

## **JANUARY 1995**

### **Sun 1**

An interview with playwright Athol Fugard about art and life in a South Africa freed from the barbarity of apartheid. "Fears and loathing of a liberated old white African titan". "It's what our country is all about. The soft liberated option. Look at Mandela Ramaphosa. That's our reality."

### **Thurs 5**

Angola's armed forces chief of staff, General J de Matos, and the Unita rebel's senior military officer, A C Pena, are to meet on Saturday to bolster the fragile cease-fire.- *Reuters* -

### **Fri 6**

After talks with Thabo Mbeki and the foreign minister the Rev A Boesak has agreed a delay in his appointment to United Nations while allegations of misuse of funds are investigated (qv 19/12).

*The Dutch arm of Christian Aid* alleged that the Western Cape leader made personal use of a grant of £365,000 /R2m, which was intended for his Foundation for Peace and Justice.

### **Sat 7**

The death has occurred of J Slovo, aged 68, the Housing Minister who was diagnosed as having bone cancer in 1992. He will be followed by his deputy, S Nkondo, in the task of providing the masses with cheap housing which is at the center of the country's problems.

### **Sun 8**

Joe Slovo, the South African Housing Minister and Communist leader who died on Friday, will be given a state funeral, President Nelson Mandela said yesterday. Mr Mandela said Mr Slovo who died of cancer, would be buried on 15 January in Johannesburg.

"Comrade Joe Slovo's funeral will be accorded the highest possible status so that this hero of the South African people is bid farewell in a fitting manner," Mr Mandela said. "The day of the burial will be an official day of mourning, and flags will fly at half-mast in the capitals of the provinces.- *Reuters* -

### **Wed 11**

South Africa's police chief, General J van de Merwe, announced his early retirement yesterday, a decision seen as part of a purge of the force's command by the ANC.

The general denied his decision was made under pressure saying he had told Nelson Mandela a year ago he wanted to retire. But the announcement follows a recent statement by the ANC's security minister, S Mufamedi, that he wanted to make the police command more representative of the population. - GDN -

### **Thurs 12**

At the beginning of the education year the de facto integration of school pupils begins. The main effect of this will be felt in the Model C schools.

These schools are fee paying, and where the parents have a greater say in the running of the place. Mainly situated in the more affluent suburbs of the large towns, the situation will occur where the children of the domestic help will attend the same schools as their employer children.

### **Fri 13**

Journey of return, author B Trapido describes her experiences during a visit home that encompassed the death of J Slovo. Titled A Strange Time Of Laughter and Forgetting.

### **Sat 14**

Unknown to certain members of the government, members of the former administration granted amnesty from prosecution to 3,500 police officers and a former cabinet minister. Mr A Vlok, the former Law and Order minister, was named in a newspaper article by police commissioner J van de Merwe that explained why there was no prosecutions following the 1988 bombing of the headquarters of the South African Council of Churches. At the time the cabinet minister blamed an anti apartheid activist for the attack, who is now bringing a charge of criminal injury against Mr Vlok. The current leaders say that they do not recognise this move.

### **Mon 16**

After a state funeral, in Soweto's Orlando stadium, Jo Slovo was buried in Heroes Acre in the townships Avalon cemetery.

### **Tues 17**

With the body of the Minister of Housing so recently laid to rest, it can be revealed that the ashes of a former leader of the South African Communist Party, Bran Fischer, were treated in a far different manner.

Released from a life sentence in 1975 because he was suffering from terminal cancer, from which he died from within eight weeks, his ashes were seized from the family and 9 months later scattered in Bloemfontein's Garden of Remembrance by police and government officials.

## **Thurs 19**

Journalist, R de Melo, founding editor of Angola's only independent daily newspaper; Imparcial Fax and a critic of both Unita and the government, has been found dead after being shot. He had on previous occasions received death threats and warnings to stop his writings on military matters. This is at least the 18th Angolan journalist to have been killed in the country since Unita rejected the 1992 election result.

## **Fri 20**

The revelation that there is to be police indemnity (qv 14/1), along with other issues, has led the leader of the National Party to question the future of the government of national unity.

Speaking to the party Congress de Klerk also said that the ANC's policy of affirmative action in its appointments to senior positions was something else that gave him grave doubts over the likelihood of his party continuing as members of the administration.

The actions of both Winnie Mandela and Chief Buthelezie are still a cause for concern. Some say illness. In the case of the Home Affairs Minister diabetes, note the irrational behavior in the South African Broadcasting Company's studios in 1994 (qv 26/9).

The fifth placed member on the national executive's behavior over the past few years is all due to schizophrenia.

Still searching for power the former ruler of Natal has had himself elected chairman of a newly created body; the KwaZulu House of Traditional Leaders.

Mrs Mandela has been elected to the position of honorary treasurer of the ANC supported Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa. Subsequently her supporters raided the movements headquarters, removed equipment, and used it to set up a rival organisation.

## **Sat 21**

After a meeting between Nelson Mandela and de Klerk, over the near withdrawal of the National Party from the government of national unity, a joint statement was issued that expressed "our acceptance of one another good faith and integrity."

The Speaker has granted a request, by the Democratic Party, for a debate on the issue of police indemnity for 25/1.

The near fatal row developed at the 18/1 cabinet meeting when the deputy president was prepared to walk away from the meeting. The president, after a sincere apology, said that if de Klerk did walk out there would be no significant change.

At a meeting on 19/1 of the National Party's federal management committee, de Klerk

proposed that he alone pull out of cabinet and leave the five other party representative in position. This was rejected.

There followed a debate which took the argument of H Kriel, the premier in the Western Cape, who gave the strongest argument for continuation. He said a walk out would further the aims of the ANC in the province, the only one the Party control, lose the hoped for venue of the 2004 Olympic Games and the seat of government to Pretoria.

Leader Comment, **Anger and The Amnesty** a "fresh start," will not erase memories of the former regimes conduct. Both black and white have received pardon - for political crimes. The issue here is their secretive nature, especially towards the cabinet minister.

The crux of this [and all future] patching up attempts is the personal relationship between the president and his deputy. "Mutual trust between the two societies," it is a surprise that "the differences that do arise are few and far between."

### **Mon 23**

The events of recent days, police indemnity and threats of National Party walk out from the government of national unity have not led to a outbreak of chaos as many would have predicted.

More than these events the move away from white dominance in the public sector, education and the senior ranks in the military, are a sign that the Afrikaner is feeling the guilt of the years of misrule since 1948.

The economic course of the country has been set by the appointment of a non political banker as Minister of Finance. This is a good chance to prevent the wholesale 'Africanisation' of the economy which would be to the detriment of the middle ranks in the civil service and the armed forces.

### **Tues 24**

During the debate in parliament precipitated by the row between Nelson Mandela and de Klerk (qv 21/1) over the nature of police indemnity the Justice Minister, D Omar, revealed that there had been 13,988 applications for indemnity. They came from people who had left the country illegally for military training. These were already granted, as they were covered by the blanket approval agreed as part of the pre election negotiations.

The ministers concern was with 3,481 requests that had come from the military and the 2 cabinet ministers. These had been approved, and granted, in secret negotiations with the previous administration. The minister again indicated that these would not be approved until full disclosure had been made.

Speaking in the debate General C Villjoen the leader of the Freedom Front, and former head

of the South African Defence Force, said he would use his knowledge to expose state crime. He offered his help at this time because the political row was taking parliamentary time, when discussions should be about providing homes and employment.

### **Thurs 26**

The National Unity and Reconciliation Bill, placed before parliament in 1994 (qv 6/9), has been criticised by civil rights groups.

In a 17 page submission Amnesty International accuse the ANC and the National Party of secret deals that will allow many of the hearings to be heard in private. They are also concerned that disclosure of crimes will lead to no other punishment, such as removal from public office.

Former spy master C Williams (qv), in a newspaper article, has criticised the National Party's politicians having the aim of only protecting their positions and pensions. The lack of a general amnesty could lead to embarrassing disclosures before the Truth Commission.

India and South Africa yesterday agreed to strengthen diplomatic and trade links after president Nelson Mandela met the Indian prime minister, P V Narasimha Rao. - **Reuters** -

### **Fri 27**

In a submission to the committee examining the National Unity and Reconciliation Bill the South African Police force have submitted a 37 page document that makes a number of demands.

Those granted indemnity should not face discrimination in their employment. There should be no extradition for crimes committed outside the countries borders. Indemnity must be granted at a time of the applicants choosing.

Included in the memorandum is a 22 page addition, written by J van de Merwe (qv) pointing out that all acts, that are now the subject of calls for indemnity, were sanctioned by politicians, their agents or civil servants of the former regime.

The submission from the, South African Defence Force, says that failure to respond to these demands will lead to exposure of "political crimes committed by leading politicians during the apartheid era."

The leader of the Freedom Front, C Viljoen, has confirmed that his offer to speak on security matters to the cabinet was blocked by de Klerk. He spoke instead to a lesser committee, chaired by the leader of the National Party. His offer to speak on security matters was ignored. The former commander of the apartheid regime also feared too much exposure of political crimes, via the Truth Commission, would lead to an upsurge in killings.

## **Sat 28**

With the co - operation of Nelson Mandela the leader of the Freedom Front, C Viljoen, has taken the mantle of the champion of the Afrikaner. With only 9 seats in parliament he is determined that those whites who want a 'homeland' should have one. The idea of a second Great Trek would see those areas of country that are undeveloped revamped with the help of the Afrikaners experience. Once one area is developed then a move would be made to another.

The former military commander visualises this 'homeland' like the Jews see Israel, although they are wide spread as a people they still see that country as 'home.'

Police arrested members of their own force in Soweto, where one man died.

## **Sun 29**

The 10,000 strong Himba people of northern Namibia face expulsion from traditional lands in the name of progress.

The government has signed a contract with a Scandinavian consortium for a 2 year feasibility study into a hydro - electric dam on the River Cuene. This will result in a lake of 100 square miles. Drowned in the water will be the tribes traditional grazing land, sacred burial sites and the sites of the sacred fires that are used to consult the 'great being' on all important issues.

The aim of the project is to reduce the amount, 50%, of electricity that has to be purchased from across the border in South Africa. Even though, according to the Escom officials the cost would still be less than the £360m that it will cost to finance the Epupa Falls dam.

## **Mon 30**

A former member of the narcotics squad, General G Fivaz aged 49, has been appointed as the new police commissioner to replace General J van de Merwe who announced his retirement recently. The General has had no connection with the discredited security branch. At the same time President Mandela has appointed four deputy police commissioners, one for each of the main racial groups.

Officials in KwaZulu will defy the security minister and employ 500 locals in the provincial police force, as allegations arise that some of these are convicted criminals.

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## **FEBRUARY 1995**

### **Wed 1**

More and more cases of community policing are being reported. In the latest case a resident of an Eastern Cape township, accused of robbery, was beaten to death. The response from the local police was very low key.

In a more considered response, to the issue of law and order, the Constitutional Court will begin to consider the case State v Makwanyane and Machuna who were sentenced to death after the killing of 4 during a 1990 raid on a security van.

This will be a full blown airing of the debate over the death penalty. Both accused will be represented by a team of lawyers, they will be assisted by pressure groups and the Minister of Justice.

Those who would see the sanction remain will also be assisted by a team of lawyers, who are backed by the police and a private citizen who wants the death penalty imposed automatically for serious crimes.

The Minister of Defence has announced that it will form a service corps to train the expected 30,000 members of the South African National Defence Force who face demobilisation in the future. The aim of the course, of 3 to 6 months in duration, is to teach civilian skills to those who will leave the depleted Force.

### **Thurs 2**

South Africa's new police chief, General G Fivaz, has postponed the graduation of new recruits in KwaZulu. He called yesterday for medical tests, finger printing and other investigations into the background of the trainees, who are alleged to include convicted criminals and fugitives from justice. The dispute is seen as a test of central government's authority in the region. - GDN page 9 C1 -

### **Fri 3**

President Mandela has warned the security forces and the civil service that protest strikes will not be tolerated. This comes at the same time as a funeral of an officer killed during a police strike (qv 28/1).

This comes as he receives representation from about 200 white officers, from the Orlando station in Soweto, who have requested a move on the grounds that they face intimidation from their black colleagues.

The warning came at the same time as parliament begins a debate a report by Professor H

Cheadle, which will lead to reform of the countries labour laws. The main recommendations are to simplify the rule to challenge unfair dismissal and to allow new rules for private dispute resolution procedures.

Officials of the Inkatha dominated KwaZulu government have backed down from any confrontation with the national government over the controversial police graduation ceremony (qv 30/1).

#### **Sat 4**

Letter **M Buthelezie, Minister of Home Affairs, President of Inkatha, Chairman of KwaZulu Natal House of Traditional Leaders, Cape Town** derision of any suggestion of conflict with Winnie Mandela (qv 20/1).

#### **Sun 5**

Letter **L M Graaf York** plea for retaining the sacred lands of the Himba peoples of Namibia (qv 29/1).

#### **Mon 6**

A meeting of the Southern African Development Corporation, in the Malawi capital Lilangwe, has appealed to western donor nations not to refuse aid to the area, despite doubts of the correct use of the aid. - **GDN page 10 C 8** -

#### **Tues 7**

Former members of the ANC 's military wing have clashed with police during a demonstration outside the movements offices in Durban. They were demanding to be allowed to begin training, leading to their being able to join the South African National Defence Force. A comment from the National Party spokesman said that the force should not be blackmailed into giving in to pressure.

#### **Wed 8**

A leaked report by Danechurch, a legal firm in Johannesburg, says that funds from the Foundation for Peace and Justice have been misused. The report was called for after a Danish charity claimed that A Boesak (qv 6/1) had used some of the £500,000 donation.

At the same time the police have been called in by Archbishop Tutu to determine how £77,000 donated by the singer Paul Simon has gone missing. The administration of the cash was also run by the Foundation for Peace and Justice.

A report, into the police strike (qv 28/1) by officers in Soweto, compiled by Mediation Services of South Africa, has been given eyewitness accounts of over zealous behavior of the



riot squad. This resulted in the death of one black officer. The report recommends legal action against members of the squad and more force training in the human rights and industrial relation training throughout the force.

### **Thurs 9**

The UN Security Council yesterday unanimously authorised a 7,000 strong peacekeeping force for Angola. The mission is expected to last up to two years. - *Reuters* -

### **Fri 10**

Speaking to 600 delegates, attending Unita's national congress in Balundo which is 45 miles south of Huambo in the central highlands of Angola, J Savimbi gave an address.

The speech, more of a lecture said a government minister, did not dismiss the idea of a UN peacekeeping force (qv 9/2). His only doubt, of the forces role, was if members of the rebel army were not integrated into the new army in sufficient numbers.

Britain's contribution to the peacekeeping force will be 600 members of a logistical battalion, responsible for the control and distribution of supplies through a warehouse system. The majority of the international force will come from Pakistan, Brazil, Uruguay, Romania and Zimbabwe.

### **Sat 11**

The deputy minister of art and culture, Winnie Mandela, is angry that she was refused an visa to attend a conference held by the International Development Organisation in Toronto. A Canadian government spokesman said that this was accepted practice for someone with a criminal conviction, even the president would only be allowed entry on a 'special'.

Mrs Mandela also criticised the Rolling Stones for not making use of a black promoter for their forthcoming tour. The women hired indicated that a majority of the 250 extras hired were indeed black.

A celebration dinner, attended by 1,300 guests, marked the 5th anniversary of the release of Nelson Mandela from Robben island.

### **Sun 12**

Speaking at the reunion for those who had been imprisoned on Robben Island Mr Mandela (qv 11/2) indicated that the future of the former prison would be decided by a Presidential Commission. This would begin its work when the last inmates were moved in 1996.

Among consideration were plans formulated by Peace Visions, a company sponsored by Archbishop Tutu, which has an idea to turn the area into a tourist development linked to Cape

Town's application for the right to hold the 2006 Olympic Games.

The question of exposure of corruption within the ANC has fallen to those outside the outside of the administration. This is because fear of exposure could damage foreign investment in the country.

Known cases of corruption; Winnie Mandela (qv 19/12). P Mokaba (qv) who is now running the National Tourism Forum which is paying out salaries while having organised only one function. B Holomasi facing investigation over his running of the former homeland of Transkie.

Eleven executive members of the African National Congress Women's League quit, claiming bad leadership in the organisation headed by Winnie Mandela. The 25 member executive said after a meeting said that the organisation suffered from lack of good leadership and undemocratic decision making. - *Reuters* -

### **Mon 13**

The walkout by members of the ANC 's Women 's League (qv 12/2) was in response to a decision by Winnie Mandela. With no consultation the deputy Minister of Culture signed a joint agreement with Roads to Freedom Tourist. The group, led by Mr O Shariff, aims to bring Afro - Americans to the country to visit sites that are significant in the liberation struggle. After talks with the deputy president, that came to no conclusion, she may face expulsion from the cabinet.

Angola's Unita rebel movement agreed at its national congress yesterday to keep to a peace accord it signed with the government three months ago. - *Reuters [adb]* -

### **Tues 14**

Monies given by the president of Pakistan, amounting to R 500,000, to Winnie Mandela on behalf of the ANC's Women's League has gone missing according to state radio. A spokesman for Mrs Mandela said the cash was for "uplifting projects in disadvantaged communities." Her outspoken comments on alleged racism in the government was only a way to draw the attention of the masses to the governments concern over the issue,

The Reverend A Boesak (qv) has withdrawn from the race to become the countries ambassador to the United Nations The decision, accepted by the president "with regret," comes after the Office of Serious Economic Offenses begins an investigation into cash missing from the Foundation of Peace and Justice.

A barrister, who made his name in company law, but was one of the legal team that defended the leader of the ANC at the Rivoena trial, is about to step into the position of President of the Constitutional Court. A Chaskalson 63, son of Lithuanian Jewish immigrants, holds many honorary doctorates and is a guest member of both the New York and Boston Bar

Associations.

Constitutional Court members will wear three-quarter length smock type garments in green; *to represent the land*, edged round the cuffs in red and black; *for blood and darkness*. The court is doing the governments work by agreeing to the end of the death penalty. This will save the government from facing the anger of those opposed to this foregone conclusion.

Evidence before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is to be given in the presence of aggrieved relatives and not the media. This compromise will clear away doubts of some witnesses.

Some affirmative action over a clause in the Bill of Rights has unforeseen consequences, which will require change. The Afrikaner members of society feel that their rights are being ignored with positive discrimination towards the majority.

### **Wed 15**

Detailing the Winnie Mandela scandals (qv). The £91,000 cheque from the president of Pakistan was made out to Co - ordinated Anti Poverty Programme, which also featured in the alleged case of diamond smuggling (qv 19/12), and is housed in the same building that the hijacked Contralesia offices (qv 20/1)

The row which led to the walkout by members of the ANC's Women's League (qv 13/2) concerned the 14 day visits costing £2,500 /\$3,900, Roads to Freedom Tours.

Leader Comment, **Tragedy of a Fallen Hero** Winnie Mandela's life has been "an extraordinary one." Banned imprisoned, a woman of "spiritual resistance," rising to immortal "mother of the nation."

Even as such, many liberals had their doubts over her flawed leadership - her large home in Soweto, personal bodyguards, remarks over the "necklace," making money through the Mandela name. "A miserable sad tale," she has a "deeply flawed character" who for the good off South Africa should be put to one side. "That this did not happen is a tragedy for South Africa, Nelson Mandela and even herself."

### **Thurs 16**

In an interview, to mark the opening of the new session of parliament, President Mandela reaffirmed that he would not stand for a second term as president. He said that as he would be approaching 80 it would be better to hand power to someone younger.

As he spoke the politics of education and housing were highlighted. Right wing supporters prevented black school pupils from entering a school in a suburb of Cape Town. While in Johannesburg police moved in on a squatter camp outside the city.

### **Fri 17**

In a move that could see much of the secret work of Inkatha's death squads explained the chief of staff of the military council has asked for protective under the government scheme.

The grandson of the Nobel Prize winner Chief Albert Lithuli, D Lithuli, a former member of the ANC, who joined the Inkatha Freedom Party after serving a 10 year jail sentence claims to have had a seat on the movements central council. He was the head of the 300 strong para military group and was responsible for the training of 200 members in the Capavari Strip.

A government spokesman in the Western Cape said the 3,000 black pupils banned from a Cape Town school (qv 16/2) were excluded because of its vandalised state it was a health hazard. He also said that the pupils from an overcrowded township school had done the damage themselves.

### **Sat 18**

In his keynote speech at the opening of the second session of parliament President Mandela warned those seeking to destabilise society; only a small number, would not succeed. He said that there was no license for anarchy and no money for unreasonable wage demands. Speaking about the present scandals and the past apartheid crimes Mr Mandela said that they would be judged on the facts and not rumours.

Government and education officials, in the Western Cape have been in crisis meetings in an effort to diffuse the row over Cape Town overcrowding issue.

### **Sun 19**

The self proclaimed spy of 1994 Craig Williamson (qv 25/1) has detailed the Bureau of State Security operation in London in 1982 to destroy the ANC 's headquarters there.

Among the 6 man team was a younger Colonel E Koch (qv 19.3.94) who has been linked with security operations during Inkathagate.

Also detailed by the spy Williamson were the missions that led to the deaths of Ruth First and Jeanette Schoon, an ANC activist, and her daughter in the Angolan city of Lubango in 1984.

President Nelson Mandela's office confirmed that a member of his household staff was under investigation for what the Weekly Star called "wild parties" at his official residences in Cape Town and Pretoria. Unknown to Mr Mandela the paper said staff had feasted on his best food and wine. - AP -

### **Mon 20**

Mrs Mandela, who was "too busy" to attend a meeting, chaired by her estranged husband, to

heal the split in the ANC 's Women 's League has found herself and her daughter at the centre of new allegations.

Newspaper reports say that Mrs Mandela used her position of power to influence a private electrical contracting company to settle out of court a claim against the charity Co - ordinated Anti Poverty Programme (qv 15/2). Also they have both been linked with a building contractor who is facing fraud charges involving millions of pounds.

South African police were investigating a rape charge against a senior manager of the World Bank a spokesman said in Johannesburg. - *Reuters* -

### **Tues 21**

The revelations by C Willianson (qv 19/2) have been dismissed by the present deputy president de Klerk by saying "I have never been part, in any meeting, of any decision to commit a crime." This is despite being a member of the state security council, a body specifically set up to co - ordinate the defence of the apartheid regime.

As the trial begins of Colonel de Koch further revelations of the destabilisation tactics used by the former regime are expected.

The United Nations chief military observer in Angola, General Chris Garubu, was caught yesterday in crossfire between Unita rebels and government troops who are supposed to have stopped fighting after a peace deal. - *Reuters* -

### **Wed 22**

Mangosuthu Buthelezie, the Zulu leader, announced a two week boycott of the South African parliament yesterday pending a special conference of his Inkatha Freedom Party. He claimed a pre - election agreement on international mediation for his party's demands had been violated. *Reuters*

### **Fri 24**

Following the revelations by Craig Williamson (qv 19/2) Scotland Yard will review the evidence connected with the bombing of the ANC's London base in 1982. Pressure for action had come from Peter Hain, MP, for the extradition of the spymaster. In a written answer in parliament the Home Secretary said that this would only occur if the Crown Prosecution Service decided that there was enough evidence to do so.

A more detailed explanation of the reasons behind the walkout by 11 members of the ANC 's Women 's League (qv 12/2) has been given by L Zulu an ANC MP. This drastic action was called for to draw the attention of the movements leadership to the deputy ministers "devisive and undemocratic behavior." She may have the support of the 'grass roots,' but her recent actions left the League members sidelined.

Despite being ordered not to take an overseas trip, to west Africa, Mrs Mandela has gone on a seven day trip.

### **Sat 25**

With apparent dissent growing among senior figures in the Unita military, which was only quelled by the argument of the movements leader when he spoke at the recent congress (qv), a senior military figure has fled with his family to join the government forces.

Colonel I Navarro, secretary to a senior aide of Jonas Savimbi, has fled the base Bailundo with his family and traveled 36 miles south east to the governments garrison in Huambo in the central highlands of Angola. He was carrying secret military documents which went with him on the flight to Lusanda 320 miles to the north west. These events, monitored by the Portuguese news agency occurred on 21/2.

### **Sun 26**

Along with P Mokaba and B Holomasi Winnie Mandela, who may return early from her meetings in Burkino Faso and with the President of Ghana, are seen as the 'Gang of Three' who are the most likely to force a split in the ANC movement, after its 83 years of unity.

A civil suit for damages has been brought by M Schoon, on behalf of his son Fritz, after admissions by Craig Williamson (qv 19/2) about the death of his wife Jenette. Also the acknowledged ANC sympathiser is bringing criminal charges, for the parcel bomb attack on his wife, against the spymaster.

This case, and possibly hundreds of others, highlights the conflict within the government of national unity that the Truth and Reconciliation Bill is having to face as it passes through the discussion stages.

Photographs, book and exhibition in London [4/95] of rural white by R Ballen has set of arguments as to whether they are victims of the apartheid regime.

### **Tues 28**

Recent breaches of criminal and civil behavior have been quashed by the government of Nelson Mandela.

Troops have intervened to end a strike by 2,000 police, from the Transkie, who were blockading the city of Umtata in the Eastern Cape. In the ensuing gun battle one policeman was killed and 54 arrested. Also in the same province a 76 hour hostage drama was ended by a 'special task force' who stormed a prison.

The president has also discussed plans, with the military, about deploying troops in the inside the country. The most urgent case would see them move into KwaZulu Natal, to prevent

clashes between the ANC and IFP.

The ANC has set up a disciplinary committee to investigate cases of breaches of conduct. High on the agenda will be the behavior of Mrs Mandela who has yet to return from an unauthorised trip to the Pan African Film and Television Festival in Bukino Faso.

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## **MARCH 1995**

### **Wed 1**

Text of letters written Winnie Mandela concerning fraud charges against an electrical/building company (qv 20/2), which was dealing with Pretoria's Service Council, worth £5 million have been released by the Democratic Party.

### **Thurs 2**

As police raid the home of Winnie Mandela, which houses the offices of the charity Co - ordinated Anti Poverty Programme, and nine other buildings, the deputy minister faces the sack from the government because of her recent behavior.

Police said that Mrs Mandela was said to have benefited from a payment of £13,000/ R 75,000 with other monthly payments of £5,000/ R32,000 from the company Professional builders, who were the construction firm involved in the building of low cost housing for Caap.

Also other members of her entourage were given shares in the company which meant in effect that she had control of the company,

The decision to dismiss Winnie Mandela, which she denounced at an overseas press conference, had been made before she left on her unauthorised trip, said an ANC spokesman.

### **Fri 3**

Looking confident, and greeted by a public show of support, Winnie Mandela has returned from her overseas trip. Her next move was to attend a supreme court hearing which was to decide the legality of the police raid on her Soweto home (qv 2/3). The judge ordered, pending his ruling, that documents seized by the police should be kept under lock and key.

It is expected that the deputy minister will attend a meeting with Thabo Mbeki when the deputy president returns from a trip to the USA.

A code of conduct, drawn up by the ANC demands that all elected members must declare any pecuniary benefits that they, or their family, receive from outside sources.

A peaceful end to a mutiny by members of the integrated Mozambican army was secured as the government agreed to provide more pay to serving in the forces than to those that have been forced to leave.

The mutiny happened when members of the 8th Infantry Brigade, based in Chokowa 125 miles north of the capital, went on a prolonged shooting spree in the town. The base



commander is the brother off the leader of the former rebels,, A Dkhahama

#### **Sat 4**

Draft legislation for the Film and Publication Bill was made public yesterday. Produced by a ten strong team, appointed by M Buthelezie the Home Affairs minister, the team studied the censorship systems of countries as far apart as Egypt and Britain. It also received submissions from 1,200 from members of the general public and other interested parties.

The main controversy was producing legislation that protected the public but also did not infringe their rights under the Bill of Rights. Similar to British legislation the new provisions provides for film classifications and places where explicit films and material can be shown to those of a certain age.

Winnie Mandela has threatened to fight, what she sees as a personal vendetta, over her recent activities, pursued by charlatans and cowards. Her lawyers see the charges as a criticism of her, and other members of the ANC, popularity.

#### **Sun 5**

Witwatersrand University, in the heart of Johannesburg, is once again a center for dispute. This time the students are protesting at the discrimination in the tutorial staff.

Despite having 18,000 students, 37% of them being black, there are only 3 out of *the* 180 professors *who share their ethnicity*. Of the 680 lecturers only 70 are black.

#### **Mon 6**

A special congress of the Inkatha Freedom Party has voted to end their parliamentary boycott. It will be resumed if there is no move towards self rule in KwaZulu Natal as demanded by the members.

Awaiting a meeting between Winnie Mandela and the deputy president it is apparent one level of dispute is the rivalry between herself and influential members of the ANC, who have had to look into her affairs before.

In 1989 the Mandela Crisis Committee was set up to investigate her dealings with S Moketsie (qv). On the committee, along with the deputy president was C Ramaphosa and the current Minister for Safety and Security, S Mufamadi, who will have ordered the police investigation into the fraud allegations.

#### **Wed 8**

In report to the United Nations security council the general secretary noted that the length of time the two sides were taking to comply with the terms of the peace deal were putting it in

danger of collapse, Also the early deployment of the 7,000 strong peacekeeping force was put at risk.

With only 400 members of the peacekeeping force in the country, who are a trouble shooting force for the infantry that is to arrive in 5/95, Boutros Boutros Ghali told the council their deployment would be delayed if there was no move by 25/3 that the two sides had not made any effort to comply with the terms of the Peace Accord.

### **Sat 11**

Continuing the policy of affirmative action the ANC will have a great deal of overseas experience to study to achieve the desired results. From the success in Malaysia to the failure of the policy in Sri Lanka.

Also lessons will be learned from within the country, when the dominant English were pushed out of the establishment, to be replaced by the Afrikaner, in the 1960's. An example of this is the conglomerate New African Investments, with Dr N Motlana in overall control. This company uses a quota system for the appointment to senior level as the way forward.

### **Sun 12**

Drought, the scourge of the Southern African region, is likely to engulf an area stretching from Namibia to Zimbabwe in the not too distant future. With the reduced rainfall the maize crop, in South Africa is estimated only to be 5.5 million tonnes compared to the 1994 yield of 13 million tonnes. As a consequence neighboring countries will not be able to import the countries surplus to feed their animals,

The time is fast approaching when presidential action will have to be taken against Winnie Mandela for her many challenges to governmental authority (qv). To say she is above the law will send a green light to all other disaffected groups; civil servants and students or criminals.

### **Mon 13**

Speaking at the funeral of one of her supporters Winnie Mandela expressed her feelings of betrayal by her treatment of the authorities in recent times. This outburst came after a lengthy meeting with the deputy president, T Mbeki, which resolved nothing about her future role in the government.

The police have discovered 2 bodies that newspaper reports say are the victims of the 'hit squads' which were operated by Inkatha and the AWB. A police spokesman said a British man had been arrested in connection with deaths that happened 18 months ago.

### **Tues 14**

With strong signs of an economic recovery the government has scrapped the system,

introduced in 1985, where the currency had two levels of exchange on the financial markets. The intention to abandon the financial Rand, which was always at a lower rate than the unitary Rand, was seen as a measure that did not encourage investment from overseas. The value of the unitary Rand was not affected by this decision when the financial markets reopened.

Mr T Chadwick aged 36 was named in court as the man who ran the training camp for the 'hit squad' (qv 13/3) in Heidelberg. He is alleged to have given the police a map showing the location of 17 bodies. The British national was remanded on 2 counts of murder to appear in court again on 28/3.

The UN chief military observer in Angola said yesterday that government troops had invaded buffer zones in the north in contravention of a peace accord aimed at ending nearly two decades of civil war. - *Reuters* -

### **Thurs 16**

**Pass Notes** this date **1961** South Africa removes itself from the Commonwealth

### **Fri 17**

The confused issue over the role of the monarchy has been laid at the door of the colonial British who believed that there was only one monarch living in London. As well as the 'infamous King Zweltheni, there is according to Chief S P Holomasia, head of the Congress of the Traditional Leaders of South Africa [Contralisia,] 14 monarchs. The central government meanwhile say there are 800 nationwide, Contralisia say that there are 1200 in the Eastern Cape alone

Monarchs claim stipends of £70 per month, which is a drain on the public purse. The aim of the government is to empower the Chiefs through representative assemblies in each region. Their function would be to advise the regional governments. Representatives from each region will then form a National House to advise the regional government.

Police have arrested a member of the Home Affairs department, and a number of others, after a raid on a township east of Pretoria. They were charged with breaking the Aliens Control Act after finding food and a number of false identity papers. These would be used to help illegal immigrants enter the country.

### **Sat 18**

On the eve of Queen Elizabeth the Second's seven day royal visit, several issues are being ignored by the diplomats and the members of the royal entourage. These include the missing ears of King Hintas, which were taken to London; in the early 19 century. A present from King Zwelethini, a bull will remain in the care of the Zulu nation.

The most likely royal honour, for Nelson Mandela, will be the Order of Merit and not the knighthood that had been hoped for (qv 23/11). This is because of the likelihood of Winnie

Mandela portraying herself as 'Lady Mandela.'

### **Sun 19**

With the imminent arrival of the British monarch at the beginning of the royal tour (qv 18/3) many of the whites are indifferent to the event. In contrast, the black majority of the population are unsure who she is.

The date which the ears of the Xhosa's King Hintas lost his ears was 1834.

Hopes and advice from the young to the visiting Royal family; giving advice for holidaying in the country. Also offered was advice in respect of the family problems, of a marriage kind, that the Royal's are suffering at this time.

The Africanisation of the South African Broadcasting Corporation's Radio Service has seen the management decide that the English Language coverage was too European in nature. The fifty two overseas correspondents were sent briefing notes to cover the changes.

This unpopular decision has resulted in the services of K Chalkley, who broadcast from London for 19 years, being dismissed with only a three line note of explanation.

### **Mon 20**

Low key arrival of the Royal party at Cape Town's D Malan Airport, before an official welcome aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia, as it sails into Cape Town's harbour.

### **Tues 21**

At the formal ceremony of welcome to South Africa for Queen Elizabeth the Second, after she had come ashore from the Royal Yacht, it was noted that they were standing yards away from the spot that the ferry departed for Robben Island that was the home for President Mandela for so many years.

Before addressing a joint session of Parliament the Queen bestowed the Order of Merit on Mr Mandela. In return the President Queen Elizabeth the Second received the country's honour the Cape of Good Hope medal.

### **Wed 22**

After celebrating the country's first ever Human Rights Day with a church service in the Anglican Cathedral in Cape Town the Queen toured some of the townships on the outskirts of the city. In Langa township she watched the young playing cricket. In Khayeliysha she was mobbed by some of the 70,000 residents

A special report Politics in Transition - the Field of Foreign Policy; government enthusiasm for

inviting in foreign investors. The growth of tourism. 1990 was 2% of the world market. By 1994 the market share had risen to 20%. Liberating the work of the African artist.

### **Thurs 23**

The Supreme Court has ruled that the police raid on the home of Winnie Mandela (qv 2/3), in which details of her links to the Co - ordinating Anti Poverty Programme were seized, was illegal. The court ordered that the papers should be returned.

In response to the courts ruling the police commissioner, G Fivas, said the investigation into the corruption charges against the Department of Art and Culture would continue.

Leader Comment **One Country, Two Queens** the Supreme Court victory was a propaganda victory for the “other Queen,” she “will make the most of it.” The reality of the success of the visit if the real queen is only to those that remember the 1947 visit. Changes, since the dark days of apartheid could be helped by a flow of foreign investment into the impoverished country. One fifth of the population still live in ‘informal housing. ’Township unemployment stands at 40%

The task now for the ANC government is to defend the impossible system unhindered by the apartheid regime. The chance to show popularity - if Winnie Mandela survives or the government’s candidates in the 11/95 Local Elections do well. Solving the problem will be a miracle. Sacking the wife will not help as she has her own “empire of the disposed.” among the unemployed and the squatters. “There problems should be solved first.”

### **Fri 24**

In Soweto the Queen unveiled a monument to the 607 black soldiers aboard the SS Mendie who died as the ship sunk in the English Channel during the First World War in 1917.

Contemporary reports say that those who died, members of the South Africa Labour Contingent, sang and danced as they were addressed by the Reverend I W Dyoba. The minister calmed the men with words of comfort and said that this was the sacrifice they had come to make for Africa.

The Queen was accompanied by the regions premier, Tony Sexwela, with Nelson Mandela, making a surprise appearance. This comes at a time when there is concern over the health of the president when it is felt that he may not last for the full 5 years of his office. The memorial, in Soweto, is the first to those that died on the SS Mendie inside the country. There is one in Southampton, England.

Unanswered questions concerning the activities, of the once idolised Winnie Mandela, that the state must reconcile if there is to be a way forward. The activities and accounts of her Soweto Football Team. Accounts of Doctor Asvat, (qv) who worked for her charity clinic in Brandsfort, while she was in exile

## **Sat 25**

In a move that will highlight, once gain, the political divisions between the ANC and Inkatha the Natal based party will march through the centre of Johannesburg to commemorate the dead of Shell House of 1993 (qv 29/3)

Running alongside this dispute is Inkathas continuing demands for self rule in KwaZulu Natal. The party has threatened to pull out of the debate of forming the countries new constitution., by 4/4, if there is no move towards international mediation in the dispute over self rule.

More evidence has emerged, during the trial of two members of the KwaZulu Natal police force and party officials, who were convicted of being members of 'hit squads' active in the region. There was also evidence that Chief Buthelezie new of the Capavari Strip training camp in Namibia, where he personally initiated new recruits

The stance of the ANC on the new constitution has, to some extent, been fashioned by the trials evidence *and* has been leaked before the conference. The party show a reluctance to grant greater powers to KwaZulu Natal over its policing and administration of authorities.

The Queen, on her final full day in the country, visited the troubled region of KwaZulu Natal. She was invested with the African name of Motlalepule; She Who Brings Rain, and she did.

Education, the parents; T and E Mthvll a view.

## **Sun 26**

Smaller crowds greeted the Queen in Durban, than throughout the rest of the tour A major benefit from this visit, it is hoped, is an increase in the business between our two countries. To this end the Royal Yacht will stay behind to be used as a base for the promotion of opportunities.

Even though the French president was the first Head of State to make an official visit British diplomats felt that on this occasion there was a more sound basis, as the hosts to the Mitterrand tour found it too long winded and that mistakes were made.

The position of Winnie Mandela, as a member of the cabinet in the government of national unity, is to be ended a source in the ANC has revealed. She will be sacked by her estranged husband, at a time of his choosing. This is not because of the ongoing fraud inquiry (qv) but because she disregarded a ruling by the secretary general of the ANC, C Ramaphosa, not to make her visit to west Africa (qv 24.2). Another reason is that the support she enjoyed, from Thabo Mbeki, has been withdrawn in the light of his position as deputy president.

After the Supreme Court ruling Mrs Mandela (qv 23/3) will allow the police access to the documents that the police deem relevant to her tax affairs, concerning the last two years.

### **Mon 27**

Winnie Mandela, already in danger of losing her cabinet position (qv 26/3), has again criticised the government with an attack on the Queen's visit. Speaking at a rally, in Port Elizabeth, she said the cost of the tour was £500,000 /R2.5m. This included the R5,000 spent on the cost of a table cloth.

### **Thurs 28**

As widely predicted, and some would say justified, Winnie Mandela was sacked from her post as Deputy minister of Arts and Culture by the president. In a sparsely worded letter he said the decision was made for her to be able "to return to her position of responsibility." Her position of cabinet responsibility will now be taken over by fellow ANC member, and civil rights lawyer Bridget Mabalanda.

A companion for the president, presented to the Queen, was R Mtirara, his 'grand daughter,' one of his consorts over the past months (qv 22/5). Although strictly not a grand daughter, she is a distant relative through a Xhosa monarch, who unified the Themba tribe in the 19th century. Mr Mandela is a descendant from the right hand house of the tribe.

Mrs Mandela she is alone to blame for her 'fall from grace.' This takes into account her treatment at the hands of the apartheid regime; The Angel Who Lost Her Innocence – writes **D Beresford** -

### **Wed 29**

The cities of Johannesburg and Durban were two of the cities that members of Inkatha chose to march to commemorate their dead after the 1994 rally in Johannesburg (qv 29/3). In the same city, with a large police presence, this time the demonstration was peaceful

Downgrading the killings to 'crimes of the apartheid era,' Cyril Ramaphosa said that those demonstrating were showing "a rejection of violence and a vote of confidence in the current process of peace and reconciliation by President Mandela."

All shades of ANC politicians, including members of the Woman's League have begun to take sides after the sacking of the Deputy minister. Mrs Mandela herself failed to turn up at a press conference. She was not "overtly concerned," said her secretary.

### **Thurs 30**

The European Union's development commissioner has said that help to the country will be along the lines that it offered to African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. That is in line with the terms of the Lome Convention. Trade barriers would go over a period of 10 years, with the possibility of a free trade area being created over this time span

Economic aid of £400m/500m Ecu, over a period of 4 years. This level of aid is less than Pretoria hoped for. This reflects the concern of the European Union and the abilities of the abilities of the African Caribbean and Pacific Association? economy being able to keep up with this emerging market.

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## **APRIL 1994**

### **Sun 2**

With the demise of Winnie Mandela from the government (qv 28/3) the position of Thabo Mbeki, as a future president, is spotlighted. As the first deputy president was given the blessing of the 'Mother of the Nation' in the run up to the general election. Now that she has fallen from grace, Mrs Mandela, and her many supporters in the townships could thwart the deputy president in his attempt to attain the premiership when Mr Mandela resigns at the next general election.

His great rival for the post of president is the ANC 's secretary general, Cyril Ramaphosa, who has always been a leader; first of the National Union of Mineworkers and *then* head of the negotiating team that lead to the election of a government of national unity.

On the other hand Mr Mbeki has always been a 'number two' and out of the country, in exile *or* working for the movement throughout the world.

### **Mon 3**

*Despite* 41%, support for international mediation over the demands for self rule for the province of KwaZulu Natal, made before the general election, *such a move* has been finally rejected at a conference to determine the final constitution.

Deputy president, Thabo Mbeki, said that to allow such a policy would betray the hopes of all those who voted in the 4/94 election. What was proposed, according to the ANC 's secretary general, Cyril Ramaphosa, was a policy of ' co - operative governance.'

The Central Statistical Service have produced figures that show with an economically active population of 14.3 million, 4.6 million are unemployed. The rate for the black population white 6.4%.

### **Sat 8**

President Jose dos Santos of Angola will meet with the rebel leader Jonas Savimbi soon to bolster the country's fragile peace, the United Nations envoy said – ***Reuters*** -

### **Mon 10**

During a 2 day visit to the Gulf States President Mandela has offered further talks with the Inkatha Freedom Party, after they withdrew from a conference that will decide the new constitution after the next election.

The only aspect that will be for discussion will be the level of international mediation that the Inkatha Freedom Party believe is needed in the ongoing dispute over the party's demand for self rule in KwaZulu Natal.

Fighting between rival workers at the Vaal Reefs gold mine near Bloemfontein, South Africa, killed 12 people yesterday and injured 56. Anglo American Corporation, which owns the mine, said the fighting appeared to be tribal based between Xhosa and Sotho workers. - AP -

### **Wed 12**

In an attempt to regain her position in the cabinet Winnie Mandela is to take legal measures against the government. Lawyers acting for the former deputy minister are preparing to sue the president for wrongful dismissal.

According to the experts the correct procedure was not followed when she was sacked. The constitution states that sackings should only take place after consultations "with all the leaders of the parties making up the coalition government." Lawyers now have a sworn statement from Chief Buthelezie to say that no such consultation took place.

A spokesman for the government said that the consultation procedure had been left in the hands of the deputy president, who had forgotten to do this.

### **Thurs 13**

Having acknowledged that constitutional law had been broken during the sacking of Winnie Mandela (qv 12/4) the president has had to reinstate her as deputy minister of arts and culture.

Having received the court summons on 10/4 Thabo Mbeki, the deputy president, will begin again the process of consultation with the party leaders, that led to the crisis in the first place. To this end attempts have been made to contact the office of Chief Buthelezie, the leader of Inkatha.

Eric Williams, aged, 68, a Briton, and M Neo aged 28 a Liberian, both living in South Africa, were arrested at Luanda airport yesterday in possession of 8 kilograms of cocaine, worth £300,000 Angola's news agency Angop reported. They were on their way to Brazil to Mozambique. - *Reuters* -

### **Mon 17**

Having had to reinstate W Mandela, as a cabinet minister, after a procedural mishap, she was finally sacked. Also at a ceremony, where a new headstone for the grave of C Hani (qv) was unveiled, the disgraced estranged wife of the President was forced to sit in the sun - a calculated snub - *The Times* -

### **Wed 19**

The battle to bring the African continent into the world of the electronic age and onto the 'super highway' is being joined by two international conglomerates. A @ T Bell, the principal telephone company in the USA want to run a 29,879 fibre optic cable round the continent. This undersea link would cost R1.2bn. Their main rival is Siemens, a German company, would build a series of cable hops which would link into the continents existing telecommunication systems.

The South African Telekom Company, despite having to battle with government demands is well up to the demands of the future; the use of cell phones and new satellite systems which can reach 42 million subscribers.

Letter            **Lord Avebury, House of Lords, London** reasons why the Mpla are preventing the deployment of the United Nation's peacekeeping force known as UNAVEM 3.

### **Fri 21**

Letter            **M Holmes London N3** disputing the reasons for the delay in implementing the UN's deployment of UNAVEM 3. This has more the fault of the organisation itself, as there are innumerable reports available that Unita is evading the arms and fuel embargo. They are able to bring fuel and other materials in by air and overland, without any criticism at all.

### **Sun 23**

A government inquiry, into allegations that A Boesak (qv 8/2) had misappropriated £40,000 from his Foundation for Peace and Justice, has found no evidence of wrongdoing on his part. The investigation came to the same conclusion as one by the Foundations sponsor; Dan Church Aid.

The ANC's leader in the Western Cape still faces the outcome of a police inquiry that is investigating missing funds donated by the singer Paul Simon to a children's charity of which is a trustee.

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## **MAY 1995**

### **Wed 3**

Nelson Mandela has been forced by a principal of the constitution not to make good a threat to cease government funding to the Inkatha Freedom Party, if it continued in its call for international mediation (qv 10/4).

The cabinet secretary explained that although a move to withhold the funding was within the constitution, to do so would be against the spirit of the constitution. The comments were made at a rally in KwaZulu Natal, where earlier shots had been fired into the crowd. The police have offered a reward of £45,000 for information leading to arrests.

The South African Broadcasting Corporation have angered cultural groups by a decision that will downgrade the Afrikaans language to a 'third rate one'. on the television and radio.

**Cartoon Sign;** ' you don 't have to speak Afrikaans to work here but it helps' a rebuff for actions of the nations broadcasting corporation.

### **Fri 5**

A Series of Errors Tarnish the African National Congress – D Beresford -

### **Sun 7**

During an interview, on the eve of his first anniversary of his presidency, Nelson Mandela reflects on the success's and aims for the future.

The latest opinion polls show his support among Africans at 83%, Indians 66%, Whites 55%. From those of Mixed race there is support from 51% of the community. This compares with support, pre election, from the Coloureds/Indians and Whites of 3% and 1% respectively.

Another success, in the Soweto area, an example to the nation, the state supplier of power, Eskom, indicates that the number of households now paying for their electricity has risen from 20% to 65% in the last 4 months.

A long awaited meeting ,between the rival leaders in Angola (qv 8/4), has taken place in Lusaka. The 90 minute, their first in 3 years, was conducted in a spirit of co - operation. They have promised further meetings inside the strife torn country.

Executive Action, the company linked to Unita rebels in 1994 (qv 30/10) has been recruited by the national government in Sierra Leone to help crush rebels, who have won a string of military victories against the government of V Strasser, in recent months.

### **Wed 10**

Despite assurances from Nelson Mandela concerning the use of international mediation in his row with Inkatha (qv 10/4) Party members are suspected of killing 10 members of the ANC in an attack on a village 60 miles north of Durban.

The wording of The Truth and Reconciliation Bill has been agreed by the select committee, and will be debated in the national assembly within the next seven days.

### **Fri 12**

At a gold mine, owned by the Anglo American Company on the Vaal Reef, at Orkney 95 miles south west of Johannesburg 100 miners are feared dead as a runaway underground train plunged down a mine shaft which crushed a lift carrying those that died. Early indications were that the accident was caused because safety blocks were missing from the tracks.

African National Congress officials, who have called for a day of national mourning, say that this accident highlights the need for improvements in the health and safety aspects of the industry. These worries will be addressed by the report of the Leon Commission, which was set up by the government, which has as its members former leaders of the of the mining union.

The Ministry of mines have released the following figures which relate to the deaths in the industry. Overall deaths in 1994 – 485, 1993 586. Those who died in the gold mines over the same period were 372 and 496 respectively.

### **Mon 15**

**Pass Notes** this date **1970** a Leader Comment on the previous days debate in the House of Commons as to whether the South African cricket team should be allowed to tour this country.

Much of the argument concerned conditions in Russia, but close study of the two countries show that the two peoples are treated in vastly different ways, even within the restrictions imposed by the communist regime. This tour should not be allowed.

### **Thurs 18**

At the memorial service for the 102 victims of the Vaal Reef gold mine accident (qv 12/5) the Minister of Mines, Pik Botha, was howled down during an address to the congregation

Further disclosures from the soon to be published Leon Commission, led by Ramon Leon, show that conditions for mine workers are such that an employee with 20 years service has a 1 : 30 chance of being injured or killed during his employment. An 18 year old has about a 1 : 2. 5 chance of being disabled by accident or disease during his employment. The incidence of pneumoconiosis in the nations miners is 7.1%. In his British counterpart such a diagnosis is 0.4% .

Before meeting the Unita leader in Cape Town president Mandela said that there would be no peace in Angola until the rebels were brought into the government. After talks Mr Savimbi such an offer had been made during his recent meeting with the Angolan president (qv 7/5).

### **Sat 20**

Such is disquiet in the civil service and those attached to the military that a great number are taking the enhanced redundancy payments offered. Among these are members of the Vlakplass police assassination squad; active throughout KwaZulu at the height of the apartheid struggles. Between themselves the members have received in excess of £3m/ R17.5m in payments.

Members of the Civil Cooperation Bureau have taken payments of about £12m/R67.7m.

The question is asked has rugby changes in the post apartheid era – **D Beresford** -

The strengths, and weaknesses of the home team squad in the forthcoming Rugby Union World Cup.

### **Sun 21**

With the eyes of the world on the country because of the Rugby World Cup the main worry of the government is the rapid rise in the crime rate since the multi racial election. The view of the whites is one of fear; leading to increased security measures and even emigration.

The township residents have lived with crime for years and will continue to do so and not blame the government. What they would rather have is electricity and an effective sewerage system *for their homes*. Most of all they would like decent housing.

An interview with Nelson Mandela; the World Cup and after – **D Woods** – now a member of the non racial South African Rugby Union Board and a member of the SA Cricked Board of Control.

### **Tues 23**

The long running dispute between the ANC and Inkatha, that continues in KwaZulu Natal, is set to deepen. At a meeting in Pretoria the government has secured the agreement of 40 traditional leaders; tribal chiefs, that they should be paid by central government instead of the provincial authority.

This decision will be a blow both to Inkatha and Chief Buthelezie as his own king is a supporter of the idea.

As the debate continues over the Truth and Reconciliation Bill the Minister of Justice, D Omar, has called for an automatic amnesty for all those involved in the struggle

against white rule. The minister noted that all must testify before the commission but there should be no need for them to apply for exemption from prosecution.

**Pass Notes** this date **1970** rage, from the cricket community after the cancellation of the South African cricket tour; which was largely due to the efforts of a campaign led by Peter Hain.

### **Mon 29**

Being deployed in Angola are members of Executive Options (qv 7/5). Payment per employee is £1, 300 with provision for insurance for injury or the ultimate; death sustained whilst fighting on the side of the Mpla government.

The company is already known to have lost 10 employees; two of which are known to have been executed by Unita forces.

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## **JUNE 1995**

### **Thurs 1**

A senior policeman, Colonel L Botha, has been arrested in connection with several murders in South Africa's Zulu heartland in the late 1980s, police said yesterday. Colonel Botha was formerly a security branch policeman based in the Indian Ocean port of Durban and was stationed in the department of community policing in Port Elizabeth at the time of his arrest..

Meanwhile gunmen killed an 11 month old baby boy and wounded 3 people on a township home in Zulu territory. - *Reuters* -

### **Fri 2**

In a move that will seem a reward for limiting whites hostility before the general election President Mandela has not dismissed the ambitions of those Afrikaners who wish to live in a Volkstad - homeland, within a democratic South Africa.

The end of the widespread labour tenancy agreement, which affects some 250,000 blacks, is imminent. Publication is due of a Bill that will give security of tenure to those occupying the land, after an agreed payment of compensation is paid to the white farmers. The legislation has the support of the National Party, who made the system illegal on the 1960's. It was circumvented by the farmers with payments of as little as £10 per month on condition that there is full public debate before any debate in parliament.

The purchase of 4 corvettes for the navy, from either Spain or Britain, worth £270m/ R1.6b. has been put on hold by the president. In the present economic climate he feels that the money could be better spent fulfilling government election promises.

### **Sat 3**

Sparked by the evidence given during the trial of Mbambo and Mkhlinzi, former members of a hit squad operating in Natal, a team of detectives have been collecting evidence that could lead to the prosecution of senior members of the Natal police force and politicians that were in power during the years of the struggle.

Confirmation of the evidence is expected after the arrest of Colonel L Botha (qv 1/6) who was the link between the now defunct security branch and Chief Buthelezie.

### **Sun 4**

Contrary to popular myth blacks have played rugby union in certain areas of the country for many years. The seat of the game is in the Eastern Cape, centred round East London, for many generations. In the current Rugby World Cup the population



has shown much affinity with the team from Western Samoa, who have battled through the opening games and beaten strong white opposition teams.

The hope is now that this black pride in the national game of the Afrikaner will spread to the majority.

The Westminster MP, P Hain, has asked that the inquiry into the bombing of the ANC headquarters in 1982, mentioned earlier (qv 24/2), be speeded up after information from M Leach, former head of security of the republics Telekom company, who stated that British Intelligence knew of the operation. They were happy to let it proceed so that they could gain information on the links between the ANC and the IRA, in Northern Ireland.

Craig Williamson (qv 19/2) said that the mission was sanctioned by the state and calls for his extradition, by Mr Hain were inappropriate.

South African president Nelson Mandela has called a snap parliamentary debate in a growing storm over an admission he told guards to kill if necessary to protect the ANC 's headquarters in 1994 (qv 29/3). About 60 people were killed in and around Johannesburg on 28 March last year, eight outside the ANC's Shell House headquarters, when supporters of Zulu Chief Mangouthu Buthelezie's Inkatha Freedom Party marched against elections. - IOS News in Brief P2 C 7 -

### **Mon 5**

The admission from the President that he ordered a shoot to kill policy during a march in 1994 by members of Inkatha (qv 4/6) was no more than an enunciation of the legitimate right of self defence," said a member of the attorney generals office. This was in response to remarks made by an Inkatha leader in the Transversal who said that if Nelson Mandela was not in prison by 9/6 Party members would start killing 1,000 people a day.

As the Inkatha Freedom Party's fight for self rule continues the latest leaked draft of a constitution has emerged. This would see KwaZulu Natal as a member of a confederation of states, which make up South Africa. Many functions of central government would be ceded to the province. Pretoria would only have control of foreign and economic affairs. It would have the right to call on the Kingdoms military forces to defend the country. There would be no powers to station the nations troops in the Kingdom without agreement

### **Tues 6**

The Investigation Task Unit, a civilian controlled body, which has already succeeded in *seeing* Colonel L Botha (qv) detained has now seen J Moore held. A former member of military intelligence he is now on secondment as director of marketing , for the state controlled arms manufacturer - Denil.

Following the remarks made by an Inkatha official (qv 5/6); now known to be R Mtuseni, a commander of a para military unit, the ANC 's security minister in the Gauteng regional government, J Duarte, has called for his arrest.

Chief Buthelezie has launched an attack on white members of his party. He has accused them of being megalomaniacs and of leaking documents, which led to him possibly being charged with sedition, The Inkatha leader also accused them of leaking distorted facts to the media.

Forty two people were murdered and 34 women raped in and around Johannesburg in what police called a normal weekend of crime. - **Reuters** -

### **Wed 7**

The 11 member Constitutional Court has delivered its ruling in the State v Makwanyane and Mchuny who were facing the death penalty (qv 1/2). The unanimous decision was to declare that taking of life to be unconstitutional. This will bring some comfort to the 300 plus awaiting the decision whilst on Death Row. Those condemned to die will remain imprisoned till a suitable alternative is decided.

With an eye on the forthcoming debate on the abortion issue court member Catherine O' Regain said that human life as "cherished" by the constitution was not "mere organic matter" but had a right to "share in the expectancy of life."

More than 200,000 marched behind banners of the COSATU organisation, bringing the centre of Johannesburg to a standstill. They were demanding an increase in legal rights for workers, organisational rights, centralised bargaining and the right to strife. Whilst supporting the campaign the President urged the workers and management to work together to solve disputes.

Leader Comment, **A Formal End to Execution** -South Africa now joins more than half the world who have abolished the death penalty. "Everyone, including the most abominable human beings, has the right to life and therefore capital punishment is unconstitutional."

The decision adds moral status where it is needed most.

Nitre - country adoption procedures will begin in London in a short time. In 1985 white madam, Catherine Miles, employed Lucas Zunga as a driver. His partner Mary, gave birth to Samuel in 2/86 and they all *lived* in domestic quarters. In 1991 Miles says there was a verbal agreement between the three to allow the boy to travel to England with her. He would stay for 5 years to improve his education. Once in this country she began adoption procedures, against the wishes of his parents.

The parents, worried that Samuel would lose his Zulu identity, contacted the Black Sash organisation to help them fight the adoption procedure. The human rights organisation has appointed a specialist lawyer to fight the forthcoming case.

## **Thurs 8**

President Mandela, pressured into making a statement in parliament by Inkatha (qv 4/6), explained to the House the timetable of events. Having received intelligence that a group of marchers would make an attack on Shell House the police were informed. From the high command there was a promise of road blocks to deter the throng. As the demonstrators approached the building the police on the ground fled, leaving the building open to attack. Only then did he order the shoot to kill policy; in order to protect lives. Other speakers in the debate wanted to know why the president had waited 14 months before making this explanation.

Earlier the cabinet had met to discuss the escalation of violence in KwaZulu Natal. The outcome; the setting up of a committee with the two deputy presidents and Chief Buthelezie as members. The President will be in overall charge.

## **Fri 9**

A Unicef report states that South Africa has about 27% of women as MP's. In comparison the world average. The British figure is 9%.

After a year away from the stage the satirist P D Uys has brought his new show on the road. Many of his former 'targets', Botha, Tutu, have left the limelight but there are still many of his characters remaining to give an impression of life in the New South Africa.

Police have arrested M Z Khumola, the deputy secretary of Inkatha. He is implicated, along with L Botha and J More (qv) in the deaths of 13 south of Durban in 1/87.

The open heartiness and impulsive behaviour of Nelson Mandela (qv 8/6) is to be admired but it is a dangerous precedent for a head of state to set.

## **Sat 10**

A South African pilot has been arrested at Johannesburg international airport with 286 lb of gold, worth five million rand [£850,000] destined for Europe, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Deon Kruger, aged 39, was arrested after police found seven bags of gold in a private aircraft from Mozambique. Mr Kruger was released on 200,000 rand [£34,000] bail after a court appearance. - **Reuters** -

## **Sun 11**

The location of the 13 deaths that M Z Khumalo (qv 9/6) is implicated is the township of KwaMashu, south of Durban.

Despite the long running aggression between the ANC and Inkatha in KwaZulu Natal there are enclaves of peace and stability. One such is the Swayimani valley which is ruled by Chief Gcumisa, 29, who has returned to the area after being forced out by

those who supported violence toward rivals in 1989. There are even moves to provide a road, electricity and water services to the peaceful valley.

With recent moves to diminish the power of Inkatha and especially the party leader, in the region by altering the funding (qv 3/5), the arrest by the police of the deputy general secretary (qv 9/6), the president has put Chief Buthelezie on the defensive. It seems that Nelson Mandela has taken off the kid gloves and become more hawkish in his dealings with the leadership in the troubled province of *Natal*.

### **Mon 12**

A former member of 4 Reconnaissance Regiment a special forces unit, M de Villiers, has been arrested for the 1994 killing of Professor J Heyns (qv 7/11). The former soldier, with known right wing sympathies, who had been sought for the past year was held on his farm in the Orange Free State.

### **Tues 13**

Named Leeds soldier, part of the 36 man contingent of the Royal Logistical Corps. 17 Port and Maritime Regiment who are working in Luanda. They are deployed as part of UNAVEM 3 in Angola.. Recently in a typical operation, in a 24 hour period, they unloaded something like 400 trucks onto the neglected dockside working in 40 degrees of heat. The British team will be home, on completion of the work, by 8/95.

South African police said yesterday that they were searching for an alleged British mercenary, Tyrone Chadwick, [qv 14/3] who was freed on bail after being charged with the murders of two black men on a farm near Johannesburg. - **Reuters** -

### **Thurs 15**

The South African parliament yesterday approved legislation putting tribal chiefs on the central government payroll, despite objections from Zulu nationalists who see the bill as a threat to their power..

With the Remuneration of Traditional Leaders Bill, President Nelson Mandela is moving to break the chief's allegiance to Zulu nationalist leader Mangasuthu Buthelezie, by shifting their payment away from provincial administration. Mr Mandela met Mr Buthelezie and 25 chiefs in KwaZulu Natal on 13/6 to discuss the dispute.

The local government minister, Roelf Meyer, said that of the six provinces that have traditional chiefs, all but KwaZulu Natal, have accepted the offer - **AP** -

The Angolan ruling party is to decide tomorrow whether to accept the rebel leader, Jonas Savimbi, as vice president as part of a peace plan to end two decades of war. **AP**

## **Fri 16**

A South African judicial commission is expected to investigate claims that Pretoria supplied weapons to Protestant paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland with the connivance of British intelligence.

Civil rights lawyers in Johannesburg, briefed by Sinn Fein, have been investigating South African sales of arms to Ulster and are preparing to make a submission to the Cameron Commission of Inquiry. The commission has been set up to investigate covert operations by Armscours, the State controlled arms manufacturer. The president of Sinn Fein, Gerry Adams, confirmed in Cape Town yesterday that he would be making a statement on the issue before the end of his South African Tour.- **D Beresford GDN, P6 C 8** -

## **Sat 17**

President Mandela will speak at an Inkatha Day Youth rally at Ezakheni, which is in the heart of KwaZulu Natal.

## **Sun 18**

The Cameron Commission, set up in 2/90, with the remit to investigate arms sales from this date, will have to have its terms of reference altered by the president if it was to take up the arms for Ulster case sought by Gerry Adams.

The case in question involves a shipment of RPG missiles and AK-47's to the province in 1/88. These facts were released during the trial of B Nelson in 1992, a self proclaimed member of British intelligence, who infiltrated the UDA.

An Armscours spokesman said that there had never been any shipments to Northern Ireland and there was too little evidence to base any inquiry on. Another limiting factor for the government to consider is the cost; about £3000 per day.

## **Mon 19**

The visit of the 'unknown' Gerry Adams to Phoela Park squatter camp.

A senior member of Angola's ruling MPLA party said at the weekend that it had decided to invite the rebel leader Jonas Savimbi to become one of two vice presidents in a national unity government on condition that he disband his Unita guerilla army.

"We cannot accept a vice president who is also a leader of a parallel army," J Lourenco, told state radio. "There will have to be some changes made in the constitution to create the post." Government sources said the MPLA vice president would be F van Duem, currently president of the national assembly.

Meanwhile the UN said it would soon begin supervising the assembly of an estimated 75,000 Unita troops in central Huambo and northern Uige provinces. - **Reuters** -

## **Tues 20**

Tens of thousands of workers marched in Johannesburg, Pretoria and Cape Town yesterday as part of peaceful national half day strike called by the Congress of South African Trade Unions. - AP -

## **Thurs 22**

The Minister of Defence, J Modisie, has told parliament that as part of the ongoing naval review (qv 2/6) that the purchase of 4 naval corvettes has been scrapped. Mr Modisie did not say that decision would be reviewed some time in the future, but sources within the department said that a decision would be taken after the defence review in 4/96.

At the age of 74, and suffering from motor neurone disease, H Gwala has died. The son of a Lutheran preacher brought up in Kwazulu Natal he joined the South African Communist Party and became an early member of the ANC 's military wing. He served two jail terms for terrorist activities and was released from a life sentence on Robben Island in 1988 as his disease became more noticeable.

When the movement was unbanned he became the chairman of the ANC branch in the Midland region of his home region, *Natal*, which he served till his death.

A former death row prisoner, Robert McBride, [qv] was sworn in yesterday as a South African MP. Mr McBride was convicted of an anti apartheid bombing in Durban 1984, in which three people died and 22 were wounded. - *Reuters* -

## **Sat 24**

The issue of gay rights has even touched the supreme court, one of the advocates E Cameron, a well known campaigner on the issue, has been appointed to the Court. The issue of discrimination against 'gays' will be outlawed in the final constitution unless Christian fundamentalists try and alter a clause that forbids discrimination on the ground of "sexual orientation."

## **Sun 25**

At only the first attempt, because of well documented facts South Africa has won the Rugby Union World Cup by beating New Zealand 15:12.

Despite a need to replace some diseased vines and invest in new technology members of the South African Wine and Spirit Association sent 1.9m cases of their products in 1994 to Britain. This is an increase of 93% on the 1993 figure.

## **Mon 26**

Remarks from L Luyt (qv), the president of the South African Rugby Football Union, that the Springboks were the first "true" world champions and "that there were no true world champions in the 1987 or 1991 World Cup because we were not there. We

have proved our point,” cause the New Zealand teams who were attending an end of competition dinner, to walk out in protest.

Fourteen high school pupils in Pietersburg were hurt by a hand grenade blast in South Africa’s Northern Province, police reported. The pupils aged between 16 and 18, were travelling in a school; bus and stopped for refreshments, when the grenade went off.

**Reuters**

**Cartoon** “Let’ s offer \$1, 000 to anyone who insults Louis Luyt.” Big business unites to belittle South African Rugby.

## **Tues 27**

The possibility, in 1994, of replacing the Afrikaner national anthem with Nkosi Sikelel I Africa (qv 8/5) may have to be thought about again. Recent events, the Rugby Union World Cup victory, have shown that the population can unite in common cause against a united goal.

Further more, there is speculation that the name Springbok will remain a nickname of the national teams after the cricket team were earlier considering, at the presidents suggestion , of using the name *of the Protea flower*.

## **Wed 28**

Lawyers, acting for Sinn Fein, have produced evidence to the Cameron Commission (qv 18/6) that there were weapons shipments and meetings between South African and British intelligence officers as late as 4/91. With this evidence before it the commission would be within its remit to investigate the passing of weapons to the Protestant paramilitary organisations in Northern Ireland, as asked for by Gerry Adams.

## **Fri 30**

The debt of honour that Nelson Mandela owes to the Volkstad (qv 2/6) has moved a step closer. At a meeting on 28/6 with the Volkstad Council, at which he was presented with a Springbok hide, the president said he would consider the possibility of a referendum among the 3m Afrikaner population. Any such homeland would be developed in two territories surrounding Pretoria, in which 1.3 million of the Afrikaners reside.

Discolours from a former member of the security branch officer, P Erasmus, that there was a plot to rob the ANC of power, after the release of the movements leader from prison, during the time of the National Party government has been refuted by deputy president, F W de Klerk.

The former member of Statcom; Strategic Communications, also disclosed details of how members of the security branch how the foreign media was manipulated to give adverse reports concerning Winnie Mandela. There was an acknowledgement that members placed bombs that were then attributed to the terrorists.

Mr Erasmus claimed that the car crash, that caused the death of M Blacckburn in 1986, an activist in the E Cape, was caused by the authorities who tampered with the vehicles brakes.

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## **JULY 1995**

### **Wed 5**

In recent years the South African Occult Related Crime Squad led by Colonel K Janker aged 45 and a born again Christian, has dealt with 13 missing persons, 4 murders, 7 rapes, 7 suicides, 26 break - ins to churches and 179 cases of desecration of graves.

It is believed that there are two main Satanic organisations; the Brotherhood of Ram and the Order of Darkness, which mainly attract members of the white population.

The Colonels evidence was used in a Port Elizabeth court, by the prosecution, in the trial of two whites who claimed they were ordered to attack beautiful women in luxury cars. This was disputed by the leader of the squad who said that occultism crimes are not usually directed so specifically.

### **Thurs 6**

**Pass Notes** this date 1985, The doctors treating S Biko (qv) Dr B Tucker and Dr I Lang have been found guilty on serious charges by the South African Medical and Dental Council.

### **Tues 11**

Albie Sachs, former freedom fighter and noted author of his experiences in jail, Jail Diary of Albie Sachs [1964] and Vengeance of a Freedom Fighter [1988], is now a member of the Constitutional Court.

In an interview he notes that the Bill of Rights (qv) has had the best points of law picked from other countries like Germany, Canada and India's legislation to perfect its own Bill.

He says it is not a question of the government granting rights but the people having rights that the government cannot interfere with.

### **Sat 15**

Arrived in Leeds, a Market Street Theatre production of Josie Josie, first seen by the author when visiting Johannesburg for the countries first multi racial elections in 1994  
on 29/4

### **Sun 16**

The 'dirty war' attacks of the South African intelligence services has been uncovered to include an organisation that played fears that the ANC was a puppet of the Soviet Union' Communist Party

The International Freedom Foundation began its work in 1986, born out of an idea of R Crystal's; the Foundations head while he was attending a meeting of right wingers at the Jamba headquarters of Savimbi's Unita in 1985.

Based in the USA, with the backing of right wing members of Congress, it drew 50% of its funding from Pretoria. All the information gathered was passed to another military intelligence front organisation in Britain, Long Reach, a company specialising in the security field. Some staff members were working undercover for C Williamson (qv).

### **Mon 17**

A reappraisal of health policy, introduced in 4/95, has seen a suspension on heart transplants at any other centre than a hospital in Cape Town, the location of the worlds first by Christian Barnard in the 1960's.

This right to life operation, costing £10,000 was challenged recently by a surgeon at a Pretoria hospital, who was trying to save the life of a 22 year old student. With a last minuet plea to the regions Health Minister, R Mgiijima, the surgery was allowed; as the patient was already in theatre.

Officials denounced the surgeon, who said that the cost was "a drop in the ocean," for not considering that the money would have been better spent on improving health care in the townships.

### **Tues 18**

Celebrating his 77th birthday Nelson Mandela returned to the place of his first employment, *as* a mine policeman at Shaft 77, Crown Mines Johannesburg, which is now the centre of the Gold Reef City theme park..

During the celebration, attended by the victorious Springbok rugby team, the president received £170,000/ R1m donations to his Children's Fund from the business community. The Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, set up to help the underprivileged was launched on Soweto Day in 1994, with a pledge from the president to donate one fifth of his salary during his term of office.

### **Thurs 20**

Gunmen broke into President Nelson Mandela's Children's Fund office near Johannesburg on his 77 birthday on Tuesday, stealing office equipment and a painting of him and leaving a message for him "Sorry Mandela we are hungry." - *Reuters* -

### **Sat 22**

The final report of the Cameron Commission (qv) has been published. It calls on the Mandela government to base overseas sales on the humanitarian record of the buyer. This has already led to the suspension of sales to Turkey because of the human rights abuse towards the Kurdish population.

The report claims that Armscours misled the government over sales by the company in 1984 (qv 19/10). It calls for the prosecution of the companies former marketing manager and the sacking of two other employees. All three have already left the company.

R Karilis, the deputy defence minister, will follow the commissions advice and allow the countries principal weapons manufacturer, Denil, to continue production, because of the difficulty of obtaining weapons from overseas.

### **Sun 23**

The row over health policy (qv 17/7) continues as primary health care clinics in the townships, a flu epidemic is spreading in Soweto, continues. Christian Barnard, the heart transplant pioneer in 1968 condemns the limitations put on Dr Serfontein from Pretoria.

Health Minister for the national government, Dr N Zuma, has specified the location for this type of operation Cape Town, where there has already been 40 this year. Media sources are concerned that this clampdown could also hit other expensive treatments like leukaemia or liver or kidney transplants.

### **Tues 25**

Always known as the 'murder capital of the world,' it was announced recently that the murder rate of Johannesburg has fallen by 23% in the first 3 months of 1995 to 1027. These figures have been released at the same time as the police launch a city wide sweep, in which 700 people were arrested in a 4 day operation.

Faction fighting, between Xhosa and Sotho speakers in Sebokeng township resulted in 14 dead and 11 injured.

### **Fri 28**

So badly damaged is the infrastructure of Angola, after 20 years of war, that the country is on an economic and medical downward spiral. Since the resumption of the civil war \$3.25m have been spent on weapons, which has left the future wealth dependant on the earnings from oil exports.

Statistics show that the death rate for the under 5's is now 15 per thousand births. This is an increase of 50% since the 1980's. Monthly wage rates - £15.72 university teacher, £1.88 civil servant and £0.63 nurses.

Because of the poor pay conditions many professionals are seeking employment from the UN and other aid agencies, where salaries are 100 times better. Academics are taking overseas postings, and rarely return to the country. To fill these gaps the government is relying on Korean and Vietnamese doctors. Teachers are brought in from Bulgaria, Italy, Russia and Portugal.

As the Luanda government watches the social fabric of the country disintegrate it stalls on the peace process; which the UN says is contributing to the decline.

South Africa has imposed an embargo on the sale of military equipment to Nigeria and Cuba, according to the latest classification of potential customers by the weapons procurement agency, Armsour.

The classifications are likely to provoke further controversy over the administration's shambolic foreign policy. - D Beresford GDN P8 C6 -

### **Sat 29**

At the presidential residence in Pretoria, named Mahlamba Ndiopfe, Dawn of a New Era, President Mandela held a lunch. At this lunch the guests were the wives of the oppressed and the oppressor of the apartheid era.

The house, reluctantly vacated by Marike de Klerk, who was not on the guest list because her husband still served in the government, resonated with the voices of the likes of the wife of ex president Vorster, the widow of Steve Biko, Susan Strydom wife of the National Party leader in 1949 and Mrs P W Botha.

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## AUGUST 1995

### Tues 1

The Angolan peace process is in danger of falling apart, according to General J Matos head of the countries armed forces. Recently the top brass from both sides met, without the presence of politicians or members of the UN, for the first time. It was hoped that an arrangement could be agreed whereby the army could become a force for stability by bringing all the Unita members into the standing army of 50,000 plus.

The unified force would work and train on the job; repairing roads, building homes and repairing bridges. All Unita officers would receive commissions in the regular army. These concessions, from the government side were rejected, this means a return to a 1991 agreement which will limit the army to a strength of about 20,000.

South African police said yesterday that they had arrested more than 6,000 suspected criminals in a 10 day crime prevention operation around the commercial capital Johannesburg. Sixteen suspects had been arrested for murder and 20 for attempted murder. - *Reuters* -

### Fri 4

One aspect of the Reconstruction and Development Programme, the feeding of 2m young school children, in the Eastern Cape, is near to collapse as a result of corruption and maladministration.

Foreign policy *decisions*, nominally under control of Albert Nzo, are being thrust into the hands of Thabo Mbeki the first deputy president. The split in responsibility is giving unclear signals to the international community. Of major concern is the apparent side lining of the Moroccan government, who were backers of the ANC 's struggle, in favour of the Polisario movement and its fight for control of Sahel region of the country.

The USA are angry that Pretoria may open diplomatic relations with Cuba, who's leader Fidel Castro is due to make a state visit. Washington is also upset that the Mandela government is to allow Iran to use the oil depot at Saldanali Bay.

The population of Malange, in the Unita controlled sector of Angola but itself under the rule of the government forces after a long siege in 1994 (qv 20/2) is only being kept alive by an airlift of supplies from the UN 's World Food Programme feeding plan. Every month 1,800 tones of aid are flown in to feed the population, which has swollen to 162,000, after an influx of refugees from the surrounding countryside.

As always the threat of unexploded mines limit the daily life of those confined to the city. To try and overcome this threat 50 former members of the government army have been trained in mine clearance. Their work is limited because of the ever present

military threat from marauding Unita soldiers. There clearance rate has, so far, allowed 3 non governmental agencies to begin agricultural works.

### **Sat 5**

After the many years of isolation by the international community the work of palaeontologist Professor P Tobias of Witwatersrand University, is having a 'new dawn' after the discovery of foot bones that show early man was a chimpanzee - like tree climber.

The dream, now that South Africa is having a 'new dawn,' could be an opening up of an anthropological trail that links sites from the Cape through Tanzania to Ethiopia all of which have provided evidence of early man.

The policy of affirmative action that is great evidence in the business community, may make the firm feel that it is an enlightened employer, but those that are promoted are not being worked at their full potential. They are being pushed up the managerial ladder without proper *training* being available.

### **Wed 9**

General J Matos head of the Angolan army (qv 1/8) would have the army working on reconstruction projects as a fourth branch of the national army. It would be composed of about 50,000 members of the present FAA and between 20,000 and 30,000 Unita troops.

### **Sat 12**

Revealing the role of Jonas Savimbi and Unita in the still troubled Angola. Detailing the failing infrastructure of Huambo, from the deaths of the two MPLA 'notables' in 1992 (qv 20/10 & 5/12). It is still possible that the Unita leader will emerge with enough support to rule the country.

### **Sun 13**

Despite rumours, going the rounds in Freetown, De Beers denies any links with Executive Outcome (qv 7/5). In private the mercenary force, fighting in Sierra Leone is described as a "bunch of bandits".

### **Wed 16**

Visiting the Afrikaner heartland of the Northern Cape President Mandela has paid his respects to the widow of H Verwoerd, Betsie, aged 94. Also in attendance was Professor C Boshoff, the secessionist planner in 1991 (qv 26/1).

In her hand-written speech Betsie thanked the president for his handling of the delicate issue of the Afrikaner homeland; Orania.

The ANC 's provincial organiser in southern KwaZulu, Natal, Joseph Nduli, has been found dead in a Durban mortuary, the victim of an apparent assassination campaign directed at regional officials in the ruling party. - **D Beresford GDN page 9 C 4** -

### **Fri 18**

Nelson Mandela has instructed his lawyer Ismail Ayob to file a divorce petition against his estranged wife Winnie from who he separated in 1993.

### **Mon 21**

The impulsive nature of the president; the writer is seeing him as more adaptable, in dress sense and behaviour, in any given situation. Other heads of state would act with more reverence. - **D Beresford, Johannesburg Diary** -

### **Tues 21**

Anger has been expressed at the number of seals killed during the annual cull at Cape Cross in the Namibian coast. The industry employs about 100 people, out of a working population of 150,000, have been licensed by the government to kill 12,500 pups and 4,000 bulls - out of a colony that numbers 500,000.

The revenue raised, £300,000, is mainly generated from the sale of the sex organs to markets in the Far East to be used as an aphrodisiac. In Hong Kong dried seal genitals are on sale for £1,000 per pound. The remaining pelts are used locally in the manufacture of shoes and handbags. Some of the skins are sent to Europe to be made into coats.

Opponents of the industry say the cull is unnecessary and sometimes cruel, as occasionally the animals are not killed in a humane manor.

### **Fri 25**

At a forthcoming meeting of members of the South African Development Community, to be held within 7 days at the World Trade Centre in Johannesburg, the issue of Nigeria's return to democracy will be at the top of the agenda.

The other main issue will be whether the movement should maintain a regional peacekeeping force, and who should take the chairman's role. At a previous summit, in 3/95, it was decided that the force; known as the Association of Southern African States would have a 2 yearly rotating figurehead. Now it is proposed, by Robert Mugabe, that the chair should be held by the country that has had the longest rule by democracy - Zimbabwe, where he is President.

Other items on the agenda will be a proposal to scrap visas for travel between the 11 member states, this will be opposed by South Africa. Also up for discussion will be an idea to create a community wide free trade area.

Throughout the conference members of the gay community will be staging a demonstration against the policies of the government of Zimbabwe who are in the

process of encouraging the harassment of the members of the Gay and Lesbian movement (qv Z book 2 14/8)

### **Wed 30**

In jailing of R Mbamba (qv) and his two associates to terms in excess of 50 years for their death squad activities Mr Justice Reyden has called on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to launch a fresh investigation into the links between KwaZulu politicians and the activities of the death squads in the early 1990's.

The Commission, due to begin its work in 9/95. will be delayed for at least 8 weeks while a final choice of between 11 and 17 members are chosen. Another commission inquiry should follow the continuing trial of Colonel E Koch (qv 21/2). His conviction on 121 charges has been greatly increased as 29 of his associates have turned states evidence to avoid there own prosecution.

Members of the former National Party government and number of army generals have banded together to prevent evidence to the commission that will justify government action. This has not been helped by the refusal of former president PW Botha to co operate.

The families of victims of the former regime have banded together as the Victims of Unsolved Apartheid Atrocities as a pressure group to show a united front that seeks an explanation of the former governments action.

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## **SEPTEMBER 1995**

### **Fri 1**

Racial clashes in two small towns in central South Africa yesterday left one person dead and several wounded, police said. - AP -

### **Sun 3**

Since a divorce petition was lodged with the Supreme Court lawyers, acting for Nelson Mandela (qv 18/8) have had great difficulty in serving the petition, personally, on his estranged wife. The court has now been asked for permission, by Ismail Ayob, to serve the papers on the legal representative of the presidents wife.

The stated cause for the divorce proceedings is the disintegration of the marriage, and that there is no reasonable grounds to expect a resumption of a normal relationship.

Winnie Mandela is fighting the divorce action by saying that the cause of the breakdown is the years of organised security disinformation spread throughout the world by the former National Party government. These claims are backed up by, among others, a former member of the security branch Paul Erasmus. The former policeman says that much of his career has been spent spreading false information about the then wife of the leader of the ANC and other activists.

It is rumoured that once the divorce is finalised the President will marry Grace Machel, the widow of the former president of Mozambique.

### **Mon 4**

Many white Afrikaner farmers are leaving the drought ridden areas of the country to take part in a second 'Great Trek' into other areas of sub Saharan Africa. These moves have been likened to a grant of foreign aid to the region.

One such farmer is Alan Kruger, 42, who along with others has invested £650,000 to develop 5000 acres of virgin bush in the Serenje district of Zambia; 240 miles north east of the capital Lusaka.

The issue of property rights, enshrined in the Bill of Rights, is under heated discussion by the Pretoria government. The Land Affairs minister, D Hanekom, finds that the clause is stopping plans for wholesale land reform. Not only is he in dispute with his deputy, a member of, the National Party, but also with members of his own party; the ANC.

In a bid to secure the contract to build 4 corvettes (qv 22/6) for the navy a British company GEC has promised to assist the Pretoria government to access R75m from

the European Union and the World Bank. In addition the company has promised to fund a housing renewal programme which will create 9,000 jobs and 10,000 homes.

### **Tues 5**

Known as everyone's favourite statesman Nelson Mandela, who has filed for divorce, (qv 18/8) from Winnie could face the prospect of his myth being exploded. In an attempt to have the proceedings halted his estranged wife is threatening to 'tell all' *about* their life together. Also she would give an insight to break up from his first wife and the relationship with his two children from that marriage.

At least 25 people, including three Britons and five Filipinos, were killed in an ambush on a bus in Angola, the state news agency Angpop reported yesterday.  
*Reuters*

### **Wed 6**

The Supreme Court has granted permission for the Mandela divorce papers to be served on the legal representatives of his estranged wife, Winnie, (qv 3/9)

### **Thurs 7**

The regional ANC government, in the Johannesburg area, has ordered striking nurses to return to work as a number of critically ill patients have to be moved out of the area. The 1,700 nurses at Soweto's Baragwanath hospital have been on strike since 4/9 in a wage dispute.

### **Fri 8**

Many of the nurses, who are on strike in Soweto (qv 7/9), have defied the regional government and a call from Nelson Mandela to return to work. Their demands are for a pay increase in excess of the 5% that is on offer to all civil servants.

The nurses, who are also ignoring a call by their union, want to see the pay of a qualified nurse rise from £210 [R2,000] per month and that of a nurse with 20 years of experience in the Intensive Care Unit rise above £350 [R 2,000].

The area of Namibia that will forever be Germany; Swakopmund.

### **Sat 9**

The consequences of the non racial governments rush to reform the constitution is now very much in evidence. Due to the excessive work load, imposed on MP's who sit on the parliaments 60 standing committees, the previous administration had only 20 such bodies, who are served by only 12 clerks, they are becoming overworked.

By far the most serious failure is that at a joint sitting of parliament on 7/9, which was called to agree on legislation that would allow the dates of the forthcoming local government elections to be staggered, there was not enough members in attendance.

Although MP 's break for recess soon there is a fear that they will have to be recalled at a later date to sort out the logjam .

### **Sun 10**

Detailing the links, and cross companies round Executive Options company (qv). It has also been revealed that Sir David Steel the former Liberal Party leader, who is a director of Heritage Oil and Gas company with known links with Executive Options through the chief executive, Tony Buckingham, who is known to associate with members of South African military intelligence.

### **Mon 11**

The Reserve Bank of South Africa has closed down the African Bank because of millions of pounds of bad debts. The bank, set up 20 years ago, especially to assist the black businessman holds deposits of £111 million . Mr J Louw, the receiver, said that the 35 branches would remain closed while the search for a new owner continued.

### **Tues 12**

Chancellor Kohl of Germany and a 40 strong mixed parliamentary/ business delegation have arrived in the country. Seen by the present government as the principle foreign backer of Chief Buthelezie and the principle trading partner with the apartheid governments, the Mandela regime will have to be politically pragmatic during the visit.

Trade between the two has grown 25%, year on year in the first quarter, in Germany's favour, something that this delegation hopes to rectify during its time here. The Bonn government is the second largest foreign investor, behind Britain, in the present regime.

In a meeting with President Mandela the German chancellor promoted the federalist government option; as wanted by Inkatha. In response Mr Mandela promised to send a high level delegation to study this style of government.

So far three bilateral agreements have been signed, on investment and development co operation.

### **Thurs 14**

Opposition groups in the parliament, backed by the South African Student Congress, which has close ties with the ANC, are to challenge the latest Education Bill in the constitutional court.

Those opposed to the Bill say that it is wrong that the national government should set the norms and standards. These should be set by the local regional government.

## **Fri 15**

Although it is illegal for a political party to fund overseas ventures the Christian Democratic Party in Germany has, since the 1980's, been sending funds to South Africa's Inkatha Freedom Party through the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. To circumnavigate this law the funds were shown to be going to the Inkatha Institute, which was exposed as a front organisation for the security branch, (qv Inkathagate)

This funding continued via the Institute of Federal Democracy, which is being from Johannesburg by Frank von Spengler. The amount of money received by the Institute, for 'research' purposes only before its closure was put at £270,000 /DM 600,000 per year. It is believed that a similar amount is being received by the Inkatha Foundation at the present time.

As Chancellor Kohl left, refusing to talk about Christian Democratic Party funding, Chief Buthelezi has produced proposals that the ANC say are secessionist. In his plan KwaZulu Natal would raise its own standing army and place restrictions on the national force, within the province. It is also known that, with help from Germany, the Inkatha Freedom Party has set up a private intelligence service - to help in any showdown with central government - on constitutional issues.

## **Sat 16**

More than 200 descendants of a Namibian tribe massacred by German colonial troops marched to the Windhoek embassy yesterday to demand compensation from visiting Chancellor Helmut Kohl and threatened to take their case to the United Nations. Mr Kohl missed the demonstration. - *Reuters* -

## **Sun 17**

In the Angolan provinces of North and South Luanda lay, what could be made the country's largest export earner; diamond fields. At the present time, according to the latest estimate these sites, worked by both sides in the recent civil war, are producing diamonds to the value of \$5m/ £35m per month. On the other hand stones worth \$400m are being illegally taken from the area by bandits and thieves.

In an attempt to put this business, centred on the Chicapa River and the town of Saurimo, representatives of the former combatants have been meeting in Luanda to work out a compromise. The deal that is the final outcome would see the transfer of the Unita owned mines to front companies which would be guaranteed a licence to work the mines legally.

Left out of the solution to the problem is the ordinary Angolan citizen, who will gain nothing. Another 'wild card' are the many mercenaries from across the border in Zaire and mines worked by the employees of the company Executive Options (qv), who see these concessions as reward for military help to the government forces prior to the Lusaka Accord.

The question of law and order needs to be addressed; 153 government troops were killed in the area as recently as 7/95. Any move by government military will bring fears from Unita that they will also be a target for expulsion.

Pope John Paul has arrived for an official visit, after a forced landing visit in 1988 (qv 18/8).

### **Mon 18**

During his short visit Pope Paul (qv) held an open air Mass in the countries principal race course, in Germinston a mining town east of Johannesburg. Although there was a crowd of 70,000 organisers had expected 400,000 to attend.

In Transkia mixed group of tourists were ambushed by an eight strong gang. One British women managed to persuade one gang member not to rape here by appealing to his conscience. The group were robbed of goods worth £4,800. Police have offered a reward of £17,000/ R100,000 for information leading to an arrest.

The Angolan military yesterday accused the Unita opposition movement of an attack on Quilembe village in southern Huila province. An army source said 45 people died in last weeks attack. - *Reuters* -

### **Wed 20**

The shortcomings of the police force have been highlighted, again, in the town of Borksburg which is east of Johannesburg. First one body was found, by an off duty policeman then a further five were discovered; evidence of another 'serial killer.'

Police Commissioner G Fivaz has offered a £100,000 reward for information and has appealed to Scotland Yard and the FBI for assistance in this investigation.

### **Fri 22**

The political stability, in KwaZulu Natal, is being threatened by a whole range of groups.

The Spoos are members of the Inkatha Freedom Party who were members of township self defence units.

The Sdoos served a similar function, but were aligned to ANC.

The Akaplas are renegade members of the Umkhonto we Sizwe, the military wing of the ANC.

The security situation in the province is also a limiting factor on any political settlement, the national government is limited in its security gathering role, it has to rely on local newspaper reports. There are bitter divisions, between Inkatha at both local and national level. The deaths of many of the local 'notables' who could have worked towards internal settlement.

The Mandela dream of a 'rainbow nation' is challenged as sectional interests, in the newspaper, banking and political fields, play the race issue.

### **Sat 23**

The Constitutional Court has censured a decision by President Mandela when he effectively by passed the role of parliament. The need for this executive action was due to the logjam of parliamentary business (qv 9/9). The decree was used to ensure that the local elections could take place on 1/11. The Court ruling will probably delay the vote, and possibly mean that parliament will have to be recalled.

Speaking on the Courts decision Mr Mandela said it confirmed that "nobody is above the law," and the country should be proud of the court.

### **Tues 26**

At the beginning of a 2 day conference, sponsored by the European Commission, the elders of the factions in Angola were side by side at the table. In a statement the Unita leader declared "... never again [will I] take to the path of war, nor will my organisation..

The conference, called together to determine an aid package for the war torn country, is being attendee by more than 400 organisations; ranging from private industry to government and non government organisations. The aim is to raise £500 million for a number of projects to rebuild the countries infrastructure. Towards this target the Commission will donate £50m this year, rising to £80m by 1997.

The Angolan president, J E dos Santos, hopes that the funding raised would set up projects for reconstruction, rather than donated cash. Schemes he has in mind, adults would be trained to treat the children who are suffering the effects of having lived through the civil war - post traumatic stress syndrome. Other projects would rebuild the water, drainage and sewerage systems. There should also be help in the agricultural field. The inflation rate is now 1, 737%

A rally to commemorate the deeds of the Zulu warrior Shaka, held in Stanger KwaZulu Natal was poorly attended, a snub to Chief Buthelezie, after the Zulu monarch called for it to be cancelled. A later rally at Umlazi, staged by Inkatha Party was better attended.

Meanwhile police in the province have recovered a large haul of illegally held weapons; 38 assault rifles, 5 pistols and in excess of 2,000 rounds of ammunition. During the operation, in Durban, 4 police were killed and there were 2 arrests.

### **Wed 27**

In continuing violence in KwaZulu Natal 12 members of a church congregation, including 5 children, were killed near Port Shepston. This brings the death toll in the province, related to politically motivated crime, to about 70 since 21/9.

The deaths of the 4 police who died in the province, during an operation to seize illegally held weapons (qv 26/9) was blamed, by the ANC, on the Inkatha Freedom Party as part of its campaign to destabilise the province.

Angola received pledges at a Brussels conference of almost \$1 billion [£636 million] of aid to anchor a fragile peace accord. - *Reuters* -

### **Fri 29**

The many gifts that President Mandela has accepted “on behalf of the people,” will, according to one of four staff employed at his Johannesburg home, eventually be used as a basis for a museum dedicated to showing these offering to the nation. Such gifts include leggings for his daughters, cooked sausage from Afrikaner farmers through to rugby shirts - as worn by the president at the final of the Rugby World Cup.

Evidence before a parliamentary commission into the office of Attorney General has heard that in the 9 regions the lack of funding, from central government, is causing trials to be delayed and officials to resign and then contracted back to continue in the same role at a higher rate of pay.

This lack of funding, has spread throughout the law enforcement sphere, fewer police and detection of crime. Seeking the need for action, the victims of crime are taking the law into their own hands and hunting the criminals out dishing out summary justice.

### **Sat 30**

Letter **J Aspinall [and others] 64 Sloane Street London SW 1** an eyewitness account of the Inkatha rallies held to commemorate Shaker Day (qv 27/9) According to the writer they dispute the ‘poor attendance,’ - there were supporters hanging from the trees at the rally in Stanger. where was also 25 - 30,000 in attendance in the stadium at Umlazi - “far more than the stadium could hold”.

words written in *italics* added by diarist

## **OCTOBER 1995**

### **Sun 1**

There are moves, *from* within the government to restrict the involvement of mercenaries in other countries wars, after the recent actions by Executive Outcomes activities in the Comoros Isles in the Indian Ocean.

### **Mon 2**

In light of the attack on a group of tourists, in the former homeland of Transkie (qv 18/9) in the Eastern Cape the police are to set up a specialist tourist police force. The announcement was made by the minister of Trade and Industry, Trevor Manuel, who was speaking to the annual conference of the British Travel Agents Association which is being held in Sun City.

### **Sat 7**

A Pretoria court yesterday banned fast-food giant Mc Donalds from using its name on restaurants it plans to open in South Africa. The court upheld a lawsuit by a South African businessman who wishes to use the name on his own restaurants. - AP -

Police reportedly killed one man as angry mobs stoned cars and blocked streets in riots that erupted in the Mozambiquan capital, Maputo yesterday, over the rising cost of food and transport. - AP -

### **Mon 9**

Although denied there is evidence of ethnic cleansing in KwaZulu Natal. Recently the kraal of Chief D Molefe, a member of the Sotho clan, was attacked and then he was killed. He died because it was thought that he was showing support to the police, even though he was a member of Inkatha. The rise of Zulu nationalism is blamed on the lack of funds from central government, which is also limiting the work of the legal system in the province.

In addition to these obstacles the regions Attorney General, T Mc Nally, is accused of showing favour to Inkatha and reluctant to prosecute Party members accused of links with criminals. The stance of the Attorney General is being investigated by a team of legal experts, the Untouchables, who have produced a 31 page report for consideration by a judicial inquiry set up by order of parliament. The period covered by the report is the late 1980's when evidence of links between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the 'third force' became apparent.

Ideological thinker W Felgate (63), explains the tough stance taken by Chief Buthelezie as the last best hope for democracy. Because of the saint like qualities of Mr Mandela there will be no change for the better, even after 10 years. The present



government is too centralised and all that Inkatha is asking for is a little autonomy within a federal South Africa.

### **Fri 13**

After meeting the International Olympic Committee's criteria, by winning the All Africa Games, the men's national hockey team is still unsure whether the National Olympic Committee of South Africa will send a representative team to the 1996 Games in Atlantic City, USA.

### **Sat 14**

The South African government yesterday ordered legal action to recover cars and a cellular telephone issued to Winnie Mandela, estranged wife of President Mandela, while she served as deputy minister. - *Reuters* -

### **Wed 18**

In her submission to the Supreme Court, in defence of the divorce action brought by Mr Mandela, Winnie Mandela says that her marriage to the president could be saved. The former minister recommends that they both attend traditional African counselling sessions, with a view to saving the relationship. The alternative, and most likely outcome will be a messy lawsuit rather than the discreet settlement the President wants.

As a financial settlement Winnie Mandela would claim half Nelson Mandelas estate in recognition of the suffering and hardship she suffered at the hands of the apartheid regime, whilst she raised the couples children. Another factor, to consider would be the time hardship spent keeping the name of the jailed leader of the ANC on the lips of the international community.

All that has been recovered, so far, from ongoing legal action involving Mrs Mandela (qv 14/10) is the mobile phone.

### **Fri 20**

The Police Commissioner, G Fivaz, has announced the arrest of M Sithole, 31, who is suspected of the killing of 38 women in the Johannesburg/Pretoria region over the last 12 months.

The suspect, who is under police guard in hospital after being shot during the arrest, was held after a tip off at a disused factory by police posing as factory guard.

### **Sat 21**

Johannesburg, and one suspects other large cities, has seen the growth of the phenomenon of cluster housing. Built in the more exclusive areas of the city, these are expensive and smaller homes, than would be normally occupied by wealthy whites.

There greatest selling point is the degree of security offered within the complex. The whole area is walled with security fencing, there are armed guards 24 hours a day. All needs are catered for - even down to an 18 hole golf course.

### **Sun 22**

With the arrest of M Sithole (qv 20/10) the question, have the South African police arrested the right man as the alleged serial killer? Only 10 days ago the Johannesburg Star received a call from 'Joseph' who claimed to be the killer. His motive for the deaths was revenge for a 14 year jail sentence he served for a rape that he did not commit.

### **Mon 23**

With the countries first local elections due the minority whites are making attempts to keep their privileged positions. One such example is Styensburg in the Eastern Cape where many of the local facilities are being sold off to the private sector..

Changes over the last year have seen the towns 2,000 residents with its local township of Khayamnandi's 12,000 residents run by a transitional administration, presided over by a black mayor; T Rga. It is expected that the local election results will see a black dominated council.

Whilst there is the opportunity the whites are selling of council owned property and land. Five tennis courts have been sold for £145/ R180. The land that the tennis club stands on, council owned, and who have been exempt from paying rates and taxes is to be sold for £180 / R1,000.

The towns white only school, which is under subscribed, with 105 pupils, has been turned into a private company. On the other hand the township school, with 825 pupils, with double allotted number, is overcrowded.

### **Tues 24**

President Nelson Mandela said South Africa is willing to start contributing to international peacekeeping, "If we're asked by the UN to be part of a peacekeeping operation, we would consider it very seriously," he told reporters. Until now ministers have said that the country's preoccupation with domestic affairs prevented it from participating. - *Reuters* -

### **Sat 28**

President Mandela has made a short visit to the venue match involving the English Cricket X1 and an Invitation X1, who were playing at the Soweto Oval. Unlike earlier visits to sporting venues, which usually inspired the home team to great achievements, this encounter saw the visitors in a match winning performance.

Cricket integration programmes, the first sport to integrate, have been running for 10 years. This match, which saw the first England 'official' visit to South Africa in about 30 years, was a celebration of that fact.

### **Sun 29**

The prospective Labour Party candidate for the city of Exeter, J Lloyd 54, has had part of his past life exposed in the press. Those opposed to the Labour Party, Conservatives and others, say that the incident shows that he is not a fit person to represent them as a member of parliament.

Brought up in South Africa, he was recruited into the African Resistance Movement, a group opposed to the government. Their main acts of defiance were to blow up isolated electricity pylons to disrupt the economy.

In another incident the group was responsible for the death of one person after a bomb was planted at Johannesburg railway station. It is claimed that warning was given so that the building could be evacuated. It is believed, by those responsible, that this warning was not passed on to the relevant authorities on the say so of a government minister in order to discredit the organisation in the eyes of the public.

During the trial of the bombers Mr Lloyd turned states evidence, which helped to convict a colleague and send him to the gallows, other members of the African Resistance Movement were sent to jail for many years.

Canvassing for the local elections has taken on a whole new meaning in the post apartheid era. Take the town of Swartruggens in the Northwest Province as an example. A white candidate, D Bischoff, was canvassing in the local township of Boralelo. Now with an effective opposition the whites of different political persuasions have amalgamated in the Greater Swartruggens Action Group. Their aim is to defeat the common enemy - the ANC, and capture the majority of the 6 seats on the council.

As in the town of Steynsburg (qv 23/10) the whites are, or have been, creaming off the assets of the council to enable them to keep their comfortable lifestyle. In this town it is a fact that 250 acres of land were given free to members of the Greater Swartruggens Action Group, who have developed it as a tourist centre and camping site.

One of the ANC's candidates, M Drayer an Afrikaner, who voices the opinion that the principal of whites privileged lifestyle has to end has been nicknamed the 'white kaffer,' and his rallies observed by angry members of the white community.

The team that has been investigating links between the 'hit squads' of the late 1980's and the Inkatha Freedom Party are ready to charge members and officials of the last Nationalist Party government. Those facing indictment include General Malan, the former Minister of Defence, General J Geldenhuys, Kat Liebenberg (qv), General T Groenewald, a former head of military intelligence.

### **Mon 30**

There will be a delay in serving the arrest warrants on those members of the Nationalist Party (qv 28/10) until after the local elections. T McNally (qv) expects General Malan and others will appear in court on 2/11.

Mindful of the far reaching effect the arrests will have on the government of national unity F W de Klerk has called for an immediate amnesty for the members of the previous government.

### **Tues 31**

A court judgement by Mr Justice Ludorf, and a letter written later, by the prospective Labour Party candidate for Exeter, contradict the written statement by J Lloyd (qv 29/10) as to his activities before, during and after the trial of J Harris - a fellow member of the African Resistance Movement.

A white farmers' union, the Transvaal Agricultural Union, called in Johannesburg yesterday for a boycott of local elections, joining some tribal chiefs who have urged their followers not to go to the polls - **AP** -

words written in *italics* added by diarist

## NOVEMBER 1995

### ^ Wed 1

The venue for the court appearance of General Malan and other members of the National Party (qv 29/10) is the port city of Durban. President Mandela will make no intervention, saying that the law must take its course.

In an attempt to have the charges dismissed General C Viljoen, leader of the Freedom Front, will petition the Constitutional Court to have the charges thrown out on the grounds that the offences are covered by existing amnesty.

J Lloyd (qv) his part in a story of bitterness and betrayal.

Letters **A Wolfe [widow of J Harris] Nurensdorf Switzerland and R Eisenstein Horsford Rd London NW11** not attacking the facts of the J Lloyd case while in South Africa. His actions, once in England should be challenged.

### ^ Thurs 2

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Those standing in line for the countries first local council elections were much like those that formed for the general election, but less exuberant. Those waiting to vote, of whatever ethnic origin, each had their thoughts and hopes on the next steps and priorities.

Letters **[1] Kate Lloyd [wife of John] Newham College Cambridge CB3 9DF** let the voters of Exeter decide.

**[2] D Evens Caithness Drive Wallasay L45 7PN** a former member of the African Resistance Movement, Confess under pressure *yes* but to turn 'states evidence against your colleges *never*.

**[3] C Jones Antonine Gate St Albans** ARM deserved to be embarrassed as it was a non African organisation fighting an African struggle.

### ^ Fri 3

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Facing the Durban court General Malan (qv) along with the 10 others accused were ordered to surrender their passports. They also had to provide bail of between £700 and £1,700.

From the public gallery the proceedings were observed by 27 senior ranking military men, both serving and retired. Also in the court was Colonel F Dutton, the head of the special squad, the Untouchables, who are responsible for tracking down all those who had knowledge of the actions of the 'hit squads' active in the late 1980's.

All the accused are charged with acquiescence in the 1987 attack on KwaMakuth township in KwaZulu Natal on 21/1 /87 in which 11 people were killed

With partial results declared from the local council elections the state of the parties is very much as it was after the results of the general election were known; the ANC have gained about 60% of the vote, at the expense of the National Party. They have also lost seats to the Independents, such as ratepayers association and the Freedom Front.

The ANC have taken control of Johannesburg's council and the administration of Bloemfontein. They also gained much support in the Free State; a traditional conservative white voting area. There is no conclusive result from Pretoria where the two main parties are 'neck and neck', as yet, as votes still have to be counted. There was a swing towards the ANC in the Western Cape, where most elections were delayed because of boundary disputes.

Leader Comment, **The Past is not a Private Matter** the balance of justice and reconciliation. This can be said to be the question for both General Malan and South Africa. Also for John Lloyd and the voters of Exeter.

This means that the former defence minister can play the amnesty card, before the Truth and reconciliation Commission. This action will show that "he has nothing to fear or that he should tell South Africa all the dark secrets he knows." Whereas the case for J Lloyd and the African Resistance movement is a "sad story of human courage and frailty without an answer."

### **Mon 6**

Magnus Malan - a profile.

### **Wed 8**

A report into the first year of the National Defence Force in the post apartheid era has just been published. According to its findings, the number of trained pilot officers, in post in 3/95 was 375 out of a capacity of 488. This figure was expected to fall to below 300 within 12 months.

Other problems faced by the armed forces was a 'brain drain' of "trained intelligence manpower," which will effect the intelligence functions of the South African National Defence Force.

### **Fri 10**

The safety of the President, in light of the assassination of the president of Israel and the similar political stand off between the right and left in the two countries, has highlighted the differences in the make up of the elite squad that protects the life of the president and other notables on the south African political scene.

The National Protection Squad, composed of former members of the security divisions of the old regime, the ANC and the PAC are detailed for this task. Suspensions and rivalries between, and off their rivals lead to some senior politicians refuse to have protection from some elements of the squad. Also squad members are known not only to keep a watchful eye on their charges, but also on their colleges. This is because there is a fear of assassination, of Mr Mandela, from some right wing members of his protection detail.

Advertising the sporting threat from the Springbok, and other national teams, as the prelude to a forthcoming clash with foreign opposition is a way of life in the post apartheid regime.

## **Sun 12**

Nelson Mandela 's conception as 'statesman of Africa' has been damaged in the eyes of the international community, with his less than vigorous condemnation of the Nigerian regime, after it executed 9 human rights activists, including the internationally known author Ken Saro - wiwa..

In the words of an editorial in the Daily Telegraph, an extract, "On President Mandela falls the main responsibility for ensuring that his colleagues make an adequate response to the [Nigerian] junta's brutality. Mr Mandela has argued over - cautiously against expulsion.

## **Mon 13**

Mozambique, a former Portuguese colony, has had its application to join the British Commonwealth approved. It will become the 53rd member state, to join the group of former British colonies.

## **Thurs 16**

A "get rich scheme," revealed in 1994 to come to the financial aid of Mrs Mandela (qv 19/12) involving the transporting of diamonds from Angola with the use of an air charter firm has ended in the Supreme court.

The judge, in his ruling ordered the former cabinet minister to pay the air charter company £13,400 / R 75,000 in unpaid hire costs. The former deputy minister was also ordered to pay the courts costs.

## **Fri 17**

The differing ways that the diplomats handled the crisis over the human rights issues in Nigeria (qv 12/11) has exposed gaps in the two styles of diplomacy within the ANC government.

Responding to Nelson Mandela 's cautious approach, old style diplomacy was employed. This entailed the dispatch of emissaries, of the old style, who were expected to see the leaders in Nigeria for discussions. Those that were sent included a deputy president - Thabo Mbeki and A Pahad, who were exiled during the years of apartheid struggle. This method was seen as slow and 'old style' to those who had seen the struggle from within.. They, led by Cyril Ramaphosa, a possible rival to the deputy president for the top post when the present incumbent retires, were on the point of mobilising the masses in an attempt to halt what was to become the death of the 9 human rights workers.

The Amalgamated Bank of South Africa, beset by the 1994 Inkathagate scandal (qv 25/3), is on the point of repossessing the Soweto mansion of Mrs Mandela. This is in respect of non payment of loans of £80,000 by the Bank. They are prepared to refrain, if the repayments commence.

In an attempt to recover £20,000 an air charter firm is prepared to seize W Mandela's possessions. This is in respect of a court ruling (qv 16/11), for the hire of an aircraft.

## **Sun 19**

Following the review of the investigation of the 1982 bombing on the London offices of the ANC (qv 24/2) a team of detectives from Scotland Yard are in South Africa for

talks with government officials to try and arrange the extradition of the guilty, including the self confessed spy Craig Williamson (qv 19/2).

Having ditched his diplomatic approach, seeking change in Nigeria Nelson Mandela (qv 12/11) has appealed to those countries who import large quantities of the Shell companies products, China and the USA, to impose a boycott until there are changes in the running of the west African state.

Within South Africa itself, Miss Nigeria has been banned from the Miss World competition and a Nigerian football team has been refused entry to a competition.

Politicians have joined in the call for change, Cyril Ramaphosa calls for economic sanctions against Shell. Justice Minister, D Omar, backs calls for a Shell company withdrawal from Nigeria. C Carolus, deputy general secretary ANC likens conditions to those in our own country before democracy came and "an extra day under dictatorship is a day to long."

### **Fri 24**

After recent acts of personal reconciliation, Nelson Mandela (qv 29/7) has continued along this path. As an example to the nation that there is still a need of national reconciliation he has seen fit to welcome the chief prosecutor at the Rivoena Trial to his official residence in Pretoria.

Percy Yutar, who in 1963 led the prosecution of those members of the outlawed ANC who were caught outside Johannesburg and sentenced to life imprisonment, was greeted by the former Prisoner No 1 on the steps of his residence. Before entering the house Dr Yutat revealed that a 1983 attempt to release Mr Mandela was overruled by three unnamed cabinet ministers, who had earlier consented, without explanation. He then gave the names to the President privately.

### **Sat 25**

Winnie Mandela has failed to overturn the recent court rulings concerning repayment of hire charges to an air charter company (qv 17/11). At the same time she has agreed to restart payments on a loan of £90,000 from the Amalgamated Bank of South Africa in respect of her Soweto home.

### **Sun 26**

In the light of the prosecution of General Malan (qv) deputy president F W de Klerk, speaking to his National Party Congress, has said that there should also be an inquiry into aspects of the ANC's conduct during the liberation struggle, Specifically he was speaking about the actions of the head of the movements military wing; J Modesia, and his deputy - R Kasrills.

As way of making his point about the unfairness of the indemnity system he said that during the negotiations, that saw a government of national unity formed 117 members of the ANC had been granted immunity. Now there are still 70 personnel with immunity.

In an interview President Mandela has said that his country will take strong action against the Shell Oil Company if it does not delay, or postpone, the construction of an oil platform for the Nigerian military junta.



### **Mon 27**

Delegates at the National Party Congress have backed the recent remarks by deputy president F W de Klerk (qv 26/11) in his demand that the granting of indemnity should be even handed. The statement also accuses President Mandela of being a “con artist,” and trying to mislead the country on this issue.

### **Tues 28**

With the police so badly paid, £200 per month, and in an organisational nightmare crime in the townships continues to rise; by 75% in some categories former activists are taking the law into their own hands.

In Soweto groups active include one called Youth Action against Crime, led by two former ANC activists. Also in other large cities groups are active; Johannesburg has the Angry 13 who pledge to rid the streets of criminals and the homeless. Durban is ‘protected by the ‘Cleaners’ who hunt the criminal and hurt them.

Academics are worried that these groups will return to the old ways of summary justice and get it wrong. To combat the vigilante new police methods are being employed - community policing, but with little success.

British boxer W Stowe had to flee when armed robbers attacked the Guguletu venue of his middle weight bout with local lad S Maseko. During the attack the cashier was killed. A tourism spokesman for Cape Town did not expect the incident to affect the cities bid for the 2004 Olympic Games.

### **Wed 29**

Forty eight hours before General Malan is next in court to hear details of the charges against him (qv 1/11) and against legal advice, he briefed journalists with his thoughts on the consequences for the country if he is found guilty. During the session he echoed the thoughts of F W de Klerk (qv 26/11) that the treatment of combatants from both sides of the apartheid divide was unequal. The former defence minister denied any involvement with the ‘hit squads’ or knowledge of a training camp for menders of Inkatha, in northern Namibia

President Mandela has given P W Botha permission to use secret cabinet minutes in his forthcoming biography. Former President de Klerk had always refused, as they are believed to show that his grasp of the negotiation nettle was less than he would have history believe.

### **Thurs 30**

The Nobel prize-winner, Archbishop Desmond Tu Tu, is to head South Africa’s “Truth Commission” investigating the crimes of apartheid, President Mandela’s office announced yesterday.

The panel of human rights activists and lawyers is expected to start hearings early next year. - D Beresford, GDN page 12 C1 -

The South African parliament’s joint standing committee on defence voted yesterday to demote Afrikaans and make English the sole language of commanding the defence force. - *Reuters* -

## DECEMBER 1995

### Fri 1

Following the decision by the military to downgrade the use of Afrikaans, (qv 30/11), the South African *Broadcasting* Corporation has set limits for its use during prime time on the 3 state broadcasting channels.

The output will now comprise of; English 65%, Afrikaans 3.8% down from 33%, and programmes in Zulu or Xhosa will constitute 4.1% of prime time hours. Multi lingual output will take up 14.5% of hours.

The ministry of health and education has aroused the wrath of English speaking South Africans as it has announced that the funding of university medical schools will be biased in favour of those that teach in Afrikaans and ethnic languages.

The reasoning behind this decision is to stem the flow of those that have recently qualified as doctors overseas, which is the current trend. The leader of the Democratic Party, T Leon, whose membership is composed of mainly English speakers denounced the decision as “racism and social engineering of the most blatant kind.

### Sat 2

Those accused of the KwaZulu Natal killings, including General Malan (qv), were back in court to hear details of the indictment against them.

Much of what was revealed concerned Chief Buthelezie’s actions in 11/85. At that time the Inkatha Freedom Party ‘changed sides’ and began working with the government in its aim to neutralise the common enemy, the ANC, in the homeland. The Chief requested permission, and sought government experience, in setting up a unit for intelligence gathering to provide evidence against the opposition. Going further, because of fears of assassination of Party members, he sought security force training for Party members to act as ‘protection unit,’ - thus heralding the secret camp in northern Namibia.

With the completion of the two month training, the deputy secretary of Inkatha, M Z Kumola (qv 9/6), one of the accused, was sent to request that the ‘protection unit’ be allowed to target an ANC official, prominent in the province. This request , which resulted in the death of many members of his family, although he himself escaped, was passed up the chain of command to the State Security Council.

In a move that directly implicates the principal defendant, a document was provided which was signed by the then defence minister that was to provide legal protection to those that planned, and therefore had prior knowledge, of the attack on Mr Ntuli.

All twenty accused will be back, in the dock of Durban Supreme Court, on 4.3.96 for the beginning of the trial.

### **Wed 6**

In a breach of the Angolan peace accord, government troops have gone on the offensive in oil rich Zaire province, in the north of the country. Unita have responded by halting the demobilisation of its troops, although the UN 's envoy A B Beye indicated that he did not take as serious the threat from J Savimbi to pull out of the peace process.

As an act of conciliation President dos Santos has ordered government troops out of the town of Sumba and back to barracks. He has also ordered the release of any remaining Unita troops held by the government.

Relations between the USA and South Africa have improved after a meeting between President Mandela, Thabo Mbeki and other cabinet ministers with Al Gore, vice president of the USA. An understanding, a multi lateral approach to the crisis in Nigeria, was agreed.. Relations had become strained, between the two countries, due to the independent line in foreign policy followed by Pretoria.

### **Fri 8**

Claims that foreign policy is being dictated from overseas has been made after the president admitted that there had been gifts of cash to the ANC during and after the 1994 election. Concern is being expressed because of the nature of these overseas regimes.

The president describing the £6m, given by Taiwan as a gift of friendship between the two countries, and a refusal would be seen as a "stab in the back," to that friendship Other gifts have been given by the Nigerian government; £2.8m. A "substantial amount," has come from the Moroccan government, this was accepted despite a promise to support a claim by the Polissario freedom fighters in their claim to a region of the Spanish government ruled Sahara. Other cash gifts have come from the repressive regime in Indonesia - who are facing opposition to their occupation of East Timor.

The ultra cautious nature of the US secret service has angered the residents of Cape Town during a visit by Al Gore ,the USA's vice president, In his journey round the city roads were closed and helicopters hovered. These security arrangements are compared to those when Nelson Mandela is travelling - he is only accompanied by two security vehicles.

The vice president also angered the speaker of the parliament in his insistence that their meeting should not be witnessed by the press.

### **Wed 13**

The conduct of Angolan troops and former Unita rebels has been criticised by the UN general secretary, Boutros Boutros Ghali, for formulating hostility between the local population and the incoming UN peacekeeping forces.

Radio reports, monitored in Luanda, say that local troops in the northern town of Uige have been told to prepare for war as the peacekeepers begin to arrive. The UN also reports that Unita rebels had kidnapped UN staff on escort duty with an aid convoy, in Benguela province, in 10/96.

### **Thurs 14**

The application by J Lloyd (qv 29/10) to become the Labour Party candidate for Exeter is to be examined by the national executive committee. The move comes, despite letters to each committee member from the executive of the local constituency party, confiding full support in their choice. The inquiry is at the request of Anne Campbell MP, who had a letter of complaint from one of her Cambridge constituents.

A former ANC activist, Durban based N Govender, who was on the diplomatic 'fast track,' was killed on 10/11 after investigating an incident on board a catamaran. With him at the time was J Coetzer, another trainee diplomat on an accelerated training course.

Accused of the killing is Mr A Stokes, the white manager of the boat yard, where the incident occurred. He appeared in court on 6/12, without the knowledge of the Govender family lawyers, and given bail. Brought back on 13/12, this time the family were represented by lawyers appointed on the instructions of the likes of Cyril Ramaphosa, where he was again given bail.

Bail was granted, rather than custody, so that Mr Stokes could compete in the Cape Town to Rio yacht race.

### **Sun 17**

Earlier than predicted the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (qv 30/11) has held its first historic meeting. The event was marred, however, by the death of 9 members of the Inkatha Freedom Party in KwaZulu Natal province.

The Colossus of Africa; Cecil Rhodes now a £9m 9 hour TV epic for screening on BBC1 in late 1996.

### **Wed 20**

A Zairean passenger aircraft with 138 people on board crashed in northern Angola yesterday and all but five were feared dead.

The five survivors, along with five corpses were flown into Ndolo airfield, Kinshasa. Airfield officials said that the survivors were being treated in one of the city's hospitals - *Reuters* -

### **Thurs 21**

The Zairean plane that crashed in northern Angola (qv 20/12) had been chartered by the former rebel movement of Unita. According to a leading member of the Unita negotiating team it crashed near the former rebel headquarters of Jamba. This is in the heart of the country's diamond industry. The cause of the crash is unclear, but a government inquiry has speculated that this was it was linked to the diamond trade.

Gunmen have killed nine more people in South Africa's volatile Zulu heartland. Police said the victims of the attack, on KwaZulu Natal south coast included four children of a family that supported President Nelson Mandela's African National Congress.- *Reuters* -

### **Sat 23**

Following the build up of an illegal squatter camp, Moffet Park, on a hill overlooking Johannesburg the police have moved to eject the residents from their shacks. Since 3/95 it has been encroaching on more land, till there are now over 500 homes.

To many the forced evictions brought back memories of earlier times. This time it was different, court orders had been obtained along with government promises of rehousing, first in local townships and eventually in government housing projects. Not everyone was convinced as many returned to the devastated site.

Conflicting evidence is emerging of the purpose of the Zairian plane that crashed in Angola (qv 20/12). Government sources claim it was carrying members of Unita for training in Zaire; a long time friend of the former rebel movement. Meanwhile, a Unita brigadier was carrying staff members from its Jamba HQ when it crashed much further north in Luanda Nortie province, near the town of Quanugo.

During his recent trip to the USA President dos Santos made further concessions to Unita, to pull Angolan government troops out of the town of Soyo, a strategic town in an oil rich area of the country. Also he promised to end governmental associations with the company Executive Outcomes (qv).

### **Thurs 28**

KwaZulu Natal has been hit by a disaster. The townships in the Edendale valley have been destroyed by unexpected flooding. This has affected about 150, 000 shanty homes. Also in the province faction fighting has occurred in which 135 people died.

There were further attacks throughout the country, 23 in the former Transkei and 17 in Cape Town. In Gauteng province 11 people died. Among the dead were 3 police

reservists, who were thought to be special targets, according to the local police minister.

### **Sat 30**

The Angolan government held urgent talks with the UN special representative, A B Beyer, over a crisis in the peace process, which follows the accord with Unita rebels, the state news agency Angpop reported yesterday. - *Reuters* -

### **Sun 31**

At least 14 people were killed in South Africa's Zulu heartland, pushing up the death toll from political and criminal violence in the past seven days to 189, police said. The latest spate of killings coincided with a declaration by the South African authorities that they would crack down on the violence sweeping KwaZulu natal province, which has been racked for the past 10 years by a brutal turf war between supporters of the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party. - **OBS page 14 C1** -

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