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Dear Sirs

INKATHA ATTACK

By direction of Minister Adriaan Vlok, I acknowledge receipt of your facsimile dated 25 July 1990.

The Minister noted the contents thereof and has requested the Commissioner of the South African Police to attend to the matter.

You may therefore expect a further communication from his office in due course.

Yours faithfully


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● ANC en Inkatha in bloedige geveg by Krugersdorp

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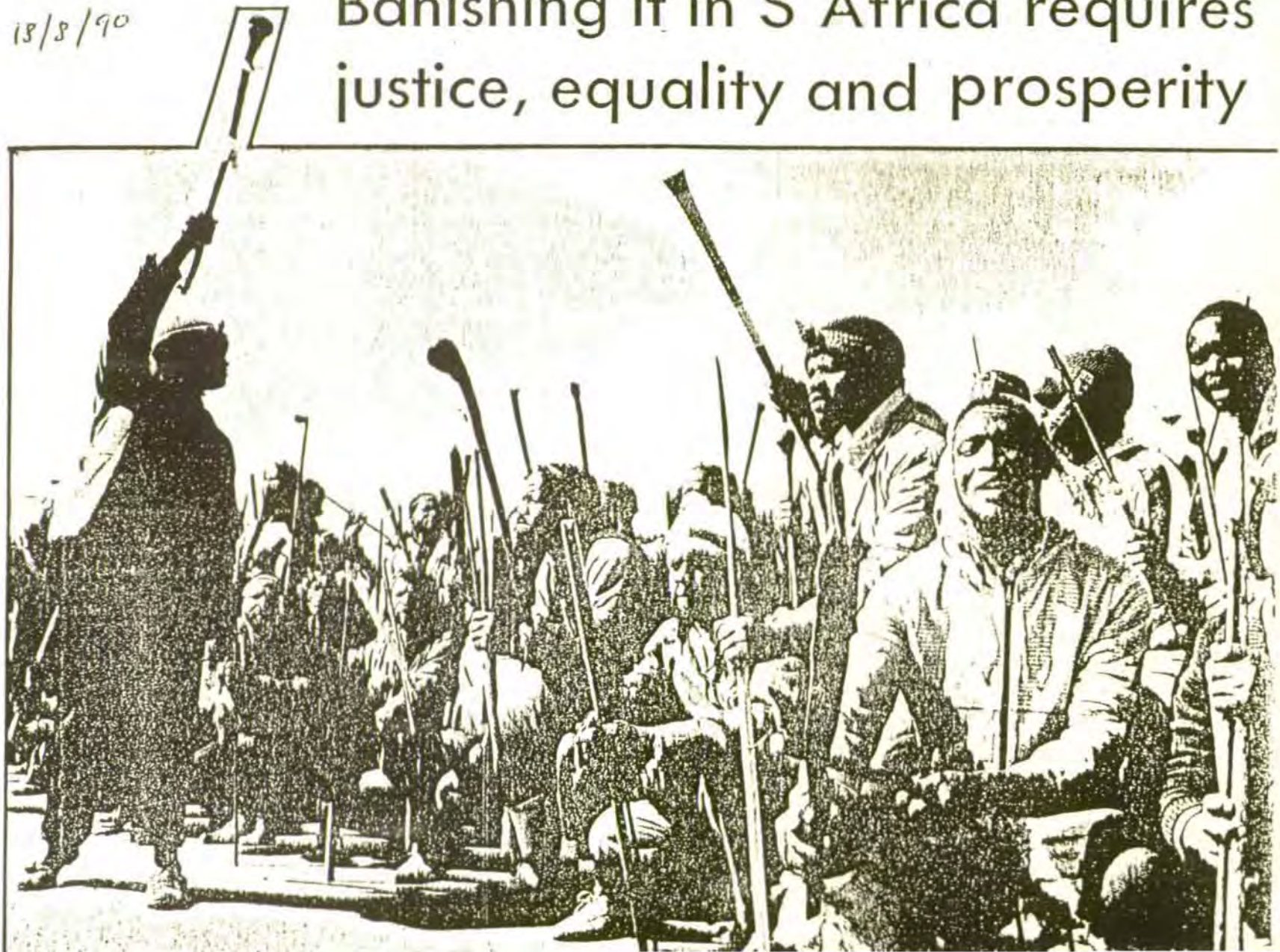
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TURNER examines the

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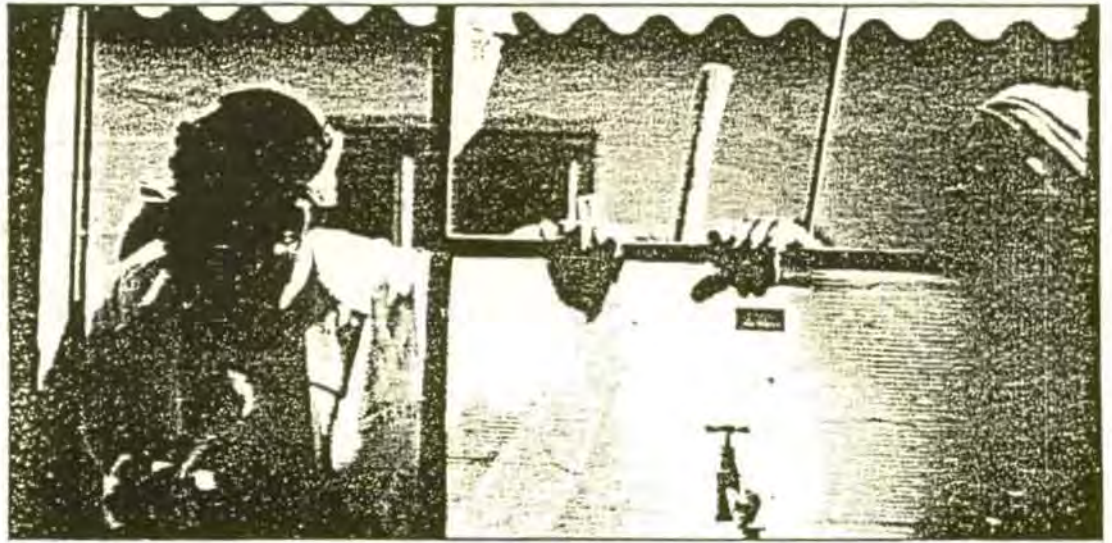
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Kenneth Mkhimpi, who was attacked on the train by Inkatha vigilantes, 26/7/90.



Window assault . . . Inkatha supporters attack a hostel room at the Nguni hostel in Voosloorus. A man who had locked himself in the room was killed. ● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

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Seeking conflict . . . Inkatha impis besseige another room in the Vosloorus hostel. The occupant was murdered. Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

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Armed Inkatha supporters carrying an assortment of weapons march through the streets after attending a rally in Diepkloof, Soweto, yesterday. While no incidents were reported, rumours of an impending Inkatha attack caused panic in the townships. Pic: LEN KUMALO.



Well armed and angry ... a Zulu hostel-dweller brandishes a menacing panga on a Tholozza street

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Pictures: AVIGAIL UZI



While police vehicles keep a wary watch, an armed Zulu group moves through town

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Inokozu



The face of grief ... A teenage girl yesterday hears that her father has died in hostel wars in Phola Park

Picture: AVIGAIL UZI



Inkatha supporters march in Tokoza hours after they had clashed with Phola Park residents. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

13 die in hostel carnage

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AT least 13 people were killed and more than 35 others injured in bitter fighting between Inkatha supporters, non-Zulu hostel dwellers and Phola Park residents in Tokoza on the East Rand yesterday.

By noon yesterday, Phola Park residents were leaving the war-torn squatter area in their hundreds in fear of renewed attacks.

According to sources, the fighting started on Sunday night after the killing of a Xhosa hostel dweller by

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

The incident occurred after an Inkatha meeting when hostels rented by non-Zulu dwellers were burnt, sources said.

However, a police spokesman in Pretoria said the fighting was between a group of Zulus and Xhosas at the hostel. He said police used teargas and birdshot to disperse the groups and described the situation as tense.

Besieged

A spokesman for the Phola Park Youth Congress, Mr Samuel Mungani, said the squatter camp was besieged by gun-wielding men

with machinegun fire was also heard.

"Residents fled and many were shot at," he said.

Mungani said the attack was carried out by men wearing white rags on their heads.

He said more than six bodies scattered in the veld were collected by police vans and it appeared Phola Park menfolk were targets of the attack.

No women or children were attacked.

The injured were admitted to Natalspruit Hospital with gunshot and stab wounds.

Mr Sydney Mojamisi (39), who was stabbed in the arm with a spear, said Inkatha members attacked him in his room at the hostel because he

Mr Mncedisi Ngobane (24) was shot through the thigh in a street at dawn while running away from the bar.

At noon yesterday more than 1 000 armed Zulus assembled at the hostel and marched through the streets of Tokoza escorted by police.

The situation remained tense as residents had vacated the streets.

The East Rand attack is the third involving Inkatha supporters in the area in more than a month.

Similar clashes have taken place in Sebokeng and Kagiso.



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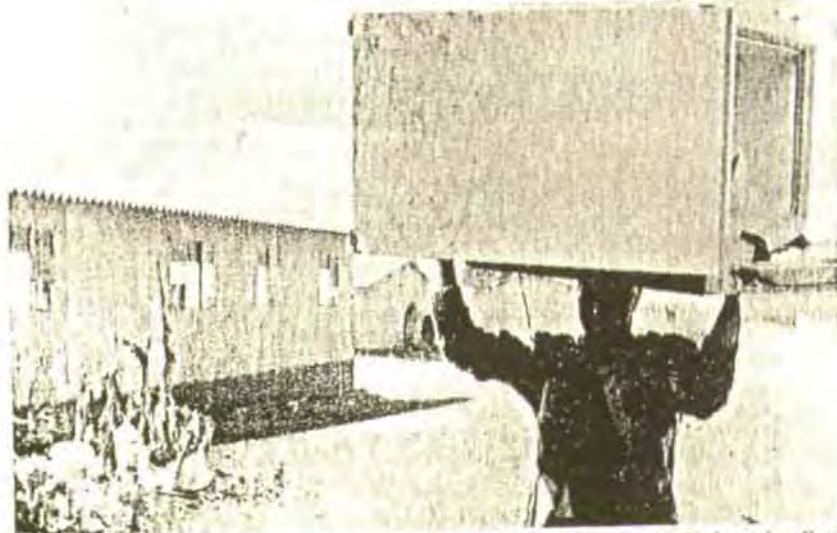
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"Another man, with a gun, ran after her. She tried to run away but he hid and came to the station later," the woman said.

Another victim of the attack was 64-year-old Mrs Maria Solisa, who has a deep gash on her right cheek and lips, which was hacked by a panga.

"There were lots of people. I can't tell how many. They were carrying knives and axes and other things and started hitting the passengers."

"Everybody was trying to get off the train. People were also on the ground trying to get on the train. I was scared and started running away."

Mrs Solisa was later admitted to the Baragwanath Hospital.

A spokesman for Baragwanath Hospital said assaults and injuries had accounted for the majority of the injuries sustained in yesterday's violence in Soweto.



Police stand guard at Phola Park squatter-camp in Thokoza township on the East Rand, while a Zulu man uses a loud-hailer in an attempt to persuade his compatriots to hand over their weapons.

Right: A youth armed with an axe is watched by a policeman yesterday as Black rival groups clashed after armed men had attacked passengers at a station killing at least four people. Faction fighting has claimed at least 147 lives.



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re: FURTHER INFORMATION : INKATHA ATTACK

We refer to the above and to our telefax to yourselves of this afternoon. We have received further information from our clients in relation to an attack to be carried out in the early evening by Inkatha-aligned persons.

We are informed that a meeting took place last night at the Nancefield Hostel in Soweto at which it was decided to carry out an attack upon COSATU members who would be leaving the Doornfontein station early this evening on a train to Soweto. We are not aware of the exact departure time of this train except that it will be one of those carrying workers home to Soweto after their days work.

Once again, we would be grateful if these allegations could be investigated in order to pre-empt any acts of violence that may take place early this evening.

Yours faithfully,
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You will note from our previous correspondence that residents of the Nancefield Hostel in Soweto appear to be centrally involved in the commission of the unlawful acts mentioned above.

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In the interest of restoring peace and protecting the lives and property of innocent persons we are instructed to request that you rigorously investigate at the Nancefield Hostel as to whether meetings have, in the recent past, been held, at which the above attacks were either mentioned or planned. In addition, we request that the residents of the Nancefield Hostel be questioned on all of the above aspects and that those involved in the commission of any offences be immediately brought to justice.

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ANC spokesman Mthethwa said every- thing was being done to prevent violence on the East Rand in the townships of Kaitshong, and Tokoza.

He referred ques- tions to the ANC's Witwaters- rand regional office, where Barbara Hogan said she was made yesterday afternoon.

He said an ANC dele- gate to the East Rand had been at Vosloorus Po- lice station yesterday after a meeting between ANC leaders in the area scheduled for today.

"The people in the area are strongly con- sidering the police are as- sisting them. Our regional office has compiled data and internal leader- ship to take the mat- ter to the Law and Order Commission (Lok).

"The situation was not what we wanted", everything being done to get the situation under control", he said.

ANC

its aligned or- ganisation placed the fighting in the townships squarely on the ANC's agenda.

burg news con- sidered the first vice- president Dlamini was an or- ganisation to spread to Transvaal and abolish Inkatha as a political party in the community.



Inkatha supporters chase an injured man whom they cornered and attacked at Nguni Hostel in Vosloorus yesterday. The unidentified, badly bleeding man was saved from almost certain death when the occupants of a passing car fired on his attackers. S'Ear 16/8/90

● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

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On standby ... Police remain seated, while a man runs down a Thokoza street brandishing a panga in Monday's violence

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"Another man, with a gun, ran after her when she tried to run away. She hid and came to the hospital later," the woman said.

Another victim of the attack was 64-year-old Mrs Maria Solisa, whose right cheek and lips were hacked by a panga.

"There were lots of people. I can't tell you how many. They were carrying knives and sticks and other things and started hitting the people."

"Everybody was trying to get off the train. People were also outside trying to get on the train. I was scared and I ran away."

Mrs Solisa was later admitted to the Baragwanath Hospital.

A spokesman for Baragwanath Hospital said assaults and bullet wounds had accounted for the majority of injuries sustained in yesterday's violence in Soweto.



Police stand guard at Phola Park squatter-camp in Thokoza township on the East Rand, while a Xhosa man uses a loud-hailer in an attempt to persuade his compatriots to hand over their weapons.

Right: A youth armed with an axe is watched yesterday by a policeman yesterday as Black rival groups clashed after armed men had attacked passengers at a station killing at least four people. Faction fighting has claimed at least 147 lives.



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Inkatha supporters chase an injured man whom they cornered and attacked at Nguni Hostel in Vosloorus yesterday. The unidentified, badly bleeding man was saved from almost certain death when the occupants of a passing car fired on his attackers.

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● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

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● ANC en Inkatha in bloedige geveg by Krugersdorp



Tribalism: taboo reality

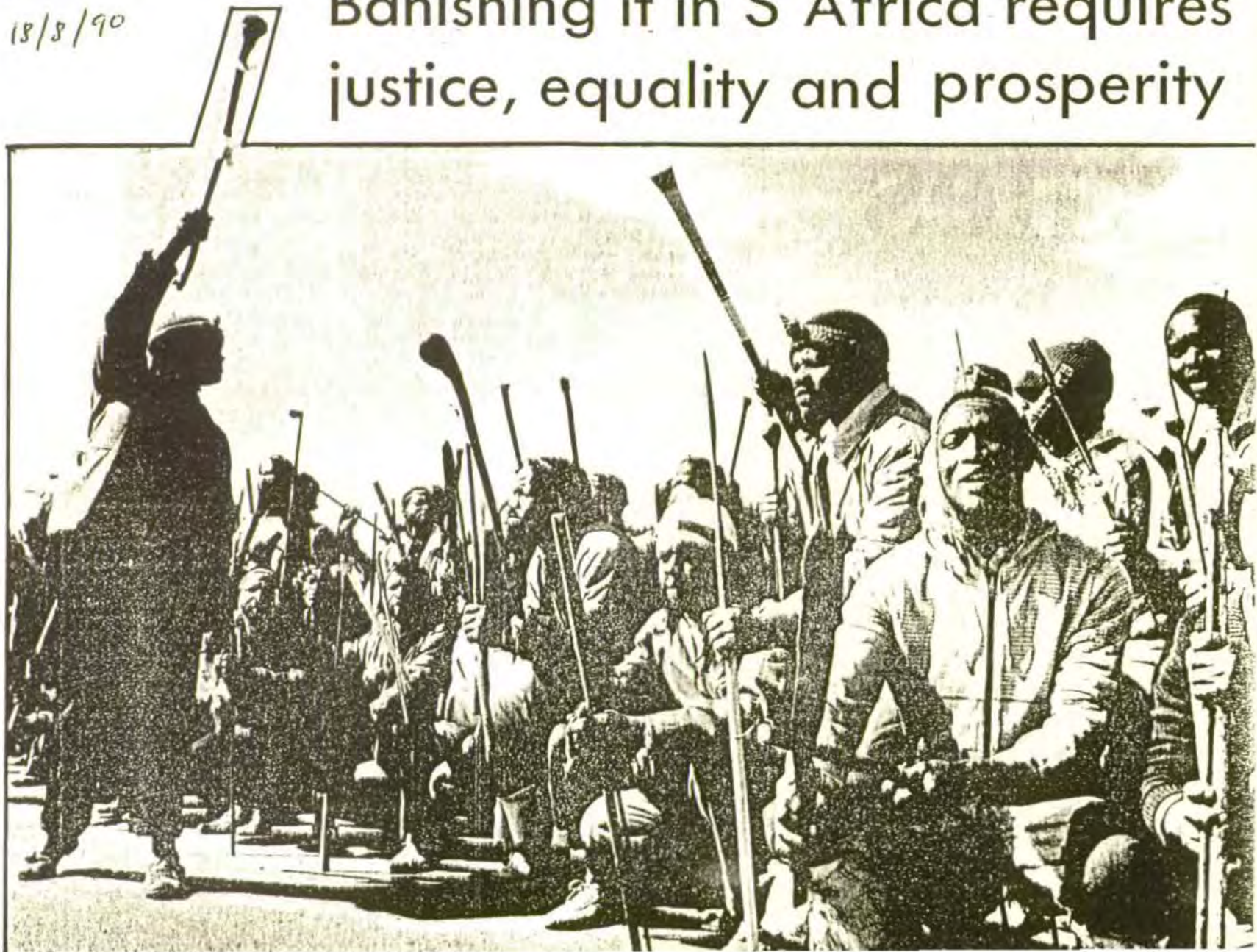
violence sweeping at the moment is tied to tribalism. To what extent is tribalism still a fact of life in South Africa? Does it continue to play a significant role in moulding the country or is it, as certain commentators claim, a mere relic of the past intended to enable the white man to divide and rule? Dr **DAVID** examines the

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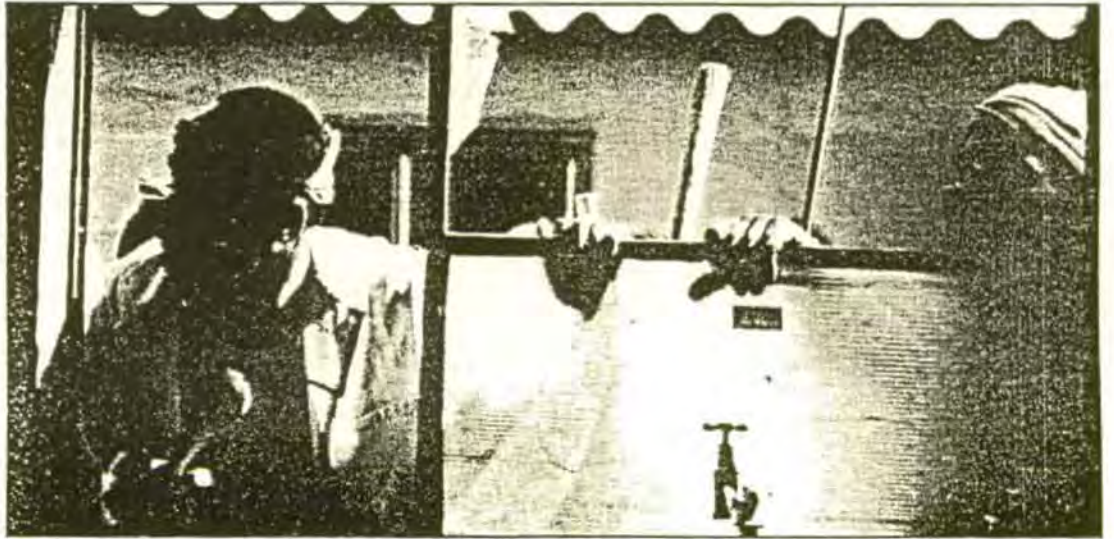
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Kenneth Mkhimpi, who was attacked on the
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Window assault . . . Inkatha supporters attack a hostel room at the Nguni hostel in Voosloorus. A man who had locked himself in the room was killed. ● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

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Seeking conflict . . . Inkatha impis beseige another room in the Vosloorus hostel. The occupant was murdered. Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

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Sowetan



Armed Inkatha supporters carrying an assortment of weapons march through the streets after attending a rally in Diepkloof, Soweto, yesterday. While no incidents were reported, rumours of an impending Inkatha attack caused panic in the townships. Pic: LEN KUMALO.



Well armed and angry ... a Zulu hostel-dweller brandishes a menacing panga on a Thol'ozza street

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Pictures: AVIGAIL UZI



While police vehicles keep a wary watch, an armed Zulu group moves through town

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The face of grief — A teenage girl yesterday hears that her father has died in hostel wars in Phola Park

Picture: AVIGAIL UZI



Inkatha supporters march in Tokoza hours after they had clashed with Phola Park residents. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

13 die in hostel carnage

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AT least 13 people were killed and more than 35 others injured in bitter fighting between Inkatha supporters, non-Zulu hostel dwellers and Phola Park residents in Tokoza on the East Rand yesterday.

By noon yesterday, Phola Park residents were leaving the war-torn squatter area in their hundreds in fear of renewed attacks.

According to sources, the fighting started on Sunday night after the killing of a Xhosa hostel dweller by

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

The incident occurred after an Inkatha meeting when hostels rented by non-Zulu dwellers were burnt, sources said.

However, a police spokesman in Pretoria said the fighting was between a group of Zulus and Xhosas at the hostel. He said police used teargas and birdshot to disperse the groups and described the situation as tense.

Besieged

A spokesman for the Phola Park Youth Congress, Mr Samuel Mungani, said the squatter camp was besieged by gun-wielding men

chinegun fire was also heard.

"Residents fled and many were shot at," he said.

Mungani said the attack was carried out by men wearing white rags on their heads.

He said more than six bodies scattered in the veld were collected by police vans and it appeared Phola Park menfolk were targets of the attack.

No women or children were attacked.

The injured were admitted to Natalspruit Hospital with gunshot and stab wounds.

Mr Sydney Mojamisi (39), who was stabbed in the arm with a spear, said Inkatha members attacked him in his room at the hostel because he

Mr Mncedisi Ngombane (24) was shot through the thigh in the street at dawn while running away from the battle.

At noon yesterday more than

1 000 armed Zulus assembled at the hostel and marched through the streets of Tokoza escorted by police.

The situation remains tense as residents hastily vacated the streets.

The East Rand attack is the third involving Inkatha supporters in less than a month.

Similar clashes have taken place in Seboken and Kagiso.

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Sir,

re: FURTHER INFORMATION : INKATHA ATTACK

We refer to the above and to our telefax to yourselves of this afternoon. We have received further information from our clients in relation to an attack to be carried out in the early evening by Inkatha-aligned persons.

We are informed that a meeting took place last night at the Nancefield Hostel in Soweto at which it was decided to carry out an attack upon COSATU members who would be leaving the Doornfontein station early this evening on a train to Soweto. We are not aware of the exact departure time of this train except that it will be one of those carrying workers home to Soweto after their days work.

Once again, we would be grateful if these allegations could be investigated in order to pre-empt any acts of violence that may take place early this evening.

Yours faithfully,
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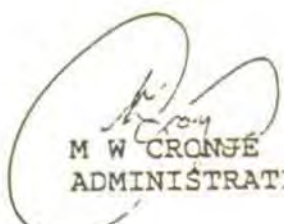
INKATHA ATTACK

By direction of Minister Adriaan Vlok, I acknowledge receipt of your facsimile dated 25 July 1990.

The Minister noted the contents thereof and has requested the Commissioner of the South African Police to attend to the matter.

You may therefore expect a further communication from his office in due course.

Yours faithfully


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re: INKATHA ATTACKS

We represent the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU). We refer to the above and to our letters to yourselves of the 19th of July 1990 and the 25th of July 1990.

You will be aware that both of the above letters gave advance warning and details about impending Inkatha attacks. You will also be aware that in both instances, in Sebokeng and on the Johannesburg trains to Soweto, attacks and extreme instances of violence took place.


You will note from our previous correspondence that residents of the Nancefield Hostel in Soweto appear to be centrally involved in the commission of the unlawful acts mentioned above.

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In the interest of restoring peace and protecting the lives and property of innocent persons we are instructed to request that you rigorously investigate at the Nancefield Hostel as to whether meetings have, in the recent past, been held, at which the above attacks were either mentioned or planned. In addition, we request that the residents of the Nancefield Hostel be questioned on all of the above aspects and that those involved in the commission of any offences be immediately brought to justice.

We look forward to hearing from you as a matter of urgency.

Yours faithfully
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