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# Tempers flare as Nazi war trials gibe riles Govt

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THE ASSEMBLY — Remarks about apartheid by Mr John Malcomess, PFP Port Elizabeth, started an uproar in the Assembly yesterday and the Speaker had to intervene to restore order as members shouted at each other across the floor.

In the third-reading debate on the Budget, Mr Malcomess said that one day South Africa might see "apartheid trials" similar to the war crimes trials held in Nuremberg after World War 2.

The Government had done nothing to save the country from further acts of terrorism, Mr Malcomess said.

Our raids into Lesotho and Mozambique are treating the symptoms but not the disease — apartheid continues remorselessly.

The Government should ask itself what ministerial action finally decided those responsible for the recent bomb blast in Pretoria to tread the trail of terrorism.

The Government should ask itself whether its actions created terrorists and whether it might be guilty of being a recruiting agent for the ANC.

If the answer is yes, then you share the responsibility for the death toll in Pretoria," Mr Malcomess said.

That was when the uproar started and the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs, Mr Pietie du Plessis, repeatedly called on the Leader of the Opposition, Dr F van Zyl Slabbert, to say where he stood on the issue.

Mr du Plessis, the next speaker, then launched a scathing attack on Mr Malcomess and the Progressive Federal Party.

He said Mr Malcomess had made one of the most shocking and scandalous speeches I have ever heard in my life.

The speech had revealed "a sick spirit" and a "guilt complex" among members of the opposition.

Mr du Plessis was ordered to withdraw a further remark that Mr Malcomess's speech bordered on disloyalty to South Africa.

"I think he is a disgrace to South Africa," the Minister said.

A member of the Opposition interjected "You are a disgrace to humanity."

Mr du Plessis said Mr Malcomess had implied that the Government's policy was equivalent to the policy of Nazi Germany and asked whether it was implied that apartheid was a crime against humanity.

Several PFP members replied across the floor "Yes!"

Mr du Plessis said he could not believe that such an attitude could be expressed in Parliament and he wanted to know whether Dr Slabbert agreed with this view.

Dr Slabbert asked "Is it not a crime?"

Pressed again by Mr du Plessis to answer the question, Dr Slabbert asked "Do you say it is not a crime to move 3.5 million people against their will?"

Mr du Plessis repeated his question to Dr Slabbert, who then indicated that he would deal with the matter in a speech today.

Continuing his attack, Mr du Plessis accused Dr Slabbert of being a captive of the "leftist liberals" in his party. He said Dr Slabbert had "left South Africa

## Suzman slams Nat 'crimes'

THE ASSEMBLY — Certain aspects of National Party policy certainly constituted crimes against humanity, Mrs Helen Suzman (PFP Houghton) said yesterday.

Speaking in the debate on the third reading of the Budget, Mrs Suzman cited the jailing of masses of people for pass offences when they were simply looking for work, and the removal of large numbers of people in terms of the Group Areas Act.

"I do not identify South Africa with the National Party," Mrs Suzman said, replying to a charge by the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs that to accuse the Government of crimes against humanity bordered on disloyalty to the country. "The National Party represents a very small percentage of the total population of South Africa," she said.

The Minister of Co-operation and Development had to say whether he had instructed administration boards to "get on with the job" of issuing permits to migrant workers in terms of the Appeal Court decision on the Rikhotso case, which allows them and their families residential rights in urban areas.

So far, she said, just over 200 reference books had been en-

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