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WE'RE NOT SURPRISED AT BAN

THE Government's decision to suspend the publication of the Weekly Mail yesterday did not come as a surprise.

Judging by the message issued to the Press by the State President, Mr P W Botha, in the past few days, we expected a much inugher champdown on the Press than the temporary closure of the Weekly Mail.

But the reasons given for the suspension are specious. It had been obvious over the past months that the lightening of emergency regulations was intended to ensure that there would be no opposition to the October 26 elections.

The disastrous results of the elections showed very clearly that the Press could only reflect, but not determine the people's response to the elections.

It is for this reason that the closure of one newspaper should give all of us a cause for concere. As was easile by one commentator, the closure of the Weekly Mail will sharpen the swood that hangs over other opposition newspapers. 2111/80

Pro-Government newspapers cannot be an exception, for the erosion of Press freedom threatens all other freedoms, including the freedom of the Government to run a stable country.

We find it even more disturbing to learn that the Hame Affairs Minister, Stoffel Botha is not prepared to meet the management of the newspaper to talk about the saspension.

We had thought this would be the right time for the Minister to face the public and explain the action which me court of law could take, since an law has been breached.

SOWETAN, Friday

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E are as perplexed as the co-editor of the Weekly Mail, Mr Anton Harber, about the final warning served on his newspaper by the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Stoffel Botha. 14 hcs/90

According to Mr Harber, the Minister cited cight articles in five editions which prompted the final warning. The Weekly Mail is being accessed of promoting the image of the African National Congress, the Pan Africanist Congress and the United Democratic Front.

Whenever such action is taken against a paper all journalists are affected in various ways. The effectiveness of such a threat hanging over us leads to self censorship which is not in the public interest. In the final analysis, an attack on one paper is an attack on all of us, newspapers and the public. We are particularly distressed by the dictatorial manner in which a public servant's "upinion" can lead to such assault on the civil liberties of people that servant is supposed to

We have a feeling that the coming numicipal elections have something to do with such action from the Government. It is out air and totally undemocratic for politicians to try and consolidate their eroding credibility by attacking organs that cannot even challenge such action in a court of law.

The Government must stop blowing had and cold in this fashion. It is exactly this indecisiveness that is creating problems for the National Party. On the one hand the State President and his Foreign Ministry are trying hard to operate in the type of glashost atmosphere pursued by most leaders in the world.

The other government servants must ut the same time be helping Mr Botha in a job that is as complex as it is tough.

They are doing mathing of the sort when they attack newspapers. The democracies of the world are united in their abhorrence of any attacks made against the legitimate operation of the free press.

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YHAT is fascinating aboutthe meeting Dr Danie Cray ven et al had with the African National Congress are the shortterm political implications.

All the short-term implications are concentrated on the coming municipal elections, or this is what conventional wisdom tends to be. Rightly or wrongly, such a crucial election - one in which the ruling party sees its tefluence croding even further - does tend to influence decisions taken by the incombent and their challengers.

Dr Craven is for all we know a cardcarrying National Party member. The party itself may be using him as a suitable ploy to speak to the ANC.

Mr P W Boths and his government are fighting and using some sophistication in breaking the magical aura thrown around the rightwing radicals. Whether we like the Nats or not, we wish them all the good luck in this. The forays into Africa and other countries by Mr Botha and his foreign minister have done a lot in diverting attention from the type of media attention put on the reprehensible Dr Treurnicht and his ilk. 18/10/02

While we have said that some of our people would welcome a CP win we are acutely conscious of the cost that such a win would have. For if the revolution comes to a head under such an administration it would happen at very great cost, especially to our people. In fact, when things go wrong, as they inevitably would under a CP government, they will take the country down with them.

The politics of negotiation being as tricky as it is, the ANC itself will have to act carefully about being seen to

make a deal with Afrikaners. If we would presume to advise them. we would simply say in such moves the timing is crucial. What can be done today will never be contemplated tomorrow or have been proper in the past.

The love for sports by the white tribe could lead to a negotiated settlement. But many other elements have to be put into place for that to satisfy us all.

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By HORATIO MOTJUWADI

AFRICA is surprised that the African National Congress has hosted sports officials from South Africa.

The mood was summed up on Wednesday night by the Botswama-based laborated Bhamier, an executive member oil both the Confederation of African Football (CAF) and the Supreme Council for Sport is Africa. 21110100

Bhamper and that the feeling of both bother as well as the South African Non Racial Olympic Committee, the Pan Africanic Congress of Azenia and the Black Commounters Movement of Azimia is that the ANC should not have hosted the officials as all.

"They have all made their stand," Bhamjee said, "The only way back men the swernational arena is through the Supreme Council for Sport or Samoe and they will not accept South Africa with hedings

The fight is really to get the people free and we feel that the ANC is wrong by promising that they will get them recognition. The ANC is in no position to ger anybody recognition."

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"Louis Luyt is pro-Government. That's why bemarted a Convernment newspaper, the Curzon And who can forget Craven's statement 12 years ago about the green and gold jersey," said Shamjer referring to recent ANC meetings with rught bosses De Danie Craven and Lone Luyr.

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Motaung was in a National Soccer League delegation - with Rodger Stihi, Solomon Morewa and Abdul Bhamjer - which met the ANC on Turnday and Wednesday.

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Junior Ramosha, the SA Softball Federation PRO, said: "I think the rugby people are using the Lucaka talks to get because in the fundamental rugby. I think rugby, like many sporting codes in South Africa, still have a problem before going back to the international arena. The problem is the political security."



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The secretary of the South African Socoet Federation, Vinewat Baurijes, said: "We have no problem with the talks. But if it is true that the sole purpose of the talks is to obtain international recognition, then our has a problem.

"The problem with the talks is that they are founded on the wrong premises of obtaining recognition even before the country has ended its apartheid policies."

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