

'Zulu Dawn' creditors acting tough

By PAUL BELL

OUTRAGED South African creditors — owed more than R600 000 by the financiers of the R10-million film "Zulu Dawn" — have formed a secret action committee to get their money back.

Within the next two weeks they intend to advertise their plight in newspapers in New York, in two international film magazines and at the world's major film centres — London, Geneva, Tokyo, Los Angeles and Paris.

A copy of the advertisement was teleaxed last week to the financiers, Lamitas Property Investments V and Hatley Establishments of London.

The creditors told the film's backers they would go ahead with the advertising campaign unless they received an indication that they would be paid, in terms of a promise made to them in a letter from the backers' Johannesburg attorney in September, 1978.

On July 12, at a meeting of about 30 of the 107 creditors listed by the liquidators of Samarkand Motion Pictures Productions, the South African company which made the film, they were told they had two options — accept 25c in the



The four producers of "Zulu Dawn", pictured on location in Zululand last year. From left, Dieter Nobbe, Nate Cohn and actor James Faulkner — one of the stars — who with Barrie St Clair (right) has spent about R50 000 in the London High Court on a legal battle over copyright.

rand now and 10c next year, or raise R160 000 to fight the case in London.

The action committee, spearheaded by six people in the South African film industry, was formed soon afterwards.

"We are keeping our identities secret in case the financiers try to buy us off or scare us off," a leading committee member said yesterday.

"We have been shabbily

treated but it's not just the money, although a number of the smaller creditors have already been badly hit. We're doing this for moral reasons. What's worse, the international film industry is getting a very bad name here."

Among the 107 creditors are the Defence Force, which is owed R4 000, and the police, owed R7 000 for their "law and order" services at the location in Babanango, Zululand.

The Receiver of Revenue is owed about R60 000. None of these has so far joined the action committee. Among the other creditors are: ● A Pretoria man licensed to buy explosives. He now faces claims from Government departments totalling R90 000. ● A marquee and tent supplier in Durban, which has now linked up with other suppliers to blacklist the film industry.

● A dog food manufacturer owed R4 000. ● A Maritzburg company which made the boots for the film and is owed R12 000. ● A KwaZulu transport company owed R67 000. The committee also claims there were foreign currency fiddles and that officials from the Reserve Bank visited the location two days before shooting ended last July.

Way open for Biko inquiry — attorney

By PATRICK LAURENCE
Deputy Political Editor

THE WAY has been opened for the Medical Council to initiate a full inquiry into the conduct of the doctors who attended to the black consciousness leader, Mr Steve Biko, in detention before his death, the attorney who acted for the Biko family said yesterday.

The attorney was commenting on a statement by Mrs Nontsikelelo Biko, widow of Mr Biko, after she had told a news conference of the R65 000 settlement which the Biko family had decided to accept from the State.

Mrs Biko said: "We as the family are going to press the Medical Council until they have a full inquiry about the role of the doctors at the time."

On Friday, the Biko family accepted a settlement payment of R65 000 — R30 000 of which went to Mrs Nontsikelelo Biko, R15 000 to Mr Biko's mother and R20 000 to the 115 young sons, Nkosi Mthi and Samora. Dr Ivor Lang, the Port Elizabeth district surgeon, Dr Benjamin Tucker, Port Elizabeth's chief district surgeon, and Dr Colin Hersch, a specialist physician, treated Mr Biko in September 1977.

The Minister of Police, Mr Louis le Grange, however, denied in a statement that the payment amounted to an admission of liability. ● Mrs Nontsikelelo Biko has decided to donate the R30 000 granted to her toward the establishment of a community project as a memorial to her husband's involvement in the struggle for the "liberation of the black people".

SWA stability at stake: PM

UPINGTON. — Internal stability, trust and co-operation in SWA/Namibia was being threatened by unnecessary political confusion, the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, said at the weekend.

Speaking at a political rally in Upington the Prime Minister said the South African Government was prepared, at the request of the SWA National Assembly, to provide aid and support to SWA to ensure its security.

"But it is an impossible task to maintain security and law and order if, behind the backs of the security forces, a lot of confusion is created. "Public statements or whispers which place the Government of the Republic under suspicion in certain quarters in South West Africa, is irresponsible."

"I wish to make an earnest appeal to the people of South West Africa that they should realise that no country can build its future on hate. "The whites must bury their differences. For the survival in the conflict situation, as it is maintained at present in South

West Africa, it is of cardinal importance that the whites establish right priorities and co-operate on important matters."

Mr Botha said the identity of the different peoples of SWA and their territorial ties was an important component in the future constitutional dispensation and should be taken into consideration when the constitution is drafted.

"For all population groups in South West Africa who desire it, second tier governments should be established and recognised."

The Prime Minister said that, with these secondary governments, an effective first-tier government should be created. While the Republic Government was responsible for the security of the territory, no attempts at disturbing law and order would be tolerated.

"I wish again to reiterate the dangers inherent for Southern Africa in communist expansionism. "Southern Africa is at present involved in a total conflict situation. "I hope South West Africa and all its reasonable inhabi-

Public will soon see new force

WINDHOEK. — The South West African defence force that will be handed over to the government of an independent territory would be introduced to the public soon, Major General Jan Geldenhuys, Officer Commanding the SWA Command of the Defence Force, said in Windhoek at the weekend.

He was opening a sports meeting during the second anniversary celebration of 41 Battalion, which consists of mostly non-white volunteers. He said 41 Battalion made a lasting impression in service in SWA over the past two years. "They have put up an excellent performance," Gen Geldenhuys said.

Gen Geldenhuys said 41 Battalion was doing its part in getting peaceful independence in SWA.

It was generally thought 41 Battalion would form the future defence force of SWA.

"But the SWA Defence Force is larger than generally thought. In addition to 41 Battalion, there were battalions in east and west Caprivi as well as in Kavango, Owambo and Kaokoland.

There were also coloured, Owambo and Baster commandos and the Rietfontein commando in eastern SWA.

The white commando and Citizen Force units in SWA also did active service. A new uniform designed for the Defence Force would be revealed on August 30. — Sapa.

Katie unlikely to go back to SA — friends

By MERVYN REES

NICE. — Mrs Katie Rhodie, wife of the imprisoned former Secretary for Information, Dr Eschel Rhodie, is unlikely to return to South Africa if her husband fails in his bid to halt his extradition from France.

This is the view of friends of Mrs Rhodie, who has launched a desperate legal fight to halt the execution of the warrant returned on the fugitive mastermind of South Africa's secret propaganda war.

Friends of Mrs Rhodie said that while she would "fight to the end" to prevent his extradition to face charges of fraud, and alternatively, theft, she would probably have little reason to return to South Africa if he were to fail.

With the possibility that her husband would be imprisoned in South Africa, or held for some considerable time while awaiting trial, she still has to support herself and 16-year-old Eschel junior.

Dr Rhodie is now awaiting trial in Marseilles' notorious Les Baumettes prison, one of France's top security jails.

His only visitor since then has been his Cannes advocate Mr Henri Vincent, who was joined at the weekend by Dr Rhodie's Pretoria attorney Mr Mervyn Gross. Mr Gross is said to be accompanied by Professor S A Strauss, of the University of South Africa, who is believed to be an expert on international law.

Weather Mail

THE WEATHER Bureau's forecast for today is:

TRANSVAAL — Fine and mild but cold in the morning. It will be partly cloudy over the northern and eastern parts with fog patches in the early morning. Wind moderate northeasterly to northwesterly.

FREE STATE and CAPE north of the Orange — Fine and mild but warm over the northern Cape. Fog patches will occur over the northeastern Free State in the early morning. Wind moderate to fresh northwesterly.

CAPE south of the Orange — Fine and mild to warm but partly cloudy and mild along the west and southwestern coast where it will become cloudy and cooler with rain. These conditions will spread in over the southwestern Cape later today. Wind fresh to strong northwesterly.

NATAL — Fine and mild but warm along the coast with fresh to strong northeasterly to northwesterly winds. Fog patches will occur over the northern interior in the early morning.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA — Fine and mild to warm with fresh northerly winds. It will become cooler later over the southwestern parts.

Temperatures are Celsius maximums expected for each city. Humidity: 23% 46% Max temp: 18C Min temp: 10C Rain 24hrs to 0900: Nil Sunrise tomorrow: 06h47

SOUTH AFRICA YESTERDAY

City	Temp	Weather
Bloemfontein	18	Jan Smuts
Cape Town	27	Melipot
Durban	22	Pieterburg
East London	22	Port Elizabeth
Stellenbosch	19	Stander

SOUTH AFRICA: Hottest at 2 pm Riverside 28C. Coldest at 8 am Sutherland -7C. TRANSVAAL: Hottest at 2 pm Messina 22C. Coldest at 8 am Bethal -2C.

THE WORLD YESTERDAY

City	Temp	Weather
Amsterdam	13	20 Cloudy
Berlin	10	28 Cloudy
Buenos Aires	16	26 Overcast
Chicago	21	28 Cloudy
Hong Kong	28	31 Cloudy
Honolulu	23	30 Clear
London	20	32 Clear
Los Angeles	17	24 Rainy
Madrid	17	28 Clear
Miami	28	30 Clear
Montreal	18	27 Cloudy
Moscow	13	20 Cloudy
New York	22	32 Cloudy
Rio de Janeiro	14	27 Clear
Rome	18	32 Clear
San Francisco	12	17 Clear
Stockholm	12	23 Clear
Tokyo	26	32 Clear
Toronto	14	28 Cloudy

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