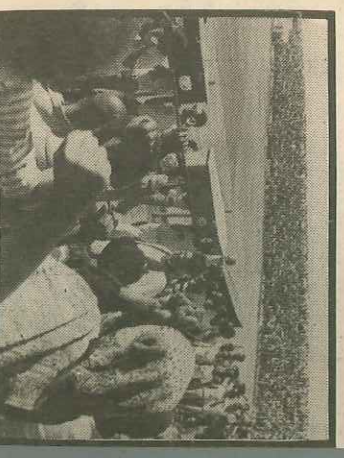




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End the fighting

A PASSIONATE plea for reconciliation between the UDF and Azapo was made at the graveside of 15 Eastern Cape unrest victims last weekend.

By MONO BADELA

Inter-denominational African Ministers' Association of SA chairman De Villiers Soga told about 50 000 mourners in Port Elizabeth that the two organisations were fighting a common enemy.

He said there was no need to fight each other.

In the sweltering heat at Dan Oege Stadium, the mourners—who came from many parts of South Africa—sang and chanted freedom songs, many in praise of imprisoned ANC leader Nelson Mandela and president Oliver Tambo.

They also sang songs rejecting President PW Botha.

Plea at PE funeral

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Also attacked in the songs were homeland leaders and Kayamandi mayor Thamsanga Linda.

Another 20 000 mourners gathered at Kwanobuhle Stadium near Uitenhage, where eight other unrest victims were buried.

There was silence when pall-bearers—UDF, Pebco and Peyco mem-

bers and others—carried the bodies to the arena at the stadium.

A black, green and gold flag fluttered above the 15 coffins.

Mr Soga urged the emotion-charged crowd to practise restraint during and after the funeral, and to avoid actions which could give the police a reason to open fire.

"We have had enough of these killings," he said.

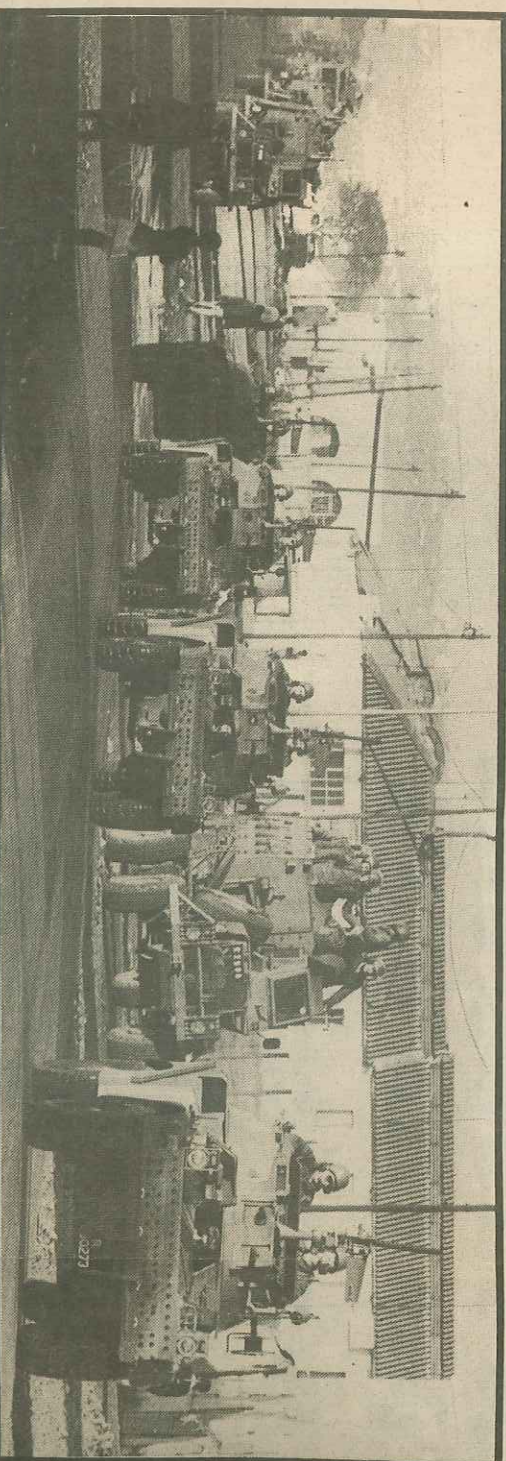
Eastern Cape UDF publicity secretary Stone Sizani launched a scathing attack on Mr Linda for heading a "dummy institution", which was rejected by the people.

Mr Sizani said "progressive black civic bodies" were destined to take over control of the townships in the wake of the current wave of resignations from the unpopular town councils.

The army and police watched the funeral proceedings from a distance. Army personnel carriers patrolled on the nearby freeway leading to Uitenhage, but no incidents were reported.

Police were later reported to have fired teargas at mourners in various parts of Port Elizabeth's townships.

Three other unrest victims will be buried at KwaNobuhle this weekend.



The police and army convoy driving through Port Elizabeth townships this week.

50 army parade

A CONVOY of South African police and army vehicles drove through Port Elizabeth's townships the week.

Eastern Cape UDF president Edgar Ngoyi condemned the Government action, saying it was no solution to the unrest in the Eastern Cape.