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All must be winners cautions Mandela

TYRONE SEALE Political Staff

PRESIDENT Mandela has cautioned the African National Congress against a winnertake-all attitude after the adoption today of the new constitution.

- But, he also warned other parties that the ANC had a mandate from the overwhelming majority of South Africans and that anyone blocking the ANC from meeting this mandate would be reduced to "a voice in the wilderness"
- Mr Mandela's admonitions followed the end of his prepared speech to the constitutional assembly, in which he said the new constitution represented South Africa's rebirth, cleansed of a horrible past.
- He said the ANC's principled approach to the writing of the new constitution and its role in the government of national unity had been that there should be neither winners nor losers.
- 'South Africa as a whole must be the winner.'
- He said the principle had been that the majority party should not abuse its power to reduce other political parties to mere rubber stamps.
- At the same time, he said, everybody would understand that the ANC had a mandate from the overwhelming majority of South Africans to transform this country from an apartheid state to a non-racial state.
- Anybody who tries to block us from carrying out our mandate is like a voice crying



ROUSING APPLAUSE: President Mandela, his deputy Thabo Mbeki and national assembly Speaker Frene Ginwala, all in the front bench, lead the applause after the constitutional assembly adopted the new constitution.



Newly adopted constitution 'is the real birth certificate of our Rainbow Nation'

CLIVE SAWYER

Political Correspondent

A HUGE majority of 85 percent of the Constitutional Assembly today ushered South Africa's new constitution into law.

The historic document was described by constitutional assembly chairman Cyril Ramaphosa as the "birth certificate of the rainbow nation"

It took two attempts, after a flaw in the electronic voting system meant the constitutional assembly had to cast its ballots again, but this did not dampen the jubilation of those who saw their two years of labour bear fruit.

Approval was secured after an 11thhour agreement between the African National Congress and National Party on the key education, labour and property clauses.

As the result of the first round of voting was announced, African National Congress members swept to their feet, chanting "ANC, ANC" and filling the chamber to the rafters with a freedom song.

The welcome given the result by those who had agreed to submerge their misgivings about the bill and vote in favour was more restrained.

"Now it is universally acknowledged that unity and reconciliation are written in the hearts of millions of South Africans,' said President Mandela, moments after the bill was passed.

"They are the glowing fire of the new patriotism.

The bill was approved following votes in favour of it cast by the ANC, NP, the Democratic Party and the Pan Africanist Congress

The African Christian Democratic Party voted against and the Freedom Front abstained

The Inkatha Freedom Party maintained its boycott of the constitutional assembly to the last.

The final result was 421 in favour, two

against and 10 abstentions.

all senators and members of the national assembly, has 490 members. Today we have acquired the birth cer-

tificate of the new South Africa - one country, one constitution, one law for one nation," was the cry of the praise-singer who led the procession of the president, deputy president and presiding officers at the start of today's formal adoption of the constitution.

Mr Ramaphosa labelled today "a day of joy" and paid tribute to the team of 43 million South Africans who worked on producing the constitution.

On a solemn note, he dedicated his speech to three people who died before they could witness the new constitution: former ANC president Oliver Tambo, murdered SA Communist Party secretary-general Chris Hani and former SACP leader and Housing Minister Joe Slovo.

Mr Ramaphosa said the new constitution was a mirror of South African society, reflecting its past and its commitment to a future of the rule of law, human rights. human dignity, equality and freedom. It was good for investors and good for the

rand, he said. Speaking for the ANC, Deputy Presi-dent Thabo Mbeki delivered a lyrical speech which spelt out the roots and mean-

ing of being African. Today it feels good to be African," Mr Mbeki said, affirming that the continent, however improbable this might seem to sceptics, would prosper.

The constitution would create a lawgoverned society inimical to arbitrary rule. Deputy President and National Party eader FW de Klerk said that, like Mr Mbeki, he was an African, and had become one through the freedom struggle of his ancestors and others who had helped to build the country.

He said it had been a difficult decision, but his party would support the constitution, even though it was in total disagreement with a number of its provisions. The new constitution was the "final

in the wilderness, because we are going to use that mandate in order to better the lives of all people in South Africa."

- Mr Mandela called on whites and blacks to forsake a tendency to see themselves as the only groups in the country and to rise above ethnic differences.
- We want men and women who can rise above [ethnicity] and think in terms of South Africa as a whole."
- He said the adoption of the new constitution did not mean that the concerns of minorities would be ignored.
- We will continue searching for solutions because we want everybody to feel they are part and parcel of our efforts to solve the problems of South Africa. That is the position, and the adoption of this constitution is the beginning of our efforts to
- resolve the problems of this country." Earlier, Mr Mandela had told the assembly that the newly democratic country had matured after a tentative beginning and was reaching out to the future with confidence.
- It had teetered in a knife edge over the past few days with reports of intractable deadlocks and of an abyss-in-waiting.
- "But, aren't South Africans a wonderful people, to whom the words 'deadlock' and 'miracle' have come to nestle in comfortable proximity and, alternately, to grip the national imagination like the plague?"
- He hailed the new constitution as South Africa's humble submission to democracy and the culture of human rights worldwide.
- "It is our pledge to humanity that nothing will steer us from this course."
- He said South Africa had taken the historic step beyond the transitory arrangements which had obliged its representatives, by dint of law, to work together across the racial and political divide.
- And thus, we strike out along a new road, in which the preoccupation of elected representatives, at all levels of government, will be how to co-operate in the service of the people, rather than competing for power which otherwise belongs not to us, but to the people."
- The new and higher national consensus showed South Africa was at last maturing to become a normal society, founded on mutual trust, bonded by mutual aspirations, and shaped by the reality of diversity rather than the culmination of a warped imagination.
- In our racial, language, religious and sectoral diversity, as the weak and the mighty, we are one people with one destiny." The new constitution reaffirmed a commitment to the rights of citizens, he said.

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in Van Rooyen case

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. - Police expect to make a major breakthrough in the Pretoria paedophile case today.

Gauteng provincial commissioner Sharma Maharaj, his two deputy provincial commissioners and Pretoria area commissioner Corrie Naude made a surprise visit to the former Capital Park home of alleged paedophile Gert van Rooyen today where

the house in a search in the "house of horrors". for evidence in the dis-

appearance of five schoolgirls more than six called for the Van Rooyen house to be years ago.

Early today, police announced they had obtained a warrant to search for human remains.

Commissioner Maharaj said they were confident of exhuming human remains later today

"We are very confident that a major breakthrough will be made this afternoon, and that bodies will be found," he said.

Commissioner Maharaj said they also had received permission from property owners Absa bank to continue with the excavations if any human remains were found

"We have permission to demolish the whole house if any concrete evidence is found.

Kobie Wapenaar, the mother of one of the missing girls Annamarie Wapenaar of Kempton Park, visited the house today and was escorted inside by police.

Parents of the five missing girls have again?"



police are digging under SEARCH GOES ON: Police workers looking for bodies

demolished to "put an end to this story once and for all'

Ansie Horn of Pretoria, mother of Joan who disappeared six years ago at the age of 12, said she had contacted the parents of the other four missing children and they all shared her feelings that the house should be torn down brick by brick.

"If it is destroyed, nothing will be left," she said today. "No more clues will remain for people to dig up again later.

"And this isn't an appeal from a group of emotionally distraught parents. Certainly, the trauma is being lived all over again and old wounds have been reopened, but this is more a plea for this business to be over,' Mrs Horn said.

'They could dig for days and find nothing. Then what? Will it be another six years before somebody comes up with something else they think is in the house and the whole business starts all over

Cellphone foils R5m raid

Staff Reporter

UP TO R5 million of cash and jewellery were grabbed in an armed robbery from the plush Cellars Hotel in Hohenort, Constantia, early today.

But after a high-speed chase, police retrieved all the stolen items, including two safes and arrested two people - a 17-yearold youth and a 26-year-old man.

A police spokesman said the robbery took place at 2am when six men, four of them armed, stormed into the hotel, holding a security guard at gunpoint.

Three hotel staff members and one hotel guest were threatened and locked in a bathroom. The robbers carried off the

safes, containing cash and jewellery, as well as other cash, and fled in a VW Golf. After a guest called the police on his cellphone, the flying squad set off in pursuit

The suspects were spotted near M3 Wyn berg and the car was pulled off the road. All of the stolen items were retrieved and then returned to the hotel. No one was injured in the incident.

A manager at the Cellars Hotel refused to speak to The Argus and put the phone down when asked to comment on the robbery

The suspects are being held at the Wynberg police station.

Police have since identified the suspects' car as a stolen vehicle.

gang and victim

A HEAVILY armed gang of hijackers with AK-47 rifles is believed to be driving around the Cape Town area with their victim after a post office robbery in Gauteng.

Police said four Indian men kidnapped a motorist and used his car in an armed robbery at a post office early yesterday. A substantial amount of money was stolen.

The gang forced the motorist to drive them to Cape Town after the robbery.

The spokesman said the fugitives, travelling in their victim's beige Volkswagen Jetta, were seen in Beaufort West yesterday when they filled up with petrol. They sped away from the service station without pay-

There was a scuffle between the gang and the motorist, who tried to escape at the service station.

The incident was filmed on a closed-circuit video monitor and the tape was handed to police.

The gang is now believed to be in or near Cape Town.

Police fear for the motorist's life and have described the gang as dangerous.

A Peninsula-wide hunt has been launched.

Anyone who spots the car, with the registration number TFH795T, is warned not to approach the gang but to call police radio control at 10 111.

• A woman was badly beaten, smothered with a carpet and then raped today after she woke up to find a man standing in her room just after 3 am.

The man, who was wearing a balaclava, hit the 32-year-old Hout Bay woman in the face and threw her to the ground, police said. After pressing a rug to her face, he raped her.

He then demanded money and took R700 in cash before escaping. The badly shocked woman ran to a neighbour's house and called the police.

She had cuts and bruises to her head, face, arms and shoulders and received stitches and treatment at False Bay hospital. She was released several hours later.

Although police have no suspects, fingerprints were found at the scene and have been sent off for analysis.

Anyone who can assist the police with information regarding the incident should contact Detective-Sergeant EP Glover of Hout Bay police at 790 1346 or 790 5959.

A mother's anguish

DURBAN. - The mother of murdered 14year-old "Stompie" James Moeketsi Seipei told the Truth Commission here today how she had struggled to identify her son's badly decomposed body.

• Full report on page 5

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JOHAN SCHRONEN Crime Reporter

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Serb accused 'had hunger for murder'

THE HAGUE. - On the first day of his war crimes trial, Dusan Tadic listened blankly as a blackrobed prosecutor characterised him as a bar owner turned killer, freed by the Bosnian conflict to satisfy a hunger for murder.

But he smiled shyly and waved when Ljubica Metselaar-Vidic, his only prison visitor, greeted him at the beginning of yesterday's session.

The visitor, a Serb woman who lives in The Netherlands, said she was convinced of his innocence, and his attorney warned that Mr Tadic was in danger of becoming a scapegoat for a world eager to avenge the atrocities of Europe's worst conflict since World War 2.

A stocky, dark-haired man who often appears in the tribunal's hi-tech courtroom in a leather jacket, Mr Tadic wore a blue suit and tie for the first day of his trial

Taking his seat in the defendant's dock, the first thing he did was to flick a switch on the computer monitor sunk into the wooden bench in front of him. Speaking before the trial, presiding judge

Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, a former United States federal judge, said her biggest worry was getting all the gadgetry to work.

Defence attorney Mischa Wladimiroff, a soft-spoken Dutch lawyer who specialises in white collar crime, warned that the UN court "must be wary of desires for revenge and the need for a scapegoat". But prosecutor M Niemann said he used black belt karate skills to kick inmates to death at the notorious Serb-run Omarska camp in north-western Bosnia in 1992.

Mr Tadic, 40, is accused of taking part in more than 30 murders, raping women and torturing other Muslims and Croats in and around Omarska and two other Serb-run camps. He faces a maximum life sentence if found guilty at the end of the trial expected to last up to four months and hear 150 witnesses. Mr Tadic has pleaded not guilty.

He is one of 57 suspects so far indicted by the tribunal. Another two are in pre-trial custody and four more are expected to be handed to the court soon. - Sapa-AP

Another war, another trial: Ex-SS man in the dock ROME. - The trial of former Nazi SS captain Erich



FACTORY BLAST: Firemen sift through the rubble of the remains of a soap factory that exploded in Mexico City, killing at least two people and injuring 34. Below, an injured worker is carried away from the scene of the explosion, which destroyed an area the size of half a city block.



Soap factory blast kills 2, many hurt

MEXICO CITY. - A powerful explosion at a soap factory in eastern Mexico City has killed at least two people and injured dozens more, officials said.

More victims were probably buried under rubble At least 22 people were taken to hospital and at least two had died, said Ricardo Saenz of the Mexico City civil protection agency.

He said in a radio interview that chemicals experts were looking at what caused the blast. Witnesses said the factory roof caved and windows

were shattered up to 300 metres away.

The factory, called La Corona, extends over half a city block near Mexico City's Benito Juarez International Airport from which United States Secretary of State Warren Christopher and several members of the US cabinet were due to take off later yester day after a two-day bilateral meeting here. A TV station said the blast appeared to have been

caused by a gas leak. – Reuter.

UK tries to limit spy row damage

Russia's expulsion threat on hold

under way in an effort to dampen down the worst spying row between Britain and Russia since the Cold War, amid continued pressure from hardliners for the expulsion of nine British embassy staff.

It appeared last night that Moscow might be reconsidering the severity of its proposed action, with signs of differences between the Russian security services and the foreign ministry.

British ambassador to Moscow Sir Andrew Wood yesterday met Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov in an attempt to iron out the crisis, which began with the arrest of a Russian man allegedly recruited by MI6, the

British intelligence service. The ambassador emerged from the meeting saying only that the discussion had been "private" – raising hopes that Moscow and London may have made progress trying to find a dis-creet deal to end the scandal before further damage was done to bilateral relations

British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind said last night Mr Primakov did not formally repeat the threat to expel British diplomats.

He said Mr Primakov told Sir Andrew that Russia "wanted to avoid any emotional or rushed decisions". The Russians apparently did not confirm - but did not withdraw - yes-

terday's threat to expel nine British diplomats. "No demands were made of a kind

that I'm familiar with," said Mr Rifkind in Birmingham, where he had chaired a meeting of European foreign and defence ministers.

Had Mr Primakov confirmed the expulsion of nine diplomats – as the Federal Security Services (FSB) said. - The Independent, London.

LONDON. – Intense negotiations are demanded – past practice suggests that the ambassador would have announced it immediately.

It ended a day of confusion over the fate of the Britons which owes much to a disagreement between the FSB and the Russian foreign ministry - tensions that have arisen in spite of Mr Primakov having been head of the foreign intelligence services.

The FSB said Sir Andrew had been handed a list of nine British diplomats at the embassy who had been declared persona non grata for having links with the agent, who is accused of 'passing on political, defence, and strategic information"

But, later in the day, the foreign ministry declined to confirm this. Asked when a decision on the expulsions would be taken, ministry spokesman Grigory Karasin said: "as soon as we know, we'll let you know" The issue that appears to have divided the two government departments is how Russia should respond to the arrest of the alleged spy.

In contrast to the FSB, which contains a large hardline anti-western element, Mr Karasin was at pains to limit the diplomatic damage: "We see our main task as avoiding an overemotional reaction and hasty decisions which could have a negative effect on the successful development of inter-governmental relations.'

Asked if Russian-British relations had been damaged, Nikolai Leonov, a retired KGB general, last night said there was no serious problem.

Spying was a normal part of international life. The Russians were always scrupulous before making accusations. "The British have been caught. They should just quietly accept it," he

Priebke on war crimes charges started today in an Italian military court.

The 82-year-old Priebke, who was extradited from Argentina last year, is accused of helping organise the SS massacre of 335 Italian men and boys in the Ardeatine Caves outside Rome on March 24, 1944.

Priebke, looking sombre, sat at the defence table with his lawyer before the three-judge panel. He did not talk to reporters when he arrived at the court escorted by six policemen.

Priebke has been held in a Rome military prison since he arrived in Italy after waging an 18-month court challenge to the extradition request in his adopted home of Argentina.

He has said the massacre in caves in Rome's southern outskirts was a "legitimate reprisal" for a partisan attack in Rome the day before in which 33 German soldiers were killed.

In testimony to the military court examining judge who committed him to trial, Priebke admitted he helped draw up a list of victims and personally shot two, but insisted he was duty-bound to follow orders or face death himself.

The victims included Roman Catholic priests, a 14-year-old boy and 75 Jews.

The Nazis dynamited the cave to try to hide the bodies. It is now a national memorial.

The slaying was part of a retaliation formula by Nazi occupiers to quell resistance. This called for killing 10 civilians for each German soldier killed. Priebke faces a maximum sentence of life in jail. Reuter, The Independent, London.

Granny with a gun scores bull's-eye on America's heart

LOS ANGELES – Mary Ruth Blanco's home and an Internal Revenue Sershort-lived alleged career as an unsuccessful armed robber initially netted her little besides a couple nights in the slammer and a police mugshot.

But now that her tragic story is out, the money is pouring in from kind hearts around the United States who were touched by the tale of the granny and the gun.

Ms Blanco, 71, was released yesterday on \$5 000 (R22 000) bail pending her appearance on charges of attempted second-degree robbery with the special circumstances of using a gun.

She allegedly tried to hold up a self-service petrol station in West Covina on Saturday using a relative's vintage .32-calibre Colt automatic.

The attendant, safe behind bulletproof glass, instead called authorities and noted Ms Blanco's licenceplate number while she drove away empty-handed.

Authorities suspect that Ms Blanco, who has a two-and-a-half-week-old granddaughter, acted out of desperation over a foreclosable debt on her vice lien on her husband's paltry monthly pension.

Now the public that responds with cash to media blitzes about life's victims – the people who send checks to children whose houses have been burgled - is answering another cry for help, this time from an unlikely accused perpetrator.

"I've never really done this before, but she really touched me," said donor Josephine Fuentes, a 49-year-old nurse from Los Angeles. "People should be more compassionate. Rather than just putting her in jail, people should band together to help.'

At her appearance in Citrus Municipal Court yesterday, Ms Blanco appeared emotionless, outfitted in a standard-issue blue prison uniform with a plastic ponytail holder sweeping her gray hair off her face.

The case was adjourned to May 22 at the request of Ms Blanco's courtappointed attorney, who said his goal was to save his sickly client from going to jail. - Los Angeles Times.

US and Israel slam UN report on shelling

NEW YORK - The United States and Israel heaped scorn on a United Nations report that doubted Israel shelled a UN base in southern Lebanon accidentally, while the world body's military adviser defended his inquiry.

The author of the report, Major-General Frank van Kappen of the Netherlands, said it was unlikely that Israel had shelled the UN base through technical or procedural errors, although he would not rule it out completely.

More than than 100 Lebanese civilians taking shelter in the Qana base were killed.

"The United Nations has had bases there for 18 years," General Van Kappen said yesterday.

He disputed Israel's contention that it had not been told about refugees in the camp, but, he said, "it was irrelevant whether there were or not. You don't fire on a UN base"

His report stopped short of accusing Israel of deliberately shelling the base at Qana village, the bloodiest episode in its April 11-27 blitz against Hizbollah guerrillas.

In Washington and at the UN, American officials said the report might jeopardise a tenuous ceasefire. And Israel's deputy UN ambassador, David Peleg, warned it would influence the relationship between Israel and UN forces in Lebanon. - Reuter.

India vote tally starts

NEW DELHI. - Indian officials today began counting the millions of votes cast in the staggered general elections which ended yesterday.

The Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party was tipped to come out on top, but a clear picture was not expected to emerge before tomorrow night.

About 60 percent of nearly 400 million of India's 600 million electorate cast their ballots in the first two legs. More than 115 million voted yesterday. Polling had largely been peaceful, the commission

said. But the death toll across the country during the staggered ballot was more than 30, mostly in Bihar. An exit poll on TV said the BJP and allies would have the most seats in a hung parliament. - Sapa-AFP

Video trial for 'mass killer'

HOBART (Tasmania). - The man charged with murder after Australia's worst shooting massacre which left 35 people dead, will appear in court on May 22 via video from prison because of safety fears.

Martin Bryant, 28, who is charged with one of the killings at the Port Arthur convict site on April 28, was on Sunday moved from hospital to prison because of security concerns.

Mr Bryant, who is charged with murdering Kate Scott, 21, was burnt on his back and buttocks when he fled from a burning siege cottage near Port Arthur, outside Hobart, - Reuter

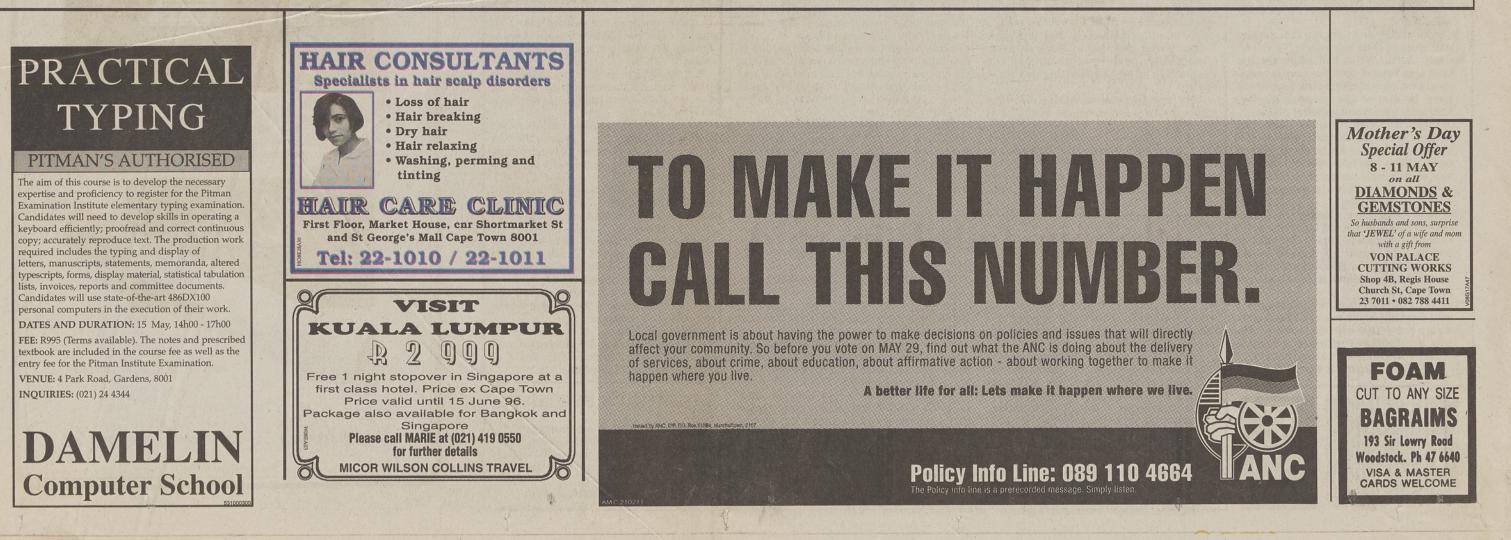
Five die in Punjab bus bombing

LAHORE. – A bomb blast ripped through a bus outside a hospital in the Pakistani town of Sheikhupura today, killing five people and wounding 41, police and hospital doctors said.

It was the latest in a series of blasts that have killed nearly 50 people and wounded more than 100 in the populous central province of Punjab in the past four weeks.

Police said a bomb had been planted on the bus, which was on its way from Hafizabad to Lahore, the provincial capital.

No-one claimed re-sponsibility. Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has blamed India for previous bombings. - Reuter.



THE NATION 3 Young and old velcome new era

TYRONE SEALE Political Staff

EDWARD Petersen, 65, has seen South Africa "at its best and worst".

He recoils when recalling the Verwoerd era, which laid the ideological foundation for successions of National Party governments' systematic violations of human rights.

For Mr Petersen and family, this meant forced removal from District Six. They now live in Strandfontein Village.

"But today it's totally different," Mr Petersen said today, briefly interrupting a stroll down Plein Street to observe a crowd gathering at Stalplein to celebrate the adoption of the new constitution.

"I remember this place, even Verwoerd's assassination. I'm glad we've got this constitution. I just want to know why De Klerk didn't give in a long time ago.

"The NP knew all along that in the end the ANC would rule."

At the other extreme of the generation gap from Mr Petersen was Tamboerskloof schoolboy Adrian Collins, 14, who was part of the Stalplein crowd anticipating the appearance, just before lunchtime, of President Mandela to address the crowd.

To him, the new constitution meant shelter and food for all, and "to be free, with no apartheid".

Luyanda Mkatali, 17, of Joe Slovo Comprehensive School in Khayelitsha, shared Adrian's enthusiasm about the new constitutional era.

"I just feel very happy today because of our new constitution. It means I will be able to do whatever I want to as this is my fundamental right."

Hundreds of schoolchildren were among those at the Constitutional Assembly-hosted celebration in Stalplein, where Mr Mandela spoke immediately after the first public performance of One Law for One Nation, a song commissioned by the CA.

Also on the programme was the unveiling of a giant mural depicting public participation in the crafting of the new constitution. The mural is on a building overlooking Stalplein.

Grasby

Serena~

Cosy, Zip Bootie Slippers

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Pictures: LEON MULLER, Chief Photographer. **HIGH PRAISE:** President Mandela and his deputy Thabo Mbeki chat while a praise singer acclaims the approval of the new constitution in parliament today. Constitutional assembly head Cyril Ramaphosa, with his deputy Leon Wessels, won a standing ovation from negotiators for their handling of the task.



PROUD PROCESSION: Some of the men who made it all come true – from left, constitutional assembly head Cyril Ramaphosa, his deputy Leon Wessels, President Nelson Mandela and his deputy F W de Klerk, outside Tuynhuys today.

ONE LAW: Constitutional Assembly head Cyril Ramaphosa and, chief Nat negotiator Roelf Meyer, hold a copy of a document commemorating the new constitution.

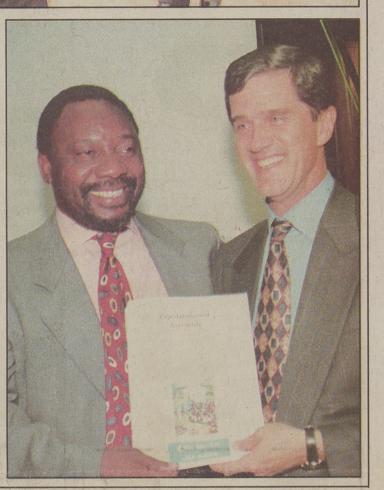
Growth rate should continue, says Sacob

Business Editor

THE rand's weakness will not slow down economic growth this year, but it could add 1,5 percent to the inflation rate, says the SA Chamber of Business.

In its latest report on business confidence, Sacob says the fall in the rand could raise the average inflation rate in 1996 to 8,5 percent from a forecast seven percent. Some price increases would take place immediately, but others would take time.

The rand recovered some ground today and was quoted at between R4,34 and R4,37 to the dollar late this morning. ● See page 23.



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House for police: Plea rejected

Municipal Staff

THE Cape Town City Council's housing committee has rejected a plea by the Mitchell's Plain Police Forum to lease a house in Woodlands, which was used in the past as a satellite police station, as a base for their operations.

Last month the committee also rejected the idea, saving there was a desperate housing shortage and that all available units should be given to the homeless. But the forum requested an interview in a bid to get the resolution rescinded.

At the interview the chairman of the forum, Norman Jantjies, said their main objective was to combat the increasing crime rate in Mitchell's Plain and that this was done in collaboration with the police.

Councillor John Miranda said that if the go-ahead was given to the Mitchell's Plain forum, the council would be setting a precedent and would have a hard time trying to turn down requests from the dozens of other forums across the metropole

ESANN de KOCK Staff Reporter

IT'S been 26 years since the Nico Malan opera and theatre complex opened amid huge controversy over

coloured people not being admitted. In 1970, the prospect of an African audience and African actors in the newly built R11 million Nico Malan wouldn't even have been debated.

Emgxobohozweni, written by Fort Hare professor Bench Buyile Mkonto and directed by Mavis Taylor, is set for a four-week run at the Nico. No small feat for author Professor Mkonto, who explains that Emgxobohozweni, meaning In the Swamp, revolves around a family feud and is

a prescribed matric setwork in the Western Cape. It is a story about heritage, about the struggle for power within a fam-

Professor Mkonto feels the play is set to attract audiences across the board – with a little help from an English translation of each scene.

African audience, but will serve to make other cultural groups more fully aware of how black people think and live. protested.

hits the Nico - 26 years on

A different kind of heritage

"It is a piece of direct contact with African culture" - probably exactly what the 1970 government and politicians would have tried their best to prevent from happening at the Nico Malan.

The controversy over who could and who could not attend performances at the Nico started even before the opening production of Verdi's *Aida* in mid-May 1971.

Brian Bamford, deputy leader of the United Party in the Cape Provincial Council, started an active campaign in 1970, objecting to the fact that coloureds were to be excluded from the Nico.

Mr Bamford's "sit-out" of the Nico until the theatre apartheid was lifted, was strongly supported outside government circles. Louis Ahrens, internationally

known head of the department of geochemistry at the University of

'It is accessible not only to an Cape Town, the then Judge-Presi- "only under the central governdent of the Cape Justice A Beyers, and writer and philosopher Adam Small were among those who

> But, in the South Africa of the 1970s it came as no surprise, considering it was in the year in which the Publications Control Board threatened internationally acclaimed Athol Fugard with exercising "power not yet used by the board

It was also the year in which that Negro soul singer Percy Sledge was granted a visa by the Department of the Interior - on condition he performed only to non-white audiences. In fact, Fugard was refused a

passport to attend the New York premiere of his play Boesman and Lena early in 1970

At the time of the controversy, former Cape Administrator, J N (Nico) Malan, after whom the complex was named, criticised the proposed stay-away, saying it was 'absolute nonsense to want to boycott poor Capab" which was acting ment"

And, although the laws of the land managed to enforce the colour bar at the Nico, opening nights to all-white audiences did not go by completely unchallenged.

On April 24, 1972, the audience at the opening night of Swan Lake was greeted by more than 60 placardbearing members of the Black Sash and a group of students from the University of Cape Town.

Opera house officials and members of the security police asked the students to leave the premises, and press photographers were told not to photograph the demonstrators

Today, Professor Mkonto, author of various short stories, essays and plays, says Emgxobohozweni - the first Xhosa play to be performed at the Nico - stands as an example of "the RDP in practice"

In this context, the theme of Emgxobohozweni, a play about the struggle for heritage, might not be entirely coincidental



XHOSA DRAMA: Ben Ngubane, Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology, centre, meets the lead actors in Emgxobohozweni. From left, they are Zoliswa Kawe, Theo Vilakazi and Nkosinathi Gqotso. Also in the picture are director of the play, Mavis Taylor, and Ivan Abrahams, front, co-ordinator of education and community services in Capab's drama department.

Candidates tested on environment

ANDREA WEISS Metro Reporter

THE Wildlife Society has challenged local election candidates to commit themselves to the environment by sending out questionnaires to survey their attitudes

The society also has announced it will be inviting the main political parties to take part in a debate around environmental issues on May 15. Questions candidates are being asked include how seriously they view

In a test of how candidates will perform after the elections, they are also asked how they will vote on issues such as the Table Mountain cableway upgrade, increasing water tariffs to reduce water usage, compelling consumers to pay for plastic bags and restricting private vehicles in busy urban centres.

• The Cape Independent Alliance led by Clive Keegan and Arthur Wienburg has set up a "Citizens Information Centre" to enable voters to find out more about their campaign. The tele-

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environmental problems such as air pollution, particularly "brown haze" over Cape Town, marine pollution, the lack of effective waste management, insensitive land use and shack fires due to inadequate provision of electricity.

Other issues concern the proximity of Koeberg nuclear power station to Cape Town, the lack of water and sanitation services, loss of indigenous plant and animal species, water wastage and alien vegetation.

phone number is 481 2111.

The CIA will also be holding public meetings in the United Church Hall, Belmont Road, Rondebosch, on Thursday this week, and in the Claremont Civic Centre on Monday, May 13.

 A cellphone company will be making 800 cellphones available to organisers and officials for the May 29 election, with the aim to have a cellphone on standby at each polling station on the day to fill the gaps where fixed-line telephones are unavailable.

Confusion over Newlands

Staff Reporter

CONFUSION reigns over renaming Newlands rugby stadium with the name of sponsor Norwich Life as part of a R10 million sponsorship deal.

The Western Province Rugby Football Union (WPRFU) says the stadium will be called "Norwich Park Newlands" but ex-Bok manager Jannie Engelbrecht says it will continue to be called just plain "Newlands'

He says Norwich has merely bought the rights to the name to keep out the names of other potential sponsors.

Norwich Life itself is keeping tightlipped and insists it will remain so until Friday when the details of the deal will be announced at a Press

conference.

WPRFU president Ronnie Masson has confirmed a deal with Norwich Life to change the name of South Africa's oldest rugby test stadium to Norwich Park Newlands.

He said, however, that he believed the name of "Newlands" would "never

Contradicting this, Mr Engelbrecht said the truth was that Norwich Life had bought the "rights to the stadium's name

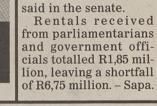
Mr Engelbrecht said the sponsors were not planning on renaming the stadium, because this would result in 'negative publicity'

All Norwich Life was interested in was ensuring that "no-one else ever buys the rights to the name".

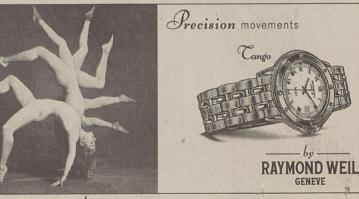


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Smuts study being restocked, restored

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House at Irene stood empty

and was eventually bought by a

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the house's original contents

and although many artefacts,

including the statesman's bed-

room furniture and botanical

collection, have been returned,

The library itself seems hap-

hazardly arranged, with vol-

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many items are still missing.

Since then museum staff

turning it into a museum.

Until 1960 the so-called Big

Affairs, on the Wits campus.

The study was reconstruct-

ilv members.

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. - After standing empty for decades, the study at Smuts House in Irene is being restored to its former glory with the return of hundreds of books to their original home.

The study, originally donated by the Smuts family to Witwa-tersrand University in an attempt to preserve it, has been completely reassembled and will be officially opened to the public later this month.

When Mrs Smuts died in 1954 the Nationalist government had no desire to preserve his house, explained museum curator Penny Grimbeek.

In a desperate attempt to preserve Smuts's possessions, the family divided them up and donated them to museums and similar institutions around the country.

His medals went to Johanlogical order, but it has actualnesburg's War Museum, his love ly been painstakingly reconletters to his wife Issy to the structed from old records and

State Archives in Hamilton photographs taken before it was dismantled. Street, his comprehensive botanical collection to the

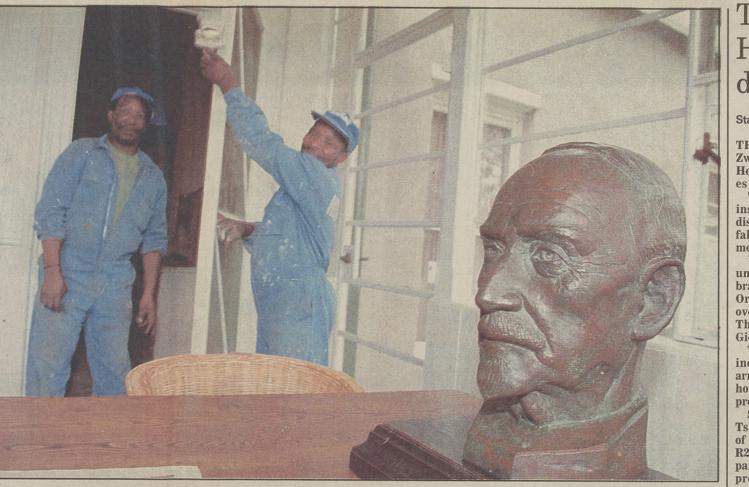
The shelves were numbered before being dismantled and Botanical Institute and his furreassembled and the books were carefully wrapped.

Among the collection is Immanuel Kant's Critique of Pure Reason which Smuts is reputed to have carried around in his saddle bag during the South African War

Both Smuts and his wife were known for their love of reading and the number of books in the house bears testimony to this. The study was Jan Smuts's

refuge from the cares of the world, Mrs Grimbeek said. The General Smuts Foundation has, with the return of the study, been able to restore and recreate the interior of the house as a fitting memorial to Jan Smuts and as a significant historical national monument.

The study will be officially opened by Conrad Strauss, president of the South Africa Foundation, on May 26.



SMUTS'S STUDY RESTORED: Joseph Mogwaneng, left, and Philip Mahlangu doing restoration work at Smuts House at Irene before the official opening of the reconstructed study at the end of this month.

Thousands in Hermanus debts demo

Staff Reporter

THOUSANDS of people from Zwehihle township marched on Hermanus to demand free houses and debt write-offs.

They also demanded the re-instatement of six councillors dismissed from the council after falling into arrears with payments for services.

Yesterday about 2 000 people under the banner of the local branch of the SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) handed over a petition to town clerk Thys van Rooyen and mayor Gideon van Wyk.

The long list of demands included the scrapping of all arrears and the transfer of old houses in the township to the present occupants at no cost.

Sanco spokesman Morris Tshabalala said that at the heart of residents' unhappiness was R2,06 million they believed was paid to the local council by the provincial government to be used to scrap all arrears. This money, they claimed, was not being used for that purpose.



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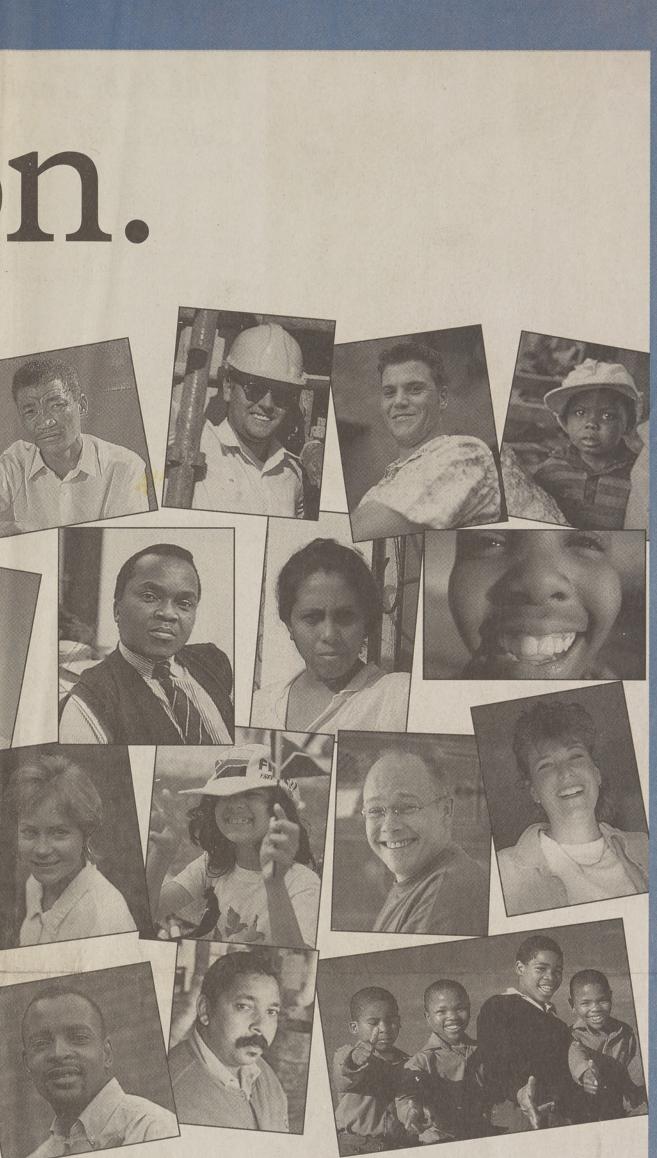
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SA flowers in full bloom at Chelsea 'Garden for a Nation' at famous show

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Staff Reporter

SOUTH African flora will once again bloom proudly at the world famous Chelsea Flower Show in London, with Kirstenbosch preparing to fly tons of plant material to England. The theme of this year's South African entry is 'A

Garden for a Nation' At the centre of this year's 60 square metre exhibit will be a threedimensional house which, if viewed from one side is an Ndebele homestead and

SCALED DOWN: Alison Barnard of Retreat and, right, Nicola Coningsby of Claremont - members of the Kirstenbosch/Chelsea team - hold a model of the South African entry in this year's Chelsea Flower Show in London.

from the other a Cape fishdagga), agapanthus and erman's cottage. strelitzias and will be The house will be surframed by a large flatrounded by a traditional topped acacia tree. African homestead garden and a coastal cottage garden respectively.

Designed by David Davidtain a mass of coastal fynson of the National Botanibos with the accent on cal Institute, the African restios, a grass-like fynbos garden will be ringed by six family. giant aloes standing about Clust Clusters of proteas and 3,5m high and weighing ericas as well as bulbous

about 200kg each. fynbos species such as The minimalist garden arums and gladioli will will also be planted with make up the rest of the sanseveria (mother-in-law's tongue), leonotis (wild

dunescape on this half of the exhibit. The heavier plants will leave the country on a South African Airways flight on Friday with more than 100 boxes of flowers following on May 15.



SPRINGTIME BEAUTY: The Cape Floral Kingdom is home to more than 7 300 species of plants, and of these, a whopping 5 000 do not appear anywhere else in the world.

Wild flower hotline will operate in winter

abundant.

(021) 418 3705.

following times:

3pm.

1pm.

8.30am and 4.30pm.

July 8 to September 31:

Staff Reporter

WITH the icy breath of winter in the air, a bright spot on the horizon is the advent of spring and the fields of radiant flowers that in a few months will delight visitors to Namagualand.

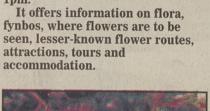
Those planning to make a trip to South Africa's own floral kingdom - one of only six internationally designated worldwide, and in season from July to September - will need to keep in touch with Flowerline.

A special flower-season steering committee has been formed to promote all aspects of the flower season in the Western Cape, at the initiative of the Interim Western Cape Tourism Board.

It is the only community-driven, non-profit wildflower project in the country. The major vegetation type is

fynbos as is South Africa's national





flower, the King Protea. A Western Cape sporting symbol, the Disa, are

The flower-hotline, number is

Its office is in the Tourist

Rendezvous Centre, Adderley Street, Cape Town. So if you feel a need for a floral

throughout the year at the

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Monday to Friday between

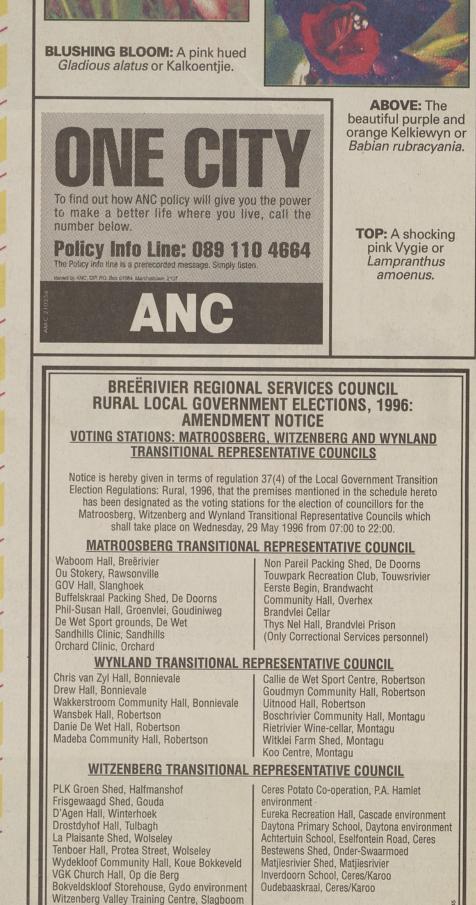
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