

UN to vote on draft resolution on sanctions

NEW YORK. — The UN General Assembly will vote on Friday on a draft resolution lifting economic sanctions against South Africa, said UN spokeswoman Ms Cynthia Henry.

The resolution current-

ly being discussed by the special UN committee against apartheid would lift economic sanctions and the oil embargo.

The General Assembly will almost certainly pass the draft, sources said.

Mr Nelson Mandela,

president of the African National Congress, called for an end to the sanctions last month before the United Nations.

In December last year the General Assembly, whose decisions are non-binding, called on all governments, private institutions and the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, not to grant new loans or credits to South Africa.

The United Nations also imposed an oil embargo in 1986.

The current draft resolution does not include lifting the arms embargo, imposed by the UN Security Council in 1977, diplomats said.

Mr Mandela asked for the arms ban to remain in force until multiracial elections are held in South Africa. — Sapa.

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ers would also have the opportunity to re-enter Canadian markets.

• Good progress was being made by government negotiators to woo the Inkatha Freedom Party back to multi-party negotiations, Mr De Klerk said yesterday.

All reports he had received indicated that reasonable and positive progress was being made and the talks were continuing.

On events in Russia,

Mr De Klerk said the government supported President Boris Yeltsin's action, which had obviously been intended to maintain law and order so that a democratic process could take place.

He was looking forward to a first-hand report on the events from two of his Cabinet Ministers, Mr Hernus Kriel and Dr Dawie de Villiers, who were in Moscow. — Sapa.

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Mandela wants state ownership

LONDON — SA was in danger of becoming an economic wasteland unless there was foreign investment — and the only way of redressing apartheid's imbalances was through state ownership, ANC president Nelson Mandela said yesterday.

Mandela was speaking in Birmingham where he was feted by business and community leaders and visited a primary school named after him.

Mandela criticised SA's white minority for continuing to "subsidise" apartheid.

He said the key to the country's future lay in ensuring equality of opportunity — otherwise the spiral of violence would continue. The road to

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economic ruin could be avoided only by a democratic government and major foreign investment.

Citing figures to illustrate racial discrepancies at all levels of the economy, property ownership and education, Mandela said the only way to redress the imbalance was through state ownership.

Despite his having been "hampered" on state ownership by industrial leaders, the country still needed to turn to nationalisation, he insisted.

Western countries had turned to state ownership to combat "traumatic events" such as war — and apartheid was no different to war.

Inkatha presses on with levy plan

GAVIN DU VENAGE

THE Inkatha Freedom Party would go ahead with its plan to impose a R5 levy on KwaZulu residents to fund "Zulu protection units" despite protests against the move, spokesman Peter Smith said yesterday.

Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi announced last month that the R5 levy would be used to fund protection units in KwaZulu to counter "attacks against the Zulu nation".

The special tax, which will be raised under existing KwaZulu legislation, will require all citizens to pay a minimum donation of R5, although it will not be compulsory. Anyone who refuses to pay will not be prosecuted.

The tax will be payable at offices of the

KwaZulu tribal authority, Smith added.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said the organisation was "outraged" at the levy, branding it as an attempt to pay for a vigilante force.

Niehaus said government should use the same legislation recently employed to strip Lebowa authorities of their power.

"Government claims they are acting against corruption. If they are sincere, they should use the same powers to remove the KwaZulu authorities," Niehaus said.

He said the ANC would make a formal protest to government soon.

Ex-NY deputy mayor to run Mandela poll bid

NEW YORK. — Former deputy mayor Bill Lynch, who heads Mayor David Dinkins' re-election drive, will run Mr Nelson Mandela's campaign to head South Africa. The Daily News reported yesterday.

Mr Lynch has been huddling with the African National Congress for the last two years, his friends told the paper.

Mr Lynch, a trusted friend and adviser to Mr Dinkins, told The News the ANC "would like me to do it", but insists that he has not made up his mind. Mr Lynch's friends insist that he has and will take the historic job.

It is the first election in South Africa to allow Black citizens to vote.

"He's dead serious about doing it," said Mr

Ken Sunshine, a friend of Mr Lynch's who worked with him on Mr Dinkins' first campaign in 1990.

"If you call me on the morning of November 3, I'll talk to you," Mr Lynch told the paper. November 3 is the day after the election.

Mr Lynch organised the mayor's trip to South Africa in 1991.

— Sapa-AP.

New gambling laws not a priority, says ANC

CAPE TOWN — The ANC yesterday came out against gambling legislation being presented in Parliament next month, but left the door ajar for negotiations on football pools and a national lottery.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said his organisation did not regard gambling as a high priority and legislation should therefore not be presented until it could be done properly after the election.

However, the ANC was not in principle opposed to a national lottery to boost social projects and to football pools, which could be instituted soon if agreement was reached through negotiations.

Niehaus was commenting on speculation that gaming legislation flowing from the Howard commission report could be presented during the November sitting of Parliament.

In general terms, the ANC was in favour of a "far more open system", which was consistent and did not create monopolies for certain gambling institutions in some homelands, Niehaus said.

The ANC was in favour of the recommendation set out in the draft interim constitution being negotiated in Kempton Park that gaming laws should be decided by regional authorities.

However, it is understood that

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some of the commission recommendations, including those for football pools and a national lottery, would have to be nationally regulated because they would operate countrywide.

Sapa reports DP justice spokesman Tony Leon said it was lamentable that government had taken seven months to react to the Howard commission report.

Government could have used the intervening period to table its own response, networked with other political parties and proposed legislation, he said.

"For many people, this is an issue which affects their livelihood, as well as one of public morality, and if left for a future date for a future Parliament, it will be left at the bottom of the agenda."

Some framework should have been established. "We are now left with the situation where either nothing will happen or a hasty and ill-considered decision will be taken," he said.

"Since last October when government first passed its punitive anti-gambling legislation, this has been one of the most mishandled aspects by the Justice Department. There has been a tendency to let it slide off the agenda or to react in an ad-hoc way."

Separate taxi services 'heighten tensions'

WILSON ZWANE

SEPARATE transport arrangements for hostel residents and local communities in Thokoza and Katlehong on the East Rand were heightening tensions, said Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association chairman Joseph Kubheka yesterday.

It is understood that residents of the two townships and local hostel inmates began using separate minibus taxis shortly after the violence erupted in July.

"I see no reason why they should use separate taxis. This should be stopped because it serves only to heighten tensions in the townships," Kubheka said.

SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) southern Transvaal general secretary Dan Mofokeng disagreed with Kubheka.

Mofokeng said the separate transport arrangements were agreed upon by residents after it had become clear that taxi

operators living in hostels were colluding with "warlords".

He claimed these taxi drivers had driven scores of township residents into the hostels where they were either harassed or killed.

"This necessitated separate transport facilities for the residents," he said.

He said until Kubheka and his organisation could ensure the safety of the passengers and township taxi drivers, the separate transport arrangements would remain in place.

Attempts to get Kubheka to comment on Mofokeng's allegations proved fruitless yesterday.

Sapa reports East Rand police reported the discovery of two dead men in Thokoza yesterday, and another man was shot dead in an attack on pedestri-

ans in KwaThema.

This brings to 34 the number of people slain on the East Rand since Friday.

Meanwhile, more than 1 000 residents of the East Rand township of Katlehong have vacated their homes as a result of unrest and violence.

Katlehong town clerk Fanie Mar said it was regrettable affected homeowners did not respond to the council's call to come forward and provide details of their property and personal information.

The council had asked residents to provide addresses of vacated homes, present addresses and telephone numbers, names of financial institutions and an account number where a bond, if any, was registered.

Mar appealed to residents to give the information so the council could negotiate with financial institutions not to repossess affected houses.

Volksfront resolves to disrupt elections

PRETORIA — The Afrikaner Volksfront in the northern Cape has resolved to disrupt the April 27 elections — with the blessing of the organisation's head office.

Northern Cape regional chairman Peter Stanz said yesterday his board had decided on Saturday that the election "would not take place". CP MP for Kuruman Jan Hoon had proposed the resolution.

Detailed plans would be submitted to the Volksfront directorate this month.

Volksfront director Gen Koos Bischof attended the meeting and supported the resolution. In Pretoria, Gen Tienie Groenewald condoned the resolution, saying no members of the Concerned South Africans Group (Cosag) would take part in

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the elections.

Sapa reports that he said there was no talk of a rift in Cosag and today's summit of its leaders would concentrate on working out "alternative methods" to reach their goals. "We are strongly against the election ... and will oppose it."

The Volksfront's northern Cape region includes Kimberley, Namaqualand and Prieska. In last year's referendum more than 40% voted against reform.

Stanz said the Afrikaner people of the northern Cape wanted the land they already possessed to be included in the Volksfront's proposed volkstaat.

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Merc 'not a govt car'

A TOP of the range Mercedes-Benz imported by the Venda government in 1984 was not registered or recorded as a state vehicle, although records indicated it was bought by the government, the Taylor commission into corruption in Venda has found.

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Liberals line up to help the ANC

David Beresford
in Johannesburg and
Mark Tran in New York

AP

SOUTH Africa appears to be developing into a testing ground for Anglo-American expertise at the hustings. The US liberal establishment and British Conservatives are lining up on opposing sides in the run-up to the election next April.

The Clinton administration is believed to be making a low-key but substantial contribution to the African National Congress' election campaign. Reports from New York yesterday said the city's former deputy mayor, Bill Lynch, would head the liberation movement's electoral effort.

ANC headquarters in Johannesburg were unable to confirm Mr Lynch's involvement and he has declined to comment. It is unlikely that the organisation, very sensitive to suggestions that it is unable to run its own affairs, would formally appoint a foreigner to such a post.

But the recruitment as an ANC consultant of the man who masterminded Mr Clinton's presidential campaign in New York State and now heads Mayor David Dinkins' re-election campaign in New York City would be in line with apparent White House interest in helping it to victory in April.

President Clinton's pollster, Stanley Greenberg, has been to South Africa at least twice to advise the ANC on how to prepare for its campaign. He has travelled with Frank Greer, the president's media strategist.

In Johannesburg, public relations circles say that other behind-the-scenes help is being pushed Nelson Mandela's way by Washington.

Mr Lynch has expressed interest in South Africa and in 1991 organised a trip to the country for Mayor Dinkins. A close friend, Ken Sunshine, said he was "dead serious" about going.

On the other side of the political divide in South Africa, the ruling National Party is relying on the old faithfuls of the Conservative Party cause, Saatchi & Saatchi.

The agency, which contributed substantially to the National Party's referendum triumph last year, is likely to find itself in alliance, not necessarily happy, with another Tory PR stalwart, Sir Tim Bell.

Sir Tim, Mrs Thatcher's former adviser, who left Saatchi amid some acrimony after seven years as managing director, has also been in South Africa, apparently advising President F. W. de Klerk on his election plans.

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KwaZulu to probe missing firearms

DURBAN — KwaZulu Police Commissioner Lt-Gen Roy During has undertaken to investigate allegations that his force lost 13 boxes of firearms recently.

And the outcome of the investigation will be made public.

He was responding to information supplied to the SAP and the Goldstone commission by Natal violence monitor Mary de Haas, who said she had been told 13 boxes, each containing 12 firearms (Z88s), had gone missing in Ulundi recently.

De Haas called on the SAP to investigate the matter and make its findings public because taxpayers' money was involved.

In a letter to the Goldstone commission, she said it was also alleged that, in July last year, the KwaZulu Police confiscated eight AK-47 rifles from Inkatha Freedom Party supporters and were then told to return them to their owners.

During said the matter would be investigated to "get to the bottom of the constant allegations levelled against the KwaZulu Police".

His statement also follows earlier disclosures in Parliament about the disappearance of more than 100 firearms from the KwaZulu Police.

During said earlier that many of these had been taken from policemen who had been attacked. — Sapa.

NP, DP slate ANC levy plan

PRETORIA — The NP and DP slated the ANC yesterday for suggesting that charges should be levied against companies which did not apply legislated affirmative action.

ANC human resources programmes co-ordinator Papie Moloto said on Monday the organisation would consider levying the charges.

He also said the ANC wanted an ombudsman to oversee implementation of affirmative action and an inspectorate to examine progress.

NP media director Marthinus van Schaikwyk said it was clear the ANC wanted to adopt of the more radical affirmative action programmes applied in the US. However, the NP's version of affirmative action put emphasis on training and development of skills, he said.

"The ANC's emphasis that all institutions should reflect the demographic realities of the country is nothing but ANC-speak for enforceable quotas," Van Schaikwyk said.

DP justice spokesman Tony Leon said the ANC's proposal was unacceptable. It indicated the dangers the ANC could pose to the economy.

The proposal appeared to be a punitive, uneconomic form of reverse discrimination, Leon said.

SA needed a structured, well thought out and carefully targeted programme of upliftment, not the ANC's version of a "nanny" state intervening in every "nook and cranny" of the private sector.

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ANC to investigate taxi attack

DIRK VAN EEDEN

PRETORIA — Deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburgh had agreed in principle to allow the ANC to be part of the investigation into Saturday's bloody taxi rank massacre in Mamelodi, the organisation said yesterday.

Five people were killed and at least 13 injured when gunmen opened fire at passengers at the Denneboom taxi rank in an attack that police believed was part of a feud between two rival taxi associations.

An ANC delegation, led by legal department head Mathew Phosa, would meet Transvaal Deputy Attorney-General P W Jacobs today to hammer out finer details of the investigation, ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said.

Mamoepa said neither Myburgh, nor Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe had raised any objections to ANC participation. The meeting with Jacobs was only "to discuss operational details".

"The ANC hails today's decision as a major breakthrough towards exposing the

real perpetrators of violence," he said.

Police spokesman Capt Evan Johnson said the attorney-general's office had declared the shooting at the taxi rank a special crime, which meant his office would oversee the investigation.

Phosa said the ANC had decided to set up an investigation team to ensure full access to the suspects and a "proper and thorough investigation".

He said it had to be determined whether the attack formed part of a wider offensive to destabilise the country and what financial and material resources those involved had access to.

The involvement of the suspect group in other, similar attacks all over SA also had to be investigated.

Johnson said police were following up several clues and further arrests could be expected soon. Two men were arrested soon after the shooting.

Concern over backlog of unregistered voters

THERE was concern in the negotiating chamber yesterday at the current rate of voter registration when it became evident that 2.5-million potential voters would be unable to vote.

PAC negotiator Barney Desai said 4-million votes still had to be registered.

"Home Affairs is only issuing these at the rate of 50 000 a week, which means that by April only 1.5-million of these will be registered," he said.

Home Affairs Minister Danie Schutte said the real problem lay not with the department, as negotiators were suggesting, but with applications, which were slow in being submitted for registration.

It has been estimated that 150 000 registrations a week are required to meet the backlog.

Trying to resolve the issue, negotiators discussed special voters' cards, temporary identity documents and special votes but found problems with all of these.

A resolution — opposed by Bophuthatswana — was adopted that the planning committee should look into the matter.

It would also investigate what steps would be necessary to ensure that citizens of the TBVC states, "who may qualify to vote at the next election", were urgently issued with the appropriate documents.

Another contentious issue was the num-

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ber of days to be set aside for voting. Desai proposed that two days were necessary to allow for people in outlying areas and those being intimidated to get to polling stations.

He was supported by the DP, SACP, ANC, Labour Party and numerous smaller parties.

ANC negotiator Patrick Lekota said the Goldstone commission had warned of intimidation during elections and the fact that polling stations could be attacked at night. It had therefore recommended voting take place on a single day.

"But we are working on the basis that there will be 9 000 stations. This will require eight cubicles to be used continuously throughout the day, regardless of the other complications, and this is impractical. Therefore we suggest two days."

Government and the NP proposed one day only.

The matter was not resolved and the technical committee would investigate.

It would also look into limiting the number of parties contesting the election on a basis other than money.

The current suggested method is a R10 000 fee on registration and a further R50 000 for contesting the election.

Leon warns Sandton against Inkatha

SANDTON residents should not support the Inkatha Freedom Party, which had betrayed its followers by walking out of the multi-party talks and was bent on being a power only in Natal, DP southern Transvaal leader Tony Leon said in Sandton last night.

Leon said anyone voting for the ANC could be likened to "a turkey voting for early Christmas", because that would be inviting socialism.

Leon said that if the NP could easily drop the apart-

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heid policies that had won it elections for years, it could just as easily drop policies it said it believed in now.

Referring to Inkatha's walkout, Leon said: "You can't negotiate effectively, or at all, long-distance from Ulundi. Whatever concessions the IFP is gaining in general principles, it is losing out on giving input to the detailed provisions which will form the new transitional constitution and Bill of Rights."

Leon said: "The IFP wants to cut a deal for Natal and to rule there — that's their preoccupation, their power motive and their real rationale."

In contrast, 30 years of opposition had taught the DP that federalism on its own was meaningless. "It must be part of a grand package of constitutional arrangements.... We are fighting for a proper Bill of Rights, a strong independent constitutional court and the proper separation of powers."

SAP accused of execution in Natal

DURBAN — The ANC has accused the SA Police of executing an ANC member who was blown apart by a hand grenade near Gama-lakhe on the Natal South Coast on Monday.

The SAP said a full-scale investigation of the incident was under way.

The ANC's lower South Coast zone said Wellington Mbili had been taken in handcuffs to the Sgedleni area near Port Shepstone.

He had been escorted into dense bush by white

policemen while their black colleagues remained behind, the ANC claimed.

"Moments later a shot rang out, followed by an explosion."

Members of the community had later found Mbili's body.

"The community of the area views this incident as nothing less than a horrific execution."

The ANC said it had called on the Goldstone commission to investigate.

The SAP said two detec-

tives from Port Shepstone had taken a suspect to the area to recover exhibits.

"The suspect pointed out a spot in thick bush and bent down ... to reveal the exhibits. The suspect suddenly produced a hand grenade and pulled out the pin."

"(One) policeman attracted the other policeman's attention and fired a shot simultaneously. The hand grenade exploded, killing the prisoner instantly." — Sapa.

Dear Sir,
WITH its extraordinary skills in propaganda, the ANC has now succeeded in presenting itself to the world as a liberator striving for true democracy in the face of opposition from evil political rivals.

We need to remind ourselves that Mr Nelson Mandela organised, launched, and was the first commander of MK, which created the reign of terror in which tens of thousands of people, including hundreds of policemen and hundreds of black leaders, have been and are still being burned, bombed, stabbed or shot to death. Mandela also wrote the book How to be a Good Communist.

He does not mention these facts when jetting around the world collecting vast sums of money from ignorant foreigners, who see him as a hero, saint and martyr. But the truth is visible to a discerning observer.

Take for example the threat to cancel cellular telephone licences because the ANC believes "the tele-

ANC's communist roots still a danger

communications service should be nationalised". Nationalisation equals socialism equals communism, and the communists want to be able to listen in to private conversations of all who dare to oppose them. The CP is already complaining of this type of surveillance.

The ANC will also prevent or rescind privatisation of the mail services for the same reason, to be able to open and censor letters. When I lived in Portugal, bulky letters were opened by Britain's Exchange Control to see if they contained money. Let no one believe it will not happen here.

Only privatisation can prevent it, and preserve all our other natural rights from the would-be dictators. Capitalism is simply freedom, while socialism is state slavery.

The NP has capitulated to every major demand of the ANC, and released tens of thousands of criminals who are terrorising the populace and making SA ungovernable.

What we need is a new federal party which will embrace all factions which oppose a government of central unity, which in Africa is always a dictatorship.

LESLIE RIGGALL
Kloof

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Dear Sir,
IN THEIR advertisement Prestasi brokers sanctimoniously explain what South Africans can learn from the IGI collapse: trust Prestasi to save you from insurance disasters.

Prestasi must have reformed itself since its rather unfortunate ex-

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perience with the collapse of the AA short-term insurance scheme, and has now become "good, well established and well connected". Then it simply left all its policyholders with claims against AA, the underwriter, in the lurch. Prestasi brokers took the position that they were not obliged to accept responsibility if one of their underwriters collapsed.

Another advertised advance is Prestasi's "unique" computer system. It is indeed so unique that it can identify 12 000 of its clients who were in need of help at IGI. Prestasi

boasts that their accounts were transferred to safety. It does not explain what happened to the unsettled insurance claims of its IGI policyholders.

South Africans would like to know if Prestasi again handled the IGI disasters in the same way as it handled the AA collapse. Just to ensure that we understand Prestasi's claim to be on our side.

PIETER HAASBROEK
Sandton

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Dear Sir,
HOW about a pair of springbuck "in tandem" for our new national emblem? Using a similar format to the pair of doves of the peace emblem, the buck could be depicted in two shades.

It would be a great and encouraging symbol for all South Africans to pull together.

SHIRLEY L HARRIS
Gillitts

No whip necessary

THERE is no need for the ANC to threaten companies with penalties or levies if they do not adopt affirmative action policies, as its human resources programmes co-ordinator, Papie Moloto, appeared to do at a Johannesburg conference this week.

Companies will promote black employment, as he suggested they might, because it makes business sense to do so.

Simple self-interest is likely to be a stronger motivating force than threats of retribution. Take the example of Transnet, which has gone overboard in adopting an "all-black" employment policy. It will not expect a tax rebate from an ANC government for doing the right thing, but it will expect support and

understanding from the majority of South Africans as it attempts to make up for past neglect of their interests.

Opportunities abound for talented black people as companies scramble for their services, especially if they are candidates for management posts. There is new emphasis on inhouse training, and where a white contender might previously have been favoured in a close contest for a job, the opposite is probably true today.

Affirmative action has become part of South African life, and it is a welcome development. But it should not be the subject of legislation, or government coercion. As with most things, market and public pressure, coupled with self-interest, should be incentive enough.

COMMENT

Guardians

THE Democratic Party may have an uphill struggle to survive the election as a credible force, but its leaders and membership seem prepared for the climb. They need to be: whatever the protestations of the major parties, the DP will be the custodians of freedom and democracy in the new South Africa.

Neither the National Party nor the ANC can be trusted to protect democracy, or individual freedoms, or the economic freedoms that are the basis of a market economy. Both are by nature autocratic. Governing in concert, their instincts will be to back a powerful state rather than uphold the individual civil liberties which that state might obstruct. They will need a conscience, a watchdog and a guardian of the values they claim to espouse: they need the DP more than they realise.

From the formation of the Progressive Party in 1959, the DP and its predecessors have had political influence way beyond their numbers or parliamentary representation. For 13 years Helen Suzman was a lone liberal voice in Parliament, opposing apartheid's oppression and social engineering; she was mocked about her insistence on the rule of law and individual freedoms by the same Nationalists now proclaiming support for liberal democracy, free enterprise and protection against the powers of the state.

The principled arguments of peo-

ple like Suzman, Colin Eglin, Van Zyl Slabbert and Zach de Beer helped persuade first P W Botha and then F W de Klerk to change course. Since he came to power, De Klerk has adopted just about every tenet of DP policy, arguing as fervently now for liberal democracy as he once opposed it. The ANC propounds its democratic values if not its wholehearted support for free markets; it, too, will need sometimes rude reminders of its principles and promises.

Then there is the question of holding public authorities accountable for their use of public money. This is something the DP excels at, and it will be as necessary in the new South Africa as it was in the old. Power corrupted the NP and it will corrupt the ANC; when it does, abuses must be exposed and heads must roll.

At the DP congress last weekend, De Beer said the DP's main objective would be to deny the ANC the two-thirds majority which would allow it to amend the constitution on its own. That is a worthwhile, democratic objective, but a more practical one is the need to win enough votes to ensure a presence in Parliament, the Cabinet and regional assemblies.

When the NP and the ANC are each exhorting voters to help stop the other, the DP has to persuade people to stop both of them, to vote for principle, not power. It has the democratic task of showing why losers matter.

Conservative western Transvaal farmers look to the ANC for a viable alternative to AWB blood and thunder, reports Norman Chandler of The Star's Pretoria Bureau

Oom Ferdi, they join the ANC in Lichtenburg

The sun scorched mealy lands of the western Transvaal are proving to be an unlikely recruiting ground for the African National Congress.

At least 36 white farmers have linked with the liberation movement which is more than likely to form the majority in the government of National Unity which should follow the April 27 general election next year.

Wherever one travels through the conservative-thinking maize belt, which provides a huge proportion of the country's crop, the talk is about "die manne wat sê hulle met die ANC wou praat" (the people who want to speak to the ANC).

The word "speak" is perhaps not an appropriate way to put

the issue. Farmers who only a few years ago would not be seen dead in the company of a man of another colour except in a labour situation have actually signed membership forms.

Western Transvaal people spoken to during a recent visit to the drought-stricken area were not forthcoming about their political views, and certainly did not wish to be quoted, except in very nebulous terms.

"Look, it is difficult enough living out here. No rain, no crops, political change. To identify whoever has joined the ANC is not an option," said one farmer on the lawns of a lovely home overlooking the Molopo River.

"All we know is that the ANC is making efforts to talk to us. We appreciate that, and, believe

me, we have found them to be most interesting people."

The farmer's viewpoint was echoed by others in the Lichtenburg district.

Said one: "Man, we have to do something. Oom Ferdi (Hartzenberg, leader of the Conservative Party) and the others can say what they like, we have been here for years. We supported them, but we can't see our farms and our families ruined. Okay, the ANC are not going to stop the drought — that's in God's hands — but at least we can give them the chance to help us survive over the next few years."

Of those who have so far indicated to the ANC that they are serious about membership, several have received threats against themselves and their

properties. The Star was told.

It is known that a list of farmers who have joined the ANC is being circulated by right-wingers, and this is what worries most.

Afrikaans and English-speaking farmers (there are some) say ANC officials are working hard to convince many others that they should consider linking up with the organisation, and spelling out the advantages when a new South Africa is in place in the future.

Pitfalls do not include land redistribution — that feared bogeyman — or the expropriation of choice land for subsistence farming. Carrots extended to the community apparently include increased aid in general and improved marketing techniques

(although this has apparently not been spelt out clearly as yet).

The long distances to be travelled in the area give a lot of people a chance to think, and, above all, to consider whether the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) is a viable option to the ANC.

The AWB is much in evidence — direction signs are defaced with the letters "AWB", names of townships on the outskirts of sun-baked towns such as Lichtenburg, Sannieshof, Delareyville and others are similarly obliterated, and men (and women) walk around with holsters, presumably carrying loaded pistols.

Even in Mmabatho, capital of independent Bophuthatswana, a couple of burly farmers carried

arms.

The AWB has received the "freedom" of various towns in the area — the ANC has played a tit-for-tat game on this by extending similar "freedoms" to senior officials, usually on the same day as ceremonies in so-called white towns.

The position in the western Transvaal is generally not looked upon as a barometer for the rest of the country but the mere fact that Afrikaans-speaking farmers are now talking to an organisation which a scant few years ago was regarded as "the enemy" is regarded out there as nothing short of miraculous.

The views can be summed up in what one farmer said: "Ag, old *&#* is thinking at last."

THE TALKS AND YOU



At the World Trade Centre

ELECTORAL BILL: When the Negotiating Council reconvenes today, it will discuss the draft Electoral Bill for the second time.

During the debate last week, the ANC began a drive for the franchise to be extended to homeland citizens, and for that issue to be separated from the reincorporation of these areas.

The issue was not finalised and is expected to be raised again in the debate on the Bill.

The council is expected to deal with the draft Interim Constitution at its meetings tomorrow and Thursday. Discussion is likely to focus on an ombudsman and a human rights commission.

ESTHER WAUGH

Join our fight, NP urges DP

The NP has called on the DP to disband and join it in a fight against the ANC's "socialist policies".

The startling call was made in an NP statement issued yesterday.

The NP dismissed the DP's weekend national congress as "a brave performance in the knowledge that the DP is on its last legs".

If the DP was convinced of the need for a strong moderate party to fight the ANC, it should "do the obvious: disband and join the NP".

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DP braces for battle

The Democratic Party is the true champion of liberalism in the coming election.

AFTER months in the political doldrums the DP has, judging from its national congress at the weekend, recovered its verve. It will need every iota of this restored enthusiasm if it is to pass the critical test ahead: securing sufficient votes in next year's scheduled election to give it a meaningful role in post-apartheid South Africa.

The stipulated quota required to qualify for representation in the transitional government of national unity is likely to be at least 5 per cent. Present opinion polls indicate that the DP will struggle to achieve even that modest cut-off point. The party, however, deserves the backing of liberals of whatever colour or creed. It is the heir to proud traditions: the Liberal Party of Alan Paton and the Progressive Party of Helen Suzman. Post-apartheid South Africa will be the poorer without it.

President de Klerk's NP cannot be relied on to protect liberal values. Its conversion to democracy and nonracialism is too recent and too convenient.

Neither can the ANC be trusted as the guardian of liberalism. The torture and maltreatment of prisoners in detention camps, and the ANC's refusal to act against those found to be responsible for abusing human rights, disqualifies it. So, too, does its long association with the — until very recently — slavishly doctrinaire SA Communist Party.

If the DP has been too cloistered in the past, the election of six black people to its 10-member national council shows that it is shaking off its effete image as a party of privileged whites.

Tokoza violence claims 3 more

Three people were killed in three separate attacks in Tokoza, south-east of Alberton, last night.

Police said a man was hacked to death near the Church of Nazareth and another burnt to death in Mda-kana Street.

The body of the third victim was found with gunshot wounds behind Hostel 3.

Several shacks were set alight in Khumalo Street. —
East Rand Bureau



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UN likely to lift sanctions this week

■ BY MIKE LITTLEJOHN

New York — The UN General Assembly is expected to lift most sanctions against South Africa this week because "the transition to democracy has now been enshrined" in new laws.

However, the oil embargo would not be cancelled until the Transitional Executive Council becomes operational.

African diplomats said they would propose that the two-week general debate, in which presidents and other delegation leaders are making their policy statements, be interrupted to permit the introduction of the resolution, which Zimbabwe prepared as the current chairman of the African group.

At his request, Nathan Shamuyarira, the Zimbabwe Foreign Minister, had a meeting with Pk Botha shortly before Nelson Mandela called for the lifting of most sanctions in his UN address last month. A diplomat who was present said each promised the other good co-operation.

Zimbabwe is expected to move to establish diplomatic relations with South Africa even before the April elections.

Action by the General Assembly is bound to help Mandela, who had problems with US business leaders during his tour to drum up investment in the "new SA".

ANC levy threat for companies who are 'racist'

The ANC would levy charges against companies that did not implement legislated affirmative action. ANC human resources programmes co-ordinator Papie Moloto told a Euromoney conference on affirmative action in Johannesburg yesterday.

"Companies will find that it does not pay to be racist. Their profits will tell them not to discriminate." However, the ANC would not impose quotas on companies. Moloto said while there was an agreement in principle not to fire civil servants, "all structures in the public service must be representative".

"Affirmative action should be seen as the survival mechanism the new SA is looking for. It is not an optional business strategy, but part and parcel of SA's attempt to be globally competitive, productive and innovative."

While affirmative action policies would focus on entry to firms, there should also be appropriate and sustained development beyond that point. — Sapa.

Goldstone speaks out

Violence: evidence of SADF, SAP role

■ BY ESTHER WAUGH
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

There is "strong circumstantial evidence" of security force involvement in current violence, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone told the annual general meeting of the Cape Law Society at Sun City yesterday.

Referring to the Goldstone Commission's raid on Military Intelligence's Department of Covert Collection in November, he said almost 10 months after President de Klerk had dismissed 23 senior SADF officers the reasons for their dismissal had not been made public.

"To this already long list of relevant evidence I would add that the present head of Military Intelligence, General (Joffel) van der Westhuizen, less than a month ago refused to answer questions put to him at the Goniwe Inquest on the grounds that the answers would tend to incriminate him."

JUDGE believes there is circumstantial evidence of security forces involvement in political violence

Mr Justice Goldstone said his commission had followed up every lead given to it on an alleged third force and had interrogated many former and present security force members.

"As a lawyer and as a judge I have little doubt that a considerable cause of some of the political violence is the work of agents provocateur. But by applying the same logic and reasoning to known facts I do not know who is responsible for it."

Goldstone noted that there were substantial reasons for the Government and National Party to be opposed to the current destabilisation.

He said there was proof of covert, criminal activity having been undertaken by the security forces in the 1980s.

Evidence at the Goniwe inquest indicated further possible involvement by the SADF or SAP in violence during the 1980s.

Govt, Apla to meet again on end to violence

For the second time this year, the Government and the PAC's military wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla), will meet outside the country to discuss their differences on the question of violence.

The meeting, confirmed by both sides, is likely to take place in Harare on October 28, eight months after a similar meeting in Gaborone early this year.

PAC political affairs secretary Jaki Seroke said the meeting will take place at the invitation of Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel, who led the Government delegation in March.

That meeting ended without success, with Kriel saying Pretoria would not support the PAC's inclusion in multiparty talks until the organisation had suspended its armed struggle. Seroke said Apla had since spelt out to the Government what in its view would constitute "a mutual cessation of hostilities". — Political Correspondent

**ANC disrupted
rally - Azapo**

Azapo yesterday accused the ANC of waging a campaign against it which could lead to strife between the two organisations. It said the ANC recently disrupted a peace rally at Phatsima, searched Azapo leaders and ordered them out of the Rustenburg township. — Staff Reporter.

Katlehong residents flee homes

MORE than 1 000 residents of Katlehong have vacated their homes as a result of ongoing unrest and violence.

Katlehong Town Clerk Fanie Mar said it was regrettable affected home-owners did not respond to the council's call to come forward and provide details of their property and personal information. This despite promises by the council to assist victims.

The council had asked residents to provide addresses of vacated homes, present addresses and telephone numbers, names of financial institutions and an account number where a bond, if any, was registered.

Mr Mar appealed to residents to give the information so they could negotiate with financial institutions not to repossess affected houses. —
Supa.

ANC could help in probe of massacre

THE police have accepted in principle the African National Congress's demand to participate fully in investigations into the weekend's Mamelodi taxi massacre, ANC spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday.

The decision was hailed as a "major breakthrough towards exposing the real perpetrators of violence" in an ANC statement issued after a meeting between ANC legal head Mr Matthew Phosa, Deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburgh and SA Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe in Pretoria.

The meeting dealt with Saturday's attack that claimed the lives of five people and injured 15.

"Both Mr Myburgh and Gen van der Merwe raised no objections to the involvement of the ANC in the investigation ..."

The ANC and deputy Attorney-General P W Jacobs would discuss the operational details at a further meeting in Pretoria today, the ANC statement said.

They would also discuss access to the two suspects arrested shortly after gunmen opened fire with AK-47s on bystanders at Mamelodi's main Denneboom taxi rank.

The ANC applauded Mr Solly Setlau for apprehending one of the killers, saying "the arrest of the one killer is certainly a major breakthrough in laying bare the real perpetrators of similar killings on the East Rand, Vaal and Natal areas over the past few years".

According to the ANC statement, Mr Phosa had been instructed to head

an ANC investigation team to ensure full access to the accused and a proper and thorough investigation to determine:

- Whether the accused are part of a broader offensive to destabilise the country;

- The financial and material resources of the group; and.

- The possible involvement of the group in other heinous acts in other parts of the country.

Mr Myburgh said after

the meeting the police had no objection to maximum transparency allowed by the law in the Mamelodi case.

He also thanked the community for their co-operation with the police in arresting the suspects.

— Sapa.

3 Mokaba suspects detained further

BLOEMFONTEIN.

— Three Right-wingers arrested in connection with plots to attack Koeberg nuclear power station and to

kill African National Congress Youth League leader, Mr Peter Mokaba, had been detained for a further 10 days, it was dis-

closed yesterday.

A fourth Right-winger, Mr Johan Zietsman, of Bethlehem, who was detained with the group on September 11, has appeared in court briefly in

connection with terrorism.

All four men were detained on September 11 in connection with planning attacks on the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park, Koeberg power station, the bombing of a Bronkhorstspruit shopping complex and a planned attack on a Defence Force installation.

Mr Zietsman appeared in the Bloemfontein Magistrate's Court last Friday in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act and was remanded. He will appear in court again on October 28.

The three others have been detained in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act for a further 10 days.

The ruling was made by a Bloemfontein Supreme Court judge behind closed doors on Monday, a police spokesman said.
— Sapa

AVU slams proposal to vote anywhere

AFRIKANER Volksonie (AVU) chief negotiator Ms Corlia Kruger says the proposal in the draft Electoral Bill that South Africans will be able to vote anywhere in the country in the forthcoming election, will severely undermine regional parties.

Speaking during debate at the World Trade

Centre in Kempton Park yesterday, Ms Kruger said regional parties should have the right to win as many votes in their regions as possible.

Clause 30 of the draft Electoral Bill states that "a voter shall be entitled to vote at any voting station and for the purposes of an election for any

other legislature such vote shall be counted where it has been recorded".

Ms Kruger said proposals by the technical committee meant ballot papers outside a region which a particular party saw as its home, would not even reflect that party's name.

One preferable alternative to this and to the of-

fending clause were that only residents of a certain region should be eligible to vote in that region.

Another was that AVU supporters, for instance, who were out of the party's Eastern Transvaal stronghold at the time of the election, should be able to ask for a ballot paper registering the AVU as a candidate.

— Sapa

Stay, Mandela urges Portuguese

LISBON. — African National Congress president Mr Nelson Mandela made a strong appeal in Lisbon yesterday for Port-

ugal and its people to urge the large Portuguese community in South Africa to join the process towards democracy.

"I urge you from the bottom of my heart to appeal to the Portuguese community in South Africa to be part of the (democratic) process," Mr Mandela told a meet-

ing of representatives of more than 80 non-governmental organisations.

The Portuguese community in South Africa is estimated to number about 600 000 people, making it one of the biggest White groupings.

The ANC leader is spending two days in Portugal, his first visit, as the guest of the government.

The organisations represented at yesterday's meeting included unions, religious organisations, development agencies, teachers, anti-apartheid bodies, humanitarian aid, the former Portuguese colonies in Africa and youth associations.

He sketched an optimistic future for South Africa, saying he had "supreme confidence" in the country's leaders, Black and White.

The leaders were working under very difficult conditions — "that is why I went to the United Nations and asked them to lift sanctions".

Mr Mandela repeated the ANC position that the "greater part" of violence in South Africa came from elements within the security forces.

But he singled out some of the generals of the South African Defence Force and the South African Police for special praise. — Sapa.



ANC leader Mr NELSON MANDELA (left) shakes hands with Portuguese President MARIO SOARES yesterday at Belen Palace, Lisbon.

Rare award for Mandela

LISBON. — Portuguese President Mario Soares last night decorated African National Congress president Mr Nelson Mandela with an award given before only to Heads of State.

The Order of Liberty, a yellow and white sash with medal, was presented to Mr Mandela at a function at the presidential palace, Belem.

Dignitaries present included Portuguese Cabinet Ministers and South Africa's Ambassador to Portugal, Mr Pieter Swabepoel.

Accepting the award, Mr Mandela said he realised it was not only a

statement of confidence in him as an individual, but also a recognition of the "crucial role" of the ANC in the fight to get rid of apartheid.

"Despite acrimonious differences, I believe we are making progress," he said.

Mr Soares, in awarding the decoration, expressed his support for the ANC leader's most recent appeal for dialogue between all parties in South Africa as a way of resolving their differences.

He also spoke of State President De Klerk's courage in freeing Mr Mandela, putting an end to apartheid and starting

negotiations between the country's political leaders.

He praised Mr De Klerk and his Cabinet for "clever and historical decisions".

Of South Africa's Whites, Mr Mandela said: "We cannot build a new South Africa without them." — Sapa.

Kriel, APLA to meet

THE government and the Pan Africanist Congress' armed wing, the Azanian Peoples' Liberation Army will meet soon in an attempt to breach their views on violence.

The parties remain worlds apart, however, and gave contradictory versions about the agenda of the meeting.

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istry spokesman Capt Craig Kotze said: "Minister Hernus Kriel is prepared to meet everyone to discuss an end to violence.

"The purpose of the meeting is to end violence and the PAC's armed struggle. It has nothing to do with the so-called cessation of mutual hostilities."

PAC political affairs secretary, Mr Jaki Seroke, said: "Minister Kriel asked for the meeting and the PAC

agreed to such a meeting on the understanding that the talks would discuss the cessation of mutual hostilities."

He said earlier bilateral talks had deadlocked leading to the breakdown of further discussions. The government delegation in the bilateral talks was led by Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer.

Capt Kotze said the government was not at war with anyone and it was ridiculous to say that the police investiga-

tions into APLA atrocities constitutes the so-called mutual hostilities.

The government does not accept that there are mutual hostilities and that police only respond to APLA activities, he added.

Mr Seroke said the meeting would be held on October 28, but the venue had not been finalised. Capt Kotze insisted that there was agreement about holding a meeting with APLA but no details with regard to the date and venue had been finalised.

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Concern at Matatiele rumours

THE ANC in Matatiele is concerned about rumours being spread that if the town becomes part of Natal, people will automatically have to join Inkatha, says chairman Mandla Galo.

Galo said his organisation, its allies and local chiefs made a submission to the regions commission at the World Trade Centre that they want to be part of Natal. "We want to be part of

Natal because it makes economic sense to do so given that most of our people from here, Maluti and Mt Fletcher already work in Natal. Also we join Natal because we want to strengthen the ANC in the region," Galo said.

The ANC and civics in Kokstad still maintain they want to join the Eastern Cape, said spokesman Simon Zondi.

6-10-93 — Witness Reporter.

'Defence' tax pay points named

By Simon Zwane

THE KwaZulu bureau of communication yesterday announced the names of agencies where Zulus may pay the R5 special tax to be used in the establishment of self-protection units.

The tax was called for by KwaZulu chief minister Mangosuthu Butheletzi at Shaka's day rallies recently and was vigorously opposed by the ANC.

However, KwaZulu government spokesman T.C. Memela yesterday said: "The payment of this special tax was proclaimed by the KwaZulu legisla-

tive assembly in 1978."

He said the majority of the tax payers had fallen into arrears because of the discontinuation of the type of reference books to which tax receipts could be attached, the cessation of mechanisms to enforce tax payments and lack of tax collection facilities outside KwaZulu.

"While the special tax was proclaimed for payment by male persons at a fixed amount of R5 per year, all KwaZulu citizens, including women, are now

requested to pay any amount from R5 upwards to this revenue source", he said.

Sapa reports that the tax is not compulsory and those who refuse to pay it would not be charged with any offence.

The tax is payable at offices of the KwaZulu tribal authorities, government representatives in Stanger, Durban, Newcastle, Edendale, Germiston, Witbank, Vereeniging, and magistrate's offices.

Provision has also been made for payment by post to the KwaZulu department of finance.

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'Loss' of KZP weapons to be probed

KWAZULU Police commissioner Lieutenant-General Roy During has undertaken to investigate allegations that his force lost 13 boxes of firearms recently.

In a statement yesterday, During said the allegations are regarded in an extremely serious light and the outcome of the investigation will be made public.

He was responding to information supplied to the SA Police and the Goldstone Commission by Natal violence monitor Mary de Haas, who said she had been told 13 boxes, each containing 12 firearms (288s), had gone missing in Ulundi recently.

De Haas called on the SAP to investigate the matter and make its

findings public because taxpayers' money is involved.

In a letter to the Goldstone Commission, she said it is further alleged that in July last year, the KZP had confiscated eight AK47 rifles from Inkatha Freedom Party supporters.

But KZP members, under senior orders, were allegedly told to return the guns to their owners without them being signed for, she added.

During said notwithstanding that 288 pistols were last issued to the homeland police three years ago, the matter will be investigated to "get to the bottom of the constant allegations being levelled against the KZP". — Sapa.

Urban Foundation proposes a wealth tax

A WEALTH tax — first raised amid a storm of protest by the ANC three years ago — could help solve SA's vexing land redistribution problems, says the conservative-inclined Urban Foundation in two new pieces of research.

The research on land redistribution challenges in Kenya, Zimbabwe, Namibia and Germany notes the exorbitant cost, time, effort and generally unfavourable outcomes of land redistribution and compensation policies, and asks: "If affluent Germany found it difficult to compensate one fifth of its population adequately, how much less would SA be able to afford the same for four-fifths of its people?"

PATRICK BULGER

To illustrate the resources needed to try to return land to those from whom it was wrongfully taken, the research notes that German land registers occupy 15km of shelving and it is only with a reading device using different wavelengths of light, that a mere 60 of 1.3-million land claims can be processed a day.

The research recalls that a 50% loan levy, redeemable after 30 years, was imposed in 1948 on German assets in excess of DM5 000 that had escaped destruction. The levy could be secured against fixed property, but was otherwise a charge on income

from interest or profits.

"By the end of 1978, no less than DM110,4bn had been amassed and redistributed among the ruined survivors of the war. . . . This measure did more to stabilise society and bridge the gulf between the propertied and the penniless than any number of fine phrases in the constitution or electoral promises by politicians.

"Housing and job creation would be among the first claims on such a fund, but it could also address the land question," the research says. It warns, however, that SA's present economic malaise could radicalise the land issue and cautions that coherent development policies are needed.

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Portugal honours Mandela

LISBON — Portuguese President Mario Soares last night decorated ANC president Nelson Mandela with an award previously given only to heads of state.

The Order of Liberty was presented to Mandela at the presidential palace.

Soares expressed his support for the ANC leader's appeal for dialogue between all SA parties.

Before his meeting with Soares, Mandela said SA's substantial Portuguese community, and Portugal, had an important role in building a new SA.

Mandela is spending two days in Portugal, his first visit, at the request of the Portuguese government.

An estimated 500 000 Portuguese live in SA, making it one of the largest white communities. "Some have been there for years, even centuries," Mandela said.

The Portuguese community, he said, could play an important role in helping to transform SA, "and we expect them to play that role".

Members of Mandela's entourage said he was expected to ask Portugal to help the voter education programme in SA, among

other things.

"The Portuguese government will also be expected to make contact with the Portuguese community in SA and urge them to support the transformation process, and to desist from aligning themselves with conservative elements," an aide said.

Mandela's entourage includes Transkei military leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa and senior ANC officials Aziz Pahad, Thomas Nkobi and Pallo Jordan.

Mandela dismissed fears of links between sections of the SA Portuguese community and the right wing.

"Whatever affiliations or relations they have with certain political parties in the country, it is our duty to speak to everybody to join the multiparty forum and be part of this transformation," he said.

Mandela leaves tonight for Brussels, where he will spend two days before visiting Scotland and London.

Mandela's overseas trip, which began two weeks ago in the US, will probably be extended so that he can meet French President Francois Mitterrand in Paris before returning to SA at the end of next week — Sapa

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Hani court told of accused's fanaticism

OVER-EXPOSURE to the Voice of America radio station as a child was a factor behind the fanatical anti-Communism of Janusz Walus, one of three right-wingers accused of the murder of the South African Communist Party general-secretary Chris Hani, the Supreme Court, Johannesburg, heard yesterday.

Maria Ras, Mr Walus's girlfriend, told the court that another reason was the experience of Mr Walus's uncle, a survivor of Buchenwald concentration camp. "He told me he had asked his uncle what was worse, Communism or Fascism, and his uncle had replied 'Communism'."

Ms Ras's psychological portrait of her Polish boyfriend, the man accused of firing the shots that killed Hani, came in response to questions from Mr Walus's counsel — who gave the impression, as lawyers observing the trial remarked, that he had given up hope of his client being acquitted and was pre-emptively arguing the case for extenuating circumstances.

The evidence so far indicates that Mr Walus will struggle to avoid a conviction. Ballistic tests, for example, showed that a gun found in Mr Walus's possession was the weapon used to kill Hani. Blood found on his clothing did not match his blood type, but did match that of Hani.

In addition to the murder weapon, Mr Walus, a karate expert, was in possession of another gun, a hunting knife strapped to his ankle and another knife in his back-pocket when arrested.

The trial had something of a United Nations flavour to it. None of the accused is an Afrikaner — the South African population group at

JOHN CARLIN
in Johannesburg

the core of the country's far-right movement. Mr Walus emigrated from his native Poland 12 years ago. Gaye Derby-Lewis, a twice-married former nun, was born in Australia. (She managed a gay bar in Johannesburg before gaining notoriety as one of the more strident voices on the racist right.) Her second husband (and the third accused), the former Conservative Party MP Clive Derby-Lewis, was born in South Africa of English stock.

The key eyewitness, Margarita Harmse, and the officers who conducted Mr Walus's arrest and the subsequent investigation are all, by contrast, Afrikaners.

And Mr Walus, it emerged, is a former member of Eugene Terre-Blanche's Afrikaner Resistance Movement who speaks no Afrikaans. A Polish interpreter sat whispering at his side throughout the testimony of his girlfriend, barely a word of which he understood.

Ms Ras was poised and clear-voiced throughout her hour-long testimony, smiling warmly at her boyfriend and at his lawyers while simultaneously — in her capacity as a state witness — all but nailing the lid on his coffin.

An African National Congress official at the trial observed wryly that if Mr Walus was found guilty and was sentenced to hang, an ANC victory in next year's scheduled democratic election — the very idea of which is anathema to the far right — would secure him a reprieve. For it is ANC policy to reject the death penalty.

ANC rejects local govt plan

GAVIN DU VENAGE

THE ANC was opposed to the concept of "local governments of local unity", as proposed by government, the organisation's local government head Thozamile Botha said in Johannesburg yesterday.

Botha said the ANC rejected the concept of power-sharing beyond the interim period during which appointed nonracial councils would run local government.

Local Government Minister Tertius Delpert had proposed that joint councils run local authorities after local elections, in a similar way that a government of national unity would run the country next year.

Botha said government's proposal was in response to white ratepayers' fears that they would have to carry the cost of integration.

While these concerns had to be attended to, ratepayers should realise that blacks had contributed to the rates base of white communities, without receiving the benefits.

However, Botha said ratepayers would not have to carry the cost of

township reconstruction alone. Most of the funds needed would be drawn from inter-governmental transfers, the introduction of a more equitable tax structure and the introduction of transparency in public funding so that subsidies were visible.

New methods of recovering the costs of capital expenditure would also have to be found, Botha said.

Although most parties agreed on the need for change, there was still very little consensus on what form change should take and what the final product should look like.

He said that while the ANC supported the concept of participation during the transition, it should not be abused by those intending to delay or prevent the installation of a democratic, nonracial local government.

He added that blacks also had fears that whites would try and entrench benefits accrued under apartheid through loading votes in favour of property owners.

DP proposes that govt fund other parties

THE Democratic Party (DP) has proposed that the government should, in the interests of political pluralism, make money available to other parties to fight the election.

Speaking during debate at the World Trade Centre at Kempton Park yesterday, DP negotiator Ms Dene Smuts suggested that all those

parties "who could hope to win" more than one percent of the vote should be eligible.

Allocation of the money should be controlled by the Independent Electoral Commission.

The proposal would implement the DP's view that it was in South Africa's interests for as

many parties as possible to contribute to the envisaged democratic future, she said.

The proposal was briefly debated and the technical committee drawing up the electoral bill was advised to consider including it in its next draft, due to be tabled on October 13.

— Sapa.

COSAG may boycott election

By Sapa and Political Correspondent

CONCERNED South Africans Group members would not participate under current circumstances in next year's election, the Afrikaner Volksfront's General Tienie Groenewald said yesterday.

There was no talk of a rift in COSAG and today's summit of its leaders would concentrate on working out "alternative

methods" to reach goals. Gen Groenewald said in an interview.

Not one of the COSAG member parties had made headway at multi-party democracy talks or in bi-

lateral negotiations, so unspecified alternatives had to be found, he said.

"We are strongly against the elections as planned for April 27 and will oppose it not through the ballot box."

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earlier threat not to allow next year's one-man-one-vote elections to take place. Gen Groenewald said "under the current circumstances, nobody (in COSAG), including (Inkatha Freedom Party leader) Mangosuthu Buthelezi, will take part in the elections".

Gen Groenewald expected more members to join COSAG and said a decision had already been taken that joint future action would be more co-or-

dinated.

Referring to the AVF's suspension of talks with the African National Congress last week, Gen Groenewald said there had been no "direct contact" between the two organisations since then.

Public acknowledgment of the Afrikaner's right to self-determination would lead to a resumption of talks.

Today's summit follows Sunday's meeting in Durban at which Chief Buthelezi suggested COSAG form a working group to

look at steps needed to terminate the World Trade Centre talks process before it reached a final plenary.

COSAG members President Lucas Mangope of Bophuthatswana, Brig Oupa Gqozo of Ciskei, Conservative Party leader Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg and Gen Constand Viljoen of the AVF attended the Durban meeting.

Chief Buthelezi also proposed looking into alternatives. COSAG members might have to multi-party negotiations.

NP, DP hit ANC threat on affirmative action

Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN. — The ANC threat to take punitive action against companies which did not comply with "affirmative action" showed it has learned nothing from failed experiments abroad, both the National Party and Democratic Party said yesterday.

Mr Papie Moloto, ANC human resources programmes co-ordinator, told a Euromoney conference in Johannesburg on Monday that "charges" would be levied against companies that did not implement proposed legislation to enforce affirmative action.

He said watchdogs would be appointed to make sure that companies complied with the proposed legislation.

Affirmative action was necessary, but the ANC was proposing punitive and uneconomic forms of

"reverse discrimination", Mr Tony Leon, Democratic Party spokesman on justice, said yesterday.

The DP rejected the ANC proposal to levy charges for non-compliance as "totally unacceptable".

"It is a negative indication of the dangers to the economy that an ANC government could pose if those proposals are implemented," Mr Leon said.

"Affirmative action, properly structured and sensibly implemented, will be a remedy to decades of racial discrimination."

"However, what the ANC is proposing appears to be a punitive, uneconomic form of reverse discrimination."

NP media director Mr Marthinus van Schalkwyk, said it was amazing that the ANC had not learned from the failed economic experiences in other countries.

It seemed they wished to copy some of the more radical affirmative action programmes in the United States.

But they would find that those programmes had been phased out in the US because they "labelled all Black people", including those who were competent in their own right.

The proposed levy on companies that did not implement affirmative action was "another example of the shortsighted and dangerous policies" that the ANC planned to implement, Mr Van Schalkwyk added.

"It is exactly this kind of impractical and threatening proposal by the ANC which shows up their inability to understand key concepts such as productivity, merit and the competition of a market orientated economy."

— Sapa.