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By ROSS DUNN, Johannesburg, Sunday

Declaring himself a â\200\234white Zuluâ\200\235, British gambling entrepreneur Mr John Aspinall, recently made a surprise address before a crowd of 40,000 spear-wielding Inkatha supporters on the outskirts of Soweto.

Dressed in a dark suit, he made a striking contrast to the man he and Mr Kerry Packer are now reported to have funded â\200\224 the president of Inkatha, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who wore a traditional leopard-skin.

Mr Aspinallâ\200\231s precise association with the chief is still not clepr, although the chief was a guist of honor at a private dinner pafty in in London in November 1 year. It was hosted by Mr Aspinall and attended by, among others, Sir James Goldsmith, the right-wing financier, and Mr Mark Gordon, executive director of a right-wing think-tank and pressure group, the International Freedom Foundation (UK)..

More recently Chief Buthelezi is believed to have had dinner

Mv: Aspinall: associationt with Chief Buthelezi not clear.

with Mr Conrad Black, the Canadian publishing magnate, who is now linked with Mr Packer in the bid for the Fairfax group in Australia.

A devoted wildlife conservationist, Mr Aspinall is the son of an Indian army officer. He made his fortune through gambling, successfully owning two famous London casinos, the Clermont and Curzon. He is the proprietor of two

1te Zulu

private zoos in Britain and owns two mansions in Kent and one in South Africa, in the Cape. He bought it for a bargain price from the estate of a cabinet minister who committed suicide.

Widely regarded as an eccen-

tricc Mr Aspinall happily describes himself as being to the right of Genghis Khan. Although he has some reservations about Hitler, he approves of the German dictatorâ\200\231s views on eugenics, favoring infanticide as a means of getting rid of both defective and extraneous babies.

Mr Aspinall once said his love of gambling was due to  $a\200\234$ the corrosive effect it has on such outdated concepts as the sanctity of money and the dignity of labora  $200\235$ .

Mr Aspinallâ $\200\231$ s passion for the

 $\hat{a}\200\234$ noble savage $\hat{a}\200\235$ , as represented by his idealised concept of a Zulu wamor, is believed to be founded in childhood fantasies based on the romances of Rider Haggard. He once said that Haggard $\hat{a}\200\231$ s book  $\hat{a}\200\230$ Nada The Lily $\hat{a}\200\231$   $\hat{a}\200\224$  a tale about an illegitimate Zulu prince  $\hat{a}\200\224$  was the most important influence in his life.

Buthelezi aide and policeman take blame

lohannesburg, Sunday

\s President de Klerk prepares to ace the nation on Tuesday over he Inkatha slush fund scandal, a security policeman and the personal assistant of Zulu leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi are set to take the blame for it.

On Thursday, Chief Butheleziâ\200\231s  $a\200\230a\200\230extremely loyala\200\235 right-hand man, Zahkele Khumalo, resigned becayse he was said to have been the official who passed on slush$ 

from the South African Govefnment to Chief Butheleziâ\200\231s Inkatha Freedom Party.

Yesterday, a Durban security policeman, Major Louis Botha, issued a statement in which he took the blame for embarrassing Chief Buthelezi and the Government.

Mr Khumalo and Major Botha now say that Chief Buthelezi knew nothing about the funding.

In his statement, Major Botha withdrew comments made to his superiors in secret documents claiming that Chief Buthelezi had thanked him for police funding of two Inkatha rallies. He also retracted statements indicating that Chief Buthelezi had discussed

with him at length his fears over the future of Inkatha and the loyalty of some of his ministers.

Mr de Klerk, in an address on Tuesday, will try to reassure the country that he is in control and . can be trusted to handle the changeover to a fairer society, se-

nior Government sources say. He  $\cdot$ 

is also likely to institute tighter control of covert projects.

In HAVANA, the ANC president, Mr Nelson Mandela, warned that talks with the Government on sharing power might collapse unless Mr de Klerk could restore its credibility. â\200\224 AFP .

CAPE TOWNâ\200\224Natalâ\200\231s Jacob

Zuma tipped for top. Post\_, ANC to revise

By Chris Whitfeld Political Correspondent

Zuma hags eÃ@merged as a serious contender for g  $a\200\230$ top five $a\200\231$  post in the ANC  $a\202\xspace$ xecutive in spite of a recent spate of bublicity  $a\200\224$  jn which Inkathg praise for him was labelled as the  $a\200\230$ kiss of death $a\200\231$ 

Mr Zuma has now been nominated for jobs by three of the six regions who have made their Proposals

ern Natal as secre

Voting for Posts on th national executive committee will take place at the ANCâ\200\231s national conference, which begins in Durban on Tuesday.

MrZumaisaZuluandhis presence in a key ANC Jjob would 80 some way towards defusing allegations that, the organisation

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He is generally regarded as a moderate, but his prominent role in Umkhonto we Sizwe appears to have ensured that he has re-

ed grassroots support.

There was Speculation that he

: Was a leading contender for the

deputy president  $a \sim 200 \sim 231 s$  job, which an-

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be strongly revised at next

weekâ\200\231s ANC national conference

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gered some of the  $a\200\230$ radical $a\200\231$  ele-

ments of the organisation. This weekâ\200\231s lavish praise from Inkatha Freedom Party leader angosuthu Buthelezj was thought to have-damaged Mr Zuma.

- Dr Buthelezi said he respected the ANC man, who had been  $a\geq 00\geq 30$  very constructive since he returned  $a\leq 00\leq 31$  from exile.

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tics, â\200\235 said Dr Buthelezi.

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seen in some ANC quarters as an  $a\200\230\$  could amount to a

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the attitude and aspirations of g movement po  $\hat{a}\202\neg$  power. Thus new policy is destined to emerge from the conference, This was revealed by senior ANC spokesman Patrick  $\hat{a}\200\230$ Terror $\hat{a}\200\231$  L\_egl;1(;ta at a special briefing last night.;

Mr Lekota also said the role of

mass action would be increased

" after the conference had concluded its deliberation,

The ANC would be looking at policy areas such as education, health and the redistribution of land, he said.

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Bank records reported to show money used to repay Pretoria

Packer link to secret Buthelezi account

By GRAHAM BARRETT,

European correspondent,

London, Sunday

Australiaâ\200\231s richest man, Mr Kerry Packer, helped set up a

secret trust fund for the controversial Zulu leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, according to newspaper reports in Britain and South Africa today.

The fund is now reported to have been used by Chief Buthelezi to repay the South African Government for its secret donations to the Zulu Inkatha movement.

These donations came to light this month and plunged President De Klerk's administration into a credibility crisis.

Reports disclosing the existence of the accounts and Chief Buthelezi's repayments to the South African Government

appeared today in Londonâ\200\231s â\200\230Independent on Sundayâ\200\231 and Johannesburg's â\200\230Sunday Times'.

The â\200\230Independent on Sundayâ\200\231 reported that bank documents acquired by its Johannesburg correspondent showed that a prominent British businessman, Mr John Aspinall, and Mr Packer set up the \$600,000 fund last year.

The same bank records are reported to show that the trust fund had been used by Chief Buthelezi to repay Pretoria's secret slush funds since the payments came to light.

Mr Packer, who is in England, has not so far commented on the

bank documents. His staff were nothing wron |  $\hat{a}\200\234$ eontacted by  $\hat{a}\204$ ¢The Age\*:today: $\hat{a}\200\231$  W $\hat{a}\200\230$ alhli¬\201nocgi

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The secret fund, according to the â\200\230Independent on Sundayâ\200\231, was held in Chief Buthelezi's name at the First National Bank (as Barclay's former South African subsidiary is now known) in Ulundi, capital of the KwaZulu â\200\234homelandâ\200\235 built some years ago with money provided by Pretoria. The account number was given as 4529040806.

A member of Inkathaâ\200\231s central committeg, Mr Walter Felgate, confirmedâ\200\235 to both newspapers that the repayments to the South African Government had come from the chief's personal account.

The  $\hat{a}200\230$ Independent on Sunday $\hat{a}200\231$  reported that Mr Felgate had admitted that 250,000 rand (more than \$100,000) from it had been returned to the Government.

Mr Felgate was reported as say-

Ing that the account had earned the equivalent of more than \$80,000 in interest since the original deposits had been made in September last year.

 $\hat{a}\200\230$  The Age $\hat{a}\200\231$  was unable to contact Mr Felgate or other Inkatha spokesmen today.

While Mr Packer has no previous record of being interested in

South African politics, it is known that Mr Aspinall, who owns a zoo in Kent and has a house in Cape Town, once paid for Chief Buthelezi to go on an around-the-world fund-raising trip. Mr Aspinall recently addressed an Inkatha rally of about 40,000 people on the outskirts of Soweto.

Mr Packer has extensive publishing and broadcasting interests in Australia. His main assets are Channel 9 and Australian Consolidated Press, the countryâ\200\231s largest magazine publisher, which produces such titles as the â\200\230Australian Women's Weeklyâ\200\231 and â\200\230The Bulletinâ\200\231. He is a partner with the Canadian publisher Mr Conrad Black in a consortium bidding for the John Fairfax Group, which publishes â\200\230The Ageâ\200\231, â\200\230The Sydney Morning Heraldâ\200\231 and â\200\230The Australian Financial Reviewâ\200\231.

Mr Packer also has extensive investments in property, cotton growing, grazing and mining.

When it was revealed this month that Inkatha had been receiving hundreds of thousands of dollars in covert funding from the South African security forces, the Minister for Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Viok, admitted that the money had been used to boost the standing of the more politically conservative Inkatha against its rival, the African National Congress.

The Foreign Minister, Mr Pik Botha, later admitted authorising the payments, saying:  $\hat{a}\200\234$ We did . 1 would do it all

anti-sanctions campaign.

Thousands of black South Africans have been killed in clashes between supporters of Inkatha and the ANC over the past few years, with the ANC repeatedly claiming that Inkatha was receiv-

ing help from the security forces. The authorities in Pretoria deny that any of its funding was used to promote anti-ANC violence in Soweto and other townships as the power struggle between the two organisations worsens.

Mr De Klerk and Chief Buthe-lezi deny any knowledge of secret payments. Mr De Klerk is expected to make a statement about the Government  $a \ge 0$  funding of Inkatha on Tuesday.

The â\200\230Independent on Sundayâ\200\231 disclosure came only hours after yesterday's \$2 million wedding of Mr Packer's daughter, Gretel, 25, to a financier, Mr Nicholas Barham, which including a lavish party at Mr Packerâ\200\231s country residence, Fyning Hall, in West Sussex.

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Mr Kerry Packer at his di ter Gretel's

g on Saturday.  $\hat{a}$ 200\2301he following day, newspapers reported that Mr Packer had contributed to a trust fund for the Zulu leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelez i.

V ~ ~ MEDIA magnate Kerry Packer has been linked to a scandal involving the South African Governmentâ\200\231s secret funding of a black political party.

The morning after Mr Packer gave away his only daughter, Gretel, at a \$2 million wedding, it was reported he and a British millionaire set up a secret personal trust fund for the leader of the mainly Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party.

A senior party member yesterday confirmed Mr Packer, the Australian Consolidated Press chief and owner of the Nine Television Network, contributed to the fund used

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Chief Buthelezi used the

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nds secretly channelled to his party by the South African Government..

Mr Packer and his friend, British tycoon John Aspinall, allegedly set up the fund last September with an initial deposit of about \$590,000. b

Inkatha central committee member Mr Walter Felgate said yesterday both were long-standing friends of Chief Buthelezi.

Mr Felgate said Chief Buthelezi had repaid \$115,000 to the Government from the trust fund.

He said the money was withdrawn from the fund, paid into an official In-katha account and then handed to South Africaâ\200\231s Foreign Minister, Mr Pik Botha.

Yesterday morning, Londbnâ\200\231s Independent on Sunday newspaper said it had obtained bank records linking Mr Packer to the scandal.

According to the paper, bank records showed that on September 11, 1990, Mr Packer and Mr Aspinall were the major contributors to the trust fund.

There were other un--

named supporters.

It is the first time Mr Packer has been known to ta an interest in South Afrlcan politics. But Mr

® Mr Pagker ... funds for Zulus, claims paper.

Aspinall, who owns the Howletts Zoo in Kent and lives part of the time in a Cape Town mansion, once funded a round-the-world trip for Chief Buthelezi.

The newspaper said the bank account was in Chief Butheleziâ\200\231s name at the First National Bank, formerly Barclays, in the Kwa-Zulu capital of Ulundi and there was no Inkatha control over funds.

Mr Packer, staying in London, refused to comment. He was due to fly back to Australia last night.

The disclosures fly in the face of Australian Government support for the African National Congress, to which it gave \$5.5 million last financial year.

A Foreign Affairs spokesman said last night the department knew nothing about Mr Packerâ\200\231's alleged involvement, but said â\200\234there was no problemâ\200\235 if no Australian laws had been broken.

The South African Government secret funds scandal broke last week when a newspaper report forced the Government to admit it had given Inkatha \$672.000 to fund two rallies in 1989 and 1990.

But the Government denies using Inkatha to incite violence in black townships to discredit the ANC.

@ Talks at risk  $a\200\224$  Mandela, Page 21

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JOHANNESBURG â\200\224 President F.W. de Klerk met security chiefs last night to discuss his Governmentâ\200\231s response to a slush fund scandal -that has put power-sharing talks with South Africaâ\200\231s black majority at risk. «Government sources said Mr de Klerk spent all morning with the powerful State Security Council, an advisory body comprising six senior ministers and the heads of the intelligence service, the military and the police. â\200\234The sources said discussion would focus on a credible response to the exposure on July 19 of secret government payments to the Zulu-based \ Inkatha Freedom Party Â¥ and its conservative black trade union, the United

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The scandal, exposed by the liberal Weekly Mail,  $a\200\234$ has sparked calls for the sacking of the Law and Order Minister, Mr Adriaan Vlok, and the Defence Minister, Mr Mag-nus Malan. . o, o5

â\200\234Nelson Mandelaâ\200\231s African National Congress has said the minimum response to protect power- i sharing talks would be to end all covert operations and full disclosure of past political funding.

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\$116,253 to Zulu Chief  $a\200\230M$ angosuthu Buthelezi $200\231s$  Inkatha and regular pay-: ments totalling \$645,850 over four years to the workers $200\231$  union.

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THE only ible solution to the <sInkathagateâ\200\231â\200\231 scandal is the immediate formation of government involving all

interested parties including

the Government and all liberation movements such as the ANC and the PAC.

- . This is the view of political scientist and expert on white politics, Professor Willem Kleynhans.
- Inan interview with Sowetan yesterday, Kleynhans said disclosures of Government funding for the Inkatha Freedom Party had ruined the Governmentâ\200\231s effort of bringing about 2 new South Africa. 4

«Â«The Government is

responsible for this mess. And the negative effects are 100 percent more than what the Information Scandal did to South Africa some years back. The damage is irreparable,  $\hat{a}\200\235\hat{a}\200\235$  he said.

## Conference

The time-table which President FW de Klerk had for 2 multiparty way for the drawing up of a new constitution had been upset and relations between the Govern-

ment/Inkatha and the ANC had -

been  $\hat{a}200\230\hat{a}200\230$  bedeviled  $\hat{a}200\235\hat{a}200\231$  by the recent disclosures, said Kleynhans.

He added: â\200\230â\200\234The only possible solution to this mess is for the leaders of all interested. groups, including the Government, ANC, PAC, SACP, DP and Inkatha to come together and form a caretaker govern-

a coalition.

conference to pave the-

ment. The CP will not agree to this coalition government.

 $\hat{a}\200\230\hat{a}\200\234All$  these organisations must now have a say in the running of the country. They must share the responsibility and help uproot all covert operations and freeze the use of secret funds.

 $\hat{A}$ « $\hat{a}$ \200\234This might help resolve the crisis. $\hat{a}$ \200\235

Kleynhans said the Government was 100 percent to blame for secretly funding the IFP and blamed the authorities for ruining chances of the formation of black political parties which could be instrumental to the establishment of a nonracial, democratic society in South Africa.

The political scientist said he

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expected the Government to play down the scandal and say, among other things, that the secret funding was 10 facilitate negotiations.

Asked if Cabinet Ministers,
Mr Adriaan Vlok or General
Magnus Malan, would resign as
a result of the secret funding and
allegations of security force involvement in attacks on black
civilians, Kleynhans said the
Government had 2 history of undemocratic principles.

â\200\234In societies where democracy was a mnorm, those would quit. But I know. This Government will not do the honourable thing to sack Ministers responsible for the mess. The Cabinet is going to

- remain intact. $\hat{a}\200\235\hat{a}\200\231$ 

Iceberg
Kleynhans warned that the

recent disclosures could be a tip

of the iceberg and said more scandals could follow.

The drawing up of a mew constitution, said Kleynhans, was now totally out of the question.

. \* $\hat{a}\200\234$ There is not 2 slightest chance that the new constitution will be ready by 1994 when elections will be held. $\hat{a}\200\235\hat{a}\200\235$ 

The present constitution

would still be in place despite
De Klerkâ\200\231s promise recently that
blacks would be included in the
next election of a new government, said Kleynhans.

] am despondent and more of a prophet of doom than never before. We are on the threshold of a bloody confrontation. I am

PRESIDENT DE KLERK

pessimistic. I fear for the

worst,  $\hat{a}$ 200\235 $\hat{a}$ \200\231 the added.

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having delivered 8 mortal blowâ\200\231â\200\231 t0 the IFPâ\200\231s efforts to start 2 political party - 3 vital instrument towards the formation of a stable govern-

- ment.

«This is a vehicle needed whereby blacks would have a say in the decision-making processes in this country. All efforts by the IFP have been ruined by the Government.

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 $\hat{A}$ «] wonder what they are saying now,  $\hat{a}$ 200\231 $\hat{a}$ 200\235 $\hat{a}$ \200\231 said Kleynhans.

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The Congress of South Afri-
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while calling for an intensi-
fication. of the drive to un-
seat the Government in alli-
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SA Communist Party.
The countryâ\200\231s largest labour
federation also plans to mobi-
lise towards a general strike
and a withholding of tax pay-
ments in the wake of the \hat{a}\200\234In-
kathagateâ\200\235 scandal.
The congress, held at Nasree
outside Johannesburg, resolved
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However, the congress, which
is Cosatu's highest policy-mak-
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sation to the tripartite alliance
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 It gave all but paid, full-time
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Delegates also resolved to
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The federation planned to
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Delegates decided that Cosa-

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Cosatu plans tax revolt . and strike

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overnment into ending covert funding and complicity in violence. Affiliate unions could launch an anti-VAT campaign.

Delegates identified violence as the main obstacle to negotiations and resolved that Cosatu had to play a leading role in the peace process.

Other resolutions included:

@ The development of a proramme of economic restrucuring leading to an interim

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and, eventually, socialism.

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  democratic transition was certain, but Cosatu called for a
  conference to review economic
  tactics and their replacement
  with an investment code.
- @ A bill of workers  $200\231$  rights should be included in the ANC constitution.
- @ Affiliation to the Organisation of African Trade Union Unity.
- @ The strengthening of ties with other union federations in southern Africa and the southern hemisphere.
- @ Cosatuâ\200\231s executive committee
  was instructed to draft a programme for a union of farm
  workers,;

Second vice-president John Gomomeo was elected Cosatu g:md'ut and first vice-presi-

nt Chris Dlamini retained his position. Godfrey Olifant took over as second vice-president.

Jay Naideo was voted for a fourth consecutive term as general-secretary, with Sam Shi-

lowa as. his assistant, Ronald  $200\230$ Mofokeng was elected national treasurer.  $200\224$  Sapa.