

Peace rallies raise hopes

A series of joint ANC-Inkatha peace rallies in the past two weeks on the South Coast have raised hopes that hundreds of ANC supporters, who fled the violence in the region, may be able to return home for Christmas.

Many of these refugees have been away from home for almost two years following the outbreak of violence in areas surrounding Port Shepstone.

Peace rallies, which were called by chiefs Aaron Ndwele and B Mavundla, were held in the Nyandzulu, kwaMavundla and Murchison areas.

Refugees, mainly ANC sup-

porters, were bussed in to attend the Nyandzulu and kwaMavundla rallies.

With only one death recorded in the area for December, the rallies appear to have been effective in filtering the peace message down to the grassroots. This represents a marked drop when compared to 51 fatalities reported for November.

Violence

ANC leader Cyril Shezi and Inkatha's James Zulu - who have lost family members because of the violence - made impassioned calls on their supporters to forgive and work towards unity and peace.

"Even though serious things

have happened to me, I want peace," said Zulu.

But the peace rallies have not been without problems. Sunday's rally in Murchison, attended by more than 6 000 people, almost ended in a clash between Inkatha and ANC supporters when Inkatha leader Thomas Mandla Shabalala arrived to address the meeting with two bus loads of armed supporters from his home area of Lindelani north of Durban.

Shabalala arrived with his armed supporters despite an earlier agreement that no outsiders would attend the meeting. Shabalala is also a member of the Natal kwaZulu Regional Dispute Resolution Committee.

Stressing the ANC's commit-

ment to work alongside traditional leaders for peace, Regional Executive Committee members Ravi Pillay reminded the crowd on Saturday of the long line of traditional leaders who had served in the leadership of the ANC.

Leaders

"They (traditional leaders) have a rich history of resistance against colonialism and apartheid," he said.

Pillay also apologised to Chief Mavundla for past insults, saying: "We as the ANC repeat our apology on behalf of the misguided people who insulted Chief Mavundla."

Commission to discuss land claim

The government's Advisory Commission on Land Allocation (ACLA) is to meet Thornhill residents in January next year to discuss its decision regarding land claimed by the community.

The commission spokesperson Nico Van Rensburg said this week that the ACLA was talking to the community's legal representative, Clive Plasket, about the planned meeting.

Van Rensburg said it would be "premature" to say exactly what the decision was before the meeting took place and would only say the decision was "favourable".

The National Land Committee (NLC) has criticised the commission's decision to keep "the decision secret".

Commenting on the secrecy around the decision, the NLC said "such secrecy" could create anxiety and tension among the people in the area.

The Thornhill community was dumped in the Hewu district prior to Transkei's independence in 1972.

"The NLC has always maintained that the commission's reports should be made public and that the State President (to whom the commission acts as an advisory body) should give reasons for its decision," the land committee said.

It is believed that the commission will also inform the Thornhill community of the outcome of its investigations into plans by the Department of Public Works to auction off four state-owned farms, to which the community had also laid a claim.

The auction never went ahead.

Plasket confirmed that negotiations were being held with the commission on arrangements for the planned meeting.

Events Diary

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MATATIELE - The ANC will host a welcome home rally for all the returnees of Matatiele and Mount Fletcher at Thandanani Sports Ground, Itsokolele Township, on Saturday starting at 10am.

EKANGALA - The Organise Advance Educational Project (OAEP) will hold a voter education meeting at Zithabiseni Entertainment Centre from January 15 to January 28 at 8am and another meeting at Motlo Community Hall on January 24 at 9am.

RUSTENBURG - The Bafokeng Action Committee (BAC) will hold a meeting at the St Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Phokeng tomorrow at 2pm.

SOWETO - Thirteen churches in Tladi and Moletsane will launch the Tladi/Moletsane Ecumenical Chapter, an instrument for inter-church co-operation, at the St Phillips Neri Church, Moletsane, on Sunday at 2pm.

► The ANC Women's League, Moroka central branch, will host a Christmas function for pensioners at Ndondo Higher Primary School on Sunday at 12noon.

► The ANC Youth League Soweto zone will host a "Youth Togetherness Concert" at Mandela's Residence, Orlando West, on January 30 at 6pm, and there will also be a battle of the Disk Jockeys, among them Bob Mabena, Tim Modise, Ian Sigola and Vusi Letsoalo. Tickets will be sold at Ekhaya House, Room 12, Dube Village, at R5 a ticket and they will also be available at the gate.

RANDONTEIN - PAC general secretary, Benny Alexander, will be addressing the PAC Mohlakeng branch general meeting to be held at Phandulwazi Primary School on Sunday at 2pm.

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▼ **Hawkers:** Traders fined for not having licences ▼ **Violence:** Tambo wants violence stopped ▼

Clampdown!

★ *Traffic officers go on a pre-Christmas ticketing spree, fining unlicensed hawkers on city sidewalks*

Traffic officers on foot patrol in the Johannesburg city centre this week launched an unofficial pre-Christmas crackdown on hawkers as they ticketed unlicensed traders.

This co-incides with reports that the Johannesburg City Council (JCC) was considering a new proposal which would force hawkers to get the consent of shopkeepers before they could trade on the sidewalks outside their retail stores. Although NEW NATION witnessed a number of hawkers being fined,

the JCC denied any knowledge of the crackdown.

However, a council official, Dinkie Pillay, said he was not aware that traffic officers were ticketing hawkers.

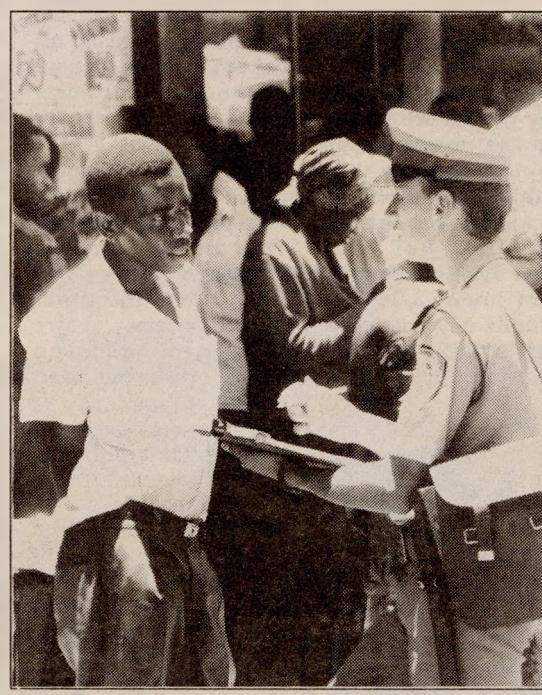
He said the city council never authorised the traffic department to issue tickets to hawkers for failure to produce licences.

He said the only important regulation that the hawkers were supposed to abide by was not to trade close to the traffic light and in areas not designated for hawking.

One traffic officer, said failure to produce a licence warranted a R30 fine while hawkers without licences had to pay a penalty of R100. But he was unable to explain how he would verify a hawker's claim that he had left his licence at home.

Gerd Sippel of the JCC urbanisation department said the council's proposal would provide for proper management of hawking.

He said traders would not be allowed to demand rental from hawkers but would enter into an agreement about what the hawker sells on the pavement.



On the wrong side: A traffic officer fines a hawker for trading without a licence on a Johannesburg pavement

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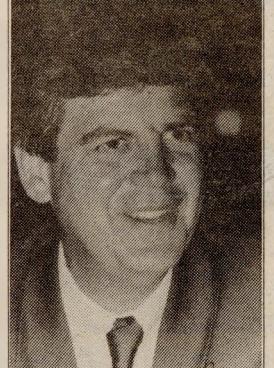
NEW NATION sources pointed out that most of the white officials were absent because they did not wish to be part of a meeting which was to "endorse" their proposed retrenchment.

Movers of the retrenchment motion had argued that it was necessary to retrench white officials because their expertise could not prevent a crisis in the township. To retrench black workers who were less paid, the councillors argued, would affect over 290 people, who are actually destitute and entitled to jobs in their own township.

Tough stance

Soweto is understood to have taken this tough stance after the TPA Administrator Danie Hough, the member of the provincial executive committee (MEC) B Lategan and National Housing and Local Government minister Leon Wessels, failed to meet them, despite repeated requests in the past five weeks.

The councillors believe that the three key government officials were avoiding a meeting



No meeting:
National Housing and Local Government minister Leon Wessels... failed to meet Soweto councillors.

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Illegal jail laws' probe

A NUMBER of civil claims have been lodged against the Ciskei military government, following a recent ruling declaring detention without trial illegal in the homeland.

The Ciskei Appellate Division ruling declared Section 26 of the homeland's National Security Act invalid and of no effect. The court found that decrees which clashed with the Bill of Rights enshrined in the homelands constitution were invalid.

Mdantsane civil rights lawyer Hintscha Siwisa this week said his office had about 40 claims against the state as a result of detentions without trial.

Opposition

Mike Smith, spokesperson for the firm which successfully challenged the validity of Section 26 on behalf of detainee, Thozamile Bongobi, said the firm had received no other claims in this regard.

Section 26 was one of the two key provisions used to stifle opposition to the Ciskei military ruler Brigadier Oupa Gqozo.

Earlier this year the ANC challenged the other provision, Section 43 of the homeland's National Security Act which imposed a blanket ban on all meetings of more than 20 people without permission from a magistrate or headman.

An application to set aside Section 43 was shelved pending the outcome of the Appeal Court's decision on Section 26.

However, given the clear ruling by the Appellate Division that laws militating against the Bill of Rights have to go, the application that Section 43 be repealed is a mere formality.

The ANC chairperson in the Border region Smuts Ngonyama said since Section 26 had been declared invalid, Section 43 was also invalid in that it prevents freedom of association and assembly.

Ngonyama, himself a former detainee in Ciskei, said the ANC was consulting lawyers and if the organisation had a leg to stand on, members of the ANC would institute claims against the state.

End violence – Tambo

A violent response to attacks on township residents will only serve to legitimise and perpetuate violence, ANC national chairperson OR Tambo told a Heroes' Day celebration rally in Vosloorus this week.

At the rally to mark the 31st anniversary of Umkhonto weSizwe, Tambo said it was not enough to know the purpose of the violence. "What we are suggesting is that the most effective way to deal with it (violence) is to undermine its causes."

Tambo urged the people



Intensify struggle:
ANC's OR Tambo

to renew their commitment to the liberation vision for which heroes and heroines lived and died.

"Apartheid is dying, though it still refuses to be buried. Instead, it seeks to recover by spreading violence in the black communities. We must devise effective ways to end that violence," Tambo said.

"The denial of essential public services feeds this violence," Tambo explained.

He said the existing violence could be ended by eradicating apartheid and replacing it with a united non-racial, non-sexist and democratic South Africa.

There were similar rallies in Natal and the western Cape.

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PAC's Moseeneke resigns

PAC deputy president Advocate Dikgang Moseeneke on Wednesday resigned from his post and also gave up his position in the organisation's national executive committee.

One of the main reasons cited for his resignation was the likelihood of an election battle being fought in 1993, which Moseeneke said would require intensive and undivided leadership.

He cited the "enormous pressure" that his family and law practice had to endure because of his work in the PAC, as another reason for his resignation.

"By tendering my resignation now I hope to afford delegates to our Fourth Annual Congress in April 1993 the opportunity to find and canvass for an appropriate candidate for the vacant position."

Accounts for pensioners

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) has urged its 289 000 pensioners to open bank accounts and avoid having to wait in long queues for their pensions.

The TPA said this week that pension administrators preferred to pay pensions and grants directly into personal bank accounts.

Pensioners can obtain the relevant application forms for this mode of payment at any of the 640 pay-points in the Transvaal.

ANC and govt threatened

THE PAC this week threatened the ANC and the government with armed action should they go ahead and install an interim government.

PAC national executive committee member and education secretary, Mogale Mphahlele, addressing a 300-strong PAC rally at Jane Furse in Lebowa, said the PAC would ensure that an interim government did not succeed next year.

According to Mphahlele, the government was lying when it said it would not talk to the PAC unless the organisation denounced the Azanian People's Liberation Army's armed activities against whites.

"They (the government) have sent a message to us saying they want talks with us before Christmas," said Mphahlele.

Dissidents reject inquiry

ANC dissidents, once held by the organisation in its detention camps, this week rejected an independent commission of inquiry, appointed to investigate human rights abuses in the movement's camps, as a farce.

The independent commission was appointed following the recommendations of an internal commission of inquiry, which found evidence of an "extraordinary abuse of powers" by ANC officials.

One of the former prisoners, Jose Ribeiro de Souza, said: "We and several other former prisoners should have been consulted."

"The ANC cannot appoint commissioners and expect them to be neutral."

Democratic lawyers needed

THE role of the National Democratic Lawyers Association (Nadel) is to produce a "new kind of lawyer" to ensure that "the poor, the marginalised and the outcasts are not forgotten".

Delivering the keynote address at a gathering in the Border region last weekend to mark International Human Rights Day, Professor Kadar Asmal, said such a lawyer would also be able to make a contribution towards a democratic order.

Asmal said South Africa would need a "critical if not radical" organisation which must constantly challenge any threat to democracy.

Squatting at Jeffreys Bay

A SQUATTER settlement is to be developed on prime residential property next to the troubled Marina Martinique, Jeffreys Bay, near Port Elizabeth, despite mounting opposition from wealthy landowners.

Residents are planning to set up an "action group" to oppose the development. However, town clerk Frans Viljoen said it was a "cut and dried" issue.

At a meeting on November 5, regional and local government representatives endorsed a decision to buy or expropriate 10 hectares of land owned by the Buchner Trust for the settlement.

▼ Power sharing: A response to Cosmas Desmond

Mandela will head next government

By Mac Maharaj

Cosmas Desmond in the article which appeared in last week's NEW NATION entitled "White Rule to Stay", indicates that he is clearly mesmerised by National Party leader FW de Klerk.

For him, De Klerk is "a better politician than any of those arrayed against him", he is dictating the agenda while being cunning enough "to allow the ANC to save some face". Thus Desmond con-

cludes that the coming elections can only be phoney; that negotiations are about "the capitulation process".

How is it that one who was blooded in the resistance of the Limehill removals of the

1970s come to be so blinded?

Look again at De Klerk. Some think he is a political magician. They do not see that it was the power of the people's struggle that enabled the ANC to force the regime to negotiate. But that image vanished shortly after February 2, 1990.

Hardly any one today fails to see De Klerk either as part of or a

prisoner of his security forces, that he is playing a political balancing act to keep together factions in the National Party and among apartheid's allies.

You cannot win at the table what you have not won on the ground. That is why tangible progress is being made.

The ANC and other organisations are unbanned. Robben Island prison has been closed, the majority of the prisoners have been released, those who were forced into exile, including Cosmas Desmond are coming home, the regime has had to repeal, amend or suspend numerous repressive laws in the major part of South Africa.

The NP government has committed itself to a democratically elected Constituent Assembly to draft and adopt the Constitution for a democratic South Africa. De Klerk set off with the aim of co-opting the ANC. He wanted to be both player and referee. He has had to concede that, even while the Constituent Assembly sits, an elected Interim Government of National Unity shall preside over South Africa.



Mac Maharaj

The coming elections are a critical watershed for the country. They will mark that moment in the democratisation of our country when the people begin putting their hands on the levers of power. It breaks the apartheid regime's monopoly of power. It creates the Constituent Assembly and enables it to perform its task under conditions of formally changed power relations.

Those who see these elections as phoney fail to recognise the importance of a democratically elected and democratically functioning Constituent Assembly.

Struggles

Negotiations are an arena which concentrate the countless struggles taking place on the ground. They focus on the key national issue of displacing the Nats from power and ending apartheid rule.

The hidden agenda of the regime and its allies should never blind us to the power we command to be able to check their plans. It is in our power to show the way and

lead the process of change.

To do so we need a firm grip on the realities in our country and the world we live in. We must take into account that within our country, despite its illegitimacy and lack of credibility, the NP is the de facto government. How we displace and remove it from power, is a key question about managing the transition and leading the country forward.

Here Cosmas Desmond falls into a trap. He is not able to see any difference between the ANC proposals based on National Unity for the immediate period and the Regime's longer term proposals for 'power sharing'.

The goal of the struggle led by the ANC is the transfer of power to the people as a whole and the establishment of a united, non-sexist and democratic South Africa. To facilitate this, we have set out very clear objectives for the immediate phase.

These are: the establishment of a democratic constitution making process, the ending of the regime's monopoly of power, ensuring a continuing link between democracy and socio-economic empowerment, and minimising the threat to stability and the democratic process.

Managing the transition is about achieving these immediate objectives as part of realising the transfer of power to the people. The political agenda for this is based on our concept of National Unity.

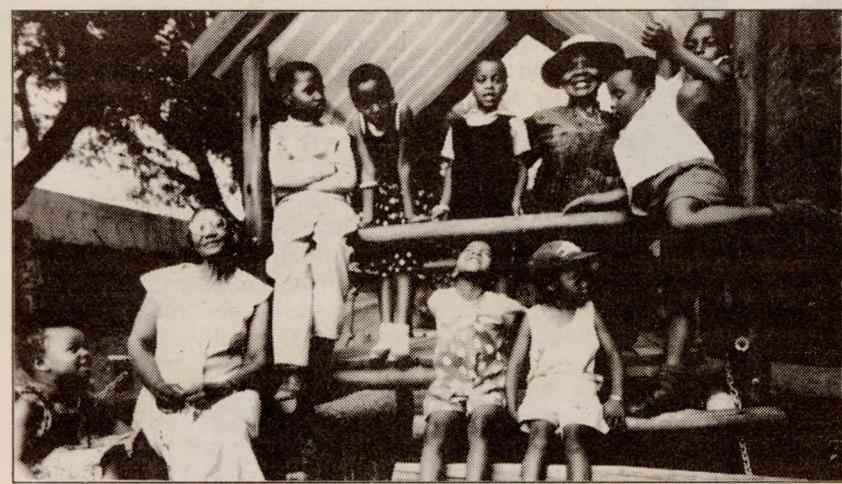
However, the specific forms through which National Unity is realised, must be such that they do not delay or obstruct the orderly transition to majority rule and that the parties that have lost the elections will not be able to paralyse the functioning of the government.

This is a different kettle of fish from the regime's power sharing proposal. They want to block the will of the majority. They want a veto in the hands of the minority. They want to perpetuate white privilege.

At this point Cosmas Desmond loses his way. For him, National Unity means De Klerk at the head of the table, Mandela on his right and Buthelezi on his left. He does not see the critical role of the coming elections.

Through the elections, the ANC and Comrade Mandela are certainly going to be at the head of the table. What happens to the De Klerks and the Buthelezs will be sorted out by the people in the elections. The ANC places its confidence in the judgment of the people at the polling booth. Why should Desmond fear this moment?

Is it because he cannot get to grips with the reality of negotiations? It is time we make our choices. Either we have confidence in ourselves, the power of the people and the negotiations process. Or, we stand in awe of the power that De Klerk wields and retreat behind our barricades. Victory never comes to the faint-hearted.



Play time: Maureen Thoo, left, who heads the St Alban's Children Centre in Johannesburg and assistant teacher, Irene Dilwane, with some of their pupils. Thoo said the centre specialised in a programme which helps children to overcome difficulties at schools using languages other than their mother tongue. Thoo said there were just a few places still to be filled and advised interested parents to contact the centre before 12 January 1992 at tel (011) 834-8322.

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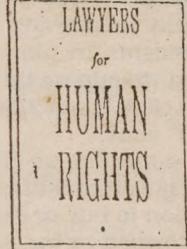
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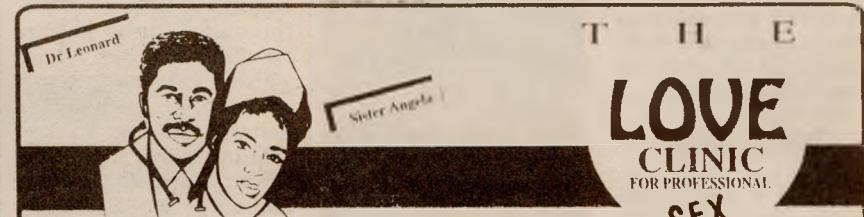
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ANC wants all colours

Faced with an "extremely small" number of white, Indian and coloured members, the ANC region in the eastern Transvaal resolved at its annual conference, held last week, to embark on a massive recruitment drive in these communities.

The region's publicity

secretary, Jackson Mthembu, said the ANC had not done enough to recruit members from these communities.

The conference further resolved to suspend the region's former secretary, Joe Nkuna, from all leadership positions in the ANC. The suspension is valid for a year.

Nkuna's suspension fol-

lows findings of an internal commission of inquiry which was set up to investigate allegations of misconduct and corruption against him.

The conference also resolved that Nkuna should be suspended for "dubious and suspicious dealings with the security forces".

But Nkuna denied the

allegations and said it was an "enemy plot" to destroy him.

"I am very disappointed because these allegations come from a member of the ANC... to turn against me like that... he knows very well that the things he is alleging did not take place. This only serves to satisfy the enemy," he said.

Nkuna also said he was challenging the merits of the REC commission which investigated allegations of corruption and negligence against him, saying that the "people who were accusing me of doing these things are the same people who served on the commission".

This week in Brief

GLUCKMAN WANTS DEATHS PROBE

Dr Jonathan Gluckman (left) calls for a full detailed investigation of individual cases of deaths in police custody. This follows claims by law and order minister Hernus Kriel that Gluckman's allegations of detainees dying in large numbers at the hands of police were false. Meanwhile the number of deaths in police custody this year increases to 119 with two more prisoners dying in the Free State and western Transvaal.

PROBE INTO THEFT OF EXILES CASH

Two major church organisations in South Africa pledge to hold an independent commission of inquiry into the affairs of the National Co-ordinating Committee for the Return of SA Exiles following the alleged theft of R300 000 in United Nations funding. The SA Council of Churches and the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference have been playing a key role in co-ordinating the return of exiles.

PUBLIC SERVANTS FEAR THE FUTURE

A Human Sciences Research Council survey of public servants finds that the service is racked with fear and uncertainty about job and pension security under a future democratic government. More than two thirds of the public servants surveyed believe progress in their careers will be restricted and their work situation will become intolerable.

GOLDSTONE ON THE ALEX TAXI WARS

The Goldstone Commission blames commercial rivalry and intolerance among rival taxi associations for the taxi violence in Alexandra township. The commission, headed by Justice Richard Goldstone (right) also blames the authorities for having failed to devise a timely strategy to deal with the booming taxi business.



COMMUNITIES GET THEIR LAND BACK

The Roosboom and Charlestown communities near Kliprivier and Newcastle respectively succeed in reclaiming the land they were dispossessed of under apartheid. The Advisory Commission on Land Allocation recommends to FW de Klerk that the land be returned to the two communities after considering an application for the restoration of ownership.

ONE TICKET FOR RAIL, BUS AND TAXI

The SA Rail Commuter Corporation says it plans to introduce tickets that will enable commuters to use all modes of transport in South Africa, including rail, taxi and bus transport.

APLA CHIEF CONFIRMS ATTACKS

Azanian Peoples' Liberation Army (Apla) commander-in-chief Johnson Mlambo confirms that guerrillas from his organisation carried out the King William's Town and Queenstown attacks. Mlambo is the most senior PAC military commander yet to accept responsibility for the attacks.

NEW UNITY MOVEMENT CONFERENCE

The New Unity Movement holds its eighth annual conference in Cape Town. The conference is opened by the organisation's president Richard Dudley.

DP LEADERS INJURED IN SCUFFLE

Democratic Party (DP) leaders Robin Carlisle and Jasper Walsh receive minor injuries when they attempt to hold a meeting in Cape Town's Khayelitsha township. The DP blames ANC supporters for disrupting the meeting.

SINGLE CITY BREAKTHROUGH FOR PE

Political, industrial, commercial and civic leaders sign a Single City Declaration of Intent to bring about "unity and stability" in Port Elizabeth. Signatories include the Afrikaanse Sakekamer, the ANC, Cape Provincial Administration, National Party, the Port Elizabeth City Council and the SACP.

UN ASKED TO CHECK ON PAC BASES

Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa (left) invites the United Nations monitoring group to investigate claims that the PAC's armed wing maintained training bases in the homeland. But head of the UN monitoring group Angela King says this should be the task of the Goldstone Commission, adding that the mandate of her group was simply to observe and report back.

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★ Educational structures call for a better education in 1993

There has been no major improvement in education despite the fact that there were less disruptions in schools this year, said National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) organiser, Terry Tselane this week.

Tselane said lack of resources and qualified teachers were contributing to the breakdown of the culture of learning. This was worsened by violence.

Refusing to make any predictions on matric results, Tselane said: "We know that condi-

results."

To improve the situation, Tselane said the NECC had resolved to embark on campaigns to force the state to address demands such as, delivery of sufficient textbooks on time, the suspension of all unilateral restructuring of education and the establishment of a negotiating forum on education

Concerned

The Department of Education and Training (DET) said that it had done its "best" to educate the pupils and that it was concerned about teachers who did not take their jobs seriously.

"We have even paid teachers who did not

teach at some schools," DET spokesperson, Corrie Rademeyer said.

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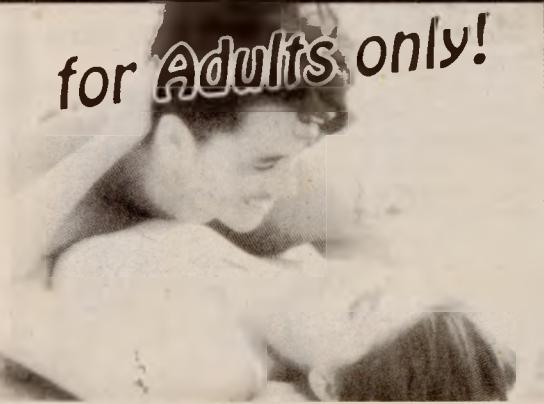
He denounced pupils who drove principals from schools as well as teachers and pupils who took part in political activities which led to disruption of classes.

Meanwhile, both the Pan-Africanist Students Organisation (Paso) and the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) committed themselves to rebuilding the culture of learning next year.

Paso and Cosas, who in the past have disagreed on many issues, vowed that they would also combat rife gangsterism and vandalism at schools.

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Sexually speaking

This month – Christmas and sexuality

It's the end of the newspaper year, and we happen to be finishing it on a "Sexual" note - but in a way that's like life itself. Christmas is when many people get to go home and be with their families. Because of your jobs, some of you may not get to go home again for another whole year! This means that some people only get to enjoy a relaxed and happy sexual relationship with their own spouse or partner at this one time of the year. But for other people, it may mean that accidental encounters will take place.

I was discussing this with Beauty, "Groover", Prince, Gwen, and Sally at our last meeting, and asked what they thought some of the consequences might be.

Sally immediately answered that many more babies will be born nine months later. She said she knew this because a friend of hers is a nurse and she told her that September is often the busiest month for delivering babies, and the staff calls them "Christmas babies."

Most maternity doctors and nurses will have experienced the same thing. It can be very exhausting. Prince said he had a friend who went to a party last Christmas and had too much to drink. He met an attractive girl and ended up sleeping with her. As a result, the girl became pregnant, and he got "drop".

Groover said if the boy had "drop", it meant the girl had been sleeping with someone else; so she would not know if Prince's friend was the father.

Gwen also asked how the boy knew he had got the "drop" from that girl. She said he could easily have got it from someone else.

Those were important questions we should discuss next year. But for the moment I thought we should rather emphasise two other things. Firstly, it is very easy to end up sleeping with someone if you've had alcohol. Secondly, it is very easy to forget about using a condom in this situation. If Prince's friend had used a condom, the girl would not have got pregnant, and he wouldn't have got sexually transmitted disease. We can only hope that he did not get exposed to the AIDS virus - but of course, a condom would also have prevented that possibility.

Beauty nearly exploded then. I was really surprised.

"Dr Jon," she said, "I'm so sick and tired

of hearing about AIDS and condoms! Can't we discuss something else - especially just before Christmas?"

Don't you think it's important though?" I asked in return.

She said it was important, but she's just heard enough of it. She's sure everyone knows all about it by now. I said I wasn't so sure. Some people still don't believe that AIDS even exists, or that it is a serious problem. I'd also just been reading a study which proved that many men and women do not know how to use a condom properly! Some of them damaged it when they took it out of the package. Some of the women accidentally tore the soft rubber of the condom with their long nails. Some men who kept the fingernail on their little finger long, also tore the condom. Some people unrolled the condoms first and then tried to put it into the penis the same way as you would pull on a sock.

Groover laughed. I said he shouldn't laugh, because it was a tragedy that people who were actually prepared to use a condom didn't do it properly! It was just as bad as those people who cut off the tips of the condoms after they had put them on. There is no point in using a condom unless it is done properly.

Other people damaged the condom by using an oily lubricant or vaseline with it. I said that another time I would bring a wooden penis and show the group the correct way to put a condom onto it.

If you are unsure about the correct way of using a condom, please ask a health worker to explain exactly how they must be used to be effective.

Please keep on writing with your suggestions topics for both this column and the other one, "Private and Confidential". I hope that soon you will find the answers.

For now, all that is left to say is to wish every one of you, from me, and the group, a very happy Christmas and New Year!

Dr Jon

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Sasco rejects NECC

The SA Students' Congress (Sasco) has called for the disbandment of its mother-body, the National Co-ordinating Committee (NECC).

The organisation's publicity officer, Mogomotsi Mogodire, said the NECC had been transformed into a "talk shop" and that it had "dismally failed to implement any tangible programmes to transform education and oppose the government's unilateral restructuring of education".

Sasco said that it would embark on a campaign to see to it that a National Education Forum is established to replace the NECC.

The organisation also resolved to "differ fundamentally" with the ANC's recently adopted Strategic Perspective document, which envisages power-sharing with the National Party.

Sasco has also called for an urgent summit to review strategies and tactics and chart the way forward.

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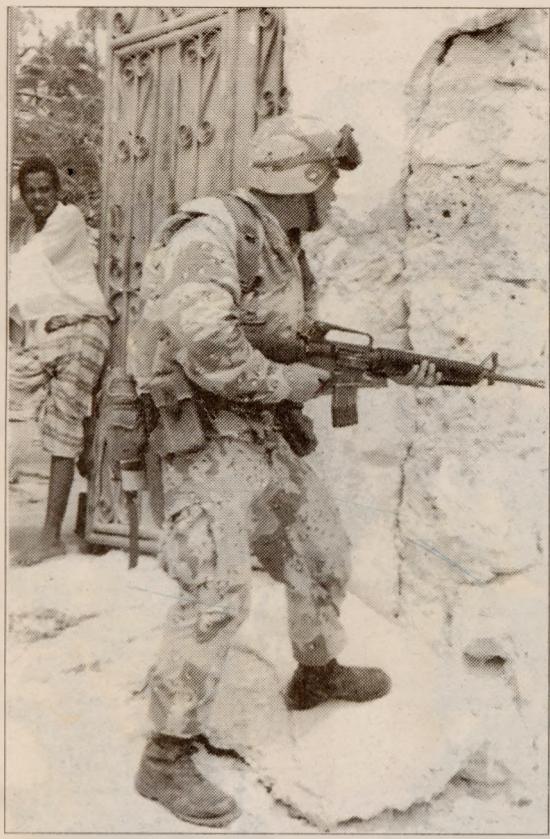
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On guard: A US Marine stands guard outside a warehouse while a food convoy is unloaded in Mogadishu, Somalia, this week.

World News

Relief comes to Somalia

THE American ambassador to Somalia told dispirited aid workers in Baidoa that help was on its way and troops from Operation Restore Hope would arrive shortly to guard them from marauding gunmen.

"Whatever criticisms we have had in the past, we're all going to put Somalia back on its feet," Ambassador Robert Oakley told reporters after meeting Somali leaders and foreign relief workers during a visit to Baidoa.

Protest at reporter's arrest

HUMAN rights groups and international news organisations protested to Israel this week against the unexplained arrest of a Palestinian reporter covering an upsurge in violence in the occupied territories.

State-owned Israel Radio said Reuter correspondent Taher Shriteh had been picked up because he had received a telephone call from the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas, claiming responsibility for the killing of an Israeli soldier last Saturday. Hamas telephoned many other journalists to make the claim.

Danish hopes on EC treaty

DANISH Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen said in Copenhagen this week he hoped his own country and Britain will have ratified the Maastricht treaty by the time Denmark's six-month tenure as EC president ends on June 30.

▼ **Aid:** Hope for Mozambique

▼ **Malawi:** Dissident unionist jailed ▼

Relief!

★ International donors pledge millions for war-torn Mozambique

International donors in Rome, Italy, this week promised some R600-million to promote peace and avert famine in Mozambique.

The largest single pledge, R270-million, was made by the European Community. Italy, which is hosting a two-day donor conference for Mozambique, promised some R222-million. A further breakdown was not immediately available.

The conference brings together Western donors and countries such as Russia and China which held ideological sway over the former Por-

tuguese colony after it gained independence in 1975.

Mozambique pressed for the gathering to ask for aid to rebuild the country after a devastating 16-year civil war and one of its worst droughts this century.

Hoped

Mozambican diplomats said they hoped donors would have met their request

for R1 200-million in aid by the end of the conference.

The conference follows a two-day World Bank meeting in Paris last week at which the bank announced international donors had promised R2 280-million for Mozambique's long-term reconstruction programme.

The required amount includes around R411-million in food aid, with the rest intended for economic and social projects plus import support, the Bank said.

Anger at jail term for leader

A group of Malawi dissidents this week condemned the jailing of their leader and called for continued pressure on the government of President-for-life Kamuzu Banda.

The Alliance for Democracy (Aford) said in a statement issued in Lusaka, Zambia, that the trial of its interim chairman, Chakufwa Chihana, had been marked by "unprecedented political interference in judicial proceedings".

Chihana, a trade unionist and long-time opponent of Banda's, was convicted in Blantyre this week on two counts of sedition and jailed for two years.

The detention of Chihana in April contributed to a decision by Western nations to cut aid to push

for democratic reform in Malawi. The country has been ruled with an iron fist by Banda since independence in 1964.

"We believe the conviction is a deliberate and calculated attempt to instil fear in those campaigning for democratic reform," said the statement, signed by Aford publicity secretary Reverend Aaron Longwe.

It called on all Malawians committed to genuine democratic reform to maintain pressure on the government and campaign vigorously for the rule of law and democracy. It also appealed for international solidarity to "ensure that the government lives up to its international commitment on human rights and good governance".

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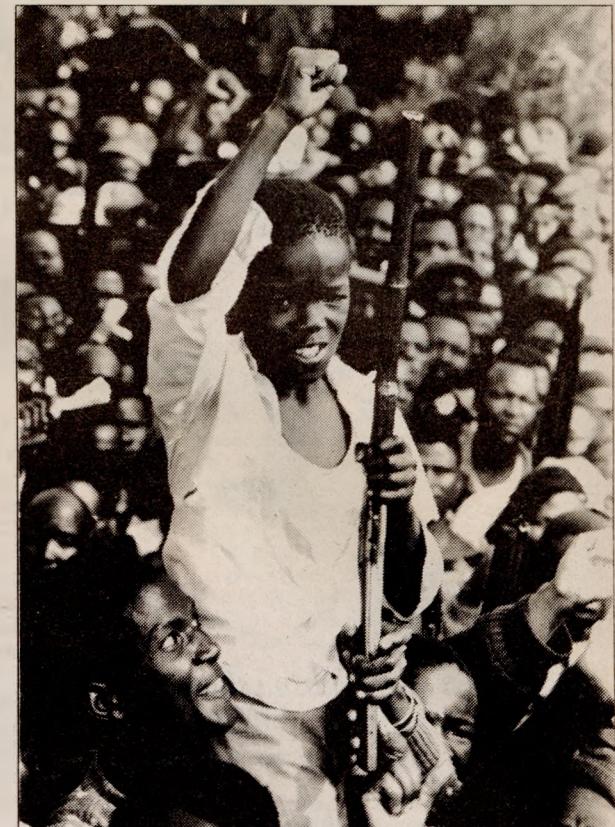
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Optimism is the key for the future

face the Nation speaks to Robert Davies, co-director of the Centre for Southern African Studies at the University of the Western Cape for his thoughts on the highlights of political developments in the Southern African region during 1992. Davies was born in Cape Town in 1948. He studied at Rhodes University, Grahamstown (1966-9), and read politics at the universities of Southampton (1970-1) and Sussex (1974-7). He was in exile for 19 years, 11 of which were spent in Mozambique. He has written extensively on regional integration.



NEW NATION: What do you consider to be the political highlights of the region in 1992?

ROBERT DAVIES: There were three. First, in South Africa, towards the end of the year there was some indication that state president FW de Klerk might be prepared to walk the last mile.

Secondly, the election in Angola and particularly the electoral defeat of Unita.

Thirdly, the signing of the ceasefire in Mozambique.

Maybe one could add the end of the Reagan-Bush era which has had nothing but destructive effects on Southern Africa.

However, what is called for, is cautious optimism.

There is a serious danger which is created in Angola. If there is a deal in which Unita is seen to have demonstrably gained from resorting to violence when it lost an election, that would create a precedent which certain forces in this country would be eager to seize on.

In South Africa, there are events that could lead to that last mile not being walked and in Mozambique there are serious questions about whether the ceasefire will be consolidated.

We are yet to see the shape of the global economic environment. Is it going to be another round of protectionism or are we going through another round of neo-liberal Reaganomics forced down the third world? Or is there going to be some space created now with Bill Clinton coming in, or are the countries in the South going to begin to find their own solution? This will shape the context in which a democratic South Africa would take its place in the community of nations.

Are you saying that De Klerk's commitment to democracy, not ANC's compromise, will

make him walk the last mile?

The ANC's willingness to compromise was one factor in addition to which there were signs that the regime was under strain: there were a number of resignations and differences. There was a growing recognition that the economic crisis was not going to be resolved until there was a resolution of the political crisis.

The crisis worsened. We knew we were heading for an eight percent deficit, there was the disastrous effect of the drought; and this is a third year in a row that we have had negative economic growth.

We need to see what the shape of the settlement will be. What the ANC has talked about is a limited power-sharing, not power-sharing in the abstract terms implied by the National Party (NP) earlier on.

What is there to suggest that the balance of forces will shift in favour of the liberation movement?

The are a number of things. There is the increasing incoherence within the regime, as I pointed out. Also, we can expect next year or early in 1994 that there will be an electoral process, the outcome of which will not be the totality, but an element of it.

How will elections be a factor in power-sharing. Won't the ANC and NP be partners?

It is a factor in the overall analysis of the balance of forces. If the ANC wins an election, there is still a possibility of destabilisation. There must be some kind of political accommodation to avoid that. If the liberation movement does well in the elections, then the degree of influence of the forces that would block a transition would be less than if the liberation movement were to do

badly.

Is the ANC failing to learn from the regional experience that opting for political power will not transform the society?

The early generation of political leaders like Ghanaian leader, Kwame Nkrumah Nkrumah said "seek ye first the political kingdom", which under-estimated the way in which the economic rules of the game would continue to be determined. That context faces all of us.

One lesson is that we have to manage the economy in a responsible way so that we do not run up unsustainable deficits on the balance of payments of the state budget. Obviously that would lead to international financial institutions coming in to determine the policies we have to follow in a range of issues in socio-economic spheres.

Even if it were a question of undiluted domestic political power, there is still the external environment in which you operate and impose a series of constraints.

Some of these constraints are going to be set by the international economic environment in which we operate. That would be the case regardless of what the political outcome would be.

Does power-sharing mean opting for political kingdom?

Power-sharing depends on the content. If it is going to be a prolonged transitional arrangement - some government lasting for the next 10 years or so - that will act as a brake on the capacity of the new government to bring about change, there are going to be two negative consequences.

Firstly, the social crisis will not be addressed and the economic restructuring, which is possible and necessary, won't be done.

Secondly, it will bring in a degree of uncertainty because the final shape of the political order will not be clear to investors, among others. Such an arrangement would be detrimental.

But if we are talking about an arrangement for a defined and relatively brief time, when there would be a government of national unity, then I think that is another kind of ball game. We have to wait and see.

Do you think the ANC can go it alone without its Patriotic Front partners?

I do not think that bilateral deals will be sufficient. I think that an inclusive approach is called for.

However, there is a danger that third parties may try to gain additional influence by sort of making unreasonable demands about the next rounds of negotiations. If this were to occur on a significant scale, it might delay events.

The PAC, it seems, is torn between a political leadership, which would negotiate, and a more militant military wing, which is not happy about this stance.

The ANC is silent on the question of land. What do you think will be the consequences of this with regards to peasantry in the sub-region?

The ANC's Land Commission is beginning to

address different options with increasing seriousness.

However, even if we have a favourable land redistribution programme, we still need to face the urbanisation challenge.

There is a need to try and maintain and/or increase productivity in the agricultural sector and a real development and transformation programme.

Do you think that the world will get tired with South Africa or that there will be an overflow of opportunities for economic regeneration?

The attitude of foreign investors has hardened over the past few years. Our salvation lies in getting our policies right and dealing with our domestic affairs and not with foreign investors.

Investors would want to see a political settlement, a significant decrease in the levels of violence and a new government's economic policy that would satisfy them. Until we get all these right, we cannot hope to mobilise even the readily available foreign investments.

Wouldn't power-sharing delay requisite decisiveness by the new government?

If there is a clear progression between the government of national unity and a new democratic dispensation, that would not happen.

But if an attempt was made to just involve all the constituencies on the ground by having all key players, it would have the possible unintended consequence of continuing the uncertainty.

If we have not clarified the issue in 10 years, we are going to be in serious trouble.

The shorter the period of uncertainty, the better.

Any opportunity for a regional agenda next year?

South Africa has enormous domestic problems and the region is still looking for its participation in regional developmental programmes. It will be in South Africa's interests to be part of these programmes and get access to regional resources such as hydro-power. The region would also gain on the mineral beneficiation programme.

One hopes the region can get its act together soon and then its economic programme will be the major challenge.

Will regional co-operation deviate from excluding peasantry?

There are a number of constituencies that should be drawn in, including trade unions, women's organisations - as women are engaged across the border.

The real challenge is to develop regional constituencies and have these begin to drive and influence an emerging regional programme. Unless this happens, there is a danger that another legend of Africa could be repeated, where meaningless treaties and documents are signed at summit level and are therefore not implemented.

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LOOKING BACK AT 1992

The year 1992 saw unprecedented political developments in South Africa.

Having started on a positive note with Codesa's working groups beginning their work, it wasn't long before negotiations began to falter. Prospects for a political settlement improved towards the end of the year, but not enough to ensure the installation of an interim government by the end of 1992. NEW NATION spoke to the ANC, PAC, Azapo and National Party about the past year and their plans, hopes and fears for 1993

*Pallo Jordan
African National
Congress*

The ANC's director of information, Dr Pallo Jordan, points out that the year started with a great deal of optimism. It was hoped that, after Codesa II, the outcome of the deliberations of the Codesa working groups, which were installed in January, would be endorsed.

Jordan, however, laments the intransigence of the National Party (NP) and its allies during



The ill-fated Codesa: Its working groups started their deliberations at the beginning of the year, but negotiations faltered until the recent Record of Understanding and bilateral talks between the ANC and the government

1992 and the resultant delay in the process towards achieving a democratic order.

"The NP demonstrated that it was not a willing participant. Hence it had to be compelled through various pressures to come to the realisation that movement towards democracy could no longer be held hostage by the forces which have their own petty interests to protect," Jordan says.

He hails the fact that the NP, towards the end of the year, realised that it had to move, and agreements such as the Record of Understanding were reached and the recent bilateral meeting between the ANC and the government took place.

"However, the NP has still not delivered on its undertakings in the Record of Understanding. It has not fenced off hostels, as agreed in that meeting; it has not taken measures to ensure that the carrying of dangerous weapons in public is in fact prohibited; it has also not met the November 15 deadline for the release of political prisoners.

"It will certainly have to be compelled to deliver on these undertakings," he says.

On the high level of violence in 1992, Jordan said it was sad to realise that state structures such as the Department of Military Intelligence (DMI) were deeply involved in perpetrating violence, as was revealed at various hearings of the Goldstone Commission and in the media.

"One can not say every single cabinet minister knows the operational details of the DMI, but it is clear to me that they (the DMI) couldn't possibly have done so many things without some guidelines from the top... unless there is some level of incompetence to the extent that the cabinet is not aware of MI activities," Jordan argues.

Jordan also charges that the South African government has not yet ceased its aggressive stance in the region. "It is quite unusual that a foreign minister is declared a persona non grata," he said, referring to the Angolan government's decision to bar SA foreign minister Pik Botha from entering its country.

"They (the SA government) have established several ostensibly private companies and these are the ones that are carrying out the campaigns of destabilisation in Angola. They are certainly operating on instructions from the SADF and acting in the interests of the NP gov-

ernment.

"This (the destabilisation) indicates that things can still swing in a very negative direction, not only for the country, but the entire (southern African) region.

"If the NP has failed to accept the outcome of a democratic process in Angola, what about in South Africa itself?" asked Jordan.

He also expressed disappointment that the year was ending on a negative note, where Apla was claiming and being blamed for attacks on whites in the eastern Cape.

Jordan says he is not convinced that Apla committed the attacks.

"Whoever was involved in the attacks aimed to use them as provocations to enable the SA government to use force against the Transkei and Zimbabwe in view of the fact that the leadership in these two territories has refused to bend down to the Pretoria regime.

"But, if there are cross-border raids into the Transkei, that will change the entire equation in the country. A raid against Zimbabwe will be even worse in the sense that it will change the equation in the entire region," says Jordan.

Nevertheless, Jordan says there is reason to be optimistic about 1993. "If the government lives up to its undertakings at the recent bilateral talks with the ANC, 1993 can be a very fruitful year.

"People will be looking forward to the first democratic election, which will be the most decisive form of mass action," says Jordan.

He is not discouraged by Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) attempts to boycott movement towards an election. "By and large, the forces of democracy have succeeded in defeating those that do resist change in whatever form.

"Quite clearly, the role of the IFP during this year has been that of a spoiler. From Codesa I, we have seen what Chief (Mangosuthu) Buthelezi has been trying to do by insisting on special status at Codesa for the Zulu King and by wanting a place for the kwaZulu government.

"He then rejects the Record of Understanding on the grounds that the IFP was not part of

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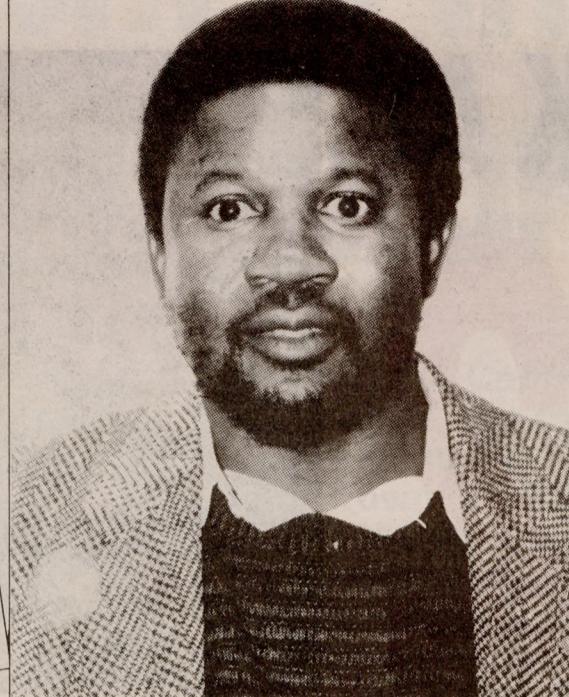
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Hopes and fears for 1993



▲ The PAC's secretary for political affairs, Jaki Seroke: backs the ANC's mass action but his organisation doesn't support elections designed to bring about an interim government



▲ Azapo deputy-president Pandelani Nefolovhodwe: Azapo would regard an interim government as part of a neo-colonial settlement and would mobilise people against it



▲ ANC information director Pallo Jordan: 1993 will be a fruitful year in which people will be looking forward to the first democratic election - the most decisive form of mass action

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the agreement. That is patent nonsense, unless Chief Buthelezi is telling us that only IFP members stay in hostels, for example, and that only IFP members carry dangerous weapons.

"If that is the case, they should say so... Organisations on the far right, such as the AWB, have been displaying dangerous weapons in public... Is he speaking on their behalf when he rejects the Record of Understanding?" Jordan asked.

It is regrettable that the PAC and Azapo are on the sidelines of the negotiations process, he says.

"Anyone who wants to secure a democratic order in this country should be keen to work for elections for a constituent assembly now."

"I cannot see any rational reasons for any party, which is serious about democracy, to stay out of a process leading to that goal."

Pandelani Nefolovhodwe Azanian People's Organisation

Azapo deputy-president Pandelani Nefolovhodwe argues that the black majority in South Africa, under the leadership of the liberation movement, made no achievements whatsoever in 1992.

He says that only the De Klerk government made achievements by legitimising itself and its "collaborators" - the homeland and the tricameral parliament leaders.

"De Klerk has also succeeded in getting the liberation movement to help him get economic sanctions and the cultural boycott lifted."

"Some sections of the liberation movement have co-operated with De Klerk to the extent of weakening themselves by suspending the armed struggle and, more importantly, he has succeeded in fostering his divide-and-rule strategy by having bilateral talks with each of the liberation movements," argues the Azapo leader.

"Furthermore, De Klerk has also succeeded in dividing the black community."

He stands and watches as our people fight and kill each other. He uses his surrogates in the homelands to weaken the liberation movement."

A positive sign, in Azapo's view, would be De Klerk relinquishing power and handing it over to a democratically elected government.

Commenting on the ANC and the talk of a power-sharing arrangement, Nefolovhodwe said, "You can not share power that you don't have. De Klerk can share it, because he has got it."

"The liberation movement should seek nothing less than having power in its hands and then talk about anything else," he said.

To counter power-sharing, Azapo would next year "mobilise our people against this neo-colonial settlement which they call interim government or government of national unity".

Nefolovhodwe said Azapo would mobilise against next year's planned election for a constitution-making body, agreed on by the ANC and the government.

The Azapo leader adds that, should such an election be held and an interim government installed, Azapo would become an extra-parliamentary opposition and would "continue to fight for the complete transfer of power to the majority, regardless of who will be in that so-called government of national unity".

The organisation will also mobilise to intensify the demand for the election of a constituent assembly "on our terms, which are that it should be held on the basis of one-man, one-vote, on a common voters roll and in a unitary South Africa".

Azapo will also adopt the armed struggle option, among other means, in their strategy from next year, he says.

Nefolovhodwe sees no prospects for unity within the liberation movement and says that 1993 will be the last year his organisation will seek to co-operate with the ANC.

"Certain sections of the liberation movement have already agreed with the regime on several fundamental matters. To pursue unity would amount to going to the ANC and saying 'abandon your stand on this and that and withdraw the undertakings you have already made with the government'."

"Azapo is not interested in talking to people who are not real revolutionaries. Our duty is to free our people from oppression... we will therefore send our pleas to them (people) and unite them against any form of oppression such as the neo-colonialist order which our people are being driven to," he says.

Azapo is arranging a meeting with the government and is looking forward to inviting other sections of the liberation movement to join its delegation at the meeting. "But if they don't want to, we will go ahead with the meeting and speak on behalf of our people," Nefolovhodwe said.

Jaki Seroke Pan Africanist Congress

The PAC's secretary for political affairs, Jaki Seroke, saw 1992 as a wasteful year, marked by the "time wasted at Codesa".

"When we pulled out from the Codesa preparatory talks in December last year, we made it clear that, that was not the type of forum that would succeed in ushering in the freedom that our people desire."

"We were proven right when the parties at Codesa started experiencing problems and there was a deadlock."

"The stubbornness of the regime, which we pointed out when we quit the preparatory talks, was evident during the Codesa process itself," argues Seroke.

He hails the mass protests called by the ANC-led alliance to put pressure on the government to meet certain demands, but laments the fact that these were limited to mere demonstrations, instead of being extended to other methods such as armed action.

"We did not like things like the Bisho massacre, where our people were merely on the receiving end of bullets and were not able to retaliate," he said.

The PAC leader said his organisation would not take part in the election which is being mooted by the ANC and the government, if it is designed to bring about an interim government.

"We do not believe in an interim government," Seroke said.

Should the ANC and the government forge ahead with their plans for an election for a constitution-making body and legislature, the PAC will have no option but to boycott such an election.

He said the PAC stood fast in its demand for the holding of elections for a constituent assembly and the appointment of an internationally supervised transitional authority. This would confine itself to areas of the security forces, state media, elections and finance.

For the PAC, the joint running of

finance is a "catch-them-all" move in that all departments are funded by this.

There are hopes for unity among the liberation movements, Seroke says, pointing to moves by Zimbabwean president Robert Mugabe to revive the Patriotic Front.

As for talks with the government, Seroke says the government will eventually talk to them, despite their refusal to distance themselves from Apla activities.

NEW NATION has reliably learnt that constitutional affairs minister Roelf Meyer has been in contact with PAC negotiators, urging them that "lines of communication should remain open". This was after the government announced that it was suspending talks with the PAC until the latter had clarified its position on violence.

Roelf Meyer National Party

Constitutional affairs minister Roelf Meyer says some progress was registered in 1992 and that next year's sitting of the tricameral parliament could be the last, provided there is rapid movement towards the holding of a non-racial election.

He said the NP was prepared to agree to the holding of an election earlier than the date set up by the state president - May/April 1994.

Violence and the lack of preparedness from all parties to come to a multi-party negotiating forum, were among the obstacles that could make the holding of an election by next year impossible.

The government, he said would continue its efforts to get all parties into the multi-party forum and get an election pact worked out by all parties in order to avoid a situation where some parties would oppose the holding of the country's first non-racial polls.

Contrary to suggestions that negotiations between the ANC and his party would experience problems as soon as the two got to discuss the interim constitution, Meyer says this can be avoided through a commitment to progress from all parties that will be in the process.

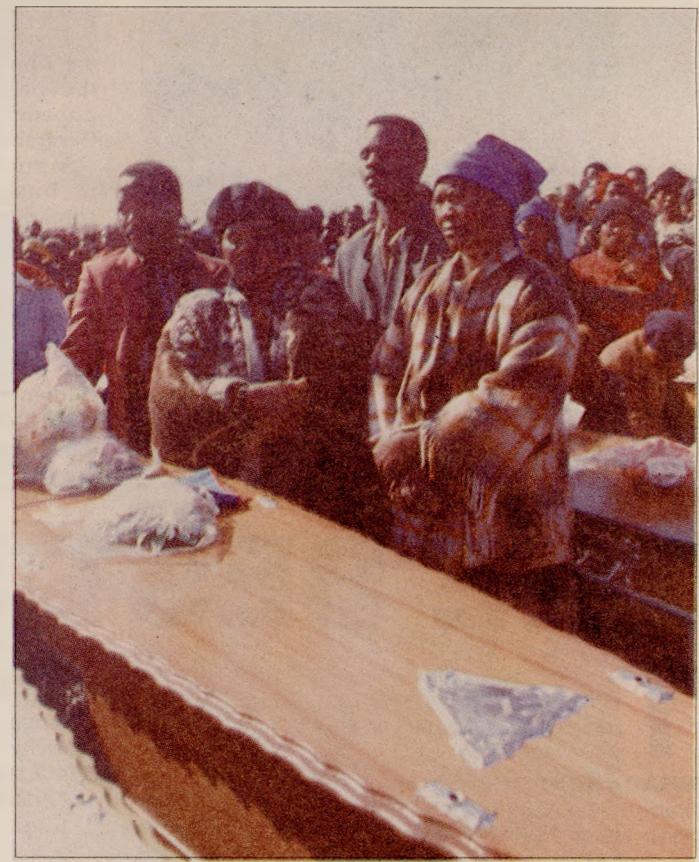
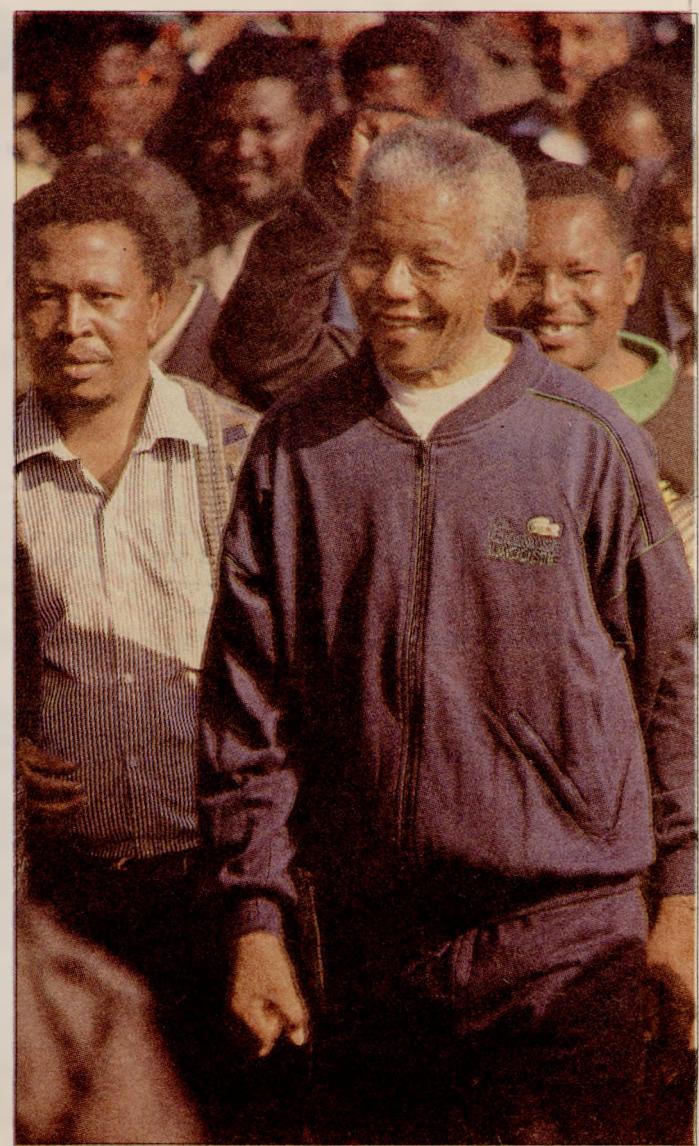
1992 – THE YEAR IN PICTURES

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Clockwise from top right:

- ANC president Nelson Mandela leads marchers to the Union Buildings in Pretoria during the mass action campaign.
- Grieving family members at the graveside of Boipatong massacre victims.
- Marchers run for cover as Ciskei troops open fire in the Bisho massacre.
- An Inkatha impi on the march in Johannesburg.
- A Phola Park resident shows empty gun shells after an SADF raid on the squatter camp.
- Police guard a colleague's house in Boipatong which was set alight by angry crowds following the massacre in the nearby squatter camp.



CULTURE

IT'S ALL HAPPENING AT THE MARKET

The Market Theatre precinct in Johannesburg will be buzzing with activity this December. Among the acts lined up to appear at the venue are top musicians

Hugh Masekela and Ray Phiri, award-winning choirs and a host of talented buskers.

The "original" Johannesburg Flea Market will be running in the precinct area every weekday from 12 noon until



Christmas Jazz... Hugh Masekela and his band Lerapo are appearing at Kippies at the Market Theatre from December 22 until December 25

8pm. Christmas shopping will be an adventure with an incredible variety of unique and inexpensive items: Zambian, Nigerian, Ethiopian and local curios, funky clothes and jewellery, records and CDs, crafts, sculptures and much more.

Music is the flavour of the holiday season celebration. Barney Simon's "Singing the Times" featuring the phenomenal singing talents of Patty Nokwe and her daughters Marilyn and Tu is on at the Laager Theatre; John Matshikiza's "Prophets in the Black Sky" is Upstairs at the Market and Sipho "Hotstix" Mabuse and Sibongile Khumalo's "What About Tomorrow?" is on in the main theatre until December 19.

From December 21 to 26 Ray Phiri opens his new show, "Unplugged" a celebration of pure acoustic sound. Appearing with Phiri will be some of the country's top musicians, including Victor Masondo (double bass), Kenny Mathana (acoustic guitar) Alastair Coakley (acoustic guitar), Nico Carstens (accordion), Don Laka (piano), Prince Lengoasa (trumpet), McCoy Mrubata (tenor sax), Mfaniseni Thusi (trombone) and celebrated Zimbabwean percussionist Jethro ShaSha.

The Kippies house band - Kalimba - are appearing until December 19 and the spellbinding Hugh Masekela will be appearing with his band, Lerapo, on December 22, 23, 24 and 25 at Kippies.

A number of surprises await visitors as buskers - including musicians, comics and jugglers among others - will be performing in the precinct.

Andrew's Bar in the theatre complex will host renowned pianist Louis Levy on weekdays between 6pm and 8pm.

From December 21 until Christmas Eve award winning choirs will delight audiences prior to shows from 6.30pm until 8pm.

They are the Young Emmanuels



Curiouser and curiouser... Three of the exhibits in the show currently on at the Newtown Gallery, Market Theatre Precinct

Gospel Choir (Monday 21), Lutheran Gospel Choir (Tuesday 22), Barorisi - Ba Morena Gospel Choir (Wednesday 23) and Tjabana Gospel Choir (Thursday 24).

The Market Theatre Galleries is exhibiting entries from the "Colgate Smile Art Competition" and "Portraits and Dreams: Photographs by South African Children", the culmination of workshops conducted by American photographer Wendy Ewald. "Curiouser and Curiouser" at the Newtown Gal-

leries is an eclectic mix of Victorian dolls and ethnic artifacts. The open air Small Art Bonanza in the Market precinct is guaranteed to enchant people of all ages.

The Yard of Ale will be screening 16mm B-grade films outside every evening - free of charge!

Whether its music, the shows, the shopping, the jiving or just relaxing - the Market Theatre precinct is the place to be this summer.

THE BEST SOUNDS FOR XMAS

To celebrate a year of excellence in music we offer a dozen ideas for albums as Christmas gifts

MBAQANGA: Mahlathini and the Mahotella Queens (Gallo) once again established themselves as the supreme Mbaqanga group with the release of this collection of the same name. It features classics such "Lilizela Mlilizela" and the recent fun-filled "Rasta man". Southern Way's "Indlela YeNkululeko" was a fresh breeze that served up a heady mbaqanga/jazz brew.

BLACK INTERNATIONAL: Bobby Brown's "Bobby" (RPM) was without doubt the best thing in the division local music companies call "Black International". Some will say it's a toss up between him and Ten City's "No House Big Enough". Both are sure bets for getting people on the dance floor.

CLASSICAL: Classical fans welcomed the proliferation of cheap releases on CDs. Two 10-album CD collections called The Greatest Classics deserve special mention. They feature predictable names like Mozart, Beethoven and Chopin, but also surprises such as Grieg and Bizet. Both a comprehensive introduction and fulfilling collection for the initiated, "Greatest Classics" is the cheapest option on the market.

SA JAZZ: Mike Makhalemele's release "Requiem" (One World) wins

hands down in the category of South African jazz. Makhalemele draws on traditional composition to give his music a distinctly African feel. Also featured is a stunning instrumental version of Anita Baker's "Perfect Love Affair". Lovers of this kind of music could also enjoy Stimela's "Khululani".

RELIGIOUS POP: "Handel's Messiah: A Soulful Celebration" (RPM) by the best African-American talent - Quincy Jones and Al Jarreau among them - extended the audience for religious music. If one forgives the intrusion of the synthesiser, it is a powerful product: exciting and inspiring. Locally, Rebecca Malope's "Rebecca Malope Sings Gospel" was a fine achievement.

REGGAE: Maxi Priest's "The Best of Me" was a treasure trove, featuring 16 of his best tracks. It was a good year for Priest, who took reggae to wider audiences when he teamed up with Roberta Flack to do "Set the Night to Music". Reggae fans could also go for Third World's "Committed".

LOCAL ORIGINALITY: Vusi Mahlasela "When You Come Back" (BMG) won hands down as the best expression of local creativity. This is a talented musician whose arrival was a breath of fresh air in the search for something new, something homegrown and something not immediately repeatable. Com-

ing a respectable second was Ray Phiri's "People Do Not Talk, So Let's Talk", a carefully crafted product that makes musicianship the business and mission of musicians.

POP ICONS: King and Queen of Dare, Prince and Madonna, once again produced material that could only enhance their reputations. Prince's "Symbol" album and Madonna's "Erotica" play up each's ear for commercial success without denting their overblown egos.

FEMALE VOCALIST: Miki Howard who released a debut album "Femme Fatale" was the best most notable new talent, especially commendable was her rediscovery of the jazz/mellow sound. An alternative would be Mariah Carey's "Unplugged". Both are lovable persons.

TOWNSHIP POP: The Best of Chicco (Teal), a 16-tracker, is a collectors item and shows why Chicco is still the undisputed king of the genre.

ROCK: "Welcome to Wherever You Are" INXS (Teal) delivered 12 tracks of something heavy, something soft and something in-between in an equally inspired package design. Bon Jovi's sound track for the movie "Young Guns" had depth and an appeal to music-lovers who maintain an interest in sound and lyrics.



Erotic... Madonna strikes a pose

SPOKES

SPOKES H - real name Ishmael Boyson Hlatshwayo - hails from Evaton in the Vaal, an unlikely place to inspire creativity with its violence-torn atmosphere. But, this talented singer says the township provides him with a rich source of musical material.

Spokes has just put the finishing touches to a video of the title track of his latest and fifth album, "Wipe Her Tears Off". This eight-track product struck gold within four weeks of its release.

The video, which cost a whopping R18 000, was produced by Momora Productions of Pretoria for RPM records.

Spokes told NEW NATION: "The gold record for my latest album comes as no surprise since two of my previous four



Spokes H... finds inspiration for his music in the shebeens of the Vaal Triangle

albums - "Tamatie So" and "Under Control" - were awarded a double-gold and a gold disc respectively."

Spokes said he had always yearned to be an entertainer.

"In my youth, I wanted to be a boxer. But the lack of trainers and promoters in my hometown spurred me onto alternative pastures, and I took up music."

He spends his spare time in the township's shebeens - "a pastime I had previously regarded as taboo - but that is where I am inspired by thought-provoking subjects during conversation with the regulars on the circumstances surrounding us. This helps me to compose my music."

On "Wipe Her Tears Off", Spokes is helped out by Peter Gaylord on guitar, Phumi Tshabalala on keyboards and Zandi Makeba and Thandi Sikhutshwa on vocals. It is a lively combination of mbaqanga, disco, soul and rock.

Spokes is worried if nothing is done about solving the problems of violence in black townships, the issues he sings about on his album might continue to recur.

He said he was planning to take two years' time-off from recording his own material to produce the up-and-coming Csea Bee, whose debut album, "Peoples Party" was released by RPM last year. Another band he wants to produce is new group CO Connexion.

SUMMER AT THE BAXTER

THE Summer Season at the Baxter Theatre in Cape Town is dominated by two big rock 'n' roll musical shows guaranteed to be recession proof! There will also be live Foyer music each evening after the shows - so look no further for a great jol.

The record-breaking legendary cult musical, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" returns to Cape Town by popular demand. It stars Ian Von Memerty as Frank 'N Furter. The star-studded cast includes Kate Normington, Bradley Mart, award winner David Dennis, Craig Urban and Norman Coombes. Christopher Malcolm is director.



Mara Louw appears in "Nkosi - The Healing Song" at the Baxter Theatre on Saturday January 30 at 6 and 9pm and on Sunday January 31 at 3pm

"Station 70", the hottest jive rock radio station is back at the Baxter. Glen Swart, Ayala Katz and Christian Marais team up with DJ Steve Wood to wow audiences with all the old favourites, up-tempo additions and side-splitting commercials. Direction is by Fred Abrahamse and musical direction by Mike McCullough and Calli Housdon.

In the Baxter Studio Diner, Mark Banks continues with his remarkably brilliant show "Laughing All the Way to the Bank\$". The Tibetan Monk Production features new material and punch lines which will make even the happiest people see the drearier side of life.

• The University of Cape Town Summer School presents "Chamber Music without Tears", a five lecture series tracing the history and development of Chamber Music from the 17th to 20th centuries, from January 25 to 29.

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editorial comment

Last chance for negotiations

This was, yet again, a difficult year for South Africa and the negotiations process. It was a year that was characterised by more violence and a rather slow negotiations process.

We now go into the third year of bilateral discussions between the government and the ANC and there is no mistaking the weariness amongst the people because there is still very little to show ordinary people the fruits of the negotiations process.

Unemployment remains high, violence continues and these have resulted in a general erosion of the public's confidence in the negotiations process.

Military forces such as APLA have sought to take advantage of this ebb and flow in the public's perception of the process and this pattern will recur until there is a genuine breakthrough in the talks.

Despite all that, it remains the only way for South Africa to

resolve its constitutional future.

There is every indication that if the talks do not deliver something concrete in the first half of next year, not even the negotiations process will be able to hold the country together.

Certainly the talks have had many detractors, but none of these have offered any tangible alternatives. If anything, many of these have simply been playing a game of one upmanship.

It is clear that De Klerk has had to deal with serious divisions of opinion within the National Party regarding the process itself and on a number of other related issues such as Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's UDI proposals.

The first quarter of the new year is going to be a difficult one for De Klerk in dealing with his alliance of homeland leaders. It was after all, the National Party which encouraged the homeland leaders to think

along the lines of regionalism and now that they are beginning to flex their muscle, it has caught the Nats on the wrong foot.

That is only going to be one of De Klerk's problems, but not by any stretch of the imagination his biggest. His biggest problem remains the security forces who are not only a law unto themselves but who are increasingly becoming a law unto De Klerk as well.

There is every reason to believe that the exposes about the activities of the security forces are going to continue in the new year, we may even see more dramatic revelations.

It is also clear that the security forces have been operating beyond the political authority of the National Party.

It is ironic therefore that De Klerk and others continue to question the PAC about the lack of political accountability of

APLA. De Klerk has done nothing in the current year to show that he believes in such accountability when it comes to his own security forces.

On the contrary he has done everything in his power to ensure that as much distance as possible is created between his political authority and the heinous activities of the security forces.

Within the democratic movement, the heady over optimism of two years ago has been replaced by a guarded realism that has had to come to terms with the need to make strategic compromises that will ensure that not only do the talks succeed in the short term, but that political stability will be guaranteed for the foreseeable future.

That stability will be the bedrock upon which our economic development will have to rest.

But obviously, whatever

strategic compromises are struck, these must not be at the expense of the real gains that have been won by the people.

We still adhere to the belief that the principle of winner takes all is more legitimate than one of loser takes all, but in the spirit of giving the new constitution a chance - we believe the ANC was right in its adoption of the Strategic Perspectives document which implies some form of power sharing.

We believe that the ANC and the NP as the major players in the process have had to respond to the realities of the time.

It is disturbing however that there are still too many political players who are outside the process - and they need to be brought in and those already inside must be kept in. But not at any price.

letters

The public has a right to know

Your newspaper has striven towards tackling the roots of the problems around many issues in our struggle for a new, honest, democratic and peaceful country.

I am sure that you endorse the disappointment of many readers like myself with the "Education Probe Report" from the Mall Commission of Inquiry into Education, in the House of Delegates (HoD), which is to remain secret!

Censorship has been an important weapon of the oppressor regime. For far too long have the disgraceful mysteries of Indian Education gone unchallenged.

Why is the need for this secrecy when misdemeanours of educators in instances of child sexual abuse are released in full detail, names and all? Why should the miscreants in the bureaucracy be protected from honesty and exposure?

Hidden agendas and disinformation of "loyal volkies" inside the "Tricam Laager" are a legitimate concern of the noble profession and general public.

People should know, perhaps:

- Who the astute operators in the school promotions debacle were?

- How furtive ventures were used to obtain secretive merit notches, monetary incentives and "Top" positions?

- Why people in a power binge were allowed to abuse personnel at decentralised education resource centres for personal pursuits (typing and editing thesis for example)?

- Why state funds were squandered for "shot-gun education" tours overseas (savings from cutbacks in school textbooks and equipment)?

- The confidence-tricks of lackeys who "blue-printed" expensive and deceptive comic-strip publications for the ministry and the World Bank

- How plagiarists were promoted despite their criminal acts?

- Why securocrats, with a penchant for opportunism were entertained on a "piggy-bag ride" with the education minister?

In the closing days of the last decade, we have all witnessed the triumph of ideas and information over entrenched bureaucracies of Eastern Europe and the removal of restrictions on the free exchange and dissemination of information.

Now with a tightening noose around the tarnished HoD and its apartheid edifice about to be toppled, an open stance in this matter will help restore the lost confidence of the teaching fraternity

in the department and reaffirm unequivocally to educators their access to information as a basic and fundamental human right.

Education can play a significant role in shaping a new and decent society only if the forces that have fomented "violence and educational terrorism" are exposed. Before the toxins worked their way into the national bloodstream of education, a proper clean-up operation is necessary.

Your newspaper has been a civil society watchdog, shedding light on the clandestine activities of the state. Just as you are in the pursuit of truth and detail of these activities, so too should it be with the lies, deceptions and cover-ups in the Tricams.

There is a need to cut to the bone to remove the festering sores.

"Concerned Watchdog"
DURBAN

Address please

Please help me with the address of the Independent Development Trust (IDT)

Victor Mpaku
ATTRIDGEVILLE

The IDT address is: 41 Stanley Avenue, Auckland Park, Johannesburg 2000 - Editor

Advice needed

I am a regular reader of your newspaper which helps me with day to day news - especially politics.

I have a problem which I think

someone could help me with. I am 30 years old, have a wife and three kids aged 11, 8 and 4. My family is not working (both myself and my wife) and we have a bond to pay on our house in Vosloorus. Could anyone please advise me on how to get addresses of where I could find work.

Any reader who can help will make my family very happy.

Daniel Morena Thulo
Natalspuit, GERMISTON

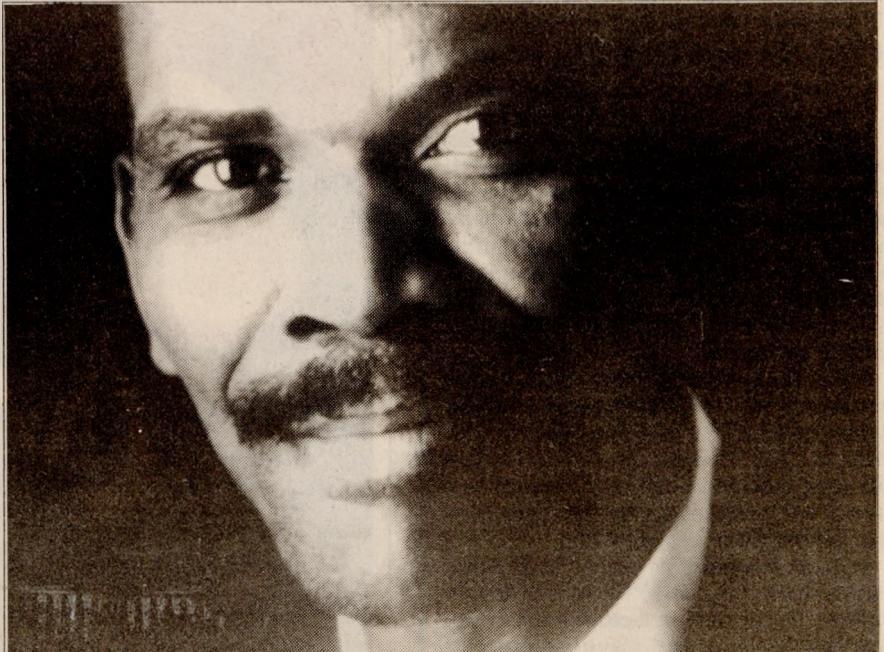
Your problem is common to a lot of people these days due to the prevailing political and economic situation in our country. We suggest you approach employment agencies and read newspaper classified sections where they advertise vacancies - Editor

Stimela asked to remain united

As a music lover, I would like to say, Stimela is in motion, the people's band is there for us, the slow-train music is alive locally and abroad. The band is able to play and sing its own style. I am disturbed to know that one of the members, Ray 'Malome' Phiri decided to quit. I ask him to reconsider his decision because we still need him in the Stimela team. Problems need to be solved. I appeal to the band to remain united. A lot of us love you as a group. Please get back to where you belong!

Lastly, to you Malome Phiri, *unga jindi*.

Moses Moema
GA-RANKUWA



Unite: Ray 'Malome' Phiri asked to reconsider his decision

Just over a week ago, the world observed International Human Rights Day. For South Africans, it was a day to take stock of human rights abuses rather than celebrate a new era that many believed would follow the unbanning of political organisations in 1990.

A catalogue of abuses published by the Human Rights Commission (HRC) to mark the day, estimates that by the end of this year, around 3 600 people would have died as a result of numerous violations of human rights - this means an average of 10 people would have died each day as a result of political violence by the end of this year.

If the HRC's projections hold true, the total death toll for this year would be 40 percent higher than last year.

Among the violations of human rights listed by the HRC are:

- A creeping state of emergency introduced through the declaration of unrest areas in terms of the Public Safety Act. According to the HRC, at least 40 magisterial districts were declared unrest areas this year. This is more than the total number of areas affected by the 1985/86 state of emergency.

- The detention without trial of more than 450 people. These detentions included people from across the political spectrum, but the HRC says this is no justification for the practice.

- Over 100 deaths in police custody.
- Continuing political trials under a range of security laws. The HRC says 200 political trials involving about 4 000 people were completed at the time of writing its report. Another 150 trials involving 1 600 accused were continuing, it said.

- The continued sentencing of people to death. There are currently 300 prisoners on death row. Despite executions having been suspended, except in the homelands, another 30 death sentences were handed down this year.

Hit squad attacks and vigilante violence also continued at an alarming rate.

As a result of these attacks, 275 train commuters, 218 women, 10 children, 115 security force members and 100 political activists, assassinated by hit squads, were counted among the casualties.

The number of train attacks recorded by the HRC for the first 11 months of this year totalled 291. November alone accounted for 22 incidents on trains in which 18 commuters died and 61 were injured.

Taxi commuters also came under attack, and in November, four were killed in as many incidents.

Notable about the trend in November was that security forces were increasingly coming under attack. According to the HRC, 17 were killed and 12 were injured in 31 incidents.

The HRC ascribes 19 attacks in which 11 people were killed during November to Inkatha supporters. ANC supporters during the same month were involved in one attack during which one person was killed.

This, however, only reflects the pattern of violence in instances where political affiliations could be identified.

Uncelebrated Christmas

Ari Sitas looks at the terrible effects of prison on released prisoners who expect to have fun with their loved ones during the Christmas holidays.



WILLIAM ZUNGU: A XMAS STORY: By Ari Sitas; 1991; Cape Town; Buchu Books

South African political prisoners leaving the so-called "discipline" that their temporary sojourn was to afford them, may be disillusioned to discover that the status quo that confronts them now bears little difference to the conditions before they were imprisoned. The prison experience has become an imposed culture on all freedom loving South Africans - some who have been permanently scared, others surviving to tell their stories.

Sitas's new novella is a Christmas story that does away with Christmas trees and tinsel; instead, it is a story about a prisoner on death row who is released on Christmas Eve with the hope that he may celebrate the season of goodwill with his loved ones. But to his dismay he discovers that his family, particularly his mother, has rejected him because she feels he is

responsible for the death of his older brother and his wife. And his sister encouraged him to leave the house, fearing that her mother may discover William's presence. On leaving he visits his neighbours, the Dlamini's, only to discover that they may be sympathetic to the warlords in the area. But William's problems only begin here in that he lacks the support and confidence of his family, his lover and his friends.

The physical hardship that William experienced in the prison is now replaced with internal anxiety as he begins a new chapter in his life. But the internal conflict, the "passions" we are told, enable William to reflect on his life, particularly his youth and his recollections of his father's baptisms.

Sitas's novella makes use of dramatic conventions which reinforces the prose and the content of the story.

The language is particularly dramatic, similar to stage directions which enhances the "spectacle" of the scene as William is about to be interrogated. The use of dialogue in the form of drama gives an interesting dimension to the story. What is disappointing, however, is the narration which is sometimes overdrawn and pretentious. A story such as this would have benefited from a first person narrator and it would have contributed to the immediacy of the problem and to the internal dilemma that William encounters.

What is also striking is the cover blurb by Tyrone Appolis which is a beautiful representation of the novella's dominant concerns. The juxtaposition of different images, together with William's probing presence alludes to the search for stability during times of internal disharmony.

William Zungu embodies the revolution in his character - a strong, steadfast and committed comrade whose life seems to hold many prob-

lems. What is needed are ways of overcoming the barriers, the constraints and the limitations of prison experience. How can a prisoner reconcile his past with the future? How can the society stop discriminating against a prisoner? Has he not paid his "fair" due? These are the questions one should consider.

William Zungu: A Xmas Story is quite promising but I found it was one of those stories that has been written in a rush and this clearly is its flaw.

Reviewed by VASU REDDY

focus on Amos Tutuolo

The Nigerian writer AMOS TUTUOLO was born in 1920 in the village of Abeokuta, about 100 kilometres from Lagos. In his internationally acclaimed autobiography "The Palm-wine Drunkard" he writes:

"When I was about seven years old, one of my father's cousins whose name is Dalley, a nurse in the African hospital, took me from my father to his friend FO Monu, an ibe man, to live with him as a servant and to send me to school instead of paying me money".

He started his education at the Salvation Army School in Abeokuta in 1934. Two years later his master was transferred to Lagos. Tutuolo accompanied him and was admitted to Lagos High School. Due to his exceptional performance he was promoted from Standard Two to Four and was allowed to attend free of charge for a year.

When his relationship with his master deteriorated he returned to Abeokuta to continue his schooling. In 1939 his father died unexpectedly. This left him without anyone to assist him in furthering his education. He decided to cultivate his father's land in the hope of selling the corn to pay for his education. Unfortunately that year there was little rain, so he failed to secure the funds he needed.

He returned to Lagos to stay with his brother. In 1942 he joined the Royal Air Force as a grade two blacksmith after he was apprenticed to the trade. In 1946 the Nigerian Department of Labour employed him as a messenger.

Tutuolo continues: "I was still in hardship and poverty when one night it came to my mind to write my first book 'The Palm-wine Drunkard'. I wrote it successfully within a few days because when I was in school I was a story-teller. So from then I have since become a writer".

The book was published by Faber and Faber of London in 1952 and was reviewed for the London Observer by poet Dylan Thomas. He said it was "a brief, thronged, grisly and bewitching story. Nothing is too prodigious or too trivial to put down in his (Tutuolo) tall, devilish tale".

Since then Tutuolo has published "My Life in the Book of Ghost" (1954), Simbi and the Satyr in the Dark Jungle (1955), "The Brave African Huntress" (1958) and "Feather Woman of the Jungle" (1962).

pick of the season

TELEVISION

DOUBLE STANDARD - For 16 years judge Leonard Harik managed to live a double life, with two separate families. The death of his one daughter put an end to all the countless lies and broken promises. Starring Robert Foxworth, Pamela Bellwood, Michelle Green and Christianne Hirt, on CCV-TV at 9.40pm tonight.

BUSTIN' LOOSE - An ex-con and a school teacher transport 80 rowdy children from a Philadelphia ghetto school to the tranquillity of a small farm. The trouble starts when the teacher is informed that the school's funding had been withdrawn and the school is to be closed and that the children will be transferred to another ghetto school. With Richard Pryor and Cecily Tyson on CCV-TV at 8.30pm on December 26.

MEAN MACHINE - An ex-football star ends up in prison after "borrowing" a car. He is forced to organise an inmate football team to play the guards, but the warden intercedes to assure him that his team will receive only passive resistance from the prisoners. On M-NET at 9pm on December 28.

MUSIC

AMAMPONDO will be entertaining the audience with their traditional African music at Appletiser Kirstenbosch Summer Sunset Concert at the National Botanical Institute, Cape Town, on Sunday at 5.30pm.

THE MIGHTY CLOUDS OF JOY will be performing at the Standard Bank Arena in Johannesburg tonight at 8pm; on Saturday they will proceed to De Beers Stadium in Kim-



FEELING FREE:

Louis Moholo - one of the world's greatest 'free jazz' drummers returns to his native South Africa this month after more than 30 years in exile. Moholo - one of the original Blue Notes, who made such an impact on the European and world jazz scene in the sixties and seventies - will be returning with his band "Viva la Black" for concerts and workshops in Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Umtata, Durban and Johannesburg.

tonight. Refreshments will be served.

For further information contact Geraldine Engelman at (021) 696-8405.

CINEMA

THE DIVIDEND TRAIL: A native American Odyssey - follows the lives of three Chippewa Indians who migrated from their Northern Wisconsin reservation to the slums of Chicago. It traces their struggle to overcome near disintegration of the individual and tribal identities under the enormous pressure of contemporary urban living. It will be shown at the South African Gallery, Annexe Building, Cecil Road, Mowbray at 6pm.

VISUAL ARTS

A YEAR OF STAFFRIDER - There will be a presentation of poetry featured in the last four issues of this literary magazine compiled by Andries Oliphant, on Radio SA at 6.25pm on Sunday.

A YEAR OF POETRY: Voices and Views - This review of the year includes the voices of Kelwyn Sole, Tatamkhulu Afrika, Chris van Wyk, Heather Robertson and many more, on Radio SA at

6.25pm on December 27.

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY WORKSHOP - All children over the age of six are invited to a workshop to learn how to build ships, cars, planes, furniture for a doll's house and picture frames with matchsticks on January 5 at 10am. On January 7 also at 10am they are invited to come and build wooden totem poles using scraps of wood, glue and paint, at the SA National Gallery, Annexe Building, Cape Town.

LITERATURE

The Congress of South African Writers will be launching seven new books at the Irma Stern Museum, Cecil Road, Mowbray at 6pm.

Six miners die in underground accident

Six mineworkers were killed in an underground accident at the Libanon Gold Mine near Westonaria this week. According to mine management, the accident occurred about 1 600 metres below the surface.

Meanwhile, the National Union of Mineworkers has warned against mines being allowed to move over to a seven-day operation.

Health and safety experts warn that any exemption from existing laws would force workers to spend more than the current average of 50 hours a week underground and could compromise safety standards.

Venda police teargas demonstrators

Venda police, estimated to have numbered around 500 or more, launched teargas canisters into a crowd of thousands of public servants who had gathered to protest against the privatisation of their pension fund.

The heavily armed police confronted the demonstrators as they gathered in front of the homeland's government buildings in Thohoyandou.

De Beers plans to smash union - NUM

National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) shop stewards employed by De Beers this week accused the diamond mine conglomerate of using its retrenchment programme to smash their union.

And they claim to have some documented proof, that a deliberate strategy has been implemented, specifically at its Finch mine in Kimberley, where the retrenchment exercise has resulted in the NUM's entire branch executive committee being rendered jobless.

De Beers recently embarked on a massive rationalisation programme, which will result in the loss of 4 000 jobs on its diamond mines. This represents half of its workforce.

Shop stewards claim that the union bashing programme was implemented most forcefully at the Finch mine, where workers had engaged in a range of actions challenging management on issues ranging from unfair dismissals to general working conditions.

One of the most disruptive actions was the August 3 and 4 stay away this year. Shop stewards say it was after this stay away that management went on the offensive and dismissed workers for participating in the stay away.

Senior shop stewards embarked on a sit-in in support of the demand that workers be re-instated. This resulted in all of them being derecognised as full-time shop stewards.

They were then targeted for retrenchment. Among the shop stewards that have been derecognised is Cosatu's second vice-president Godfrey Oliphant. However Oliphant has not yet been retrenched.

Strike

Oliphant says management hoped that by derecognising the shop stewards, it would precipitate a strike and make it easier to dismiss workers.

He says workers decided against striking because they had been warned that, that was what management wanted. Information relating to plans to smash the union was leaked to shop stewards by managers at Finch mine who were opposed to De Beers decision to cleanse the mine of the NUM, says Oliphant.

One of the reasons why information relating to the planned action against the NUM leaked out to workers was the disagreement at management level on how to deal with the union.

Oliphant is, however, reluctant to identify sources of his information saying that this can lead to the dismissal of managers that are sympathetic to the union.

According to Oliphant senior shop stewards were retrenched in violation of the last-in-first-out principle. When challenged, management at the mine, explained that the workers were not productive.

"How do you measure productivity of individual workers when there are no agreed measures to quantify productivity," Oliphant asked.

Oliphant catalogued a range of other measures used to retrench workers, which he says were disguised attempts to rid the mine of loyal NUM supporters.

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♦ LABOUR REVIEW ♦**Labour battered but ends the year on a political high**

Organised labour ended 1992 with mixed fortunes. On the homefront, in factories, on mines and in shops, the labour movement took a severe beating.

Thousands of workers lost their jobs, wages fell to below inflation rates, and despite continuing recruitment of new members, trade union growth was virtually frozen.

Major strikes were also lost - the biggest and longest metal and engineering industries strike spearheaded by Cosatu's National Union of Metal Workers (Numsa) was interdicted and the National Education Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) emerged battered from the hospital workers' strike without any gain in wages.

On the broad political front, Cosatu ended the year on a high note having strengthened its hand in the tri-partite alliance following the August 3 and 4 stay away, extracting a commitment from government to implement agreements contained in the Labora Minute of 1990, to participate in a national economic forum and to restructure the National Manpower Commission.

Gains at a political level examined against the background of the battering workers endured at the shop floor level suggest a serious imbalance in Cosatu's agenda. Cosatu general secretary Jay Naidoo agrees. "Certainly there has been too much of an emphasis on the political role of the federation and not enough emphasis on delivering the goods to our members in terms of rights for farm, domestic and public sector workers, job security etc." At a more specific level in relation to these rights, not enough was done to speed up the restructuring of the NMC, Naidoo says.

Despite tough economic conditions and an increased likelihood of mass dismissals, workers continued to show a readiness to take action in defence of living standards and basic rights.

Industrial relations consultants, Andrew Levy and Associates, projecting into the year, estimated that the number of work days lost through industrial action will total around 4-million. This is higher than last year.

The estimate does not include the August stay away.

It was against the background of this battering on the shop floor that Cosatu concentrated on developing a strategic vision on where the labour movement should be going - not only in the next 12 months but in 10 to 20 years from now.

Naidoo says that its search for a strategic

vision and its engagement with government on key questions like the economic forum and labour legislation for farm and domestic workers on the one hand, and its talks with big business on developing a charter for peace and democracy on the other, did not mean that the federation was abandoning resistance.

The federation was simply positioning itself to face the new challenges facing the labour movement in a creative way.

"One has to accept that we are going through a transition and that we are going to have a democratic government sooner or later. Certainly within the next 12 to 18 months, we will have taken the necessary steps to put a democratic government in place.

"And that means that we have to re-assess our role," Naidoo explains.

"We maintain that we should nevertheless make a powerful impact on society at the political, social and economic level," he adds.

The question that therefore confronted Cosatu was what vehicles to use to this end - what institutions to create and how to democratise existing institutions in order to advance workers' rights, deepen trade union involvement in decision making in society and more specifically in the labour market.

Much of the debate within the federation this year revolved around these questions.

A key institution, for which a framework was agreed upon this year, was the National Economic Forum (NEF).

After much debate and wrangling behind closed doors, which at times broke out into heated exchanges between government and Cosatu, finance minister Derek Keys finally agreed to the establishment of the NEF.

This agreement reflected a significant shift in the political terrain - for the first time ever, the government had conceded ground on a major policy issue without workers having had to resort to mass action, which for example characterised the campaign around the Labour Relations Act.

It was in this context that Cosatu also debated policy and proposals that it would want to take

into the NEF.

Naidoo also says that Cosatu's decision to engage government on the question of rights for farm, domestic and public sector workers was important in the context of its strategic vision. "We have got to ensure in this interim period, that these rights are guaranteed in a future constitution, which means that these rights should be secured even before a constituent assembly sits down to write the constitution," he explains.

For Cosatu, this emerged as a priority against the background of a realisation that these rights cannot be guaranteed even if the democratic forces are in the majority in a constituent assembly. "There are going to be trade-offs and compromises," Naidoo says.

It is for this reason that the federation considered its agreement which commits manpower minister Leon Wessels to extend basic rights to farmworkers by March, one of its most important achievements this year.

Much of the credit which secured agreements on the NEF, labour legislation and the NMC, must be attributed to the mass action campaign.

And although Cosatu has been criticised for spending too much of its energies on advancing its political agenda, it was clearly necessary for the federation to create the conditions under which government would be prepared to make the concessions.

Democratisation

"While a lot of our mass action was directed at speeding up democratisation, it also had as its aim the defeat of the FW de Klerk agenda," says Naidoo. In more specific terms, this meant defeating an agenda which was designed to entrench decision making by a minority. This includes decisions on rights for workers, which the government had always regarded as its prerogative.

De Klerk, says Naidoo, was also determined to implement a programme of economic reconstruction that would be driven by the National Party. Cosatu's participation in the mass action campaign was aimed at achieving a break-

through at a political level, which would then allow the federation a say in the decision-making process and force the government into extending rights to farmworkers and establishing the economic forum.

"So we were not just the stormtroopers of the ANC - our participation in the mass action campaign was a deliberate attempt to create the necessary conditions which would allow a more meaningful engagement with government," says Naidoo.

While these gains certainly cannot be ignored, Cosatu has from within its own ranks been criticised for committing serious strategic blunders in exploring agreements with big business and government. In some cases, the federation's leadership has been cautioned against the "strategic engagement" and has been warned that it runs a great risk of being co-opted through a social contract, which critics say is the natural consequence of agreements, such as that leading up to the formation of the tri-partite economic forum with business and government, and the Draft Charter for Peace and Democracy.

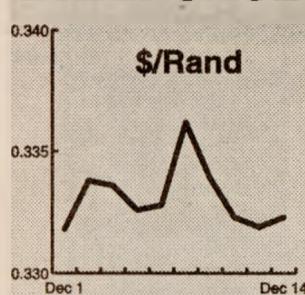
But Cosatu defends its decision to opt for the path of strategic engagement saying that the alternative was to go the route of a number of other labour organisations in developed capitalist countries and continue as adversarial and reactive structures. These unions have been marginalised and are now being forced to accept a drop in membership, wage cuts, wage freezes and a deterioration in working conditions.

Ultimately, the test of whether Cosatu's choice was the correct one or not, namely to engage business and government in a creative way, will be whether the various institutions such as the NEF and NMC will deliver.

Critics of the strategic engagement option are pessimistic and not convinced that these institutions will deliver.

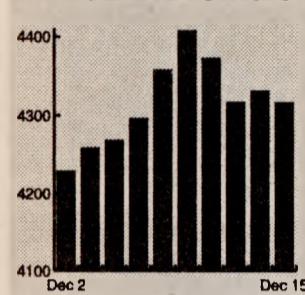
Naidoo prefers to talk of a "healthy scepticism" rather than pessimism. "This is healthy because it means that the federation will always be vigilant" and will watch progress closely.

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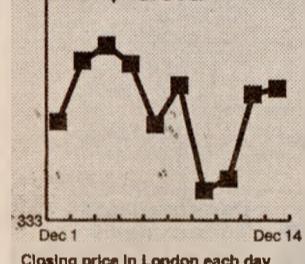
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JSE Industrials



Closing value each day of Industrial shares on the stock exchange: Industrials end on a softer note as the market consolidates after recent gains made during the end-of-year rally, which peters out earlier than expected.

\$ Gold



Closing price in London each day for one ounce of gold: Gold settles into its traditional pre-Christmas lull and remains virtually unchanged from opening values at the beginning of the week.

Producer Price Index



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▼ **Growth:** Franchises could be big in SA ▼ **Jobs:** Unemployed find relief in informal sector ▼

A franchised future

★ US companies keen to do business with black entrepreneurs

Black South African entrepreneurs will soon be targeted by United States (US) companies interested in entering into franchising and various other types of ventures and partnerships with them.

Franchising, a business concept which is popular in the US, will make its way to this country through the efforts of the International Franchising Association (IFA) and the Black Integrated Commercial Support Network (BICSN).

Huge sums of money, which have been dispensed by the US government through its Agency for International Development (AID), are to be used to assist SA's black entrepreneurs.

According to BICSN chief executive, Leyland Hazlewood, franchising would "provide the opportunity for many different types of ventures and partnerships between US companies and local entrepreneurs".

Hazlewood said a fund, which will help finance new business ventures, would be set up for black entrepreneurs as soon as political stability comes to South Africa.

"It is clear that one of the biggest obstacles black entrepreneurs face is that of finance," said Hazlewood.

"BICSN is committed to setting up an Equity Capital Fund (ECF) of significant size to assist entrepreneurs and we have investors waiting to put money into this fund," he said.

"We have targeted franchising as one of our business development strategies because of its potential to transfer sound

business systems and approaches to South Africa's new entrepreneurs who have the challenge of creating the bulk of new jobs needed in the country during the coming decades," Hazlewood said.

He added that the phenomenal growth of franchising throughout the world illustrated that "we have a marketing concept of power and energy that can play a major role in the transfer of the most important resource of all, which is knowledge and techniques".

As a result of the important role franchising had played in other countries, Hazlewood said "overseas entrepreneurs would be able to penetrate the market place in this country and be able to help South African companies to franchise".

Help

"We are therefore prepared to provide technical help to provide franchise operations get established among black entrepreneurs," he added.

However, he said: "We believe in always treading with sensitivity, so we intend assessing how this format fits into the South African environment before moving across a broad front.

"Franchising is an area with enormous growth potential among black entrepreneurs, so long as negative perceptions are taken into account and answered."

But he added that South African black entrepreneurs had "to come to terms with the highly competitive environment of world trade since the

Future growth ▶

Leyland Hazlewood, chief executive of the Black Integrated Commercial Support Network (BICSN): "Franchising is an area with enormous growth potential"

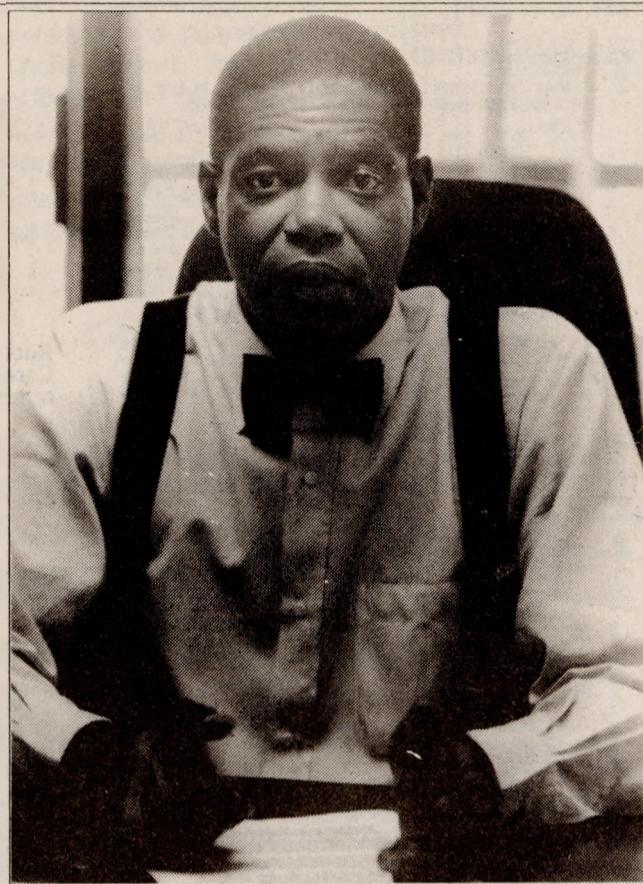
objective must be to develop business people who will become national players".

Hazlewood said BICSN intends "going out of its way to promote dialogue with every group involved in business development in South Africa so that we may all utilise the available resources to enhance the economic empowerment of black business".

Hazlewood said the promotion of franchising would help drive economic growth and that new franchises would be up and running in two months, faster than a stand-alone new business.

"Over the anticipated five-year life of this project, we seek to put together 250 business deals that will see black-owned enterprises flourishing in the mainstream economy," he said.

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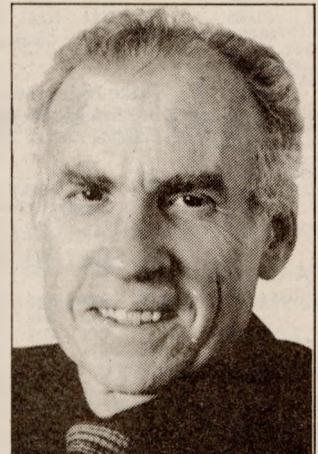
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Professor Lawrence Schlemmer

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Race 3

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(7)Schalkie

(5)Jeripigo

Race 4

(6)LINNOR

(3)Forest Angel

(1)Be My Lady

Race 5

(6)FREE TO RUN

(7)Jason's Thread

(2)Cornlands

Race 6

(4)Homero

(5)Arms Control

(8)Travel Well

Race 7

(12)STAMFORD BRIDGE

(4)Dancing Duel

(13)Take A Walk

Race 8

(8)LAUNCHING PAD

(3)Commande Chief

(1)Entree

Race 9

(10)RINGUINEO

(1)Adore Hymn

(4)Strike Silver

Race 10

(7)HOW HIGH THE MOON

(20)Valliodor

(2)Endless Delight

R10 jackpot

1st Leg:6,7

2nd Leg:4

3rd Leg:3,6,12,13,14

4th Leg:3,8

R2 Place Accumulator

1st Leg:2

2nd Leg:3,6

3rd Leg:6

4th Leg:4

5th Leg:4,12

6th Leg:8

7th Leg:10

R40 Pick 6

1st Leg:1,3,6

2nd Leg:6,7

3rd Leg:4

4th Leg:3,6,12,13,14

5th Leg:3,8

6th Leg:1,10

Day's best bet: 4

Homero, race 6

SCOTTSVILLE Selections

Race 1

(7)MEET MY MAKER

(9)Sound Off

(3)Gemini Star

Race 2

NO SELECTION

Race 3

(2)BOLD EYE

(7)Peaceful Dawn

(8)Winter Darling

Race 4

(9)ROLL OF ARMS

(3)Wild Winter

(5)Lucky Lark

Race 5

(1)BELOVED FRIEND

(2)Belle Reve

(6)Countless Arabess

Race 6

(2)NORTHERN DELIGHT

(1)Barricade

(5)Wind Splitter

Race 7

(4)OUR BOY DAVID

(2)Delta Force

(3)Dusty Road

Race 8

(2)MIDNIGHT ROCK

(4)Another Champ

(7)Precise Moment

Race 9

(8)WHERE TO WALTZ

(5)Money Hill

(1)Concert Magic

Race 10

(10)SUCH CLASS

(8)Restart

(4)Hellenic Sky

R27 Jackpot

1st Leg:1,2,6

2nd Leg:1,2,5

3rd Leg:2,4

4th Leg:2,4,7

R2 Place Accumulator

1st Leg:2

2nd Leg:9

3rd Leg:1

4th Leg:2

5th Leg:4

6th Leg:2,4

7th Leg:5,8

R243 Pick 6

1st Leg:3,5,9

2nd Leg:1,2,6

3rd Leg:1,2,5

4th Leg:2,4

6th Leg:1,5,8

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No Couplings

Race 4: 3-1 Linnor, 4-1 Forest Angel, 11-2 Be My Lady, 6-1 Kamala, 7-1 Belle Of Athens, Miss Proclaim, 8-1 In Favour, Gentle Rain, 10-1 others

EMERGENCY ACCEPTORS

17 1M16 1M16 6K16 STAGE ACCLAIM (G W Ennion) 3-57 ... Not declared

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| 3 | 2G10 | 8N12 | 0D10 | THIRD GEAR (N Riley) 5-56,5 (B) | J Geroudis | 7 | 3 | 3T18 | 0T32 | 5N24 | COMMANDER CHIEF (SNL) (E M Schuleman) | P Strydom | 7 |
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| 8 | 0V10 | 0N13 | 5T10 | SUGARFIELDS (Mrs J S Casey) 5-55 (B) | W Mawing | 8 | 9 | 3N10 | 3N10 | 7T12 | SUGARFIELDS (Mrs J S Casey) 5-55 (B) | W Mawing | 8 |

No Couplings

Race 5: 16-10 Free To Run, 2-1 Jason's Thread, 4-1 Cornlands, 6-1 Wild Greek, 7-1 Third Gear, 10-1 others

1ST LEG PLACE ACCUMULATOR

3 — 13h20 TVL ON COURSE BOOKMAKERS MAIDEN PLATE (C & G) R22 000 1 000 m (Straight) (Swinger/Trifecta/1st Double/Exacta):

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Sports Briefs

SOCCER - The National Soccer League (NSL) aims to raise R1-million in next January's Iwisa Maize Meal Charity spectacular that will be contested by four clubs chosen by supporters through voting.

BOXING - Newly-crowned world boxing heavyweight champion, Riddick Bowe, who beat former champion, Evander Holyfield last month, is not worried about threats by World Boxing Council (WBC) that it will strip him off the crown if he does not defend against Lennox Lewis within three months.

SOCCER - Former Ireland manager, Eoin Hand arrived in South Africa this week and hopes to coach one of the top National Soccer League (NSL) first division teams next year.

BOXING - South African flyweight champion, Daniel "Captain Fists" Ward could be the first local boxer to earn a crack at a World Boxing Council (WBC) title next year, according to his manager-trainer, Carlos Jacamo.

SOCCER - World football controlling body, the Federation of International Football Associations (Fifa), has cancelled tomorrow's World Cup African group B qualifying game between Zaire and Cameroon scheduled for Zaire, because of unrest in Zaire.

SOCCER - Manning Rangers' Gavin Redford, who was initially selected for the Augusto Palacios' national squad has been dropped after his employers, Clicks, refused him permission to join his team-mates at training in Johannesburg.

SOCCER - Dutch international star, Ruud Gullit this week reversed his earlier decision to quit international competition and said he would play next year.

▼ **BOXING:** Whiteboy to fight foreigner in Durban ▼ **Soccer:** Bucks unhappy

Durban's biggest bout this year

★ Durban's boxing fans promised one of the most thrilling tourneys since "Tap Tap" Makhathini's days

THE city of Durban will host its last professional boxing tournament this year at the DLI Hall on Sunday afternoon.

Topping the bill will be an international bantamweight bout between South African bantamweight champion, Derrick Whiteboy from Cape Town and Mexican Lorenzo Tiznado.

This will be Whiteboy's first fight against a foreign boxer since he won the national bantam-

weight crown from Soweto's Lyvo Nkoko at the Eldorado Park Hall near Johannesburg two years ago.

In the main supporting bout, South African welterweight champion, Frederick "Gorilla" Siswana seems to be heading for a relatively easy pay day against Eric Dunn in a non-title

fight over eight rounds.

Siswana will be making his first appearance in the ring in Durban since he won the national belt from Cape Town-based Sydney "Sugar Ray" Msutu at the Springs Indoor Sports Centre early this year.

The event will be bankrolled by Cape promoter, Manuel Ribeiro's International Boxing Promotions (IBP).

Boxing fans in the

Banana City will probably see one of the most thrilling tournaments in the city since the days of former South African middleweight champion, Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini, who has since made a comeback as a fight promoter.

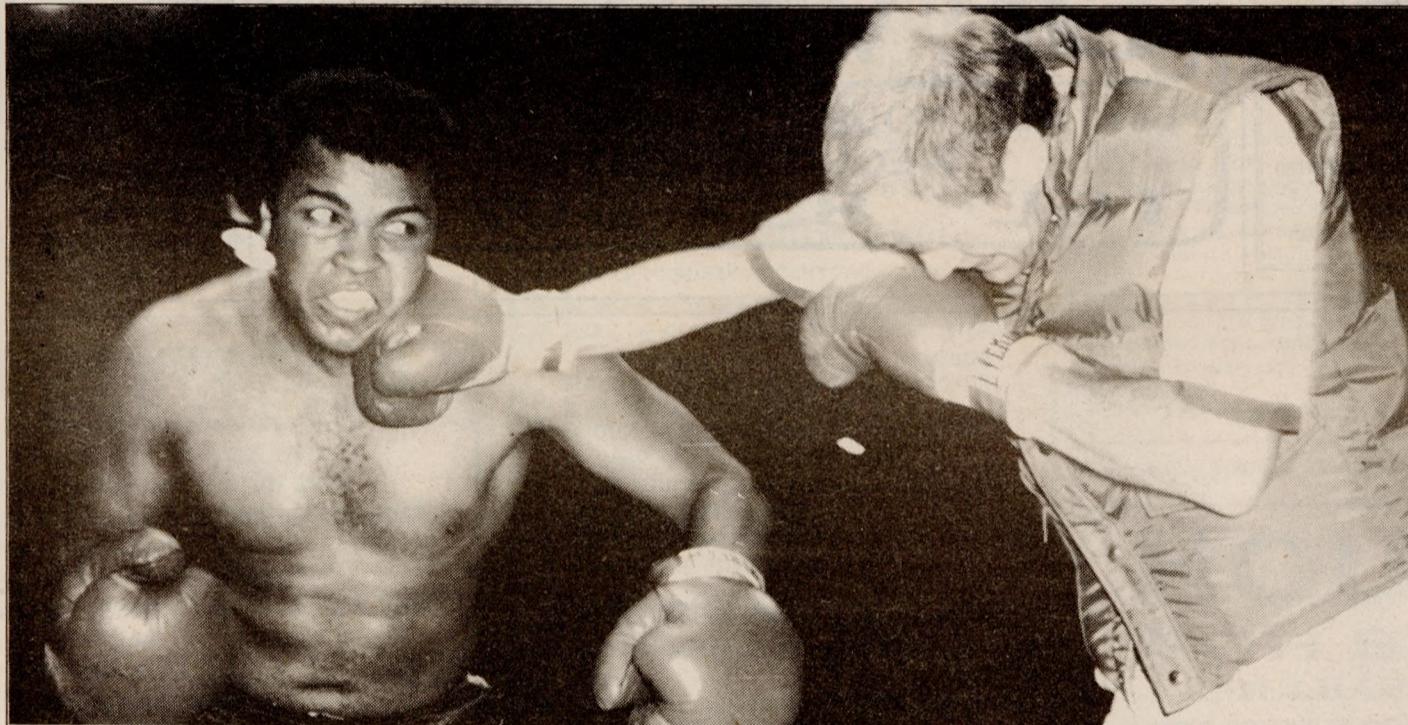
On the same bill, Natal light-heavyweight champion Gary Ballard defends his title against Adam Sithole in what is expected to be 10

rounds of exciting boxing.

The Whiteboy-Tiznado fight is expected to be an all action affair throughout.

Although little is known about the visitor, he is reported to be a dangerous boxer who does not hesitate to slug it out.

Against a clever boxer of Whiteboy's calibre, the Mexican will find the going tough.



The Greatest: Former Heavyweight champion, the legendary Muhammad Ali, left, in an exhibition "fight" with former New Jersey Governor, Brendan Byrne. His SA fans will be able to see him when he visits the country early next year.

Bucks blame poor play on lack of facilities

UMTATA Bucks' management blames poor training facilities and a high coach turnover for their poor showing in the National Soccer League's (NSL) Castle fixtures this season.

The year held much progress for Bucks who finished in the top four last season but ended on a disappointing note with the club escaping relegation by the skin of its teeth.

"For instance, we have been denied the usage of University of Transkei's (Unitra) field, the best in Transkei. Our preparations were held on sub-standard fields which have no floodlights," said Bucks' manager, Sturu Pasiya.

"No professional team in the world can do well under such conditions," he said.

Controversy dogged Bucks in March this year when their coach, Walter da Silva,

was escorted out of Transkei and forced to board a plane for Johannesburg by armed supporters who blamed him for their side's poor performance.

Da Silva's successor, Zimbabwean, Arthur James, did not stay long. He was sacked a few months ago after a dispute with management.

"This changing of hands has had a detrimental effect on the players. We never had a regular squad," said Pasiya.

Despite their ups and downs, Bucks under caretaker coach, Luvuyo Ncandana, reached the Bob Save Super Bowl semi-finals and were unlucky to lose by a single goal against Iwisa Kaizer Chiefs.

According to Pasiya, everything went against the club. It lost matches it should have won, had many injuries and were victims of "bad" and unfair draws in the Bob

Save, playing three consecutive away matches.

"We got our act together towards the end of this year and finished on a high note," said Pasiya.

Speaking about the future, Pasiya said rather than spending money on buying players, the club would utilise local talent and would conduct trials for players between the ages of 16 and 24.

Pasiya said the club was given a cold shoulder by local commerce and industry. "The fact that there is a Transkei team in the premier league is a big boost for their coffers but they have done nothing in return," he said.

He added that Bucks were still looking for a coach because they believed Ncandana was not yet ready to take over.

Tough time for Kimberley Celtic

Despite having won the highly revered R18 000 Sparletta Knockout tournament two months ago, Kimberley Celtic United are unlikely to have a double celebration this festive season.

Celtic will have their hands full when they defend the Impala Cup against Meadowlands Arsenal at Orlando Stadium tomorrow at 1pm.

Tomorrow's competition is run jointly by the sponsors and South African Football Association (Safa).

Early this week, Pat Ntombela, Arsenal's managing director, sounded a warning that although his team respected the visitors, they would show them no respect on the field.

"They are a good side with disciplined season players, but we'll rely heavily on speed and accurate shooting to overcome them," said Ntombela.

"Our major achievement this year was when we beat Two For Joy 2-1 to win the tough Toyota Under 21 competition.

"Celtic United gave us a rough ride last year when they beat us 1-0 in the Impala

competition at Lenasia stadium, but this time round, we are going to turn the tables on them."

The Impala Cup competition carries a first prize of R6 000 and Celtic wants to win it to push its haul to a cool R24 000.

Arsenal is, however, a team that does not give up easily.

Should it crack the visitors' defence in the early stage of the game, it could have its name engraved on the coveted trophy.

This promises to be a closely-contested game given the fact that Celtic United finds all venues suitable even when playing away from home.

When the Kimberley side visited Giyani, in Gazankulu, no one believed it could lift the trophy at United Scientists's home ground. But the Diamond City boys won convincingly.

Arsenal will be spurred on by the need to win the trophy for the first time since its inception six years ago.

Playing at home will be an added advantage in Arsenal's quest to win the trophy.

▼ **Administration:** Thuka Matlhoko wants more women in top positions ▼ **Olympics:** Peu looks at Atlanta '96

Women get ahead

★ *Sosco's general secretary insists that women should penetrate the male-dominated administration of sports*

Women are making significant inroads into the male dominated world of sport administration.

In Cape Town, National and Olympic Sports Congress' executive member, Cheryl Roberts, started the ball rolling when she talked about the need to have women actively involved in sports administration.

Her message was echoed by Soweto Olympic Sports Congress' general-secretary, Thuka Matlhoko.

In an interview with SPORTS NATION this week, Matlhoko, a high school teacher in Diepkloof, said: "I've been involved in sport for a long time now. I started as a netball player and did not think I'll be where I am today."

The 29-year-old Matlhoko competed in short putt, netball, javelin and 800-metres during

her school days.

She attributed her appointment to the top Sosco position to hard work.

Matlhoko's talent in sports administration was realised after the formation of the Soweto Schools Sports Congress (SSSC) in 1990 where she became the first general secretary.

Elected

It was during this period when Sosco was formed early last year, that Matlhoko was elected its additional member.

Now that she is effectively involved in the congress's decision making body, Matlhoko believes she will play a significant role in addressing the appa-

lling state of sports in Soweto.

She said that sport was suffering because of the poor conditions in the townships.

"Tennis for instance, is in tatters. We tried on several occasions to meet the three town councils with the aim of addressing the issue, but it wasn't an easy exercise," recalled Matlhoko.

She said that they had succeeded in bringing together some of the sporting codes and were busy with others, which is their main objective.

"Initially it was challenging for me working in an environment dominated by men. There was a lot of sexism because men looked upon us with scant respect."

"It wasn't easy for our male counterparts to realise our potential."

For all the years she was in school, Matlhoko captained netball teams

at a primary school in Meadowlands, at Mokgome and Bapedi high schools in Meadowlands and Lebowa respectively, and at the Soweto College of Education.

Wherever she went to study, her leadership qualities in sports administration were easy to notice.

Involvement

The turning point of her involvement in sport was when she attended a week-long administrative course conducted by two representatives of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Broederstroom in 1991.

Matlhoko's move, and that of many women like her, to get involved in the administration of sport, is sure to give men a challenge.

Give us a chance:

Thuka Matlhoko, Sosco's general secretary believes that women have got the potential to match men as sport administrators



Nkoko wants another chance

TRANSVAAL bantamweight boxing champion Lyvo Nkoko, wants a crack at Simphiwe Pamana's national junior-bantamweight title next year.

This will be Nkoko's second chance at the title if the challenge is approved by the national boxing board. Nkoko was defeated by Jaji Sibali in a challenge for the title in East London early this year.

The Soweto-based Nkoko, 24, is no longer interested in reclaiming the South African bantamweight title which he lost to Cape Town's Derrick Whiteboy in Johannesburg two years ago.

"I strongly believe that I fight better in the junior-bantamweight division than in the bantamweight," said Nkoko, who recently severed ties with his manager Josiah Mosia.

He promised his fans that they would see a refined, polished

pugilist next year.

Nkoko hopes to win the title despite the fact that he will be fighting in a lower weight division than his usual - bantamweight. He said a win would enable him to seek international exposure next year. Nkoko will have to get Transvaal junior-bantamweight champion, Ashley Stout out of the way.

He admitted that Stout was the only obstacle between him and the national title.

Peu sets sights on 1996

FORMER half marathon champion, Lawrence Peu has set his sights on the Atlanta Olympics in 1996.

The pencil slim runner said this after his fantastic performance in the Fukuode Marathon in Japan, where he came second two weeks ago.

This was the first time that Peu had taken part in the 42,2km race. His specialty is the 21,1km in which he has done exceptionally well in the past.

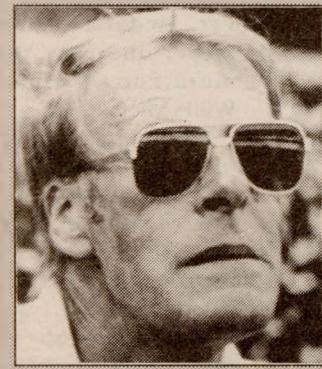
"I am going home and hopefully I will be back with a bang next year," he said before he left for his home-

town, Pietersburg.

The 29-year-old runner will take part in four road events overseas between January and March and will come back home at the beginning of April.

His first assignment will be on January 30 when he takes part in the half marathon in Puerto Rico. The other events will be the 15km at Jacksonville in Florida, another 15km in Gasparilla and the 10km race in Tampa in Florida.

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So for 1992, it's all over, soccer wise, though no doubt there will be clubs involved in friendly matches. Players need some rest but whether they will get some is debatable.

Now that it's possible to visit neighbouring countries you can't blame clubs too much for exploring greener pastures. For the time being, all is quite at Chiefs following their Xmas party.

Plans no doubt are being made for 1993. A very good season has been enjoyed and the rest is well deserved. For me personally, I am considerably satisfied with the results achieved. On the day of this week's publication I shall be on my way home to my family in the United Kingdom. At this point in time, I don't know what the future holds for me.

I have a couple of things to do elsewhere, including in countries neighbouring South Africa. As of 1993 Chiefs will have a new manager/coach. I'm sure he will do well for the club and I send him my personal regards, and wish him well with the club for the season.

Whatever I do and wherever I go, I shall keep in touch with the game here. I have had a lot of pleasure working here.

Greetings of the season to all of you and in particular to the Chiefs supporters who, on many occasions, have shown kindness to me.

There are some things that you never forget in life. A merry Xmas and a successful 1993 both here in South Africa and internationally. Go well.

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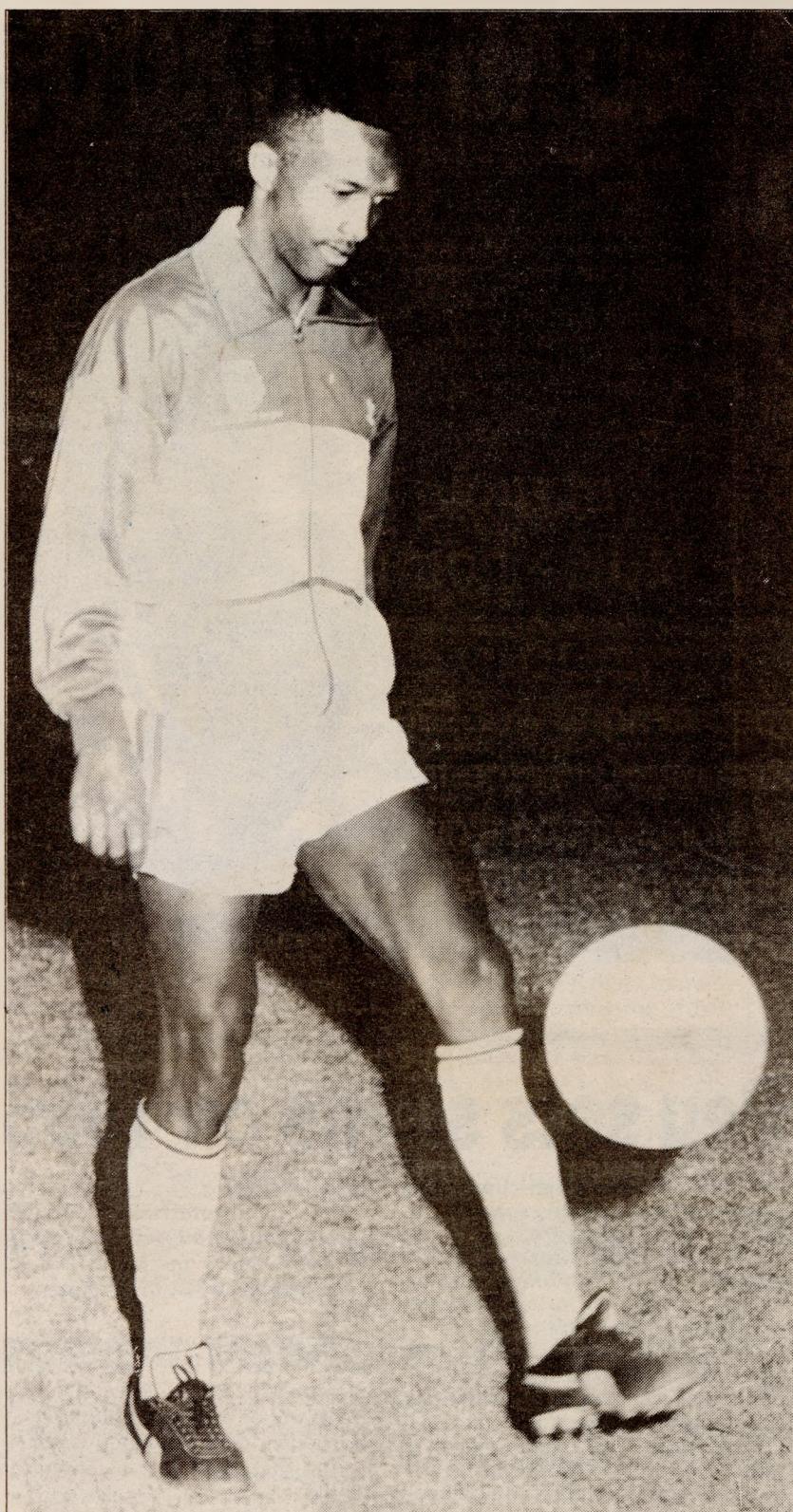
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▼ **Soccer:** Two SA players will join Argentinian club ▼ **Netball:** Transvaal emerges as the strongest unit ▼

Moshoeu to join Argentinians

★ Two SA soccer stars to sign a two-year contract with Argentinian side



Honour: Sharp Highlands Park's John "Shoes" Moshoeu ... ready to join Argentinian club

Spurs get new coach

FORMER Cape Town Spurs coach, Sergio dos Santos, who contributed to the sudden revival of the side, was this week replaced by Billy Anderson, formerly of Lightbodys Santos.

Dos Santos was fired by Spurs managing director Eric Dalton after he introduced tactics that caused the side a place in the BP Top Eight.

Dalton said Anderson was a coach of long standing and one of the most respected in the country.

Dos Santos joined Iwisa Kaizer Chiefs last week.

Heights

"We believe that Anderson will take the team to greater heights than the pre-

vious coach. He is a disciplinarian and a no-nonsense coach," said Dalton.

He said they do not regret parting with Dos Santos.

Spurs boss aims to take the team to the top next year, but he believes that they should first establish themselves in the league.

Hunting

He said he would not go on holiday this year but embark on a player hunting spree to fortify the side.

Dalton said there were a few players in the four relegated sides who he had been eyeing.

He said he would make overtures to their respective clubs soon.

SHARP Highlands midfield star John "Shoes" Moshoeu is almost certain to join Argentinian first division side San Lorenzo in February.

This was revealed by the club's agent, Marcelo Houseman, this week.

He said Moshoeu will leave with Iwisa Kaizer Chiefs midfield dynamo Donald "Ace" Khuse for Argentina next year.

Khuse was spotted by San Lorenzo president Fernando Miele and

manager Jorge Castelli during their league game against Albany City at the Rand Stadium two weeks ago.

It will be an honour for the two players to be signed up by the Argentinian side, which has topped the league for the last three years.

Houseman said the two South African players would sign a two-year contract with the club and he hoped that they would do well with their new side.

Action

Khuse has been consistent throughout the season and deserves a break. Moshoeu, on the other hand, was sidelined due to a leg injury that kept him out of action for more than 10

months.

But with his talent and experience, he stands a chance of striking it big with the Argentinian side.

"They are both good midfield players and pillars to their respective teams. I believe they will make it," said Houseman.

He added that Doctor Khumalo would leave for English first division side Astonville on December 19.

S Transvaal netball unit tipped to win

THE southern Transvaal Netball Association (STNA) is tipped to snatch the South African Netball Association (Sana) Summer Tournament at the Pelindaba courts in Pretoria tomorrow.

STNA has always emerged the strongest and better unit since the tournament's inception 14 years ago.

Their merger with the Soweto Netball League (SNL) has further boosted their strength and they now stand a good chance of sweeping the boards in this annual tournament.

STNA spokesperson Pepsi Radebe confirmed that his unit would win the tournament tomorrow.

"We have seasoned netball

players who have been in the game for a long time and we don't see any side upsetting us," said Radebe.

He said they had won the tournament 12 times and only West Rand stopped them in their tracks in the 1989 finals. But he said he was optimistic that they would win all the sections with ease this time.

Venue

The tournament, which will be contested by 26 units, was postponed to this week due to the unavailability of the venue.

It was previously scheduled for the Katlehong courts in the first week of December, but it had to

be cancelled because of the township council's water and electricity cuts.

Radebe said the new affiliates, Venda and the Central Transvaal, would also be seen in action.

West Rand, Soshanguve and the South Orange Free State appear to be fairly strong and will give the STNA stiff competition.

But the STNA has fast and active players in Queen Balisa, Joyce Mnguni, Khosi Mduba and Thandazo Miya.

Radebe added that he had clinched a R22 000 sponsorship for the tournament but declined to divulge the name of the sponsor.

Unity Games kick off



Sosco's chairperson Albert Ramovha

the Dobsonville stadium on February 14 next year.

the annual Iwisa Maize Meal Charity Spectacular.

"At the end of the soccer tournament, we hope to select a Soweto team that will play against the squads from other townships," Ramovha added.

"The schedule of the Unity Games is arranged in such a way that it does not clash with the forthcoming international soccer fixture between South Africa and Nigeria and

Square Kwik Spar. This event will be graced by Barcelona Olympics silver medalist, Elana Meyer and New York marathon winner, Willie Mtolo.

Ramovha said the aims and objectives of the Unity Games were:

- To unite all people involved in soccer at all levels and learn to work together

- To promote the development of soccer.

- To motivate and encourage the skills of soccer at all levels, namely; in the field of play, refereeing, coaching and administration.

- To give opportunity and exposure to the vast majority of talented youngsters who pursue soccer as their career.

Sosco has appealed to Soweto business persons to support the Unity Games. For further information, Sosco can be contacted at 982-7516/6.

"It will also give youngsters the opportunity to rub shoulders with their heroes in the professional ranks."

The Fun Run will be over 10 kilometres and starts at the Pimville

▼ **Soccer:** Thabe's integrity has survived one of soccer's darkest moments ▼

MAN OF STEEL

★ *Former soccer administrator, George Thabe, on soccer then and now*

THE former El Supremo of South African soccer, George Thabe may be a forgotten man. But to many knowledgeable sports administrators and fans, his immense contribution to the game cannot be easily forgotten.

Thabe, who was driven into oblivion in 1985 by soccer rivalry, still believes that the split had undone some of great progress made by South African soccer.

He feels his immeasurable contribution to soccer is there for anyone to see and he does not need to score points at this stage. In fact, it was Thabe who brought Abdul Bhamjee and Cyril Kobus to professional soccer's "gold pot" in the 1980's.

Before the split, under Thabe's leadership, the National Professional Soccer League (NPSL) committee, had raised sponsorship totalling R4-million which was guaranteed until 1990.

"Over years, we were making ourselves ready for international admission and the world controlling body, Fifa, commended us for what we were doing for soccer. Unfortunately, they told us there was nothing they could do as long as apartheid was in place.

"Furthermore, Fifa told us that our only way back to international soccer was through Africa," said Thabe.

But when the admission came, the man who helped to lay the foundation for soccer unity, was already out

of soccer administration. But Thabe has no gripe with the present hierarchy that controls soccer.

"It is good that South Africa is back in international soccer and the guys who are in control of local soccer since our admission have no reason not to succeed internationally."

Thabe vividly remembers the 38 years he spent in soccer administration. He started in the Southern Transvaal Football Association (STFA) in 1949 and by 1958 he was treasurer of the then South African Bantu Football Association (SABFA) and president of the Transvaal FA.

"At that stage, the SABFA controlled the STFA and NPSL, which was divided into three regions, Transvaal, Orange Free State and Natal," he explained.

In those days the league could only attract R1 000 in sponsorship. It was only by the end of the 1970s that things looked brighter. They were now able to draw on six sponsorships.

Talking about the stormy days, Thabe

"We shall not quit because a quitter never wins and a winner never quits"

After leading the professionals in 1971, Thabe was recalled during the 1976 upheavals, to help the NPSL out of its financial difficulties.

"I came back and raised a quarter of a million rands. We were also going to improve stadiums throughout the country, including SJ Smith in Durban, George Thabe in Vereeniging and Orlando in Soweto.

"We wanted the stadiums fully developed to suite professional standards."

He said there were no dull moments with "everyone from the players to the coaches right up to the officials and spectators was happy."

"The players were fairly paid and the stadiums packed to capacity."

Although expressing

concern at the dwindling crowds during matches today, Thabe said, now that South Africa was back in Fifa, the present soccer administration had all the possibilities of succeeding.

He said he thought the spectators had three main expectations from administration - to see total unity in soccer, mould the professional league to be the best in the world and be more active in international matches to upgrade our standard.

In 1984, enough ground work had been done towards achieving these three principles. As a result of this, they generated attendance totalling four-million.

He said he knew people would argue that today gates were poor because of the ailing economy and high unemployment.

"But the truth of the matter is that soccer thrives in that situation. During 1976 and 1984/5 periods we attracted more people."

"In a situation like this, people want to unite over something and cheer up to reduce tension. Scientific studies we conducted in the past have proven this."

"In fact, this time given that there is a large influx of people from the rural areas who have settled in towns, these should be able to find some money somewhere to attend the games," said Thabe.

Improvement

Given that he has some idea about improving the soccer situation, would he consider returning - "only if I'm approached. I was recently asked to come back. But things didn't work out like I thought," he said.

For a man who, besides being head of the former NPSL, also headed Sanfa which had a total 206 district associations in 1983 and 500 000 registered players, it is not easy to watch soccer losing its former strong base.

Any regrets of the past? "No," he says, "There should be no regrets over what happened since the formation of Sasa and NSL. We must try to learn from all the pain and setbacks we've suffered," said Thabe.

"Let us start afresh and aim for the skies. We shall not quit because a quitter never wins and a winner never quits."

Turning to the breakaway, the former president of Sanfa and chairperson of the NPSL said: "The thinly-disguised call for autonomy was nothing else but a well orchestrated, media-

manipulated attempt by a group of small people to turn the NPSL into a private company for their personal benefit.

"From the very beginning, the group had the backing of some sponsors who claimed they had a business motive to back the clubs."

"There should be no regrets over what happened since the formation of Sasa and NSL"

These revelations led to the conviction of NSL public relations officer, Bhamjee and General Manager, Kobus.

"If any money had to be released, these colleagues had to sign first and I had to endorse their signatures."

He said even if he had

wrongfully sanctioned

the use of any cash,

there were constituted

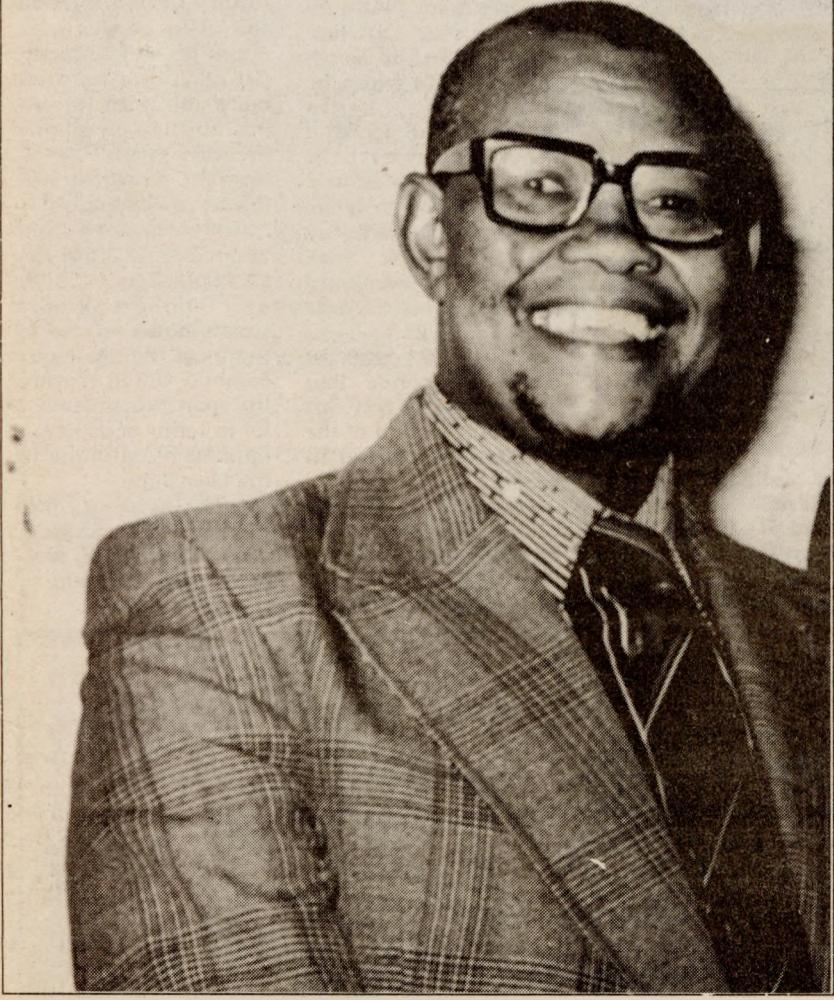
rules and regulations which could have been used to summon him to face the music and be finally suspended. This, they did not do.

Offer

"My personal view is that these people wanted me out of the way so that they could have a free hand at squandering the millions which the court found them to have wrongfully taken.

"Maybe my main sin was that when one of the two gentlemen suggested that I would be a fool not to take a million rand from one of the league's proposed project, I refused.

"Maybe I would have ended in jail. Clearly they have been very witty about this money business," said Thabe.



Forgotten: Former NPSL head, George Thabe, claims that when the league split a "vicious vendetta" was started by colleagues against him.

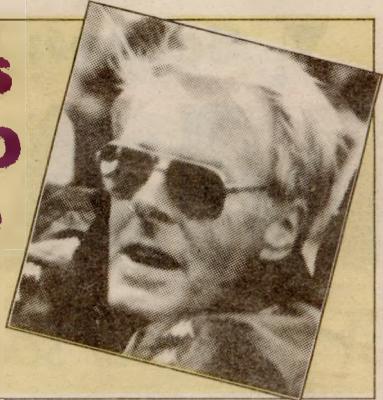


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Jeff Butler goes home and Nkoko wants a chance

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'92 - What a year for sport!



All in one year: *Left:* former Zambian president, Kenneth Kaunda, far left, joins local soccer officials in singing the national anthem during the SA-Congo World Cup qualifier at the FNB Stadium. *Above:* former IBF welterweight champion, Welcome Ncita in preparation for one of his fights before he lost to America's Kennedy McKinney. *Bottom:* Kgomotso

"Tso" Modise, who took over the troubled NSL management after the Abdul Bhamjee scandal, sings the national anthem before the Kaizer Chiefs-Jomo Cosmos's Bob Soweto cup final.

This was the most eventful year for South African sport. A year of hope, ecstasy and regrets. This year saw top soccer personalities convicted for theft.

Three soccer bodies - the Soccer Association of SA (Sasa), the SA Soccer Federation (SASF) and the Football Association of SA (Fasa) merged to form the SA Soccer Association (Safa), leaving the SA National Football Association (Sana) out on its own.

For the first time since 1960, South Africa competed in the Olympic Games in Barcelona and although no gold medals were won, Elana Meyer (10 000 metres), Wayne Ferreira and Pieter Noval (tennis), managed to bring three silver medals home.

The National Soccer League (NSL) was subjected to its worst financial scandal. Former PRO, Abdul Bhamjee

stole more than R6-million which subsequently landed him in jail. His colleague, former general-manager Cyril Kobus, was sentenced to an effective six years imprisonment for stealing more than R750 000. He has since applied for leave to appeal.

National Coach

An encouraging development in soccer this year was when the Federation of International Football Associations (Fifa) and the Confederation of African Football (Caf) admitted South Africa into their fold. However, this seemed to have caught local soccer authorities with their pants down.

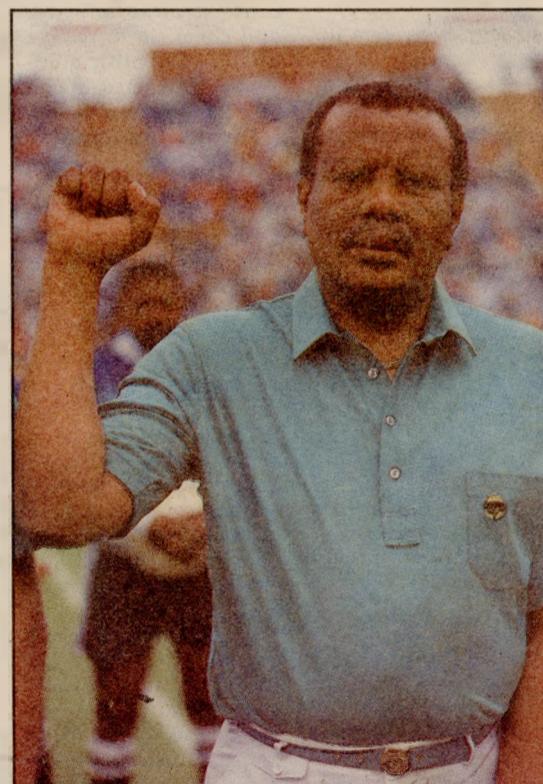
South Africa's first national coach, Jeff Butler, lost his job to his assistant Stanley "Screamer" Tshabalala, amid claims that Butler's curriculum vitae was false. Tshabalala was soon to follow in his predecessor's footsteps when he was fired

for assaulting a soccer writer. The hot seat has now been inherited by former Peruvian international, Augusto Palacios, whose real test will be against Nigeria in a World Cup qualifying return game in Johannesburg on January 16.

World Cup 1990 sensation, Roger Milla of Cameroon featured in the friendly game between his home side and South Africa. Later in the year, South Africa beat Congo 1-0 in a World Cup qualifier after three consecutive losses to Zimbabwe, Zambia and Nigeria.

In the domestic league, the Phefeni glamour boys, Iwisa Kaizer Chiefs showed their class when they won both the Castle League and the Bob Soweto Super Bowl.

Boxing also had a fair share in the international limelight. A major breakthrough for local boxers was when the respected World Boxing Council (WBC) rated some of them including former World



Boxing Organisation (WBO) lightweight champion, Dingaan "Rose of Soweto" Thobela, Pierre Coetzer, Francois Botha, Sugarboy Malinga and Corrie Sanders.

Sad to say that South Africa's last remaining world champion, Welcome "The Hawk" Ncita

lost his International Boxing Federation (IBF) junior-featherweight crown to America's Kennedy McKinney.

Lucrative

Rustenburg Platinum Mines star athlete David Tsebe did South Africa proud when he won the Berlin Marathon and pocketed R160 000. However the highlight of the athletic scene came when Willie Mtolo snatched the lucrative New York Marathon winning himself a brand new Mercedes Benz and nearly R200 000 in cash. Lawrence Peu refused to be left out and came second of the Fukuoka Marathon in Japan.

Local athletes Colleen de Reuck, Melk Mothuli and Bobang Phiri did well in the two-legged Africa Unity

Games in Senegal, Dakar and at home in Germiston.

The South African Cricket Board (SACB) and South African Cricket Union (Sacu) finally united to form the United Cricket Board of South Africa's (UCBSA) and the new body got down to serious business by implementing several development programmes for the disadvantaged.

Not much can be said about rugby. Since the SA Rugby Board (SARB) and the SA Rugby Union (Saru) merged to form the SA Rugby Football Union (Sarfu), the sport has suffered a lot in terms of its development programme in the townships.

Other sporting codes that had a successful year were netball, softball, hockey, swimming and table tennis.



The hero and the villain:

Left: Former NSL's public relations officer, Abdul "The Lip" Bhamjee is accompanied by both supporters and journalists outside court after he was sentenced to an effective 14 years imprisonment for stealing more than R6-million from the coffers of the league. *Right:* Natal's sensational marathon runner, Willie Mtolo, won the lucrative New York Marathon taking home nearly R200 000 in hard cash and a brand new Mercedes Benz.

