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Leopard attack near Mazimbu

Hospital Theatre in operation

AWB wants third Boer War

EDITORIAL

AWB IS NOT FOR PEACE

The Neo-Fascist Group, the Afrikaans Resistance Movement has shown its true colours over the weekend. Ventersdorp is the home town of AWB leader, Terre Blanche.

Over the weekend, President de Klerk was addressing a meeting at this conservative town when a right wing group went to disrupt that meeting. They were led by Terre Blanche and Piet "Skiet" Rudolph. The Neo-Nazis were carrying weapons, Baseball bats and the like. They then confronted the police, who were surrounding the hall where President de Klerk was addressing. It was not long when a battle broke out between the police and the neo-nazis. Teargas was used in order to disperse the neo-nazis but to no avail. Shooting broke out between the police and the rightwingers. In that ensuing battle three neo-nazis were killed and 50 people injured including the police.

What is disturbing is that black pedestrians were also attacked by neo-nazis without any provocations that resulted in two of our people died.

Now the AWB has declared war against the de Klerk's government and the ANC. It is surprising that they should declare war against the ANC, a movement which is not in power and has done nothing against the AWB.

Something which is interesting is that no one is arrested or charged after all these killings and damage. It is not that the security forces do not know who is responsible for this killings, but still the blame lies with the government because it does not want to take necessary steps to curb all this violence.

This challenge is serious to all people who are striving for peace in South Africa.

Editor

NEWS FLASHES

SOUTH AFRICA

On Wednesday, the funeral of the two supporters of AWB, who were shot over the Weekend by police while disrupting a meeting held by President de Klerk at Ventersdorp took place without any trouble as it was expected.

The leader of the Right Wing Group, Terre Blanche did not attend the funeral. The Police did not also interfere on the funeral procedures.

TRANSKEI

The New Nation Newspaper revealed that South African government was involved in a plot of overthrowing the Transkei government of Major General Holomisa.

Major General Holomisa said is going to hold talks with President de Klerk at the end of this month and he will also raise the matter of South African involvement in a coup attempt late last year.

ZAMBIA

On Wednesday, from the capital of Zambia, Lusaka, the third plane within a week repatriated ANC exiles back to South Africa

Last week two planes repatriated part of the exiles.

MADAGASCAR

Day before yesterday 50 000 people attended a funeral of two of the last week shootings by the Presidential Guards. It is said 50 people were killed over the weekend by the security forces.

Meanwhile the Opposition Groups have suspended demonstrations and protests for this coming two days, as a sign of mourning.

NEWS FLASHES

GRANADA

The Prime Minister of Granada has commuted the death sentences of 14 prisoners, who were involved in assassinating former prime minister of Granada, Maurice Bishop. Their sentences have been commuted to life imprisonment.

SOUTH AFRICA

On the 14th August, the ANC, South African Government and Inkatha Freedom Party met in Johannesburg in process of trying to find ways to curb the township violence. In this meeting, Church leaders were also present.

It is also said in the last 5 days, 28 people have died in Alexander Township outside Johannesburg in a continuous violence between Inkatha and the Township residents.

HOSPITAL

ANC-HOSPITAL THEATRE OPERATING

This is the 5th month that the Operation Theatre at our hospital has been operating without any problems. Before operations used to be transferred to Morogoro Hospital since our Theatre was not yet in shape.

Only in last five months, 150 operations have been successfully conducted. Out of these 150 operations 12 major operations were done, that is including opening of abdomen, amputations, deliveries of babies and eye operations.

People mainly catered for are Mazimbu community, local citizens and our Comrades from Dakawa. This development is of course a great step in keeping and looking after the health needs of our people.

The Operations are always conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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I SERVE THE PEOPLE

The Editor,

I would like to respond to the two letters one written by Cde. Angry Customer and the latest.

Comrades, my opening hours are determined by the stock which is needed by the community. It will be of no use for me to open at 12.00 midday only to find that I do not have 1,2 or 3 articles which are important to the community. Therefore I make it my duty to acquire almost everything which my customers need, even if it means being 30 or 60 minutes late to open the store. Do not forget that to stock for such a large community takes far more than just 10 or 15 minutes, it usually takes somewhere in the range of 2 to 3 hours. Also keep in mind that I am not the only businessman in Morogoro/Dar who buys stock at various wholesale establishments, hence you would sometimes be quite dismayed to find how much time can be wasted during these stock buying endeavours.

Comrades, friends, mothers, pioneers and malumes. I believe that the Community News and Views personnel are becoming seriously irresponsible in their way of handling issues. Where have you ever heard that newspapers the world over in this modern day and age publish consistently one side of a story without so much as attempting to get to know and verify the allegations of concerned parties with those against whom these allegations are meted out. Example, instead of our C.N&V personnel approaching me in order to find out why all these all complaints from the customers, so that I may have the chance to explain and give reasons for delays in opening the shop, they just take whatever fabricated information they receive and publish.

It seems to me that they need to have a proper background in accumulating and analysing news items before this news paper turns into one big gossip column. Also keep in mind that there is no way on this earth where one can possibly satisfy every Jack

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and Jim, there will always be those who will complain (for some it has become a profession). I am fully aware that there are elements within our little society who are seriously working to accomplish my downfall, but they are only a drop in the ocean. To them I say "You are fighting a losing battle, try something else, but all the same I love you since you do not know what you are doing and I strongly believe that one day you will come to me for forgiveness, and I will forgive you".

Now let us go to answering some of the unfortunate statements or should I say false allegations. There are some people who make it a habit of coming to People's Corner at 1.55 pm daily and expect me to serve them even though by that time my lunch hour is at hand. So I am forced to discipline these persistent 1.55 pm customers since apparently their aim is to disorganise my operating hours.

The last comment I wish to make concerns my pickup. I do not have third party insurance which would allow me to carry passengers, hence I only transport my goods necessary for the shop. So in case of accidents, the insurance for the pick-up and the goods are ensured but for passengers there is no insurance, so the choice is yours. In short, I am not in the habit of offering people lifts unless ofcourse the person is going to be of assistance to me in town.

Yours in the struggle,

Hoard Jimmy Hundleson.

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Dear Brother Hoard,

We really appreciate your move to put the record straight to whoever concerned customers. We really thank you for that.

This is one thing which the Community News and Views want to put it clear to everyone, that it publishes any opinion, complain and views from the Community as long as is not in contradiction with the policies of the ANC and secondly as long as insulting language is not used. Ordinary Views and Opinions are welcomed even though they might be not identical with the Views and Opinions of the personnel of Community News and Views. Mainly problems or complains and even opinions are of social nature and not of political nature. The Community News and Views is conscious of the fact that we are belonging to a Liberation Movement and as such opinions of the public will be made known to all our people. That does not at all contradict the policies of our organisation, the ANC.

There is one point which we want to correct Brother Hoard when he say "Where have you ever heard that newspapers the world over in this modern day and age publish consistently one side of a story without so much as attempting to get to know and verify the allegations of concerned parties with those against whom these allegations are meted out." Brother Hoard was more than once approached by the correspondent of the CN&V for his response after the first letter. We want to remind Brother Hoard, that he even went to an extend of promising to respond to that letter from the "Angry Customer". When he was later approached Brother Hoard said that we should leave it and that it is not important.

We are at the same time happy that you have clarified the concerned customers about what they were not clear of. Keep it up Brother. We wish all the luck, Brother.

EDITOR

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AWB THREATEN TO START THIRD BOER WAR

President Frederick de Klerk will go down in history as the man who started the third Boer (Afrikaner) Civil War, neo-fascist Piet, "Skiet" Rudolph said this on Sunday after a night clashes between police and right-wingers.

The statements by the Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB) spokesman to the press following the "battle of Ventersdorp", in which at least two people died were endorsed by an analyst who warned that last night's gun-battle could lead to an Afrikaner civil war.

"De Klerk will stand known as the butcher of Ventersdorp. He came here looking for confrontation and used the excuse of being protected by 2,000 policemen to have them shoot at our people," Rudolph said.

He said the AWB planned to hold a "heroes funeral", for the two rightwing victims of the violence in the Western Transvaal farming town where running gun-battles erupted during a visit by President de Klerk.

Police have said there were only two deaths in the clashes between AWB protesters and said that 12 policemen were among the 56 injured in the clashes in which at least 24 police vehicles were vandalised.

Ventersdorp police say they were forced to shoot to defend themselves against heavily armed AWB members who sparked off the confrontation by attacking a black taxi.

However, Rudolph laid the blame on de Klerk's shoulders. "De Klerk was warned that he was not wanted here and that this would lead to a tragedy, but he was insensitive as he is to the aspirations of our people."

Rudolph said de Klerk had invited AWB leader Eugene Terre Blanche to his meeting in the town, but on trying to attend the meeting, Terre's Blanche was confronted by police dogs and streets lined armed policemen-

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who had spun razor wire around the hall where de Klerk held his meeting.

A spokesman for the Law and Order Ministry said security personnel had been in communication with Terre' Blanche throughout yesterday and for several days before that, and that Terre' Blanche had called off the battle last midnight only after six arrested AWB members were released.

The six were however, charged with public violence and police were investigating. Other arrests could follow, the spokesman added.

He declined to be drawn on threats of a civil war, saying only that police were constantly informed of rightwing plans and "prepared for any eventuality". Andries Treurnicht, leader of the pro-apartheid parliamentary Conservative Party (CP) which is drawing closer to the extra-parliamentary para-military AWB said last night's "atmosphere of war" in Ventersdorp was "an act of extreme provocation" in which the President himself "was the problem".

De Klerk was continuing along a political road for which white voters had not given him permission. "It is arrogance to take the rights of whites away," he said. Analyst Willem Kleynhans charged that international leaders had been "very naive" over the past two years to "swallow" de Klerk's assertion that he has a solution for the country.

He warned that because whites felt threatened and had not been prepared for de Klerk's rapid reforms, they would render the country "ungovernable".

"There is no hope, within the next 10 years at least, of a new constitution being agreed to between white and black - it is a wishful dream. After years of brain-washing, the whites have not been educated into accepting the end of apartheid. And de Klerk must take the blame for that."

There was "no doubt a civil war among whites" was now inevitable, and that Vent-

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ersdorp battle had galvanised the until now divided rightwing to stand together and "fight to the death for their survival".

African National Congress President Nelson Mandela meanwhile said it was regrettable that "innocent blacks were among the victims. Police have denied the reports that blacks were killed in the confrontation.

Extract from Sunday Times.

NOTICE

A LEOPARD ATTACK NEAR MAZIMBU

● was on early hours on Monday this week when a female Leopard moving with its two cubs just next to Lukobe village that it came across the man who was chopping wood. Lukobe village is next to our Farm in Mazimbu.

After the Leopard saw the man, who is a local citizen started to attack according to sources from Lukobe village. A fierce battle ensued between the Leopard and the man, who had a panga for self defence. During the process of defending himself, he was badly injured on his back and face including the hand. He ultimately defeated the Leopard that left and ran away with its two cubs.

● Later the injured man was transported by a ke to our Farm. He arrived there at 11.00hrs. Our comrades without waste of time, assisted the victim. Comrade Anne Mokoena brought two blankets while comrade Sibongile Sidweshu brought one to cover the injured local man. The victim was heavily bleeding. It was at this moment that comrade Thabo Mofokeng and Martin Dombo took the victim with our car to Morogoro hospital. The comrades at the Farm did a great job to save the life of one of our host people. It is highly recommended what they did.

Let the Farm keep with that spirit. At the same time it is a warning to our people not to move around those areas, since it is

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said about few months ago a lion was killed in that vicinity.

Well done Farm.

A BIG THANK YOU

The R.W.C. and women's section as a whole express their deepest gratitude to all the different departments here, for joining hands with us hence made our AUGUST 9th CELEBRATION a very big success. Keep it up comrades.

AMANDLA!
R.W.C

POLITICAL VIDEO ON MONDAY

The following Video Tapes will be shown to the Community on Monday at Multi-Purpose Hall.:

- 1- A tale of ordinary murder - Crime wave in South Africa.
- 2- Two dogs and freedom (A tribute to the children of South Africa).

LIBRARY (VIDEO SECTION)

REPORT BACK FROM THE CONFERENCE

The delegation to the National Conference will be reporting back to the Mazimbu Zone on Sunday, the 18th August.

Venue: 06 Hall

Time: 19.00hrs.

Mzwandile Kibi (For Delegation)

NOTICE

LOST AND FOUND

One comrade has lost a gold "Citizen" lady watch around "Construction". Anyone who comes across it, please bring it to the Welfare Officer at the ZPC office. The reward is promised.

FEMALE SHOES FOUND

Anyone who has lost female shoes must report to the Welfare Officer for identification. Please contact the Welfare Officer before he does them bad.

SPECTACLES STILL NOT YET FOUND

As we have published in our last issue that one comrade has lost spectacles in a brown case. We appeal once more for anyone who came across them to bring them to the Community News and Views Office. A reward is promised.

A BIG THANK YOU

The RWC and the Women's Section as a whole express their deepest gratitude to all the different departments here for joining hands with us, hence made our August 9th Celebrations a very big success. Keep it up comrades.

Amandla!

RWC

WOMEN'S DAY

AUGUST 9TH SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN'S DAY

The August 9th occasion on the 10th in order to accommodate our invited guest of honour was a very honourable occasion indeed. The flag raising well, was well attended, so was the march. The political program started with a big bang. The U.W.T. both Dar es Salaam and Morogoro regions, accompanied by Mama Dladness Mzirayi, U.W.T. NATIONAL DEPUTY SECRETARY and member of parliament graced our occasion.

The pioneers under the supervision of comrade Mabhongo, welcomed our visitors in style, very much befitting their positions in the government service. All the messages presented by various political structures called for a political appeal to everyone's conscience in the movement. The most exciting moment was a welcome song by the R.W.C which preceded the presentation of a taken by the ANC. WC to the U.W.T. sisters organization. Also the music presented by the Ekhaya Band which moved the comrades from the sits with the storming sounds of the South African beat and poetry backed by the band.

The evening culture closed the day with most exciting programmes namely! Traditional dress parade, poetry, emulations to the hardworkers dedicated to the struggle. The second item was the cultural performance by the drama group, poetry, ndlamu from Dakawa, Ekhaya band which cheered the audience with some of its new songs which, really showed that there is improvement, and lastly the two Dakawa bands closed the occasion with few songs.

From R.W.C.

FATE OF NON-WORKERS

THE PLIGHT OF NON-WORKERS

Here in Mazimbu non-workers are categorised. There are legal non-workers and illegal non-workers. I understand that the legal non-workers are those domiciled in Mazimbu and the other category are those not supposed to be here.

Most of the legal non-workers are comrades who are seriously seeking deployment. When they knock at the doors of the offices of the Heads of Departments they are told "Sorry comrade we are having staff reduction because of the repatriation process."

Odd enough, we are all aware of the pending repatriation but then why should legal non-workers who want to work but there is no work for them be deprived of certain little privileges e.g. cigarette allowance. Strangely enough non-workers in Dakawa receive their monthly cigarette allowance of between 2000/- and 3000/- a month.

I once overheard the Treasurer of Dakawa telling our Treasurer that they give the allowance to Dakawa non-workers because there is not enough deployment there and if they do not give them, they will start stealing. I wonder if the Treasury of Mazimbu is aware of this danger. It is quite possible that the spate of thefts taking place around here is caused by illegal non-workers.

At least the legal non-workers always receive remnants of crumbs from the so-called workers. I say so-called workers because they start work at 9.00am instead of 7.30am and go to lunch at 11.30am instead of 12.00pm. When there is mphanho or distribution of certain commodities the legal non-workers are the last on a queue and if the commodities are in short supply they receive nothing at all as if it is their fault not to work.

Our life as legal non-workers is very miserable (this does not include illegal non-workers who are not supposed to be here). Some of us wake in the morning and go and hang around the stores looking for "taka-taka" to sell so as to buy certain

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items which are not always available at the supplies dept. e.g. soap, cooking oil and also to have a few shillings for cigarette and mqombothi. Most of us take the stuff because we cannot afford 320/- for a bottle at People's Corner. Even if you were to drink one bottle per day which of course is not possible, calculate this amount and include 2 bottles of Konyagi or Whisky over the weekend for 30 days you will be shocked at the amount spent. But certain comrades easily afford and you wonder where they get this money from.

The very same people when they see you strolling to "Dark City" to have a sip of umqombothi while cruising to Hilux or Morogoro Hotel sneer and point fingers at you as if you were just scum. Unfortunately most of them have never been to our joint over the bridge to hear the type of discussions we hold there. Next to the staff of the Community News and Views I am of the opinion that we are amongst the few groups in this complex who well versed with the world events.

Almost all of those special people who despise us do not want to be repatriated because the "fat" will melt and their future in South Africa is very uncertain. In Zulu we say "Okungapheli kuyahlola" so let these comrades think that we do not work because we do not like, but forced by the narrowness of certain Mazimbu departments they head.

By H.M.

JOKES!

Second-hand car dealer: We stand behind every car we sell.

Prospective buyer: Yes, but will you help push?

Prohibitionist: I want to ask you a serious question.

Do you ever take alcoholic drinks?

Victim: Before I give you my answer I want to know whether your question is an enquiry or or an invitation.

Sentry (at dusk time): Halt! Who goes there?

Fellow (soldier partly drunk): Friend with a bottle

Sentry: Pass friend. Halt bottle.

Holding a tray of coffee cups for her freinds and neighbours, my wife was doing her best to create a good impression. Suddenly the door opened and our four year old son entered. He was covered in dust from head to foot. Horrified, my wife gasped, "Adrian! What have you been up to?" With a sunny smile, our little angel replied, "I have been playing under your bed Mummy".

Did you know?

That the Australian pensioner Les Colley can't understand what all the fuss is about. At 92 he has become a father again and the former docker said it was planned. "I don't feel any different than I was 22". Colley told reporters that at his home in Acarat, 200km West of Melbourne in the Southern State of Victoria.

Baby Oswald, born on July 22, has five brothers and sisters the oldest 71, the

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younger 15 and an extended family too numerous for his nonagenarian father to remember.

Colley's second wife, 38 years old Figian-born Patty, said she had no problems with his age. "He is better than some young fellows", said Patty, who married him two years ago. He put his verility down to good diet. Don't eat junk food...no cans of coke or potatoe chips for dinner", he said.

Did you know?

That a Tawainese woman who became a man throught a sex-change operation in March may - like all other men - be called up to do military service.

The 27 year old man, identified only as Chen, had asked to be exempted from draft.

MAZIMBU LAND

I look at Mazimbu's mountains
And see clouds nice and clear
I foresee liked lights and natured land
Full of trees and nicely grassed mountains

I looked back and gather trees together
I look and smile back at Mazimbu's river
That looks like Zambezi River
That looks like Limpopo River
I look at Morogoro mountains big and small

And appreciate Morogoro far and near
I look like a baby taking a walk
On Mazimbu gate land and see crocodiles
Feeding themselves like pigs in a certain field which reminds me at Craydock and Uitenhage
I laugh and move as I continue writing and reciting that recite which reminds me of South Africa
We have waited to long for our freedom on this land of love and beauty.

By M. Phillip Ngamlana

SOU REPORTS

COMRADE CAUGHT WITH A MICROSCOPE

A comrade attending a school at Mkwakwa Teachers Training College, in Iringa was caught behind Tabora by the Tanzanian guards while trying to go and "fry" a Microscope stolen from SOMAFCO. He was caught on the 13th August, after he was asked to be searched the Tanzanian authorities. He then told them that he has his Radio inside his bag. When they insisted to see what is inside, he then gave them the bag and started to run away towards the Chamino Village. He was then followed until, he was reapprehended at Chamino Village.

The Microscope was stolen on the 10th August, during Women's Day celebrations. The comrade was residing at Unit 03 room 10.

MWIZI LEFT HIS JACKET AND RAN AWAY

On the 10th August, one comrade while going back home at around 3.00hrs saw someone at the window as if he is peeping inside. As he approached the person next to the window, he immediately turned and went towards the comrade with a panga in his hand. The comrade immediately ran away calling for help from the other comrade in the vicinity. Then the mwizi realised that the can be a lot of people around ran away.

When the comrade went back home, there other comrades were already woken up by the noise outside. When checking what happened they found that cushions, blanket, kettle and sport shoes were missing. Outside the house they found a jacket left behind by mwizi.

A STICK WAS USED TO INJURE FEMALE CDE.

On the 12th August, outside the hall of Unit 05, a female comrade was coming from dancing when one male comrade approached the female comrade aggressively. The male comrade once accused the female comrade of disturbing him.

On this day the male comrade hit the female comrade with a stick on the head. The comrade was taken to hospital and she got six stitch on the head.

RELIGION

A BOOK SAVED

A bookmaker was married to a Christian woman. Sometimes he attended a church serves, simply in order to please her. But his influence over a large group of young men in that town was so pernicious that they were rapidly gamblers and drunkards. One day the of the church invited an Evangelist for some special services, and together with others they began to pray the bookmaker would be converted, also that these young men and women would be won to a new life in Christ.

At the end of the serves a group of these young men forward in confession of faith in Christ. But the last night of the special serves came and yet the bookmaker seemed unmoved. Here we let the Evangelist tell the story of the closing meeting. Then came the appeal and a number of people came while responded by walking down the aisles, as token their surrender to Christ. Then I had a sound like a great sigh go up from hundreds of people. The bookmaker was walking down the aisle with bowed head. He fell on his knees before the communion rail and he said in a distinct voice, (God, be merciful to me a sinner) As he knelt, his wife came and knelt by his side and the glory of God filled the whole church and the Mazimbu children who were on my side became more interested and started to sing their song (Jesus My Lord Remember me in the Kingdom of God) the Anglican Band started to background them with the piano. I also felt that indeed that a faith invitation.

Questions

What is faith?

What is the Mazimbu's attitude towards faith and church in general?

What does D.R.A. stands for and whome does it serve?

What will be the role of D.R.A. in the future South Africa?

YOURS EVANGELIST