

# 'White' not right

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After much debate, ANC decides to call it just 'monopoly capital' from now on

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ANC policy discussions took an ugly turn yesterday when insults were hurled at former cabinet ministers, including Pravin Gordhan who was heckled for rejecting the use of the phrase "white monopoly capital".

But in the end the ousted finance minister's argument won.

Nine of 11 commissions convened for the conference decided that the ruling party will now use the phrase "monopoly capital", and no longer "white monopoly capital".

Several ANC members who attended meetings of the closed commissions that met to discuss economic policy proposals said supporters of "radical economic transformation" hurled insults at senior party members opposing them.

Supporters of President Jacob Zuma shouted down and heckled Gordhan and former tourism minister Derek Hanekom.

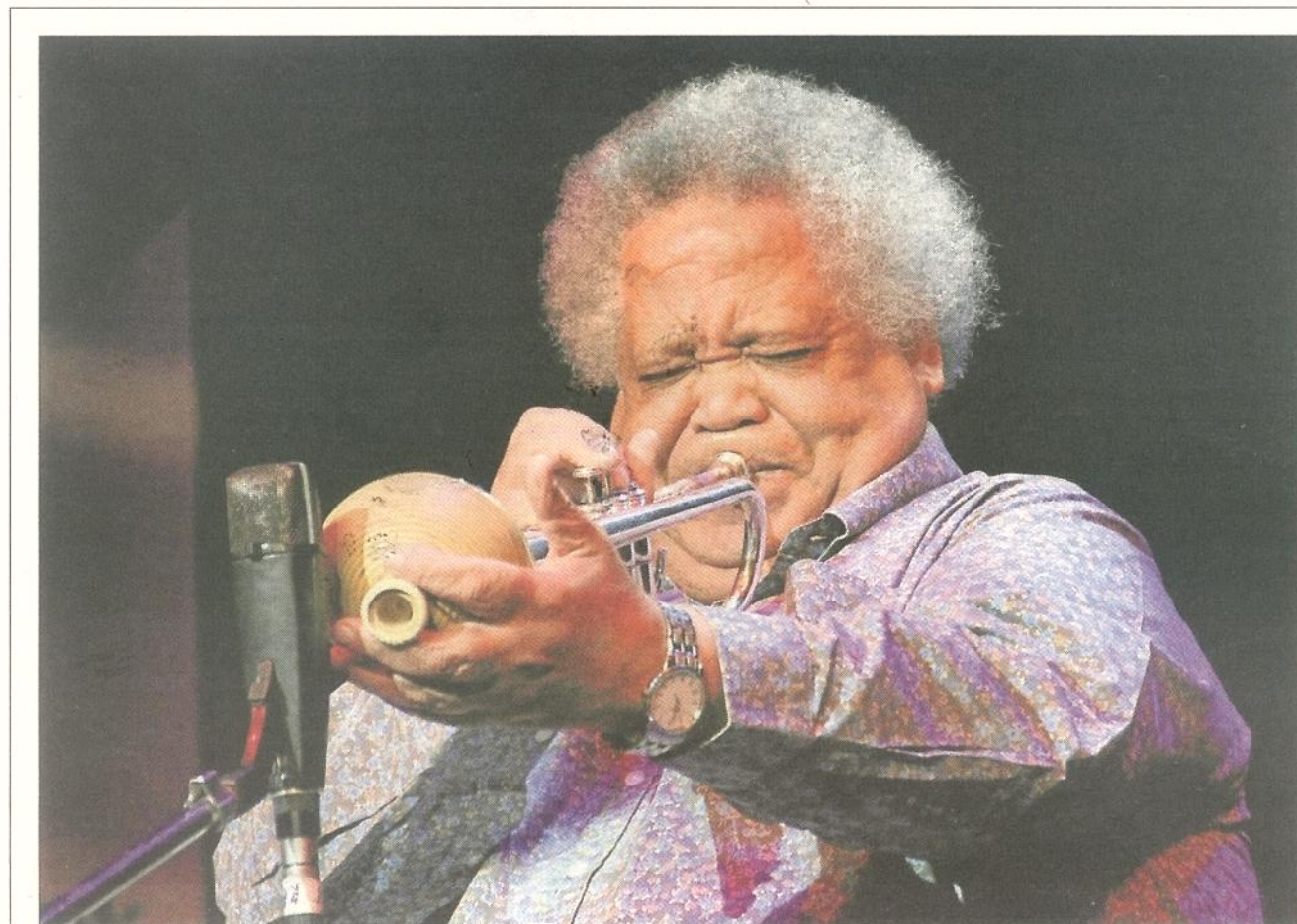
Hanekom was targeted for speaking against constitutional amendments that would allow the expropriation of land without compensation, which ANC secretary-

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general Gwede Mantashe also warned against yesterday.

The heated discussions took place at commission No 3, chaired by ANC head of economic transformation Enoch Godongwana.

At commission No 4, chaired by Sports Minister Thulas Nxesi, there were attempts to silence Deputy Minister of Public Works and SA Communist Party deputy general-secretary Jeremy Cronin after he said the ANC did not need



## DEATH OF A JAZZMAN

Celebrated jazz trumpeter and music teacher Johnny Mekoahale has died after a brief illness. His family confirmed that he died on Monday at his home in Crystal Park, Benoni, on the East Rand. 'He was a father to those who were fatherless. He loved his life, music and kids,' said his daughter Malebo. The veteran musician was born in Etwatwa, near Benoni, in 1945. Picture: BUSISIWE MBATHA

to change the constitution to deal with the issue of land.

The two commissions, 3 and 4, were deadlocked at lunchtime yesterday. But just after 4pm it emerged that proponents of the "white monopoly capital" concept had been defeated and nine of the 11 commissions had chosen to speak of simply "monopoly capital".

The charge for "white" monopoly capital was led by delegates from the ANC Youth League and the party in KwaZulu-Natal, and by former youth league leaders Pule Mabe and Sindiso Magaqa.

"They came ready to read from

the same notes. They kept insisting that the ANC must agree on 'white monopoly capital'; there must be expropriation of land and they also said a few things about a state bank, but not too much," an insider said.

Kwazi Mshengu, chairman of the youth league in KwaZulu-Natal, confirmed that the meetings had been heated.

"There were very serious, heated debates, particularly on the issues around expropriation of land without compensation and white monopoly capital. It has been really heated from the beginning until now.

"There are divergent views. Others believe there's nothing called 'white monopoly capital', it's just 'monopoly capital'," he said, before declining to divulge more.

"I'm not going to mention names, but obviously there were some comrades that were saying there's no such thing as 'white monopoly capital', just 'monopoly capital' and they were vigorous in advancing that view. As the youth league we were also very vigorous with the support of other provinces to say it is insufficient to simply categorise 'monopoly capital'."

Sources said Hanekom drew the

wrath of delegates when he said the proposal to amend the constitution was "nonsense".

Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, who is the preferred candidate of the pro-Zuma camp in the ANC succession race, also spoke during the meeting at the behest of the youth league.

"She made sober points ... she didn't get into the fight about expropriation without compensation but spoke about what we really need for our economy," the source said.