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A united nation

HE visit by United Nations

special representative Cyrus

Vance, and the UN debate

which authorised it, demon-
strate South Africa's return to the
international fold.

Vance is here to help. He is an
emissary of a world body keen to
promote a peaceful, negotiated set-
tlement and to help find ways to end
the violence. He is welcomed by
government, and by all opposition
groups except the far right

It was not always so. The UN was
founded in 1945; within a year it was
in conflict with the Smuts govern-
ment over the treatment of Indians.
and within three it was in opposition
to Malan's Nationalists. From then
on there was repeated confronta-

tion over apartheid and South Afri-
can rule in Namibia

Namibia's independence was |
achieved with willing South African
assistance, and apartheid is dead

The end of the cold war means |

South Africa is no longer a pawn in |
the ideological battle between East 5
and West. We are just another trop- |

ble spot in a fractious world.

Vance has been sent to try to stop |
South Africans killing each other |
and to get them talking again. That

may lump us with the Middle East

Yugoslavia and other tormented re-

gions where 3
seeking to mediate, but we are no
longer outcasts. We have been re-
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John MacLennan
Palitical Correspondent

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iocretary general, Cyril Ramapho-
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Soarces close to the process say
it s fair to assaume Mr Meyer
would have provided the ANC with
a compromise package fallowing
the government's recent basberaad

But no public answer is expected
until the ANC/SACP atlianceâ\200\231s
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This wilt be just before the short
parliameatary session where the
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agreed legislation on how the tran-
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Even though there is little contact, the government and other

parties want to do the groundwork so they have something to put on the table. At the moment they have agreed only in broad principle on issues such as the first and second phases of transition without going

into any detail

They plan to move fast when negotiations start again

In a speech in Keugersdorp on Friday night, ANC president Nelson Mandela warned the government not to hold talks about proposed legislation with the NP's allies to the exclusion of the ANC.

The NP and its allies have to come up with a detailed vision on regionalism before going public

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DURBAN - South Africa's
public enemy No 1, Sbu
Mkhize (20), was gunned
down by police at Isipingo
Hills, outside Durban, yes-
terday,

Mkhize, nicknamed â\200\234Billy the
Kidâ\200\235, was killed a year after he
had fatally wounded Warrant
Officer Peter Knop at Umbum-
hulu

Four members of Mkhize's
gang were also shot dead in a
running battle with police at a
house in Flamboyant Drive just
after 4 pm

Lientenant-Colonel Viaggies
Houx, head of the Durban Mur-
der and Robbery Unit, said that
as detectives drove up to the
house they came under heavy
fire and grenades were losted,
injuring two policemen

For more than two hours, po-
lice fought a pitched battle with
the gang, who were armed with
an AK-47 assault rifle, 2 ma-
chine pistol and hand guns

Mkhize had arrived at the
home of Rashid Khan to collect
the cash takings from the taxi
business which Mr Khan oper-

ates for Mkhize's mother.

Colone! Roux said that when
Mkhize and the gang saw mem-
pers of the murder and robbery
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Police spokesman Colonel
Rill Dennis said Mkhize was
wanted for a spate of attacks on

| policernen in Natal, tncluding
the killings of Constables Mi
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Murder suspect not trained assassin â\200\224 ANC

By Brooklyn Wilkieson Gushu (29) had been a trained assassin within its ranks and it this year and Advice KwaZulu

Crime Reporter assassin working in the ANC has no policy of engaging its La vergewacht Just Novemb

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Mr Gushu is also accused
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The ANC yesterday strongly de-
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Regret at
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By Bronwyn Wilkiuson

The Goldstone Commis-
sion today again recom-
mended that dangerous
weapons should not be
carried in public â\200\224 and
expressed regret that
the Inkatha Freedom
Party refused to accept
the guideline

The commission
today released a draft
interim agreement on
mass demonstrations
reached between the
Police, the
ANC/SACP/Cosatu alli-
ance and the IFP

In a statement on the
agreement, Mr Justice
Goldstone expressed the
commissionâ\200\231s â\200\234regret
that the IFP - despite
being a signatory
could not agree to the
one recommendation
that participants in pub-
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should not carry dan-
gerous weapons.

â\200\234The commission
cannot accept the neces-
sity, let alone the right
to carry dangerous
weapons,â\200\235 he said.

IFP representatives
have rejected the clause
and requested that â\200\230a
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â\200\234Participants in demon-
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Mr Justice Goldstone
said the commission
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â\200\230Human side to hostel violence

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of South African Studies in
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was based on interviews with
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hostel dwellers in Tokoza

Segal, formerly of Wils Uni-
versity, begins by detailing the
hstetl enviromment, the baek-
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the historical chamnges which
have affected migrant la-
bourers. An underlying theme
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system of hostelsâ\200\235 In seeking
to explain the violence, Segal
offers a number of factors

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A recent study by Lauren Segal, "The Human Face of Violence: Hostel
Dwellers Speak", offers important insights into the causes of violence in
the PWV townships, writes S B FOX.

With the outbreak of violence, whether or not an individual
dweller, younger hostel dwellers
have assumed more of a leadership role.

ership role.

Before the violence began,
one hostel resident described
the dwellers' relationship with
township residents as unproblematic
and co-operative

After the flare-up of violence in July 1950, relationships between the
two communities deteriorated sharply.
A climate of distrust had been
created, as another hostel
dweller recounted: "They see
us as animals (animals)
They say we are the ones responsible
for the violence that is taking place

Ethnic differentiation was
not a factor before the onset
of the violence. The hostels
had somewhat of an ethnic
mix, although they were primarily
Zulu. Later, when the violence began,
regardless of

Zulu belonged to Inkatha, he
would be a target,

Facing a common threat,

" based on their identification
" as Zulu, the hostel dwellers,

in turn, banded together to
maintain solidarity for defence.
The next logical step
was Inkatha membership.

Political factors and their
linkage with ethnic identity
began to play a role in the
wake of strikes and boycotts.
In the 1970s and early
1980s, Zulu hostel dwellers had

belonged (o unions such as
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Segal â\200\230captures (he outbreak |
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which began when â\200\234there was |

a fight between 2 Zulu and a
Xhosa over a womanâ\204¢ The |
fighting then spread to other |
hostels

Segal believes the solution
to the crisis may take a long
time. A starting point would
be the securing and upgrading
of hostel facilities

in sum, Segal identifies |

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King's wedding to be
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DURBAN — Zulu King Good-
will Zwelithini takes his fifth
pride at Nongoma on Saturday
in what promises to be one the
biggest weddings yet seen in
Natal

Hundreds of guests and visi-
tors have already booked out
hotels in the area in preparation
for the colourful, traditional
wedding in which Nompumelelo
Mchiza will be installed as the
fifth Zulu queen

The Clermont woman was
formally chosen as a bride for
the king when she participated
in the traditional dance of the
virgins — the Reed Dance — in
Nongoma. Zululand, last Octo-
ber

To secure his bride, after
much to-ing and fro-ing be-
tween royal advisers and the
Mchiza family, King Zwelithini
has paid a handsome lobola of
one pure-white royal bull — a
symbol of the bride-to-be hav-
ing retained her virginity — and
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After her wedding, the new
queen is expected to take up
residence at her palace in En-
yokeni, Nongoma

She has already been safely
hidden away at a venue
known only to King Zwelithini
and the closest of his confi-
dantes.

The wedding has sparked
much excitement in Miss Mchi-
za's home-town, Umzinkulu in
the Transkei, and in Clermont
which has been honoured that
one of its daughters is to be a
future queen.

Speculation that the match
was arranged to heal the rift
between Xhosas and Zulus —
Miss Mchiza is Xhosa: — have
been dismissed by the brides
family and the Congress of T

ditional Leaders of South Africa -

was no political involvement at the wedding.
The king's first wife's Queen

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The second is Queen: Mathe and the third, Queen Magitombi daughter of the late King Sebzwa of Swaziland. i

Queen Thandekile Ndlovu of Edendale became the-fourth queen in 1988 o

King Zwelithini traces his lineage back to King Shaka, who was born in 1780 and assumed chieftainship over the Zulu in 1816.

King Goodwill Zwelithini was crowned Zulu king in 1993

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THE existence of large
ANC arms stockpiles in
Angola, exposed by the
International Freedom
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ter to US national secur-
ity adviser, Brent Scow-
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dismissed by ANC
spokesman, Carl Nie-
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To the embarrassment
of the ANC, one 700
ton stockpile was verified
by the Sunday Press. Sub-
sequently, it was frankly
admitted to by MK com-
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in, 10 a interview with
a British publication, con-
firmed the stockpile: It
was secret. Ob-
viously Mr Modise needs
to share some of these se-
crets with the rest of his
Organisation
Contradicting Carl Nie-
haus, the ANC now says
that it is a well-known fact
that arms were left pers-
onally in the hands of

the Angolan Government

Arms in Angola:
Come clean, ANC

for safekeeping.

Having just spent a few
days in the Angolan capi-
tal, Luanda. I can predict
that the ANC is about to
end up with a big loss
face once again.

If an agreement exists
between the ANC and the
Angolan Government
this is news to the Am-
golans. They
deny knowledge of any
such agreement

Indeed, the Angolan
President, Eduardo dos
Santos, having
his party to full imple-
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Talks break down
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In Saccola's view, the breakdown is rooted in the inability to reach agreement on a total shutdown of all sectors of the economy, including the public sector.

The deal did not fail as a result of insurmountable differences on the principles in the draft charter dealing with the urgency of a resumption of national negotiations for a new political dispensation, joint employer and employee actions to

reduce the unacceptable

level of violence in South Africa, and measures to combat poverty

Saccola remains of the view that it and Cosatu have established a basis for future dialogue on these issues and certainly does not regret the time and effort that was put

into an attempt to reach

this agreement. :

Cosatu said; --Saccola's

failure to obtain 2 man- Â°

date from employers for

the joint action contained in the Charter on Peace, Democracy and Economic Reconstruction comes as a major shock and disappointment to all South Africans determined to resolve the current crisis facing our country. A historic opportunity has been thrown away by employers.

The proposed Charter had two components:

The acceptance of broad principles and processes around democratic transition, violence and ECONOMIC transformation. The pre-requi-

sites set out in the charter for the political transition involved:

â\200\234One person one vote of equal value

â\200\234Principles of democracy as the basis for the work of the constitution making body

~An elected constitution making body, unfettered in its capacity to agree and adopt for South Africa a new constitution, and which would make decisions based on universal norms of democracy.

â\200\234Effective transitional arrangements.

â\200\234A time frame for the accomplishment of these goals within 6-9 months

â\200\234A day of peace, Democracy and Economic Reconstruction which involved a 24-hour shutdown of all economic activity to focus the nation's

around the political transition, end to violence and curbing poverty, as well as jointly convened public assemblies throughout the country.

Cosatu had sought to act jointly with business to ensure a speedy and effective political transition

It had met several times with its political allies to discuss whether they were prepared to suspend the planned general strike in return for the more limited form of action - the one day shutdown

â\200\234Cosatu and our allies had agreed to this proposal, despite the considerable compromise it entailed on our side.

â\200\234The employers' failure to commit themselves to act on the goals contained in the draft charter can only confirm the feeling

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" R.W. Johnson on the ANC's failure

to bring South Africa to the brink |

or over a month now, South Africa has been bracing itself for attempted insurrection, as ANC spokesmen have grimly detailed the mass action to come. But now, as the crucial moment nears, it looks very much as if the ANC's revolutionary dragon has turned into a pussycat. " There is no doubt that the original turn towards mass action and away from continued negotiations with the government represented a considerable victory for radicals within the ANC. The ANC's negotiating team stood accused not only of having failed to bring home the goods from the convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa), but of having almost signed an agreement that might have locked the movement into a power-sharing compromise for years to come.

& Claiming inspiration from the people power revolutions in Eastern Europe, the organisers of the mass action drew

a four-stage plan: mobilisation starting with a one-day strike on June 16, a national offensive 10 days for all (the 'general strike' to begin on August 3, and finally marches, strikes and factory occupations, which combined with the sabotage of telecommunications

Climb down: Mandela backed away from conflict

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came with the front-page headline : attack on Jacob Zuma by the ANC |

paper New Nation, which in effect accused him of betraying ANC political prisoners still in jail, most notably Roben McBride, who blew up a snack bar, leaving several killed and maimed. McBride's father has resigned from the ANC in disgust at his son's abandonment, and the campaign for his release is now apparently being financed not by the ANC but by the IRA. The attack on Zuma has a double significance: not only is he a moderate, he is also the only Zulu in the ANC high command. Belatedly realising that the whole mass action campaign might be a disastrous flop, even the Communist leader, Chris Hani, began to back off: mass action, he announced, was "the strategy of the weak and powerless" and insurrection was "not an option". He appealed to the government (still the authority in the country) to defuse the situation, adding that good things had been achieved at Codesa. A similar attack of cold feet began to grip the unions, with many grumbling at Jay Naidoo's head-

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of ANC moderates.

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tons, the occupation of public buildings and the jamming up of city centres, would enable the ANC to sweep the government from power. Some imagined mass action climaxing with an occupation of the seat of government in Pretoria, and the symbolic installation of Mr Mandel as president. Yet others in the South African Communist party saw mass action as a way of life, a demonstrator's version of Trotsky's permanent revolution, with sit-ins, marches and strikes forever.

CEven without these surrcalist garnishes, the mass action programme was, from the slart, pure fantasy. Attendance at the usual Soweto Day rallies and marches on June 16 was rel:mvely sparse. and even with the stimulus of the post-Boipatong protest few be. licved there was much popular appetite for marches and strikes. The South Alrican cconomy s shrinking for the third consequtive year. The gold price is low, the housing market is woe-begone. agriculture has been decimated by drought, and manufacturing â\200\224 where everyone assumes the coun-try's futurc lies â\200\224 has fallen back badly, with a net 4.7 per cent decline in output since 1989. When a general strike of two or three weeks' duration was an- nounced, many simply shook their heads at the impossibility of the thing. Quite clearly, the only way to organise such an event would be by massive intimidation in the townships â\200\224 which would he bound 10 trigger large-scale vi-olence, with lĩ-\201c ANC and the unions wrungfooted 2nd on the lusing side.

But the radicals were in the driving seat, much (o the anxicty A striking

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strong lcadership Suddenly the planned general strike was reduced from two or three weeks to0 one. The unions then met the employersâ\200\231 organis-ation, and almost immediately announced â\200\224 10 the employersâ\200\231 visible surprise ~ that they were close to agreemg to limit the strike toasnn% day. Meanwhile, at the United Nations, Nelson Mandela failed t0 win Securnty Council endorsement for the ANC's claim about the de Klerk government's complicity in the Boipatong massacre â\200\224 and received an extremely firm push back towards the negotiating table. Accordingly, from Paris, Mandela simply an- nounced that the general strke would last onc day, adding that this was â\200\234a victoryâ\204ç.

The result looks likely 1o be a repetition on a larger scale of the recent fiasco over the attempted renewal of the spons boycott, when the ANC had 10 beat a hasty retrcat under cover of solemn

phrase-making and ritual remarks
about E:aoe and democracy. Now

as If the ANC will
effecively declare August 3 to be
an extra public holiday, and the
employem and churches will be
brought in to consecrate the event
with declarations in favour of
peace, democracy, motherhood
and apple pie. Meanwhile. other
mass action plans have taken on a
deliberately theatrical air, with the
staging of mock-trials of de Klerk,
Buthelezi and so on.

The countryâ\200\231s relief as it draws
back from the brink will be o
deep for many to want to laugh out
loud ar this denouement. but
South Africans like a good joke.
and as the ANC heads back
towards the conference table,
there will be the sound of muffled
chuckles from many a braaivleis.

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By Bronwyn Wilkiusoa .
Crime Reporter

The ANC yesterday vehemently denied that a man arrested in the eastern Transvaal in connection with the murder of a 18-year-old schoolboy, 2 Secunda cafe owner and four Inkatha Freedom Party members was an ANC-trained assassin. - ANC eastern Transvaal publicity secretary Jackson Mthembu was reacting to a report in an Afrikaans newspaper yesterday that Mzawandile Gushu (29) had been a trained

assassin. working within the ANC Youth League in Secunda.

Mr Mthembu confirmed that Mr Gushu had been arrested at a hospital in Secunda shortly after 18-year-old Morgenzon schoolboy Dawid du Bruin was

shot dead with an AK-47 rifle in

Evander on July 1.

But, he added, the ANC

â\200\234never hired Mr Gushu or any other person to engage in the alleged activities, it has no assassins within its ranks and it has no policy of engaging its members in assassinationsâ\200\231.

He charged that the report

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was â\200\234dangerously misleading, sensational and downright maliciousâ\200\235. Â£
-According to police, Mr Gushu allegedly admitted in a statement made to a magistrate

that he had attempted to rour- -

der Ali Ntsibi, the mayor of a township near Piet Retief, who

was shot last year. Mr Nisibiâ\200\231sâ\200\231

brother-in-law was killed in the attack.

He also allegedly admitted that he killed Sabata Zwane of Wesselton last year, Chris Mgwanya and his wife in April

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this year and Advice KwaZulu of Langverwacht in November last year. =

It Gushu is also accused of taking part in the killing of 2 cafe owners in Bekker, near Secunda, last year in an attempted robbery by a group of men. It is alleged that Mr Gushu identified his five accomplices as Lucky Mbuqe (24), Lucky Mbokane (23), Brian Ngwampela (23), Wiltie Nkosi (28) and a 16-year-old youth. o

The six appeared in court in Evander on Monday and the case was postponed to August 3.

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