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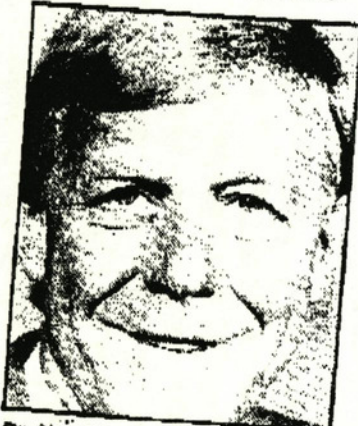
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Leaders face compromise challenge - Idasa's Boraine

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Dr Alex Boraine ... many hiccups before sharing of power.

Nelson Mandela will be holding in tension the desperate need for the healing of the land and reconciliation.
"One can only hope that in the ebb and flow of politics during 1992, these outstanding political figures will be seen as two great statesmen who are more concerned about a united, peaceful and prosperous South Africa than only success at the polls," Dr Boraine said. - Sapa.

Call to halt Bop political trials of ANC members

By Jo-Anne Collinge

African National Congress members from the Bophuthatswana town of Itsoeng are demanding that political trials involving their members should be halted as a precondition for the participation of President Lucas Mangope's delegation in the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa).

The Itsoeng branch of the ANC has issued a statement drawing attention to two trials:

- The first, set down for this week, will see 10 ANC members charged with holding an unlawful gathering. They include branch chairman Solly Bokaba, who may also be accused of propagating the ideas of an organisation hostile to the Bophuthatswana government.
- The second, scheduled for Friday, centres on six ANC members who are charged with incitement. The trial arises from a school boycott earlier this year which came about after four teachers were dismissed for political reasons. Four of the six accused, including Mr Bokaba, are also ac-

cused in the earlier trial.

"The Bophuthatswana government is participating in the negotiation process and should therefore not be allowed to continue harassing and curtailing the activities of the ANC," the branch's statement read.

Mr Bokaba, who is a public prosecutor, was fired as a result of his political involvement. He commented: "It is clear that these trials are designed by Mr Mangope to prevent people from joining the ANC."

"There is a group of white ex-Rhodesians who have placed themselves in strategic positions to fight the ANC (in Bophuthatswana)."

The Itsoeng ANC branch emphasised that it regarded reincorporation of Bophuthatswana as the only road to peace, justice and democracy in the territory.

The question of reincorporation of the TBVC states is a major issue on Codesa's agenda and it is certain to be addressed by one of the ongoing working groups due to be set up at the talks on Friday and Saturday.

SA closes paper in Gaborone

GABORONE - A Botswana-based newspaper which was recently exposed as a front for the South African Government was closed at the weekend and all its equipment transported to South Africa in three huge trucks.

Newslink Africa, together with its printing arm, Magnum Press, was closed on Saturday

morning.

But the trucks were stopped at the Tlokweng border post by Botswana immigration officials and only permitted to pass after all employees had been paid.

Newslink was recently exposed as a project by South African military intelligence to influence southern African countries. - Star Africa Service.

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