The fact that rains have now
come is no guarantee that the water
crisis is over,â\200\235 he said.

Civil engineer Rob McCucheon
said at least between five and 10% of
the â\200\234public purseâ\200\235 â\200\224 R4,25bn-R8,5bn

| = should be spent on a public works
| programme to relieve rural poverty

McCucheon serves on an employ-
ment creation working group of the
consultative forum on drought â\200\224 a

Joint government/development agen-
cy relief structure.

He said a four-phased public works
programme involving education, â\200\234se-
rious analysis and planningâ\200\235, training
supervisors and finally a national
employment creation programme

{ RAY HARTLEY 2 |

should be embarked on

He said short-term demands could
be met by short-term employment
such as street cleaning and rubbish

clearing while a national employment creation programme was being built.

At present only 10% of money spent on road building was spent on wages and this should be increased to between 40% and 50% to dramatically boost job creation,

Kenya, Botswana and Malawi had all successfully implemented such programmes, he said

McCuscheon said it was unrealistic to think the public works programme would solve unemployment on its own, because this would happen only once a worldwide economic recovery had taken place.

Hanekom said employment creation had to become a major policy objective, and a future government would continue with such a programme if it was initiated now,

The ANC was busy with a pilot project, which involved the building of a dam, borehole drilling and employment creation in the northern Transvaal, he said.

He said the Ciskei government had refused to acknowledge the severity of its drought despite international engineers describing it as one of the worst hit places in SA.

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'Cisketl considers murder

charges against

{CISKEl's government is considering
i charging ANC official Ronnie Kasrils with
" murder for his part in the events leading to
the Bisho massacre, a senior Ciskei source
says.

Cisket Attorney-general Uri Jurgens
yesterday would not comment on the claim
, that an investigation was being conducted
into charges against Kasrils

Kasrils led a breakaway group of protes-
ters beyond limits set by a Ciskei magis-
trate during the September 7. Ciskei sol-
diers fired on the group, killing 28 people.

While the Goldstone commission's inqui-
ry into the massacre blamed Ciskei sol-
diers for the killing, the Pickard Commis-
sion investigating at the request of
Ciskei found that soldiers who fired on
the Kasrils group might have been justi-
fied in doing so.

Kasrils said yesterday he was not aware
of the investigation. He would not volun-
tarily appear in a Ciskel court as he re-
garded the homeland as illegitimate, he
said. The Ciskei government is the killer.

Kasrils\
[T RAV HARTLEY / The Ciskei government is the killer.

"It's just simply outrageous for it to be
contemplating anything of that kind.

It would have to charge the entire Bor-
der regional executive plus the national
leadership who sanctioned the march. This
is another reflection of its addled brains, he
said

The ANC refused to repudiate Kasrils
for his actions at the march, saying the
decision to lead the breakaway section had
been taken collectively

Jurgens said progress was being made
with investigations into murder charges
against soldiers responsible, and signifi-
cant progress would have been made by
the end of the year

He said statements, affidavits and bal-

listics tests were still being Âcollected.

The source said investigators were having difficulty establishing direct links between individual soldiers and victims of the shooting.

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| ANC blocking
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WNC members yesterday
prevented police from |
questioning a witness about |
the killing of six people in
the Vaal Triangle township
of Sebokeng on Wednesday,
police said

A pohice spokesman said
the matter may be referred
to the Goldstone Commis-
sion

The spokesman said offi- |
cers at the scene exper-
ienced problems with ANC
members who interfered
with their questioning of
Jeremiah Zwane â\200\224 the sole
survivor of the attack.

The spokesman said ANC
members ordered Zwane |
not to answer questions
Asked why the people were
not arrested the spokesman
said it was difficult to make
arrests in certain situations
because of a fear of riots

ANC PWV spokesman
Vust Kunene said his or-
ganisation was not aware
of the incident and wouldid
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calls for

urgent peace talks

"LAW and Order Minister Hernus Kriel

â\200\234yesterday called for an urgent meet-

ing between ANC leader Nelson Man-
de%a and Inkatha president Mango-
suthu Buthelezi to bring an end to
violence in the country.

Kriel, who announced a package of
sweeping measures to end violence in
Natai, called for an end to palitical postur-
ing in the interests of peace.

â\200\234I would like to make an urgent appeal
to Dr Buthelezi and Dr Mandela: For God's
sake, please meet. for God's sake, please
make peace. We have to stop the senseless
killing of people in our country,â\200\235 Kriel told
a news conference in Pretoria

Kriel said he had declared Umbumbulu
and Richmond in Natal as unrest areas.

The security forces were experiencing
difficulty in fighting violence in the pro-
vince because attacks there were well
planned and executed at night, and be-
cause of the availability of AK-47 assault
rifles and other firearms.

Kriel said blatant disregard for the
national peace accord, inflammatory
statements from local leaders ang the dif-
ficult terrain in Natal were further ham-
pering peace-keeping efforts, as was a pro-
posed ANC march to Ulundi.

Kriel said an additional 2000 SADF
members had already been deployed in
Natal, and a further 310 members of the
SAP internal stability unit were being con-
centrated in â\200\234hot spotsâ\200\235.

UN and Commonwealth observers had
been asked to pay particular attention to
the region, he said.

WILSON ZWANE reports that Anglican
Archhishop Desmond Tutu and Buthelezi
met in Ulundi yesterday to discuss ways to

curb the violence.

Buthelezi's office said in a brief statement that the discussions formed part of the church leaders' efforts to resolve the crisis,

The statement said Tutu, Buthelezi and two other senior KwaZulu government officials held 'intensive' discussions on the archbishop's proposals for a joint meeting of all black political leaders.

However, since that was an issue under discussion in the national peace committee, it was resolved that the outcome of the committee's discussions be awaited, the statement said.

On Wednesday, SA Council of Churches (SACC) general secretary Rev Frank Chikane sent a letter to 15 political leaders 'including President F W de Klerk, Mandela and Buthelezi' urging them to address the violence.

The leaders should work towards convening a multiparty conference and setting a date for electing a constitution-making body as a new political dispensation would bring peace, Chikane said in the letter

In another development, a delegation of church leaders will meet the SA Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR) next week after suggestions by the institute that some churches encouraged violence in SA.

The relationship between the church leaders and the SAIRR was soured last year when the institute's executive director John Kane-Berman accused them of having helped to legitimise violence as an instrument of liberation.

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WASHINGTON - The Bophutha
ISWana government has admitted in
court papers it set up a US tax.

| EXempt charity to evade legal re- |
strictions on its ability to acquire /

| Property in Washington â\200\224 and got
stung for millions of dollars.

The admission is part of a lawsuit
the homeland is bringing against &
Washington law firm involving the
purchase of a \$1m city centre build-
Irg for use as an office.

Bophuthatswana Economic Affairs
Mipister Ephraim Keikelame alleges
| the firm helped defraud his â\200\234repub-
licâ\200\235 of at least \$3m sent to the US for
the purchase and renovation of the
building, and demands return of the
[money with damages.

{ According to the complaint, the
trouble started im 1987 when the

| hemeland retained James Denson to

| act as its lobbyist.

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\Ltd (API) were paid more thapn \$3m
â\200\224 On top of the alleged fraud amount
â\200\224 in fees and expenses between
August 1987 angd April 1892,

In 1988, the suit claims, Denson
persuaded his cilent to retaln the jaw
partnership of Steven Karalekas and
John McCahill to epsure the home-
landâ\200\231s â\200\234US activities were in compli-
ance with all US Jawsâ\200\235,

API and the lawyers then pre-
vailed upon the homeland to buy its
own office space.

But under the Foreign Missions
Act, the lawvers said, the purchase
would need approval from the State
Department, which was unlikely to
be forthcoming since Bophutatswana
Wwas not recognised as an independent
country. They advised their client to

set up a tax-exempt, non-profit or-

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US scam

Eanisation to front the transaction
Thus was born the African Educa-
tional Foundation Inc (AEF), with
Denson and APT â\200\234employeesâ\200\235 serving
as its director and board.

Keikaleme says his government
was told by the lawyers it â\200\234would be
the equitable and legal ownerâ\200\235,

In February 1980, AEF purchased
a townhouse near fashionable Dupont
Circle with \$925 000 transferred from
Bophuthatswana, which also supplied
a further \$2m for renovations. Unfor-
tunately, the suit alleges, â\200\234much of
these funds were converted by ..
AEF and others for purposes having
nothing to do with the propertyâ\200\235.

The chances that the homeland â\200\224
it represents itself in the suit as â\200\234an
independent, democratic Republic lo-
cated in Africaâ\200\235 â\200\224 will get its money
back are hampered by the fact that
under US law it does not exist,

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