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Leaders get the jump on voters

FOREIGN Minister Pik Botha tried to stake a place in the new SA yesterday by voting in Soweto. But hundreds of blacks waiting for hours to vote were unimpressed as Botha jumped the queue.

Sapa-Reuter reports that Botha said he saw nothing odd in voting in an ANC stronghold. Soweto was an important constituency for the NP and voting there was a "personal statement".

"I have paid visits here. I have friends in Soweto," he said. But there were few friends when it was announced that it was also his birthday. Only three women sang "happy birthday" as Botha entered to vote, and other residents looked on sullenly.

Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer also decided against joining queues, MUNGO SOGGOT reports.

Casting his vote in the coloured area of Coronationville, west of Johannesburg, Meyer said: "That's the best vote I ever cast. I feel like a free man today, like any other South African," he said after skipping a 1km line of voters, I-Net reports.

However, President FW de Klerk joined

the queue at Pretoria's Arcadia Primary School. "It's a great day for SA. We have worked for this for more than five years."

Sapa reports that ANC president Nelson Mandela was among the first South Africans to cast his vote yesterday morning. He cast his vote outside the Ohlange High School in Inanda, near Durban.

"This is for all South Africans an unforgettable occasion. It is the realisation of hopes and dreams that we have carried over decades," he said.

A nostalgic DP leader Zach de Beer cast his vote at Woodstock Town Hall. He said had last been in the hall when he and the late Harry Lawrence had addressed a meeting there.

Inkatha Freedom Party president Mangosuthu Buthelezi assured reporters he would not dispute the results of the poll. "I would not cast my vote if I was not prepared to accept the (election) result," he said at the King Zwelithini stadium at Umlazi yesterday morning.

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Buthelezi threatens to withdraw amid polling chaos in some areas

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One long line to freedom

■ POLITICAL STAFF

South Africans of all races responded in their millions to yesterday's April 27 date with destiny, forming voting queues kilometres-long at polling stations nationwide — in spite of critical failings in the electoral machinery and a pull-out threat from Ulundi.

The new political threat emerged last night to compound the mounting logistical danger to the election process.

IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said he did not rule out the possibility of withdrawing from the poll if his party was unfairly prejudiced by ballot paper problems.

Logistical snarl-ups forced the Independent Electoral Commission to extend voting hours last night and tonight — while today was declared a paid public holiday.

From the darkness of the early hours of morning, voters gathered to cast their ballots in South Africa's founding democratic election — the focus of the

MILLIONS vote on historic day, but snarl-ups raise tempers as thousands of voters spend long hours in queues

entire world's attention.

Although precise voting patterns are impossible to determine, statisticians said it was possible that up to half of the estimated 23 million electorate went to the polls yesterday.

Voters appeared not to be deterred by yesterday morning's car-bomb explosion at Jan Smuts Airport.

The first day of ordinary voting was marred by complaints from many parts of the country, detailing failure by the IEC to have polling stations functioning on time and efficiently.

Buthelezi made his pull-out threat because of problems with the system of sticking the IFP's name on ballot papers.



Zigzag . . . voters queue through central Johannesburg to the City Hall polling station.

PICTURE: DEBBIE YAZBEK

He objected, in particular, to the suggestion that IFP supporters could simply write the party's name on the bottom of the ballot if stickers were not available.

He said the IFP had stated last week, when it entered the election, that this would not be acceptable. Ballot secrecy would

be threatened by this, especially since about 60 percent of rural Natal voters were illiterate.

Saying his central committee might have to meet on the ballot issue, Buthelezi called for an extra day of voting to address, among other problems, that of elderly voters who had not been able to vote on Tuesday.

Responding to the IFP leader's remarks, ANC media chief Pallo Jordan insisted the election would go ahead as planned.

He said Buthelezi's statement would not contribute to peace, stability and democracy.

"It is of the same character as the IFP's foot-dragging when it registered six days before the election."

The ballot paper problems were partly caused by that late registration, Jordan said.

Among the electoral problems evident yesterday were ballot paper shortages and shortfalls in other voting materials, which led to temporary closures of some voting stations.

Worst affected were stations in Tokoza, Katlehong, Daveyton, Benoni, Boksburg, Vosloorus, Soweto, Zonk'iZizwe, Walkerville, Klerksdorp, Rustenburg, Bophuthatswana's Odi region, Brits, Bafokeng, the Free State, Northern Transvaal, KwaZulu/Natal and the Western Cape.

IEC officials on the Reef were

frantically organising more IFP stickers by 4 pm yesterday.

The IEC considered the option of allowing IFP voters to write the party's name at the bottom of the ballot paper.

By noon yesterday, the IEC had received reports of 277 incidents relating to lack of materials at polling stations. But IEC spokesman Humphrey Khoza said only 10 percent of the more than 9 000 polling stations were having difficulty.

Enthusiasm for the election — and determination to vote in spite of delays and administrative foul-ups — gave rise to scenes never witnessed before in SA. Voting lines stretched for several kilometres. Many people waited throughout the day.

■ Star election statisticians Richard Humphries and Mark Shaw said it was possible that the estimate of 22,7 million potential voters could be too low. It was derived from disputed census figures.

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NORTH COAST

Prophets of doom proved to be wrong

Empangeni: Doom prophets and the gut fears of ordinary South Africans that the elections would result in the spilling of much blood in Zululand have so far proved wrong.

But there have been reports of serious intimidation by monitors and political parties. Miraculously, however, there has not been a single death from political violence in the area.

Both the ANC and IFP have blamed each other for intimidating voters.

IFP North Coast northern sub-region spokesman Blessed Gwala said members of both his party and the ANC had been guilty of intimidation.

However, he said the ANC was guilty of worse — the ambushing of a bus yesterday afternoon carrying IFP supporters between Kwambonambi and Qedumona, on their return from a polling station.

Mr Gwala said Mthozo Dlamini had been injured in the shooting. He said the matter had been reported to the police at Kwambonambi.

SAP Natal spokesman Major Henry Budhram said he had not heard about the shooting.

Mr Gwala said IFP supporters had gone to cast their votes in Kwambonambi after being threatened by an ANC leader at the Qedumona polling station.

But ANC northern Natal secretary Senzo Mchunu has claimed, despite what he says was a peaceful election, there had been infringements.

He said in Nkandla, north-east of Ulundi, an IFP mob "stormed" the polling station at the local Magistrate's Court on Tuesday.

He said an ANC party agent at the station was forced to lock himself in a room when the "300 youths went on the rampage".

Mr Mchunu said in another incident an IFP-aligned traditional leader yesterday entered the Dokweni polling station near Gingindlovu, where he was allowed to canvass openly.

According to Mr Mchunu, the chief also swore at voters inside the station. He said police had been informed.

He has questioned the IEC's inability to "correct things that are wrong" and the way it "accepted being overpowered".

He has added his voice to complaints against the deployment of the KZP as the only security force in some areas.

Mr Mchunu said because of this ANC supporters in rural areas were too scared to vote unless they could afford to get transport to country towns.

Visits by a Daily News team to townships around Richards Bay found people to be calm.

PAC regional candidate Foko Magubane said after voting at the Esikhawini town hall that there was a new "spirit of peace" in the violence-wracked area.

"There are just crosses on the ballot forms, no violence." Report by T. Robbins, 18 Osborne Street, Durban.



COOL QUEUE: Vendors did a roaring trade in ice-lollys at this voting station in Inanda.

The patient pollers +

THE queues stretched on and on and on as hundreds of thousands of people from areas north of Durban stood in the warm sun to vote in the country's first democratic elections.

Good humour prevailed at all polling stations visited by a Daily News team, as people, feeling a sense of equality for the first time, showed their determination to wait all day if necessary.

Violence appeared to have been upstaged by the clear commitment of people to the democratic process — no party colours, T-shirts, flags or rosettes were evident in the snaking queues.

The queues were, however, colourful as people unfurled

bright umbrellas against the midday sun and vendors did a roaring trade in cold drinks and ice-creams.

From the affluent suburbs of Durban North to the unpaved roads of Inanda — thousands of black and white voters queued, cocking a snoot at the right-wing's pre-election terror campaign.

In such areas as KwaMashu and Inanda, which have been rocked by pre-election violence, signs of normality appeared to have returned.

"Thank God this has happened and we hope that the peace continues," a KwaMashu voter said.

At Durban North a voter was overheard saying: "My dear, I should have brought a

skottle braai and had boere-wors rolls."

Security forces were not very visible — even in KwaMashu and Inanda.

At Ohlange High School, where ANC leader Nelson Mandela had voted early yesterday morning, members of the Internal Stability Unit found time to kick a soccer ball around.

"We haven't had any violence — only accidents in our vehicles," an ISD member said.

An IEC spokesman, Sandile Ngidi, said the IEC had not received any reports of violence or intimidation in KwaZulu/Natal.

Report by V. Angamuthu and S. Miller, 18 Osborne Street, Durban.

No IFP stickers on papers

DAILY NEWS 94/04/28

Daily News Reporter

AFTER many reports of IFP stickers being left off ballot papers, party officials have strongly objected, claiming that the party was being placed in an unfair position.

IFP candidate Peter Miller said tens of thousands of ballot papers had been affected. "Incidents of no stickers on the ballot papers have been widespread throughout Natal," he said.

He cited Vryheid, Oribi and Prestburg as examples. At the Hilton polling station, Mr Miller said, an IEC official had instructed voters to write on the ballot papers.

He pointed out that when that instruction was given, one was not allowed to write on the ballot paper. This ruling had since changed as the IEC ruled yesterday that on stickerless ballot forms the IFP could be written in by the voter.



PETER MILLER

"IEC officials incompetent"

Mr Miller said in reaction to the latest developments that the change did not help the IFP at all. "We cannot get the information out to our voters in time.

"Another problem is that many of our supporters cannot write. They have been taught to look for the picture of Chief

Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi."

He added he did not want the IFP to use this as an excuse for what had happened.

Mr Miller also noted that IFP stickers had been left off ballot papers in Bulwer, Creighton, Donnybrook and Byrne, just outside Richmond.

He said that at Byrne the stickers had been placed on the ballot papers at an angle which meant that it interfered with the National Party, therefore making the ballot spoilt.

He said that at KwaMncane, to the west of Pietermaritzburg, polling staff had left vital equipment behind and that voting was delayed until after 11am.

Mr Miller criticised IEC officials for incompetence, adding that while the leaders were being incredibly helpful, people on the ground were incapable of running an election.

"You can't get any action or

decision from the IEC officials at the polling stations. Even the presiding officers simply shrug their shoulders and say they don't know."

He stressed that he wanted the IEC to understand how serious the IFP viewed the problem.

On the issue of voter identity documents, Mr Miller said that many Home Affairs offices issuing them had run out of film. Other stations had run out of cards on which to place the picture.

Mr Miller said that at the Tugela Ferry Home Affairs station, more than a thousand people had waited for voter cards, which could not be issued due to a lack of film. "The IEC promise to issue voter cards is hollow."

On the issue of violence, Mr Miller said the IFP had no reports of any incidents. There had been a case of intimidation on the part of the ANC.

Report by M.P. Stiebel, 18 Osborne Street, Durban.

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31 held after blasts

Mercury Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG—Police have arrested 31 white right-wingers in connection with the spate of bombings in the PWV area that killed 21 people and injured 176 in the past week.

The arrests included members of the AWB and its Ystergarde (Iron Guard) unit, a policeman and a reservist, police commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe said yesterday.

The announcement came hours after a car bomb at Jan Smuts airport injured 16 people and caused massive structural damage to the north face of the building.

The bomb, placed inside a white Peugeot vehicle, exploded at 7.15am on the elevated roadway adjacent to the international departures terminal. An incoming flight was diverted to Bloemfontein and outgoing flights were delayed until mid-afternoon.

A white man was detained at the airport, but released after questioning.

The SAP was confident there would be no further bombings in the immediate future. "We have good reason to believe that we have hit the brain behind the blasts in Johannesburg, Randfontein, Germiston, Westonaria and Jan Smuts airport," said Gen Van der Merwe.

Large quantities of explosives, weapons and ammunition were seized during the arrests, most of which took place yesterday morning in Rustenburg, Pretoria and Ventersdorp.

Gen Van der Merwe denied speculation of "third force" criminal activity within the security services.

Frustration THE NATAL MERCURY, THURS, and chaos 28TH APRIL 1994, Pg 1 mar the day

PROBLEMS continued to disrupt the election yesterday, with Natal, KwaZulu and Transkei again bearing the brunt of the growing chaos.

In far northern KwaZulu Tony Carnie reports that Mkuze, Ubombo and several stations were firmly shut with angry voting officers at Mkuze waiting the whole day for IEC officials and voter material to arrive.

It was later discovered that some IEC officials had spent the day drinking at a hotel, while others were seen carrying truckloads of voter education material to remote parts of the area — but not a single ballot paper.

However, at Star of the Sea Mission near the Mozambican border post of Ponta do Ouro, voters were enthusiastic and the queue was moving fast.

Michael Schmidt reports from Kokstad that the validity of the vote in the densely populated Transkei region has been thrown into crisis by the failure of the IEC to provide sufficient materials to voting stations.

In the Maluti district alone there are an estimated 100 000 potential voters but by 4.30pm only seven out of 61 voting stations were functioning. This contrasted sharply with the smooth pattern of voting in the neighbouring Natal district of Mount Curry.

Reporter Philani Mgwaba in Ulundi writes that although voters were able to cast their votes shortly after the official starting time of 7am, several voting stations had run out of IFP stickers and ink by noon.

At James Nxumalo polling station in Ulundi, people were unable to vote for the second day yesterday because the IEC had not delivered material.

In some areas, balloting apparently proceeded despite the fact that the ultra-violet lights used to detect cheats were not available.

From Port Shepstone, Wendy Knowler reports logistical problems kept IEC staff on their toes as desperate pleas for more ballot papers and IFP stickers poured in from early morning.

ANC lower South Coast secretary Ravi Pillay said intimidation and violence in the area had been "virtually non-existent".

Olwandle Secondary School in the heart of troubled Gamalakhe was the busiest station in the area with about 1 000 people an hour casting their ballots after a 90-minute delay.

Kevin O'Grady in Newcastle says Natal IFP premiership candidate Frank Mdlalose told the Mercury the IFP believed the extra day of voting was necessary.

It was not sufficient, as the IEC had suggested, to extend voting hours into the night because: "Many areas are rural areas without electricity so they can't work at night."

Voting ground to a halt in many northern KwaZulu areas yesterday afternoon when the IEC Newcastle warehouse ran out of ballot papers, IFP stickers and invisible ink.

The situation in many townships was tense as voters were turned away until today.

In Empangeni, reporter Chris Jenkins reports that voting in parts of Zululand was thrown into chaos because of a shortage of ballot papers and other logistical problems.

Heidi Gibson, S'thembiso Sangweni and Bob Frean report from Impendle that district electoral officer André du Plessis had boxes of candles ready for three polling stations without electricity yesterday.

At Tugela Ferry, thousands of people, many in tribal dress, poured into the village and queued to vote. Eventually IEC authorities, unable to process all the voters, advised them to come back today.



Johannesburg northern suburbs residents, fed up with their queues, joined Zevenfontein squatters to vote yesterday.

Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

IEC under fire as voters swamp polls

MILLIONS of exuberant South Africans went to the polls yesterday, the first day of the historic elections, despite long delays and logistical problems that rendered about 15% of voting stations inoperable for all or part of the day.

A crisis in the whole process was temporarily averted, although not resolved, following a threat by Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi to withdraw from the elections because of the non-availability of Inkatha strickers at many voting stations and "unacceptable" ad hoc decisions by the Independent Electoral Commission in their attempts to remedy the problems.

Acknowledging that there had been severe problems, IEC chairman Judge Johann Kriegler said the election so far had been between "80% and 90% acceptable". He also announced that today would be another public holiday to facilitate voting and a further 9.3-million ballot papers would be printed locally.

The IEC and the main parties are keeping open the option of extending balloting into tomorrow. The main parties, including Inkatha, held meetings with Kriegler last night.

Kriegler allayed Buthelezi's fears by

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TIM COHEN and DAVID GREYBE**

promising that extra ballot papers were being printed with Inkatha's name. Buthelezi said this would do away with the need to place stickers on the ballots.

Deputy IEC chairman Dikgang Mosenke and Home Affairs Minister Danie Schutte were sent from Durban to meet

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Buthelezi last night to reassure him further. But Buthelezi was not completely satisfied and said he was still objecting to the IEC's ruling allowing voters to write in Inkatha's name on the ballot.

He said Kriegler was "in breach of an agreement we signed on April 19 with Nelson Mandela, FW de Klerk and Kriegler that all ballot papers without the Inkatha sticker correctly placed would be regarded as spoil".

On Tuesday and yesterday, several presiding officers at polling stations decided, in the absence of Inkatha stickers, to allow

voters to write in Inkatha's name. The IEC provisionally condoned this procedure.

Kriegler emphasised that these voting papers would be counted separately and their validity assessed after counting. The Electoral Act permits the IEC to "adjust" results in the event of irregularities.

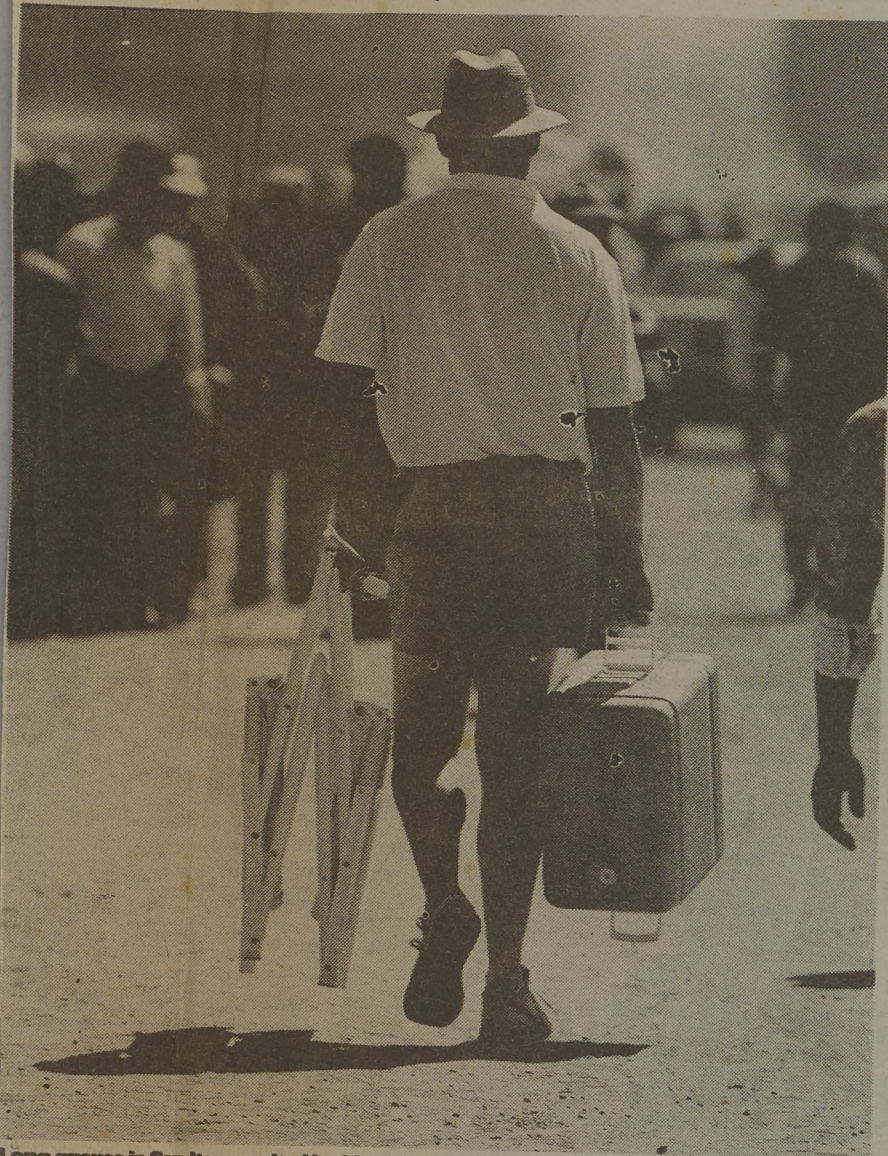
Buthelezi said there were millions of illiterate voters and they needed the stickers to make a free vote. It also called into question the secrecy of the ballot, he said.

Voting was conducted in a mostly peaceful atmosphere with no reports of poll violence, although it was marred by the spate of bombings. Most parties lodged complaints about voting irregularities.

Kriegler said part of the original agreement was that stickers could not be transported in time to all voting stations abroad. At these stations, voters who wrote Inkatha's name at the bottom of the ballot would be considered validly to have voted for the party.

Kriegler said the reasons for the shortage of ballot papers were threefold: either the IEC had underestimated the number of voters; or a major breakdown had taken place in the distribution of the ballots, with too many going to rural areas; or there had been massive disappearance of ballot papers.

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Long queues in Sandton resulted in this well-prepared voter moving to Zevenfontein to vote at the station set up for squatter camp dwellers.

Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

IEC staff held by mob of angry voters

BISHO — Border peace committee monitors were sent to Middledrift in the Ciskei last night where Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) monitors were reportedly being held hostage by an angry mob.

Border peace committee co-chairman Eddie Leeu was quoted as saying voters "took matters into their own hands when the Middledrift polling station ran out of ballot papers". The IEC staff were being held until demands for the delivery of sufficient ballot material were met.

In Mdantsane, Ciskei, angry voters broke down a polling station's doors when it shut after apparently running out of election supplies yesterday morning, the IEC said. Police and soldiers had been sent to the station to restore order.

Material supplies to polling stations had become a major problem in the eastern Cape, with voting stations running out of supplies owing to the heavy turnout yesterday morning.

The IEC said decisions by district election officers in Transkei to increase the number of polling stations without informing the IEC of their requirements had resulted in some stations not being supplied.

An emergency operation was being planned, and the SA National Defence Force had agreed to provide two helicop-

ters to help get voting supplies to stations.

IEC official in charge of the Eastern Cape Oscar Dhlomo said there was "cause for concern", but the IEC would ensure no one qualified to vote was denied the opportunity.

He said in the Port St Johns district alone, 27 of the 48 voting stations had not opened because of a lack of ballot papers, ink, ultraviolet lamps and other materials. The IEC warehouse in Umtata was "virtually empty" and unable to supply their needs.

In Port Elizabeth excitement was reduced to endurance as voters streamed to the polls, only to outnumber the ballot papers, boxes and ink. Many of the voters in the city waited in the sun for more than five hours before casting their ballots, while thousands more were disappointed when supplies ran out.

IEC sub-provincial administrator Edwin Ncula said voting at most of the 307 voting stations in the region south of the Kei was routine and peaceful. Shortages were critical at 14 stations, of which three were in Albany and eight in Port Elizabeth.

Most small towns and rural areas reported about 4pm that big queues in the morning had subsided and that things were under control as long as additional supplies were received by today, Ncula said.

Report by J Saunders, B MacLennan and R Norton, Sapa, 141 Commissioner St, Jhb.



Inkatha Freedom Party president Mangosuthu Buthelezi, above, casts his vote in a stadium in Umlazi, near Durban, while Foreign Minister P. W. Botha, left, votes in Orlando West, Soweto. Pictures: AP, GARTH LUMLEY

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Glitches threaten peace, Inkatha warns

DURBAN — The Inkatha Freedom Party warned yesterday that administrative glitches and a lack of polling stations in Natal posed a serious threat to peace in the province and said the elections had reached a "critical stage".

By early last night it appeared that the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) would move to resolve the crisis by printing an additional 4-million ballot papers for Natal alone. But there was no indication that this would be enough to stop the IFP withdrawing from the elections.

While the IEC promised to keep polling stations open until the last voter had voted last night, by early evening many stations appeared to have shortages of ballots, equipment and Inkatha stickers.

Inkatha spokesman Ziba Jiyane said the most serious threat in Natal came from the anger of vast numbers of voters in Inkatha-dominated areas unable to vote because of a lack of polling stations. "Some have been waiting for two days. . . They are reluctant to go and vote in ANC areas because they will be killed."

Jiyane and officials from other parties contesting the election in the province met IEC deputy chairman Dikgang Moseneke in Durban yesterday. He said NP officials had also warned Moseneke of the serious threat to peace in Natal. The ANC, worried that ballots without

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Inkatha stickers could be considered spoilt votes, had also complained to Moseneke.

Jiyane said Moseneke had stated frankly that the IEC was "in a crisis", but had said the commission was trying to find a solution, which could include printing 4-million new ballot papers for Natal alone. Moseneke had also admitted that the IEC had underestimated the number of special voters by 500% to 600%.

Jiyane said the crisis had been deepened by the announcement by IEC head Judge Johann Kriegler that a handwritten vote for the IFP on the ballot paper would be acceptable. Jiyane said this would disenfranchise illiterate participants.

The IEC continued to play down the extent of its logistical problems. A spokesman said the overall picture for Natal was fine, although there had been a shortage of Inkatha stickers in Umkomaas, Nongoma and Maphumulo.

In Mahlabatani, IEC officials were still trying to resolve equipment problems. There had also been a shortage of ballots in the area.

"Compared to yesterday (Tuesday), the problem has lessened," the spokesman said.

Sapa reports that Natal residents yesterday flocked to the polls, braving heat and long queues to vote.

The IEC said the huge voter turnout attested to voter enthusiasm and, in spite of some difficulties, "the IEC is committed to its duty of ensuring a free and fair election for all".

Among reports yesterday was one of an elderly woman collapsing and dying in Empangeni's Esikhawini township after waiting for hours in the sun to cast her vote.

In central Durban, voters were evacuated from the city hall after a hoax bomb scare yesterday afternoon.

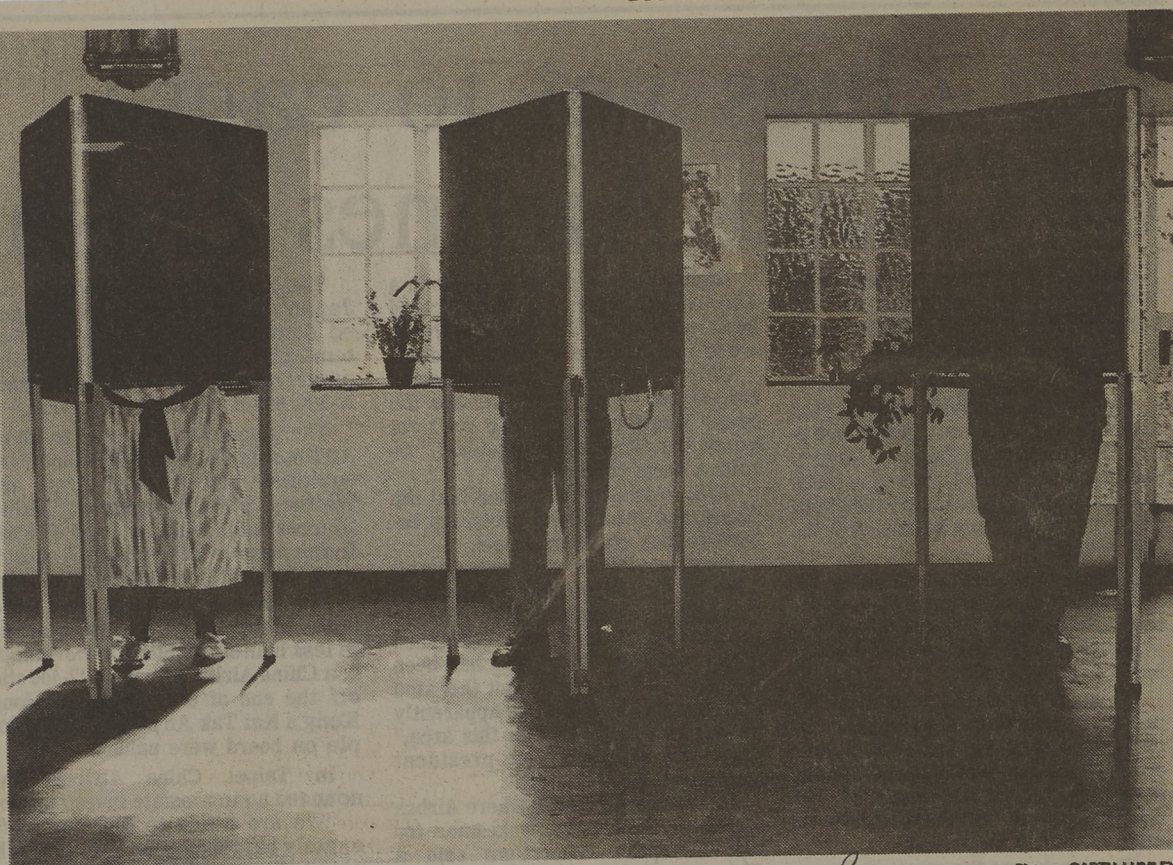
Voting was brisk in Durban and surrounding townships after a slow start.

At Amanzimtoti, a queue of more than 2 000 stood patiently in the morning as thousands of KwaMakutha residents flocked to the civic centre polling station where they said they felt safer than at township voting venues.

At Umlazi, ANC and Inkatha supporters queued together at several venues, including the King Goodwill Zwelithini Stadium.

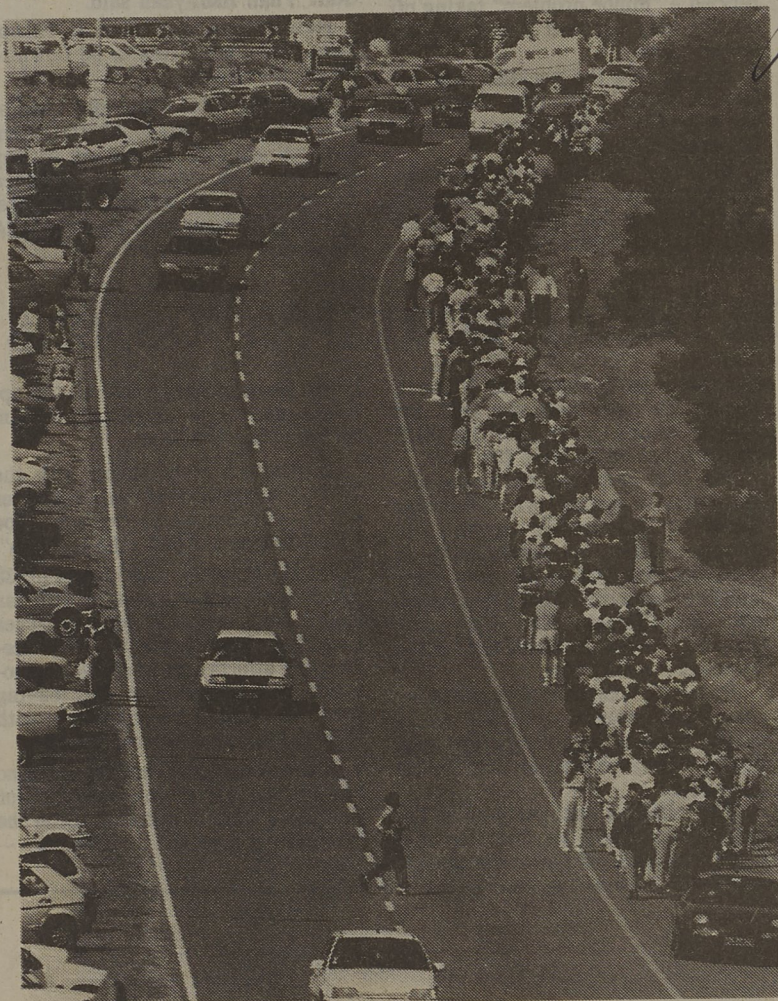
Polling was uneventful at KwaMashu and Inanda. The highlight of the first day of normal voting in Inanda was ANC president Nelson Mandela's presence at the Ohlange polling station to cast his vote, and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi was greeted by enthusiastic supporters when he arrived to vote in Umlazi.

Report by L Coutts, TML, 11 Diagonal St Jhb, and C Doonan, G Arde and C Govender, Sapa, 330 West St, Dbn.



Voters mark their ballots in Orlando West, Soweto, yesterday.

Picture: GARTH LUMLEY



Voters line the William Nicol highway in Bryanston.

Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

Late papers leave Cape voters angry

CAPE TOWN — The late arrival of ballot papers in the Cape Peninsula's black and coloured townships left voters angry and disappointed yesterday.

In Khayelitsha, voters left at least eight disorganised polling stations in dismay and either went home or to the city centre.

Hundreds of Nyanga voters — many of whom had been queueing at the Apostolic Church polling station since early morning — were at mid-day told to go home because there were no ballot papers.

Many voters slept at polling stations overnight, especially in Khayelitsha, Langa and Guguletu. But some voters, who had been waiting since 1am, had still not voted by early afternoon.

An Independent Electoral Commission official blamed the delay on the late inclusion of the Inkatha Freedom Party in the elections, but this did little to appease disgruntled voters, who accused the IEC of deliberately sabotaging the voting process.

Voters in central Cape Town faced four-hour waits in the rain in queues about a kilometre long.

Presiding officers at polling stations in Cape Town's Atlantic seaboard, southern suburbs and city bowl by early evening pronounced themselves generally satisfied with the day's voting, however. — Sapa

Report by F Krige, P Mabaso and D van Zyl, Sapa, Nedbank Centre, Cape Town.

Huge crash plan to solve election chaos

DAILY NEWS 94/04/28

Airlift boost for operation rescue

DRAMATIC plans have been put together to save the election in KwaZulu/Natal — starting with the Air Force flying in about 60 Home Affairs officials to Ulundi at dawn today to help the IEC.

If these plans do not work today, then IEC staff and voting materials from Durban could be rushed in a second emergency airlift early tomorrow to the problem areas of Ulundi, Nongoma, Ubombo and Dundee.

Special permission would be given to presiding officers in those areas to open their voting booths tomorrow.

Mangosuthu Buthelezi said on national TV today that these plans had averted a crisis.

At this stage voting will not be extended tomorrow throughout KwaZulu/Natal, apart from these four bottle-neck areas.

Decisions on this — and extended voting in some volatile townships

east of Johannesburg — will be taken by the IEC later today. Presiding officers can, however, sta-

open as long as queues demand to-night.

In the face of widespread voting problems caused by the IFP's late entry into the General Election, Danie Schutte, Minister of Home Affairs, took the initiative and rushed to Ulundi for an 11pm meeting yesterday with Chief Buthelezi and IEC vice-chairman Dikgang Moseneke, who is in charge of operations in the province.

The outcome was that Chief Buthelezi is still in the election at this stage, and a reinforced attempt by the IEC to fly and drive voting equipment and staff to problem areas for a 7am start today.

Chief Buthelezi, Mr Moseneke and Mr Schutte finished talking at 1.30am today. Mr Schutte arranged at 2am for the Home Affairs elections experts in Pretoria to land in Ulundi at 6.30am in an Air Force Hercules and two Puma helicopters.

However, the contingency plans ran into immediate problems because there was no IEC staff at Ulundi airport to meet them today.

President F.W. de Klerk said in Durban last night that virtually the whole Air Force was now at the disposal of the IEC.

An IEC operations centre would be opened in Ulundi today.

Seven teams of Home Affairs officials were flown in helicopters from Pietermaritzburg to Ulundi today with all the equipment needed to

issue temporary voters' cards. This is a particular problem in some remote parts of KwaZulu/Natal.

The IEC yesterday had two million more ballot papers for the National Assembly printed for KwaZulu/Natal, and two million for the Provincial Parliament being done at a Pinetown printing firm. These papers had the IFP's details printed on today to bring welcome relief to them, doing away with the need for voting stations that had run out of stickers.

Members of the IEC, police and the SADF were on hand to make certain there was no sabotage.

Mr Schutte offered Chief Buthelezi and Mr Moseneke all the facilities at the Government's disposal to ensure the election worked in KwaZulu/Natal, because the Government was determined all voters in the province should be able to vote.

Mr Schutte said in terms of the Electoral Act an extension of voting hours could only be allowed at specific polling stations.

IFP people told Mr Moseneke at the midnight meeting that voting equipment had not arrived at some polling stations so people there had waited two days but had still not voted.

At some polling stations there was no electricity to work the machines that checked voters' hands. Some ballot boxes were not sealed.

Also, the IFP said, some IEC staff were young and arrogant and did not seem to know what they were doing. Some IEC officials had opened ballot papers in front of voters.

A consignment of 225 000 ballot papers was flown into Newcastle today to bring welcome relief to voting stations that had run out of stock.

The IEC's sub-regional director, Vaughan Southey, hoped the rest of the 1-million paper order would be flown in later.

"We have decided to deprive the Newcastle town centre itself of papers for the moment and send those we have to the more volatile areas," he said.

Mr Southey said one of the reasons for the under-supply of ballot papers was the lack of proper population figures for the area.

"For instance, the townships around Newcastle are supposed to have a population of about 250 000. We suspect the true figure to be over 600 000."

Mr Southey said the available stock would be taken by road and helicopter to the various stations.

A Puma helicopter was on standby awaiting the arrival of an air shipment of voting supplies to be taken to the Greytown, Msinga and Kranskop after reports of frustrated voters being turned away last night.

An IEC liaison officer, Denhem Grey, said as far as could be ascertained a road shipment of extra supplies had arrived but the helicopter package was still being put together.

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Although there was no specific evidence of disappearance, the SAP had been called in to investigate.

President FW de Klerk said in Durban that Buthelezi was being irresponsible in threatening to withdraw. "When we discussed his joining the process only a week ago he was informed that it would be a matter of crisis management and that his late entry would cause chaos. Everything is being done to accommodate voters and ensure that all logistical problems were resolved."

Voters complained of IEC inefficiency, with many stations only opening late in the day and others closing after a few hours. IEC officials also ran out of materials such as invisible ink and ultraviolet lights.

Other voters expressed frustration at having to stand in queues for four to 10 hours in the hot sun, but most took it in good spirit.

Many areas experienced no voting problems and voters spoke of smooth, if slow, movement through the voting stations. Many complimented the IEC officials and welcomed the absence of party workers harassing them at the stations — a feature of previous elections.

Asked about IEC advertisements which

claimed the organisation was ready, Kriegler said: "We never promised you a rose garden."

The IEC had emphasised all along that given the time constraints and difficulties involved, a turbocharged election was not going to be possible.

The ANC said it would push for an extension of voting to tomorrow if it seemed that not everyone who wanted to vote would be able to by the time the polls closed tonight.

The ANC will have assessed the situation by lunchtime today, ANC candidate Jay Naidoo said.

However, any decision for voting to "spill over" to tomorrow would have to be taken together with other participants, as well as the IEC. The IEC had assured the ANC it would "get its act together" by this morning for voting to be completed tonight, albeit with an extension until midnight if necessary.

Inkatha intransigence in constitutional negotiations had led to a lot of the problems with ballots and stickers, he said.

Fellow ANC candidate Pallo Jordan said Buthelezi's threat to withdraw from the elections "are not at all helpful".

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THE STAR 28/04/94 Voters brave all odds to cast their ballots

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A nation determined and eager to vote put the Independent Electoral Commission to the most stringent of tests yesterday and, in many areas, voting arrangements were exposed as hopelessly inadequate.

April 27 proved to have been engraved in the consciousness of the voting public as the day on which to vote. Hundreds of thousands braved hours in long, snaking lines — in the Cape Town rain and the lowveld heat — determined not to leave without registering their votes.

The voting crowds were disciplined in the extreme. Security was the least of the logistical problems.

The critical breakdowns occurred, virtually across the country, for two reasons: voting materials failed to reach polling stations at the outset of the process; or they proved to be inadequate to meet the overwhelming demand.

While all regions appeared to have been affected to some extent, breakdowns appeared particularly pervasive in the Eastern Cape and Free State.

In Transkei's Tsolo area about 260 000 voters — about one-sixth of Transkei's voting population — were still waiting to vote at noon due to delays in the delivery of ultra-violet scanners.

Deputy district electoral officer Enoch Mafuna confirmed that about 65 of 89 polling stations had not opened.

Transkei ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa said four Transkei and National Defence Force helicopters were available to help distribute voting materials. He insisted there should be an

extension of voting to tomorrow to "avoid a bloody conflict".

At Mdantsane in Ciskei, angry voters broke down the doors of a polling station at Mfundo Primary School when it was shut, apparently after running out of election supplies yesterday morning, the IEC said.

In Bisho, joint Ciskei administrators the Rev Bongani Finca and Pieter Goosen were among the large number who voted.

Finca said he felt humble to be granted this day by the Almighty. "As we look back we remember our compatriots who have not been able to see this day," he said.

Disaster

In Port Elizabeth, district electoral officer Rob Engela said the situation had reached "impossible" proportions by early afternoon. As numerous polling stations faced closure with supplies running critically low, Engela said the IEC had tackled the "huge logistical problem" of redistributing ballot papers among stations.

In Bloemfontein, influxes of up to 8 000 voters at some polling stations caused a massive breakdown in voting procedure.

IEC spokesman Rob Hadley announced after an emergency meeting that a "major disaster" had developed and all efforts were being made to alleviate the situation. Voters were asked to relocate to other stations, and political parties were asked to help transport supporters.

In Kroonstad, ballot papers ran out by midday and all polling came to a halt. IEC commissioner Rosil Jager said Kroonstad was "completely dry, Welkom virtually dry and Bethlehem starting to run out".

In Ulundi it was all systems



Under his own steam . . . Alpheus Ngema, who voted in Ulundi yesterday, had been queueing since 3.30 am. He arrived driving a tractor.

PICTURE: JODI BIBER

go by 7.30 am. Thousands of people turned out at the town's three polling stations. IFP Youth Brigade leader Zenzele Phakathi was "cautiously optimistic" that voting would go better than on the first day.

Elsewhere in Zululand a shortage of ballot papers delayed voting. An IEC official in Empangeni said several stations had phoned to report they were not yet equipped for voting.

"We are trying our best to

get ballot papers delivered by helicopter and then have them transported to rural areas," she said.

In Mmabatho and most surrounding areas voting was brisk, according to IEC officials. But in Matsepe village, 30 minutes drive from Mmabatho, villagers waited hours for ballot papers to arrive.

Nearly 20 percent of polling stations in the North West province did not open on time.

In Pietersburg, the central polling station at the Jack Botes Hall was a hive of unprecedented activity as thousands of rural residents gave up on non-operational voting centres and flocked to the city to vote.

Whites voted briskly in the conservative strongholds of Potgietersrus, Louis Trichardt and Phalaborwa.

Delays experienced in Witbank, Middelburg and Bethal were caused mainly by illiteracy among voters from farms.

Presiding electoral officers at polling stations presented clean reports, although most stations were under strain from serving thousands of people.

In Nelspruit, long queues of voters, some up to 3 km long, patiently waited in hot conditions. But there were hitches in some Eastern Transvaal areas, while officials waited for additional supplies to be flown in.

In Cape Town, residents unable to vote in certain townships swelled the queues in the city centre, where the price of voting was a four-hour wait in the rain.

Even in Kimberley, provisional capital of the sparsely populated Northern Cape, queues of up to 1 km began to form before dawn at several polling booths, especially in and around Galeshewe township.

Most PWV stations open on time

A day of snaking lines everywhere

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Thousands of PWV voters swarmed to the polls yesterday, gathering in long queues in the autumn chill.

Most polling stations on the Reef opened on time after Tuesday's delays and hitches, although voters reported that some stations — particularly on the East Rand — were without ballot papers.

In Soweto, first-time voters camped outside polling stations and many more arrived to join queues before dawn. By 7 am the lines in some cases extended around the block. Most stations in the township reportedly opened on time.

Kilometre

By mid-morning, queues in the township were up to a kilometre long. Everything ran smoothly all over Soweto, with no delays or hitches reported.

Alexandra residents turned out in their thousands and by 8 am there were queues up to 3 km long around booths.

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most residents stood patiently waiting their turn to vote.

In Katlehong and Tokoza, voters streamed to polling stations from 2 am. Later in the morning, they were still waited at many stations that did not receive their ballot papers.

There was a big turnout in Vosloorus but voters had to wait as IEC officials arrived late.

At Spruitview shopping complex, people had to wait until 9 am because there were no ballot papers. IEC presiding officer D Mazibuko said they had to send a delegation to Alberton to fetch the ballot papers. Voting started at 9 am.

Apart from complaints over waiting, overall the mood was good and voters remained calm.

In the northern and eastern suburbs of Johannesburg, voters also rose early and packed the polling stations.

Close to 5 000 turned up at the Johannesburg City Hall. The queue snaked around President and Loveday streets between coils of razor wire. But the three-hour wait could not dampen people's spirits.

Relaxed

At George Goch Hostel east of Johannesburg, the atmosphere was relaxed, with people chatting and smoking as they sat in a 2 000-strong queue stretching three-quarters of the way around the football stadium.

The only shouting occurred when hostel headmen jumped the queue to vote.

Hostel shopkeeper Athanasius Zikalala said: "It is a great day. South Africa is new-born."

It was clear from posters on the hostel walls that the residents supported only one party — the IFP.

Factory driver Isaac Mazibuko said ANC supporters were "not allowed to come here, they must go to an ANC area".



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Saving the election

REPORTS have come from many parts of the country of chaotic conditions at voting stations; of no ballot papers, of failure of some voting stations to open on time, or at all. There have also been reports of a shortage of ballot papers and of some not having stickers to include the IFP on the ballot.

All these point to grave shortcomings in the organisation of the election by the Independent Electoral Commission — sufficient, indeed, to give rise to concern yesterday that the freedom and fairness of the election might be compromised.

Some of the IEC blunders, particularly in settled urban areas, are inexcusable. There is no doubt many voters were badly let down.

In fairness, the IEC has faced a daunting challenge. In six turbulent weeks it has had to assemble a staff of some 300 000, train them, deploy them at more than 9 000 voting stations, supply them with the equipment to conduct the election, and co-ordinate the on-day running of the ballot. It is a monumental organisational task.

Furthermore, the national census on which the IEC has based its planning has proved to be disturbingly unreliable and in many areas where problems have arisen — especially KwaZulu-Natal and the East Rand — a virtual state of civil war existed only days before polling began.

The last-minute decision by the IFP to take part also vastly complicated matters.

Given all the problems, the IEC has responded quickly and with commendable flexibility to pre-empt any claim that the election fails to be free and fair. Hopefully its new initiative today will do just that. The alternative would be a grave tragedy.

Heroes of the poll

ONE of the most remarkable features of the election thus far has been the attitude of voters. In sometimes trying circumstances their conduct has been outstanding.

Generally, in spite of long queues and the irritating glitches, they have voted with determination and enthusiasm, in a spirit of tolerance and good humour. For those who have never been able to vote before, it was a moment of elation, of new-found dignity, epitomised best perhaps by Archbishop Desmond Tutu's ebullient jig of joy.

For former voters, there was an overwhelming sense of pride and relief in being part of a wider, more equitable, inclusive South African community.

This camaraderie and common cause has encouraging portents for future nation-building.

Outcasts of the right

IN stark contrast to the democratic spirit at the polls, stand the despicable, destructive efforts of the few who have sought to sabotage the election.

While voters from widely different backgrounds and political persuasions have queued together in harmony, providing an exciting glimpse of the potential of a new and united South Africa, these few pitiful outcasts have scurried around like rats, killing and maiming their own countrymen in futile attempts to halt the course of history.

That they have failed so abysmally is a tribute to the resolve of the nation — and the efficiency of the police. In making 31 arrests the SAP has again given the lie to criticism that it is solely a haven for the white right.

America watches in fascination

SOUTH AFRICA is riding the most spectacular wave of international attention and approval as it goes through the agony and ecstasy of elections.

You can hardly turn on the TV or radio or glance at the front page of the mainstream newspapers here without hearing or reading something about South Africa.

It is almost like being there.

All the big names of the American media are there: the Peter Jennings, Dan Rather, Peter Arnetts, Bernie Shaws etc have set up camp in South Africa and are anchoring their news shows from there, an unusual occurrence.

And President Clinton is making about a statement a day, often repeating a phrase he first used in an interview with Argus company editors last week.

Then he used it of President De Klerk and Mr Mandela, describing their achievements as a "stern rebuke to the cynics of the world".

The amount of media attention on South Africa is so great that it has intrigued some commentators here.

The Washington Post noted this week that by many of the traditional definitions of national interest, the United States might appear to have little stake in the South African.

There are no oil fields to protect, no American troops or bases in the region, no Soviet surrogates to contain and no colonial guilt to assuage.

Part of the explanation seems to be enlightened self-interest. The Clinton Administration has identified South Africa as one of the world's 10 best emerging markets and is trying hard to buy in while the prices are low, so to speak.

US Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, a big fan of South Africa, is perfectly candid about this.

He never tires of pointing out that creating a stable democracy in South Africa is a necessary pre-condition for expanding American markets there — and from there into Africa.

Yet that does not come close to explaining the fascination and interest in South Africa.

America has long seen South Africa as a sort of parable, a moral fable of good versus evil.

Cynics have mocked that view and certainly it ignored many nuances. Yet it contains much truth. And the transition now represents a clearcut victory of good over evil.

The happy ending to the apartheid tale also has special meaning for Americans because of their own race problem.

The end of apartheid "is almost a metaphor for the expunging of racist evil, something we can't deal with in our own country," former assistant Secretary of State for Africa Chester Crocker said this week.

But it goes beyond that too. It is not simply a triumph of right over wrong, it is the fact that "wrong" — the old system — has redeemed itself, has asked for forgiveness and is work-

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PETER FABRICIUS in Washington

ing together with the "right", that gives the South African transition its special appeal.

As the Washington Post's Paul Taylor put it in a front-page story on the elections: "There is nothing more exhilarating than a wrong being made right. And should wrongdoer and victim join hands in the exercise it goes beyond exhilarating. It becomes a triumph of the human spirit."

The redemption of the whites and the joining of hands seem to be what makes South Africa especially fascinating to America.

The themes of redemption and forgiveness are very strong in American culture; you can see it in the homage that is being paid to Richard Nixon this week; the only president ever forced from office, now slowly being canonised as one of the country's greatest foreign policy leaders.

And in the big pre-election debate between Mandela and De Klerk it was Mandela grasping De Klerk's hand and promising to work with him that seized the imagination here.

It was not unlike the famous Rabin/Arafat handshake on the White House lawn last year.

And, interestingly, reports here say that it was the same crowd that was responsible; that the idea of the handshake was suggested to Mandela — against the advice of his own advisers — by Americans Frank Greer and Stan Greenberg — Clinton's media adviser and pollster.

The fact that Greer and Greenberg defied Mandela's advisers is intriguing. These are presumably the same advisers who persuaded Mandela not to have his photograph taken with De Klerk and Clinton at the White House last year.

And, from a domestic point of view, perhaps they were right in both cases. For apparently Greenberg found that the more Mandela knocked De Klerk, the more votes he won.

One must presume then that Greenberg and Greer were looking beyond votes when they scripted the handshake.

Perhaps they were looking to reassure minorities inside South Africa — and also the world outside, realising that South Africa's unique selling point internationally is the Mandela/De Klerk partnership.

Once the elections and the inauguration have passed, much of the international limelight will dim.

But if South Africa wants to retain some of the magic glow, the Mandela/De Klerk duo must remain a powerful act during the government of national unity.

AVF registers as the Freedom Front

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point of view late registrations of parties could be accepted by the IEC until 4pm today.

IEC chairman Justice Johann Kriegler said that from a legal point of view, the midnight cut-off remained in place. He said that the only way the deadline could be extended was if "the law was changed".

Mr Justice Kriegler said it was imperative that the IEC finalise its registration list by this afternoon, to enable it to have ballot papers printed and ready in time.

Observers yesterday also noted that the in-principle agreement for international mediation was only concluded between the IFP and ANC. This agreement was later endorsed by the FA.

■ In a statement after the AVF had registered, Gen Viljoen said: "I realised that the freedom to exercise the strategic options of the Afrikaner people would be severely restricted if we did not register provisionally."

"Due to the limited time available, this decision could

not be approved in advance by the Afrikaner Volksfront," the statement added.

Gen Viljoen said the AVF had been registered as the Freedom Front.

Gen Viljoen said: "As the Inkatha Freedom Party has indicated, the registration does not imply that we are in any way recognising the 1993 constitution, but register only in anticipation of possible results of negotiations or international mediation."

He hoped this international mediation would point out the

flaws in the current constitutional process and help in achieving a volkstaat.

"This decision leaves the Afrikaner nation with the option to prove substantial support if, and only if, there are sufficient concessions which indeed make our ultimate goal of an Afrikaner Volkstaat attainable."

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They're out to get me, claims Buthelezi

□ Shadow over today's vital four-way talks

Political Staff

AS the crucial KwaZulu summit began today, Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi claimed that hit squads were out to kill him.

He warned he would not be influenced by threats of force, or the cutting off of funds to KwaZulu, when he and King Goodwill Zwelithini meet President De Klerk and African National Congress president Nelson Mandela today.

Chief Buthelezi told the British newspaper Daily Star that members of the Communist Party, who were also members of the ANC, were behind the attempts to assassinate him.

He added that he had little hope that today's talks would produce any result.

At the meeting proposals will be put to King Goodwill which could break the political logjam behind the violence sweeping KwaZulu-Natal.

There were also indications last night that special provisions could be made for the boycotting IFP to still take part in provincial elections.

The government and ANC were adamant that this month's poll would not be de-

layed, as demanded by the IFP.

Sources in all camps warned yesterday against overdue optimism, predicting that a day of "very tough talking" lay ahead.

Some thought a "best case scenario" would amount only to a deal being struck with the king and a commitment by him to tell his subjects they could vote if they wished. This would still leave the IFP out of the election, providing a spark for more violence in Natal.

Yesterday Mr De Klerk and Mr Mandela met for brief discussions on the meeting. Government and ANC negotiators also held talks.

The four leaders gathered at a bush venue in the Kruger Park early today for the critical talks, which could hold the key to a peaceful election and an easing of the crackling tensions in KwaZulu-Natal.

King Goodwill and Mr Mandela met from 9am for about an hour before joining the other leaders for discussions.

The king's position will be critical to the outcome of the talks. He is likely to be offered some form of constitutional entrenchment of the Zulu monarchy.

Although he has rejected

similar overtures in the past, sources were last night confident his demands could be accommodated in new proposals.

"But progress effectively depends on whether the king is prepared to soften his demand for independence for KwaZulu-Natal," said a source.

It was reported yesterday that Zulu royals believed the king would be prepared to drop his independence demands, but that these would again be linked to IFP demands for changes to the interim constitution.

Meanwhile British Prime Minister John Major says he hopes today's summit will produce a solution enabling all parties to take part in the election in three weeks' time.

In a letter yesterday to each of the four participants Mr Major said: "I strongly hope your meeting will send a clear message in support of peace and democracy and against violence and unrest."

Britain looked forward to close relations with the new South African government and remained ready to help with the country's development, Mr Major said.

(News by E. Waugh and H. Grange, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg.)

Eskom: Arms findings will be public

JOHANNESBURG. — Eskom gave an assurance today that the results of an investigation of a planned arms deal with the KwaZulu police would be made public.

Acting chief executive G F Lindeque said the deal had been cancelled because it was considered insensitive.

He was responding to a demand by the National Union of Mineworkers that Eskom explain how a decision had been reached to dispose of its surplus arms by selling them through an arms dealer to the KwaZulu police.

"Eskom needs to come clean by making the investigation transparent in order to clear the mistrust already created among our members," said NUM assistant general secretary Gwede Mantashe on Wednesday.

Two Eskom employees were suspended last week after making the deal with a Johannesburg arms dealer. — Sapa.

Gqozo launches Cape election campaign for federal future

Political Staff

THE African Democratic Movement, led by former Ciskei ruler Oupa Gqozo, has launched a Western Cape campaign pledging a strong stand on federalism.

In its election manifesto the ADM says it will work for the entrenchment of strong autonomous provincial powers, functions and duties.

It is in favour of "upward devolution" of powers from the electorate in order to maximise democracy without rendering the national government impotent.

The party also has detailed policies on education, health, land and the environment, rural development, the economy, the informal sector, housing and the judicial system.

According to Western Cape secretary-general Patrick Damonse, the party is fielding 42 regional candidates and it has handed in 3 000 signatures re-

quired for state funding.

The party has opened offices at 31 Adderley Street (telephone 46-10782).

Its candidate for the premiership in the region is Mr Leonard Schroeder of Blue Downs.

Mr Damonse said there was particular interest in the region in the ADM because it stood for the coloured people being represented by coloured people.

(News by T. Wentzel, 122 St. George's Mall, Cape Town.)

I will always be a communist — Yengeni

FORMER Western Cape MK commander and ANC regional secretary Tony Yengeni said he was communist and always would be one.

Addressing more than 1 000 ANC Western Cape Youth League members in Cape Town last night, he said the ANC had planned a weekend full of events to mark the first anniversary of the death of SA Communist Party secretary-general Chris Hani.

SACP chairman Joe Slovo is to address rallies in Guguletu and Khayelitsha this weekend.

There will be an ANC/SACP march from Guguletu to the Manenberg police station.

Mr Yengeni called on the youth league to explain the ANC's position to coloured people and spread the ANC's word on trains, to "reduce the tensions between African and coloured people". — Sapa.

(News by T. Mbengo, 141 Commissioner Street, Johannesburg.)

ANC can't guarantee safety, says Kriel

STRAND. — The National Party was fighting the African National Congress because it did not believe the ANC could guarantee safety, development and freedom of religion, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said.

Mr Kriel, the NP premiership candidate for the Western Cape, was speaking last night at a public meeting attended by about 250 people in the town hall and was wrapping up a hectic day-long election roadshow in the Somerset West/Helderberg area.

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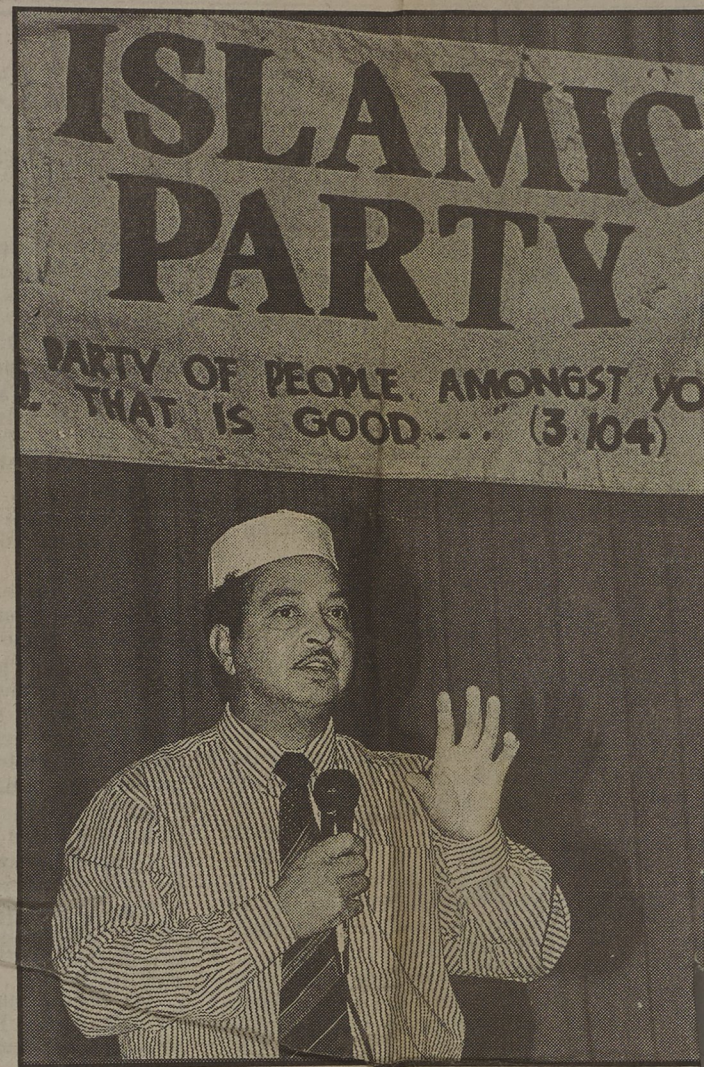
"The DP says the NP has taken over its policies — why then is the DP fighting us instead of the ANC?"

Turning to the right wing, he said the apparent split between Ferdi Hartzenberg's Conservative Party and Constand Viljoen's Freedom Front was nothing but a neat strategy because there was apparently no bad feeling between them.

Dr Hartzenberg's credibility had been fatally compromised.

He said the NP could never support an Afrikaner volkstaat because it would resurrect apartheid and "the NP is finished with apartheid for good". — Sapa.

(News by Lorraine Bräid, Nedbank Centre, Strand Street, Cape Town)

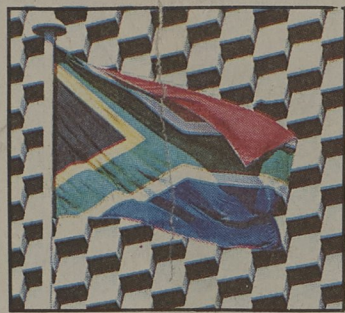


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PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED: Ishmail Effendi addresses a meeting of the Islamic Party in Kensington. Other speakers at last night's meeting included Aly Kahn, secretary-general of the party.

* Backing for generals

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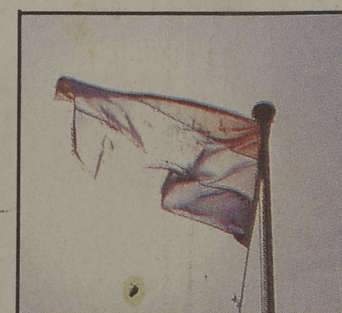
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Utter dismay at E Rand delays

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For thousands of voters in the East Rand townships of Katlehong and Tokoza the first day of the election was one of utter dismay.

Amid chaotic scenes at many polling stations, angry residents — many of whom had waited in vain from 4 am for ballot papers to arrive — warned that they would not accept the election result unless they were given a chance to vote.

"They are not going to count those papers until all of us have gone to vote," said one young man. "Otherwise, Mandela stayed in jail for nothing.

"If they don't, they are going to start a war and nothing is going to stop it. That will happen if the people don't vote."

By mid-afternoon, anger was boiling over at the community hall in Palm Ridge outside Tokoza, where several thousands of people had waited for most of the day in the baking sun.

Angry young men and women berated the soldier at the gate, calling on him to bring the ballot boxes out of the building, and many people spoke furiously of a deliberate attempt to keep them

from voting.

In the field outside, more than a thousand people sat and stood in a long, meandering line, sustained only by water from a nearby tap and their determination to cast a first-ever vote.

Many had walked from Tokoza, Katlehong and Phola Park after polling stations in their areas broke down or simply never opened.

Without exception, people denounced the Independent Electoral Commission for its failure to deliver on the day they had been waiting for all their lives.

And many resented, more than anything, the fact that nobody had bothered to tell them what was happening.

"Tell the IEC they are bastards. A long time ago they made this appointment with the people. You can't invite the people to a party and when they come tell them there's no food left," shouted a furious man.

Why, some asked, were white voters not being put through the same ordeal? "If it was white people, they would have brought the ballot papers in with helicopters," said one.

But outside the Bracken Park community hall in nearby Alberton, the logjam was just as bad,

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the absence of ballot papers — and proper explanations — just as pressing.

There, disgruntled (mainly white) residents said other polling stations in Alberton were experiencing the same problems.

"They've had all this time to prepare and they couldn't get it right. It's organised chaos," said one suburban voter as a military helicopter — apparently bringing ballot papers — landed in the veld shortly after 3 pm.

As queues outside community halls and schools in the townships lengthened and anger mounted, dismayed IEC officials simply stayed inside — unable to explain the shortage and, in many cases, the complete absence of ballot papers and voting equipment.

Peace monitors, policemen, National Peacekeeping Force personnel, even journalists, were left to try to answer people's questions.

People were voting at Katlehong's D W Williams Community Hall at midday, but the pace was achingly slow.

Asked to explain the chaos, one officer at the station said: "Since this morning I have been phoning the IEC left, right and centre. They came with some materials but it was not enough.

"Right now we need another UV light, more ballot papers and IFP stickers, and we need to control these people.

"If we cannot control this crowd and no more materials arrive, then there will be chaos and rioting."

Sitting on a kitchen chair in the searing heat, Sheila Mashigo (36), who arrived at the hall at 4 am, said she was "very, very sick and tired" of waiting.

"When can we get hold of these people from the IEC so that we can tell them? They must come to Katlehong and feel the pain as we feel it."

Chaos as KwaZulu goes to the polls

From Sir Frederic Bennett

Sir: Recalling your recent publication of a letter from me about the South African political electoral scenario, with especial reference to the KwaZulu Inkatha situation and attitudes (30 March), I think you should receive an updated report on what is, or rather is not, happening in and around Ulundi.

Last night on television in Zulu, English and Afrikaans, old, sick or disabled people were urged to come and vote 24 hours ahead of the general poll opening on the 27th. Thousands, as I have seen for myself, responded and all but a handful, after waiting for hours outside the allegedly functioning polling stations, are now being urged to go home and try again tomorrow, or else try to find their way to just one polling station in Ulundi, which began to function at about 10 this morning.

KwaZulu ministers and officials are doing their best to cope with what is organised chaos, but

facilities and equipment proposed from the main centres, Johannesburg and Durban, are simply not arriving as promised. This is supposed to be a "fair and free" election. So far it is neither: it is a non-election. For once not even the most rabid pro-ANC, anti-Buthlezi commentator can blame the latter.

Yours etc,
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Ulundi, Natal
South Africa
26 April

The Independent.

28th April, 1994.

Bold IEC operation to salvage election

had been declared a public holiday to allow more time to vote.

Massive snaking queues formed at voting stations throughout the country yesterday — amid continual reports of widespread ballot paper and IFP sticker shortages and subsequent voting station closures.

Mr Justice Kriegler said the problems experienced yesterday, with some polling stations again opening late, were not as

serious as some parties had suggested.

Most problems had already been rectified by the afternoon. Most voting stations in the country were operational yesterday.

No polling stations reported problems in the Northern Cape, 70 percent did not in the PWV (only in the morning and much higher in the afternoon); 75 percent in the Northern Transvaal and KwaZulu/Natal; 80 percent

in the Eastern Cape and Eastern Transvaal; and 87 percent in the Free State.

"Local logistical and transport problems were largely responsible for the snags," he said.

Voting stations would be kept open until everybody had been able to vote last night.

The IEC had also air-dropped leaflets on East Rand townships assuring people that there was enough material for all to vote.

Possible reasons for ballot paper shortages included the meagre statistical data upon which voting station patterns were based, rapid urbanisation since the 1991 census, or that

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"because of the apartheid regime" many people had not taken part in that census.

The judge said there was also the possibility of interference with the IEC's ballot paper distribution system. SAP Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe had been asked to launch an urgent investigation.

Complaints by political parties, some of which had already been addressed, would be taken into consideration when the verdict was made on whether the election had been free and fair.

Mr Justice Kriegler confirmed that, at some polling stations, voting had begun without IFP stickers attached to the ballot papers yesterday and on Tuesday.

In these instances, those who wanted to vote for the IFP had — like others who had voted abroad — written the IFP's name on their ballot paper and voted next to it. In some cases IFP officials had asked IFP voters to do so.

These papers would be added to those which did not have the IFP's name and would be considered when votes were counted.

"If Chief Minister (Mangosuthu) Buthelezi were to phone me, I would be able to satisfy him that the procedure we have decided on won't prejudice the IFP," the judge said.

Earlier, he had told the press briefing he still did not think it would be necessary to make tomorrow a voting day.

The overwhelming majority of the electorate — much higher than the 60 percent the IEC had predicted — had voted yesterday, and all the others would be able to vote today.

The only danger was that IEC officials might begin to tire.

"But that's just part of the price we have to pay for being part of this glorious experiment in democracy."

Beaming Buthelezi makes mark

Durban — IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi cast his vote watched by jostling media representatives at King Zwelithini Stadium, at Umlazi in Durban, yesterday.

Beaming, Buthelezi said he felt good after casting his ballot.

Asked if he would accept the outcome of the election, he said if all the voters were given the opportunity to cast their votes, then he would have no problem. He said he was concerned after receiving an overseas fax stating that there were no IFP stickers on ballot papers. — Own Correspondent.

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Salvaging the snarl-up

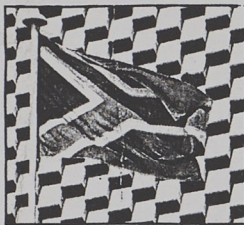
THE only way to salvage the legitimacy of the election is to extend polling in at least parts of KwaZulu/Natal and anywhere else that problems have been experienced. It is unconscionable that, in a supposedly free and fair poll, people should be denied the opportunity to vote.

The logistical problems being encountered by the Independent Electoral Commission are understandable, but the attitude of IEC chairman Mr Justice Johann Kriegler borders on casualness when he speaks of its being acceptable that a high percentage of people be left out, so long as the percentage is spread across the whole country. That is the argument of the Curate's Egg. The whole point of the current election, by proportional representation, is that a truly representative National Assembly be elected. Percentages are crucial.

Another weak argument is that the shambles in rural Zululand can be attributed to the Inkatha Freedom Party's late participation. The IEC's responsibility always was toward the people, not any political party. Whether or not the IFP stayed out and whether or not the KwaZulu Government co-operated was immaterial. The people of the region had to be given the opportunity to vote. The IEC and the Transitional Executive Council were emphatic on this score, yet adequate voting facilities were not provided.

Polling stations open without ballot papers. There is an over-supply of ballot papers to the Kalahari Gemsbok Park. It reads like something from an Evelyn Waugh novel and is downright embarrassing.

It is a sorry state of affairs but it can be salvaged. An extra day's voting in the affected areas of KwaZulu/Natal ought to make it possible for the genuine will of the people to be tested. And if this province can be given an extra day, why not the rest of the country as well, where appropriate? If a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing well.



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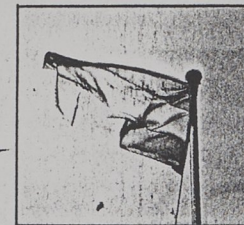
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By early last night it appeared that the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) would move to resolve the crisis by printing an additional 4-million ballot papers for Natal alone. But there was no indication that this would be enough to stop the IFP withdrawing from the elections.

While the IEC promised to keep polling stations open until the last voter had voted last night, by early evening many stations appeared to have shortages of ballots, equipment and Inkatha stickers.

Inkatha spokesman Ziba Jiyane said the most serious threat in Natal came from the anger of vast numbers of voters in Inkatha-dominated areas unable to vote because of a lack of polling stations. "Some have been waiting for two days. . . . They are reluctant to go and vote in ANC areas because they will be killed."

Jiyane and officials from other parties contesting the election in the province met IEC deputy chairman Dikgang Moseneke in Durban yesterday. He said NP officials had also warned Moseneke of the serious threat to peace in Natal. The ANC, worried that ballots without

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Inkatha stickers could be considered spoilt votes, had also complained to Moseneke.

Jiyane said Moseneke had stated frankly that the IEC was "in a crisis", but had said the commission was trying to find a solution, which could include printing 4-million new ballot papers for Natal alone. Moseneke had also admitted that the IEC had underestimated the number of special voters by 500% to 600%.

Jiyane said the crisis had been deepened by the announcement by IEC head Judge Johann Kriegler that a handwritten vote for the IFP on the ballot paper would be acceptable. Jiyane said this would disenfranchise illiterate participants.

The IEC continued to play down the extent of its logistical problems. A spokesman said the overall picture for Natal was fine, although there had been a shortage of Inkatha stickers in Umkomaas, Nongoma and Maphumulo.

In Mahlabatani, IEC officials were still trying to resolve equipment problems. There had also been a shortage of ballots in the area.

"Compared to yesterday (Tuesday), the problem has lessened," the spokesman said.

Sapa reports that Natal residents yesterday flocked to the polls, braving heat and long queues to vote.

The IEC said the huge voter turnout attested to voter enthusiasm and, in spite of some difficulties, "the IEC is committed to its duty of ensuring a free and fair election for all".

Among reports yesterday was one of an elderly woman collapsing and dying in Empanjeni's Esikhawini township after waiting for hours in the sun to cast her vote.

In central Durban, voters were evacuated from the city hall after a hoax bomb scare yesterday afternoon.

Voting was brisk in Durban and surrounding townships after a slow start.

At Amahzimtoti, a queue of more than 2 000 stood patiently in the morning as thousands of KwaMakutha residents flocked to the civic centre polling station where they said they felt safer than at township voting venues.

At Umlazi, ANC and Inkatha supporters queued together at several venues, including the King Goodwill Zwelithini Stadium.

Polling was uneventful at KwaMashu and Inanda. The highlight of the first day of normal voting in Inanda was ANC president Nelson Mandela's presence at the Ohlange polling station to cast his vote, and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi was greeted by enthusiastic supporters when he arrived to vote in Umlazi.

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Leaders get the jump on voters

FOREIGN Minister Pik Botha tried to stake a place in the new SA yesterday by voting in Soweto. But hundreds of blacks waiting for hours to vote were unimpressed as Botha jumped the queue.

Sapa-Reuter reports that Botha said he saw nothing odd in voting in an ANC stronghold. Soweto was an important constituency for the NP and voting there was a "personal statement".

"I have paid visits here. I have friends in Soweto," he said. But there were few friends when it was announced that it was also his birthday. Only three women sang "happy birthday" as Botha entered to vote, and other residents looked on sullenly.

Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer also decided against joining queues, MUNGO SOGGOT reports.

Casting his vote in the coloured area of Coronationville, west of Johannesburg, Meyer said: "That's the best vote I ever cast. I feel like a free man today, like any other South African," he said after skipping a 1km line of voters, I-Net reports.

However, President FW de Klerk joined

the queue at Pretoria's Arcadia Primary School. "It's a great day for SA. We have worked for this for more than five years."

Sapa reports that ANC president Nelson Mandela was among the first South Africans to cast his vote yesterday morning. He cast his vote outside the Ohlange High School in Inanda, near Durban.

"This is for all South Africans an unforgettable occasion. It is the realisation of hopes and dreams that we have carried over decades," he said.

A nostalgic DP leader Zach de Beer cast his vote at Woodstock Town Hall. He said had last been in the hall when he and the late Harry Lawrence had addressed a meeting there.

Inkatha Freedom Party president Mangosuthu Buthelezi assured reporters he would not dispute the results of the poll. "I would not cast my vote if I was not prepared to accept the (election) result," he said at the King Zwelithini stadium at Umlazi yesterday morning.

Report by M Soggot, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb; and M Merten, Sapa, 141 Commissioner St, Jhb.





Johannesburg northern suburbs residents, fed up with their queues, joined Zevenfontein squatters to vote yesterday.

Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

IEC under fire as voters swamp polls

MILLIONS of exuberant South Africans went to the polls yesterday, the first day of the historic elections, despite long delays and logistical problems that rendered about 15% of voting stations inoperable for all or part of the day.

A crisis in the whole process was temporarily averted, although not resolved, following a threat by Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi to withdraw from the elections because of the non-availability of Inkatha strickers at many voting stations and "unacceptable" ad hoc decisions by the Independent Electoral Commission in their attempts to remedy the problems.

Acknowledging that there had been severe problems, IEC chairman Judge Johann Kriegler said the election so far had been between "80% and 90% acceptable". He also announced that today would be another public holiday to facilitate voting and a further 9.3-million ballot papers would be printed locally.

The IEC and the main parties are keeping open the option of extending balloting into tomorrow. The main parties, including Inkatha, held meetings with Kriegler last night.

Kriegler allayed Buthelezi's fears by

**BILLY PADDOCK,
TIM COHEN and DAVID GREYBE**

promising that extra ballot papers were being printed with Inkatha's name. Buthelezi said this would do away with the need to place stickers on the ballots.

Deputy IEC chairman Dikgang Mosenke and Home Affairs Minister Danie Schutte were sent from Durban to meet

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Buthelezi last night to reassure him further. But Buthelezi was not completely satisfied and said he was still objecting to the IEC's ruling allowing voters to write in Inkatha's name on the ballot.

He said Kriegler was "in breach of an agreement we signed on April 19 with Nelson Mandela, FW de Klerk and Kriegler that all ballot papers without the Inkatha sticker correctly placed would be regarded as spoilt".

On Tuesday and yesterday, several presiding officers at polling stations decided, in the absence of Inkatha stickers, to allow

voters to write in Inkatha's name. The IEC provisionally condoned this procedure.

Kriegler emphasised that these voting papers would be counted separately and their validity assessed after counting. The Electoral Act permits the IEC to "adjust" results in the event of irregularities.

Buthelezi said there were millions of illiterate voters and they needed the stickers to make a free vote. It also called into question the secrecy of the ballot, he said.

Voting was conducted in a mostly peaceful atmosphere with no reports of poll violence, although it was marred by the spate of bombings. Most parties lodged complaints about voting irregularities.

Kriegler said part of the original agreement was that stickers could not be transported in time to all voting stations abroad. At these stations, voters who wrote Inkatha's name at the bottom of the ballot would be considered validly to have voted for the party.

Kriegler said the reasons for the shortage of ballot papers were threefold: either the IEC had underestimated the number of voters; or a major breakdown had taken place in the distribution of the ballots, with too many going to rural areas; or there had been massive disappearance of ballot papers.

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Election problems smoothing out

SOUTH Africa's first democratic election continued into its third day yesterday — with some signs of a let-up in the persistent problems.

Our reporters, scattered throughout the province, filed these reports:

Kevin O'Grady reports from Newcastle that electoral officer Vaughan Southey welcomed IEC chairman Judge Johan Kriegler's recommendation that the election in KwaZulu be extended until today.

"It would give us a chance to make up for the inadequacies of Wednesday," he said.

Apart from a few hitches the voting went "very well and it's that kind of voting we would like to see happening for an extra day".

Heidi Gibson, S'thembiso Sangweni and Bob Frean in Pietermaritzburg say voting

ran smoothly in most of the Midlands areas, although by late yesterday many were still without transport to polling stations and in the process of obtaining voter identity cards.

In Port Shepstone, **Wendy Knowler** reports that several hundred people queued for temporary voter cards at Marina Beach yesterday afternoon — still hours away from the ballot box.

"Everything was running smoothly here until today, when busloads of people started arriving from Transkei and Izingolweni because they weren't properly equipped to issue the cards there," said Mr Chris Snyman, of Port Shepstone home affairs.

Philani Mgwaba reports that queues of people at several polling stations in the Ulundi area were shorter yes-

terday than the previous two days. Despite this, voters at some stations had to wait for several hours before polling could start because voting materials were not immediately available.

Tony Carnie reports that long queues of voters were still waiting patiently at polling booths in northern KwaZulu late yesterday and officials expressed serious doubts about whether all eligible votes could be cast by the end of the day.

Several stations were still short of voting material at midday and many opened late again.

Urban polling stations in Empangeni and Richards Bay were quiet yesterday compared with Wednesday, reports **Chris Jenkins**.

The same could not be said for rural stations, which were

again under pressure to cope with large number of people who had still not voted.

In Kokstad, **Michael Schmidt** quoted UN chief monitor Freda Wapenyl as saying that for the second day running only seven out of 61 stations in the Maluti district of northern Transkei had been opened. Voting equipment was flown to the area, but by 3pm no stations were known to have opened.

Free tickets

FREE movie tickets, on a first-come-first-served basis, are being offered today by the Mercury and Ster-Kinekor for a 6pm Sunday screening at the Workshop of the new Neil Simon comedy, *Lost in Yonkers*.

See Page 1 of today's Funfinder supplement for all the details.

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Although there was no specific evidence of disappearance, the SAP had been called in to investigate.

President FW de Klerk said in Durban that Buthelezi was being irresponsible in threatening to withdraw. "When we discussed his joining the process only a week ago he was informed that it would be a matter of crisis management and that his late entry would cause chaos. Everything is being done to accommodate voters and ensure that all logistical problems were resolved."

Voters complained of IEC inefficiency, with many stations only opening late in the day and others closing after a few hours. IEC officials also ran out of materials such as invisible ink and ultraviolet lights.

Other voters expressed frustration at having to stand in queues for four to 10 hours in the hot sun, but most took it in good spirit.

Many areas experienced no voting problems and voters spoke of smooth, if slow, movement through the voting stations. Many complimented the IEC officials and welcomed the absence of party workers harassing them at the stations — a feature of previous elections.

Asked about IEC advertisements which

claimed the organisation was ready, Kriegler said: "We never promised you a rose garden."

The IEC had emphasised all along that given the time constraints and difficulties involved, a turbocharged election was not going to be possible.

The ANC said it would push for an extension of voting to tomorrow if it seemed that not everyone who wanted to vote would be able to by the time the polls closed tonight.

The ANC will have assessed the situation by lunchtime today, ANC candidate Jay Naidoo said.

However, any decision for voting to "spill over" to tomorrow would have to be taken together with other participants, as well as the IEC. The IEC had assured the ANC it would "get its act together" by this morning for voting to be completed tonight, albeit with an extension until midnight if necessary.

Inkatha intransigence in constitutional negotiations had led to a lot of the problems with ballots and stickers, he said.

Fellow ANC candidate Pallo Jordan said Buthelezi's threat to withdraw from the elections "are not at all helpful".

Report by W Paddock, T Cohen and D Greybe, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb.

Huge crash plan to solve election chaos

DAILY NEWS 94/04/28

Airlift boost for operation rescue

DRAMATIC plans have been put together to save the election in KwaZulu/Natal — starting with the Air Force flying in about 60 Home Affairs officials to Ulundi at dawn today to help the IEC.

If these plans do not work today, then IEC staff and voting materials from Durban could be rushed in a second emergency airlift early tomorrow to the problem areas of Ulundi, Nongoma, Ubombo and Dundee.

Special permission would be given to presiding officers in those areas to open their voting booths tomorrow.

Mangosuthu Buthelezi said on national TV today that these plans had averted a crisis.

At this stage voting will not be extended tomorrow throughout KwaZulu/Natal, apart from these four bottle-neck areas.

Decisions on this — and extended voting in some volatile townships

east of Johannesburg — will be taken by the IEC later today. Presiding officers can, however, sta-

open as long as queues demand to night.

In the face of widespread voting problems caused by the IFP's late entry into the General Election, Danie Schutte, Minister of Home Affairs, took the initiative and rushed to Ulundi for an 11pm meeting yesterday with Chief Buthelezi and IEC vice-chairman Dikgang Moseneke, who is in charge of operations in the province.

The outcome was that Chief Buthelezi is still in the election at this stage, and a reinforced attempt by the IEC to fly and drive voting equipment and staff to problem areas for a 7am start today.

Chief Buthelezi, Mr Moseneke and Mr Schutte finished talking at 1.30am today. Mr Schutte arranged at 2am for the Home Affairs elections experts in Pretoria to land in Ulundi at 6.30am in an Air Force Hercules and two Puma helicopters.

However, the contingency plans ran into immediate problems because there was no IEC staff at Ulundi airport to meet them today.

President F.W. de Klerk said in Durban last night that virtually the whole Air Force was now at the disposal of the IEC.

An IEC operations centre would be opened in Ulundi today.

Seven teams of Home Affairs officials were flown in helicopters from Pietermaritzburg to Ulundi today with all the equipment needed to

issue temporary voters' cards. This is a particular problem in some remote parts of KwaZulu/Natal.

The IEC yesterday had two million more ballot papers for the National Assembly printed for KwaZulu/Natal, and two million for the Provincial Parliament being done at a Pinetown printing firm. These papers had the IFP's details printed on today to bring welcome relief to them, doing away with the need for voting stations that had run out of stickers.

Members of the IEC, police and the SADF were on hand to make certain there was no sabotage.

Mr Schutte offered Chief Buthelezi and Mr Moseneke all the facilities at the Government's disposal to ensure the election worked in KwaZulu/Natal, because the Government was determined all voters in the province should be able to vote.

Mr Schutte said in terms of the Electoral Act an extension of voting hours could only be allowed at specific polling stations.

IFP people told Mr Moseneke at the midnight meeting that voting equipment had not arrived at some polling stations so people there had waited two days but had still not voted.

At some polling stations there was no electricity to work the machines that checked voters' hands. Some ballot boxes were not sealed.

Also, the IFP said, some IEC staff were young and arrogant and did not seem to know what they were doing. Some IEC officials had opened ballot papers in front of voters.

A consignment of 225 000 ballot papers was flown into Newcastle today to bring welcome relief to them, doing away with the need for voting stations that had run out of stock.

The IEC's sub-regional director, Vaughan Southey, hoped the rest of the 1-million paper order would be flown in later.

"We have decided to deprive the Newcastle town centre itself of papers for the moment and send those we have to the more volatile areas," he said.

Mr Southey said one of the reasons for the under-supply of ballot papers was the lack of proper population figures for the area.

"For instance, the townships around Newcastle are supposed to have a population of about 250 000. We suspect the true figure to be over 600 000."

Mr Southey said the available stock would be taken by road and helicopter to the various stations.

A Puma helicopter was on standby awaiting the arrival of an air shipment of voting supplies to be taken to the Greytown, Msinga and Kranskop after reports of frustrated voters being turned away last night.

An IEC liaison officer, Denhem Grey, said as far as could be ascertained a road shipment of extra supplies had arrived but the helicopter package was still being put together.

Most PWV stations open on time

A day of snaking lines everywhere

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■ STAFF REPORTERS

Thousands of PWV voters swarmed to the polls yesterday, gathering in long queues in the autumn chill.

Most polling stations on the Reef opened on time after Tuesday's delays and hitches, although voters reported that some stations — particularly on the East Rand — were without ballot papers.

In Soweto, first-time voters camped outside polling stations and many more arrived to join queues before dawn. By 7 am the lines in some cases extended around the block. Most stations in the township reportedly opened on time.

Kilometre

By mid-morning, queues in the township were up to a kilometre long. Everything ran smoothly all over Soweto, with no delays or hitches reported.

Alexandra residents turned out in their thousands and by 8 am there were queues up to 3 km long around booths.

No incidents of violence or intimidation were reported and

NO incidents of violence or intimidation are reported as most voters patiently wait their turn

most residents stood patiently waiting their turn to vote.

In Katlehong and Tokoza, voters streamed to polling stations from 2 am. Later in the morning, they were still waited at many stations that did not receive their ballot papers.

There was a big turnout in Vosloorus but voters had to wait as IEC officials arrived late.

At Spruitview shopping complex, people had to wait until 9 am because there were no ballot papers. IEC presiding officer D Mazibuko said they had to send a delegation to Alberton to fetch the ballot papers. Voting started at 9 am.

Apart from complaints over waiting, overall the mood was good and voters remained calm.

In the northern and eastern suburbs of Johannesburg, voters also rose early and packed the polling stations.

Close to 5 000 turned up at the Johannesburg City Hall. The queue snaked around President and Loveday streets between coils of razor wire. But the three-hour wait could not dampen people's spirits.

Relaxed

At George Goch Hostel east of Johannesburg, the atmosphere was relaxed, with people chatting and smoking as they sat in a 2 000-strong queue stretching three-quarters of the way around the football stadium.

The only shouting occurred when hostel headmen jumped the queue to vote.

Hostel shopkeeper Athanasius Zikalala said: "It is a great day. South Africa is new-born."

It was clear from posters on the hostel walls that the residents supported only one party — the IFP.

Factory driver Isaac Mazibuko said ANC supporters were "not allowed to come here, they must go to an ANC area".

THE STAR 28-04-94 Utter dismay at E Rand delays

■ BY GUY JEPSON
JOHN PERLMAN and
CHRISTINA STUCKY

For thousands of voters in the East Rand townships of Katlehong and Tokoza the first day of the election was one of utter dismay.

Amid chaotic scenes at many polling stations, angry residents — many of whom had waited in vain from 4 am for ballot papers to arrive — warned that they would not accept the election result unless they were given a chance to vote.

"They are not going to count those papers until all of us have gone to vote," said one young man. "Otherwise, Mandela stayed in jail for nothing.

"If they don't, they are going to start a war and nothing is going to stop it. That will happen if the people don't vote."

By mid-afternoon, anger was boiling over at the community hall in Palm Ridge outside Tokoza, where several thousands of people had waited for most of the day in the baking sun.

Angry young men and women berated the soldier at the gate, calling on him to bring the ballot boxes out of the building, and many people spoke furiously of a deliberate attempt to keep them

from voting.

In the field outside, more than a thousand people sat and stood in a long, meandering line, sustained only by water from a nearby tap and their determination to cast a first-ever vote.

Many had walked from Tokoza, Katlehong and Phola Park after polling stations in their areas broke down or simply never opened.

Without exception, people denounced the Independent Electoral Commission for its failure to deliver on the day they had been waiting for all their lives.

And many resented, more than anything, the fact that nobody had bothered to tell them what was happening.

"Tell the IEC they are bastards. A long time ago they made this appointment with the people. You can't invite the people to a party and when they come tell them there's no food left," shouted a furious man.

Why, some asked, were white voters not being put through the same ordeal? "If it was white people, they would have brought the ballot papers in with helicopters," said one.

But outside the Bracken Park community hall in nearby Alberton, the logjam was just as bad,

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Utter dismay over East Rand delays

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the absence of ballot papers — and proper explanations — just as pressing.

There, disgruntled (mainly white) residents said other polling stations in Alberton were experiencing the same problems.

"They've had all this time to prepare and they couldn't get it right. It's organised chaos," said one suburban voter as a military helicopter — apparently bringing ballot papers — landed in the veld shortly after 3 pm.

As queues outside community halls and schools in the townships lengthened and anger mounted, dismayed IEC officials simply stayed inside — unable to explain the shortage and, in many cases, the complete absence of ballot papers and voting equipment.

Peace monitors, policemen, National Peacekeeping Force personnel, even journalists, were left to try to answer people's questions.

People were voting at Katlehong's DW Williams Community Hall at midday, but the pace was achingly slow.

Asked to explain the chaos, one officer at the station said: "Since this morning I have been phoning the IEC left, right and centre. They came with some materials but it was not enough.

"Right now we need another UV light, more ballot papers and IFP stickers, and we need to control these people.

"If we cannot control this crowd and no more materials arrive, then there will be chaos and rioting."

Sitting on a kitchen chair in the searing heat, Sheila Mashigo (36), who arrived at the hall at 4 am, said she was "very, very sick and tired" of waiting.

"When can we get hold of these people from the IEC so that we can tell them? They must come to Katlehong and feel the pain as we feel it."

Bold IEC operation to salvage election

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had been declared a public holiday to allow more time to vote.

Massive snaking queues formed at voting stations throughout the country yesterday — amid continual reports of widespread ballot paper and IFP sticker shortages and subsequent voting station closures.

Mr Justice Kriegler said the problems experienced yesterday, with some polling stations again opening late, were not as

serious as some parties had suggested.

Most problems had already been rectified by the afternoon. Most voting stations in the country were operational yesterday.

No polling stations reported problems in the Northern Cape, 70 percent did not in the PWV (only in the morning and much higher in the afternoon); 75 percent in the Northern Transvaal and KwaZulu/Natal; 80 percent

in the Eastern Cape and Eastern Transvaal; and 87 percent in the Free State.

"Local logistical and transport problems were largely responsible for the snags," he said.

Voting stations would be kept open until everybody had been able to vote last night.

The IEC had also air-dropped leaflets on East Rand townships assuring people that there was enough material for all to vote.

Possible reasons for ballot paper shortages included the meagre statistical data upon which voting station patterns were based, rapid urbanisation since the 1991 census, or that

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"because of the apartheid regime" many people had not taken part in that census.

The judge said there was also the possibility of interference with the IEC's ballot paper distribution system. SAP Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe had been asked to launch an urgent investigation.

Complaints by political parties, some of which had already been addressed, would be taken into consideration when the verdict was made on whether the election had been free and fair.

Mr Justice Kriegler confirmed that, at some polling stations, voting had begun without IFP stickers attached to the ballot papers yesterday and on Tuesday.

In these instances, those who wanted to vote for the IFP had — like others who had voted abroad — written the IFP's name on their ballot paper and voted next to it. In some cases IFP officials had asked IFP voters to do so.

These papers would be added to those which did not have the IFP's name and would be considered when votes were counted.

"If Chief Minister (Mangosuthu) Buthelezi were to phone me, I would be able to satisfy him that the procedure we have decided on won't prejudice the IFP," the judge said.

Earlier, he had told the press briefing he still did not think it would be necessary to make tomorrow a voting day.

The overwhelming majority of the electorate — much higher than the 60 percent the IEC had predicted — had voted yesterday, and all the others would be able to vote today.

The only danger was that IEC officials might begin to tire.

"But that's just part of the price we have to pay for being part of this glorious experiment in democracy."

THE STAR Beaming Buthelezi makes mark

Durban — IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi cast his vote watched by jostling media representatives at King Zwelithini Stadium, at Umlazi in Durban, yesterday.

Beaming, Buthelezi said he felt good after casting his ballot.

Asked if he would accept the outcome of the election, he said if all the voters were given the opportunity to cast their votes, then he would have no problem. He said he was concerned after receiving an overseas fax stating that there were no IFP stickers on ballot papers. — Own Correspondent.

No IFP stickers on papers

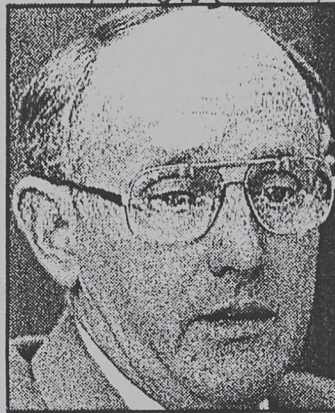
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Daily News Reporter

AFTER many reports of IFP stickers being left off ballot papers, party officials have strongly objected, claiming that the party was being placed in an unfair position.

IFP candidate Peter Miller said tens of thousands of ballot papers had been affected. "Incidents of no stickers on the ballot papers have been widespread throughout Natal," he said.

He cited Vryheid, Oribi and Prestburg as examples. At the Hilton polling station, Mr Miller said, an IEC official had instructed voters to write on the ballot papers.

He pointed out that when that instruction was given, one was not allowed to write on the ballot paper. This ruling had since changed as the IEC ruled yesterday that on stickerless ballot forms the IFP could be written in by the voter.



PETER MILLER
"IEC officials incompetent"

Mr Miller said in reaction to the latest developments that the change did not help the IFP at all. "We cannot get the information out to our voters in time.

"Another problem is that many of our supporters cannot write. They have been taught to look for the picture of Chief

Minister Mangosuthu Buthe-
lezi."

He added he did not want the IFP to use this as an excuse for what had happened.

Mr Miller also noted that IFP stickers had been left off ballot papers in Bulwer, Creighton, Donnybrook and Byrne, just outside Richmond.

He said that at Byrne the stickers had been placed on the ballot papers at an angle which meant that it interfered with the National Party, therefore making the ballot spoilt.

He said that at KwaMncane, to the west of Pietermaritzburg, polling staff had left vital equipment behind and that voting was delayed until after 11am.

Mr Miller criticised IEC officials for incompetence, adding that while the leaders were being incredibly helpful, people on the ground were incapable of running an election.

"You can't get any action or

decision from the IEC officials at the polling stations. Even the presiding officers simply shrug their shoulders and say they don't know."

He stressed that he wanted the IEC to understand how serious the IFP viewed the problem.

On the issue of voter identity documents, Mr Miller said that many Home Affairs offices issuing them had run out of film. Other stations had run out of cards on which to place the picture.

Mr Miller said that at the Tugela Ferry Home Affairs station, more than a thousand people had waited for voter cards, which could not be issued due to a lack of film. "The IEC promise to issue voter cards is hollow."

On the issue of violence, Mr Miller said the IFP had no reports of any incidents. There had been a case of intimidation on the part of the ANC.

Report by M.P. Stiebel, 18 Osborne Street, Durban.

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Kriegler: I'm the one to blame

Political Staff

WIDESPREAD criticism of the Independent Electoral Commission's administration of this week's elections mounted as chairman Mr Justice Johann Kriegler accepted blame for what had gone wrong.

He reported voting had gone excellently in parts yesterday, well in some, fair in other others, "and downright poor in others".

But his acknowledgement of IEC faults, and 24-hour efforts by his organisation to repair widespread problems, failed to stifle a chorus of censure from voters, observers, monitors and politicians. The belief is growing that the IEC is unequal to the task.

The judge appealed to South Africans to be patient, expressing confidence last night that "voting will be better tomorrow". He thanked the thousands who had stood peacefully in very long queues, sometimes fruitlessly.

The main problem, he said, was shortages: ballot papers, marking ink, and in some instances ballot boxes. About 5,6 million extra ballot papers had been printed overnight and would be distributed to problem areas.

Responding to Inkatha Freedom

Party charges of widespread ballot irregularities, such as the lack of IFP stickers at the bottom of ballot papers, the judge said he had no reason to think the IFP would withdraw from the elections race.

IEC officials would determine by noon today whether extra hours or an added day were necessary for voting.

His announcement of a decision time was overtaken hours later, however, by news that voting in the Ulundi, Ubombo and Dundee areas of KwaZulu/Natal would continue tomorrow.

Problems are also plaguing the Transkei, where former military ruler Bantu Holomisa and IEC director in the area John Hlope have pleaded for a voting extension.

"By the time we receive the essentials and distribute them, voting in those areas would only be able to take place this evening, which would make it impossible for the voters to cast their votes in time.

"I have asked the IEC headquarters to consider declaring Friday a full voting day, which would enable us to ensure all those who need to vote will be able to do so."

Report by A. Dunn, 18 Osborne Street, Durban.

Prophets of doom proved to be wrong

Empangeni: Doom prophets and the gut fears of ordinary South Africans that the elections would result in the spilling of much blood in Zululand have so far proved wrong.

But there have been reports of serious intimidation by monitors and political parties. Miraculously, however, there has not been a single death from political violence in the area.

Both the ANC and IFP have blamed each other for intimidating voters.

IFP North Coast northern sub-region spokesman Blessed Gwala said members of both his party and the ANC had been guilty of intimidation.

However, he said the ANC was guilty of worse — the ambushing of a bus yesterday afternoon carrying IFP supporters between Kwambonambi and Qedumona, on their return from a polling station.

Mr Gwala said Mthozo Dlamini had been injured in the shooting. He said the matter had been reported to the police at Kwambonambi.

SAP Natal spokesman Major Henry Budhram said he had not heard about the shooting.

Mr Gwala said IFP supporters had gone to cast their votes in Kwambonambi after being threatened by an ANC leader at the Qedumona polling station.

But ANC northern Natal secretary Senzo Mchunu has claimed, despite what he says was a peaceful election, there had been infringements.

He said in Nkandla, north-east of Ulundi, an IFP mob "stormed" the polling station at the local Magistrate's Court on Tuesday.

He said an ANC party agent at the station was forced to lock himself in a room when the "300 youths went on the rampage".

Mr Mchunu said in another incident an IFP-aligned traditional leader yesterday entered the Dokweni polling station near Gingindlovu, where he was allowed to canvass openly.

According to Mr Mchunu, the chief also swore at voters inside the station. He said police had been informed.

He has questioned the IEC's inability to "correct things that are wrong" and the way it "accepted being overpowered".

He has added his voice to complaints against the deployment of the KZP as the only security force in some areas.

Mr Mchunu said because of this ANC supporters in rural areas were too scared to vote unless they could afford to get transport to country towns.

Visits by a Daily News team to townships around Richards Bay found people to be calm.

PAC regional candidate Foko Magubane said after voting at the Esikhawini town hall that there was a new "spirit of peace" in the violence-wracked area.

"There are just crosses on the ballot forms, no violence."

Report by T. Robbins, 18 Osborne Street, Durban.

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COOL QUEUE: Vendors did a roaring trade in ice-lollys at this voting station in Inanda.

The patient pollers +

THE queues stretched on and on and on as hundreds of thousands of people from areas north of Durban stood in the warm sun to vote in the country's first democratic elections.

Good humour prevailed at all polling stations visited by a Daily News team, as people, feeling a sense of equality for the first time, showed their determination to wait all day if necessary.

Violence appeared to have been upstaged by the clear commitment of people to the democratic process — no party colours, T-shirts, flags or rosettes were evident in the snaking queues.

The queues were, however, colourful as people unfurled

bright umbrellas against the midday sun and vendors did a roaring trade in cold drinks and ice-creams.

From the affluent suburbs of Durban North to the unpaved roads of Inanda — thousands of black and white voters queued, cocking a snoot at the right-wing's pre-election terror campaign.

In such areas as KwaMashu and Inanda, which have been rocked by pre-election violence, signs of normality appeared to have returned.

"Thank God this has happened and we hope that the peace continues," a KwaMashu voter said.

At Durban North a voter was overheard saying: "My dear, I should have brought a

skottle braai and had boere-wors rolls."

Security forces were not very visible — even in KwaMashu and Inanda.

At Ohlange High School, where ANC leader Nelson Mandela had voted early yesterday morning, members of the Internal Stability Unit found time to kick a soccer ball around.

"We haven't had any violence — only accidents in our vehicles," an ISD member said.

An IEC spokesman, Sandile Ngidi, said the IEC had not received any reports of violence or intimidation in KwaZulu/Natal.

Report by V. Angamuthu and S. Miller, 18 Osborne Street, Durban.

[Buthelezi threatens to withdraw amid polling chaos in some areas]

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One long line to freedom

■ POLITICAL STAFF

South Africans of all races responded in their millions to yesterday's April 27 date with destiny, forming voting queues kilometres-long at polling stations nationwide — in spite of critical failings in the electoral machinery and a pull-out threat from Ulundi.

The new political threat emerged last night to compound the mounting logistical danger to the election process.

IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said he did not rule out the possibility of withdrawing from the poll if his party was unfairly prejudiced by ballot paper problems.

Logistical snarl-ups forced the Independent Electoral Commission to extend voting hours last night and tonight — while today was declared a paid public holiday.

From the darkness of the early hours of morning, voters gathered to cast their ballots in South Africa's founding democratic election — the focus of the

MILLIONS vote on historic day, but snarl-ups raise tempers as thousands of voters spend long hours in queues

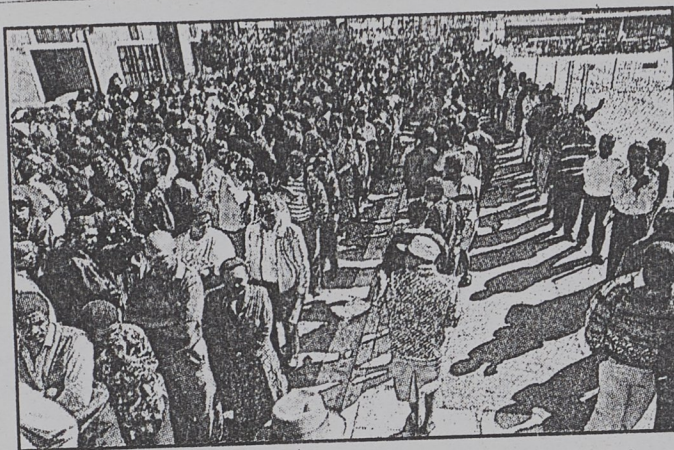
entire world's attention.

Although precise voting patterns are impossible to determine, statisticians said it was possible that up to half of the estimated 23 million electorate went to the polls yesterday.

Voters appeared not to be deterred by yesterday morning's car-bomb explosion at Jan Smuts Airport.

The first day of ordinary voting was marred by complaints from many parts of the country, detailing failure by the IEC to have polling stations functioning on time and efficiently.

Buthelezi made his pull-out threat because of problems with the system of sticking the IFP's name on ballot papers.



Zigzag . . . voters queue through central Johannesburg to the City Hall polling station.

PICTURE: DEBBIE YAZBEK

He objected, in particular, to the suggestion that IFP supporters could simply write the party's name on the bottom of the ballot if stickers were not available.

He said the IFP had stated last week, when it entered the election, that this would not be acceptable. Ballot secrecy would

be threatened by this, especially since about 60 percent of rural Natal voters were illiterate.

Saying his central committee might have to meet on the ballot issue, Buthelezi called for an extra day of voting to address, among other problems, that of elderly voters who had not been able to vote on Tuesday.

Responding to the IFP leader's remarks, ANC media chief Pallo Jordan insisted the election would go ahead as planned.

He said Buthelezi's statement would not contribute to peace, stability and democracy.

"It is of the same character as the IFP's foot-dragging when it registered six days before the election."

The ballot paper problems were partly caused by that late registration, Jordan said.

Among the electoral problems evident yesterday were ballot paper shortages and shortfalls in other voting materials, which led to temporary closures of some voting stations.

Worst affected were stations in Tokoza, Katlehong, Daveyton, Benoni, Boksburg, Vosloorus, Soweto, Zonk'iZizwe, Walkerville, Klerksdorp, Rustenburg, Bophuthatswana's Odi region, Brits, Bafokeng, the Free State, Northern Transvaal, KwaZulu/Natal and the Western Cape.

IEC officials on the Reef were

frantically organising more IFP stickers by 4 pm yesterday.

The IEC considered the option of allowing IFP voters to write the party's name at the bottom of the ballot paper.

By noon yesterday, the IEC had received reports of 277 incidents relating to lack of materials at polling stations. But IEC spokesman Humphrey Khoza said only 10 percent of the more than 9 000 polling stations were having difficulty.

Enthusiasm for the election — and determination to vote in spite of delays and administrative foul-ups — gave rise to scenes never witnessed before in SA. Voting lines stretched for several kilometres. Many people waited throughout the day.

Star election statisticians Richard Humphries and Mark Shaw said it was possible that the estimate of 22,7 million potential voters could be too low. It was derived from disputed census figures.

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Voters brave all odds to cast their ballots

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ECNA and SAPA

A nation determined and eager to vote put the Independent Electoral Commission to the most stringent of tests yesterday and, in many areas, voting arrangements were exposed as hopelessly inadequate.

April 27 proved to have been engraved in the consciousness of the voting public as the day on which to vote. Hundreds of thousands braved hours in long, snaking lines — in the Cape Town rain and the lowveld heat — determined not to leave without registering their votes.

The voting crowds were disciplined in the extreme. Security was the least of the logistical problems.

The critical breakdowns occurred, virtually across the country, for two reasons: voting materials failed to reach polling stations at the outset of the process; or they proved to be inadequate to meet the overwhelming demand.

While all regions appeared to have been affected to some extent, breakdowns appeared particularly pervasive in the Eastern Cape and Free State.

In Transkei's Tsolo area about 260 000 voters — about one-sixth of Transkei's voting population — were still waiting to vote at noon due to delays in the delivery of ultra-violet scanners.

Deputy district electoral officer Enoch Mafuna confirmed that about 65 of 89 polling stations had not opened.

Transkei ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa said four Transkei and National Defence Force helicopters were available to help distribute voting materials. He insisted there should be an

extension of voting to tomorrow to "avoid a bloody conflict".

At Mdantsane in Ciskei, angry voters broke down the doors of a polling station at Mfundo Primary School when it was shut, apparently after running out of election supplies yesterday morning, the IEC said.

In Bisho, John Ciskei administrators the Rev Bongani Finca and Pieter Goosen were among the large number who voted.

Finca said he felt humble to be granted this day by the Almighty. "As we look back we remember our compatriots who have not been able to see this day," he said.

Disaster

In Port Elizabeth, district electoral officer Rob Engela said the situation had reached "impossible" proportions by early afternoon. As numerous polling stations faced closure with supplies running critically low, Engela said the IEC had tackled the "huge logistical problem" of redistributing ballot papers among stations.

In Bloemfontein, influxes of up to 8 000 voters at some polling stations caused a massive breakdown in voting procedure.

IEC spokesman Rob Hadley announced after an emergency meeting that a "major disaster" had developed and all efforts were being made to alleviate the situation. Voters were asked to relocate to other stations, and political parties were asked to help transport supporters.

In Kroonstad, ballot papers ran out by midday and all polling came to a halt. IEC commissioner Rosil Jager said Kroonstad was "completely dry, Welkom virtually dry and Bethlehem starting to run out".

In Ulundi it was all systems



Under his own steam . . . Alpheus Ngema, who voted in Ulundi yesterday, had been queueing since 3.30 am. He arrived driving a tractor.

PICTURE: JODI BIEBER

go by 7.30 am. Thousands of people turned out at the town's three polling stations. IFP Youth Brigade leader Zenzele Phakathi was "cautiously optimistic" that voting would go better than on the first day.

Elsewhere in Zululand a shortage of ballot papers delayed voting. An IEC official in Empangeni said several stations had phoned to report they were not yet equipped for voting.

"We are trying our best to

get ballot papers delivered by helicopter and then have them transported to rural areas," she said.

In Mmabatho, and most surrounding areas voting was brisk, according to IEC officials. But in Matsepe village, 30 minutes drive from Mmabatho, villagers waited hours for ballot papers to arrive.

Nearly 20 percent of polling stations in the North West province did not open on time.

In Pietersburg, the central polling station at the Jack Boles Hall was a hive of unprecedented activity as thousands of rural residents gave up on non-operational voting centres and flocked to the city to vote.

Whites voted briskly in the conservative strongholds of Potgietersrus, Louis Trichardt and Phalaborwa.

Delays experienced in Witbank, Middelburg and Bethal were caused mainly by illiteracy among voters from farms.

Presiding electoral officers at polling stations presented clean reports, although most stations were under strain from serving thousands of people.

In Nelspruit, long queues of voters, some up to 3 km long, patiently waited in hot conditions. But there were hitches in some Eastern Transvaal areas, while officials waited for additional supplies to be flown in.

In Cape Town, residents unable to vote in certain townships swelled the queues in the city centre, where the price of voting was a four-hour wait in the rain.

Even in Kimberley, provisional capital of the sparsely populated Northern Cape, queues of up to 1 km began to form before dawn at several polling booths, especially in and around Galeshewe township.



Long queues in Sandton resulted in this well-prepared voter moving to Zaventfontein to vote at the station set up for squatter camp dwellers. PHOTO BY ROBERT RUTHA

IEC staff held by mob of angry voters

BISHO — Border peace committee monitors were sent to Middledrift in the Ciskei last night where Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) monitors were reportedly being held hostage by an angry mob.

Border peace committee co-chairman Eddie Leeu was quoted as saying voters "took matters into their own hands when the Middledrift polling station ran out of ballot papers". The IEC staff were being held until demands for the delivery of sufficient ballot material were met.

In Mdantsane, Ciskei, angry voters broke down a polling station's doors when it shut after apparently running out of election supplies yesterday morning, the IEC said. Police and soldiers had been sent to the station to restore order.

Material supplies to polling stations had become a major problem in the eastern Cape, with voting stations running out of supplies owing to the heavy turnout yesterday morning.

The IEC said decisions by district election officers in Transkei to increase the number of polling stations without informing the IEC of their requirements had resulted in some stations not being supplied.

An emergency operation was being planned, and the SA National Defence Force had agreed to provide two helicop-

ters to help get voting supplies to stations.

IEC official in charge of the Eastern Cape Oscar Dhlomo said there was "cause for concern", but the IEC would ensure no one qualified to vote was denied the opportunity.

He said in the Port St Johns district alone, 27 of the 48 voting stations had not opened because of a lack of ballot papers, ink, ultraviolet lamps and other materials. The IEC warehouse in Umtata was "virtually empty" and unable to supply their needs.

In Port Elizabeth excitement was reduced to endurance as voters streamed to the polls, only to outnumber the ballot papers, boxes and ink. Many of the voters in the city waited in the sun for more than five hours before casting their ballots, while thousands more were disappointed when supplies ran out.

IEC sub-provincial administrator Edwin Ncula said voting at most of the 307 voting stations in the region south of the Kei was routine and peaceful. Shortages were critical at 14 stations, of which three were in Albany and eight in Port Elizabeth.

Most small towns and rural areas reported about 4pm that big queues in the morning had subsided and that things were under control as long as additional supplies were received by today, Ncula said.

Report by J. Saunders, B. MacLennan and R. Norton, Sapa, 141 Commissioner St., Jhb.



Inkatha Freedom Party president Mangosuthu Buthe, above, casts his vote in a stadium in Umlazi, near Durban, while Foreign Minister P. W. Botha, left, votes in Orlando West, Soweto. PHOTO BY AP, GARTH LUMLEY

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31 held after blasts

Mercury Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG—Police have arrested 31 white right-wingers in connection with the spate of bombings in the PWV area that killed 21 people and injured 176 in the past week.

The arrests included members of the AWB and its Ystergarde (Iron Guard) unit, a policeman and a reservist, police commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe said yesterday.

The announcement came hours after a car bomb at Jan Smuts airport injured 16 people and caused massive structural damage to the north face of the building.

The bomb, placed inside a white Peugeot vehicle, exploded at 7.15am on the elevated roadway adjacent to the international departures terminal. An incoming flight was diverted to Bloemfontein and outgoing flights were delayed until mid-afternoon.

A white man was detained at the airport, but released after questioning.

The SAP was confident there would be no further bombings in the immediate future. "We have good reason to believe that we have hit the brain behind the blasts in Johannesburg, Randfontein, Germiston, Westonaria and Jan Smuts airport," said Gen Van der Merwe.

Large quantities of explosives, weapons and ammunition were seized during the arrests, most of which took place yesterday morning in Rustenburg, Pretoria and Ventersdorp.

Gen Van der Merwe denied speculation of "third force" criminal activity within the security services.

Frustration THE NATAL MERCURY, THURS, and chaos 25TH APRIL 1994, Pg 1 mar the day

PROBLEMS continued to disrupt the election yesterday, with Natal, KwaZulu and Transkei again bearing the brunt of the growing chaos.

In far northern KwaZulu Tony Carnie reports that Mkuze, Ubombo and several stations were firmly shut with angry voting officers at Mkuze waiting the whole day for IEC officials and voter material to arrive.

It was later discovered that some IEC officials had spent the day drinking at a hotel, while others were seen carrying truckloads of voter education material to remote parts of the area — but not a single ballot paper.

However, at Star of the Sea Mission near the Mozambican border post of Ponta do Ouro, voters were enthusiastic and the queue was moving fast.

Michael Schmidt reports from Kokstad that the validity of the vote in the densely populated Transkei region has been thrown into crisis by the failure of the IEC to provide sufficient materials to voting stations.

In the Maluti district alone there are an estimated 100 000 potential voters but by 4.30pm only seven out of 61 voting stations were functioning. This contrasted sharply with the smooth pattern of voting in the neighbouring Natal district of Mount Curry.

Reporter Philani Mgwaba in Ulundi writes that although voters were able to cast their votes shortly after the official starting time of 7am, several voting stations had run out of IFP stickers and ink by noon.

At James Nxumalo polling station in Ulundi, people were unable to vote for the second day yesterday because the IEC had not delivered material.

In some areas, balloting apparently proceeded despite the fact that the ultra-violet lights used to detect cheats were not available.

From Port Shepstone, Wendy Knowler reports logistical problems kept IEC staff on their toes as desperate pleas for more ballot papers and IFP stickers poured in from early morning.

ANC lower South Coast secretary Ravi Pillay said intimidation and violence in the area had been "virtually non-existent".

Olwandle Secondary School in the heart of troubled Gamalakhe was the busiest station in the area with about 1 000 people an hour casting their ballots after a 90-minute delay.

Kevin O'Grady in Newcastle says Natal IFP premiership candidate Frank Mdlalose told the Mercury the IFP believed the extra day of voting was necessary.

It was not sufficient, as the IEC had suggested, to extend voting hours into the night because: "Many areas are rural areas without electricity so they can't work at night."

Voting ground to a halt in many northern KwaZulu areas yesterday afternoon when the IEC Newcastle warehouse ran out of ballot papers, IFP stickers and invisible ink.

The situation in many townships was tense as voters were turned away until today.

In Empangeni, reporter Chris Jenkins reports that voting in parts of Zululand was thrown into chaos because of a shortage of ballot papers and other logistical problems.

Heidi Gibson, S'thembiso Sangweni and Bob Frean report from Impendle that district electoral officer André du Plessis had boxes of candles ready for three polling stations without electricity yesterday.

At Tugela Ferry, thousands of people, many in tribal dress, poured into the village and queued to vote. Eventually IEC authorities, unable to process all the voters, advised them to come back today.

Getting it together

RATHER belatedly, Mr Justice Johann Krieger and the Independent Electoral Commission have acknowledged grave problems with the voting arrangements in parts of the country.

Though it was to be expected that this unprecedented poll would present unanticipated difficulties it is not acceptable to just wave away the chaos in areas of the country which, at worst, may threaten the validity of the whole process.

That is one consequence to be avoided at all costs. The first stage of voting had a great deal to commend itself. Even if conditions and facilities for voters were far from ideal, with long queues and frustrating delays, people were generally in a joyous mood, giving a hopeful and encouraging start to South Africa's first non-racial and democratic election.

Unfortunately all the goodwill in the world will not offset disastrous voting figures, if thousands, if not millions, are deprived through bad organisation of not recording a proper vote. So far only 70% of the polling stations in the PWV area, South Africa's most densely populated, have been operative. Other parts of the country fared rather better, though figures from KwaZulu and even parts of the Free State left serious room for concern.

It is not clear why there is even at this late stage hesitation about extending the voting for one more day — or perhaps even more. If such is the price to be paid for pulling off this astonishing, heroic moment in history and bringing about a brave new society in South Africa, it is one that we should hasten to pay.

The IEC should have been less defensive and authoritarian when it became clear that real problems in obtaining ballot papers and voting material were escalating in various parts of the country. We should start doing things right the first time.

Silly move, SABC

THE SABC'S last-minute scrapping of a Pieter-Dirk Uys TV show last Sunday evening appears to have been a greater farce than the programme itself. Of all the real or imagined threats to the election process, "One Man One Vote" could only live in the minds of the bureaucrats who have now deprived viewers of some light relief at no small expense.

Ultimately it is viewers and/or taxpayers who foot the bill for SABC gaffes and a more convincing explanation is necessary than the legal grounds advanced for pulling the production 90 minutes before broadcast time. Politics is, after all, very often a laughing matter and viewers are generally well acquainted with the Pieter-Dirk Uys brand of humour which affords a good laugh at ourselves as much as at the politicians. Certainly, it seems unlikely that such satire could be seriously construed as criticism deserving of the right of rebuttal as required by the Electoral Act. Our political leaders could doubtless endure the show, or appreciate the pitfalls in ruling against it, and viewers have the option, of course, of switching channels if they wish. Either the SABC heavies don't understand such basics, or they don't respect viewers' judgments.

It would be surprising if Pieter-Dirk Uys does not end up gaining the last laugh.

POLLING DAY 2

DONATE BLOOD urged a notice in the foyer of the Fish Hoek Civic Centre, which I reached after only a 15-minute queue.

But none seemed likely to be needed on a day when the voters spoke even to one another with lowered voices, as though in a church. Trying to live things up I said to three domestic servants in front of me: "Looking forward to voting for the first time?"

They turned their backs on me nervously, clearly having been told not to speak to strange men.

It was the same hall where I once spent an entire night having my own votes counted (268 too few, alas) and also where, many years ago, I played Bloggs, a drunken hotel janitor in a play, and swept the entire stage while trying to remember my lines.

This time I refrained from creating clouds of dust and merely exchanged pleasantries with Carol Duraan, wife of the local magistrate.

Back outside a colleague who had also voted commented: "It's all so subdued. Where's the toying-toying? Where's the action?"

It certainly wasn't on Kalk Bay station, where even the toilets were bolted and barred. Metro must have decided that bladders also required the strictest self-restraint on Election Day.

The central city wasn't much better. St George's Mall was like a morgue. A public telephone rang while I was walking up the deserted thoroughfare.

"St George's Mall," I said, answering it.

"May I speak to Charmaine, please?"

"She doesn't seem to be here. In fact no one's here except me."

"I think I've got the wrong number."

"This is St George's Mall," I said.

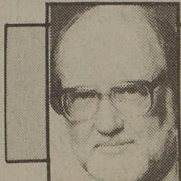
Down at the Cape Town Civic Centre there were queues that made Fish Hoek's look like a dummy run.

Exco chairman Clive Keegan was in the middle of one of them, refusing to pull civic rank to get to the front.

"I thought I'd vote here to get away from the crowds at home," he explained.

Another of the Civic Centre queues extended far out along the station deck. Why didn't I join the queue and vote? asked a man who had come in from Khayelitsha to vote because of breakdowns in the

Making history by standing in a queue



PS
By JOHN
SCOTT

system there. "I can't vote, I'm white," I joked. "No, everybody must vote," he exhorted me.

At Sea Point the queue extended nearly a kilometre along the Main Road. Queueers protected themselves from the rain with election posters. Then a car stopped and a young man distributed bundles of unused National Party posters from the boot to people without umbrellas.

F W de Klerk's face covered many a black head.

"Does this mean they have to vote for you?" I asked the donor.

"No, it's just to show we are a party that cares," he grinned.

At the Gordon's Institute polling station in Mowbray, black plastic bags were the favoured method of warding off the rain. Sitting under an umbrella manning an ANC information table nearby was Biddy Green.

"Have you heard the real meaning of Einstein's Theory of Relativity?" she called out gustily. "If you've waited 300 years for the vote, what's another five hours in the rain!"

Still standing in the queue after three hours and 20 minutes was someone who's always had the vote, Gavin Pike, former Cape Institute of Architects president.

"It's got to be worth it," he said, looking drenched.

For once everybody had their chance to be part of history, even if they did catch their death of cold.

UK hails end of white rule

ANC poll officers in KwaZulu criticised

LONDON. — British newspapers yesterday gave front-page prominence to the election, hailing the end of white rule as the most significant event since the collapse of communism in the Soviet bloc.

The independent devoted the top third of its front page to a colour picture of smiling black children banging drums in celebration in Soweto.

Underneath, the banner headline was a simple quote from Archbishop Desmond Tutu: "It's like falling in love."

The Guardian's headline was "South Africa's hour of freedom" while the Financial Times front page story was headed: "New dawn for South Africa", quoting Mr Nelson Mandela.

The Daily Telegraph, in an editorial headlined "A cause for rejoicing", emphasised the historic nature of South Africa's election and the end of centuries of white dominance.

"In the post-Cold War world, the enfranchising of blacks... ranks with the collapse of communism in eastern Europe as a memorable emancipation of the human spirit," the editorial said.

But the Telegraph also sounded a note of caution, warning that the voting would not end South Africa's problems.

"Years of enlightened government will be needed to overcome the evil of apartheid... a great

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — The ANC's "sharp" practices in obscure parts of KwaZulu/Natal could have greater consequences for SA's long-term stability than the right-wing bombing campaign, author Mr R W Johnson, presently in Durban, wrote yesterday in the Times here.

He claimed that the ANC had managed to push its own supporters as presiding officers in polling stations throughout the province. These people had the power to appoint other electoral officers and agents.

"Inevitably, this patronage is parcelled out among the presiding officer's family and political cronies... thus one polling station after another

in the IFP's greatest stronghold is staffed with monolithic sets of well-known ANC activists."

Large numbers of IFP supporters were reported to have said they were too afraid to vote as their enemies controlled the election arrangements and could mark them for retribution.

"Our people are too frightened to vote, they think the voting arrangements are blatantly unfair — which they are — and if they do badly, they are not going to accept the result," Inkatha candidate Mr David Durham told Mr Johnson.

Everything depended on how Inkatha fared in KwaZulu/Natal, Mr Johnson said.

danger exists that the country will be subjected to a new authoritarianism," it said.

The Times carried a commentary commending South Africa's "two-saint miracle" — the partnership of Mr Mandela and President F W de Klerk. It was these two men, it said, who were responsible for the "deliverance of South Africa to the polling booths this week."

"I do not believe that this election was inevitable," commentator Mr Simon Jenkins wrote. "It is miraculous."

Britain's tabloid newspapers ignored the election on their

front pages in favour of domestic issues such as the Daily Mirror's "Knickers to the Bank" story about a former Bank of England employee who smuggled out used banknotes in her underwear.

But the Daily Mail ran a two-page spread on its inside pages focusing on 70-year-old Ms Alice Mafola who was among the first elderly and disabled people voting in Soweto.

"I've waited 50 years for this. One hour more won't be bad," Ms Mafola was quoted as saying as a delay was caused by the absence of Inkatha Freedom Party stickers on the ballot paper. — Sapa-Reuter

Vote for SA envoy 'exciting'

From NEIL LURSEN

WASHINGTON. — Standing in line to vote here yesterday was a moving experience for South African ambassador Mr Harry Schwarz — an experience he described as exciting but tinged with sadness.

The excitement came from seeing South Africans of all races gathered together and chattering in a multitude of languages waiting patiently to vote.

The sadness was that many South Africans had suffered unnecessarily.

"It was an exciting moment in my life, an exciting day for all of us."

"We could have done this without any lives being lost, without the hardship and without people being traumatised by what has happened in South Africa."

"I am pleased we are here now — and we just have to be successful. Everybody must do something to make it succeed. It can be done. There has to be give and take."

About his future, Mr Schwarz said his loyalty was to the country and to the president, whoever he might be.

Though he may have to vacate his post, he intends remaining in public life.

Farmers, workers stem saam

MMABATHO. — Khaki-clad farmers stood patiently behind their labourers under the Western Transvaal sun at Rooigrond, waiting for their turn to cast an equal vote in South Africa's first multiracial election yesterday.

The Rooigrond community was seeing yet another change when their small primary school about 20km east of Mmabatho became the focal point of many hundreds of voters who had trekked from surrounding areas to make their all-important crosses.

Only a few months ago, in the same school hall, at a whites-only meeting, the community was seen as typically right-wing and the staunchly conservative farmers from the area were quick to voice their concerns about the "swart gevaar".

But on the first day of voting, gone, it seemed, were the days when the area could be classified as "Conservative Party country".

Rooigrond was where AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche made his headquarters during the AWB's recent abortive operation into Bophuthatswana. — Sapa

AWB HQ fortified as blacks vote

VENTERSDORP. — As if preparing for Armageddon, the AWB has installed a huge metal screen to "protect" its headquarters.

Down the road, thousands of blacks waited with patience and good humour for hours to vote.

"Nobody can keep us away," said Mrs Joyce Ntamm, 62. She arrived at the polls when they opened at 7am in Tshing, Ventersdorp's black township — and was still waiting in line at noon.

"I'll stay until it gets dark if I have to," she said.

Mrs Ntamm said she believed black voters would be protected by security forces patrolling Ventersdorp and its township.

Tshing was hit by a suspected right-wing bomb last month that injured three people.

But local poll supervisor Mr Thys Booyens was optimistic. "This is an incredible turnout," he beamed. He believed 4 000 locals would vote.

AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche was out of town, AWB officials said. But several young AWB men erected the chain-link metal screen in front of the AWB's one-story brick office. Sand bags were piled five feet high outside the building.

AWB "Commandant" Ester Prinsloo said the precautions were taken as the elections would bring trouble. "It's going to be bad," she warned.

Referring to the spate of suspected right-wing bombs, she said: "I'm getting so cross. The AWB is blamed and we are not involved." — Sapa-AP



"Pick your polling station... That queue's for the Good Hope Seminary, that one's for the Civic Centre, that one's for Salt River Market Hall and that one's for the Good Hope Centre."

From the black Press

A RECENT survey had shown South Africans were experiencing abnormally high levels of stress, Sowetan said.

"To illustrate this unhealthy tendency a man killed himself and five of his children at Vanderbijlpark recently. He had a domestic problem which triggered off the terrible act."

"The stories of men shooting themselves and their families are becoming increasingly common."

SOWETAN continued: "The study on stress is reported to have shown that more South Africans experience stress than people in Europe and America. More than 35% of all races here have high levels of stress compared with people in other countries."

"The high levels of stress are luckily accompanied by effective ways in which many deal with the present uncertainties. Despite high expectations and some euphoria about the new South Africa, there is a sense of gloom about the future."

"The unremitting challenges will cause people to have strong characters."

"WHICHEVER way we look at it, the NP must not be allowed the space to delay the liberation by blocking the ANC's reconstruction efforts," Sunday Nation said.

"Neither must the Democratic Party and Inkatha, which co-managed suppression of democracy with the NP, be allowed to postpone the liberation."

"We can only block the initiatives of these parties by strengthening the hand of the ANC, which has behind it more than 80 years of commitment to nonracialism, democracy, accountability and transparency."

From the Bible

HUMBLE yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up. (James 4:10)

From DIE BURGER

Every vote counts

IF THERE is one thing that every enfranchised citizen should realise, it is that his or her vote really counts — even though it may seem to be lost among all the millions of other votes.

It is hoped the majority of those who wanted to stay away from the polling stations in resistance to the new dispensation will realise that this will not benefit them.

By not voting, those who fear an ANC/Communist government will actually play up to the radicals. The only way to counter misuse of power in a new government or dangerous socialist plans, is to build up the strongest possible bulwark against this.

Virtually all estimates indicate that the ANC alliance should win the election. It is, however, far from certain that it will gain a two-thirds majority.

The first goal should be to prevent the ANC from becoming so powerful that it could change the constitution of its own accord. It will be even better if the ANC is kept so in place by an alliance of opposition parties that there is no chance for it to be reckless. The worse its performance at the polling station, the better for the country.

In the provinces of the Western and Northern Cape the ANC may even lose. The election results in Natal and the PWV areas may also lead to an interesting situation. On the whole this will contribute to a much more effective power balance if, in the most prominent regions, one party does not have an absolute majority.

But, whatever the case, it is certain that alliance politics will play an increasingly important role in South Africa. In opposition to the ANC alliance of nationalists, socialist workers' unions and communist workers' unions and communists, the NP stands as the single strongest party. It deserves support to be as strong as possible.

Together with the NP, parties such as Inkatha, the Freedom Front and the DP can form a combined resistance to ensure that the country steers away from socialism, misuse of power and economic disaster.

Each vote will help to structure the future. To refrain from voting will be nothing but foolish.

LETTERS

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Good reasons to think about not voting for ANC

From WB WEST (Fish Hoek):

I AM trying to persuade those of my friends who intend voting for the ANC to reconsider.

Everyone favours a better life for all. We differ about method and in our judgement of what is practicable.

"The ANC" is an alliance including the Communist Party and Cosatu, neither of which I support. The policy of the alliance is to direct the economy on socialist lines to achieve "socially desirable" objectives and in this respect the difference between communist and non-communist ANC supporters is one of degree. I believe that politicians exercising duress in pursuit of political objectives are likely to ruin the economy. As for Cosatu, I see it as an organisation responsible for the destruction of jobs by pushing wage rates above

the level that the market can sustain.

I know these views are commonly misunderstood and not popular. Even so, I see no point in voting for a party that has virtually won the election already.

Estimates of the number of seats likely to accrue to the ANC alliance in the national election vary upwards of 60%, which means at least 240 seats in a 400-seat parliament. An extra vote might conceivably tip the scale in favour of some unknown ANC candidate and there would be one fewer member in an opposition party, where people will be desperately needed.

Finally, our interim constitution is provisional. A two-thirds majority would give the ANC excessive power when the time comes to finalise the constitution — good reason to vote for a different party.

No toffie-nosed DP officials

From J M BARLOW (Kraaifontein):

THE DP has withstood mockery, thuggery, poverty of funds (by comparison with the Nats and ANC) but they are rich in the fairness of the goals they seek for all the people of this country and they are rich in the wonderful variety of people who are candidates, members and workers. I challenge anyone who walks into the DP offices in Cape Town to find the "toffie-nosed, soulless, shuffle-footed elitist people" described by Ken Owen of the Sunday Times.

Anyone can look a little shuffle-footed when times are hard and you have no private jet or handy helicopter at your elbow, or the funds to bring the bus loads of folk to your meetings. But the DP is worth voting for, says Mr Owen. We should all be eternally thankful that the DP stuck to its guns, and will be there fighting for peace, prosperity and equal opportunities for all in the future.

Cowardly DP backed down in face of ANC aggression

From JACKO MAREE, MP, NP Federal Council (Pretoria):

THE soft white liberals of the DP have been intimidated by the ANC into spineless putty.

The DP kicked off its campaign by showing some aggression towards the ANC but this evaporated after Mr Tony Leon and others ran into uncomfortable incidents at one or two universities — when they had to retire hastily because of the ire of ANC students.

The going has become too rough and to target the ANC has now become too much for the DP.

This task, to fight the ANC head-on, has now been left entirely to the National Party.

Recognising this, the DP hopes that the flanks of the National Party will be sufficiently exposed to make it a soft target.

After all, you can attack the National Party in a friendly market place and they do not assault, maim or kill their opponents.

However, in the process, the DP is doing the country irreparable harm because by fighting the National Party, it is in fact assisting the ANC.

Letters which have appeared in other publications will not be considered for use in the Cape Times.



Picture: ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus.

VOTING CROWD: Like most voters, these Mitchell's Plain residents were not stopped by long queues.



Picture: ROY WIGLEY, The Argus.

FIRST TIME: Peace Committee observer Nomsa Siquhaza looks on while squatters file towards the voting station at Marconi Beam



Picture: ROY WIGLEY, The Argus.

THE LONG WAIT: In Brooklyn voters were queuing patiently to cast their ballots.

Election rescue



□ **HELL OR HIGH WATER:** People at this polling station in Khayelitsha were determined to contribute to the birth of a new South Africa by voting and patiently queued for hours in the rain.

Picture: DOUG PITHEY, Weekend Argus.

Rain no deterrent to voters

Staff Reporters

AFTER waiting for 40 years, what's a couple more hours — or a bit of rain?

"Rain or no rain, I'm going to vote today," said one cheerful man.

This was the vow of thousands across the Peninsula who queued and queued and queued to cast their votes.

And, remarkably, the queues remained good humoured.

Although some people stood, and sat, and lolled — but mostly stood — for up to eight hours, most retained a sense of humour.

In spite of rain and chilly winds, in spite of the often infuriating sight of ushers leading the elderly, infirm or people with young children to the head of the queues, there were few complaints.

Mind you, the ushers weren't pushovers. A suggestion from a pair of women that they were just months — well, weeks — pregnant, was met by no more

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MORE election reports, pictures on pages 2, 3, 4, 14, 15.



Short queues make Western Cape voting today easier

Staff Reporters

EARLY voting was a pleasure in the Western Cape today with none of the aching long queues that marked yesterday's voting frenzy.

Most of the polling stations opened on time with plenty of voting materials provided during the night by IEC officials.

Only at Strandfontein were voters greeted by a notice on the firmly shut gate reading: "Closed until further notice."

An IEC official said no ballot papers were available and they had been sending voters to other stations.

Sammy Maritz, who lives close to the polling station, said he refused to leave until he could vote.

"I'm going to stay here. If I don't get a chance to vote here, I don't vote."

Voting today began smoothly at several Khayelitsha polling stations with no queues and few people.

In Wynberg, Lansdowne and most of Grassy Park voting moved briskly today. The only queue, of about 60 people, was at Grassy Park civic centre.

At Muizenberg polling stations opened

promptly at 7am after running out of ballot papers late yesterday.

Several of the people in the queue before 6am today had been turned away late yesterday.

Several hundred people were waiting in queues at both the Imperial Yacht Club and Muizenberg Pavilion polling stations, but they had all been processed by 8am.

One enterprising voter used his peddle to get from his Marina da Gama home across Sandvlei to vote at the yacht club.

In the northern areas voting got off to a slow start with queues much shorter than yesterday and the atmosphere more relaxed.

In the central city and Atlantic suburbs queues were short as polling stations opened, but there were signs that voting at polling stations like the Cape Town Civic Centre, where almost 7 000 people voted yesterday, would pick up later in the day.

Meanwhile the eleventh hour declaration of a public holiday today had bosses and workers in a tizz. The Argus was inundated with calls to confirm the day off work. Employers were not too happy, employees delighted.

process is not hindered — at least not by the lack of power supply.

The lifeline to the polling station — a black electric cord placed on the tarmac across the busy street — is closely guarded.

When The Argus visited the station the "guards" chatted while keeping a close eye on the precious connection that

provided light for the voting process.

Inside the wooden partitioned hall a few electric bulbs provided ample lights for monitors to proceed.

Meanwhile officials conducting the elections are irked by the Independent Election Commission's failure to provide the toilets it promised to deliver before Tuesday. But local residents have opened theirs to all.

R1 billion lost in production, sales for extra holiday

BRUCE CAMERON, Business Editor

TODAY's election snarl-up public holiday could cost the country anything up to R1 billion in lost production and sales, according to an economics consultancy.

In the western Cape alone an estimated R100 million is being lost for every public holiday, the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce estimates.

And the Independent Electoral Commission was accused of "ineptitude" in creating the need for an additional public holiday.

Confusion was the order of the day with many major chains unable to establish whether they would be open, whether they would trade on a limited basis or be forced to close their doors.

The financial markets — including the Johannesburg Stock Exchange — and banks were closed with the exception of foreign dealing rooms.

Business leaders today said they understood the need for the public holiday but called for the "nation to get back to work."

Pick'n Pay chairman Raymond Ackerman said he would be opening his stores today to meet commitments to customers but he was not sure what the staff situation would be like.

If necessary he was planning to use head office staff to man stores.

Total closure costs the chain R3 million in turn-over a day.

Shoprite/Checkers marketing manager Selwyn Schiff said his stores would be opened for trade but he could not be sure of staffing levels until later in the morning.

Clothing chain store Pep Stores was not sure what it would be doing. Managing director Hennie Smal said no firm decision could be made until he was aware of what the staff position would be.

Political Staff

THE Independent Electoral Commission has mounted a rescue operation to salvage the election and to pre-empt charges of it not being free and fair.

IEC chairman Mr Justice Johan Kriegler announced today that the commission would decide at noon whether to extend voting in the troubled KwaZulu-Natal region to tomorrow. The need for extensions elsewhere in the country would also be assessed.

Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi said in response to the IEC initiative today that 11th hour efforts to get voting materials to polling stations in KwaZulu-Natal had averted a crisis.

"I believe the issue of the ballot has resolved the crisis that was looming," Chief Buthelezi said.

Earlier he had made a veiled threat to withdraw from the election unless sufficient ballot papers were delivered to voting stations.

The IEC rescue mission, announced in stages throughout the night, involves a huge logistical operation in many areas and includes:

- The printing of about nine-million new ballot papers bearing the IFP option, and an SAAF airlift from the printers to hundreds of voting stations around the country.

- Declaring today a public holiday to give voters more time.

- Announcing that voting stations today would be kept open until everybody wishing to vote had done so.

- Setting up a special operations

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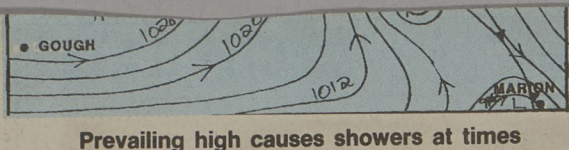
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Poll brings peace

MARITZBURG. — The election has brought relative peace to Msinga. A decade ago Neil Alcock, the peace-maker of Msinga, was gunned down after holding a peace meeting at Tugela Ferry, where thousands of people queued in apparent harmony yesterday.

Ballot card probe

JOHANNESBURG. — The South African Police were to investigate the Independent Electoral Commission's ballot paper distribution system to see if it had been interfered with, IEC chairman Mr Justice Johann Kriegler said. The IEC also announced at a media briefing that it was printing an additional 9,3 million ballot papers.

Post offices close

PRETORIA. — The Post Office has advised that its offices countrywide will be closed today. This follows the declaration by the IEC of today as a public holiday.

IEC held hostage

BISHO. — Border Peace Committee monitors were sent to Middledrift in the Ciskei where IEC monitors were reportedly being held hostage by an angry mob after the polling station ran out of ballot papers.

IFP votes decision

JOHANNESBURG. — The IEC will decide when counting starts whether Inkatha Freedom Party ballots without stickers are acceptable.

Holomisa staves on

UMTATA. — Former Transkei leader Bantu Holomisa will continue to hold a "ceremonial" position until the installation of the Eastern Cape's new premier.

Residents angry

JOHANNESBURG. — Police were called to disperse angry Muslim residents who were prevented from voting when the Marlboro Gardens polling station in Sandton closed 20 minutes before the 7pm deadline.

Peace monitors

JOHANNESBURG. — The National Peace Secretariat has agreed to an urgent request by the IEC to make available peace monitors at polling stations today.

(Compiled by R Moodie, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

Bullets if no ballots, warn E Rand voters

☐ Anger, dismay at the long wait

The Argus Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG. — For thousands of voters in the East Rand townships of Katlehong and Tokoza the first day of the elections was one of utter dismay.

Amid chaotic scenes at many polling stations, angry residents — many of whom had waited in vain from 4am for ballot papers to arrive — warned that they would not accept the election result unless they were given a chance to vote.

"They are not going to count those papers until all of us have gone to vote," said a young man.

"Otherwise Mandela stayed in jail for nothing. If they don't they are going to start a war and nothing is going to stop it. That will happen if the people don't vote."

By mid-afternoon, anger was boiling over at the community hall at Palm Ridge outside Tokoza where several thousand people had waited for most of the day in the baking sun. Angry young men and women berated a soldier at the gate, calling on him to bring the ballot boxes out of the building, and many people spoke furiously of a deliberate attempt to keep them from voting.

In a field, more than 1 000 people sat or stood in a long meandering line, sustained only by water from a tap and their determination to cast their first votes.

Many had walked from Tokoza, Katlehong and Phola Park after polling stations in their areas broke down or simply did not open.

Without exception people denounced the Independent Electoral Commission for its failure to deliver on the day they had been waiting for all their lives. And many, more than anything, the fact that nobody had bothered to tell them what was happening.

"Tell the IEC they are f...ing bastards. A long time ago they made this appointment with the people. You can't invite the people to a party and when they come tell them there's no food left," shouted a furious young man.

Why, some asked, were white

voters not being put through the same ordeal? "If it was white people they would have brought the ballot papers in with helicopters," said one.

But outside the Bracken Park community hall in nearby Alberton, the logjam was just as bad, the absence of ballot papers — and proper explanations — just as pressing.

There, disgruntled (mainly white) residents said other polling stations in Alberton were having the same problems.

"They've had all this time to prepare and they couldn't get it right. It's organised chaos," said a suburban voter as a military helicopter — apparently bringing ballot papers — landed in the veld just after 3pm.

As queues outside community halls and schools in the townships lengthened and anger mounted, dismayed IEC officials simply stayed inside — unable to explain the shortage and, in many cases, the absence of ballot papers and voting equipment.

While rumours circulated, peace monitors, policemen, National Peacekeeping Force personnel, even journalists, were left to try to answer people's questions.

People were voting at Katlehong's DW Williams Community Hall at midday but the pace was achingly slow, with ordinary people wanting to vote standing doggedly in a long snaking line that disappeared out of sight.

Voting began almost four hours late with Winnie Mandela one of the first to cast her vote. Ballot papers and vital equipment simply did not arrive and, when they did, elderly and handicapped people, who had not been accommodated on Tuesday, were allowed in first. Mothers with babies on their backs stood out in the heat waiting for someone — anyone — to explain the delay, to reassure them that they would get their chance.

At one point a small section of the crowd tried to force their way into the hall. Two NPKF soldiers were called to keep them at bay.

(News by G Jepson, J Perlman and C Stucky, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg)

Postbags used as ballot boxes

EAST LONDON. — Completed ballot papers may be put into postbags if there are not enough ballot boxes at polling stations today, the Independent Electoral Commission has decided.

In an urgent memorandum yesterday, the IEC said that because a number of items required for voting were no longer available, presiding officers could exercise "the following flexibility".

If no official stamps were available, officials should sign the ballots.

If invisible ink ran out, they were to sign voters' identity documents to indicate clearly that they had voted.

In addition, some form of indelible ink was to be applied to the voters' cuticles.

If there were no more ballot boxes, completed ballot papers could be emptied into post office bags.

These should be sealed and "appropriately tagged". — Sapa. (News by B MacLennan, Nedbank Centre, Strand Street, Cape Town)

Troopies face extra 30-day stint

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Because of a low turn-out by defence force members called up for the elections, the service period for some of units in Natal has been extended by 30 days.

A statement issued yesterday by the National Defence Force said 43 percent of the men called up reported.

"The response was not as good as expected," the statement said.

There are 80 companies deployed to support police.



A PLEASURE: An enthusiastic supporter rushes in to greet Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi after he cast his vote yesterday at the King Goodwill Zwelathini Stadium voting station outside Durban.

The Argus Correspondent

ULUNDI. — Voting at some polling stations in Northern KwaZulu appeared to be non-existent as voters failed to turn up by 6.30am.

Several polling stations between Ulundi and Nongoma, which yesterday were full, were quiet.

It was not clear whether voters failed to turn up because they had either cast their votes or because they were disillusioned with yesterday's disruption.

IEC spokesman in Empangeni Rolf Higgo said ballot papers were being distributed with the help of air force helicopters.

N KwaZulu poll stations quiet

Contingency plans soothe election nerves

BLOEMFONTEIN. — Voting stalled in parts of the Orange Free State as ballot papers ran out but contingency plans and new papers soothed the stretched nerves of electoral officials.

An aircraft load of spare ballot papers was due here last night and freshly printed ballot papers would help ease the shortage today.

Polling officials were told to keep their stations open until the papers ran out and then gently send home the thousands of unsuccessful voters with instructions to return today.

African National Congress regional premier candidate Patrick Terror Lekota cast his first vote early at a polling station not far from where the ANC was formed in 1912, saying it turned tears and sacrifice into victory.

His National Party counterpart, former Defence and Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee, voted in his old Universitas constituency and said the relaxed atmosphere at polling stations "supported the concept of a new South Africa".

Polling started smoothly in most of the Free State with whites at the Bloemfontein City Hall expressing delight at having blacks join them in the voting lines.

"It feels lekker," said a 68-year-old veteran of 10 whites-only elections who said she was happy to be voting with all South Africans.

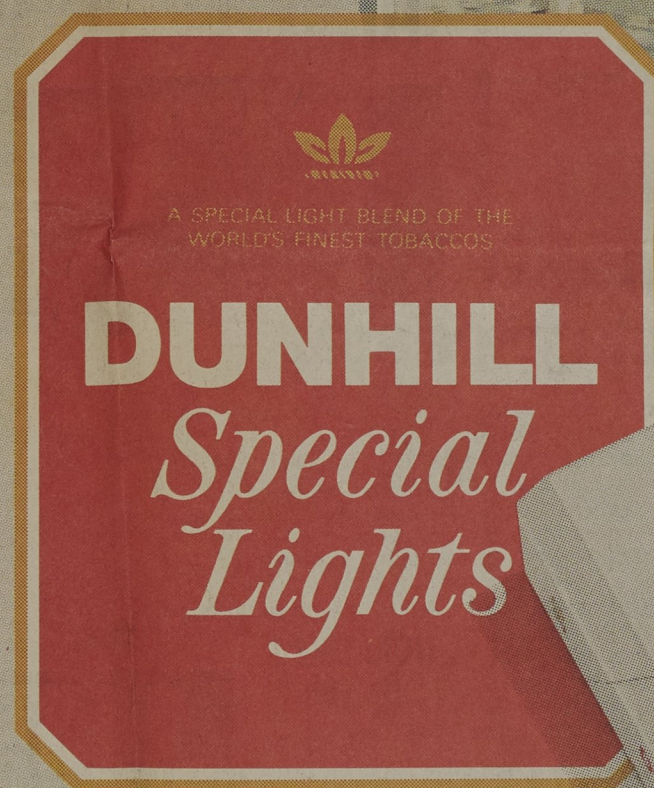
But from mid-morning reports began to filter into electoral offices that ballot papers were running out. Some Kroonstad polling stations ran dry by 10 am.

Independent Electoral Commission commissioner Rosil Jager rushed to the town to pledge more papers and to ask party officials for their co-operation in calming disappointed first-time voters.

There was also a shortage of invisible ink, but the IEC quickly ruled that regular ink could be used to mark voter's hands and identity documents.

Security forces warned of the potential for violence among hot and hungry crowds, but the only incident was a homemade bomb defused by police at a water tower about 50 km west of here. — Sapa.

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