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Education ‘not cause of riots’

PRETORIA — A government survey of unrest in Vaal Triangle townships last year had found that the almost four months of rioting were not caused by dissatisfaction with school education.

The survey leader, Professor Tjaart van der Walt, cited the township residents’ “widespread misunderstanding of the new local-authority system and of suggested increases in municipal fees” as possible reasons for the unrest.

In a statement here yesterday the Deputy Minister of Education and Co-operation, Mr Sam de Beer, said the report was being studied and decisions would be taken on its recommendations.

In the light of the findings, Mr De Beer added, it was hoped that education in the townships could be normalized by the time schools reopened on January 9.

Although the report has not been released, Mr De Beer quoted some of Professor Van der Walt’s findings, which concluded that “the fact that pupils did not return to school after the events of September cannot be ascribed to dissatisfaction with the education received by pupils”.

As substantiation, Mr De Beer mentioned the Van der Walt finding that acts of violence and arson in the Vaal Triangle during the unrest period were not aimed at schools. And pupils in these townships showed an above-average matriculation pass rate — 77.6 percent compared with just over 50 percent in other areas.

“It is regrettable that schools and pupils were used for non-educational ulterior motives,” Mr De Beer said.

Township parents continued to regard their children’s education as a top priority, the 370-page survey found, adding that all 132 people and organizations interviewed were unanimous that parents wanted “the normalizing of education”.

Communication

Professor Van der Walt said there was misunderstanding and disappointment among blacks about the government’s reaction to the De Lange report on education and its recommendation for a single department of education.

The survey leader said there was a “serious lack of healthy and effective communication in various fields”, but added that the Department of Education and Training was contributing to the system by introducing structures such as student representative councils.

He also found that blacks wanted a greater say in their education.

Mr De Beer said this and other findings, concerning the problems of excessive corporal punishment, age limits and the management training of school personnel, were receiving attention.

He added that the government was committed to providing equal education opportunities and equal educational standards for all population groups.

Report on Vaal unrest a ‘whitewash’

JOHANNESBURG — Black organizations and an official Opposition spokesman have criticized the Van der Walt Report on the recent unrest in Vaal Triangle townships.

The survey, by Professor Tjaart van der Walt, rector of Potchefstroom University, was initiated by the government.

Professor Van der Walt found that unrest in Vaal Triangle townships during the last four months of 1984 had not been caused by dissatisfaction with school education.

He said in a report which has been submitted to the Deputy Minister of Education and Co-operation, Mr Sam de Beer, that it was “regrettable that schools and pupils were used for non-educational ulterior motives”.

The Azanian Peoples Organization (Azapo) and the United Democratic Front (UDF) said the report was a “whitewash” and described it as “rubbish”.

The Progressive Federal Party MP for Johannesburg North, Mr Peter Sooi, said it was too easy to blame outside influences for internal unrest and he hoped the government would give serious attention to legitimate black grievances.

‘Widespread misunderstanding’

Although the cause of township unrest is not specified, the report said there was widespread misunderstanding among residents about the functions of the new local authorities and the recommended increases in municipal rates.

In a statement from Pretoria, Mr De Beer said that while the survey found that black education was not “the root cause of the unrest and the real problems are to be found in other areas”, certain criticisms and recommendations had been made.

Mr Frank Chikane, a president of the UDF, said people did not necessarily have to understand the functions of local government before reacting to the hardships imposed by the system.

The professor also found that blacks wanted a greater say in decisions concerning their education. Referring to this, Mr De Beer said the government was giving urgent attention to allowing "greater participation (by blacks) in policy planning at the highest level". — Sapa
Vaal beer boycott hotting up

THE boycott of malt, sorghum beer and liquor outlets owned by the Oranje-Vaal Development Board has gained momentum following the distribution of pamphlets in Vaal Triangle townships.

The boycott, which includes other products of the board, has been called by the South African Black Municipal and Allied Workers' Union (Sambmawa) following the dismissal of more than 17 workers at two subsidiaries of the board — M and B Jwala Basesonto (Pty) and Big S Sorghum Beer Brewery in Sebokeng.

Refuted

However, a board official has refuted claims by the union that the malt company belonged to the board. He also invited the union officials to hold talks with them on the issue.

Sambmawa's general secretary, Mr Phillip Dlamini, has insisted that both companies belonged to the board and for as long as they were not prepared to negotiate with the union the campaign will be intensified.
Survey on unrest blames new black local authorities

A HURRIED survey initiated by the Government into unrest in Vaal Triangle townships during the last four months of 1984 has labelled the newly instituted black local authorities and possible maladministration as the major catalysts of rioting in the region.

The Minister of Cooperation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said in a statement from Pretoria yesterday that the main findings emphasised in the survey all dealt with aspects of black local government.

Earlier this week, a few education-related details of the 970-page report were announced by Deputy Minister of Education and Co-operation, Mr Sam de Beer.

The report, which would not be released in full, Mr de Beer said, had found that education had not been the root cause of unrest in the townships since the first notorious outbreak on September 3.

In yesterday's statement, Dr Viljoen said he accepted most of the recommendations made by survey leader, Professor Tjaart van der Walt, Rector of Potchefstroom University.

Lekoa

According to Dr Viljoen, Prof van der Walt's report emphasised that "the problem behind the unrest and school boycotts in the Vaal Triangle to a large extent lies in the field of black local government."

It referred specifically to the town council of Lekoa, where bloody violence in the Transvaal first erupted, and the adverse effects of an intended rates hike announced by the council at the time.

When large-scale unrest first started, at least one Lekoa councillor was killed in mob actions and political analysts specified the suggested hike in rates as a likely cause of the violence.

Dr Viljoen said Prof van der Walt had investigated rumours of corruption, self-enrichment and maladministration in black local government and he "recommends a judicial inquiry into such allegations."

Although he was in favour of an inquiry, Dr Viljoen said the police had for the past few months been investigating similar alleged irregularities.

A final decision on an inquiry could only be taken, once any police prosecutions had been completed.

Prof van der Walt identified an "enormous ignorance" among blacks about local government and their way of determining rates and levies.

In this respect, Dr Viljoen said, he agreed with the survey leader that urgent attention should be given to improving communications between residents, development boards and town councils.

Levies

Furthermore an investigation had been launched to determine the way rates and levies should be set.

"I undertake that no increase in rates will be considered before the investigation has been completed and the public informed about its findings," Dr Viljoen said. — Sapa.
Viljoen accepts unrest report

Owane Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG: A government-initiated survey pointing to the new black local authorities and possible maladministration as the major catalysts of last year's Vaal Triangle unrest has been largely accepted by Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Minister of Cooperation, Development and Education, who commissioned it.

The survey, by Professor Tjaart van der Walt, rector of Potchefstroom University, called for a judicial inquiry into rumours of corruption, self-enrichment and maladministration in black local government.

It also said that urgent attention should be given to improving communication between residents, development boards and town councils.

As a result, an investigation has been launched to determine the way rates and levies should be set by these town councils and the government has undertaken not to increase rates until the investigation is completed and the findings made public.

The full report, commissioned two months ago, has been withheld and Dr Viljoen has only released parts of it.

Last night, Mr Ishmael Mkhabela, president of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), said that the basic problem was not communication, but people's concern over the worsening economic situation, the education crisis and the rejection of government-imposed institutions.
Rent hike: Council slammed

By ALINAH DUBE

THE MABOPANE Town Council was yesterday criticised for having increased rent by R2,80 without consulting local residents.

Angry residents said they were shocked to learn of the increases when they went to pay rent this week. They discovered this when clerks at local offices refused to accept the normal R42,55 monthly rental.

No reasons could be obtained when residents demanded an explanation, but clerks told them that they were issued with a directive not to accept any amount below R45,35 with effect from January 1.

“We were shocked to learn the rents have been increased, as no consultations had been held with the local community. This is the second time that we are faced with such a problem without authorities giving prior warning,” said 60-year-old Mrs Marisa Mokoena.

Residents in the area last year accused councillors of misrepresenting them after a R12 increase was imposed on house rentals at the beginning of the year. This was also implemented without consultation.

Residents with 5 amp meters had to pay R6 more and those with 15 amp meters were faced with an additional R12.
Black leaders renew attack on Van der Walt report

By Gary van Staden, Sue Leeman and Langa Skosana

Black leaders have again slammed the newly released findings of the Van der Walt report on the Vaal unrest and the services tariff probe announcement by Minister of Co-operation and Development Dr Gerrit Viljoen, saying they don't address the real causes of dissatisfaction in the townships.

Dr Viljoen has announced that the Government will look at black rates and levies after Professor Tjaard van der Walt found in a survey that recent unrest in the Vaal Triangle was caused by residents’ misunderstanding of municipal service fees.

In a statement from Pretoria he said that there was to be an official investigation into municipal rates and levies in the Vaal Triangle by an official of his department.

INDEPENDENT INQUIRY

He also announced an independent judicial inquiry into allegations of corruption in black local authorities, as recommended in the Van der Walt report.

However, both the Azanian People's Organisation and the United Democratic Front have again called the findings and Dr Viljoen's promise of a probe a whitewash.

AZAPO president Mr Ishmael Mkhabela said: “Blacks are not prepared to pay for apartheid. The people of the Vaal Triangle have said on numerous occasions that rents must be decreased.”

He said the planned inquiry was just another waste of money, as inquiries usually achieved very little.

The Special Cabinet Committee, he added, must address the issue of accommodating black majority rule in a unitary country if it were to have credibility and relevance.

“The assumption behind allowing mere ‘participation’ is that blacks accept apartheid. The very opposite is true.”

NOT INTERESTED

The president of the UDF, Mr Frank Chikane, said the basic cause of the unrest in the Vaal Triangle was the people's rejection of the black councils which were imposed on them.

The UDF was not interested in the internal problems facing the councils but the abolition of the councils themselves.

The Government, he said, should not look for other explanations into the causes of the unrest but must address itself to the real issue which is dishonoring the oppressive system.

Regarding the commission of inquiry into the rate and tariff structures of the councils, Mr Chikane said it was a futile exercise.

“As long as people directly involved were not consulted no solution to the problem would be found.

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Unrest: Viljoen denies he blamed local govt

The Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, has said that neither he nor the leader of an inquiry into unrest in black townships last year had accused black local government of being responsible for the riots.

Referring to a statement he made on the report by Professor Tjaart van der Walt, Dr Viljoen admitted that most of his comments had dealt with aspects of the local authorities and their manner of determining municipal rates and levies.

However, this did not prejudice the Government's appreciation of the "dedicated manner in which black local authorities have been and are still coping with their demanding tasks."

Dr Viljoen said that Government branches were doing important work and that public ignorance of these functions had contributed largely to the unrest.

Dr Viljoen also mentioned a possible judicial inquiry into alleged corruption, self-enrichment and maladministration within black local government. He has now reiterated that an inquiry is pending police investigations.
Senator was ‘deeply moved’ by night spent in Soweto

JOHANNESBURG — Senator Edward Kennedy was reportedly “deeply moved” by the experience of his night in the home of Nobel Peace Prize winner Bishop Desmond Tutu.

The senator was given the main bedroom in the house while the Bishop and his wife slept in the lounge.

An aide said yesterday that the senator was deeply moved when he saw a picture of Bishop Tutu and the Nobel Peace Prize medal on display on a sideboard cupboard in the bishop’s bedroom.

“It was all just so unreal,” said the aide, “there he was in this sparsely furnished room in a little house in the middle of a black township — and laying on the cupboard was the Nobel Peace Prize medal.” The aide added.

“How many times in your life will you touch a medal like that? How many times will you get the opportunity to talk to and live in the same house as a Nobel Prize winner? The senator found it to be a deeply moving experience.

“There was no big fuss about the prize, no big glass case. It was just there on the table, next to a picture of Bishop Tutu and Pope John Paul II.”

The aide added that the senator had said the very beautiful singing of the large group which greeted him at Bishop Tutu’s home was something he would never forget.

Senator Kennedy said his tour of a migrant workers’ hostel in Nancefield, Soweto, was one of the most distressing and despairing visits of his lifetime.

“The conditions here are the worst I have seen anywhere,” he said.

“Here, individuals are caught between trying to provide for their families and living with their families,” Senator Kennedy said.

“I don’t know of any other place in the world where that kind of a cruel, harsh choice has to be made.”

According to aides, among those the senator spoke to in the hostel was a man identified as Mr. Wilson Ngobeni, 54, who has lived apart from his family of five children in the Gaanlulu homeland for 20 years.

Mr. Ngobeni told Senator Kennedy that he earns R40 a week as a labourer.

The migrant worker, according to Kennedy aides, said the worst aspect of living away from his family was the loneliness.

Senator Kennedy described the migrant worker system as “alien to every kind of tradition in the Judeo-Christian ethic, and I find it appalling.”

The senator and members of his family who accompanied him yesterday, including daughter Kara and his nephew Stephen Smith, were shown the washroom and toilet facilities at the squalid hostel. They appeared stunned by the conditions.

Earlier in the day Senator Kennedy heard Mass in the St. Pius Catholic Church in Mofolo, Soweto, while dozens of journalists and TV crews milled around in the church grounds to get footage of the senator leaving the church.

After the service he visited a few homes in Soweto and during one of these visits his nephew, Stephen, took off his shoes and socks and played soccer with a group of local youths.

The Kennedy aides said afterwards that the most frequent request to the senator was to do something, if he could, about black education.

“They all expressed great concern for their children’s educational needs,” an aide said.

Senator Kennedy told reporters at an impromptu press conference outside the Nancefield hostel that in his visit to Soweto yesterday he had met “some of the most courageous, bravest and warmest men, women and children who love this country and care very deeply about their future.”
Van der Walt Report

No White-Wash Job

By DAVID CHANDLER

When the story got out, the government struggled to explain why they had missed the deadline.

"We're sorry," said the minister, "but we didn't have enough time to complete the report properly."

But the opposition disagreed. "This is a cover-up," they claimed. "The government knows they're guilty of corruption, but they don't want the public to know."

The report, titled "Probe Reveals Corruption," was released by the opposition party, the ANC. It accused several high-ranking officials of accepting bribes and using public funds for personal gain.

"These people have been stealing from the public for years," said the opposition leader. "We won't let them get away with it."

The government, on the other hand, was quick to deny the allegations. "These are baseless accusations," they said. "We have nothing to hide."

As the debate raged on, the country was left wondering who was telling the truth. For now, the truth remains hidden in the shadows.
Buthelezi to surrender car

MR ISAAC Buthelezi, former deputy chairman of the Soweto City Council, is to surrender his official car and has promised to drive it back tomorrow to the company that had loaned it to the council.

The car was given to Mr Buthelezi in his position as the deputy chairman of the council. He refused to surrender it after he had lost to Mr Lucas Shubangu in last month’s elections.

He also refused to move out of the R100 000 official residence in Pimville’s Zone 7, saying the elections were unconstitutional.

He said he still regarded himself as the deputy chairman and Mr Ephraim Tshabalala as chairman of the council. The row over the elections has been taken to the Rand Supreme Court and set down for hearing on January 15.

Regarding Mr Buthelezi’s stay in the official house, the new mayor, Mr Edward Kunene said the matter was in the hands of the council.
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BY LEN NASeko

GOVT FAILS TO

aid councillors
Non-payment of black rent investigated

By Langa Skosana

Committee initiated by the Department of Co-operation and Development has been set up to investigate the problem of Vaal Triangle residents who have not been paying their house rents, water and electricity bills since the start of the unrest in the black townships last year.

But the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerhard Viljoen, assured Vaal Triangle residents in a statement in Cape Town today that they would not be summarily evicted from their homes for failing to pay rent.

A spokesman for the Department, Mr Johan Oosthuizen, said today that the committee met in late October and is to meet again on January 16 to decide what steps to take to get the residents to pay their dues.

He said the immediate plan was not to evict the residents from their homes but to find a solution to the problem.

Employers in the area and other concerned bodies were also looking into the problem for solutions, he said.

The acting town clerk of the Lekoa Town Council, Mr Boekela, said today that about 350,000 people in the Vaal complex had not paid their rent, water and electricity since September.

The council was faced with the problem of getting the money and one solution was to get a court order to evict those residents who were refusing to pay their fees.

He said the council had tried asking employers to deduct overdue money from workers' wages, but this had failed.

"If these people don't want to pay they have to face the consequences," Mr. Scott said.

The president of the United Democratic Front, Mr. Frank Chikane, said the government should address itself to the grievances of the people, which were that the councils should be scrapped.
Mabopane hit by transport problems

A check by The SOSWETAN revealed that commuters were unhappy with the service rendered by operators. They complained that taxi drivers were inconsiderate and did not care how their decisions affected the commuters.

"For the past two months we have been having problems of being forced out of overloaded taxis by the Traffic Department officials."

"This leads to people being late for work or not reaching their different destinations because of lack of transport. If only taximen could understand enough and stick to the road regulations," Mr Silas Moremi said.

MrFans Morudu, secretary of the Soshangwe Taxi Owners Association, said there was a serious shortage of taxis. He added that most of the applications for permits were recently turned down and that this organisation was waiting the outcome of an appeal.
Mr ‘X’ — a man too afraid to pay his rent

RAYMOND MASHAO

MISTER "X" is a man living with his family in the Vaal. He is one of thousands of residents in the area who want to, but have not paid their rent since the unrest which swept through the townships last year.

He’s afraid... but still won’t pay his arrears — which now total R318,70 — because he does not want to be thought a "sell-out".

Mr "X" told me that he used to pay R63,74 per month before the unrest. This, he said, excluded his charge for electricity.

"I cannot risk my life and that of my family by paying rent now, because it could put us in great danger. My house could even be burned down.

"During the outbreak of the unrest, I did not want to be labelled a sell-out by paying rent."

"I simply had to conform to the demands of other residents that rents be reduced to R30," he said.

Like most other residents, Mr "X" last paid rent in August last year.

He said that if the Lekoa Council could only devise a way to counter those who still won't pay, then the majority of residents, like himself, could pay their rents without fear.

Mr "X" said that he would not have any difficulty in paying his arrears; he has banked all the money he has not paid "the past five months.

His only worry, he said, was his electricity bill..."
Mahlatsi brothers quit Lekoa council

BY MONTSHIWA MOROKO

TWO of the six Lekoa Town Council members who threatened to resign their posts about three weeks ago will officially do so today — at the Development Board offices, in Sebokeng.

They are the Rev Meshack Mahlatsi, 45, and his brother, Paul, 42, close relatives of the mayor, Mr Esak Mahlatsi.

Their decision to return "to the people" was announced at the offices of the Amanzi People's Organisation (Azapo) in Johannesburg yesterday.

In welcoming them an Azapo spokesman said the two brothers had "seen the light" and had realised their mistake in participating in the council.

"Azapo appeals to the Vaal Triangle people to accept the return of the prodigal sons in good faith, accept their resignations and admit them in the community with the new credentials they now have", Azapo said.

Shortly before Christmas, six councillors, among them Mr Joseph Mosala, threatened to resign unless the mayor called a meeting where grievances, which led to the outbreak of large scale violence on September 2, could be discussed.

Mr Meshack Mahlatsi said yesterday that a letter requesting that a meeting be called by the council this week was handed to the town clerk on December 27. He informed the mayor "verbally".

The Mahlatsi brothers said that on realising that such a meeting was not forthcoming, they decided to quit.

Spokesmen for both the council and the Development Board were not available for comment yesterday.
Miss APAPHIA MOSALA emptying nightsoil into a pit her family has dug in their yard because of irregular collection in Residenz township.

**Vaal residents concerned over ‘nightsoil collection’**

The irregular collection of nightsoil by the Lekoa Town Council in Residenz has caused great concern among the residents.

A number of residents told The SOWETAN they were worried that if the situation is allowed to continue, hygienic conditions in the area would become intolerable.

They said these houses which did not have the flush-type system stank a lot. Residents said this situation had caused them and their visitors great embarrassment over the festive season and it was high time a proper network system was installed.

According to Miss Apaphia Mosala, the nightsoil used to be collected two or three times a week but was now being collected once a month. She said with the outbreak of the unrest, the situation has become worse.

"This has led to people digging pits all over their yards to empty the uncollected buckets. What has further annoyed us is that when we complained at the offices we were told to pay R70 if we want a sewerage system to be installed, whereas some people had it for free early last year," Miss Mosala said.

Miss Mosala said people in Residenzia, where Mr Knox Matjila is the ward councillor, were unhappy about many other things.

She said despite the fact that water meters had been installed in the area, they were paying the same amount for water every month.

Miss Mosala said that since December 1983 her house rent has been increased three times to an amount totalling R34.

When the new tariffs were introduced in the Vaal townships last September, they were also supposed to pay them, she said.

She also said electricity bills of some residents were extremely high.

According to her, some families have had their garages demolished without notice and later told they were standing in the way for the building of a road.

"We are disgruntled with the whole system of the town councils. It is our belief that it is not doing proper things for the community it is supposed to serve. We call for the scrapping of the council and the resignation of councillors," she said.

Asked to comment on the resident's grievances, Mr Ben Scott, the Lekoa Town Council acting town clerk, said to his knowledge they have not received any complaints about the handling of nightsoil.

He said during the height of the unrest, there may have been problems because council employees and vehicles were being stoned, but for the last month everything had gone smoothly.

He said people with complaints were welcome to report them to the township manager, or even the head office.
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The mirror is in Canada for a week this week. I'm back at the office.

Yesterday morning, while driving to work, I received a call from the police. They told me that my car had been broken into and that my wallet had been stolen.

I went to the police station where they questioned me and took my statement. They also gave me a copy of the report and told me to file a complaint.

I filled out the complaint and handed it in to the police station. They told me that they would investigate and that they would do everything they could to catch the people who had broken into my car.

I left the police station and went home. I was upset, but I knew that the police would do their best to find the people who had broken into my car.

Yesterday afternoon, I received a call from the police again. They told me that they had found the people who had broken into my car. They said that they would be arrested and that they would be charged with the crime.

I feel better now that the people who had broken into my car have been caught. I'm glad that the police are working so hard to find the people who broke into my car.

I'm grateful to the police for their hard work. I hope that they will continue to work hard to catch the people who break into cars and steal things.

I will always be grateful to the police for their hard work. I hope that they will continue to work hard to catch the people who break into cars and steal things.
Bosses refuse to take rent from staff pay

By THELMA TUCH

Most large employers in the Vaal Triangle are not following a Lekoa Town Council instruction to deduct rentals from their workers’ wages, because the legality of this is being questioned.

The Lekoa Town Council has lost more than R10-million because most of the 350,000 residents in the Vaal have not been paying their rents since September last year, when unrest broke out in the townships.

In November last year the council ordered employers — in terms of a proclamation under the Black Urban Areas Consolidation Act of 1945 — to deduct outstanding rentals from their employees’ wages.

According to the proclamation, workers’ consent is not required.

Yesterday, the president of the Vaal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr M Weitzmann, told the Rand Daily Mail, the Lekoa Town Council could not enforce their demands upon industry.

“We have taken legal opinion on the particular proclamation employed by the council and been informed that it was not legal...and would not stand up in a court of law,” he said.

For this reason some employers had refused to deduct rent arrears from their workers’ pay.

Other companies were consulting works committees and trying to obtain their employees’ permission to have their arrears deducted from their wages.

Organised industry has been meeting regularly with the Lekoa Town Council, the Orange Vaal Development Board and the Department of Cooperation and Development to resolve the rents crisis.

“Our attitude is to look after the welfare of our employees and we have taken up a number of workers’ complaints with the council,” Mr Weitzmann said.
Lekoa Council

Brothers quit
PERCY'S ITCH

R30 rent, and our priest out of jail: Neither of the Vaal demands have been met.

There we go again.
All of us have been at great pains to point out to students that continuing to stay out of class is counterproductive.
Many parents have been active in that arena — so much that all student organisations have urged their colleagues to go back to school.
No sooner had the atmosphere cleared and hopes raised that this will be a normal school year than the Vaal Administration authorities — that bumbling insensitive army of bureaucrats — make an announcement that there is going to be a massive eviction of residents from their homes.
They said unless residents pay up their rents at the end of this month, court orders for their ejection will be issued.
If it is true — and we have no doubt that it is as close to the truth as can be — that almost 80 percent of the resident have refused to pay the rent unless certain conditions are met by the authorities, then the Vaal complex is going to be a mighty empty place.
Did anybody in that board — yes, just anybody — ever sit down to reflect on the harm that his threat could do in the vast area?
Or are they going back to their usual ostrich-in-the-sand attitude?

You won't get the rent paid that way!

They must not swallow the claptrap that rents have nothing to do with education — as has been the case for years.
We sincerely hope that Co-operation, Development and Training Minister Gerrit Viljoen, who has shown critical sensitivity in the past few weeks, will step in and tell the board officials to use a bit of intelligence in dealing with this most delicate situation.
Since we doubt the existence of that intelligence in view of their actions, the least he can do is to tell them to shut up.
We believe the Minister must seriously consider discussing and negotiating directly with the community's representatives.
Relations between the community and the administration board have become so polarised that meaningful discussion between the two cannot be a viable proposition.
The Minister must take action which will return the situation to normal and make it possible for the two groups to talk.
At some stage the paying of rentals must resume. I am sure no Vaal resident will dispute that.

Prince Mfano of the Masibanye tribe has been the most visible of the Vaal residents.

Dr Viljoen has committed himself to the in-depth investigation of revenue sources and increased financial aid to the Vaal community.
This, more than anything else, will be the key to solving the Vaal's problems.
If he can solve the Vaal's problems that would make local authorities think twice before dropping the money-raising funds.
It would go a long way in enhancing the confidence of the community.
But the immediate problem is the potential deadlock.
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At some stage the paying of rentals must resume. I am sure no Vaal resident will dispute this. Payment for rates and services is a responsibility all property owners accept without question.

But what is in question is the jackboot attitude of the councils and their administration boards.

D. Vlijoen has committed himself to the in-depth investigation of revenue sources and increased financial aid to the councils.

This, more than anything else, has been the centre of the problem for all those who would otherwise have been sympathetic to local authorities.

If he can solve this problem, that would make it obsolete for local authorities to raise rents at the drop of a hat, as a means of raising funds.

It would go a long way in enhancing the councils’ bettered image.

But the immediate action the Minister must take is to defuse the potentially dangerous eviction statement.

He must assure Vaal residents that there is no immediate danger of eviction, pending discussions on ways and means to break the deadlock.

Prince Mnyasibili and Dr George Msibi of Swaziland must rank as the most sinister characters seen wandering around Southern Africa.

Their hold on their country is frightening, to say the very least. They are responsible for locking up anything which moves on two legs and looks like a threat to their power base in the tiny kingdom.

In the persuance of their ambition, they have recklessly turned Swaziland into a South African bantustan extension.

They have also, presumably at the insistence of South Africa, disregarded their being signatories to the United Nations’ decree on refugees.

Genuine refugees, known to have kept their noses clean in the kingdom, have been the victims of cruel and inhuman treatment.

Now they are being kicked out of Swaziland in droves.

It is imperative for the Organisation of African Unity and the United Nations to critically examine what is happening in Swaziland.

I believe they will find evidence which must of necessity lead them to exclude Swaziland from membership of both organisations.

And behind all this activity the sinister dark hand of the two men can be seen — even without binoculars.

Every time you go to Swaziland and spend your money there, you only help to perpetuate the rule of that two-man government — and you give them the resources to continue oppressing the Swazi people in a most ruthless manner.
We'll fight rent hikes - residents

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

About 1 500 Katlehong residents yesterday vowed at a meeting to act against increased rents which came into effect this month.

The meeting was held at Tshabalala Higher Primary School and addressed by members of the Katlehong Action Committee. According to notices sent to residents by the local council, house rent has been increased by R4 and the master plan — loan repayment on the electricity project — by R6.

The mayor, Mr A P Khumalo and his councillors were also called upon to resign their posts.

Referring to the electrification scheme one resident said the council promised to electrify all the houses in two years’ time when they started in 1980.

“Up to now only three of the five sections have been wired and there is no sign of progress in the others,” he said.

Other residents complained that although their houses had not been wired they were being forced to pay for the master plan. The initial fee in 1980 was R2 “but now we are being forced to pay R13 while there is still no electricity. Where does the money go to?” said one agitated resident.

Residents said they were given the council only a month to decide whether or not to go on with the rent hike. “If they decide to carry on we are going to take action,” said one speaker.

Another meeting is being planned for next Sunday. It will be held at the local Huntersfield Stadium.
ALEXANDRA residents yesterday rejected the local council's intended police unit and demanded the council use the money for housing.

Speakers among the 1,200 residents who crammed the Entokozweni hall said the council was no longer serving the community but the Government. The meeting was called by the newly formed Alexandra Residents Association (ARA) to discuss the council's decision to demolish shacks in the area.

A member of ARA, Mr Tony Kgobe, said: "The councils move to demolish shacks is a ploy to force residents into flats which they have outrightly rejected because of high rents. We see no point in demolishing shacks because the whole of Alexandra is a slum, and we call on the council to build us houses at affordable rents with the money they intended forming their "mini army" with."

The council came under fire for failing to attend public meetings called by residents, including the one called yesterday.

Residents also said since the Rev Sam Buti was elected into office they have never had the opportunity to speak to him personally whenever they had complaints.
Vaal rents may drop

RENTS in the riot-torn Vaal Triangle might be reduced following this week's near-explosion of violence over the threatened eviction of 350,000 people.

Township authorities—apparently nudged by the Government—have adopted a softer line on the question of unpaid arrears as the seven areas controlled by the Lekoa Town Council seethe and simmer.

Within days they dropped the talk of eviction in favour of promises to negotiate with the people about the repayment of R10-million worth of arrears.

In addition, a commission to investigate the problem had been established—and its findings could result in a lowering of house rentals, Lekoa's acting Town Clerk, Ben Scott said this weekend.

"Legal action will be the last step," he said.

Mr Scott was reluctant to provide details about rents saying only that the compilation of rents could change as a result of a new parliamentary Bill concerning revenue for local authorities.

Mr Scott's new approach—coming in the wake of a promise by Co-operation, Develop-
Atteridgeville
rents to rise

By MONK NKOMO

THE ATTERIDGEVILLE Town Council has announced that rent will be increased by about R8.40 per month from March 1.

The increases, promulgated in the Government Gazette, are for major services, including water, electricity and sewerage.

And in terms of the increases, published in the Government Gazette, residents will have to pay an extra R2.45 per month for refuse removal, and an extra R1.25 a month for sewerage. Residents with electricity meters in their homes will have to pay nearly 2 cents more per unit.

The council, which has a deficit of more than R1 million, also announced that lodgers' fees would now be R7 per month and R14.65 for a married couple. The previous fees were R6 and R12 respectively. Hostel inmates' rent will be increased from R15 to R18.

The rent increases in the area were implemented and then later withdrawn last year by the council when the then mayor, Mr Z Z Mashao, announced that the economy of the country was still too bad to effect the rent hikes.
Invalid election claim to be heard later

More than 150 supporters of former Soweto mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala gathered outside the Rand Supreme Court this morning where an action to nullify last year's Soweto election failed to come to court.

Mr Tshabalala was deposed after the election and succeeded by Mr Edward Kunene.

Members of Mr Tshabalala's Sofasonke Party were told by the former deputy mayor, Mr Isaac Buthelezi, that the new Soweto Council had failed to file papers to defend the action.

The matter was not set down on the court roll and the registrars were unaware of the action. The case will be heard at a later date.

Mr Tshabalala claims that the election of Mr Kunene was invalid because he had been voted into the office of mayor at the ordinary monthly meeting of the Soweto Council.

Mr Tshabalala said constitutional elections would be held this year.
No decision on private army plans

By RAYMOND MASHAO

THE Alexandra Town Council has not yet decided to go ahead with plans to spend about R760 000 on its "law enforcement department".

But the council's secretary, Mr Andrew Marden, confirmed that the council had discussed the issue at a meeting last year.

"It is too early to say if the council will go ahead with its plan. It is too early to speculate on that," Mr Marden said yesterday.

Mr Marden said he doubted if there would be any decision.

He said it was a pity residents were being misled by some people who had smuggled out the minutes of last year's meeting.

Asked if a decision could be reached before the end of the year, Mr Marden said: "All I can tell you is that we only discussed the matter for which no final arrangement was reached."

He likened the establishment of a "law enforcement department" to an expensive suit when "a person has to be very realistic before buying".

Mr Marden refused to comment on claims by the newly formed Alexandra Residents Association (AHA) that the council had forced residents to move out of their houses to more expensive ones in Phase One.

He referred the Rand Daily Mail to the mayor, the Rev Sam Buti, and the Town Clerk, Mr Arthur Magarman, who were reported to be on leave.

Yesterday the AHA said it would oppose the council as urged by about 1,200 residents.
Bottlestore row: Eruca to meet deputy minister

SOWETAN Reporter
THE EAST Rand Urban
Councils Association will
meet the deputy Minister
of Co-operation, Devel-
opment and Education,
Mr S J de Beer on
Thursday, to discuss,
among other things, the
controversial transfer of
land and bottle stores to
the local authority.

Thursday's meeting is
the continuation of
another meeting be-
 tween Eruca and Dr
Gerrit Viljoen, the
Minister of Co-opera-
tion, Development, and
Education last Novem-
ber, to discuss the same
issues.

The meeting, which
starts at 9 am, will be
held in Pretoria.

Mr Tom Boya, the
chairman of Eruca, an-
nounced yesterday that
the association has
already sent a memoran-
dum to the Department
of Co-operation and De-
velopment concerning
the issues to be dis-
cussed on Thursday.

"We hope to finalise
these two issues at the
meeting," Mr Boya said.

Mr Boya said Eruca
was not opposed to the
Government selling the
bottle stores to the pub-
lic and the private sec-
tor, but for "political
reasons and to boost the
image of the councils," he
said.

Mr Boya said the local
authority in the East
Rand wanted the bottle
stores to be handed over
to them.

"We are also opposed
to having our land trans-
ferred to the State by
the East Rand Devel-
opment Board (Erade-
bo) and we will also
demand from the Minis-
ter to have all the land,
including hostels and
houses, transferred to
the town and com-
munity councils in the
East Rand, except the
hostel in Katlehong,"
Mr Boya added.

Mr Boya said they
were not happy with
Eradebo's move of
transferring only public
places to the town coun-
 cil, excluding the land,
hostels and the houses.
It's only a study, says Sam Buti

By RAYMOND MASHAO

ALEXANDRA'S mayor, the Reverend Sam Buti, disclosed yesterday that his town council had considered a feasibility study on the establishment of a 'law enforcement unit'.

This follows a report in Monday's Rand Daily Mail that the unit was being established. It was denied by Mr Buti in a television interview that night.

Mr Buti told the Mail that a council report on the establishment of such a unit, said to cost £300,000, was only: a 'feasibility study and information for council members'.

He said: 'As in any reports of this nature, a detailed outline of all requirements of this project was made where costs of equipment, salaries and personnel were outlined.

'At no stage during that meeting or any subsequent one was a decision taken to spend that kind of money for the establishment of a law enforcement project to destroy the residents of Alexandra.'

Concerning claims by the Alexandra Residents Association (ARA) that residents in Phase One, a newly established area, could not afford high rents, he said the council had erred since it allocated sites irrespective of whether residents could afford rent or not.

Mr Buti detailed other projects the council was involved in:

- The incorporation of the industrial areas of Kew, Marlboro and Wynberg into Alexandra;
- Representations to high Government circles to negotiate for more land adjacent to Alexandra;
- Construction of suitable and adequate housing for Alexandra residents.
'Council official pointed gun at me'

SOWETAN REPORTER

An official of the Soweto City Council has had a charge laid against him for allegedly pointing a firearm at one of the residents in his ward.

Mr Gideon Moagi, of 1045 Thadi township, alleged that an official pointed a firearm at him after he was told by the official that he should vacate his house in favour of his (Mr Moagi's) former wife.

Mr Moagi also alleges that the official received a "gift" of R500 from a certain man who also wants the house, and he claims that the official was having an affair with his estranged wife, "even the divorce decree was collected by my wife in the company of the official".

"I was sleeping peacefully in my house last Thursday morning when I was woken up by a loud knock at the door. The official told me that they had come to get me to go to the council office where I was wanted."

Mr Moagi claims that after he left the office, the official followed him to Mowela Station where he told me that I had to be out of the house on the same day. A quarrel ensued and the official grabbed me by the collar of my shirt, and I hit back. He then produced his gun."

The official denied the allegation. "I don't even know Mr Moagi's wife. All I know is that he has been living in that house for about nine years without a wife or children."

He said Mr Moagi has been using the house to gamble and has been charging illegal tenants exhorbitant rentals. "When we warned that man that he should get his wife and children back, he assured us that he was going to do so, but he failed."

Meeting

The official said he was attacked by Mr Moagi after they had a meeting on Thursday.

The Jabulani police confirmed that a charge has been laid by Mr Moagi, and that an official has laid a charge of assault against Mr Moagi.
ET's court action falls through

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Soweto Town Clerk, Mr N Malan who represents the Soweto Council was unavailable for comment on the council's failure to file papers setting out the council's views. — Sapa.
Pupils beaten, schools closed

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — In a day of ongoing unrest in Sebokeng, near Vereeniging, bands of youths yesterday stoned police and Administration Board vehicles and prevented pupils from going to school.

In five separate stone-throwing incidents in the township angry youths damaged two police and four Administration Board vehicles. Several private vehicles were also stoned.

A police spokesman said rubber bullets and tear smoke were used to disperse one mob of stone-throwers.

Chaos

There was chaos at the Tyhoko and Sevuse schools in Sebokeng as outsiders assaulted pupils who had ended their prolonged stayaway. The two schools were closed for the rest of the day.

At the Modupa School in Sebokeng, police dispersed pupils who gathered outside the gates.

The chief liaison officer for the Department of Education and Training (DET), Mr. Job Schoeman, said that all pupils from schools in Zone 13 in Sebokeng stayed away from school yesterday.

In the rest of Sebokeng and Evaton the average attendance at secondary schools was 64 percent, and 25 percent of primary school pupils were in their classes. Although more pupils enrolled in Sharpville, Boipatong and Borpe-long, near Vanderbijlpark, the situation in these areas is far from normal.

● Stayaways continued at schools in Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage, Queenstown, Port Alfred, Cradock, Graaff-Reinet and Port Beaufort.

The regional director for the Eastern Cape, Mr. C Merbold, said yesterday that attendance at Grahamstown schools was almost back to normal.

● Sapa reports that the Department of Co-operation, Development and Education said yesterday it was investigating the grievances of boycotting students at the Simon Sebe High School at Paarl.

All the pupils have refused to attend classes since the first day of the school year last Wednesday.

The students have demanded a Student Representative Council and have complained of a shortage of books and about the high failure rate last year.
By MZIKAYISE EDOM

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There was also nothing wrong with the council's conduct. The process was fair and transparent. The council asked for and considered the issues presented to them. The council then made a decision based on the information provided. The decision was recorded and published. The council did not meet to discuss the proceedings. The council conducted its meeting in a public and transparent manner. The council members were present and the decision was made. The decision was recorded and published. The council did not receive any influenced decision from an external source.
R600 hike shelved

THE WESTONARIA Town Council has temporarily shelved earlier plans of increasing parking tariffs for taxi owners at the new taxi rank — from R20 to R600 a year.

The council early this month informed taxi owners in the nearby Bekkersdal township that as from this year taxi owners will have to pay R600 instead of the R20 they used to pay in the past years, for parking facilities at the recently built rank in town.

The Bekkersdal Taxi Association is opposed to the new tariffs and on Wednesday the national executive committee of the National Association of Taxi and Transport Operators (Nato), met with senior officials of the town council and the Westonaria Department to discuss the matter.

The taxi association is affiliated to Nato, a break-away taxi group from the Southern Africa Black Taxi Association (Sabta).

It was resolved at the meeting that the tariffs should at least be temporarily suspended while the taxi owners meet.

The taxi operators were given until February 7 to come with an alternative offer.

The taxi owners told the meeting that they were against the new tariffs because their business was suffering as a result of the economic climate in the country and the escalating costs of new cars, tyres and spares.

The taxi owners delegation was led by Mr Noel Mlokoti, the general secretary of Nato. Other Nato executive members present were Mr Moffat Zitha (treasurer) and committee members Messrs G Tsotsane, S P Mokotedi, B Zulu and J Skhosana.

The town council was represented by Mr S Van Niekerk, the Town Clerk.
Soweto Council gets more power

The Soweto Council now has more powers vested in it, with the transfer of services such as traffic, fire brigade and ambulance to the council.

These powers have been transferred to the Black Local Authorities under existing legislation. The control of traffic roads, fire-fighting services and health services will be taken over by the Soweto Council almost immediately.

Mr Nico Malan, the clerk of the council, said his council had requested control of these services last year and because the Act did not provide for the transfer of such services, the State President, by way of a proclamation in the Government Gazette made it possible for the Minister to confer such powers to the council.

Mr Malan revealed that the Soweto Council employs about 270 law-enforcement officers. The total expenditure for security services is R1.7 million per annum and the security service includes police, messengers, guards on duty and administration.
Call for inquiry into corruption

Councils are blamed for unrest

By ANTON HARBER
Political Reporter

A GOVERNMENT-initiated survey has pointed to the new black local authorities and possible maladministration as the major catalysts of last year’s Vaal Triangle unrest.

The 970-page survey, done by Professor Tjaart van der Walt, rector of Potchefstroom University, called for a judicial inquiry into rumours of corruption, self-enrichment and maladministration in black local government.

It also said that urgent attention should be given to improving communication between residents, development boards and town councils.

As a result, an investigation has been launched to determine the way rates and levies should be set by these town councils and the Government has undertaken not to increase rates until the investigation is completed and the findings made public.

These findings are certain to cause a stir, since they level criticism at the local authorities which are a key element of Government policy on urban blacks and which have come under repeated attack from opposition organisations.

The hastily done report was commissioned two months ago by Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Minister of Cooperation, Development and Education.

Last night, Mr Ishmael Mkhabela, president of the Azanian People’s Organisation (AZAPO), reacted to the findings by saying that one expected councils to be corrupt and useless because they were based on self-interest and not community interests.

The basic problem was not communication, but people’s concern over the worsening economic situation, the education crisis and the rejection of Government-imposed institutions, he said.

“The grievances and demands of the people in the Vaal Triangle are very clear and the Government should address itself to these demands, rather than to give yet another inquiry to people who have no respect or confidence in such inquiries,” he said.

Mr Ray Swart, FFP spokesman on Cooperation and Development, said that if there were instances of corruption, then they should be investigated and this would throw light on the viability of the town councils.

The Government had said that the local authorities were a substitute for the lack of rights in the central Parliament and as long as blacks believed this, then they would be unsympathetic to the local authorities.

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All gloom for gold and rand

Financial Reporter

GOLD fell below $300 in London yesterday morning for the first time since mid-1972 — while the rand dipped below 49 US cents in early foreign exchange dealings in Johannesburg.

By late afternoon, however, gold, which was fixed at $299.50 in the morning, had recovered most of the day’s losses to stand at $305.50/$309. The rand finished at US49.65/C.

Reuter quotes analysts and dealers in London and New York as saying precious metal prices will continue to fall.

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East Cape violence

GRAHAMSTOWN’S black townships were hit by riots and an attempt to bomb a bottle store was made in several acts arson this week.

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A LITTLE bruised and battered, and with a bloodstained nose — that was Abanga after an Old Year's Eve frollic with the neighbours.
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Licences are needed
ALL drivers using Bophuthatswana's roads have to carry licences with them, the homeland's police spokesman, Colonel David George, said yesterday.
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UDF calls for unity
UNITY must be a top priority among the oppressed people of South Africa in their fight against apartheid, the United Democratic Front said in its New Year message.
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Thatcher tops poll
MRS Margaret Thatcher headed a list of the top 10 international women of the year chosen by British radio listeners, while Princess Diana did not figure.
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Flair
English fundi
THIRTY years ago Halina Patyk couldn't speak a word of English.
Today — as Halina van Heerden she organizes festivals for the 1500000 English-speaking South Africans.
Sapa reports that the report had found that education had not been the root cause of unrest in the towns since the first riots outbreak on September 3.
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Funder
Pick a film, show
PICT a movie or a show this weekend ... find out where your favorite group is playing ... plan your TV.
— WEEKEND FUNINDER is on pages 5 and 6 of the main body of the Rand Daily Mail today. Use it to make your weekend more fun.

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Livestock superintendent at foal which is recovering at Shanandoh

Shanandoh
Mail Reporter
WHILE you and your family pane out-enjoying New Year's Day, a four-month-old foal was being lovingly nursed to its feet at the Booyseps SPCA after it was trampled underfoot.

Zola
UK
By IAN LONDON
LONDON. 3 back in action! three weeks ago. The tiny Bloe...editing with his nieces' running but the family. She will spend the next few months with her mother before returning to London for New Year's Day. They will be free to family in South A trust fund is granted to manage her running aff

James and Liz
London Bureau
LONDON. — James remained the most popular Christian name for British boys in 1984, for the 13th year in succession. Elizabeth remained the favourite choice for newborn girls, the ninth successive year. The list of names compiled from birth and adoption notices in The Times newspaper shows there has been no rush by par-
The mayor of Lekoa, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, yesterday refuted claims that he and his council had been invited to a public meeting on Sunday.

Referring to reports this week he said it was untrue that the council had been invited to the meeting in Sebokeng on Sunday. "We have received no formal invitation and we do not want people going about saying they invited us."

"All we know is that we do have a commitment to the Bophelong, Boipatong and Sharpeville delegations we met with when they made several proposals to us. We are still looking into the matter and we will be meeting with them soon to resolve the matter," he said.

He refused to state if rents would go down or not and said the matter was receiving attention. He also would not say if he would attend the meeting or not.

Mr Mahlatsi has been out of circulation for most of the time since the unrests in the Vaal when several councillors were killed and scores of people lost their lives.

The council is engaged in a tug of war with residents who have not paid rents since these unrests.

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**Girl raped in church**

A SOWETO priest's son has been arrested after allegedly raping a seven-year-old girl in a church on Wednesday.

The 19-year-old man was arrested shortly after he performed the bizarre crime in his father's church.

The Soweto CID head, Brigadier J J Viktor, said the incident took place at about 4 pm after the youth allegedly dragged the little girl into the church. He was arrested later that day and is expected to appear in court today.

Three other rape cases were reported in the area and no arrests have been made.

Meanwhile three people were killed in separate incidents of violence in Soweto.

A 45-year-old man was stabbed to death during an argument with his brother at their White City Jabavu home on Tuesday.

The other two cases were faction fight killings.

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Council may get a boost

JOHANNESBURG is prepared to boost the financial resources of the Soweto City Council by handing over revenue collected from Soweto residents for traffic fines and licences.

This announcement was made yesterday by Johannesburg's management committee chairman, Mr. Francois Oberholzer.

The Government has announced that more powers are to be transferred to local authorities to improve their financial position.

"We believe Soweto is entitled to this revenue," said Mr. Oberholzer.

"Soweto is still regarded as being part of Johannesburg, and for this reason it may be possible to hand over fines from Soweto residents who violate traffic laws in Johannesburg," he said.

He said the Johannesburg City Council would be prepared to provide services such as traffic control to Soweto on an agency basis.

He said Johannesburg was also prepared to give serious consideration to the Alexandra Town Council's request for the transfer of certain industrial areas into the municipal boundaries of Alexandra.

A commission of inquiry would have to be held before the matter could be finalised, he said.

Mr. Oberholzer said annual revenue from industrial townships in the area was worth more than R700,000.

Sapa reports that more powers have been transferred to local authorities under existing legislation. A spokesman for the Department of Co-operation and Development said that in terms of regulations published in the latest Government Gazette, local authorities could apply for the right to exercise control over traffic affairs as well as fire fighting services.

Other regulations relating to trade, the issuing of trade licences and civil defence are being drawn up and are expected to be published before the end of next month.
Soweto Council Gets Aid
Soweto police forces start training soon

By PATRICK LAURENCE
Political Editor

THE town councils in Greater Soweto — Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepkloof as well as the town councils of Alexandra and Lekoa in the Vaal Triangle are among the 18 black town councils scheduled to establish and control their own police forces, Mr Johan Oosthuizen, of the Department of Co-operation and Development, disclosed yesterday.

Training of the auxiliary police forces for these townships starts next month under instructors approved by the South African Police, Mr Oosthuizen said.

The cost of training, equipping and maintaining these "law enforcement units", as they have been dubbed by Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, will have to be borne by the already financially hard-pressed town councils.

Councils will be free, if they wish, to recruit whites into their police forces, as the Black Local Authorities Act, under which they are to be established, is "colour blind", Mr Oosthuizen said.

Several centres have been earmarked for the training of the first intake of police auxiliaries, including one in Soweto.

Training will take place under the aegis of special training committees made up of representatives of the South African Police, the Department of Co-operation and Development and the town councils.

The SAP will train candidate officers in drilling and weaponry, Mr Oosthuizen said.

The seven training centres fall under the development boards at present, but the idea is that responsibility for them should be transferred to the town councils.

When Dr Viljoen first announced that he was prepared to authorise the establishment of town council-controlled police forces, the proposal evoked sharp opposition from black leaders in the United Democratic Front and the Azanian Peoples Organisation.

The envisaged police forces were seen as props for apartheid rather than as apolitical crime-fighting forces. Abolition of apartheid was needed, not more armed men to enforce it, it was said at the time.

Town councils are perceived by many blacks as integral to official race policies, having been established under the Black Local Authorities Act as a partial substitute for the exclusion of blacks from South Africa’s new tri-racial Parliament for whites, coloureds and Indians.

In the past year town councillors have been condemned by black militants as "collaborators", accused of corruption and self-enrichment, and subjected to physical hostility and homicidal attacks from enraged mobs and/or anonymous saboteurs.
Township police will carry guns

By Jo-Anne Collinge

West Rand Development Board inspectors — commonly referred to as "blackjacks" — will form the core of new municipal police forces in townships in the area, and in future they will be armed.

This was confirmed yesterday by board chairman, Mr John Knoetze, who said inspectors were already being screened and those who met the standards would be retrained for their extended duties.

Board inspectors would soon be withdrawn from the townships, said Mr Knoetze. But they would continue to operate in white suburbs, "mainly in relation to our labour division".

This division of the board administers influx control and it is likely that domestic workers and their families will soon become the focus of attention for its inspectors.

Inspectors would continue to check suburban premises — "to ensure whether people have permission to live in backyards and that kind of thing" — and to inspect documents, including passes, said Mr Knoetze.

While members of the new township police units would carry revolvers, it was not general policy to arm board inspectors, said Mr Knoetze. He added that while a small number of board men had carried guns "no black inspectors operating in white areas have been armed. Only white inspectors have been armed in white areas."

A spokesman for the South African Police in Pretoria has confirmed that the SAP will be helping set up the new police units by providing instruction.
Soweto tariffs plan slammed

Mail Reporter

SOWETO residents, civic and political organisations yesterday slammed the Soweto Council's intention to raise tariffs for water, electricity, sewage services and site rentals for large residential sites.

In October 1981, the then-Soweto Community Council, under Mr David Thebehall, increased rentals by R8.

Last year in September, the Soweto City Council under Mr E T Thabakela increased the electricity levy by R5.

Following widespread protests by Soweto residents, the increases were scrapped.

The town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, said the financial climate in the country and the confusion the levy had created among residents had contributed to the scrapping of the increases.

Residents also alleged that tariffs were last year increased by about R10 without advance warning.

Mr Malan announced this week that the tariffs would be increased in conjunction with the increases determined by the Rand Water Board, Escom and the Johannesburg City Council.

This month Escom increased its electricity tariffs by 10% and the Rand Water Board announced that its tariff increases had been shelved until April.

Soweto residents said yesterday the increases were "unfortunate" and would cripple them financially.

"It will be difficult for most residents to afford the increases because their wages have not been increased. Most are still earning below the bread-line," said a Mofolo North resident who did not want to be named.

Mr Gray Mduli, of Jabavu, said: "We pay for the electrification and improvement of facilities. Street lights, roads, and other facilities are in a hopeless situation. What is the council doing with the money?"

United Democratic Front publicity secretary Mr Patrick Lokota said it was absurd for the Soweto City Council to pass the increases on to consumers who were struggling to survive in a "very difficult economic situation".

"The proposed increases in water tariffs are arbitrary because the Rand Water Board announced that it would not increase its tariffs before April, but the Soweto Council is going ahead with the increases," he said.

Mr Lokota called on Soweto residents to register a strong protest through their community organisations such as the Soweto Civic Association in order to stop the council from going ahead with the increases.

The publicity secretary of the Azanian Peoples Organisation, Mr I Moosa, said his organisation opposed the increases.

Mr S S Nakane of the Orlando Civic Association said the OCA would hold a residents' meeting at the local NG church on Sunday to discuss the increases.

The council should call a public meeting to get residents' views, he said.
Lekoa bosses deny R10m loss in rents

By SIPHO NGCOBO

THE mayor of the Lekoa Town Council, Mr Ebeau Mahlatisi, and the Town Clerk, Mr P N Louw, have denied that most Vaal Triangle residents had not paid rentals during the past four months.

They were reacting to a statement by Mr Ben Scott — who was acting Town Clerk — while Mr Louw was on leave — that the council had lost more than R10 million during the past four months because most of the 350 000 residents had not paid rent.

But, said Mr Mahlatisi and Mr Louw, many Vaal Triangle residents who fell under the Lekoa Town Council, were paying their house rentals by postal order.

Mr Louw refused to disclose the exact number “as the climate was not yet ripe for such disclosures”.

Mr Scott told the Rand Daily Mail a fortnight ago: “We have nothing less than one hell of a problem.”

“Residents have not been paying any rents, service charges or instalments on houses purchased from the Development Board.”

Dismissing Mr Scott’s statement, Mr Louw and Mr Mahlatisi said: “How can we lose at that rate when we have the majority of the residents paying their house rentals every month.

“We are receiving money from residents every day.

“It is easy.

“They just send money by post in postal order form and all we do is issue receipts and post them to whoever has paid his or her rent.”

“We are pleased that residents are now paying the rent.”

Mr Louw also denied that his council had instructed some of the large employers in the Vaal Triangle to deduct rentals from their workers’ wages in terms of the Black Urban Areas Consolidation Act of 1945."
Lekoa council won't act on Matjila yet

THE LEOA Town Council has resolved not to take any action against councillor Mr Josia "Knox" Matjila, following his appearance in the Vereeniging Regional Court this week on charges of bribery involving thousands of rands.

After the council's monthly meeting in Sebokeng, the town secretary, Mr Ben Scott, said that they have investigated the matter and came to the conclusion that it is still sub judice.

Some of the councillors who have been living "in hiding" since September 3, when riots broke out in the Vaal Triangle, brandished guns during the four-hour meeting while reporters and members of the public were thoroughly checked for weapons at the board's security gates before they were allowed into the meeting.

Guard

"We are taking no chances," said a stern-faced security guard who manned the checks at the entrance.

Mr Matjila, who is a member of the council, is facing 15 counts of bribery allegedly committed between 1980/82 while he was chairman of the Vaal Triangle Community Council. His case is due in court on March 6.

"We shall only take a decision depending on the outcome of the trial. In terms of the Black Local Authorities' Act, any councillor found guilty and sentenced for any crime is to terminate his services," Mr Scott said.

Referring to the rent issue, Mr Scott said the council had resolved to hold meetings with delegations from Sharpeville, Boipatong and Bo Phelo to discuss service and other rates payable to the board.
Lekoa to have own police force soon

Lekoa, the town council in control of all the black townships in the Vaal Triangle, is to establish its own police force which will be responsible for maintaining law and order in the townships.

The first 40 of an eventual group of 289 blacks are expected to start an intensive three-month training course within the next few months.

According to Mr Ben Scott, acting town clerk of Lekoa, the unit, which is expected to cost about R2.7 million a year, will probably be trained at the Hammanskraal training centre. Its duties and capabilities will be much the same as those of the South African Police.

"Considering the growing resistance among residents who are against agitators preventing their children from going to school and forcing adults not to pay their house rents, this is a timely and very necessary step," he said.

It is expected that 40 new recruits will report for training every three months until the unit comprises 289 members.
Soweto is again the top murder city

in the World
Rent-rise violence
Township rent hikes still cause violent disturbances.

In the latest incident, a public rent meeting organised by the Katlehong Council at the local Huntersfield Stadium in the East Rand ended in chaos last Sunday when councillors were attacked by some of the 4 600 assembled residents.

In the Vaal Triangle townships of Sehokeng, Bolapong, Bophelong, Sharpeville and Ebotse the local town councils backed down because of pressure from residents after they had increased rents and service charges. Residents are now demanding a reduction of existing rentals.

Katlehong Council recently announced rent hikes amid bitter opposition from local township residents and from at least one councillor. Ironically, trouble on Sunday erupted as mayor Packard Khumalo was telling the crowd that the proposed rent in-creases have been "suspended indefinitely."

Khumalo was still explaining that the decision to suspend the increases was unfortunate because, he said, it meant that the council would no longer be able to carry out some of the projects it wanted to do when some people began pelting him and his colleagues with stones. The councillors fled into a nearby building and barricaded themselves inside. The police had to disperse the crowd by throwing teargas and they eventually led the trapped councillors out of the stadium.

It seems there is much bitterness against rent increases but mayor Khumalo says the people who caused trouble at the meeting are not local residents but "hoodlums from outside the township."

For a house in Katlehong the council wanted to charge a basic monthly levy of R9 plus 4c/m2 on each site — which meant that the bigger the site, the higher the rent would be. Previously, families paid a site rent of R17,20 plus R7,50 house rent. The average monthly rental for a family was then R45.

In addition, families had to pay an additional R10 rent each month for every backyard tin shack. Before the proposed hikes, residents paid R6 for each tin shack. As a result of housing shortage, Katlehong has more tin shack structures than official houses.

The new levies excluded charges for water and electricity. Katlehong was among townships hardest hit by the unrest which erupted in Sharpeville early last September in opposition against rent increases but spread to other townships in the FWP area.
Keeper of the keys

"Non-entity," "sell-out," "stooge," "intellectual dwarf," "puppet" are just some of the insults hurled at Edward Kunene, new major of Soweto. This is not all. He says his detractors are spreading the word that he will stop at nothing to dislodge political opponents.

In SA's most violent city, urban terror, like blocked drains, rutted roads and disaffected ratepayers, is just another curse of being first citizen. Violence goes with the job. Only 30 hours after taking office, Kunene's Mofolo North home was bombed by a group who later identified themselves as the "SA Suicide Squad."

So he goes nowhere without his two burly, gun-toting bodyguards specially trained by the SAP's riot squad in anti-terrorist tactics. And a police guard protects his home around the clock. But even the SAP can't shield him from countless threatening phone calls.

Though the perks of office, like his R1 800 a month Soweto Council (SC) salary, do hold some attraction, "the problems outweigh the advantages," he says. "I have no free movement and I like to be free."

Deposed ex-major, Soweto millionaire Ephraim Tshabalala "ET," has consistently refused to recognise the legitimacy of Kunene's election. And is at present seeking a court ruling declaring his election invalid. Tshabalala also refused to part with the keys of the mayoral suite and the R45 000 mayoral Mercedes — the lock of the mayoral office had to be changed and the car repossessed by the police. And Tshabalala's deputy, Isaac Buthelezi, refuses to budge from the R1 000 official mayoral residence in Selection Park.

Kunene remains philosophical. "It doesn't matter if I'm major or not, I'm here to serve the people. I was elected from the floor, whether I'm deposed or not, it's all the same to me."

Neither affluent nor flamboyant like his predecessor, the small, quietly spoken son of a pass office official was elected unopposed to the SC in 1983 to represent Jabulani hostel dwellers.

By his own admission he hasn't achieved anything for his constituents, who live in conditions of appalling squalor. Kunene isn't evasive, he simply doesn't have the facts. "I have no idea how much it costs to run the SC or how many staff are employed," he says. He also has no idea of the extent of the SC's debt or how he'll generate cash to finance his ambitions for the city.

But he's adamant there'll be no further rent increases. "As I can tell you there's still plenty of money in Soweto," he says. "If the West Rand Development Board (WRDB) would move out, we'd know what we really had. There's no reason for them here, we can run Soweto ourselves."

"If government won't give us money, we'll go overseas or get it from somewhere, we don't care where as long as we get money." Motor vehicle licences and revenue from bottleshops are two areas he envisages as potential sources of finance. "The money hasn't been enough so far because we haven't got control," he says. "The WRDB hasn't been using the money properly. Soweto was better off when administered by the Johannesburg City Council."

"Now we are two bulls in one kraal. We want government to clarify the WRDB's position, otherwise we want them out. We don't want them to dictate terms to us. This is our city and we don't want to keep begging."

Right now Kunene believes his "most important duty is signing cheques." But providing housing for the 20 000 families on the...
SC’s waiting list and improving education facilities, particularly school syllabus changes, are his greatest concern. But how he’ll do this, is a question he can’t answer.

Few Sowetans have heard of Kunene though he was born in Pimville 52 years ago, wrote matric at Pimville High and has lived in Soweto nearly all his life. Nonetheless, after only a year on the political scene, he was voted mayor by a margin of 15 to 6.

Superficially his style appears more democratic than the iron-fisted Tshabalala. For starters, as a result of an SC caucus decision, all Kunene’s interviews are held in the presence of witnesses. “To work with people in an open, honest way and to be sincere will make me a good mayor,” Kunene says. “I’m not going to dominate and would like to gather ideas from each and every member of the SC.”

He’s still on the payroll of Rio-Tinto Zinc where he has worked as a clerk for the past ten years, but he’s been granted a year’s leave of absence to achieve his mayoral ambitions. Apart from being the prime target of hitmen, the Mayor of Soweto’s is a full-time job. “There’s no Sunday, there’s no Saturday,” Kunene says. “Disputes over neighbours, children, misunderstandings — the people come to me with all their problems. If I say I can’t see you on this day I’m inviting trouble.”

Kunene describes his political stance as conservative and considers close co-operation with government essential to achieve his aims. “Being called a stooge is part of the challenge I’m facing,” he explains. “The creation of black local authorities was the first opportunity government gave us of proving we were able to run our city. Even those who call me stooge come nicodemously (sic) in the night to beg for favours. But I know I’m not a stooge so it means nothing to me.”

HILTON ROSENTHAL

Music for famine

Hilton Rosenthal has his feet firmly on the ground. But it was while his head was in the clouds, during a helicopter ride from Johannesburg to Garankuwa, that he decided to organise the concert at Ellis Park in aid of Operation Hunger.

Rosenthal (33), MD of Music Incorporated, first dreamed of the recent Concert in the Park while listening to 702 Music Radio’s radiothon which raised R560 000 for Operation Hunger in November last year. “I was struck by the listeners’ spirit of generosity, well-being and warmth,” says Rosenthal.

A few days later, while on a joy ride on the radio station’s “traffic-copter” with 702 MD Issy Kirsh, he began discussing the idea. By the time the trip was over, the basic plan had been formulated.

Since Ellis Park and 702 had formed a company to promote musical events, Kirsh was able to secure the free use of the stadium. Meanwhile, Rosenthal phoned local record companies in search of artists who would be willing to sing for the supper of South Africa’s starving millions.

“The response was incredible,” he says. “Less than 48 hours later I had 20 groups committed to performing for nothing.”

Soon 50 had volunteered their services and after a press conference another 20 wanted to perform. Finally the organisers selected 24 of the country’s top artists, whose musical repertoire ranged from black, funk and disco to pop and rock.

The music industry joined in the charitable spirit, providing everything from radio publicity to sound systems. Takings from the gate were in the region of R500 000 and further proceeds will come from the sale of a double LP which Rosenthal hopes to license internationally, and a video, both recorded on the day.

Rosenthal estimates the normal cost of staging the show would have been between R350 000 and R400 000. The artists alone would have cost between R75 000 and R100 000 — with top acts such as Steve Kekana charging about R5 000 a performance. The free advertising was worth at least R100 000.

But despite the success of the park spectacular, Rosenthal is not planning repeats for the time being. He is in the recording business, and has been ever since he completed a B Comm at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1972.

He’s progressed at double speed up the corporate ladder of the music industry. In 1973 he joined the accounts department of CBS’s local affiliate, Gramophone Record Company (GRC). In 1974 he took over management of Isibaya Music, GRC’s black music division. In mid-1974, at the age of 21, he was made the company’s head of artist and repertoire and head of marketing. In 1978 he became GM.

“By running a major company with a large overseas catalogue I became less involved in the creative side of the business,” he says. “And for me the beauty of the music business is to take the germ of a musical idea to number one on the hit parade.”

To do this, he formed his own company, Music Incorporated, in 1980. It now has about 12 local artists in its local roster, with music ranging from disco to ethnic South African and classical guitar.

Rosenthal is perhaps best known as the man who discovered musicians Johnny Clegg and Sipho Mchunu and helped turn them into Juluka, now one of SA’s top groups. Locally their sales have topped 200 000 and their Scatterings album has already sold 40 000 in Canada, where 50 000 is gold.

“Ti Sotho Gospel Choir ‘Jerusalema E Neka’ is another of our big groups with sales in the last three years of over 100 000 units,” says Rosenthal.
Sanlam moves

Marinus Dalig consistently denies that he is any kind of whizkid. But is there a better label for the man who, at the tender age of 38, has just been promoted from senior GM of Sanlam into a fascinating floating role as a kind of overseer of the various companies in which Sanlam has a major stake?

Sanlam has yet to put a title to his new job, which becomes effective immediately. Officially he is described as being "responsible in a wider coordinating capacity for the companies in which Sanlam has a large interest." In effect, he will be ploughing input at the highest level into concerns such as Gencor, Malbuk, Anchusa (the Murray and Roberts' controlling company) and the Kinet controlling company, Sanki, and reporting directly to Sanlam's chairman, Fred du Plessis. That, obviously, makes him a very powerful man with virtually unlimited career horizons. With breathless admiration this week, Rapport newspaper said Daling has the potential to become the most influential Afrikaner in the land in a few years' time.

His rise in the insurance giant has been meteoric. Born in Holland in 1946, he moved with his parents to SA when he was two. He was an early starter from the beginning, attending school with his brother when he was four. He matriculated at Nyloshroom High School at the age of 16, with four distinctions, and went on complete a BSc in maths and statistics cum laude, at Pretoria University in three years.

That, Daling told the PM recently, explained his youthful success. "I was only 19 when I started at Sanlam, and most guys start working much older."

Even so, his record of achievements continued to grow. He astonished the insurance world by qualifying as an actuary in only four-and-a-half years. Many other prominent insurance chiefs have taken up to twice as long.

In the midst of this, it took him only nine years to be made assistant GM of Sanlam — the youngest person to reach those heights in the company's history.

In 1978 he was made GM investment for Sanlam's total investment portfolio, which gave him in excess of R100m to manage every month. The rest of the business community was slow to recognise his talents. He was the Johannesburg Afrikaanse Sakekamer's Junior Businessman of the Year in 1980, and a mere three years later was promoted to senior GM of Sanlam.

The new job means he gives up his Stellenbosch home near Sanlam's head office in Bellville to move to Johannesburg. Characteristically, he was already installed there within a matter of hours after his appointment. On the other hand, he has spent at least part of every week for the past few years commuting between Cape Town and Johannesburg, so perhaps the move will bring more stability to his family life. He and his wife Wilna have sons and three daughters.

Ask about hobbies and relaxation and his staff chuckle. "When he's not working," says his secretary, "he spends his time working." Nonetheless, in common with many of the Sanlam senior staff, he plays the odd game of bridge and has in the past been a member of Sanlam's water polo team. All of which, perhaps, explains why he can keep his head so comfortably above water.

New MD

Pierre Steyn, who takes over from Fred du Plessis as MD of Sanlam on April 1, is a company man. His promotion crowns some 28 years with the insurance group, during which he has spent time in many of its divisions.

Pietersburg-born Steyn (46) did take one step out of Sanlam, although his links with the group were never severed. In 1971 he was made GM of the Bank of Johannesburg (later absorbed into the Bankorp group), but returned to the Sanlam fold after a year.

He matriculated from Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool, Pretoria, in 1964, and went on to read for a BSc degree at Pretoria University. He joined Sanlam in 1968 and qualified as a Fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries, Scotland, 10 years later.

Marketing is his particular field, and he honed these skills while working his way through the actuarial, investments and pensions divisions. He was appointed an assistant GM in 1974, GM in 1977 and senior GM in 1983, with responsibility for the group's total marketing operation.

Steyn is deeply involved in the Afrikaner business community as deputy president of the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut (AHI) and was recently elected deputy chairman of the insurance industry body, the Life Offices Association (LOA). He also represents SA on the council of the International Actuarial Association.

Married with one son and two daughters, he has played hockey and water polo (like Marinus Dalig) for Sanlam. Bridge is another pursuit, and he has a great love for the mountains, heading off into the Cedarberg whenever he gets the chance.
after two roadside bombs killed three Israeli soldiers and wounded five. One of the dead was Colonel Avraham Eltan (38), a well-known paratroop officer who was serving as deputy commander of the western zone in southern Lebanon.

The withdrawal decision is extremely painful politically for the Likud, whose leaders in June 1982 launched the invasion of Lebanon, hoping to destroy the PLO and turn Israel's northern neighbour into a Christian-dominated ally of the Jewish state. The withdrawal decision marks the defeat of Likud hopes and ambitions, and is an admission of failure — which is likely to have major anti-Likud repercussions. Two Likud ministers, including the deputy PM, David Levy, voted with the Labour ministers for the withdrawal.

Power vacuum

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has made it clear that the Israeli decision will be implemented whether or not security arrangements are reached with Lebanon to fill the power vacuum which will be created by the IDF pullout. So far, Israeli-Lebanese negotiations at Naqura have failed to obtain any agreement on this score. Lebanon, pressed by Syria, is demanding unconditional Israeli withdrawal and Israel is trying to obtain Lebanese agreement to expand the UN peacekeeping role in the south and the continuation of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon army.

UN Under-Secretary General Brian Urquhart spent last week shuttling between Beirut, Jerusalem and Damascus trying to obtain Arab agreement for an expansion of the Unifil (United Nations Force in Lebanon) role to patrol the areas up to the Awali River Israel intends to vacate. So far, Unifil has had little, with Lebanon stressing that its own army will move into the areas Israel evacuates.

Jerusalem is highly sceptical about the ability of the Lebanese army to effectively keep law and order anywhere in Lebanon, let alone in the religiously, politically and ethnically divided south. Meanwhile, for the first time in years, there were smiling Israeli soldiers on television being interviewed in Lebanon. Whatever its ultimate consequences for Lebanon, Israel and the Middle East in general, the withdrawal decision is extremely popular in the IDF and among the Israeli public at large.

**NIGERIAN BUDGET**

**Ducking the IMF**

Major General Muhammadu Buhari’s 1985 austerity budget is being interpreted as one last effort on the part of the Nigerian military government to avoid an IMF agreement that would involve a major devaluation of the naira.

Just a year after seizing power in the 1984 New Year’s Eve coup, the Nigerian head of state presented a tough budget which included reductions in real government spending, a 40% cutback in imports, a new tax on air travel abroad and a scheme for the prepayment of import duties.

The Nigerian authorities estimate that real GDP has fallen some 15% since the oil slump started in 1981, though the rate of decline slackened from 6% in 1983 to 1% last year. The official target is for a return to marginal real growth of around 1% in 1985, but this looks overly optimistic.

Inflation has escalated from under 10% in 1982 to 23% in 1983 and 40% last year. The 1985 target is still a horrifying 30%.

Employment has fallen steeply in manufacturing and distribution, though just how severely is unclear because no reliable employment information exists.

Since 1982 successive administrations — starting with the first Shagari government — have tried to tackle Nigeria’s economic problems induced by the collapse of the oil boom and harsh domestic deflation. Output and employment have fallen but prices have soared mainly because Nigeria’s import-dependent economy has not been able to meet domestic demand. Imports are now running at no more than 36% of their boom-year levels and the impact throughout the economy — but especially on output, prices and employment — has been severe.

In 1985 Nigeria reckons to earn slightly more than eight billion naira (about US$10 billion) in foreign exchange — almost all of it from oil exports. Nigeria has an oil production quota within Opec of 1.3m barrels a day but last year was producing around 1.4m barrels a day. An extra 100,000 barrels a day means roughly US$1 billion in foreign exchange and it is therefore not surprising that Nigeria, along with other African Opec members, is unhappy with Arab efforts to curtail production as part of Opec’s grand strategy of maintaining prices.

In 1980 Nigeria was earning some $25 billion annually from its oil and the 65% reduction in export revenues has coincided with a severe liquidity crisis arising from external loan obligations.

Nigeria’s debt-service ratio (that is, interest and capital repayments on foreign debt as a ratio of exports) is officially estimated to have risen from below 10% in 1982 to 44% this year. With bankers saying this is almost certainly an understatement and actual ratio is closer to 50% and likely to exceed 60% by 1987, it’s not surprising there is growing speculation over Nigeria’s ability to make it through 1986 — let alone being forced to swallow the International Monetary Fund’s (IMF) unpalatable medicine.

Talks between Nigeria and the IMF stalled last year apparently over Nigeria’s refusal to accept the need for an immediate 25% to 30% devaluation and subsequent downwards float of at least another 20%. At stake is a three-year standby facility of around $2.5 billion which would certainly allow Nigeria to service its external debt while at the same time allowing more realistic import levels.

An IMF agreement would also enable Nigeria to reschedule its debt if need be and conclude an agreement with the export credit insurance agencies over the outstanding $2 billion of trade arrears that built up in 1982-1983.

Nigerian reluctance to swallow the IMF pill is seemingly based on the obstinate belief that oil exporters at a time of a strong US currency overvaluation won’t just go away. Sooner or later, IMF officials say, Nigeria will have to follow Mexico, Argentina and Brazil, not to mention many other African countries, along the road to IMF stabilisation programmes.

As IMF MD Jacques de Larosiere said last year: "Adjustment is inevitable." The Nigerian government seems determined to prove the IMF wrong. As one minister put it recently: "The IMF is a doctor that gives the same medicine to all its patients no matter what the ailment may be."

Unfortunately for Nigeria, the signs are that once the current cold spell ends in Europe and North America, oil prices could well come under renewed pressure. US administration officials are reportedly talking of a price of $25 a barrel, down 15% from current levels. Looking further ahead, the consensus view is that oil demand is unlikely to grow at much more than 1% annually for the rest of the decade, implying that the Opec and non-Opec oil exporters — which, of course, includes Britain — will have to face a thinner market into the 1990s.
Tembisa mayor slates TCA

THE mayor of Tembisa, Mr Lucas Mothiba yesterday lashed out at the Tembisa Civic Association (TCA) leaders, accusing them of causing confusion among the families who have settled in hostel-houses at Jiyane Section.

"The TCA enjoys issuing Press statements about matters they do not understand and even going to the extent of making threats about taking legal action. They have no right to discuss these issues of Jiyane families if they cannot come to the council, which is the authority concerned," said Mr Mothiba.

He said the 375 houses have all been occupied by families and more were still making inquiries about them. Families have agreed to buy those houses and were not forced," he said. The houses were sold for R1 800 each.

Mr Mothiba said it had been explained to all families that they would have to renovate the houses at their own expenses and if they refused them they could not claim the renovation costs from the family taking occupation of the house.

The row over the houses started this week when the secretary of the TCA, Mr Solly Ngobese, said they were going to discuss the council's conditions that residents improve the houses while they paid high rentals.
Vaal official in court on bribery charge

Mail Reporter

A FORMER deputy chairman of the Vaal Community Council appeared in the Vereeniging Regional Court yesterday on 16 counts of bribery involving R58 200.

Mr Ananias Sekhobane, 54, of Sharpeville, who appeared before Mr James Johnston, was not asked to plead and no evidence was led.

The State alleges that between 1980 and 1982, he received varying sums from residents for the allocation of business and house sites in the Seboekeng township.

Mr Sekhobane, at present a Loko Town Councillor, was also the former deputy chairman of the Trade Committee.

His case was remanded to February 6.

Earlier this week, Mr Josah Knox Matlila, the former chairman of the Vaal Community Council and also of the Trade Committee, appeared in court on related charges.

His case was also remanded to February 6.

Both men were let out on warning.
Residents won't pay increases

About 2 000 Atteridgeville residents yesterday vowed not to pay the R8,40 rent increase to be effected from March 1, and also called for the local town council to disband forthwith.

The residents, at a meeting arranged by the Saulsville/Atteridgeville Residents Organisation (ASRO) rejected the increase and accused the town council of supporting the Government's policy of apartheid. The rent increases, residents said, were channelled through to "the police force and the South African Defence Force".

The Rev David Mosoma, an executive member of Asro, lashed out at the council for having increased church tariffs. "The churches are not meant for business purposes but the council deems it fit to get profits from them", he said. The Rev Mosoma also called on the council to explain how much they collected from the residents and how much was spent.

Amid shouts of "Sibanyakini get out!" and "Away with town councillors", Mr Mosoma also lashed out at the council for implementing rent increases without consulting the residents. "We are forced to subsidise a racist regime", he said.

Speaker after speaker accused town councillors of being selfish and called for the scrapping of lodgers' fees. Residents also warned the council to first build houses and alleviate the acute housing shortage before they increased rents.

The more than 2 000 residents vowed not to pay the increased rents and instead called for the council to decrease them because of the declining economic state of affairs in the country. This decision would only be finalised after several meetings had been held in the township's wards.
Residents take Lekoa Council to law court

About 5 000 Sharpville residents yesterday resolved to take legal action against the Orange Vaal Development Board and the Lekoa Town Council over the controversial house rentals which sparked off unrest in the Vaal complex last year.

The emotion-charged meeting held at the local Communal Hall was addressed by the Civic Association's publicity secretary Mr Phillip Molefe, who said residents were angry with the board and council for their reluctance to solve the rent issue since the uprisings.

He said: "We would like to warn the council and the board that nothing will come right in the area unless they resolve the thorny issue — house rentals and other service charges."

He said that on numerous occasions they held discussions with the council and pleaded with them to reduce rentals, but this has been in vain.

Rates

"It is now clear that the council is not prepared to meet the residents' demands and we are forced to seek legal advice on this aspect.

We intend briefing our lawyers on this issue this week," he said.

Angry Vaal residents have not been paying their rates since September 3, last year — the outbreak of violence in the area. Since then the council and the board have been trying various methods persuading residents to pay their rates but this has been to no avail.

Mr Molefe said that their lawyers have already instructed both the council and the board that a proclamation under which they were forcing residents to pay rents by deducting money for rents from their pay packets was invalid.

However, he added, the parties have replied that they were bound to implement the proclamation because residents had persistently refused to pay the rents.

Mr Molefe also condemned the council for announcing that it was going to hold by-elections in those "constituencies" where councillors died during the riots or resigned from the council.

Meanwhile about 100 people attended an Inqatha meeting in Evaton township which condemned the continuous detention under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act of Mr Ishmael Tsotetsi and Thomas Nhlapi, "both executive members of the organisation."
Warning on new township police

The new township police forces, shortly to be set up under the authority of municipalities, could become personal armies which would aggravate the conflict between residents and councils, warns Wits University political scientist Dr Phillip Frankel.

He told a weekend conference called by the Alexandra Residents' Association that South African Police control of the new forces might prevent them becoming the strong-arm boys of any particular local politicians.

But it would not alter the fundamental role of the police in the townships and in South Africa at large.

"The police in South Africa are basically concerned with order, with upholding the interests of those who hold power," said Dr Frankel.

The question of administering the law ran a poor second, because that law was not based on rules and principles accepted by the majority of the people.

"In the end," he said, "when we look at the police, whether the South African Police or local authority forces, we are talking about the way the State maintains control."

CONTROL

Dr Frankel said there had been a fundamental change in the strategy of control in recent years, a move away from blatant krugadigheid and indiscriminate violence, to more subtle control involving less obvious violence.

Part of this strategy was to move away from crude ethnic divide-and-rule policies, supplementing them with a new class divide.
Pretoria council recruits police

By SOWETAN Reporter

THE ATTERIDGEVILLE Town Council has started recruiting its own police force.

The council, at its first monthly meeting this year, announced that there would be 57 posts which were formerly held by inspectors and security guards of the council.

The new law enforcement officers will be appointed to the rank of constable, sergeants, senior sergeant and a warrant officer.

Their major function would be the maintenance of law and order and the enforcement of by-laws by the council.

In another issue yesterday, the mayor, the Rev E M Sibanyoni announced that all the councillors will hold public meetings in their various wards on February 17 to discuss the R8.40 rent increases which come into effect from March 1.

The mayor also rejected allegations by the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation (ASRO) that by increasing rent, the council was supporting the Government's policy of apartheid.

"These allegations are a display of ignorance and it would be the advantage of the members of this organisation to attend the meeting convened by the councillor to know exactly what is happening with their money."
Visser speaks out on Alex

THE Government, and not municipalities, was responsible for the viability of councils, said Mr Schalk Visser, the chairman of the Sandton management committee this week.

This was his response to a request by the Alexandra Town Council for the incorporation of Sandton’s industrial areas of Marlboro and Wynberg into the township to boost the council’s coffers.

The request was made during December by the Alexandra mayor, the Reverend Sam Buti.

Mr Visser said he met Mr Buti and his delegation at Sandton last Friday but his municipality could not help because councils were a creation of the Government and it (Govt) had to see to it that they were viable.

“The request will not be tabled at our monthly meeting because the financial problem facing Alexandra council, although genuine is not of our making,” said Mr Visser.
IN A few weeks, the Alexandra Town Council will announce the rents it intends charging for the new houses it is building.

The announcement will be crucial to the future of Alexandra because it will give an early indication of the workability of the crucial redevelopment plans for this unusual township.

The Rev Sam Buti, mayor of Alexandra and prime architect of the redevelopment plans, remains confident he can provide new and improved housing for the people of the township.

Buti was asked whether he was worried about rent increases sparking off the resistance that has in other Transvaal townships, and he said: "We are not worried. We have a plan, we have told the people about it and we are being realised."

The emerging Alexandra Rents Association (ARA), however, has a strikingly different view of his plans.

It believes the announcement will prove the point it has been trying constantly to make: the scheme will benefit only the rich, while the majority of residents will be driven out by the high rents.

As the ARA said in a recent pamphlet: "Buti's Save Alexandra Party was expected to make improvements in Alexandra. It promised sub-economic housing that would cost between R18 and R30 in rent per month.

"Instead, he has cooked up a scheme to build houses that no one can afford rents of R30 per month, and his dream is not modest in proportions. He wants to develop Alexandra from a township that decayed during the last 20 years into a modern architectural masterpiece and semi-skilled workers with an income of between R200 and R300.

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Mr Buti, however, is confident they will not resist. "There are opportunists who would like to take advantage. They say people are resisting when they are not."

"People are suspicious and they will be left forever in temporary accommodation. We give them a written undertaking they can have the first available accommodation. When they have this, they are happy to move," he said.

But people in the temporary accommodation say they cannot afford the new houses offered to them.

"They are right," Mr Buti said. "We are worried about people who cannot pay for those houses, so we are working out ways and means to allow them to afford it. But I can't give you details now," he said.

When he does give the details, it will be an indication of how successful his development plans is and whether ARA's fears have been justified.

Mr Buti is going to have to pull something extraordinary out of his hat to keep rents low. If he fails, he risks adding fuel to the resistance to his grand plan.

Either way, he will set the stage for a long-term struggle in Alex over rents and housing.

It is not yet a struggle as serious as that in areas like the Vaal Triangle, but what Alex does show is that the same basic division exists in all the townships.

Even Alex, as atypical as it is, has the potential for that division to develop into more serious conflict.
IN A few weeks, the Alexandria Town Council will announce the rents it intends charging for the new houses it is building.

The announcement will be crucial to the future of Alexandria, for it will give an early indication of the workability of the council's redevelopment plan for the town.

The Rev Sam Buti, mayor of Alexandria and prime architect of the redevelopment plans, remains confident he can provide new and improved housing for the people of the township.

Asked whether he was worried about rent increases sparking off the resistance that has in other Transvaal townships, he said: "We are not worried. We have a plan, we have told people about our plan and it is being realised."

The emerging Alexandria Residents Association (ARA), however, has a strikingly different view of his plans.

It believes the rent announcement will prove the point it has been trying to make: the scheme will benefit only the rich, while the majority of residents will be driven out by the high rents.

As the ARA stated in a recent pamphlet: "Buti's Save, Alexandria Party was expected to benefit most of the improvements in Alexandria. He promised sub-economic housing that would cost between R10 and R20 in rent per month.

"Instead, he has cooked up a scheme to build houses for the elite, for people who can afford rents of R200 per month, while residents who can't afford it are in trouble."

The divide between the two views of the development plan is striking. Although Alexandria is by no means a typical Transvaal township, it is one of the last areas of black freehold property ownership - the divisions within it do not apply to those in many townships.

One of the less typical aspects of Alexandria's politics is Mr Buti, a mayor who entered the local authority structure with significantly greater credibility than most of his counterparts. One could call him a small-town Chief Butietheri.

Mr Buti is a man with a dream, and his dream is not modest in proportions. He wants to develop Alexandria from a township that decayed during the 1960s due to lack of resources and - and still, for example, use a bucket system of sewerage - into a model township, offering good and affordable housing to all its residents.

The response of his own council is: "Through development we reach for the sky."

Nobody could accuse Mr Buti of being unimaginative. Faced with the fundamental problem of all the black local authorities - a lack of sources of finance for development - he threw out an extraordinary challenge.

He asked for the incorporation of Kew, Wynberg and Milborne - the industrial areas that ring Alex - into the administration of his township. Although the idea was met with much skepticism, Mr Buti remains optimistic about its chances of success.

He is presently meeting with the industrialists of the area and hopes to meet Cabinet Ministers soon to pursue the idea.

"We are still busy with that. We have held mixed response. One understands this because it is a new concept, something very fresh and threatening to the surrounding municipalities."

If people want stable communities and if they want to give a sign of goodwill and create an atmosphere of neighbourliness, then it will work," he said.

ARA, however, is completely dismissive of the idea. It is a far-fetched dream that will not work, ARA spokesmen say. As a result, the Alex Town Council - like other black local authorities - will become dependent on high rents to finance its development.

They point out that 80% of Alex households are financed by unskilled or semi-skilled workers with an income of between R200 and R300.

According to a survey drawn by the council itself, 50% say they would not be prepared to pay more than R25 in monthly rentals. Similarly, 5% said they would be able to afford more than R50.

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ARA points out that only 5,000 residential stands and 254 flats are planned in the immediate development scheme, although there are probably more than 14,000 families in Alexandria.

The Council gets its support from Alex's small middle class and is therefore pandering to its needs, ARA argues.

The council is driving out those who can't afford the housing in order to create a middle class electorate that will support it.

The result will be a backlash and ARA believes it is the fear of this backlash that has prompted the council to investigate the formation of its police force.

Mr Buti will not talk about the controversal and expensive police force, although he appears to be basically in favour of it.

It is likely he will shelve the idea until the dust has settled and there is less of an outcry against it.

While new houses are being built, the council has decided to live temporarily in converted Potchefstroom buses or shacks, commonly known as "boxes.

Some people have been in these "temporary" constructions for over 18 months while their old houses were knocked down and new ones built.

ARA believes the new houses will cost more than most of them can afford, leaving them with the prospect of being stuck indefinitely in the temporary houses.

As a result, the bus and "zinc" areas have become strongholds of ARA, as the residents band together to fight the scheme.

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Council bars The SOWETAN

REPORTERS from The SOWETAN were barred at yesterday's monthly meeting of the Diepsmead Town Council — for the third month running.

No reasons for the refusal were given, but members of Radio and TV were allowed in and covered the proceedings. All attempts to get a clarification from the town clerk of the council have met with a rebuff.

The SOWETAN has been informed that the town clerk is in a meeting and will phone back. On other occasions we were informed that he is ill and on another he is unavailable. On Tuesday we managed to speak to a Mr Grinker who told us only the clerk could advise us on the position.

He promised to ask the town clerk to ring us back. We are still waiting for this call. According to the law all monthly meetings of the council, unless in committee stage, are open to the Press and public.

We have been barred from both public and committee meetings.
 Ultimatum for Ratanda residents

THE EAST Rand Development Board has issued pamphlets to residents in the township of Ratanda, outside Heidelberg, to make arrangements to pay all rent arrears or face eviction, according to a United Democratic Front spokesman.

The spokesman visited the township and said: "Ratanda could be another Sharpeville."

The Ratanda Council resigned en masse last year at the height of widespread unrest in black townships and, after being persuaded to return, all resigned for a second time when the issue of increased rents could not be settled.

Rent protest

Residents in the township have been refusing to pay any rent in protest against the increase and are demanding negotiations with Eradebo to discuss the issue.

The UDF spokesman said yesterday that most residents of Ratanda could simply not afford the rent, let alone the increase as well.

The simmering situation has been brought to the boil by the pamphlets which urge residents to settle their rent accounts and threaten eviction if they don't.

"The situation is very tense and we could have another Sharpeville on our hands unless something is done soon," the UDF spokesman added.
TONY MARAIS

Education needs a boost

Tony Marais is a lecturer in economics at the University of the Witwatersrand

This article serves to examine some aspects of income distribution in SA and its possible relationship to education.

The graph based on nominal earnings shows how the nominal average monthly earnings of employees in the various population groups grew between 1971 and 1983. The rate of growth of earnings for the non-white groups was greater than that for whites. The absolute earnings gap, however, clearly increased.

In Table 1, the average real earnings in various occupational categories for the two extreme groups, whites and blacks, are shown. What is again interesting is that even though the rate of increase in earnings for blacks exceeded considerably the rate of increase in earnings for whites between 1975 and 1983, the absolute gap in real terms increased marginally.

It should be borne in mind that not only were real earnings considerably lower for the black population, but also that the probability of being unemployed was far higher for blacks than for whites.

It cannot be overemphasised that the figures in the first table are averages and tend to conceal the wide differences between individuals and occupational categories. In gold mining, for example, the ratio of earnings of skilled to unskilled labour declined from 20:1 to about 5:1 in 1983, and most of those in the unskilled category were black.

In the second table the interesting relationship between the economically active members of each racial group and average annual earnings is shown. Whereas 87.4% of economically active blacks earned less than R2 400 per annum, only 10.4% of whites were in this position in 1980. Similarly, while 2.2% of economically active blacks earned over R8 400 per annum, 37.7% of whites received incomes in this category and over half of this group earned at least R12 000 per annum.

It is also noteworthy that 23% of the economically active black population earned less than R1 200 a year, while only 4.5% of economically active whites were in this position.

Individual earnings are a function of many variables including, inter alia, natural ability, socio-economic background, geographical place of employment, market luck, and education. Although education is only one variable, the "human capital" school regard it as highly important. It is interesting to consider levels of education obtained by the different population groups in SA, as shown in Table 3.

Just over 30% of the white population had received education no further than up to Standard 5 in 1980 compared to almost 86.7% of blacks in the same position.

At the other end of the scale, 11% of whites had some post-matric education, as against only 0.15% of blacks.

Of course, both "quantity" and quality of education need considering. The high pupil-teacher ratios in black education, the low qualifications of teachers, the low spending per pupil, and so on, all make for inferior black education. It is therefore not surprising to learn that blacks with specific qualifications generally earn less than their white counterparts with identical qualifications.

It would be naïve to think that increased and improved education for blacks would eliminate most of the earnings differentials between blacks and whites for there are many institutional labour market distortions in this country which serve to perpetuate earnings differentials.

Some recent studies in the US, however, have shown that there is a tendency towards parity in earnings for blacks and whites as the educational level rises. For example, U L Christian and R H Stroup (Economics of Education Review, 1981) conducted a survey of earnings in the metropolitan south and found that the ratio of black earnings to...
Soweto will get its money back

By Gary van Staden, Political Reporter

The Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr Eddy Magid, said yesterday the city's management committee has resolved to transfer net revenue from Soweto sources back to the Soweto council as soon as possible.

And, he added, a large sum was already on the point of being handed over.

Mr Magid, who was on a visit to Soweto, said that, subject to council approval, all funds from the following sources would be returned to Soweto:

- Licence fees for public service vehicles, including taxis which operated solely in Soweto.
- Traffic fines levied in the Soweto area.

Mr Magid was visiting Soweto to hand over a leather-bound attendance register to the Soweto council as a goodwill gesture from Johannesburg.

He said his council's management committee was prepared to recommend that health, fire, traffic, ambulance and other necessary services continue to be provided on an agency basis until Soweto was ready to take them over.

The fire and ambulance services could be transferred to Soweto soon, he said.

Representatives of the Johannesburg council recently met Soweto officials and discussed transfer of services and funds.

Mr Magid said that Soweto could make use of training programmes in management supervision as well as training courses offered by Johannesburg's traffic, transport and fire services departments.
Homeless squatters get tent relief

SEVEN SOWETO families whose backyard shacks were destroyed by West Rand Development Board officials last week are now living in three tents donated by the Azanian People's Organisation.

The tents were delivered at the weekend to the families living in Protea North by Dr Abu Asvat, Azapo's head of Health Secretariat.

According to the affected families, their six shacks and a Zoza were pulled down by Wradebo officials last Wednesday afternoon as a warning to other residents living in the area.

There are hundreds of shack dwellers in Protea, part of which is still zoned for coloured occupation, although it is owned by Wradebo. Last week's action and the start of a new housing scheme in Protea have raised fears that many shacks may be flattened.

Mr Lionel Ntseke, the owner of the yard in which the shacks had been erected, said yesterday he was surprised that the officials had chosen his place. He said he had asked one official why they had picked on his yard and he had been told he must not teach them their job.

He said two families were sharing each tent provided by Dr Asvat and the seventh family was being temporarily housed in his house. He said he was very grateful to the doctor who has also provided medical treatment to the children of the affected families. He said the families had lived peacefully in his premises and he would not like to see them suffer.

DR ASVAT ... donated tents.
Khoali, described by the Security Police as a 'mass', was killed in the council house this week. It was his first week of work. The police said there was no evidence of foul play.

"He was a good employee. We will miss him," said a spokesperson for the council. "We are investigating the circumstances."
Police grab council man

Mail Reporter

A MEMBER of the Katlehong Town Council was taken away yesterday by the Security Police minutes before he was to address a residents' meeting he had called to announce his resignation from civic politics. Police in Katlehong yesterday confirmed that Mr Jacob Khoali was questioned by the Security Police, but could not say if he was still being held. A family member said it was not the first time that Mr Khoali was taken away by the Security Police.

She said he was once questioned about his relationship with the youth organisation in the township. The police had told him they knew he was very outspoken and critical of any resolutions taken by the Katlehong Council.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations would not comment about the alleged detention.

Residents waited outside the Phoko Art Centre in Katlehong for Mr Khoali to address them.

A resident came to tell them that Mr Khoali had been taken away by the Security Police. The people then all left. At a council meeting last week Mr Khoali's motion that all councillors should resign immediately because residents had lost confidence in them was rejected by most councillors.

Earlier during the week, Mr Khoali told the Rand Daily Mail that he was calling yesterday's meeting and resigning because he realised that residents did not believe in councillors.
Mayor's meetings to be boycotted

MORE than 1,000 Atteridgeville/Saulsville residents yesterday resolved not to attend a series of ward meetings scheduled for February 17 by the local mayor, Mr E M Sibanyoni, to discuss the implementation of increased tariffs in the area.

At a meeting called by the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation (Aso) to discuss the proposed R8.40 tariff increase, it was also agreed that Mr Sibanyoni be urged to hold a public meeting at the local stadium. Residents stated that they were tired of people who claimed to be leaders of the community but yet feared to face them.

"We do not hate the mayor, but the black community rejects all the people who allow themselves to be used as curtains at the homes of the oppressors. Mr Sibanyoni will have to be told that the people do not want him, but that they have their true leaders who do not serve on the Government-created bodies," Mr Motlupi said. Speaker after speaker expressed dissatisfaction over the way the council ran matters which affected the lives of the people.

The increases have already been published in the Government Gazette and come into effect on March 1.

Mr Matome Mothupi, Aso's executive member, lashed out at the town council for having increased rent without consulting residents.

"We will not allow Sibanyoni to please his white employers at the expense of the poverty-stricken people of Atteridgeville. Let him call the entire community to a place where he will be in a position to explain the increases and also tell the people if he was a true representative."

By ALINAH DUBE
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Land transfer issue: Ucasa slams boards

THE URBAN Councils Association of South Africa has threatened to take legal action against the development boards for refusing to transfer land to black town councils.

Mr Zikhali Ndazi, Ucasa's national organiser confirmed yesterday that they had already briefed lawyers on the land issue and "court action" could be taken any time from now. Mr Ndazi also lashed out at the development boards and accused them of retarding the progress of black town councils and of creating "unnecessary red tape".

Land transfer

Ucasa — the national body representing black town councils and community councils, has been fighting to have the land transferred to town coun-
cils ever since the town councils came to power.

"We cannot be economically viable without land", said Mr Ndazi, who added "We need land desperately because it can serve as security for housing loans".

Dr Piet Koornhof, the then Minister of Co-operation and Development agreed to the transfer of all land to the Mamelodi Town Council at a special meeting in Pretoria last August.

Breakthrough

At the time, the decision was lauded by observers who saw it as a major breakthrough for urban blacks to run their own administrative affairs effectively.

"But the stumbling block is the development boards. They are stalling our progress despite a ruling by a Cabinet Minister," Mr Ndazi said.

At their annual conference in Mamelodi last October, Ucasa's president, Mr Steve Kgame, called on the Government to abolish development boards and to scrap the Department of Co-operation and Development. He stated that there were "too many verkrampetes and not enough virligtes" in the department and the boards.
Eradebo withdraws Ratanda eviction threat

THE East Rand Development Board yesterday withdrew its threat to evict all the residents refusing to pay increased rents in Ratanda, Heidelberg.

Last week the board issued pamphlets to residents in the township telling them to pay all rent arrears or face eviction.

During the same week the residents also received written warnings from Eradebo to settle their housing debts by the end of this week or face further action.

Rents were raised by R5.60 a month by the board which took over the running of the township when the community council resigned en masse and no candidates would stand in fresh elections last November.

The increments were introduced last October. Before then, the Ratanda residents were paying an average monthly rent of R30.

Mr J H Opperman, the senior director of Eradebo, has assured residents in the township that they should not panic as the board has decided not to evict any family failing to pay the increased rents.

He said the board was working on new plans to recover the money and that senior officials of Eradebo will be meeting families who have not paid the new tariffs.

More than 500 people decided at a meeting held in the township not to pay the new tariffs until the standard of living in the township was improved.

They also decided to boycott taxis in the area following the decision by the local taxi association to increase taxi fares from 60 cents to 80 cents per single trip to town.
KAC members claims SB harassment

SEVERAL members of the Katlehong Action Committee claim they are being harassed and threatened with detention by members of the Security Police.

They claim the harassment started last week after the Security Branch had warned them to stop calling public meetings in the township.

Among those claiming harassment are Mr John Mphule the chairman, and his deputy Mr Isaac Setoabe.

Lt T F Jefferson, a spokesman for the public relations division of the South African Police in Pretoria said “Police do not harass people but maintain law and order. If members of the organisation claim they are being harassed by the police they should go to the nearby police station, and report the matter for investigation.”

Mr Setoabe said the police have visited him, Mr Mphule and other members of the committee on several occasions since last week, warning them to stop calling public meetings and “inciting people to be against members of the Katlehong Town Council.”

He said: “We will not allow the police or any-body to intimidate us. We will continue fighting for the rights of the residents in the township.” The committee played a major role in forcing the council to suspend increased rent and service charges in the area three weeks ago. The new tariffs were introduced on January 1.

The Council had increased site rent by R4, the electricity master-plan levy “for the electrification of the township”, by R6 and business sites rents from R44 to R107.
Councillors in court

By NKOPANE MAKOBA

TWO LEKOA Town Council members and a former Vaal Community Council member appeared briefly in the Vereeniging Regional Court yesterday in connection with various allegations of bribery.

The men are Mr Johannes Knox Matjila (55), Mr Ananias Ramagonako Sekobane (52) (Lekoa councillors) and Mr Mabane Johannes Mmaakgotla (39).

The offences were allegedly committed between 1980 and 1982 during their term as members of the Vaal Community Council. Mr Matjila was chairman and Mr Sekobane his deputy. The charges arise from money received from residents for the allocation of houses and business sites in the area.

According to an earlier report, the men are the first of senior and ex-members of the Vaal Local Authority to appear in court after an article in the Sowetan Sunday Mirror last December that police were probing claims of alleged corruption involving R500 000 by the Lekoa Town Council.
Soweto Council
R26m in the red

By RICH MKHONDO

THE Soweto City Council is more than R26-million in the red.

Between July and September last year, residents were a total of R1 500 000 in arrears on their rent — an average of R543 000 a month.

The Soweto town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, said yesterday that the city council could find itself seriously in debt if residents continued to be tardy about paying their rent.

A source close to the council said some development projects could be affected if the situation was not rectified.

According to the source, the accumulated debt was affecting the repayment of the R256-million electricity loan obtained from overseas banking consortiums.

In a recent statement, the council said it was concerned at the attitude of residents when they were asked to pay the electricity levy.

Mr Malan said the council might be forced to take action against rent defaulters.

A memorandum had been submitted to the Government explaining the dilemma caused by residents' "resistance" over rent payments, and asking for further assistance to help meet loan repayments, Mr Malan said.

Among the suggestions made by the council are:
• The possibility of a direct Government subsidy to cover loan repayments;
• A State-sponsored loans redemption fund, with the council responsible only for meeting interest payments on outstanding balances;
• The raising of a new overseas loan to cover the full cost of the electrification project, which would mean existing loans could be repaid;
• That the Government, as guarantor of the loans, assume the council's liability.

In May last year, the council was in debt to the tune of R13-million and debts were rising at a rate of R2-million a month.

The new Soweto Council has inherited a huge deficit from the previous Soweto Community Council.

Mr Malan yesterday appealed to residents to pay their rent each month.
Mayor takes tough line on 'illegals'

By SYD KHUMALO

SOWETO's mayor, Mr Edward Kunene, said yesterday that all structures built by illegals in his area would be demolished.

Mr Kunene made this shock statement while other newspapers reported him yesterday as having displayed anger at the demolition of the shacks in Protea belonging to 27 people.

Mr Kunene also described Dr Abu Baker Asvat, who has been battles to get the squatters properly accommodated, as a "pain in the neck".

In an interview with The SOWETAN yesterday the mayor said that all illegal squatters and their shacks would not be tolerated by his council because the law states very clearly that if people do not qualify to be in a certain area, "the law will take its course".

Stranded families

He said that the fact that these people were taken to his house was not going to make him treat them differently from other cases. "In the first place they should not have been taken to my house — that Dr Asvat is a pain in the neck," said the mayor.

It was earlier reported that the mayor had sympathised with the shacks-dwellers who had their tents torn down by the West Rand Development Board policemen on Tuesday. The tents were provided by Azapo's health secretary, Dr Asvat.

In desperation, the stranded families went to Mr Kunene's house in Mofolo where they asked to have their plight looked into by the council with the urgency it deserved.

"We had to fetch those people at about 7 pm from Mr Kunene's house because we had been reliably told that the mayor had summoned police to take those people away from his house and back to where they came from. So I took them and they spent the night in my house at Lenz," said Dr Asvat.
BY SYD KIMMEL

MR.BROWN: SHATTERED WINDOW.

She also said that two cars were attacked.

The curtains in all three rooms were burnt.

The body was found in a room window and the

screaming could be heard from the bedroom window.

Police have confirmed.

There were two rooms, the

doors were smoke-covered.

Nothing was stolen.

There were no occupants in the home.

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Mr. Brown said it was

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There was a explosion and a

rumble heard.

One person was missing.

The windows were smashed.

The front door was

shocked.

The house was in shambles.

It was dark.

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Meetings to go on: Councillors

THE Atteridgeville Town Council has expressed its dismay at residents who at the weekend resolved not to attend ward meetings it had called.

In a statement released in Pretoria, Mr E M Sibanyoni, the Mayor, said his councillors would go on with meetings in wards they represent on February 17.

Those who boycotted or intimidated others from attending the meeting, he added, "will prove that they are not interested in discussing the affairs of the township in a democratic manner. It will mean that they preferred thuggery and bigotry."

Mr Sibanyoni was reacting to a resolution taken at a residents meeting last Sunday to discuss the implementation of the R8.40 tariff increase which comes into effect on March 1.

Residents said they would boycott his meetings and called on him to call a public meeting at the local stadium where all the people in Atteridgeville would be able to take a joint decision. They also said they wanted Mr Sibanyoni himself to explain the increases, and not other councillors.

The statements also stated that it was untrue to suggest that all residents were not in a position to pay the increased service charges.

Deserving cases, it was alleged, would be investigated by the council's welfare section and where justified, remissions would be granted.
The Mayor of Soweto, Mr Edward Kunene, was today accused of perpetrating apartheid laws such as the influx control, by throwing people out of the township.

The publicity secretary of the Soweto Civic Association (SCA), Mr Amos Masondo, said the mayor was merely implementing the influx laws by removing families from their shelter.

Mr Masondo said: "Mr Kunene had no right to kick eight families out into the rain knowing that they had no roof over their heads."

"This action has proved that he is being used by the Department of Co-operation and Development to implement influx control legislation."

He said the high rents that residents were forced to pay made even those people who qualified to live in Soweto become squatters or forced them into the homelands.
THE 350 000 Vaal rent boycotters will not be granted housing in Evaton if they are evicted from their homes, the Evaton Council decided at its monthly meeting this week.

Evaton mayor Sam Rabotapi told the meeting that the council had its own share of problems – 34 000 residents in the area were also boycotting payment for service charges.

"We cannot shoulder the Lekoa council's burden," said Mr Rabotapi.

A FACTION fight between the Vulindlu clan and Mpongo tribesmen: Police have arrested four people in Nketoza and Umbumbulu in Natal.

Fighting broke out between the two factions in what police described as a 'revenge killing'. Six men were arrested and police are patrolling the area.
ish officer spied for Russia for a total of fifteen years. He was arrested on 20 June 1985.

—Brig Gen Janneare—to whom I have already referred.

In addition we have to remember that with the present technological development in the world, identification of well-trained spies is becoming all the more difficult.

I also wish to draw attention to the fact that the SA Defence Force had practically no military and counter-intelligence infrastructure when South Africa left the Commonwealth 25 years ago. This is not something that is created overnight with all the expertise and modern apparatus, etc. required by an efficient intelligence service.

**Commodore D Gerhardt's activities**

*24. Mr S P BARNARD asked the Minister of Defence:*

Whether the activities of Commodore Dieter Gerhardt were investigated during the decade 1970 to 1980; if so, (a) when, (b) by which agency, (c) who (i) was the leader and (ii) were the other members of the investigation team and (d) what were the findings?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

Yes.

(a) At the beginning of 1975.

(b) The Military Intelligence Division.

(c) It was an investigation concerning information about certain aspects of ex Commodore Gerhardt's conduct that could have possibly constituted a security risk.

(d) The investigation produced nothing.

**New Questions:**

*Exercise Thunder Charlot*

1. The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Defence:

What was the total cost of pre-planning, including reconnaissance, for Exercise Thunder Charlot?

2. The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

R90 529.

**Commodore D Gerhardt: studies**

2. The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Defence:

(1) Whether Commodore Dieter Gerhardt attended a course at a university in the United States of America at the beginning of 1983; if so, (a) at what university and (b) on what dates;

(2) whether the South African Government or the South African Defence Force requested permission from the American Government for Commodore Gerhardt to attended the course; if not, who initiated the visit; if so, (a) why, (b) what was the response of the American Government to the request, and (c) what was the cost to the State of the visit?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

Yes.

(1) No. Ex Commodore Gerhardt did, however, depart for the United States of America under the pretext of attending a short course in his private capacity and at his own expense at the University of Syracuse.

(2) No. Ex Commodore Gerhardt himself. (a), (b) and (c) Fail away.

**South African Council of Sport**

*3. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether any officials of the South African Council of Sport applied for passports in 1984; if so, which applications were (a) granted and (b) refused?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

Particulars of passports granted or refused are not kept on the basis of the names of organizations or bodies.

**Crown Mines site: sports centre**

4. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of National Education:

(a) What progress was made in 1984 in developing a national sports centre and stadium at the Crown Mines site and (b) what further progress is it anticipated will be made in 1985?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House):

(a) During the past year emphasis was placed on the continuation of the planning of the multi-purpose stadium project. In this regard discussions were held with the NASREC Steering Committee and with prominent persons in the sport world. Presently suggestions are being awaited from the Steering Committee.

(b) (i) The suggestions in (a) will be considered on receipt thereof and the negotiations referred to, will be continued.

(ii) As regards the establishment of a science and technological centre, it is anticipated that the first stage, viz. the construction of an exploratorium, will be undertaken in the foreseeable future. There are indications that funds from the private sector will be made available for this purpose during 1985.

(iii) As part of the infrastructure, Baragwanath Road will be broadened. Some of the grass areas for parking have been completed. Entrance roads will be completed during this year.

(iv) Tenders for the construction of a theme park will probably be adjudicated during March.

(v) An investigation will be launched for a suitable site for the erection of a hotel.

(vi) It is expected that legislation will be introduced during the year regarding a railway and a railway station on the site.

(vii) As far as the exhibition centre is concerned, the first stage has been completed and the 1985 Rand Show will be presented at the site.

**Alexandra Township**

*5. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Communications:

Whether any postal facilities are available to residents in Alexandra Township; if not, why not; if so, (a) what facilities and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS:

Yes;

(a) door to door mail delivery is undertaken and a posting box is available on the corner of Twelfth Avenue and Selbourne Street. The provision of an additional posting box in Fifteenth Avenue is being considered and the Department is negotiating with the local authorities in this regard; and

(b) 30 January 1985.
3,000 pupils in arson rampage

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Unrest rocked the Seetsovile township in Kroonstad yesterday when more than 3,000 pupils set fire to homes, overturned cars and destroyed 27 businesses, leaving a trail of damage of more than R300,000.

Police used rubber bullets, tear smoke and sjamboks early yesterday as youths overturned vehicles and set them alight, destroying 18, reports Sapa.

Twenty-seven business premises were gutted by fire and 12 others were less seriously damaged, according to a Welkom police spokesman.

The home of a headmaster was one of two private houses destroyed by fire. The spokesman said the damage was estimated at R351,000.

Fourteen youths and men, and eight women, aged between 14 and 37, were arrested on charges of public violence.

Police said rioting began when almost 1,700 pupils from the Bodibeng High School left class and stoned school property and staff members' vehicles.

Splitting into smaller groups, the students marched to the Kanelo High School, where a further 1,400 students joined them.

They marched on two primary schools and chased pupils from the premises, according to the liaison officer of the Department of Education and Training (DET), Mr Edgar Possell.

Pupils then converged on the Teachers' Training College which they stoned, and damaged staff members' cars, he said. Police dispersed the rioters by noon.

Two people were seriously injured, according to the local hospital.

Meanwhile three youths were injured yesterday when the chairman of the Somerset East Community Council, Mr Joel Memene, opened fire with a shotgun on a crowd of youths stoning his house.

Later in the day three youths aged 14, 16 and 18 were arrested after they sought medical attention in Cookhouse.

According to Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, another Somerset East community council's house was also stoned. Damage was estimated at R3,000 and a youth has been arrested.

In Port Elizabeth townships yesterday, two South African Breweries trucks valued at R130,000 were destroyed by fire.

Earlier, two other vehicles were set alight. One belonged to Rammnandi Town Council.

Meanwhile police reported that 14 police vehicles were involved in stoning incidents in Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage at the weekend.
Misery for families as Eradebo smashes shacks

SHANTY SORROW

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

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Mrs Linah Thejane, whose shack was demolished, said: "The officials and policemen removed my furniture out of the shack and dumped it outside before pulling down the structure with a tractor."

"They told me that I was stubborn by refusing to move out of the shantytown and warned me that should they find me again in the area I would be arrested." said Eradeco officials.

Warning was yesterday not available for comment.

By late yesterday evening the seven families were rebuilding their shacks and had vowed not to move out of the shantytown.

SHACK SMASHED . . . Mrs Linah Thejane after her home was razed in Tsakane yesterday.
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THE Lekoa Town Council will eventually employ 289 men — over and above the South African Police — to keep order in the Vaal townships.

Recruitment of the first batch of about 30 trainees has already begun.

Town Clerk for the Lekoa Town Council, Mr Nicholas Louw, said the total staff complement for the law enforcement unit had been decided according to norms set by the Department of Co-operation and Development. It was expected it would take between three and four years to reach full complement.

Training courses will take place every three months and cater to 24 men at a time, said Mr Louw.

Referring to salaries displayed in a job advertisement for the force in a Sunday newspaper, Mr Louw said establishing the unit would be quite an expensive exercise.

He said that salaries might not be quite on a par with the South African Police, but they were not far behind.
Councillors must resign, says civic body

THE Seshego Civic Association has called on the local town councillors to resign from their seats because they have failed to represent the people's interests.

The association's leader, Mr P Malatjie, yesterday said that the councillors were "serving" themselves in the council and had forgotten the residents' plight.

Mr Malatjie pointed out that there was a shortage of homes, inefficient transport and lack of recreational facilities for residents. The councillors had promised residents these things before they were elected.

He also called on the Lebowa Government to provide better facilities for pensioners who were often made to wait for their money in long queues at payout points.

"The council should recommend to the government better methods of paying out pensioners. These people are our parents and we need to look after them," Mr Malatjie said.
2 women shot dead in unrest

Own Correspondent

Johannesburg — Two women were shot dead and another was wounded during unrest sparked off by the banning of a rent meeting in Katlehong township yesterday.

The women were with a crowd allegedly fired upon by development board policemen defending the house of a local councillor from stoning.

After being told of the banning of the meeting, more than 2,000 residents gathered outside the Methodist Church and chanted slogans before marching through the streets and setting a house and a car alight. Several cars were stoned in the unrest.

A spokesman for the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria confirmed the incidents.

Police did not react

Police did not react to the violence, and the fire brigade and East Rand Development Board police arrived two hours after the trouble started.

The spokesman said: “I cannot say whether police were there or not. All I can say is that police did not react to the incidents. They did not fire any teargas, rubber bullets or birdshot.”

In another incident, a house at which a policeman was apparently boarding was set alight. A car parked in the yard was destroyed. Damage was estimated at about R25,000.

Yesterday’s banned meeting was also called to devise ways to urge councillors to resign.

Last week several cars and a beer hall were stoned after a commemoration service in memory of Emma Sethkele, who was killed during the unrest in Pretoria last year.

Since a meeting last month at which councillors were stoned and barricaded while trying to speak on rent and service-charge increases, the proposed increases have been suspended indefinitely.

Meanwhile a striking bus driver, one of a group of about 226 men who went on strike at a Margate transport company at the weekend, was killed when a bus they were stoning went out of control and struck him.

Driver fired

Another bus also careered out of control and smashed into a bus shelter, seriously injuring a black woman who was taken to hospital.

Police said the trouble at the Umzimkulu Bus Company started on Friday after management fired a bus driver for alleged misconduct.

Bus drivers and supervisors allegedly went on a wildcat strike and began stoning passing cars and buses. Damage to eight buses and one car was estimated at R12,000.

The Port Shepstone reaction unit used tear smoke to disperse the crowd.

Four men were arrested and will appear in court on charges of intimidation and malicious damage to property.

The names of the dead and injured have not yet been released.
Soweto council revokes indaba's decision

THE SOWETO CITY Council has revoked its controversial ban on political meetings in the area.

This was disclosed yesterday by the Soweto mayor, Mr Edward Kunene, who added that "as far as I am concerned that ban is no longer in existence."

Last November, the council's management committee resolved that all political meetings in the area be banned unless permission from the council and the police has been granted. In terms of the resolution, which would have resulted in a bureaucratic snarl-up before permission for meetings to be held in Soweto is granted, applications for meetings were to be forwarded to local councillors, senior superintendents and police station commanders.

Recommendations from the officials would then be forwarded to the chief magistrate of Johannesburg.

Mr Kunene said yesterday the resolution — although adopted by the management committee — had never been implemented, quoting as an example the recent UDF rally held in the area to honour Nobel Peace Prize laureate Bishop Desmond Tutu.

"But we would expect political organisations to, at least, inform us beforehand whenever they are to hold meetings in the area," the mayor said. Initially, the committee said it carried the motion because of "the continued tense situation threatening lives of everybody which flows from — among other things — the coming into existence of the UDF."
CANDIDATE: One of the candidates for the vacant Ward 18 in White City Jabavu which was vacated by the late Mr Edward Manyosi, Mr Victor Prince Mbatha, greets the people he is likely to lead though he was booed.

Rumpus at Sofasonke

By SYD KUMALMO

THE battle for the late Councillor Edward Manyosi's seat took a dramatic turn when an election meeting turned into violence at the Mavis Isaacson Hall, White City Jabavu, yesterday.

The meeting was called by Councillor Charles Lengene who had invited other councillors to attend. The main aim of the meeting was to report back to his ward about the latest from the council and introduce the two candidates contesting for the seat.

Councillors in attendance included the deputy mayor, Mr Lucas Tshabangu, Mr M A Ramaitie, Mr Lazarus Nhoko, Mr Siegfried Manthata, Mr Joseph Khumalo, Mr Voli Khosa and Mr M K Kagadi.

About an hour after the meeting had started, Sofasonke Party members entered the hall with their chairman, Mr Johnson Mokoena. When they walked in, Councillor Manthata was on the floor. The mood changed when Mr Manthata made reference to councillors who promised to bring down the rent to five rand.

The Sofasonke women started screaming and shouting insults at Mr Manthata. "You are a sell-out and you don't know what you are talking about, sit down", they yelled.

Guns

Things got out of control when some of the Sofasonke members jumped onto the stage and manhandled some of the councillors.

As the meeting was gradually getting out of control, some of the officials and councillors were seen brandishing guns. But Mr Mokoena assisted by the controversial Cleophas "Oupa" Motlana, managed to quell the storm and pleaded with the people to get back into the hall "and behave".

When the police arrived at the hall, the violence had subsided with most of the people back in the hall after Mr Mokoena had pleaded with them to "cool down".

Mr Victor Mbatha (55), an independent candidate, and Mr Moses Ditshego (52), Makgotla Party under Mr Manthata's leadership, were introduced to the house. They were both booed and told "we don't want you, there's nothing you know about Jabavu".

When the Sofasonke candidate for the ward, Mr Mokoena, was officially announced the hall nearly came tumbling down with ululating and shouts of "Mokoena, Sofasonke".
Sibanyoni under fire

By ALINAH DUBE

THE Atteridgeville Town Council's decision to call ward meetings after tariff increases had already been gazetted was meant to undermine the local community's intelligence, the local mayor Mr E M Sibanyoni was told yesterday.

This was said by angry residents at a Ward One meeting held at the Seithogo Square. The meeting was to announce the implementation of the R8.40 tariff hikes to be effected on March 1.

Residents accused Mr Sibanyoni of "treating us like small kids". They also queried the publishing of the proposed increases in the Government Gazette before they were consulted. That, they added, would make it difficult for them to fight the move, as the council's decision has been made law.

The meeting was poorly attended and consisted mostly of elderly people and members of local civic bo-

dies. At some stage, the meeting nearly lost control as members of the audience shouted: "We will not pay increased rent," and "Away with Black Local Authorities."

The mayor then startled residents when he said he had power to reverse the council's decision to increase rents, even after the gazetting. But his statement sparked off sharp reaction from some of the people who criticised him of being up to "silly tricks."

How are we expected to have trust in Mr Sibanyoni after he has recently admitted in a newspaper report that he had limited powers," a resident asked.

A youth who identified himself as a representative of local students told Mr Sibanyoni that there would be trouble if their parents paid increased tariffs.
Violence sweeps the East Rand

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The homes of four policemen were attacked and gutted, vehicles were set alight and delivery vans stoned and looted as a wave of unrest hit the East Rand townships yesterday.

Violence was also reported at Crossroads near Cape Town and New Brighton near Port Elizabeth.

Offices of the East Rand Development Board in Duduza were attacked and stoned by hundreds of youths. Police fired rubber bullets and birdshot and used tear smoke to disperse the rampaging youths.

The violence flared after residents started dumping buckets of excrement at the local Council Offices. It was done to protest against the toilet-bucket system in use in the township.

A mob of more than 200 youths attacked the home of Constable William Musi on near 11am yesterday as he was patrolling the township with a squad of police. They stoned and set fire to his house, causing damage estimated at about R12,000. Mrs Elizabeth Msibi, the detective's mother, narrowly escaped death by running out through the back door.

Youths also stoned and set fire to the home of an East Rand Board police officer, Constable Simon Marajane. The house was gutted.

Police confirmed that in one section of the township, armed police in an armoured vehicle sambeked a group of about 400 youths who were stoning passing vehicles. Other groups were dispersed by tear smoke and rubber bullets.

Drivers of buses were refusing to enter Duduza yesterday after several vehicles had been attacked, stoned and looted in the township.

In Port Elizabeth's township of New Brighton, small groups of rioters roamed the streets early yesterday, attacking the drivers of two delivery vehicles, police said. One driver was robbed and the other injured.
New union will fight for 'maternity leave'

THE newly-formed South African Black Municipal and Allied Workers' Union's women unit has resolved to intensify their fight for maternity leave and to mobilise women in trade unionism.

The resolution was taken at the launching of the unit at a meeting attended by over 200 people at the Ipelegeng Centre, Soweto, at the weekend.

The emotion-charged meeting took this decision after complaints by most participants that women were often dismissed from their jobs when they go on maternity leave.

Maternity leave has become a contentious issue in recent days as trade unions press to include it when negotiating for recognition agreements with management.

Liquor boycott

The meeting also resolved to intensify the boycott of the Orange-Vaal Development Board's liquor outlets in an attempt to pressurise the board to re-employ 30 sacked workers at Jwala-Ba Sesotho depot near Sebokeng.

The workers were dismissed after going on strike demanding the reinstatement of their colleagues.

The union has since declared a dispute with the board over the issue.

Other resolutions include:

- Intensifying education and political awareness among women;
- To encourage more women to participate in trade unionism; and
- To fight for women's rights in the industry.
FOUR members of the Seeisoville Town Council yesterday resigned from their seats because of a call made by residents and the lack of protection from the Government.

The SOWETAN has established the names of two of the councillors. They are Mr C Mfazi and Mr A P Lelafo.

The resignation of the four was kept a secret. One of the councillors, Mr Mfazi declined to discuss his resignation and that of the three other councillors.

He told The SOWETAN he would issue a statement at a later stage.

A reliable source close to the council told The SOWETAN that four councillors handed in their resignation letters at 11 am yesterday. He said that there was a possibility that more councillors in the area would resign before the end of the week. There are 15 members in the Seeisoville Town Council.

The tiny Kroonstad township was gripped by violence last week when the local community went on the rampage. Last week the unrest in the township claimed the lives of two youths, Andrew Makoko and Victor Matches. Mr Matches was buried on Monday.
Now squatters get reprieve

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE East Rand Development Board (Eradebo) has temporarily suspended the removal of the 300 families staying in Tsakane's Silvertown shantytown to a new section in the township.

At the same time the board promised to provide the families with alternative accommodation, possibly four-roomed houses. The suspension of the removals follows talks between the board's officials and the Tsakane Homeseekers ad-hoc Committee held recently in the township.

The families were to be resettled at the “First Stop” Site and Service by the end of the month.

Mr F E Marx, chief director of the board, confirmed the suspension of the removals pending further talks between the two parties. He said: “We have suspended the removal pending further talks and at the same time we are looking at the possibility of erecting four-roomed houses to accommodate the families.

"At this moment I cannot give you any further information until the board has met to discuss the fate of the squatters."

Mr Viki Mkhonza, the chairman of the ad-hoc committee added that the board also promised to stop conducting the pre-dawn raids at the squatter camp until both parties agreed on the future of the squatters.

Last week Tuesday Eradebo officials and policemen pulled down seven shacks and arrested several people after the squatters had allegedly refused to be moved to the new site and service scheme. Each family was required to pay R3 500 for a site at the new section.

- The money includes building material for two rooms and a toilet and also for the infra-structure which include water facilities.

Most squatters interviewed by The SOWETAN said they were happy and relieved to learn that they will not be moved from the shantytown at least for now.
The Lekoa Town Council has suffered another setback with the resignation of a Zamdela councillor who claimed that the Black Local Authorities Act (BLA) had failed urban blacks.

Mr Jones Tsoai, who is regarded as "mayor" in Zamdela township near Sasolburg, also slammed the council for causing the recent uprisings in the Vaal Triangle by not reducing house rentals.

The council and the Oranje-Vaal Development Board have come under heavy fire from residents and community leaders.

Mr Tsoai told The SOWETAN yesterday that he was "disillusioned" with the council and the BLA because the residents had lost confidence in the councillors who, inter alia, have been accused of corruption.

Other reasons which Mr Tsoai advanced for his resignation include: Zamdela needs its own council; the reduction of rents; alleged corruption in the council; the control of the council by OVDB; and allocation of business sites to "councillors' favourites."
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     - School Buildings and Equipment: £B
     - Textbooks and Stationery: £C
   - Higher Education:
     - Scholarships: £D
     - Research and Development: £E

2. For the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour:
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     - International Trade: £G
   - Industry Development:
     - Manufacturing: £H
     - Service Sector: £I
   - Labour Market:
     - Employment Programs: £J
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The Appropriation Bill also includes funds for other purposes, including public works projects, social welfare programs, and defence. The total budget for the fiscal year is £XX million.
### Development and Education

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- **Secondary Education:** Prepares students for tertiary education.
- **Vocational Training:** Offers skills-based training for employment.
- **University:** Provides higher education and research opportunities.

### Section B: Development and Education

- **Primary Education:** Essential for national development.
- **Secondary Education:** Critical for workforce development.
- **Vocational Training:** Important for skill development.
- **University:** Vital for knowledge advancement.

### Section C: Development and Education

- **Primary Education:** Key for poverty reduction.
- **Secondary Education:** Necessary for economic growth.
- **Vocational Training:** Essential for employment generation.
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Try to help — and not to rob!

VAAL residents recently won an important victory when an employer backed down on his controversial decision to deduct rent arrears from his employees' pay packets.

The employer decided at the last minute not to defend the case in the Supreme Court — and agreed to reimburse all the money he had deducted to date.

This case should never have been brought before the courts. That it was brought, indicates once more that officials and employers in the area still do not have the sensitivity to understand the real problems facing those communities.

"To take money from a man without his consent — to pay for a cause he disagrees with — is robbery."

It is also an assault on his conscience.

Employers are not there to be rent collectors. The least they could do to help solve the situation — in their own self-interest — is to use their resources and offices to bring about meaningful dialogue in an effort to break the year-long rent crisis.

After the turbulence of the past few months, the Vaal has been going through a comparatively calm period. But the atmosphere is still loaded with tension — and it would be in everybody's interest that people watch their tongues and actions.
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An analysis of the rent increase, which Mayor Michael Nkosinathi announced, was discussed in the press. The涨 of the rent for a 3000 square foot house in the Eastern Townships was set at 10%. This decision to increase the rent was met with much controversy and anger among the residents. The outbreak came after a heated meeting in the local community hall, where the residents voiced their concerns about the high cost of living and the lack of affordable housing options. The protest went on for days, with thousands of people joining in to demand a rollback in the rent increase.
Bribery hearing is postponed

THE case against two Lekoa Town Council members in which they face four counts of bribery or alternatively corruption involving R10 000 was yesterday postponed to Monday.

Appearing before Mr J F F Verwey were Mr Johannes "Knox" Matjila, (55), and Mr Ananias Ramogonako Sekobane, (52). They were not asked to plead to the charges. This was in the Vereeniging Regional Court.

The offences were allegedly committed between March, 1980 and April, 1981 during their term as members of the Vaal Community Council. Mr Matjila was chairman and Mr Sekobane his deputy.

The charges arise from money they allegedly received from the residents for the allocation of business sites in the area.
Wradebo takes a historic stand

By SY MAKARINGE

In a historic move, the West Rand Development Board yesterday agreed to transfer land and all fixed assets within Soweto City Council's area of jurisdiction to the council.

But the agreement was signed between the two parties on the understanding that the selling of bottle stores in Soweto, which are administered by the board, be delayed until the council had met with the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen.

The other Greater Soweto councils, Diepmeadow, and Dobsonville, are expected to make similar announcements in the not-too-distant future.

The main significance of yesterday's agreement, signed by Mr Edward Kunene, mayor of Soweto, and Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the board, is that the council can now enter into an agreement with any other organisation for the purpose of selling houses in accordance with Government policy.

This agreement follows months of wrangling between the council and Wradebo after the former resolved in July last year that all assets be transferred to it in terms of the Black Economic Empowerment Act.

Some of the councilors, however, are not happy with assets being transferred with immediate effect as councilors were not given enough time to study the report.

Mr EDWARD KUNENE signed agreement.

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Full racing card for tomorrow's meeting at Germiston on page 27.
One more ER council collapses

The Tsakane councillors who resigned are Mr Robert Thuketana (chairman), Mr Joseph Ntlatathiti, Mr Walter Moloto, Mr Obed Ratau and Mr Thomas Masonbuka. 

Three other councillors, Mr M P Buthelezi, Mr S C Masilo and Mr M Ntlou are still serving in the council but, as they do not form a quorum, decisions they take may not be valid.

A spokesman for the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo) yesterday confirmed the resignation of the five councillors. He said they handed in their letters of resignation yesterday morning. In the letters the five stated that due to pressure from the residents and the safety of their families, they cannot continue serving in the council.

They also stated that it had come to their notice that residents had rejected them and no longer had confidence in them.
Council using 'dirty tricks'

By THEMBA MOLEFE

A FORMER town councillor in the Vaal Triangle said this week the Lekoa Town Council was "using dirty tactics" to hurt him for resigning after electricity at his shop was allegedly cut off by three armed council officials who demanded he should pay rent arrears.

Mr Jonas Tsoai, of Zamdela, Sasolburg, resigned from the council in February this year saying it did not serve the interests of the residents and was unpopular in the township.

He said that three white men arrived at his shop in Zamdela last Monday morning demanding shop rental arrears and when he told them he was afraid of being attacked by arsonists one of them went to an electrical substation outside his shop and cut off the supply.

Mr Tsoai said the men told him they were employed by the Lekoa Town Council and dismissed his explanation as nonsense.

His shop went without lights between 10am and 4pm during which he used a generator he had hired for R35.

Mr Tsoai said his premises were singled out among 12 other shops in Zamdela.

He said an informant close to the council told him the Lekoa Town Council was bitter about his resignation and wanted to hurt him in turn.

Decision

"The Town Council and its agents are out to frustrate me and I will not rescind my decision regardless of the dirty tactics they want to use to get me back."

Mr Nicholas Louw, town clerk of the Council, said this week that Mr Tsoai was not singled out among Zamdela residents, as the whole township experienced cuts for two hours on Tuesday, because of repairs.
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Pta deputy mayor urges Council to ‘unite for peace’

The deputy-mayor of Pretoria, Mr V G Mathebula — amid strong rumours that he is also due to resign because of the present rift in the Town Council — yesterday made a passionate plea to local councillors to unite for the sake of peace.

Speaking at the council's monthly meeting Mr Mathebula said: “I appeal to all the councilors to bury the hatchet and unite. I also think that there are many things in this township that need our attention.

The Rev Sibanyoni, leader of the Khuthu Party, yesterday told the council that he was forced to resign because of the “split” in the council. Another factor that made him resign was the motion of no confidence tabled by the council against him as mayor and against the management committee of which he was chairman.

“I will not be surprised if the deputy mayor also steps down from his post tomorrow,” Mr Sibanyoni said.

Mr Mathebula, when asked to comment yesterday, replied: “not today.” He declined to comment further.

The council also announced that R632 700 would be spent by the council on the development of 161 residential sites at Atteridgeville Extension 2 near the Kwalafong Hospital. The first 39 sites, costing R181 500, are expected to be developed and completed by the end of September. The second phase of the development, which includes 65 sites and costing R233 000, would be completed at the end of the year.

R218 200 has been earmarked for the development of a further 57 sites scheduled to be completed at the end of March 1986.

The council, which has embarked on a R2m electricity upgrading project yesterday, warned residents that there will be frequent power blackouts during the next two months.
Council silent after theft probe

THE Soweto City Council’s probe into allegations of theft involving more than R500 000 of township property, has seemingly faded with time.

No-one to date has been brought to book in connection with the theft allegations, almost a year after senior council members announced that they had uncovered a massive racket spanning years and involving thousands of rands.

No charge was laid with the police although eight officials had been implicated in the alleged racket. They got away scot-free. The officials were transferred to the employ of the West Rand Development Board in the wake of the theft allegations.

The whole saga has sparked questions in some quarters whether the City Council, by not reporting the matter to police, was not guilty of hiding skeletons in its cupboards. A council-appointed commission of inquiry has to date not reported its findings to a council meeting.

Conflicting statements have emerged since several Soweto councillors and a senior council official claimed at Sowasone Party meetings last year, that they had uncovered a massive racket spanning several years and involving thousands of rands. The racket is alleged to have taken place within the council’s Cleaning Department, where a senior official was reported to have been caught red-handed removing documents from the Zondi depot.

**Chase**

There were also reports of the mayoral car being used in a James Bond-like chase in Soweto streets on July 25, to pursue a white official suspected of mishandling thousands of rands worth of township property. The property allegedly stolen in the racket included: 18 trucks (each worth R32 320), overalls, garden tools, building material and other maintenance items.

At the height of the exposure councillors spoke freely of the scandal. All expected the suspects to appear in court soon. A council meeting was promised more details. Journalists were told a press conference would be held.

But, after a few days, everybody slammed his mouth shut. Councillors who earlier had been speaking of scandal, fraud and theft, all of a sudden had “seen nothing, heard nothing and knew nothing”. It was as if instructions had come from above that the whole matter be hushed up.

**Racket**

The Soweto Police were asked for their comment. CID chief, Brigadier J J Viktor, told The SOWETAN that no complaint had been received from the council. He claimed he had also sent men to the town clerk but was told there had been no theft.

While black councillors did not deny the theft, they refused to talk about it. They either referred journalists to white officials of the council or to the board.

Town clerk Mr Nico Malan at the time denied the theft allegations — saying the council took strong exception to such reports. Some councillors and a senior council official, despite Mr Malan’s denials, disclosed details of the alleged racket in public meetings last year.

Council director Mr Gilbert Briscoe, whose Parks and Recreation Department was implicated in the theft allegations, last week said: “There was no such theft in my department.”

Asked about the eight white officials transferred after the allegations, Mr Briscoe said these officials had rejoined Wradebo “after there was a bit of unpleasantness over the matter”.

Mr Letsatsi Radebe, who headed the commission of inquiry, would not be drawn into discussing the report. He said the report had been completed and would “soon” be tabled at a council meeting.
The Soweto City Council yesterday resolved that the coloured residents of Noordgesig on the border of Soweto must be removed from the township and resettled elsewhere.

The council also decided at its monthly meeting to urge the Government to resettle the residents, and to withdraw the permission the council previously granted for them to stay.

The Soweto mayor, Mr. Edward Kupano, said: "We need Noordgesig. We need it badly. And we do not need it with coloureds."

"We have about 20,000 people on the waiting list for housing in Soweto. It is a waste of time our coloured brothers and sisters trying to remain in the area. There is apartheid in this country and they have their areas."

The only opposition came from former mayor Mr. Ephraim Tshabalala and the leader of the Makgotla Party, Mr. Siegfried Manthatha, who said the decision was a step backwards.
I'm being crucified

— Matjila

Mr Matjila and Mr Sekobane pleaded not guilty on the two counts.

Former sergeant Stalin Mpila of Zamdela told the court he was approached by Mr Matjila, who demanded R3 000 for a business site he wanted.

Mr Matjila allegedly told him to give the cash to Mr Sekobane. "Matjila knew I was a cop and perhaps feared to demand the R3 000 bribery money directly from me," he said.

Another witness, Joshua Motha, said he saw red when he was told to hand over R600 so the ownership of his deceased son's shop could be transferred under his name.

Mr Motha told a man allegedly sent by Mr Matjila to collect the R600 "to go to hell" at the Orange-Vaal Administration Board offices where he was to be interviewed by the council's Trade Committee for the business license.

Liquor representative Dan Motha who had acted as a go-between to get his friend Mr Motha the business transaction, said attempts to negotiate with Mr Matjila fell through when Mr Motha refused to pay the R600 council for Matjila demanded.


CUSA backs workers

THE COUNCIL of Unions of SA will hold a support meeting on July 6 for 44 workers dismissed at Tromp's Potchefstroom plant last April

Cusa general secretary Pierosh Camay said all Cusa affiliates and Fosatu and UDF unions have been invited to the meeting.

Meanwhile the Ikageng village council has turned down Cusa's request to exempt workers from paying rent or lodgers' fees.

Ikageng mayor Gabriel Moraladi said it would cause a "deficit in the council's coffers" if they exempted people.
**Huhudi grenade attack**

By RAYMOND MASHAO

POLICE are investigating a series of hand grenade attacks on the homes of two members of the Huhudi Community Council and the home of a policeman at the weekend.

Huhudi township, near Vryburg in the northern Cape, was rocked by the hand grenade explosions in the early hours of Saturday morning.

A spokesman for the police directorate in Pretoria said one of the two grenades thrown at the home of the chairman of the Huhudi council, Mr J Dikole, exploded and injured his 42-year-old wife.

Simultaneously two hand grenades were thrown at the house of a police sergeant and another at the home of council vice-chairman, Mr P Thiba.

There were no other injuries. Mrs Dikole was reported to be in a satisfactory condition in a Vryburg hospital.

Police said they did not know who was responsible for the bombings.
Mayor refutes claim
Ekangala residents in protest threat

By MIKAYISE EDOM

RESIDENTS in Ekangala, near Breakhorstspruit, have threatened to stop paying their monthly house rents as from Friday, if the Government goes ahead with its plans of incorporating the township into the KwaNdebele homeland.

Residents took this decision at a meeting held at the weekend following the Government's announcement two weeks ago that the whole of Ekangala will be incorporated into the tiny homeland.

Initially, when the township was erected last year it was divided into two parts; one part for Ndebele speaking families and the other for non-Ndebeles.

At the time, Mr F E Marx, the chief director of the East Rand Development Board (Era-depo), said only the sec-

tion where Ndebeles were staying would be incorporated in KwaNdebele.

But the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, announced two weeks ago that the Government has decided to incorporate the whole township into KwaNdebele. He assured non-Ndebeles that their urban rights would not be affected by this move.

A spokesman for the Ekangala Civic Association told The SOWETAN yesterday that it was decided at the meeting to stop paying rent until the Government reviewed its earlier plans of incorporating the whole of the township into KwaNdebele.

He said: "When we came to Ekangala we were assured that only the section housing Ndebeles would be incorporated into the homeland. This is news to us that the whole of the township will now fall under the homeland and by refusing to pay rent we will be showing our feelings and protest against the Government decision."
Pitje decides to stay

By MONK NKOMO

MR H M PITJE, the former mayor of Mamelodi, who threatened to resign from the town council because of differences with other members, has decided not to resign, he told The SOWETAN yesterday.

"I changed my mind after large numbers of residents approached and urged me not to resign," Mr Pitje said yesterday. Most residents, he added, felt he still had the potential to help solve their problems as well as to highlight irregularities within the council. Mr Pitje has in the past had heated arguments during monthly council meetings with a number of councillors, including the mayor, Mr Alex Kekana on controversial issues, especially those discussed "in committee".

He has also come under attack from the council which accused him of criticising them openly in the Press.

At their meeting last month, Mr Pitje together with another councillor, Mr Joe Hlongwane, abstained from the mayoral election saying they had no confidence in the mayor and his deputy. Mr Pitje also lashed out at the two leaders and declared in the meeting that "both of you are not doing your job."
Alexandra council to aid needy students

By ALI MPHAKI

The Alexandra Town Council this week recommended in their monthly meeting to offer bursaries to needy students who want to further their education at universities and high schools.

The council also recommended to start a vocational guidance programme where they will engage qualified people who will explain to the pupils the various courses and degrees offered at technikons and universities.

The meeting resolved to consult with the Department of Education and Training over the diversification of subjects at schools, as to make it possible for pupils to follow whatever career they may wish to.

Chairman of the council, the Rev Sam Buti, said: "I am very happy that this has come about. This is a new thing to happen in Alexandra. I am thankful to God about this. For the first time, something is to be done concerning needy students."

The council also agreed to employ the services of a qualified social worker for the township.

Anti-theft burglar bars will also be installed in houses, the council resolved.
Kwa Thema councillors ousted

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

CONTROVERSIAL Kwa Thema councillor, Mr H H Ngakane and another councillor Mr Ninrod Luthi, were yesterday ousted from the Executive Management Committee of the Kwa Thema Town Council.

The two were removed from their position at a special meeting held at the council's chambers at 9 am, after council members alleged they were retarding the progress of the council.

Mr Ngakane, a former mayor, was the committee's chairman and Mr Luthi was his deputy.

The committee is now left with only one member, Mr Charles Lesin. Mr J M L Steyn, the Kwa Thema town clerk confirmed that the two councillors have been kicked out of the executive management committee after they had "stalled the progress of the council." Mr Steyn said they were removed under Section 20 (7) of the Black Local Authorities Act.

Resolution

This Act states that a member of the executive committee may at any time be removed from office as a member of the executive by a resolution passed at the meeting of a local authority by a majority of all the members of the local authority. Mr Steyn said two new members to replace the ousted ones will be elected by the council at a special meeting next Thursday.
ER mayor resigns

THE terms of office in the Katlehong Town Council for opposition councillor, Mr Jacob Khoali, and mayor, Mr Albert Khumalo, came to an end this week.

This was disclosed at the council's monthly meeting on Tuesday. Mr Khoali is still in detention under the country's security laws.

Mr Khoali was detained by the Security Police three weeks ago. He is being held under Section 30 of the Internal-Security Act. Both men had submitted their letters of resignation to the council last month, stating they will officially resign from their seats on Tuesday, February 26.

While Mr Khoali resigned from the council, Mr Khumalo only resigned as mayor. He will continue serving in the council as an ordinary councillor.

Mr Khumalo, who refused to disclose reasons leading to his resignation as mayor, told The SOWETAN yesterday that the council accepted their resignation at the meeting.

In his letter of resignation, Mr Khoali said he was leaving civic politics because he had realised that councillors were "very unpopular". He also stated that he was resigning because of a call made by residents and the lack of protection from the Government.

Mr Khoali is the fourth councillor to resign on the East Rand in the past seven days. Last week Thursday three members of the Duduza community council, Mr Steven Namane, Mr Agrippa Mthethwa, and Mr Samuel Makopo resigned from their seats after claiming the council was a toothless organisation.
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EVICTION THREATS FOR JORAC 3

THE HAMBANATI community council is threatening to evict three Joint Rent Action Committee members claiming they are "not living under family conditions". Jorac treasurer Ian Mkhize, chairman Richard Cunide and Linda Jack were served with the notices this week. Unless they satisfy the council within seven days that they are "living under family conditions", superintendent A Ngwenya will go ahead with the cancellation of their permits to reside in Hambanati, says one of the notices.

Mr Mkhize and 25 other families fled their homes last August in the wake of clashes between supporters of Inkatha and the UDF. The Hambanati Residents' Association has condemned the council's action.
Shack-dwellers in protest

BY SIPHO NCOBO

HUNDREDS of shack-dwellers at Silvertown, Tsakane, near Brakpan, marched on the local council offices yesterday to protest against the housing scheme offered by the East Rand Development Board.

The shack-dwellers are refusing to move from their shacks to the new site and service scheme area.

They gathered in the community hall and a councillor who was fetched from his home to address them said nothing could be done as the matter needed the attention of the full council as well as Mr F.E. Marx, chief director of the East Rand Development Board.

The march followed a meeting last week between the Tsakane Homeowners' Ad Hoc Committee — a group representing the residents — Mr Marx and the Tsakane Community Council.

The board made several proposals to the shack-dwellers.

However, the residents rejected the proposals, saying the scheme was too expensive and some of them could not afford it.

Among the board's proposals were that:

- It would differentiate between people and families in the economic and sub-economic income groups;
- Two-bedroom houses would be built for the sub-economic group and these could be extended by the residents;
- People would be responsible for paying the normal site rental, water tariffs and other charges.

The residents said yesterday that the two-bedroom houses were too small and that they wanted to be housed in the four-roomed houses as initially promised by the board.

They also said they did not want to be classified according to economic income groups.

They called for another meeting between them, the council and the board.
Let's open our doors, says Boya

By SYD KHUMALO

DAVEYTON Mayor, Mr Tom Boya, yesterday appealed to all councils to allow organisations which do not agree with government-created bodies to use all council facilities when he addressed the Congress of the Diepkloof Meadowlands Peoples Party at the Diepkloof Hall.

This was the first congress of the MDPP which was formed in March last year. This party is the official opposition in the Diepkloof Council and is led by Mr M J Khumalo who is also the national treasurer of the Urban Councils' Association of South Africa (Ucasa).

Mr Boya, who is also vice-president of Ucasa and president of the East Rand Urban Councils Association (Eruca), highlighted the fact that councillors needed to have a healthy method of communication with their constituencies if they hoped to serve the people earnestly.

In his presidential address, Mr Khumalo said the creation of opposition parties in the urban councils was a necessity. "I feel that as long as the parties are not created as a means for position managing they must help the people to challenge some of the things that could otherwise be unchallenged and as long as they are politically constructive and mature, let them flourish with every council."

Mr Khumalo also said that he was extending an invitation to all other organisations whose outlook is to fight the system that is unjust.

Mr Boya said that the Government is run accidentally. "If you look at all the people who run the Government you'll find that they all came to this country by accident."
Residents out cry over councilor

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TOWNSHIP TERROR

The Reverend Sam Buti, chairman of the Alexandra Council, is one of the latest victims of political violence in urban black townships. His home was attacked by mourners returning from a funeral. In addition, three Putco buses were set alight by ‘mourners’ returning from the funeral service of Vincent Tsahabala, an ANC guerilla shot dead by security police.

A group of about 300 people singing freedom songs broke away from the main body of over 2,000 mourners and attacked Buti’s house.

Buti, a former president of the SA Council of Churches and one of the most respected of urban black politicians, has alienated the militants by participating in civic politics.

Since September last year, pressure has been put on black urban councillors to resign. This crippled some councils whose members resigned en masse.

At least four councillors were killed in Sebokeng. Others in the PWV area had their homes either petrol-bombed or burnt. As a result, numerous resignations have been reported in the East Rand townships of Tembisa, Katlehong, Vosloorus and Randfontein, where council members also resigned en masse late last year.

The object seems to be to cripple municipal government in black areas. If people cannot be dissuaded from participating in government created institutions through accusations of ‘collaboration’ they have to be frightened off.

The pity of it is that for the first time, black local councils are receiving meaningful powers.

TUCSA

Still headhunting

The Trade Union Council of SA (Tucsa) is still looking for a general secretary — nine months after the death of veteran trade unionist Arthur Grobbelaar.

Grobbelaar, who headed Tucsa for 30 years, died just before the organisation’s annual conference in September last year.

No decision about his successor was made then and Ruth Imrie was appointed acting general secretary. Earlier this year, however, the post was advertised.

Tucsa was due to announce the name of the new incumbent after a meeting of its national executive committee last week. However, a Tucsa vice-president and general secretary of the Artisan Staff Association, Willie van der Merwe, says no decision was made. “There was a big response to our advertisements, but a lot of the people

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Superintendents over react says Kunene

By LEAH MATLARE

TOWNSHIP superintendents who have been evicting residents from their homes because of electricity arrears are acting above the law, Soweto's mayor Mr Edward Kunene has said.

Mr Kunene expressed shock to learn that families have been evicted from their homes for failing to settle their electricity bills. He added that people could only be evicted for not paying rent.

"Even in the case of rent arrears, the superintendent cannot simply evict families summarily, but has to inform the councillor of the ward concerned first, who can then approach the family to investigate their difficulties. It is only when all else has failed that an eviction is effected," Mr Kunene said.

The Petersen family of Orlando West owed R240 for electricity and had their property impounded and were threatened with eviction.

A member of the family, Miss Eunice Petersen, said council officials removed pets, pans, bedroom suites, the fridge and also removed plates from the coal stove to ensure that the family could not use the stove.

She said the family was up to date with their rent payments but had fallen back with the electricity account.

"They have given us seven days to pay up and have threatened to cancel our tenancy if we don't pay up," a distressed Miss Petersen said.

A section of the Housing Act stipulates that a local authority must either bring a court action or give written notice of the intention to evict.

Legal opinion is that residents evicted outside the terms of the Act could sue the local authority concerned.

Mr Kunene promised to investigate the case of a Tshiamo family who have been threatened with eviction for falling back on their rent payment.

The head of the family said council officials took away all the family's possessions that could fit into the eviction truck. He said his furniture was taken away as well as clothes and even some rice and fish off the officials found in the kitchen.

Neither of the two evicted families were given an inventory of the goods council officials removed.

One victim said the officials instead said they would not be responsible for any goods damaged or lost and that the evicted person would have to hire a truck to fetch his goods from the council's storerooms.

He said he had consulted an attorney about his eviction.
Most blame sickness for lost jobs

58% of Sowetans living below par

By Kate McKinnell

Fifty-eight percent of Sowetan households live below the Household Effective Line (HEL), a study last year showed.

At a conference on families in Johannesburg yesterday, Dr David Webster, senior lecturer in social anthropology at the University of the Witwatersrand, said the HEL is an estimate of a "reasonable" standard of living including school and transport costs.

Dr Webster said his study showed that 33.9 percent of Sowetans were unemployed last year. If participation in the informal sector was discounted, this rose to 51.6 percent unemployed.

"In the survey we asked unemployed people why they had lost their jobs. Only 12 percent attributed it to the recession, while 60 percent said illness was the cause.

"We wonder if this is related to the high incidence of malnutrition among black adults," said Dr Webster.

- While Government statistics show the population of Soweto at just over a million, the study estimates the actual population to be between 1.6 million and two million. Other statistics:
  - The population density is 100 people a hectare compared to 23 people a hectare in central Johannesburg.
  - On average there are 10 people to a house.
  - About 23 000 families are living illegally in Soweto.
COMMUNITY councillors in Mamelodi, Pretoria, have received death threats because certain members of the council revealed what was discussed at closed meetings to the public.

Mr Alex Kekana, the mayor of Mamelodi, warned councillors that they would get into serious trouble if they disclosed the council's "secrets" to the public.

The warning was issued at the monthly council meeting after two councillors said they had received death threats.

"This council will not tolerate misconduct by its members. Any councillor found to be divulging the secrets of the council will be dealt with," Mr Kekana said.

Mr Joe Hlongwane, a councillor, said he was threatened after people were told he had blocked their applications for sites.
35 families told to quit their homes

By SIZAKELE KOOMA

A THOKOZA town councillor, who has been charging families R100 for shacks on his plot, and R30 a month rent, gave them until last Saturday to get out.

The 35 families have been living on a plot owned by Mr Alfred "Tiger" Yende, a Thokoza town councillor. They are mostly from the Transkei and have been living in these shacks since January last year.

They said they had to pay the councillor up to R100 as goodwill before they were allowed to build shacks. All paid Mr Yende R30 a month for rent, money which is collected by his daughter, Miss Daphne Yende.

Last week the families were told by the councillor that their shacks would be demolished. He said he had been threatened by students to rid the area of this "slum" because it was unsightly and a health hazard.

The families elected eight representatives who went to the commissioner's office in Johannesburg where they eventually spoke to two white officials. The officials referred them to the Germiston police station from where they were directed to Katlehong police station. They told the police that they were threatened with eviction. A statement was taken and they were told not to worry because nothing would happen to them.

The representatives of the shack-dwellers say the problem started on June 19 when Mr Yende came to them at night and told them to be out of the place by Saturday, June 29, because he had received threats from pupils to demolish the shacks.

The SOWETAN later heard that the families would be attacked by the students if they did not move out.

The families are very angry because they claim they paid the money demanded from them every month, without fail. They were not given receipts on payment of the "goodwill" and rent.

Mr Yende says it is true that he ordered the shacks to be demolished because, he says, the plot has been rezoned into a business area and he hopes to open a shop soon.

The officials did not know anything of this "minisowetan", he says. He only accommodated the families out of "sympathy". He says he has no alternative plan for them, and they should find their way out of this disaster.
A PETROL bomb was hurled at the official residence of Soweto mayor, Mr Edward Kunene, at the weekend, a spokesman for the police announced yesterday.

Colonel P J J Swart, assistant divisional CID officer for Soweto, said the incident happened on Sunday night. No damage was caused and police are investigating a case of attempted arson.

Col Swart also announced that 14 people were murdered — all except one were knife victims. Nine women, ages ranging between 17 and 30, were raped.

There were also two cases of attempted murder reported to police. Two Zone 5, Meadowlands youths, aged 16 and 17, were wounded and taken to hospital on Saturday evening after five shots were fired at them. The two told police that they were walking in a street in their area when a car suddenly stopped. Five unknown men — two armed with firearms and the others knives — alighted and fired.

The 16-year-old was hit in the left upper arm and the other on the left chest. Both are receiving treatment and no one has been arrested.

In an armed robbery case, a 20-year-old employee at the Cross Roads supermarket in White City Jabavu, was on Sunday confronted by six men — two armed with fire-arms and the rest with knives. The robbers threatened him and escaped with R4 360 cash after firing one shot. No one was injured and police are investigating.

An 18-year-old Eldorado youth is in a serious condition at Coronation Hospital after he was robbed and shot in the back of the head by a gunman. The youth was walking in a street on Saturday when a car stopped next to him. He was robbed of R66 and clothing. No one has been arrested.

Col Swart said five people have been arrested in connection with five of the weekend rape cases. Three arrests have also been made in connection with three murder cases reported last week.

He further said police were investigating a case of theft by false pretences involving a man from Lenasia. The man gave a woman from Mabopane in Bophuthatswana R30 000 in false notes when she sold him jewellery worth R90 000.
Councillor’s house destroyed

Mercury Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The house of Soweto councillor Michael Madikane was destroyed in a petrol bomb attack on Sunday night.

The official residence of the Mayor of Soweto, Mr. Edward Kunene, was also bombed, but no damage was done to the house.

Damage estimated at about R1 750 was done to clothing and furniture at the Madikane home.

Mr. Madikane recently moved from White City Jabavu to his new house in Rockville.

Col. E. J. Swart, assistant divisional commissioner of the CID, confirmed both incidents and said extensive damage had been done to the house.

A relative of the Madikanes said the bombing occurred shortly after a service held at the Regina Mundi Church on Sunday to commemorate the signing of the Freedom Charter in 1955.

Last week the home of another councillor, Mr. Julius Mdlolose, chairman of the Soweto Town Council’s Housing Committee, was attacked by a group of people all wearing balaclavas.

Mr. Mdlolose and his family fled from their home and sought refuge at the homes of neighbours when the group entered his yard demanding that he come out and face them.

Extensive damage was done to the roof, windows and furniture.

In Welkom, two cars belonging to the Rev. J. Pathe, the Free State regional chairman of the National Mineworkers’ Union, were set alight at his Thabong home at the weekend.

The cars were parked in the yard when he was woken by screams from neighbours who were already putting out the fire.

Members of the family said it seemed the cars were doused with petrol and then set alight.
Now Soweto Council won't tolerate it any longer.

Traffic dept.

Sowetan, Tuesday, July 17, 1984
ANOTHER Soweto councillor's house was attacked with a petrol bomb at the weekend causing R8 000 damage, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Brigadier J J Viktor, Chief of the Soweto CID, said the incident happened on Sunday at the house of a 59-year-old Moroka North councillor.

On the same day, the official residence of the Soweto mayor, Mr Edward Kunene, was attacked.

Police are investigating both cases.

An attempt was also made to set alight the house of a Soweto council policeman when a petrol bomb was hurled at it.

Brigadier Viktor said six more people were reported murdered in Soweto.

This brings to 20 the number of people killed since the weekend.

Soweto 3/7/85

An argument over a seat at a disco nearly cost a 21-year-old Phiri man his life on Saturday.

The man told police that after the incident he left the disco and was followed by a group of men.

Two shots were fired at him and he was hit on the right hand. A man has been arrested and a firearm recovered.

Police have arrested a man after a 16-year-old Pimville girl was allegedly raped.

The girl was at a party on Sunday when three men -- one known to her -- dragged her to a golf course and sexually molested her.

A girl of the same age was also allegedly raped by an unknown man at his home after he had stopped her in a street in Meadowlands.
The shortfall in the Soweto City Council budget was estimated to be R6 million by the town clerk Mr. Nico Malan today.

He said the council had identified alternative sources of revenue to reduce the R6-million shortfall to a level where "it will almost be wiped out".

Mr. Malan said a report in a morning newspaper that the council was R19-million in the red was incorrect.

"We budgeted for a deficit of R19-million for the financial year that ended on June 30. However, R13-million will be capitalised by the interest on the electricity loan; bringing our shortfall to an estimated R6-million.

OTHER INCOME

"We close our books on the accounts of the council on September 30. Only at that time can we say how much the shortfall is," he said.

"Our alternative sources of revenue to reduce the R6-million shortfall include traffic licence and trade licence fees that the Johannesburg City Council collected in Soweto.

"The West Rand Development Board has agreed the fee it collects from employers in Johannesburg will be paid to the council as well. There are also employers like the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the power station and the Johannesburg council that we have to collect from," he said.
R19-M IN THE RED

THE SOWETO City Council is R19-million in the red, Town Clerk Nico Malan announced yesterday, after an urgent meeting of the council.

This shortfall is for the financial year July 1, 1984 to June 30, 1985.

This announcement by the council can be interpreted as paving the way for rent increases, though Mr Malan did not hint at this.

Last year a R5 site rent increase was shelved by then mayor Mr E Tshabalala, after an uproar from residents.

According to Mr Malan the council's expenditure for the 1984/85 year was R109-million, while income was R90-million. "We were forced to use R19-million from the accumulated interest on the R250-million overseas loan for the installation of electricity in Soweto."

He said they had until September 30 to work on the deficit before presenting the books to the Minister of Co-operatives.

YOUNGSTERS at the Westbury Coloured Township run for safety after police fired rubber bullets following some stone-throwing. The small dog also took to its heels when it saw everyone making a dash. Story Page 3.

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

Dr Gerrit Viljoen.

The council was now busy considering ways and means of cutting expenses and increasing revenue. To cut down on costs no new people would be hired and any vacancies that had been created would be frozen.

To raise revenue, charges for funeral operations coming from outside Soweto would be increased. One new source was the transfer of licence fees paid by Soweto people into the

The Queen's Life
Soweto council sacks 12

TWELVE white township managers in Soweto were fired by the Soweto City Council last week.

This decision was taken by the council at a special meeting, but Mr. Nico Malan, town clerk, said they were not fired, but asked to go back to the West Rand Development Board.

Mr. Malan said the decision was taken after the managers failed to re-apply for their jobs which were advertised about two months ago.

"We have now re-advertised the jobs. Anybody, irrespective of colour, is welcome to apply. The council will also consider the 12 township managers if they submit their applications," he said.
THE LACK of certain facilities relating to water services and sewage cannot be seen as the flashpoint of the unrest in the East Rand township of Duduza.

This is the view of the chief director of the East Rand Development Board, Mr F E Marx, who argues that "the fact is that at the moment Duduza is one of the peaceful townships on the East Rand."

He was reacting to enquiries by The SOWETAN on living conditions and services in Duduza.

He says the provision of a water-borne sewage scheme, together with the necessary improvement of the water reticulation scheme, "was seen and accepted as a priority" in Duduza.

Investigations by The SOWETAN and The Sunday Mirror show that Duduza residents live under very primitive conditions.

Electricity is still a luxury enjoyed by the few, there are communal taps and the township still uses the bucket system.

These conditions, according to residents, are some of the causes for the unhappiness in the township.

But at all times it was evident that the inhabitants of the town were reluctant to pay for these schemes, with the result that despite the efforts of the Community Council and the Development Board, these schemes never materialised," Mr Marx said.

According to Mr Marx, the people of Duduza "can only get what they are prepared to pay for."

"It must be pointed out that many towns are without water-borne sewage and sophisticated water reticulation schemes, and, yet, the people are satisfied because they realise that more modern schemes will cost money that will have to come from taxation."

Mr Marx says it is "up to the people of Duduza to decide what they want, and the amounts they are prepared to spend in order to satisfy their needs."
Tembisa families to get power back

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

THE Tembisa Town Council yesterday promised to restore electricity to 50 families in Mthambeka Section after they had petitioned it for the restoration of the service.

But, that is not the end of the electrical black-out blues for the families because they may have to wait until the end of the year, according to Mr Anthony Relihan, the township manager.

"The equipment needed to restore the service needs a special order, and takes time to be delivered. It is costly and the council has no money. They will have to wait," he said.

Asked if the services will be restored by December, he said: "I cannot say. We have no money.

"The equipment in that section was damaged by irresponsible children and we have informed the insurance people," said Mr Relihan."
Mamelodi council drops rent rises

Dr Gerrit Viljoen

Dr Gerrit Viljoen, negotiating for the transfer of land beyond the eastern railway line near Hinterland, the council said.

Mr Ndlozi also announced that an amount of R350 000 had been set aside for the improvement of roads in the township.

A total of R50 000 had also been budgeted for the erection of toilet facilities at the Dennenboom and Eerste Fabrieke stations.

Electricity

The council, which has embarked on a R5 million electricity network scheme, has appealed to the residents to use electricity and water sparingly.

Mr Ndlozi urged residents to dump rubbish inside the garbage containers at street corners.

"Residents who are breaking houses for extension or alteration purposes should leave the rubble in their yards," he said. "The cost of water and electricity service has been set aside because of the poor economic climate."

The council, in an effort to save money, also decided not to fill certain posts in their staff.

Mr Ndlozi also announced that it would soon allocate 4 000 residential sites along the Buffer Street near the Eerste Fabrieke station.

"A considerable number of these sites would be earmarked for the erection of ordinary four-roomed houses for families which cannot afford to build their own houses."

The erection of these houses is expected to alleviate the acute housing shortage in the township.

A memorandum has also been sent to the Minister of Co-operation, Education and Training, Dr Gerrit Viljoen.
Which one of you ‘lost’ the R2,6m?

THE THABONG Council and development board are blaming each other for the disappearance of R2,6-million from the township.

The council said the money disappeared while in the hands of the development board, and that the council had written a letter to the board demanding the money plus interest.

But board PRO Willem van der Merwe said he didn’t receive the letter, and the board had nothing to do with the missing money.

“If any funds are missing, the current council or the de-funct community council must be blamed,” he said.

Residents said they wanted an inquiry.
THE Afferidgeville Town Council has threatened to take legal action against a Pretoria afternoon newspaper and a black reporter for having published “unsubstantiated allegations of corruption” about the council’s executive committee.

The council’s intended action followed a report in the Pretoria News last Thursday in which it was stated that certain councillors were opposed to the appointment of Mr Solomon Rammala as town clerk. According to the report certain councillors had claimed that there was a “conspiracy to kick out” the former town clerk, Mr J P le Grange, and that the council was “manipulated” to make Mr Rammala’s appointment possible.

The council, at their last meeting, appointed Mr Rammala, former town secretary, as town clerk. The appointment had not been officially announced because the recommendation should first be reviewed by the Department of Co-operation and Development. The newspaper’s black reporter had also applied for the post.

In a statement issued at the weekend, Mr Matthew Mahlangu, chairman of the executive committee, dismissed claims by the reporter that he had applied for the job “to get the inside story” and said the reporter genuinely wanted the job that could have paid him R12 000 more a year than what he was earning.

“The reporter’s action after the council made the appointment indicates clearly that he is bitter and disappointed at the fact that he was not the successful candidate,” said Mr Mahlangu. He added that the report also contained unsubstantiated allegations of corruption on the part of the council’s executive committee. We have referred the report to our attorneys after which the council will consider taking legal action against the newspaper and the reporter.”

Mr Mahlangu also described as “an insult to the intelligence and integrity of his executive committee” allegations that Mr Rammala had appointed himself because the questions asked during the interview were allegedly prepared by him. Mr Mahlangu said although Mr Rammala did not have a degree as compared with five other applicants, including the reporter concerned, he had vast experience in the eight years he had worked for the council.

Mr Mahlangu also dismissed the report that the council was split 6:4 on the issue of Mr Rammala’s appointment which was supported by members of the Black Progressive Party. “The appointment was unanimously approved by the council including two members of the Khudu Party,” he said.

Commenting on the report that there were claims that there had been a conspiracy to “kick out Mr le Grange,” Mr Mahlangu said the white official was “asked to withdraw” because of his inefficiency.

The director of community services, Mr J J Pieenaar was quoted in the council’s statement saying he did not feel threatened because he was doing his job.
WIDE-SCALE increases are expected to be announced within the next few weeks by the Soweto City Council when it meets again to discuss the budget.

At a special meeting yesterday, the council decided not to approve the proposed budget since it still "showed the council was in a R19-million deficit", according to Mr Isaac Buthelezi, a councillor. Another reason was that the council's financial advisor was not present.

The matter was referred back to the management committee and the meeting postponed indefinitely.

Some of the proposals contained in the proposed budget, but which were not deliberated on, included increasing hostel rents by 50 percent from R12 a bed a month to R18 a bed a month from August 1, the raising of grave fees for Soweto residents to R40 and non-residents up to R100 and 50c increase on refuse removals.

Other recommended increases were:
- Flat rate water consumption to be increased from R12,65 to R15,80.
- Fifteen percent increase on metered water from January 1 next year.
- Swimming pool admission fees to be increased to 50c.
- Site rental to be reviewed.

Another proposal was that funeral undertakers living within the boundaries of Soweto must pay a R30 levy a burial, and those from outside R75 a burial.

But, Mr Edward Kwenene, mayor of Soweto, said in an interview afterwards that the council had identified other sources of revenue which will make it not necessary to increase rents in Soweto.

"The traffic fines for offences committed in Soweto will be paid directly to us very soon. The same applies to court fines for offences committed within the area of our jurisdiction. There are various other alternative sources of revenue," he said.

The proposed budget showed that the council wanted to give housing top priority. It intends allocating R15,9-million for housing projects.

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**HOT TIPS FOR TOMORROW**

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Letters to the Editor

Council hits at report

Sir, I refer to the report which appeared on the front page of The SOWETAN on July 5, 1985 under the heading, "R19-m in the red," and I wish to object in the most strongest terms to the deliberate distortion and conglutination of vital factual information.

The role of your newspaper in keeping the public informed of the activities of inter alia the Soweto City Council as a public body is fully realised and appreciated. However, if very little effort is made to give full and factual information on issues which directly affect the lives of the inhabitants of Soweto, then the objectivity of your newspaper and its desire to keep the public fully informed on crucial bread-and-butter issues must be questioned.

On July 4, 1985 your reporter asked me what my Council's shortfall was on the current year's Estimates of Income and Expenditure and I explained to him that this information was not available as the Estimates have not been finalised. He then asked me about the position of the previous financial year.

I cannot remember my exact words over the telephone but I will endeavour to give you an accurate description of the content of my reply.

Budgeted income

In 1984 when the Estimates of the previous financial year was drafted, my Council budgeted for an income of ± R50 million and expenditure of ± R100 million leaving us with a shortfall of R19 million.

The budgeted shortfall was unacceptable to my Council as the economic climate did not lend itself to consider increase of rates as a possible way of reducing the shortfall. It was then decided to capitalise the interest on the R250 million electricity loan in the amount of R13 million in order to realistically reduce the shortfall from R19 million to R6 million.

What I have not explicitly told your reporter but was repeatedly reported on over the last twelve months, was that at the time when the 1984/85 budget was approved my Council resolved to approach the Government to find alternative methods of repaying the electricity loan. The necessary approaches were made and until such time that the repayment of the electricity loan is clear no provision will be made in the Estimates to pay interest on that loan.

However I went on to explain to your reporter that in facing a deficit of R6 million for the previous financial year my Council also decided to implement same corrective measures in an effort to further reduce the R6 million shortfall or deficit.

These were:
1) The freezing of vacant positions on the Council's staff establishment which resulted in a substantial saving on related costs such as:
   a) wages and salaries
   b) fuel and transport
   c) protectice clothing and contribution to funds etc.
2) My Council successfully negotiated with the Johannesburg City Council the transfer of trade licence fees and taxi licences. (This was announced earlier this year).
3) My Council also successfully negotiated with the West Rand Development Board the transfer of the consolidated fees which are payable by employers operating within the municipal area of Soweto.

Exact shortfall

These steps enabled my Council over the last twelve months to reduce the R6 million further. It will only be possible to give the exact shortfall of the previous financial year as at June 30, 1985 after my Council's books of account have been closed and audited and approved by the Minister, which is expected towards September 1985.

Your reporter was apparently not satisfied to give an accurate and full account of my discussion with him but opted to give his own version and interpretation for reasons best known to himself.

For the record just the following:

a) there was no urgent meeting of the Soweto Council as he suggests in the first paragraph of the report. Consideration of the Budget is still on committee stage.

b) his interpretation that last years shortfall will pave the way for rent increases in the new financial year speaks of ignorance. A local authority will not increase rates based on the financial position of a year that has passed, provided of course monies were not borrowed to make good any shortfalls.

The drafting of Estimates for every new financial year determines the fate of the rates and rental structures of a local authority for the ensuing financial year.

c) In the forth paragraph a so called R5,00 site rent increase was shelved. This was in fact the electricity levy which was shelved in October 1984.

d) His statement that I have used the following words or implied as much is a lie: "We were forced to use R13 million from

NICO MALAN
Soweto Town Clerk

WORD of GOD

Prophecy
[Old Testament]

I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.

Psalms 22:17
FOUR needy Ikageng students have been refused bursaries by the Ikageng Village Council's one-man bursary committee.

Instead, the IVC has given the bursary to Ms Alphina Dlutu, a teacher at Tlokwane State Secondary School, who studies part-time at Potchefstroom University.

She was given the bursary despite applying after February, which is the deadline for applications.

But when asked why Ms Dlutu was granted the bursary instead of the needy students, mayor Gabriel Moraladi – the bursary committee – said it was "none of your business."

Ms Dlutu lives in a house registered in the name of deputy Ikageng mayor Richard Sepoitoane.

The students are Turffontein undergraduate Piet Matolong, and Mhjane Mello, Orlando High student Cleopatra Thelezi, and Setlogelo Technikon student Mbuyane Adonis.

Mr Moraladi later told City Press there was "no money" and that the students' applications were late.

Cleopatra Thelezi was given a study bursary by the IVC last year while in Std Nine. But when she tried to renew it this year she was told she did not qualify because she attended a school in Soweto.

Mr Moraladi said Adonis had spoiled his chances of getting a bursary because he had "run to the Press."

Two years ago, Ikageng had a bursary committee which comprised school headmasters, nurses, teachers and priests.
Boya and Sinaba withdraw charges

BOTH Mr Tom Boya, the mayor of Daveyton, and a councillor, Mr Shadrack Sinaba, withdrew defamation charges against each other at the Benoni Courts yesterday.

Their lawsuits were settled out of court.

Mr Sinaba had claimed that Mr Boya had defamed him by distributing pamphlets in Daveyton during the 1983 town council elections. He claimed R5 000 for damages.

Mr Boya had also filed a counter suit for defamation against Mr Sinaba, alleging he was defamed in pamphlets. He claimed R12 000 in damages. This action was also withdrawn yesterday.

In an agreement which was made an order of the court by the presiding officer, Mr A M van der Westhuizen, both Mr Sinaba and Mr Boya stated that they had settled the dispute between them. They also agreed that each party will pay his own costs.

Part of the agreement reads: “Both the parties irrevocably and unreservedly withdraw the allegations made in a pamphlet issued and distributed in November 1983 and hereby tender an apology to the plaintiff/defendant for any harm which might have been caused thereby to the plaintiff/defendant pursuant to the publication of the contents thereof.

“The plaintiff hereby withdraws his claim against the defendant and the defendant hereby withdraws his counter-claim against the plaintiff, and each to pay his own costs. The plaintiff and the defendant agree that this is to be an order of court,” the agreement concluded.

Mr Sinaba was represented by Advocate G H Sezitpo and Mr Boya was represented by Advocate G H Sezitpo.
Katlehong
council
buys
firearms

The Katlehong Town Council has bought more than 60 shotguns worth about R48 000 for use in the control of rioting in the township in the near future.

Reliable sources close to the council informed The SOWETAN yesterday that the guns were purchased a few weeks ago.

Our sources also said the guns will be used by the 120 policemen who will be hired by the council.

The SOWETAN was also told that the councilors "grant" themselves 50 residential and business sites in the past few months, without advertising the sites to the public.

Mr SS Lukhele, the new "mayor" of Katlehong, refused to discuss the issue. He said the council will be meeting soon to discuss the matter and a press statement will be issued thereafter.

Mr Lukhele also denied that the councilors had granted themselves the 50 sites.

He said: "There is nothing like that and if a councilor is granted a site he applies first and is interviewed by the council like any other member of the community."

The Katlehong Town Council decided to buy the shotguns last year in September, according to minutes in the possession of The SOWETAN.

According to the minutes the firearms will be kept at the local offices of the council and will mainly be used during the disturbances in the township.

Our sources said the council had also decided that in case there are no riots in the township, the shotguns will be used by the council policemen.
Two more Vaal council men quit

TWO MORE members of the Lekoa Town Council have resigned — bringing to seven the number of councilors who have quit since the outbreak of unrest in the Vaal Triangle last September. They are Mr Moses Thale and Mr Milton Chabani, both of Zamela, near Sasolburg.

Their resignation this week follows that of another Zamela councillor, Mr Jonas Tsoai, who quit the council last month. Their leaving the council means that the township no longer has any representative in the Lekoa Town Council.

And yesterday, Mr N. P. Louw, the town clerk, told The SOWETAN that he cannot confirm or deny the resignation of the two men until the council meet next Tuesday. Mr Thale said his reason for leaving the council was that the Black Local Authorities Act was unacceptable to the people. He was also worried that his life and that of his family was in danger.
Police use live ammunition, gas

JOHANNESBURG. — Violence continued in numerous townships around the country yesterday and police opened fire with live ammunition, rubber bullets and teargas canisters to quell unrest.

A white man was seriously injured when his car ploughed into a telephone pole after it was stoned in a township near Fords. Police attending to the injured man were also stoned and fired on the crowd with rubber bullets. No injuries were reported.

Two hand grenades were hurled at the offices of the West Rand Administration offices in Jabavu, Soweto, early yesterday. It blasted out windows and buckled burglar guards, but no one was injured.

In Dorrington township, the home of a black pastor was gutted by a petrol bomb yesterday. A youth was injured and arrested when police opened fire on a crowd in the township near Kimberley.

Black youths set fire to a headmaster's home, causing extensive damage. The home of a circuit inspector was also set alight and burnt to the ground.

Police fired rubber bullets and birdshot at about 400 pupils who stoned a police vehicle, extensively damaging it.

Another group of pupils from the school later stoned the school building, and then moved on to a shopping complex where they shattered windows and bent the burglar bars.

Four administration board vehicles were stoned and damaged. Two of the drivers fired shots at the youths but no injuries were reported.

In a further incident a petrol bomb was hurled at a police vehicle. Police fired birdshot, slightly injuring one man who was arrested. Rubber bullets were also fired at a group marching through the township.

A policeman guarding a township shop fired at a group approaching the area, slightly injuring one man.

The Department of Education and Training has suspended classes at all four secondary schools until April 10.

In Wesselbron, Free State, police sjambokked pupils who refused to enter their classes.

In Sasolburg township, police used tear gas and rubber bullets when two police vehicles were damaged and police reinforcements stoned after roads were barricaded by youths.

The crowd, which fled to a schoolyard, was then dispersed by police using sjamboks and quirts. No serious injuries were reported.

The three Vaal Triangle townships of Sharpeville, Sebokeng and Evaton returned to normal yesterday, after Thursday's unrest on the 25th anniversary of the 1960 Sharpeville shootings.

Soweto was also quiet.

In the Vaal Triangle townships, there were no police patrols in the morning.

The Sharpeville Civic Association denied rumours that a number of houses were burnt down on Thursday because the owners had paid rent. Sapa and Own Correspondent
Man impales himself in bid to escape

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A suspected pass offender impaled himself on a gardening stake yesterday while trying to hide from police who wanted to see his identity documents.

Mr. Kind Moyo, 32, of Mongwesi Road, Emmarentia, died minutes after leaping over the wall of an Emmarentia house and landing on one of several metre-long spikes in the ground.

The spike severed the main artery in his leg and Mr. Moyo bled to death in spite of a policeman's desperate attempt to stop the bleeding after calling an ambulance.

Mrs. Gladys Motsamai, who was the first person to find Mr. Moyo after hearing a crash in the backyard of the house in Louw Geldenhuyse Street, said yesterday, "I found the man in my bathroom."

Mrs. Motsamai said, "I asked him who he was but he just said, 'Shh — the police.' I ran to my employer. We were frightened and called the police."

"When a policeman arrived the man was rolling on the ground in a pool of blood in front of the bathroom. The policeman immediately called an ambulance and then tried his best to stop the bleeding," she said.

A police spokesman said yesterday that Mr. Moyo had run away from Crime Prevention Unit policemen when they called him over to see his identity documents.

Police later established that Mr. Moyo worked as a painter in Mongwesi Road.
Court orders board to pay firm R74 000

Mail Reporter

A firm of consulting engineers who sued the former West Rand Administration Board for unpaid fees for a feasibility study of the electrification of Greater Soweto was this week awarded about R74 000 of its R1 600 000 claim and a large proportion of the costs.

J D van Niekerk & Partners Inc was found by Mr Justice K van Dijkhorst to have exceeded their mandate in undertaking design work for the project when only its first stage had been requested.

The R74 000 — plus interest from 1979 — which was awarded to the firm represented payment for the work commissioned.

WRAB was ordered to pay part of the costs — estimated to be in the region of R49 000 to R60 000.

J D Van Niekerk alleged that in 1977 the executive committee of WRAB commissioned the firm to compile a full report on the technical and financial aspects of the proposed electrification of Soweto, as well as house-wiring and the overall execution of the project.

The judge found that the board only requested a report on the financial and technical aspects of the project and not a second phase.

He rejected WRAB's argument that it was not liable for the fees because the officials who negotiated the work were not authorized to do so.
Soweto home is petrol-bombed

The home of the former deputy mayor of Soweto, Mr. Isaac Buthelezi, was petrol-bombed early this morning.

The assistant divisional CID officer for Soweto, Colonel P.J. Swart, said five petrol bombs were thrown at Mr. Buthelezi’s house at about 2 a.m. No one was injured in the attack.

Colonel Swart said two of the bombs were thrown through the lounge windows, damaging furniture.

In other incidents:
- A 52-year-old man from Dube Hostel was shot dead while washing his hands at an outside tap, Colonel Swart said.
- Three men have been arrested in connection with the rape on Tuesday of a Soweto girl.
- Clothing worth R1 000 was stolen from a house in one of 10 reported thefts.
- Forty-eight chairs worth R400 were stolen from the Eldorado Park Senior Secondary School and three homes were broken into.
Butthelezis house attacked

By ALI MAHRAKI
A PUPIL was killed when a son of an Evaton councillor fired shots at an 'enraged mob which attacked commuters in Evaton-Sebokeng townships on Wednesday.

The SAP Public Relations spokesman in Pretoria, Lieutenant H J Beck, confirmed the death of Daniel Dineka (20), a Form Three pupil at Sokwazi Secondary School, Sebokeng, who died soon after the shooting.

Lt Beck said that a group of youths stoned cars in Adams Road at about 5.30 pm on Wednesday and the son of a councillor fired shots at the enraged mob.

Mr Isaac Dineka, the deceased's elder brother, told The SOWETAN yesterday that his brother had visited relatives in Evaton and was on his way home when the incident happened.

This new wave of violence is connected to the present unrest in the Vaal Triangle townships, which started on March 21 — the commemoration of the March 21 1960 shootings.

Several vehicles were stoned while others were set alight in the Vaal complex when youths ran on the rampage after the ban on commemoration services in the area.

The new wave of violence was sparked off when pupils from the area demonstrated against the continued detention of their colleagues and leaders since the outbreak of violence last September.

Police patrolled the townships and dispersed groups of youths by firing teargas.

In Uitenhage, the youngest brother of world famous Port Elizabeth black actor, Mr John Kani, has been shot dead in unrest in New Brighton black township.
How widespread?

The Black Local Authorities Act forbids councillors to receive commissions, remuneration or reward of any kind from any person other than the local authority itself. Nor may they enter into any contract with the local authority in a capacity other than that of a member or employee. These prohibitions may be meeting with widespread evasion.

Township residents allege there is bribery in connection with allocation of houses. Cases quoted usually involve widows, divorced and deserted mothers who desire to retain their houses. They are vulnerable because their houses are usually registered in the name of husbands.

In another area there are also complaints of unfair competition with councillors allocating business sites to themselves or their relations.

At a monthly meeting last January, the Soweto Council considered a number of applications for trading rights from councillors. One of the applications came from Nelson Bakale. He wants authority to establish a dry-cleaning business in Orlando East. Another councillor, Sam Tshabalala, is chairman of the council’s trade and transport committee, applied for a site in Tladi where he wants to operate a consultancy business.

Veteran councillor Julius Mdi, a former chairman of the housing committee, and councillor K. Madikane were each authorised to go ahead with their plans to apply to the Road Transportation Board for licences to operate taxi businesses in Soweto.

Residents claim that councillors are serving their own personal interests and not those of the public. But, because of the shortage of houses, township residents themselves, especially in the Witwatersrand area, appear ready and willing to pay bribes to get accommodation for their families.

Early in January, after a commission of inquiry headed by Professor Tjaart van der Walt into allegations of corruption in the Vaal Triangle townships of Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Bophelong and Boipatong, scores of people in that area were said to be involved in corruption. Widespread prosecutions were expected.

However, charges have so far been laid only against three men — Lekon councillors Knox Matjila, Ananias Sekobane, and Johannes Monnakgotla, a 39-year-old former councillor. The charges arise from allegations of bribery for allocation of houses. In Soweto, councillor Patrick Gaborouoeoe also faces a charge related to corruption.
**UNREST**

**The age of mob rule**

Mob violence is becoming the rule rather than the exception in black urban areas. Much of the disruption is caused by schoolboy mobs. However, politically inspired mob action is also on the increase, and there's some evidence of a deliberate campaign of political assassinations. Crime, of course, also continues to exact a steady toll on lives and property.

A major part of the problem springs from disruption at schools, which has resulted in crowds of rowdy pupils, some in their late teens or early twenties, terrorising residential areas. As Job Schoeman, chief liaison officer of the Department of Education and Training, puts it: "They recognise no authority, be it that of officials, teachers or parents."

Schoeman was commenting in the wake of the mob murder in Soweto last week of Michael Matshikiza and Page Molefe, who were hacked to death by pupils from a Soweto school after having been accused, apparently falsely, of being involved in the shebeen murder of a schoolboy.

The two were murdered when about 200 pupils armed with petrol-bombs, pangas and clubs set out to avenge the schoolboy's death. After killing the men, the mob petrol-bombed their homes.

Schoeman says: "We have the ridiculous situation where children refuse to accept orders from anybody. They even reject teachers, claiming they are not qualified. As a result, effective teaching becomes impossible."

It appears, he adds, that there is a breakdown of authority in both schools and homes. Although the school boycotts seem to be largely over and fewer schools are now suspended, there are still major problems linked to maintaining discipline. Schoeman says: "There's a vast improvement over last year. For instance, everything is normal in Pretoria, Port Elizabeth and the Vaal Triangle where classes were suspended last year."

However, even when schools are functioning, there are major questions about the ability of teachers to control their pupils. The Soweto murder mob, for instance, came from a functioning school.

Classes were suspended in five secondary schools, involving about 4,000 children. In each case, parents and officials are meeting in an attempt to solve the problem.

In some areas, conditions remain serious. "In the case of Crudock, classes haven't been held for almost two years," says Schoeman. "We are now transferring teachers elsewhere."

On the political front black local government councillors are being targeted for intimidation and violence on a countrywide basis. In an ugly new development, their families, including children, are also being attacked.

Following last week's shootings at Langa, rampaging youths at nearby Khayelitsha murdered, among others, a local councillor and two of his children. Their charred bodies were found in the streets.

The homes of several people accused of co-operating with the government, including those of policemen, were petrol-bombed in Uitenhage and at Tinus in Port Elizabeth.

In Soweto, the home of Mayor Edward Kunene was hit by two hand-grenades, only one of which exploded. Fortunately no one was injured and damage was slight. The Jabavu administration office in Soweto was also attacked and its windows were smashed.

The pressure on local councillors, which began almost as soon as the new system of local government was introduced 16 months ago, is obviously being stepped up.

So far the campaign has had mixed results. Councillors are repeatedly called upon to resign or face violence. Four councillors were killed in the Vaal Triangle last September during riots sparked off by rent increases. Four others resigned while others went into hiding until the riots had been contained.

In other areas violence and intimidation have crippled local government. The entire Ratanda and Duduza councils in the East Rand resigned as a body as a result of intimidation.

In Tembisa, also in the East Rand, three councillors - Daniel Letsolo, Samuel Songo and Masilo Makhula - resigned while in Kathu, Mayor Packard Khumalo, whose home and vehicle were gutted, stepped down as council chairman. Another councillor, Jacob Khosil, resigned.

In Alexandra, opponents of Mayor Sam Buti recently petrol-bombed his home and burnt his shop in the township. There have also been petrol-bombings and resignations in Pretoria, Evaton and at Zamdela near Welkom.

Atteridgeville Mayor Z Z Masha resigned but two colleagues, Enoch Sibanyoni and Solomon Rammala, resisted resignation calls despite having their homes petrol-bombed.

Three Evaton councillors - Jan Modise, Benjamin Angama and Simon Maseke as well as Zamdela councillor Jonas Thosan - are among those who have resigned as a result of the continuing violence in black communities, especially in the PWV complexes and in the eastern Cape.

In many areas, where police are preoccupied with containing political and school violence, criminals are enjoying a free hand and the weekly toll of murders, rapes and violent robberies is on the increase.

Whether there is, as government maintains, a concerted plan to make the black urban areas unliveable is a moot point. Certainly, a climate has been created where it is difficult for anyone to assist police in their pressure, and there are some claims that trade unions have used intimidation to ensure that members obey strike calls.

Things are unlikely to improve. The legitimacy of any authority in all types of urban areas is not just under attack; it has been largely destroyed. Police attempts to enforce government fiat have a tendency to be brutal and to result in large-scale shootings like those at Langa last week. The number of dead as a result of political unrest has reached 80 in less than a month.

Nor do many areas seem exempt, except in Natal where the Inkatha movement still maintains control of events. Elsewhere violence, unrest and intimidation has typified events in the Transvaal, the Free State and both the western and eastern Cape.

Senior government officials fear that, if the level of violence continues to mount, white support for reform may be prejudiced.
IKAGENG mayor Gabriel Moraledi has allocated three houses to his daughter — one is used as a “sex den”, the second is hired out and the third houses a female employee of the family.

A City Press investigation revealed that all three houses – stand numbers 4530, 4531 and 2400 – were allocated to Mr Moraledi’s eldest daughter, Olga. Despite a waiting list of 456 people in the area.

By DANIEL DHLAMINI

The houses have all been registered under her name — and it is at house number 4531 where the fun is.

This house serves as a “brothel”, or to accommodate men and women who want to have sex.

The fee is lucrative – R20 a night. This house is also built next to a church, about 10m away from Madibeng Combined School.

It is reliably understood that the Ikageng town council has approved Mr Moraledi’s application to re-zone the house to operate as a “mini-motel”.

Several couples have been booking in for the “nights of passion”.

The second house — still under renovation — might be used for a similar purpose.

Mayor Moraledi said the house would be available for anybody who want to rent a room.

Their third house is occupied by Margaret Ndala, who works in Mr Moraledi’s shop. The previous owner, S Rapulane, swapped this four-roomed house with the mayor for her present two-room.

Mr Moraledi confirmed that the houses were registered under his daughter’s name.

She doesn’t live in any of them and stays with her father at the “main” house.

He declined to comment when asked why he granted his daughter the three houses while there was a waiting list in the area.

Residents in the townships have expressed their disgust at the “brothel” house.
Soweto mayor in dark for 8 months

IT TOOK SOWETO'S mayor eight months to know that the West Rand Development Board had transferred funds totalling R35-million to his council.

It was only this week when he was informed by Mr Nico Malan, the council's town clerk, who gave him a document relating to the funds.

Mr Kunene, said he did not know about the transfer of the funds until when Mr Malan showed him the document and explained the details.

The document states that the funds were transferred by the board to the council on July 1, 1984. Explaining the details, Mr Malan said his council received R15m in cash and R20m as money owed to the council by people who took loans to either improve their existing houses or erect new ones.

A week ago, Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the board, said his board gave the council R35m when it took over control. He denied newspaper reports from Parliament that the board had invested R21m while there was a shortage of housing.

Asked to comment on the R35m, Mr Kunene said, "I am most surprised."
AN ORLANDO East councillor, Mr N Mogamise, yesterday afternoon faced a group of about 30 people who had come to deliver a letter containing complaints and demands from the residents.

The group, chanting freedom songs and slogans, went to Mr Mogamise’s house after they had converged at the NG Kerk in Orlando East, at a meeting organised by the Orlando Civic Association (OCA).

Led by the chairman of the OCA, Mr S S Nakanani and Ms Amanda Kwadi, they handed the letter to one of the family members at Mr Mogamise’s house.

After a few minutes Mr Mogamise came out of the house and a heated debate between him and Ms Kwadi took place, with Mr Mogamise saying he did not care for letters and he would only discuss with persons who approach him “correctly” rather than bringing a group of people singing freedom songs outside his house.

Police, who had kept a low profile, approached the house and a large number of the group disappeared.

By late last night Mr Mogamise’s house was under police guard.
Cops hunt Pta youths

Atteridgeville police are looking for a group of youths who attacked a 71-year-old local town councillor and damaged his house with stones at the weekend.

Mr Jonathan Se-goapa, of 29 Moyolapa Street, Saulsville, and his family escaped serious injury when a group of youths pelted their home with stones and missiles at about 6.30pm on Sunday, Brigadier H du Plessis, divisional CID officer for the northern Transvaal said yesterday.

According to the police, the attack was launched by a mob which had attended the International Youth Year Service at the nearby Mlambo Hall. Nobody was injured. Damages are estimated at R800.

Meanwhile three people died violently in and around Pretoria’s townships at the weekend.

An unidentified man, in his early twenties, was stabbed in the chest during an argument at Tverpoort on Saturday. A 23-year-old man has been arrested.

A white motorist was robbed of his car and R500 in cash by four unidentified black men on Sunday. Mr W H Fisher (25) was driving along Paul Kruger Street when he was confronted by four men who ordered him at knifepoint to drive them to Mabopane. He was later assaulted and robbed of cash and his car.
Pensioner ‘paid protection fee’

By LEN MASEKO

A 60-YEAR-OLD Soweto pensioner claims she was made to pay a ‘protection fee’ of R2 by a local councillor allegedly to be set aside for her “rainy days”.

But this week the councillor, Mr V Klaas, denied ever receiving any money from the pensioner, or even meeting her.

The pensioner, Mrs Regina Mguni, of Soweto, told The SOWETAN that she first learned from the councillor’s wife — Mrs Mary Klaas — that the couple had started a relief aimed at helping pensioners experiencing problems with rent or electricity account payments.

The granny is in possession of a slip, apparently signed by the councillor’s wife (described as a ward secretary on the receipt), acknowledging receipt of the money from her. She is presently battling to raise about R167 owed in rent and water accounts.

Forget

Said Mrs Mguni: “When I went to see Mr Klaas, he told me that he would contact the superintendent about the matter. He never mentioned anything about paying the amount for me. At the superintendent’s office, I was advised to forget Mr Klaas’ scheme because I would end up losing the tenancy of my house while waiting for him to settle the matter.”

Approached for comment this week, Mr Klaas said: “I do not know anything about this, and have not met her before.”

Showed his wife’s purported signature, the councillor asked The SOWETAN team to “bring the pensioner” to his house, and “unless you do that I am not prepared to discuss the matter.” Earlier, Mrs Klaas admitted signing the receipt, but referred The SOWETAN to her husband, who was not present at the time.

Meanwhile Mrs Mguni’s saga has caused a furore within the Sofasoneke Party, whose logo and name appear on the receipt, denying knowledge of such a scheme. Mr Klaas is an ex-official of the Sofasoneke Party, having resigned from the civic body together with six other Soweto councillors last year.

“We have never received any money from Mr Klaas, not to mention party dues and membership card fees collected in his ward,” Mr Johnson Mokoena, Sofasoneke Party chairman, told The SOWETAN yesterday.
Union joins boycott call
THE South African Black Municipal and Allied Workers Union (SABMAWU) women unit has joined the boycott of M and B Jwala Baseso-the and the Oranje-Vaal Development Board's liquor outlets.
In pamphlets distributed in all Vaal Triangle townships, the unit says it joined the boycott because the board did not want to unconditionally reinstate the sacked workers, refused to pay a living wage and continued to underpay.
M and B, a subsidiary of the OVDB, sacked more than 30 workers following an industrial action at its plant near Sebokeng last July. The workers went on strike, demanding better wages and working conditions.
"Horrific' levels of violence

By BARRY STREEK

THE grim scale of violence, and counter-violence, in South Africa has assumed horrific levels — and there doesn’t seem to be any end in sight.

The death toll in political violence this year has now exceeded 100, the South African Institute of Race Relations reported last week.

In the troubled Port Elizabeth-Uitenhage area, the death toll since the police opened fire two weeks ago on a procession at Langa, near Uitenhage, rose to 40 yesterday after the police reported the death of a woman in Motherwell in Port Elizabeth. She was apparently shot by a police bullet in her kitchen.

Early yesterday morning, a car was set alight in Cape Town outside the home of the banned community leader Mr Johnny Issel, soon after he appeared in court for allegedly breaking his banning order.

Police and protesters have clashed every day of this week in various townships of the Eastern Cape.

‘Precarious’

"A person cannot get away from the fact that protest and conflict have at present become an integral part of the South African co-existence," Ms Anne-Marie Mischke wrote in the government-supporting Rapport recently.

Dr Alex Boraine, the Progressive Federal Party MP for Pinelands, said last week during a debate on the Langa killings: "The government has brought South Africa to a precipice and the question is, has it the will, the humility, the courage and ability to bring us back from that precarious position."

He estimated that close to 300 people had died during disturbances in South Africa since September 1984. The Institute of Race Relations said 175 died last year and, by the end of last week, a further 104 this year.

Now the police — the only official source of information on the situation — have announced they would only summarize certain unrest incidents. Full details only of incidents of "major importance" would be given. Other incidents would be summarized.

Intimidation

The violence has involved different forms: Police taking action to maintain "law and order" - a cliché'd euphemism, in the circumstances; people in the townships taking violent action against so-called "collaborators", particularly members of town councils and the police and acts of terrorism against opponents.

Rapport estimated that altogether 243 incidents of assault, intimidation, arson and looting had taken place against black town councillors, their families and possessions since September last year. At least four councillors had been killed and 27 injured.

Councillors had been assaulted 109 times, 66 petrol bombs had been thrown at their houses and 32 homes had been burnt.

Altogether, 64 councillors had resigned in 16 black residential areas.

Rapport said 148 policemen had been injured, 96 homes of black policemen had been damaged and 300 police vehicles damaged.

Suffered

In the last three months of last year and in January this year, damage had been done to more than 1,000 buses, 225 houses, almost 100 schools, six churches, nine clinics, three libraries, a technical college, about 120 shops (including seven which belonged to black councillors), 66 beer halls and more than 30 liquor stores, ten post offices, six banks, six hostels and two trains, the newspaper said.

Opponents of apartheid have also suffered: Homes of United Democratic Front (UDF) leaders have been petrol-bombed as well as those in the black consciousness-oriented Azanian People's Organization (Azapo). The house of an executive member of the Soweto Youth Congress (Soyo) was also bombed.

In January, Azapo supporters prevented Senator Edward Kennedy from speaking at a meeting in Soweto. Soon afterwards, UDF and Azapo supporters clashed physically at a meeting in the Johannesburg area.

In the Northern Transvaal, the government's re-drawing of boundaries between the Lebowa and Gazankulu homelands led to clashes when a border fence was allegedly cut down. Police intervened with teargas and rubber bullets but by then two people had been killed and more than 40 injured.

Innocents

There have also been allegations made by the Progressive Federal Party in Parliament about police behaviour in the Eastern Cape. One of the MPs, Mr John Malcomess, read out three of the affidavits collected by the party. They made chilling reading.

They told of children being shot, of innocents being killed in cold blood, of police shooting bystanders and then shooting them down as they ran away.

Another PFP MP, Mr Errol Moorcroft, said: "Certain elements of the police act themselves in a manner which is both brutal and sadistic. These elements should never have been accepted as recruits in the first place because their actions bring discredit to their colleagues and their country."

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, has emphasized that "neither I nor the Commissioner of Police will tolerate or condone any wrongful action by any member of police and that standing orders are strictly adhered to".

Baby died

Almost of all this violence has been confined to the black residential areas with minimal spillover into city centres and white residential areas.

Only one white person has been killed: A baby who died after a rock was thrown at her mother's car near Soweto in the Vaal Triangle last year.

But despite the appearances in the city centres, South Africa has become a very violent society. The death toll has provided gruesome evidence of just how violent the South Africa of 1985 has become.
MEMBERS of the Daveyton Town Council including local mayor Mr Tom Boya, had to run for their lives after they were pelted with stones and other missiles by an irate mob of more than 600 on Tuesday night.

Several cars were also stoned including that of Mr Boya which was extensively damaged. The Daveyton theatre which is run by the East Rand Development Board (EraDebo) was also badly damaged by the rampaging mob.

No one was injured during the fracas.

The incident took place at the Lionel Kent Centre at about 9 pm.

The council was holding a public meeting to discuss its intention to increase water and electricity rates in the township.

Trouble started after the majority of the crowd inside the hall, mostly youths, demanded that all councillors should resign from their seats because they were not working for the interest of the community.

The councillors told the residents that they will only resign if the people who elected them said so.

As Mr Boya was still explaining why councillors were refusing to resign, he and other councillors who were sitting on the stage were pelted with stones and other missiles.

They ran for cover and barricaded themselves inside one of the offices in the hall.

A police spokesman confirmed the incident and said no arrests have been made.

From the hall the crowd started marching down Eisselen Street, stoning passing cars and the Daveyton theatre which is situated next to the Sinabfa stadium. Meanwhile part of the crowd which had remained behind stoned Mr Boya's private car which was parked outside the hall.

The councillors were rescued about 30 minutes later after the incident. In an interview with The SOWETAN after the meeting Mr Boya blamed some "hot heads" whose aim was to disrupt the meeting and cause confusion.
The Krugersdorp Residents Organisation (KRO) yesterday lashed out at the Kagiso Town Council, accusing it of exploiting residents.

This was contained in a statement released by the secretary of KRO, Mr Molatheljo Ntlokoa, after a meeting with the town clerk, Mr Barry Vorster. The meeting was over the high bills served on residents by the council.

KRO said the bills, which were issued with no explanation, were an attack on the standard of living of residents when unemployment and inflation are at the highest.

The delegation was empowered to meet council officials to seek an explanation at meetings in Kagiso and Munsieville at the weekend. Mr Vorster confirmed the meeting but declined to comment on claims that some bills amounted to R900.

It was also claimed that a pensioner had received a bill of R527. The bills were served on residents of Kagiso and Munsieville but all the members of KRO said they had not received them.

The organisation plans to meet the mayor, Mr Joseph Moeketsi, and his councillors to discuss the issue soon. The councillors could not be reached for comment yesterday.
Putco to take over municipality service

Putco bus company is to take over the Alberton Municipality's black bus service.

According to Putco News, a journal of the company, an offer by Putco to take over the service has been accepted, subject to approval by the Administrator of the Transvaal and the Local Road Transportation Board.

In terms of the offer, Putco will pay R6.4 million for 89 buses, a 3,361-hectare workshop depot, spares and equipment. It is expected that most of the municipality's black employees will join the company.

Alberton Municipality will still operate its white bus service.
Letters to the Editor

Boards care about black residents

On March 13, 1985, Mr. Peter Soul, MP (PPF, Johannesburg North), asked questions in Parliament about the assets of Development Boards.

Subsequent reports (Sowetan, March 14/15, 1985, and Rapport, March 17, 1985) created the impression that Development Boards are insensitive regarding the shortage of black housing, considering the substantial cash investments they have at their disposal.

The reports convey ignorance on the side of both the speaker and the reporters. The fact that Development Boards are solvent because of sound financial management, should be lauded and not criticised.

Sixty percent of the black community cannot afford housing bonds at fully economical interest rates. Neither can the State or other institutions readily provide development capital by way of grants or subsidies, because of a shortage of funds.

For those who cannot afford it, the Orange-Vaal Development Board has been able to obtain building society and other funds (presently R11 million) and no request to date has been refused. The crux of the solution lies in community involvement by means of self-help projects and similar building methods.

The Board’s cash assets of R36.8 million is divided among different funds of which is utilised for a specific purpose:

- Capital Development Fund (R15 million) — The fund is used to finance capital projects in black townships such as the present extension of the Rietfontein sewer purification works for the Sebokeng service area at a cost of R15 million.
- Construction Fund (R2.5 million) — the fund is used to establish the infrastructure for new extensions.
- Loan Redemption Fund (R6 million) — The fund is built-up and maintained by various contributions. It is used to redeem capital amounts on a six-monthly basis in regard to loans obtained on the open market. The loans (presently R5.9 million) are used for capital projects in black townships.

By means of the method of purposeful utilisation of available funds, the Orange-Vaal Development Board continues admirably in improving the quality of life of black residents.

In the same fashion, the Board was able to transfer R13 million to the newly established black local authorities in its area.

Press reports should be based on verified facts and misconceptions which can hardly be afforded, could thus be avoided.

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Police vehicle burnt in Tvl

OWN CORRESPONDENT
Johannesburg. — A police vehicle was set alight as unrest spread to the Kwalenboon township near Germiston yesterday.

The spokesman for the police directorate in Pretoria said the vehicle was destroyed. The fire was caused by a petrol bomb hurled at it, he said.

In Thabong near Wolkop, about 40 placard-waving pupils gathered in front of the local Teto High School demanding the resignation of the principal, a Mr. Jordan, and the vice-principal, a Mr. Hanekom.

The police did not intervene and there were no arrests, injuries or damage, the spokesman said.

Disturbances continued in black townships with police using tear smoke, shotguns, rubber bullets and sneeze powder on several occasions during the previous 24 hours, police said in Pretoria yesterday.

A spokesman for the SAP Directorate of Public Relations told Sapa: "In Port Elizabeth, townships which had been plagued by sporadic acts of unrest for about a month returned to normal yesterday, as bus services were re-introduced and delivery trucks from commercial firms were allowed into the townships, amid a strong presence of policemen and members of the SA Defence Force."

In Kimberley, damage amounting to thousands of rands was caused by arsonists. Two classrooms and four private vehicles were maliciously destroyed by fire.

Also in Kimberley, two delivery vans had been stoned and set on fire.

POLICEMAN

The home of a black policeman had been petrol-bombed in Kwalenboon, causing extensive damage.

In Bethlehem, a tractor was stopped and stoned at an illegal obstruction in the road in the black residential area.

In the Eastern Cape, five private homes and one delivery van were seriously damaged by fire. An unsuccessful attempt was made to burn a primary school. Damage was minimal.

Police had dismantled several illegal roadblocks, the spokesman said.

On a number of occasions, the police used tear smoke, sneeze powder, shotguns and rubber bullets to restore the daily routine in these areas.
Councillors' manifesto

By SELLO RABOTHATA

THE Black Councillors’ Task Group, a group of town council members from the Witwatersrand, yesterday issued a manifesto directed at the Government and other concerned parties calling for a just, equal opportunity society and the scrapping of discriminatory laws.

The Task Group was formed in February by members of the East and West Rand Councils at a conference held in Broederstroom. According to the group’s chairman, Mr Tom Boya, the manifesto was brought about by the fact that members of the community did not understand what the councils were all about and the problems they faced.

“We consulted the Urban Councils Association of South Africa (Ucas) about the matter and explained we wanted to bring about a clarity of purpose and that the manifesto would be adopted countrywide,” he said.

In the manifesto, the Task Group also stressed that the Government has to give the councils credit in public for any results they achieve. “This is essential for both the Government and for us, because it will demonstrate to the world and particularly also to those who believe in subversive methods that ‘changing the system from within’ is more effective than violence and boycotts.”

The councillors want to be “effectively and visibly involved” in negotiations with the central Government aimed at achieving a just, equal opportunity society in South Africa.”
Lekoa Council claims R60,000 for widows

FEATURE STORY

Lekoa Council has claimed an estimated R60,000 for the widows of deceased squatters.

The council argues that the squatters, who lived in informal settlements, were owed compensation.

"We are entitled to this money," said the council spokesperson.

The claim has caused controversy among residents, who argue that the council should be doing more to help the poor.

"They are not doing anything for us," said resident John Doe.

The council denies this, saying that it is already doing as much as it can in the face of limited resources.

"We are doing our best," said the council spokesperson.

The matter is currently being investigated by the courts.

Time: 10:00 AM

By Joshua

WRITER OF THE DAY
Baby boy dies

A five months-old baby was killed when a shack was gutted in Small Farms, Etwatwa township, in what is believed to be the work of arsonists on Monday night, writes JOSHUA RABOROKO.

The shack belonged to Miss Caroline Sibeko of 323 Small Farms, whose baby, Charles Sibeko's charred body was found among the remains of their damaged home by horrified residents.

A petrol container was found by Miss Sibeko near the scene of the tragic incident which has caused a stir among residents in the area.

A police spokesman confirmed the incident and said they were investigating the possibility that somebody could have caused the fire.

Miss Sibeko described to The SOWETAN yesterday how she was attracted by screams of "Yo, help" from passersby while she was watching a TV programme next door.

She went outside with neighbours and discovered that it was her home engulfed in flames. They tried to extinguish the fire, but the flames were beyond control.

"Save"

"I tried to rush to save my child, and pleaded with rescuers to save him, but the flames grew stronger and stronger. The fire brought down my house and killed my five month-old-baby," she said.

She added: "After the fire had subsided I got to the place where I left my child, but unfortunately the baby was dead. I suffered a few burns on my hands."

Miss Sibeko said that there was a shortage of telephones in the area and that was the reason why they could not call an ambulance. However, a "good Samaritan" managed to summon the police who later arrived at the scene. The fire had already razed the house.

Time:

Just one of the many good reasons to use Huggies Disposable Nappies.

'My mama is a busy bee. But Huggies give her time to spend with me!'
Evicted mum tells of woes

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

AN elderly Soweto woman, who has spent more than a week sleeping in the street with her family of four and her nine-month-old grandson, yesterday related the sorrowful story of her woes.

Mrs Annah Ramontsho (67) of 4115a Zone 4, Pinville, said she was fetched from work last Tuesday by her son John (27) who told her the local superintendent, Mr Daniel Smith, had locked their house after a team of men had removed their property with armed policemen looking on.

She works as a domestic servant in Johannes burg.

"I nearly went mad when I arrived home to find my household items outside the yard in a mess," said Mrs Ramontsho.

She said she went for the wardrobe drawer in which she had locked R1 000 from John who arrived recently from the mines where he works.

"The drawer was broken and the money gone. I went to the council offices but no one could listen or explain to me the situation and I had to spend the blistering cold Easter weekend in the street," said Mrs Ramontsho.

Mr Smith referred The SOWETAN to Mr Jack Jacobs of the Soweto Council because the house file had been sent to him with an explanation.

But yesterday Mr Jacobs declined to comment twice.

Mrs Annah Ramontsho and her children sitting on the lawn of their former house while their property remains outside. Close to her is Agnes with Lebohang (9 months) and John. They have been sleeping outside since two days before Easter weekend.

PH: JOE MOLEFE
Background: A view is seen of the entrance of the Long Island Rail Road station.

Homeless: Mrs. Isabelle Smith, standing in front of a tent erected by Azano members in the Long Island Rail Road station. She is holding a sign that reads, "Homeless: We're the Essential Workers, No, We're Not Allowed."

BY ALL MPAHAI

MORE than 20 people

30 Left Homeless

Down Shacks

Endebokbrings

Sowetan, Friday, April 12, 1985
Rifles for council

The Eaton town council is waiting for approval from the Co-operation and Development Department to arm its members with 18 rifles.

Eaton Development Board housing director J J Britz this week said the scheme was passed by the council, but is subject to the department's approval. The press was barred from the council's recent meeting after Mr Britz announced that a storeroom would be built for the rifles.
A KATLEHONG family of five was arrested by armed East Rand Development Board inspectors and their "house"—a tent—demolished and confiscated in the raid.

Mr S Sauhatsi, his eight-month pregnant wife, Lettie, and their three children were raided by the inspectors at about 3am yesterday. They were staying at the Katlehong coalyard where more than 30 people were left homeless after their shacks were demolished by Eradebo inspectors last Tuesday.

All families staying in the area have been given until April 22 to demolish their shacks and move out of the area because the majority of them do not "qualify" to stay in urban areas, according to Eradebo officials.

Mr Sauhatsi's shack was among those demolished last week. The Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) visited the coalyard after the shacks were demolished and erected five tents to help house the families.

Shack dwellers interviewed by The SOWETAN said the family was arrested after being ordered to leave the area after their shacks were demolished. They said their tent, including furniture, were taken away by the inspectors.

A spokesman for Eradebo said he was not aware of the incident, but promised to investigate.
Kagiso rent furore

By LEN MAGERO

KAGISO residents are up in arms over notices sent to them by their town council requiring them to pay rent arrears — in some cases as high as R800 dating back to 1981.

The residents told The SOWETAN yesterday they had receipts to prove that they had been up to date with their rent payments during the period.

A check by The SOWETAN around the township revealed that amounts “owed” by residents ranged from R200 to R800. The notices urged residents to report at the local town council’s offices to arrange payment.

One resident said: “The council officials have failed to give us a satisfactory explanation regarding the arrears. The whole thing has puzzled us. Is the Kagiso Town Council suggesting that they have been unable to keep their books properly in all those years?”

The council’s town clerk Mr J Vorster said the council had sent notices after discovering that scores of residents in the area owed the council thousands of rands dating back to 1981.

“It is just a matter of administration procedure,” Mr Vorster said, “We have realised that our accounts department had made mistakes regarding rent payment in certain cases. Our staff, like other human beings, can make mistakes.”

The town clerk said no resident would be evicted for having failed to pay the outstanding amount, “but those affected should contact us as soon as possible.”

He added that the council had a “surprise in store for some residents”, who would be refunded some money for having paid more than they should have done over the years.”
Kagiso Council to write off 'arrears'

The Kagiso Town Council has resolved to write off thousands of rands owed by local residents in rent arrears.

This news will be greeted with relief by scores of the township's residents who — to their shock and disbelief — recently received notices requiring them to pay rent arrears — in some cases as high as R800 — dating back to 1981.

In a statement yesterday, the council said:

"We have resolved to regard as irrecoverable losses all arrears which emanated while the township was under the jurisdiction of the West Rand Administration Board. The arrears in question are those which accumulated before July 1, 1984, the day the council became a local authority."

The amount owed by residents would be debited to the West Rand Development Board, according to the council.

This means that residents whose rent arrears accumulated before July 1984, should ignore notices sent to them by the council. Those who had already responded to the notices by paying their arrears, would have the amount credited to them and regarded as advance rent payment.

"However, residents owing rent as from July 1984 until now will be required to pay their arrears," the council stated. "We appeal to the residents to report at the Kagiso Council offices as soon as possible. They should bring their receipts — dating from July 1984 — along, because we are introducing our own financial system independent from the West Rand Board."

Woman's Club meeting

The Sowetan Woman’s Club, East Rand branch, meets tomorrow at the Lionel Kent Centre in Denvon.

The meeting starts at 2pm and the topic to be discussed is "taxation — how it affects you".

All members are invited, including those wishing to join or interested in the topic. Refreshments will be served. Please bring your friends along.
Alexandra recruits to form own police force

The Alexandra Town Council has joined the growing band of township authorities seeking to establish their own police forces.

The council has called for people to apply for posts as constables, sergeants and senior sergeants. Two weeks ago the Atteridgeville Town Council advertised similar posts.

Under the new Black Local Authorities Act the councils are empowered to employ their own police forces.

Constables employed by the Alexandra council will earn between R224 and R622 a month. The minimum qualification required is a Standard 8 certificate but preference will be given to matriculants.

Sergeants will be required to have five years' experience as constables and will earn between R570 and R855 a month. A valid driver's licence is necessary.

A senior sergeant will be required to have at least five years' experience as a sergeant and hold a matric certificate and a driver's licence. A salary between R555 and R1 355 is offered.

Applicants have been asked to contact Mr Anton Kuhn at the council before March 1.
Alex youths stone town councillor's car

AN Alexandra Town Council member, Mr Irvin Khoza, had his car stoned and all windows shattered after a meeting to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Freedom Charter at the Nobuhle Hall in Alexandra yesterday.

About 700 people attended the meeting, which was characterised by freedom songs, speeches and slogans. By late yesterday evening Putco buses were withdrawn from Alexandra township and thousands of people returning from church services in the nearby suburbs were left stranded and had to walk to their homes.

A member of the Alexandra Youth Congress (Ayco) intervened when about 200 people attacked Mr Khoza's car.

At the service, the secretary general of the SA Catholic Bishops Conference Father Simonangaliso Mkhatswa called for peace in the country and the repeal of all influx control laws.

He said although the Freedom Charter was adopted 30 years ago, all the demands listed in it have not been met.

At another service held at the Regina Mundi church in Rockville, Soweto, Mrs Helen Joseph was the main speaker. The service was attended by more than 200 people. Mrs Joseph cannot be quoted as she is a listed person.

No violent incidents took place after the meeting but police kept a low profile.
Soweto curfew will hit workers

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The 10pm to 4am curfew in Soweto will affect every aspect of activity in this vast township and cause considerable hardships.

Soccer administrators, taxi owners, shebeen operators and workers who have to leave home before 4am are worried about the implications of the curfew if it is rigidly implemented and there are difficulties about getting exemptions.

Already the National Soccer League (NSL) is worried about the implications of the curfew on its night games which start at 8pm and end at 9.30pm. This would leave the thousands of fans 30 minutes to reach their homes.

“We can't play before empty stands. We may have to start our games at 6pm,” said one official.

Hundreds of workers have to catch trains before 4am. These include, among others, bakery and dairy workers, bus drivers, taxi owners and shebeen operators.

Workers in the curfew areas who have valid reasons for being out of doors between 10pm and 4am should have no problem getting permission from the police, according to Soweto Divisional Commissioner, Brigadier Jan Coetzee.

Brigadier Coetzee said in some cases it may be necessary for workers to obtain written proof from their employers about their hours of work.

• Spa reports from Johannesburg that strict control over the movements of pupils and the use of petrol in the township of Alexandra, Johannesburg, were published in an extraordinary Government Gazette yesterday.

In terms of the order, pupils in the township may not be outside their classrooms except for prescribed reasons. They may not take part in any activities which are not supervised or ordered by a senior official of the school.

Anyone who is not a pupil or teacher at the school is prohibited from being on the premises.

The carrying of petrol in any container whatsoever is also prohibited and the unauthorised siphoning of petrol from "the petrol tank of a motor vehicle" is banned.
Alexandra has R200-m plan for ‘gift’ land

By Stuart Fliton, Municipal Reporter

A R200 million development comprising a technical high school, sports stadium, hotel and houses is planned for 10 ha of Johannesburg City Council land which might be given to Alexandra.

The council's management committee decided yesterday to recommend at the next council meeting on August 27 that the land, east of the Jukskei River, be given to Alexandra.

If the proposal is approved, it must still be ratified by the Administrator of the Transvaal.

The proposed gift is likely to be opposed strongly by Johannesburg residents.

Mr B Smith, past chairman of the Lombardy East and Rembrandt Park Ratepayers' Association, said residents opposed a similar proposal in 1980.

"The residents don't mind educational institutions being built on the east side of Jukskei River, but they want houses to be limited to the western side," he said.

Mr Arthur Magerman, the town clerk of Alexandra, said his council was negotiating for foreign loans to finance the development on the land.

REVENUE FROM HOTEL

I don't want to name the countries involved as negotiations are still proceeding," he added.

He said the technical high school would be on the south of the land, the hotel on the west side, the sports stadium in the middle, and the houses on the north side.

"The 1000 houses will be owner-built and cost R5 000 and more. They will be occupied by Alexandra residents.

"The multi-purpose stadium will cover two 2 ha and seat 35 000 to 50 000 people."

Mr Magerman said the hotel was being put out to tender and would provide revenue for Alexandra through taxes.

Mr Lionel Koen, city councillor for Kew and Lombardy, said he did not believe the council would oppose the gift of the land.

He said residents were opposed to the gift in 1980 because of planned high-density housing, but the latest plans made provision for more elite homes.

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Abduction claim of R10 000

A R10 000 claim is being demanded from the Alexandra Town Council for the alleged abduction and assault of an executive member of the Alexandra Residents Association (ARA).

But, a spokesman for the council, Mr. Darkie Rametse, yesterday said the council had not received a letter of demand.

"Should we receive the letter, we will certainly defend the action," he said.

Attorneys acting for the secretary of ARA, Mr. William Mahopa, said they had served a letter of demand on the council on July 16.

Assault

We demanded R10 000 for the assault, abduction and unlawful detention of Mr. Mahopa by members of the junior council. We sent the letter to the council because it is responsible for the actions of its junior members," said the attorney.

Another letter asking about the progress of investigations has also been sent to the police station in the township.

A senior police officer yesterday declined to comment, "I cannot give you information on that issue under the present circumstances," he said.

Visit

The action is a sequel to a visit to Mr. Mahopa's by six members of the junior council who were allegedly armed with a variety of weapons during March.

They allegedly took him to the council offices where he was allegedly assaulted for failing to tell who set alight the house of the mayor, the Rev. Sam Buti, about two weeks earlier.

He was held in a make-shift cell until other members of ARA came to his rescue.
Moletsane, a township buried deep in the heart of Soweto, is the sort of place where virtually nothing ever happens. But, paradoxically, this is exactly what some of the township's residents like about it.

Physically, Moletsane is not very different from the rest of Soweto's townships, that are made up of shanty houses, inhabited by families that have grown to be Gollivers in size.

**Humble**

The people here, for the most part, live out their humble lives in this pacific place and die in dignity after a lifetime of honest toil.

As far as crime goes, the experts have Soweto just about the crime capital of the world. Even New York, the Big Apple, is nothing to Soweto in comparison.

But the residents of Moletsane say they have been spared this malaise that has infected most of Soweto's townships. Serious crimes like murder, robbery and rape rarely take place here.

As we move around the township to find out exactly what makes the place tick, or not tick, we come across young and articulate Mr Kabelo Lengane (23).

Yes, he says, it is true that crime is not endemic in Moletsane, which is a blessing. But there are many spheres of life in which the township is sadly lacking, he said.

**Drinking**

The first, Mr Lengane said, was the absolute dearth of places where the young can expend their youthful energies in their hours of leisure.

"It is therefore not surprising that many boys and girls have taken to hard drinking."

"The lack of recreational facilities can also be the main reason why there are so many teenage pregnancies," Mr Lengane said.

He went on to enumerate the many social ills that beset Moletsane: inter alia, broken families, moral depravity and social and spiritual apathy.

"We are particularly hard-hit by the problem of unemployment. Because of frustration, many able-bodied men spend the day hanging around the shebeens," Mr Lengane said.

**Vision**

One saving grace, though, he said, was that in Moletsane, there was still a great amount of inter-person respect that is not to be found in many other areas in Soweto.

We then pay a visit to the Club Manzzattan, that was opened only a month ago. The place is owned by Mr Matthews "Manze" Mohale (37), a man of vision and considerable business acumen.

"Once a bootlegger, Mr Mohale stashed away enough from his general dealer's business to buy a supermarket and a nightclub."

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**MOLETSANE's young people in a street.**

**Mr Kabelo Lengane**... "unemployment is a problem in Moletsane."

**Mr Matthews Mohale**... owner of Club Manzzattan: "The people need this kind of facility."

**Mrs Mampitsa Malepa**... "the people of Moletsane have a caring attitude."

**Mr Kelello Lengane**... brother of Kabelo, complained about the high drop-out rate in Moletsane.
Alex fumes: Company barred from operating

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

PRODUCTION at a company discharging offensive fumes near Alexandra Township has been halted and will only continue after permission has been granted by the Johannesburg City Health Department.

The Medical Officer of Health for Johannesburg, Dr Baldwin Richards, yesterday said operations at Acetico were stopped by a team of experts from his office who went to investigate last Tuesday. This was after the SOWETAN had contacted the health office on complaints by residents near the company.

"The stuff produced by the company is harmless, but we cannot allow the dry waste to affect residents. Operations will start after we have satisfied ourselves that residents will not be affected once more," said Dr Richards.

When the SOWETAN visited the company yesterday production machinery had been dismantled and the chimney discharging the fumes was disconnected.

The owner, Mr Perre Marais, was not in.

Residents affected by the fumes confirmed that since last Wednesday they have not been troubled by the waste material.
THE Shop of Alexandra mayor the Rev Sam Buti was last night set alight by rampant mobs.

At least nine Putco buses were damaged — three burnt out — as mobs of pupils went on rampage.

Earlier in the day, a man who was involved in a fight with taxi-drivers was chased into the stadium. Students intervened on his behalf and the taximen were forced to flee in their vehicles.

An unnamed Putco despatch clerk suffered injury when he was beaten with a rod in the face. A man trying to come to his aid was also allegedly assaulted.

An undisclosed number of Alexandra town councillors' children escaped serious injury as the mobs attacked them. The children were whisked away to safety by a motor car.

Trouble in the township started after a sports meeting between Alexandra High and Meadowlands High Schools. A student at Alex High said there had always been pressure on the councillors' children to quit the school.

**Attack**

"Immediately after the match there was an attempt to attack the students. After their dash to safety, the crowds marched through the township and attacked Putco buses," the student said.

Two cars belonging to Chinese traders in the township were also set alight.

A spokesman for the police, Lt-Col Fred Bull said the trouble started when a group of taximen were involved in an argument at the local stadium.

"They dispersed but set one bus and a private vehicle alight. There was only a small group involved and they operated between Kings Avenue and 16th Street," he said.

Lt-Col Bull said there were no injuries.
Council won’t quit — Buti

By MOJAFELA MOSEKI

THE mayor of Alexandra, the Rev Sam Buti, this week rejected a call for the resignation of the council.

The call was made by the Alexandra Residents’ Association at a meeting at Nobuhle Hall.

The association accused Buti of failing to honour promises and invitations.

A photocopy of an invitation to him and his councillors to attend the meeting was shown to the people.

They said councillors were not helping residents but "just out to enrich themselves".

Mr Buti said on Tuesday: "I cannot comment on the resignation call by ARA because the council is preparing a policy statement on that issue."

"We will explain the matter to the public during public meetings we are to hold soon."

Police called after strike

A British multinational operating in South Africa has called police to disperse dismissed black workers who have been on strike over wages — and the action has angered trade unionists.

Workers at Winding Wires in Springs downed tools early last week after 35 workers were dismissed for attending a union meeting.

The union's executive and leaders were seeking a meeting with the company to discuss workers' grievances.

Workers started a strike to protest the dismissals.

A picketing continues outside the company's premises as police present.

Rent issue: 'Council lied'

THE Atteridgeville Town Council's recent announcement that prominent members of the local residents organisation (Aseco) had paid their rent, was "a lie and a trap" aimed at confusing residents, Dr Abe Nkomo, an executive member of the organisation said yesterday.

At a public meeting attended by about 500 residents at the AME church, Dr Nkomo said: "The council is telling you a lie. No members of this organisation have paid their increased rents."

He went on to say: "This is a trap and it is unfortunate that some of you fell into it."

The council announced on March 27 that prominent members of Aseco were ironically among the first to pay their accounts. The town clerk, Mr J P la Grange also announced that 80 percent of the residents had paid the increased rents.

Residents at various meetings organised by Aseco had vowed not to pay the increased rents. Speakers lashed out at the majority of residents who are believed to have paid rents and accused them of being "crooks and spies who want to kill us."

Bondage

Another speaker warned that blacks will always be in chains of bondage because of their failure to unite. "We will never achieve progress until we think of ourselves of being human beings," the speaker said.

Other speakers said residents paid their accounts after threats that they will be evicted. And those who did not pay were in the minority and this would make it easier for the authorities "to lock them out."

Residents at the meeting resolved to continue with their non-payment of the increased rents and urged others to do likewise. "If we pay the council will undoubtedly increase rents again," they warned.
Councillor cleared of bribery charges

LEKOA Town Council member, Mr Ananias Ramogonako Sekobane, was yesterday cleared in the Vereeniging Regional Court of two counts of bribery/alternatively corruption.

Mr J F F Verwey acquitted Mr Sekobane after the state closed its case and Mr J J Bornman, for the defence, submitted that evidence by the two complainants was contradictory to what they had told the police in their statements.

Mr Sekobane who had pleaded not guilty to all charges was not called to give evidence.

The state had alleged that during May 1981, Mr Sekobane — then vice-chairman of the Vaal Community Council — received R2 000 building bricks from Mr Bently Nkuta, a Sebokeng businessman, for the allocation of a garage site.

It was further alleged that in June 1982, he was given R5 000 by Mr Josiah Maeyane, a Sebokeng coal merchant, also for the acquisition of a garage site.

The two men denied in their evidence-in-chief that the bricks or money involved had anything to do with their applications to the local council to get business sites.

However, in a statement read in court, Mr Nkuta told the police that after an oil company had built him a garage he went to Mr Knox Matjila, then the chairman of the Vaal Council and presently a member of the Lekoa Town Council, to give an explanation.

Mr Matjila told him he should pay R7 000 because “there is nothing for nothing”. He also said if he did not pay the amount, the garage would be given to someone. He later handed him the money.

The statement also added that Mr Nkuta had also met with Mr Sekobane who wanted bricks for building a shop. Mr Sekobane had told him he had no money and would help him get the garage if he complied. This he did and 2 000 bricks were delivered to him.

Under cross-examination, Mr Maeyane maintained that he had not been promised anything in exchange for the bricks. He said the bricks were merely a help to Mr Sekobane who was to pay him back later, but has not done so following the razing of his shop during the Vaal unrest. The person who had made mention of money was Mr Matjila, he said.

In his statement, Mr Maeyane said two weeks after he had made an application for a garage he went to Mr Sekobane. He said he was aware at the time that the amount was bribery money.

Earlier in his evidence, Mr Maeyane said he had lent Mr Sekobane R5 000 because he was a friend and had signed on a piece of paper that he would pay it back. The money, he said, was not connected with his garage application.

He also said he had not got his money back because the day he was supposed to, Mr Sekobane’s business was set alight.
Stoning, arson in township unrest

Own Correspondent

Johannesburg — A man died in hospital after being injured in a confrontation with police at Duduza near Nigel yesterday morning as unrest flared on the Reef, the Eastern Cape and the Vaal Triangle.

And in Sebokeng (Vaal), about 460 people were arrested on Monday night on charges of holding an illegal gathering at a school to discuss the rent issue in the township.

According to a spokesman for the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria, their ages range between 12 and 18. They are being held under Section 57 of the Internal Security Act of 1962.

The spokesman said many of them paid admission of guilt fines and the remainder would appear in court soon.

In Duduza, a man died in hospital yesterday after he and three others were injured during a confrontation with police. Buses, delivery vans and a councillor's house were stoned in the incident, causing extensive damage.

At Emadalweni High School in Soweto, police used teargas to disperse pupils who were boycotting classes while at KwaThema near Springs, two municipal vehicles were damaged by fire.

About 50 youths stoned and robbed a bread delivery van in Soweto yesterday and in another incident, a group of boycotters and anti-boycotters stoned each other.

Police used teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse them.

In Sebokeng, the driver of a private vehicle was struck in the face by a rock when his vehicle was stoned.

At Graaff-Reinet a white man and woman were slightly injured when their vehicle was stoned while they were delivering goods in the adjoining black township.

In New Brighton and in KwaZakhele near Fort Elizabeth, two buses were set alight and gutted, while at Ebongweni near Cookhouse, a private dwelling was extensively damaged after being set alight.

In another incident in KwaZakhele, petrol was poured over the seats of a bus, which was then set alight causing extensive damage.
The Atteridgeville Town Council threatened to disclose the names of prominent members of organisations who still called for the non-payment of increased rent, but were among the first to have paid their accounts.

In a statement released on Monday, local mayor the Reverend Enoch Sibanyoni said the council regarded the accounts of residents as a private and confidential matter and would not disclose the payment or non-payment of their accounts.

But, he warned "should the local residents organisation (Asro), continue with their unfounded allegations that the council is lying, the confidential accounts of certain persons may be reconsidered."

Mr Sibanyoni was reacting to Sunday's announcement by an executive member of Asro at a public meeting that the council's statement that some of their members had paid rent, was a lie and a trap.

In his statement yesterday, the Mayor said the Council stood by their recent statement by the Town Clerk, Mr J P Le Grange that prominent members of organisations which called for the boycott of payment of tariffs, were among the first to pay their accounts.

Mr Sibanyoni also announced that 95 percent of the accounts for the current month, had already been paid by residents and reiterated the council's "gratitude for the co-operation shown by residents."

At a public meeting held on Sunday, Dr A Nkomo, an executive member of Asro said the council's announcements in the press that some of their members had paid, was "a lie and a trap" aimed at confus-
Soweto mayor told to quit

The Soweto City Council's monthly meeting ended in confusion yesterday with the majority of councillors demanding that the mayor, Mr. Edward Kunene, and the deputy mayor, Mr. S. Shabangu, step down.

A motion of no confidence had been tabled by Mr. M. Joaga and backed by six other councillors. They demanded a special council meeting within seven days to elect a new mayor and deputy.

Former mayor Mr. Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala is said to have won the support of 14 councillors.

At yesterday's meeting, Mr. Kunene's faction was defeated by 20 votes to 10.

The meeting was adjourned for the opposition to seek legal advice on the validity of the mayor's powers to dismiss a motion of no confidence in him and his deputy.
A row is brewing in the East Rand township of Thokoza, where a white man is alleged to be operating four pirate taxis between the township and Alberton.

Taxi owners in the area also claimed that a white official attached to the Alberton Traffic Department was in partnership with the man who owns four kombis operating as pirate taxis.

They claim the inspector applied to the Thokoza Taxi Association in January to operate a taxi in the township. His application was rejected on the grounds that he was white.

The white man is alleged to have introduced his pirate taxis in February. Last week, according to taxi owners, the man allegedly assaulted a taxi owner after his kombi was stopped by members of the taxi association who warned drivers to stop pirating.

Several executive members of the association disclosed they were told by the man to stop harassing his drivers. He threatened to organise the traffic department to assist him.

Mr. Hoomis, the chief traffic officer in Alberton yesterday denied the allegations. He said there was no truth in the story because members of the Thokoza Taxi Association would not prove their case when he met them a few days ago.

He said: "We have investigated the matter and we found no truth in it. The taxi owners were given a chance to prove their story but failed to come forward with facts and as far as we are concerned the matter is now closed."

According to documents in the possession of The SOWETAN, the man, who stays in Randburg, hired out a licence permit from a taxi owner in the township a few months ago.

The man hired a permit allowing him to ferry four passengers, but according to taxi owners interviewed by The SOWETAN, the man was operating four taxis ferrying ten passengers at a time.

Mr. Piet Mbele, the chairman of the Thokoza Taxi Association, said his members, on stopping the four taxis, discovered that they were not licenced to operate as taxis.

He said: "On further questioning the drivers, they confessed that they were working for a white man." Mr. Mbele said the matter was now being handled by their lawyers.

Attempts to trace the whereabouts of the man have proved fruitless. His black "partner", the one who hired out taxi permits, could not be reached for comment.

Early this year there was a wrangle involving Katlehong taxi owners after another white was allegedly issued with five permits by the transportation board to operate taxis between Natalspruit Hospital in Katlehong and Germiston.

The Katlehong Town Council had to intervene in the matter after members of the Germiston District and Taxi Association had on two occasions fought with those employed by the white man.
Dumped in ETS Jail!
Residents reject Local Authority

THE proposed introduction of a Black Local Authority in Soshanguve, Pretoria, was rejected by more than 1,000 residents at the weekend.

At a meeting called by the Soshanguve Residents Association (SORIA) at the St Charles Lwanga Roman Catholic Church on Sunday, residents said allegations by certain people who claimed to be leaders that they supported the idea to introduce a town council in the area were untrue. A Black Local Authority, they said, was nothing but an extension of apartheid and therefore, they rejected any sort of plan aimed at forming such a body. "Any moves to impose such unpopular and undemocratic structures on us will be resisted," the people agreed.

Dr Nhato Motlana, chairman of the Soweto Civic Association, said recent deaths, fights and anger among black people were direct results of bodies such as town councils. Soshanguve, he pointed out, was part of South Africa and it was high time residents there approached the authorities with a set of demands.

He urged the youths to fight for a free South Africa and added that parents had no wealth to offer for the future. "There is no wealth in townships as everybody is aware that all that black people are supposed to live on is left in Pretoria. The cities are today what they are because of black muscles," Dr Motlana said.

He added that if the government insisted on appointing "puppets" as leaders of the people, nothing would improve their relationship with those they represented. Governing bodies had to insist on the equitable distribution of taxes, rateable property based on freehold and subodies from the government so that they could have income to run the local affairs.

The meeting also resolved that:

- once and for all residents want the Government to know that they are totally opposed to incorporation into Bophuthatswana or any other bantustan
- that residents demand the granting of freehold rights to all anywhere in the Republic of South Africa and that the 99-year-leasehold scheme must be seen merely as a temporary measure which in the people's opinion only applies to black people in the country and
- that the Government abolish pass laws and recognise the right of all the citizens of the country to complete freedom of movement and occupation.
ASSaulted: Pointing to one of the doors which were broken to gain entry after their assailants had fled are Mrs Patricia Zwane, Mrs Catherine Seshoba with her baBy, Nicholas and Miss Gloria Dlangomo. They managed to flee after being lashed with a piece of hosepipe.

Farm homes invaded

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

AboUt 20 women, three with babies less than three months old, had to run for their lives to seek refuge on a nearby hill when three white men invaded their Kibler Park Farm homes beating them and soaking their blankets in water, mixing foods and pouring paraffin over food.

The ordeal occurred on Friday morning on the farm near Montecor, a few kilometres from Johannes-

burg. The farm owner, Mr N J Pieterse, blamed West Rand Development Board employees. He said he had asked the tenants to lay a complaint with the Mondeor police, but said they were afraid of provoking more raids.

Officials of Wradebo were not available for comment yesterday.

Terrified residents yesterday claimed the men asked what they wanted on the farm and before they could respond one started beating them with a hosepipe piece. The others joined in, and with babies in their arms Mrs Catherine Seshoba with a three-month-old baby, Miss Gloria Dlangomo and Miss Agnes Thondzwa, both with one-month-old babies, had to flee.

The men threw stones and Miss Mary Dlamini was struck on the left leg.

When they came back they found their blankets soaked in dirty water, doors kicked down, glasses broken and mealie meal, sugar, coffee, tea belonging to 12 families mixed and paraffin poured over them.

Cassette tapes and cash in some of the rooms were missing, said Mr Johannes Ngwonya. He rents one of the rooms he shares with three others.

Residents said the raids by Wradebo started last November and increased during December.

They said they lost property and cash during previous raids.
Vaal councils deny rumours

The Lekoa and Evaton town councils yesterday denied that local residents stand to be arrested for failing to pay rent arrears.

The two Vaal councils were reacting to rumours that there will be house-to-house raids in the areas in connection with non-payment of rent arrears, starting today.

Spokesman for the two councils said in a joint statement yesterday: “We deny in the strongest terms that any resident stands to be arrested for failing to pay rent arrears. Rumours to the effect are totally untrue.”

The councils referred to an announcement made last month by the deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Mr Sam de Beer, who stated that residents “who are not in a position to make these payments should make alternative arrangements” with the town clerks of Lekoa and Evaton.

“No act whatsoever makes provision for these so-called arrests,” spokesman for the councils told The SOWETAN.

The Vaal councils have been battling to retrieve thousands of rands owed by local residents since September last year — the period when the whole complex erupted into violence following rent-increase protests.
Hundreds of small shops in the black townships may be forced to close shop as the recession continues.

Traders are scared that unless the economy picks up, they may be in the red.

Reasons causing the collapse of the small trader are:
- the economy;
- growing unemployment rate;
- dwindling profits;
- increasing costs;
- the reluctance of banks to give loans

A survey by The SOWETAN showed that the hardest hit among the small traders was the corner "fish and chips shops", whose survival now largely depends on the selling of fat cakes to schoolchildren.

In addition, the fish and chips shop is facing strong competition from the fast foods outlets - Kentucky, Chicken Licken etc - which are growing fast.

These outlets are cheaper, cleaner and give more professional service than the usually dingy fish and chips shop.

For the general dealer, popularly known as the "grocer shop" in township parlance, the emergence of giant stores like Maponya's, Blackchain and a host of other supermarkets found nearly in every township, has spelled doom.

While the general dealer tries to keep his customers by giving credit and opening until late, the customers have decreased because of the cheaper prices at the giant supermarkets. These supermarkets also keep late hours.

Mr Snowy Mashigo said: "The rising costs of everything leaves us with no option but to raise our prices too. But this has a negative effect, as it makes the consumer to go where it is cheaper..."

"Added to this is the problem that many of our old customers, presently out of jobs, are requesting us for credit almost daily.

"It is so difficult to refuse an old customer credit that you are automatically hopeless and simply yield to his request. And on more than one occasion that is the last time you see him," Mr Mashigo said.

He contends that unless there is no drastic change in the economy - very soon - many shops will have to close.

The SOWETAN also took a look at the recent findings of Professor C de Koning's "The Formal Private Sector in Greater Soweto." He says red tape also hampers the development of the small trader.

Prof de Koning says the type of business licences granted to small traders contributes to their downfall.

Many licences allowed the trader to open his doors when the bulk of customers, working outside the townships, had long left for work and the trader has to close not long after a large number of consumers have come back from work.

A drastic change in this, says Prof de Koning, will improve many a small trader's profits and his business might flourish.

Mr Rashid Alli, director of the Small Business Advisory Services (SBAS), agrees with Prof de Koning's findings, adding that all businessmen in the country need to partake in the free enterprise system.

"There is no doubt that the small trader is feeling a terrible pinch at the moment. But what we need to do is to get all businessmen to partake in the free enterprise system. What I mean is that a trader has to go where his market is," said Mr Alli.

Asked how he saw the small trader's future, he said: "I get scared when I think of it. The small businessman is one supposed to create jobs, but at the moment he cannot due to the recession. "With so many people out of jobs and hundreds to lose their jobs I shudder to think what is to happen to the small trader," he said.

Another trader Mr Pho Mthembu who store had many was shelves when visited. The SOWETAN, said there was no improvement in the economy within the next three months, he would
THE ATTERIDGEVILLE Town Council's meeting in Pretoria took a dramatic turn yesterday when a motion of no confidence was tabled against the mayor, The Rev Enoch Sibanyoni, and his executive committee.

The motion, which was held in camera, also discussed "the in-service" provided by the management committee in the township.

The motion called for the executive committee to step down because they retarded the progress of the township. "No progress has been made since the mayor and his committee took over last December," a source close to the council said.

The management committee was also lashed for stalling the issuing of residential sites in the area. "But the mayor and his executive submitted that they were competent," the source told The SOWETAN yesterday.

Another burning issue discussed at the special meeting was an arrest in connection with the burning of a local shop on Monday afternoon.

The election of new office-bearers in the management committee is scheduled to take place at the council's next meeting at the end of this month.
Councillor on corruption rap

A SEBOKENG businessman told Vereeniging Regional Court yesterday that after he had unsuccessfully applied for a business site, he gave a former Vaal Community Council (VCC) member a R2 000 cheque.

The court heard that since then — 1981/82 — he has not been granted the site nor received his money back from the man who is his relative.

Mr John Sibanyoni (48) was testifying in the trial of Mr Mabume Johannes Monnakgotla (39) of Zone 7 Sebokeng. He is facing four charges of bribery totaling R4 470 alternatively corruption.

Money

He is further charged with attempted bribery (R6 600) alternatively corruption.

The charges arise from money received from residents for the allocation of business sites and a house.

He has pleaded not guilty to all charges before Mr J Johnson. Mr Sibanyoni said during 1981/2 he made several business applications to the VCC trading committee of which Mr Monnakgotla was a member.

After he had made a second application Mr Monnakgotla arrived at his home. He told him if he wanted his application to be through he should pay him R2,000.

"I signed him a R2 000 cheque and to this day I never got the business nor my money back," he said.

Under cross-examination Mr Sibanyoni maintained that he had not borrowed Mr Monnakgotla R2 000 because he Monnakgotla wanted to buy his house under the 99-year leasehold scheme.
Board sells 250 000 lease-scheme houses

Consumer Reporter
The sale of houses under the West Rand Administration Board continues its rapid rise with an average 1 400 sold each month.
The board has disposed of 50 percent of the 500 000 houses put on sale by the Government two years ago.
A fifth of the homes earmarked by the Government for sale are in the board's area.
The massive sale was launched in July 1983 and homes were immediately priced and commissioned for survey.

Blacks buy their homes under a 99-year leasehold scheme.
Prices of homes in the board's area range from R400 to more than R1 000 depending on age and size.
These are special sale prices.
The market values of the homes, said a board official, would be anything from R8 000 up.
The procedure for buying a rented home
• Potential buyer goes to the local township manager for a form which sets out the price of the house.
The price depends on size and also installation of water meter if not already supplied.
• Having obtained this form the potential buyer takes it to the relevant housing office, which for Soweto residents is New Canada.
The house can be paid for in cash. A loan may be obtained from a potential buyer's employer or the West Rand Administration Board.
The board has a five-year scheme in which a loan is repayable at 18 percent interest a year.

QUALIFICATIONS
Anyone who has section 10 rights and already lives in a rented house qualifies for a loan.
Buyers of homes already surveyed get their leasehold certificates immediately after paying.
Those who have to wait for their homes to be surveyed get a written agreement from the board confirming the purchase.
Organisations wishing to know more about home-buying in the West Rand and the mass sale may invite chief estate officer Mr Piet Genis to address them on the subject. His telephone number is 331-4911.
The costs of house buying in a township

Mrs Lydia Moaise has been living in her rented Meadowlands Zone 9 house for the past 15 years. This year she decided to buy it under the 95-year leasehold scheme, taking advantage of the Government’s mass sale of homes launched in July 1983.

Her employer, for whom she had worked as a domestic for more than 20 years, agreed to advance her the full R1,541 price of the house.

The breakdown of the cost as given to Mrs Moaise by her township manager was:

- Price of the house’s actual structure, R743.
- Installation of water meter, R86.
- Deposit on water consumption, R28.
- Survey fee, R95.
- Administration fee, R6.
- Annual levy, R1.
- Right of leasing the 260 sq m on which the house was built, R350.

Total, R1,541.

Mrs Moaise’s house already had a water meter, so R86 was deducted from her account and she had to pay R1,261.

Cheque in hand, she went to the West Rand Development Board offices in New Canada to make her purchase.

The board provides five-year loans at 18 percent interest a year for buyers in their area.

People applying for loans must pay a 10 percent deposit plus survey and administration fees, an annual levy, a fee for installation of a water meter and a deposit for water consumption.

If Mrs Moaise had taken a loan she would have had to put down a deposit of R200.

But she was paying cash.

The deal took nearly five hours to process, more than three hours of which were spent in queues.

The procedure started at the reception desk, where a clerk checked whether Mrs Moaise had enough money and opened a housing file in her name.

Next queue: the cashier’s counter where she paid.

The longest wait of nearly three hours came at the estate officer’s desk where final papers were signed.

It took the estate officer only 15 minutes to process Mrs Moaise’s application.

Why wait three hours for something that takes only 15 minutes? Chief estate officer Mr Piet Genis explained that it could take an estate officer (New Canada has five) 15 minutes to an hour to process one application depending on whether the buyer was paying cash or taking the Development Board’s loan.

He said: “Some people want every detail of the documents explained; others don’t.”

Although the West Rand Development Board offices are open on Saturday Mr Genis encourages employers to allow time off in the week for employees who want to buy homes.
THE Urban Foundation yesterday claimed it has been granted a Supreme Court interdict barring the executive director of the Society of Young Africans (Soya) and the African Enterprises Institute from further interrupting the operations of the Funda Centre in Diepkloof, Soweto.

In a statement released by Mr Tony Ngwenya of the Urban Foundation it is said the interdict against Mr Meshack Mabogoane, was granted on Friday. It was served on him on Monday.

Activities at the Funda Centre had been disrupted since last Friday after a series of incidents which necessitated increased security.

The Urban Foundation said Soya and AEI held a meeting at the centre and during the course of this meeting a group of Mr Mabogoane’s followers forced other staff users of the centre to cancel their programmes and vacate the premises.

These staff members returned to their places of work in the afternoon after which security was stepped up.

On Saturday morning, Mr Mabogoane and his followers forced entry on to the premises and Mr Kahn suffered physical injury as a result. On Monday about 150 of Soya and AEI students and staff arrived at the centre and were again refused entry in terms of the interdict.

Police were called to the scene and the group dispersed after being asked to do so.

Mr Mabogoane, who has changed his surname to Suma, said Soya has taken over Funda Centre from the Urban Foundation.

He said a general meeting of 300 Soya members, all of who are full time trainees and workers of the Africanist movement, had decided to expel all Urban Foundation staff and occupy the entire building. He also accused Mr Kahn of being against Soya and trying to destroy its projects from the onset.

Mr Mabogoane Suma said he was presented with a Supreme Court order by Mr Kahn but said he “did not recognise a piece of irrelevant paper.”

Soya/AEI is to hold a meeting at the Dube YWCA starting at 6 pm today.
People flee township as hostel men seek revenge

Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — Hundreds of Tsakane residents fled the township, near Brakpan, and sought shelter in neighbouring Miotswatse township while others slept in the veld as reports spread that local hostel inmates were raiding houses in revenge for the killing of two of their colleagues.

Early today there were reports of continuous fighting between the residents and hostel inmates last night and a report that two inmates died in the clashes.

These two deaths were unconfirmed today.

The clash between the two groups was sparked by the killing of two hostel inmates yesterday. This was the second time that hostel inmates were killed — allegedly by the residents. A man was hacked to death and his body set alight on Sunday.

Two men were stoned, doused with petrol and burnt to death yesterday by about 250 people in Tsakane, a "situation report" issued last night by the Police Public Relations Division in Pretoria said.

The men, aged about 35 and 29, were stoned until they lost consciousness and then set alight. Police dispersed the mob with tear smoke and rubber bullets when they arrived on the scene, the report said.

A third death was reported yesterday in Graaff-Reinet, where a man was forced to drink a "vast amount" of soapy water and then stabbed to death, according to the report.

It said Mr James Smith had refused to take part in an "act of intimidation".

Major Eddie Snyman, police liaison officer for the South Western Districts, said Mr Smith, 25, of Lemoenpoort, Adendorp, was killed by about 10 people who went from a black residential area to a shop at Adendorp, a white area, about 10.30am.

He said the reasons for the attack were not known. Mr Smith was held down by about 10 people and fed soapy water. He was then stabbed in the right shoulder with a sharp instrument and died as a result of his injuries, Major Snyman said.

Also in Tsakane, a man was seriously injured yesterday when "a group of about 2 000 fought", the situation report said.

500 people
In Soweto, tear smoke was used in the evening to disperse about 500 people who stoned a post office vehicle and on a number of occasions during the day to disperse groups.

In three stoning incidents in the township yesterday, police, post office and delivery vehicles were attacked.

Tear smoke was again used in Meadowlands, Soweto, when a police vehicle was stoned in the afternoon, reports said.

Art over uncut diamonds
connection with extortion, theft, fraud and contravening certain articles of the Nuclear Energy Act and the Protection of Information Act.

No charges were put to the men.

Their representatives challenged the validity of the instruction ordering the two men to stand trial on the allegations. The magistrate, Mr J Carstens, overruled the claims and both cases were postponed for hearing in the Supreme Court, Cape Town on October 15.

Their R1 000 bail was extended.

The police investigation began last year after Mr Botha resigned as Minister of Manpower following claims by Brigadier Blaauw that Mr Botha had granted him Orange River diamond prospecting concessions while he was still Minister of Mining.

Brigadier Blaauw, a former Air Force officer, caused a storm in November last year when he said he would sue the Government because of these concessions.
11 die in 24-hour Reef township battle

JOHANNESBURG. — Migrant workers battled with residents of a black township with hatchets, knives and stones, leaving 11 dead in a 24-hour rampage, authorities said yesterday.

The fighting in Tsakane township, 23km east of Johannesburg, pitted migrant men, enraged by the burning of their beer hall, against permanent residents of the township, witnesses said. The township was described as quiet late last night after all of the estimated 1,600 migrant workers were evacuated from the township, escorted by a dozen armoured vehicles.

Streets were littered with glass from windows smashed in hundreds of homes when migrant workers came out of their hostels and fought residents on Tuesday night and yesterday. The telephone service also was cut. Police fired rubber bullets and tear gas to restore order, and roadblocks sealed off the township.

Elsewhere, police reported rioting in several black townships, mainly in the eastern Cape Province.

Faction fight

Police described the Tsakane battle as a tribal faction fight, saying eight people killed yesterday were Xhosa.

But residents said the fighting erupted over the migrants' anger at local youths for burning their beer hall.

Witnesses said the homes of five policemen also were gutted in arson attacks, and black policemen were evacuated. A car driven by a British cameraman was set alight and destroyed.

Mr. Charles Marx, chief director of black affairs for the eastern Johannesburg region, said he planned to hold talks today with residents to try to resolve the conflict. He said migrants make up just 1,800 of the 45,000 residents of Tsakane.

On Tuesday night, a crowd of 250 people stoned and burnt two black men to death in Tsakane, police said. The body of a third black man also was found elsewhere in Tsakane. At least two of the victims apparently were migrant workers from the hostels.

Revenge-seeking migrants then went on the rampage during the night and early yesterday morning in a "running battle through the streets" with local residents, said a police spokesman in Pretoria, adding that eight more people were killed in that fighting.

Tribal songs

One resident who declined to give his name said his family was watching television on Tuesday night "when we heard a group of men singing tribal songs and breaking windows in our street. When we emerged from the house, we realized that the hostel inmates were breaking into houses, looking for men whom they accused of having burnt down their beer hall at the weekend".

A crowd of 2,000 residents responded by setting alight a hostel with petrol bombs early in the day, and another hostel was slightly damaged in a similar attack, the police spokesman said.

At one point, thousands of angry residents gathered on a soccer field near the smouldering hostel, armed with hatchets, sticks, short swords and sharpened iron bars, separated from similarly armed hostel dwellers by a phalanx of police who prevented a clash.

— Sapa-AP
The mayor of Soweto, Mr. Edward Kunene, will resign at the end of this month.

Mr Kunene made the announcement yesterday following a meeting in which his fellow councillors demanded that the executive committee of the council take over all council matters.

Soon after the meeting, Mr Kunene said he was so disappointed with the action of his executive committee that he had no choice but to resign.

The meeting lasted only 10 minutes after a motion of no confidence in the mayor was tabled by Councillor J Mdalose.

The motion was coupled with another requesting that the committee take over.

Mr Kunene said: "The executive committee have actually asked me to resign. If a man cannot trust his executive committee, who else is there to trust?

"Instead of guiding me and helping me through, they have been digging a grave for me."

He said he would seek the mandate of the Soweto residents as to what he should do.

"If the people of Soweto want me to go, I will resign at the end of the month. The opinion of the people should stand," the mayor said.

Yesterday's events were a sequel to the continuing battle for the mayorship which is being contested.

The executive committee took the reins yesterday afternoon, after the mayor acknowledged a majority vote that it should do so "until the dissatisfaction of councillors is resolved".

Mr Kunene's reign lasted six months. He is the first mayor to be deposed before the expiry
Kunene to quit council

By NKOPANE MAKOANE

The mayor of Soweto, Mr Edward Kunene, is to resign his position of chairmanship in the Soweto City Council at the end of the month.

Mr Kunene disclosed this to The SOWETAN yesterday after a dramatic council meeting in which 14 of the 21 councillors present passed a proposal that the executive committee be delegated full powers to act on business of the council.

Mr EDWARD KUNENE

According to Mr Nico Malan, the council's town clerk, the situation will remain like this until such time that the deadlock of a motion of no confidence in the mayor and his deputy, Mr S Shabangu, has been resolved.

There was no counter motion to this.

Mr Kunene's announcement is a somersault to a statement he made last week that those opposed to him would have to kill him to remove him from office. Should he stick to his decision, this may mean the bouncing back of Mr Ephraim "ETU" Tshabalala, the former mayor, to his favourite seat.

Mr Tshabalala yesterday declined to comment on the latest developments in the council.
Massive losses
The uncompromising stand not to pay monthly rentals and service charges taken by black families in the Vaal Triangle as far back as last September has resulted in massive losses amounting to more than R13m. The staggering figure was disclosed last week by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Gerrit Viljoen.

In answer to questions in Parliament, Viljoen said a total of R13,1m in rent and service charges was owed by townships in the Vaal Triangle and that 16,000 households were involved.

Residents in townships of Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Bophelong, Boipatong and Evaton decided in opposition to tariff increases early last September not to pay rentals. They also demanded that rentals be reduced to R30 a month.

Local black councils of Lekoa and Evaton, assisted by the Oranje-Vaal Development Board, are now making concerted efforts to recover the rent arrears. Lekoa Council has already sent 4,000 letters to local employers appealing to them to collect the arrears from workers by stop order — with the consent of employees. The letters have been signed by the Commissioner for Co-operation and Development, Lekoa town clerk Nicholas Louw discloses in a report in the latest edition of Buls Ditsha, a journal published by the Oranje-Vaal Development Board, that it is hoped the arrears will be collected within 12 months. He adds that rents will be unchanged.
THE Government this week backed down from a test case that would have determined whether they have been unlawfully charging families throughout the country millions of rands in rent.

The Eastern Transvaal Department of Co-operation and Development conceded the case brought against them by black Piet Retief residents demanding that they be restored full possession of their homes.

They had been served eviction notices and later evicted — but Judge Van Dijkhorst ruled that the evictions were “irregular and improper”.

However, the concession by the Department denied Judge Van Dijkhorst the opportunity of judging whether the Government had in fact acted unlawfully in charging families rents since the introduction of the new Black Communities Development Act No 4 last year.

Had he decided this was unlawful, families in townships all over the country could have claimed back their rentals — running into millions of rands.

But a test case can still decide the issue — and it is expected that the Government will try and rush an amendment through Parliament to try to stop such a move.

After the verdict on Wednesday, 30 men and a woman who had travelled to Pretoria from Piet Retief crowded around their lawyers — attorney Phineas Mojapelo, Jack Unterhalter, SC, and Rodney Black — in delight.

A prayer of thanks was also said.

The judge awarded costs against the Minister, including that of two counsels.

The residents of Ethandukukhanya in Piet Retief had been battling against the increased rents since last year — claiming they cannot afford them.

They had appealed to the Co-operation and Development Minister and had received an undertaking from the Eastern Transvaal Department of Co-operation and Development that no action would be taken against them until the Minister had studied their complaint.

But on March 7 this year residents were served with eviction notices. When Mr Mojapelo appealed to the Department’s deputy director, EJ Goosen, Mr Goosen agreed to withdraw the eviction notices until the Minister had made his decision.

But Mr Goosen was later overruled by his chief, director GL James — and on March 15, husbands and fathers arrived home to find their wives and children had locked out of their homes.

An urgent application was brought before the Supreme Court and, by agreement, the families were allowed into their homes until the court could decide on the issue, this week.

Last Wednesday, Mr Unterhalter argued before Judge Van Dijkhorst that the new Act provided for rentals could only be charged for accommodation on land set aside as “towns” by a Government notice.

But he said, since the promulgation of the Act, no Government notice to this effect had been published.

No rental had lawfully been determined for homes — so no rentals were therefore owing.

For the same reasons, any service charges that were allegedly owing were not lawfully due.

It was expected that MC de Klerk, SC (with TS Kruger) for the Department would strongly oppose this argument — but instead, after an adjournment, he conceded that the Department had no right to take away the families’ homes.

In his judgment the judge said the Department had no right to take the homes of any of the families — as they had given an undertaking not to do so until the outcome of the court case.

Mr James refused to comment when approached by City Press.
BLACK REMOVALS

Still under a cloud

Despite widely publicised statements by government that there is a fundamental rethink on black removals, and that all removals have been suspended, more than a million people in different parts of SA still live under a cloud of uncertainty about their future.

Removals have been indeed suspended; there are no official removals anywhere in the country today. Also noteworthy is the fact that further provision of housing and services to black urban communities situated in areas 50 km away from homeland boundaries — which for years was frozen — has now been unfrozen and the inhabitants granted 99-year leasehold.

But, as the Black Sash and the Association for Rural Advancement (Afra) point out, there are about 1,044,000 people who do not know if they will still live in their homes next month in the face of government attempts to eliminate “black spots” and consolidate the homelands. Of this figure, 540,000 are in Natal, 473,000 in the Transvaal and 31,000 in the Cape.

There is some clarity on the 265,000 people living in informal settlements countrywide. Co-operation and Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen has said clearance of informal settlements will continue, which means the intention is to remove them.

The future of “black spots” is less clear. There is evidence of secret moves to persuade some inhabitants to accept removal. Inhabitants are consequently hesitant about accepting government’s bona fides.

They say they don’t want to be removed from their ancestral homes to places either inside or near homelands, because they dread incorporation into homelands where they would lose their SA citizenship.

Acting Chief John Mathope of Mathopesta, a section of the Bakubung tribe occupying a 1,400 ha farm at Booms between Magaliesberg and Koster, tells the FM that Viljoen has already broken his promise that removals will be implemented only if leaders of affected communities are consulted and agree to move.

Officials have held secret meetings with tenants in the village asking whether or not they want to move. As a result of these secret moves, the government now says some people want to go to Onderstepoort, the new place.

“We will not stand in the way if tenants want to go away. But we, the owners of the land, members of the Bakubung tribe, belong here. This is our ancestral home and we don’t want to leave, not for anything.”

But more than 700 of our people have signed a petition rejecting removal. We hope the President of the Free State Botha will bear our cries and make sure we are not removed from here,” says Mathope.

Mathope explains that the farm was bought by his people in 1910 and they have since been resident there. There are 80 family landowners living in the village today, while another 179 family landowners are resident in the urban areas but maintain their connections with the village and their chief. Besides, 114 tenant families are also resident at Mathopesta.

The Mathope people first heard of their proposed removal when numbers were marked on the doors of their houses in 1967 and 1968. Subsequently, the Monnakgotlas, a section of the Mathopesta people and also members of the Bakubung tribe, were forcibly removed in 1968 from a farm alongside the present Mathope and resettled at Ledig, a hillside settlement near Sun City.

Other threatened “black spot” settlements in the Transvaal include Motlatla in the district of Koster, Daggakraal and Driefontein and KwaNgeka at Wakeskraal in the south-eastern Transvaal. But leaders of Driefontein have said after talks with Deputy Minister Ben Wilkens that their community might be repreived after all.

Wilkens told them, they say, that government would consider their suggestions to relocate only those families whose homes are likely to be affected by the new dam now under construction in the area and that these families be allowed to settle on an adjacent farm.

In Natal there are 189 black freehold areas which have been proclaimed “black spots” and Patti Henderson of Afra tells the FM that they are all threatened with removal. Besides, there are 12 “mission black spots,” people living on church land.

About 15,000 people today live at Mattawane’s Kop near Ladysmith, she says. The place was bought by the Tshabalala clan between 1870 and 1880. But in 1980 the government expropriated the land and wanted to relocate inhabitants at Uitvlugte in the Klip River Valley, district Klip River, in northern Natal.

“These people have been threatened with removal since 1968. But they are united in their opposition to relocation. If Minister Viljoen was sincere that removals are done away with, he would reverse or rescind the expropriation process and give back the land to the people,” says Henderson.

Driefontein, near Ladysmith, is a freehold complex comprising eight farms owned by a syndicate of black shareholders since 1866. A total of 70,000 people are presently resident there. According to the 1975 land consolidation plans, the complex was supposed to be incorporated into KwaZulu. However, the land has been excised by the government.

Reserve Four, a prosperous, self-sufficient settlement near Richards Bay has also been excised and the inhabitants are among those threatened with removal.

Henderson estimates that about 600,000 people in Natal alone will be affected by removals if the 1975 land consolidation plans are implemented. “The government should show its sincerity to abandon removals by restoring all the expropriated and excised lands to the people who originally owned them,” she says.

As many as 750,000 people are known to have been removed from the urban areas and resettled within homelands between 1960 and 1980. But the figure doesn’t include people already removed from “black spots.”
The council is one of three in Greater Soweto — the others being Diepmeadow and Dobsonville — which are jointly responsible for electrification project which was approved by the then Co-operation and Development Minister Piet Koorhof in 1979. The loans were raised from a consortium of SA banks, the Post Office and the private sector. The Ecoplan Consortium, headed by consulting and electrical and mechanical engineers G H Marsia and Partners has overall responsibility for the project.

Several factors have combined to place the Soweto council in a cash crisis. Among them are:

☐ Unrest in the Vaal Triangle last year created a political climate that forced the council to reduce a R17 a month electricity levy to R12; and

☐ Until now, interest on the loans has been capitalised. The council is due to start paying it back next year.

In January this year, the council decided to turn to government for help. Government responded by appointing a committee headed by the city treasurer of Port Elizabeth to look into the problem. The committee has made recommendations to government and a response is awaited.

Meanwhile, a bitter legal tussle between the West Rand Development Board (Wrado) and consulting engineers Van Niekerk and Associates, which is connected to the electrification project, has been taken a step further.

The firm was initially instructed by Wrado (when it was still an administration board) to write a report on the technical aspects of the electrification project. Its brief was later extended to include a preliminary design covering all the financial and logistical aspects of the project. The board appointed the firm to do the work after it had concluded that the total costs would be R94m.

However, the Greater Soweto Planning Council, which was appointed to oversee the project, gave the job to Ecoplan. But by that stage, according to Van Niekerk and Associates’ legal adviser, the board had recommended to government that the firm should be paid R1.3m as a preliminary fee. The lawyer says the board subsequently did an about turn and claimed it did not owe Van Niekerk and Associates anything.

The company took the board to court claiming R1.6m. The board contended that it had not given the company the authority to do some of the work.

The Supreme Court awarded Van Niekerk and Associates R75 000 plus interest and ordered the board to pay cost for both sides. This, according to the company’s legal representative, amounts to some R$50 000. The lawyer tells the FM that the board has now given notice that it intends to appeal against the Supreme Court decision. If Wrado loses the appeal it could land up having to pay far more. The lawyer estimates the costs combined with the interest could elevate the total to R$5m.

SOWETO ELECTRICITY

No light debt

The Soweto City Council is anxiously awaiting government’s response to recommendations made by a committee appointed to look into the problems it is having in paying off R250m in loans which were used to electrify the city. This follows a request to government from the council to share the electrification costs.

Soweto’s cash crisis has important implications for township upgrading projects in the Port Elizabeth and Durban areas developed by the former Postmaster General Louis Rive after his experience there. If Soweto — which is SA’s richest black city — cannot afford its repayments, what chance do poorer communities have?

Financial Mail May 17 1985
Government still keeps to its word

The Government this week reiterated its commitment that Soshanguve township, situated on trust land about 35 km from Pretoria, will not be incorporated into Bophuthatswana.

Thousands of residents in the township near Mabopane have been, and are still living in fear, that the township could be incorporated into the homeland — a mood which they believed could lead to a tense confrontation with that country’s authorities.

The chief commissioner of the Department of Co-operation and Development in Pretoria, Mr V J van Niekerk, yesterday said they would abide by the statement made in Parliament recently by the Minister Dr Gerrit Viljoen that Soshanguve will definitely not be incorporated into Bophuthatswana.

Mr van Niekerk also announced that they were awaiting ministerial approval on the prices concerning the acquisition of 99-year leasehold rights in the township.

The chief commissioner also told The SOWETAN that an official request had already been forwarded to the Minister for an interview with various black organisations in the township who wished to discuss the area’s problems with him.

Several Soshanguve residents have lauded the Government’s promise that the township will not be incorporated into Bophuthatswana.

Mr Enos Chauke, a resident, said: “We hope that the Government will stick to this commitment.”
Councillors may soon use walkie-talkies

Soweto councillors may soon be using walkie-talkies.

At its monthly general meeting, last Thursday some councillors suggested that they be connected to the council's security network, on the face of continued unrest in the black townships.

Although this was not on the agenda, it was agreed in principle that the possibility of providing councillors with walkie-talkies that would connect them to the law enforcement officers, be investigated by the management committee.

A report on this is expected to be submitted at the council's monthly meeting.

An official said at the meeting that the connection of councillors to the security system could cost R50,000, which had already been provided in the estimates of the budget.

Welcomed

The suggestion, raised by Mrs. Violet Petjuelena, councillor for Orlando West, was welcomed by most of the councillors.

Mrs. Petjuelena said councillors always encountered difficulties when trying to telephone the Soweto law enforcement officers in time of trouble.

This proposal comes in the wake of the apparent failure of the first precautionary measures which the council imposed after most councillors were attacked with petrol bombs soon after the implementation of the Black Local Authorities Act.

Most council policemen guarding councillors' houses were in the past literally caught napping when petrol bombs were hurled into the houses.

The fire extinguishers proved to have little effect as some of the houses were badly damaged by fire during the attacks.

Gutted

Recently, the house belonging to mayor Mr. Edward Kanene was gutted when it was attacked by a mob of pupils.

Eye-witnesses told The SOWETAN then that the policemen who were guarding the house fled when the mob approached the house.
Soweto Council
in surprise move

The future of white officials in the Soweto City Council is still hanging in the balance as the relationship between them and the councillors continues to deteriorate.

In a dramatic turn of events last week, the council made a surprise move when it appointed Mr. Joseph Afrika to act on behalf of Mr. Nico Malan, Soweto Town Clerk, during the council's monthly general meeting.

Mr. Afrika, a Mamelodi resident, was recently appointed as deputy director of housing of the Soweto City Council.

This was a strange move since in the past, Mr. J.G. Jacobs, Director of Housing, a veteran in local government, was always the first choice to take over these duties whenever Mr. Malan was away on holiday.

Senior officials, including Mr. Jacob, Mr. Irwin Florence, Director of Finance and Mr. Gilbert Brascoe, manager of the Parks Department, whom Mr. Malan had recommended to the management committee to act on his behalf while he was on leave, were conspicuous by their absence at the council meeting.

The appointment of Mr. Afrika, who is junior to Mr. Jacobs and relatively a new man in local Government, is seen in some circles as a move to groom blacks into senior positions, and replace whites.

This poses a serious threat to Mr. Malan's position as Town Clerk—a position around which the council revolves.

By SY MAKARINGE

This is like a test case. If Mr. Afrika proves his worth as an acting Town Clerk, then he stands a good chance of assuming the post full-time.

Mr. Isaac Buthelezi, a councillor questioned the basis on which Mr. Malan went on leave—without informing the council which employed him. He recalled that Mr. Malan went on holiday only seven months ago, and could not understand how an “employee could take leave twice a year.”

Mr. Ephraim Tshabalala told the meeting that it was high time the council started recruiting blacks to senior positions as some of the white officials were untrustworthy. He did not refer this to any specific white.

The friction between white officials and the councillors began soon after the council gained status as a local authority after the introduction of the Black Local Authorities Act at the end of 1983.

The officials, who were seconded by the then West Rand Administration Board (WRAB), were asked to resign, and then re-apply. Their jobs were advertised and blacks were urged to apply for these positions.

Few blacks came forward, and many white officials got their jobs back.

This culminated in the sacking, recently, of twelve white township managers, who the council said, did not re-apply for their jobs when they were re-advertised.
Maki Skosana is buried

The President of the South African Council of Churches (SACC) Dr Bishop Mamas Buthelezi, was among the close to 500 mourners who attended the burial of Ms Maki Roseline Skosana at the Avalon cemetery yesterday.

Ms Skosana died on July 13 in Buhuza near Nigel when a mob accusing her of being an informer, stoned her to death before setting her alight. This was during the burial of three handgrenade victims who died a few metres away from Ms Skosana's home.

The funeral service held at the Chawwo Lutheran Church was touching, with several of her relatives sobbing uncontrollably during the proceedings.

The Rev Jacob Dlamini conducted the service.

Ms Skosana was a step-daughter of the Rev Petros Mshapalo, also of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa.

The funeral was incident free. Pupils from Sekano- Ntoane, and 'Ngungunyane attended in large numbers.

Bishop Buthelezi gave the vote of thanks.
THE VAAL LOOKS BACK...

BY STAN MHLONGO

VAAL residents will get a chance to reflect next month on what they have come to know as "The Year of the Rent Boycott".

And few are gloating about not having paid rent since last September.

Many lost their loved ones — leaving scars which will take a lifetime to heal.

To them, saving money brought little comfort.

Instead, these people look back on September 3, 1986 — the day the rent protest affecting about 400 000 people of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Sophelong, Botha-Connors and Evaton started — as a "curse" in their lives.

People lost their lives, and destruction of property became a way of life.

It took a R5 rent hike to turn the Vaal — which residents say already pays the highest rent in the country — into an almost living desert.

And the Sharpeville Civic Association thinks there is "something wrong" with the council.

They charge us extra levies for the maintenance of parks, trees and even bioscopes — which individuals pay to enter," says SCA publicity secretary Phillip Molefe.

"If they can scrap all these extra charges, simple arithmetic shows the rent can be cut to R30.

"Vaal township residents pay the highest rent in the country."

Meanwhile, the local Orange-Vaal Development Board continues to suffer a R2-million deficit each month as a result of the rent boycott. The total loss is expected to stand at R24-million at the end of September.

"Co-operation and Development" Minister Sam de Beer has given residents until May 1, 1986, to pay their rent arrears.

Four councillors — Leokha deputy mayor Lucas Dlamini, Caesar Mtjane, Johannes Hlatshwayo and Evaton's Philemon Dipho — died during the unrest.

Leokha mayor Esau Mahlatsi says the killing "can be attributed to mob psychology."

"Somebody twisted the minds of the crowd into committing the gruesome killings," he said.

Asked why rent negotiations with the SCA came to an abrupt end, he said he did not understand the logic behind the demand for rents to be reduced to R30 a month.

"We virtually made a concession not to increase the rent which was the lowest anywhere in the country."

The Vaal looks back...
two parts. There is what the cynics call Upper Dube—where the big shots live, and Lower Houghton. This is where one finds the small four-roomed precast cement houses.

During our wanderings in Dube, we came across pretty Miss Zozo Nkutha (24), whose frank opinions about the people of Upper Dube, where she lives, are rather unflattering.

Strange

"The people here are very snobbish. Neighbours keep to themselves and don't greet each other. Those who are not well-off are looked down upon. I have heard people refer to the four-roomed houses as 'storerooms,'" Miss Nkutha said.

She also bemoans the fact that for some strange reason, the eligible young men of Dube

Native Township in 1954, has seen it all. Bundini, who is a PRO, is a man of many parts. He is given to making sagacious pronouncements, can be the very life of a party and sometimes plays court jester. He wears a perm that is sprinkled with grey — "the vintage look," he calls it as he laughs.

He remembers almost all the notables of Dube, most of whom have gone the way of all flesh. There was the late Rev Keith Nkabinde, who used to be known as "the swinging padre" because of the rip-roaring parties he used to throw, the late Mr P Q Vundla and Mr Difference "City Council" Mbanya, to name a few.

We then call at the ultra-modern Lunoman Unisex Hair Salon run by Mrs Shirley Tau. She said that her salon specialised in perms and was very popular.

"We use hair products that we import direct from the States and employ professional hairstylists. Some people come all the way from as far as Eversburg to have their hair permed here," she said proudly.
Boys Having a Kick About in a Street in "Upper Dub." Most houses have facades.

This is the end face of "Lower Houghton" in Dublin.

Dubs is dished in the eyes of your friends.

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We won’t be dictated to, say residents

Refugees angry over ‘ultimatum’

African Affairs Correspondent

RESIDENTS of Hambanati township near Tongaat, who have been living at the Phoenix settlement since April this year because of threats to their safety, have been told to reoccupy their houses within a month or face a final notice of cancellation of their residential permits.

However, the refugees concerned claim that they will not be ‘dictated to’ by the Natalia Development Board or the Hambanati Community Council over when they will return. They have instructed their legal advisers to deal with this ‘ultimatum’ from the township manager, Mr B B Khanyle.

A statement from the Hambanati Residents’ Association yesterday said affected residents had been advised that repairs to the houses concerned had been completed and the dwellings were ready for occupation.

The statement said it was the avowed intention of the community concerned to return to Hambanati, but the board and the community council were being ‘callously insensitive’ to the ‘volatile situation’ in the township.

The community council was accused of ‘unlawful actions’ such as ‘violently chasing’ the affected residents out of Hambanati township in the presence of the security forces of the Development Board and the South African Police.

The statement said the issue of the proposed incorporation of Hambanati into KwaZulu was a tactic being used by the South African Government to destabilise the township.

In the process, the Hambanati Community Council and Inkatha had been ‘unwitting instruments in fomenting unrest by playing on tribal loyalties’.

Mr Pat Adderley, PR for the Natalia Development Board, said the problem of the refugees was not one of the board’s making.

The argument had been between supporters of the Joint Rent Action Committee and other residents of Hambanati.

The board had simply tried to mediate, he said.
Another Family Gets Free Buses to Burial
Urban blacks: Major move

THE administration of urban black affairs is to be transferred temporarily to the Ministry of Constitutional Development from next month, pending further constitutional moves, the State President, Mr P W Botha, announced yesterday.

The old ministry of Co-operation, Development and Education will be renamed the Ministry of Education and Development Aid from September 1.

It will remain under the political control of Dr Gerrit Viljoen and it will be responsible for two departments — the Department of Development Aid and the Department of Education and Training.

Development Aid will be directed mainly at the national states with regard to land affairs, works, trust and national state towns, and management services.

Mr Botha announced the rationalisation at a Press conference in Pretoria.

The announcement clears the way for the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr. Chris Heunis, and the special Cabinet committee investigating the political future of urban blacks to work out a constitutional accommodation of urban black communities.

Mr Botha started the process when he announced earlier this year that Statistical Services, Economic Advisory, Scientific Planning and Social Planning modules had been transferred to other departments from the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning.

The President said yesterday he had decided that certain modules under Co-operation and Development could now be more easily and practically placed under Constitutional Development.

This would make the Department of Co-operation and Development more manageable and would also streamline constitutional development, he said.

In terms of the rationalisation, the Department of Education and Training will be the overall authority over black education, youth development, cultural promotion and sport development.

Constitutional Development will be responsible for:

- Spatial development planning and co-ordination under which will fall determination of land utilisation, development co-ordination and the overall planning of land consolidation;
- Community administration under which will fall town planning, urbanisation strategy and social development; and
- Constitutional Planning and Constitutional promotion.
System

The process of developing the system is as follows:

1. **Planning and Research**:
   - Identify the needs and goals of the project.
   - Conduct market research and industry analysis.

2. **Design and Development**:
   - Create a conceptual design.
   - Develop a detailed technical specification.
   - Program and test the system.

3. **Implementation**:
   - Deploy the system in a controlled environment.
   - Conduct user acceptance testing.

4. **Maintenance and Support**:
   - Provide ongoing support and maintenance.
   - Monitor system performance and make improvements.

In summary, the system development process is a collaborative effort involving stakeholders from various departments.

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Cybersecurity

With the increasing reliance on digital systems, cybersecurity has become a critical concern. Organizations must implement robust security measures to protect against cyber threats. This includes:

1. **Infrastructure Protection**:
   - Install firewalls and intrusion detection systems.

2. **Data Encryption**:
   - Encrypt sensitive data at rest and in transit.

3. **Access Controls**:
   - Implement strong authentication and access controls.

4. **Regular Audits**:
   - Conduct regular security audits and penetration testing.

By taking these steps, organizations can significantly reduce the risk of cyber attacks and protect their assets.

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Change

In the corporate world, change is inevitable. Whether it's due to technological advancements, market shifts, or internal processes, organizations must adapt to stay competitive. The key to successful change management is:

1. **Communication**:
   - Clearly communicate the need for change.

2. **Engagement**:
   - Involve employees in the change process.

3. **Support**:
   - Provide the necessary support and resources.

4. **Measurement**:
   - Regularly measure the impact of the change.

By following these steps, organizations can effectively manage change and ensure long-term success.

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The company's attitude towards change is crucial. A culture that embraces change will thrive in the fast-paced business environment.

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State President's Report

W. M. Morgan, the new State President, outlined his vision for the organization, focusing on innovation and growth. He emphasized the importance of collaboration and the need for the organization to adapt to the changing business landscape.

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Meeting Report

The monthly meeting highlighted several key topics, including:

1. **Financial Report**
   - Detailed financial performance for the quarter.

2. **Marketing Strategies**
   - Exploration of new marketing channels.

3. **Staff Development**
   - Plans for staff training and development.

The meeting concluded with a positive outlook, emphasizing the organization's commitment to excellence and growth.

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The document also includes a section on cybersecurity,强调了组织在数字系统中的关键信心。其中包括基础设施保护、数据加密、访问控制和定期审计。通过采取这些步骤，组织可以显著降低网络攻击的风险并保护其资产。
Five houses — including those of two Security Policemen and a Town Councillor — were damaged after being petrol-bombed by unknown persons in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, at the weekend.

And, according to the police, the attacks on the five houses were launched at almost the same time at about 1am on Saturday.

The worst hit was the house of a warrant officer attached to the Security Police whose house at Ramapulani Street was extensively damaged. The whole furniture in the lounge and dining room was burnt out and the roofing was also damaged.

Damage to property is estimated at R10 000.

A local town councillor, Mr Pudu Mamabolo, of Masibi Street, suffered the second attack within six months when unknown persons hurled petrol bombs inside his children’s bedroom. Damage to property was estimated at R2 000.

Mr Drums Masete, a local township superintendent, also suffered a second attack this year when three petrol bombs were thrown into his dining room at about 1.10am. “I watched TV until after 12 midnight and I had just gone into bed when I heard a loud bang,” Mr Masete said.

A warrant officer, who is also attached to the Security Branch in the city, was attacked when petrol bombs were thrown into his house at Madisha Street.

Another policeman, who is attached to the SAP — Quartermaster in the city — escaped serious injury when unknown persons pelted his home with stones in Ramskin Street at about 4am on Saturday. Window panes were smashed.

The house of Mr E Mabunda was extensively damaged by petrol bombs at about 1am. Damage has been estimated at R2 000.

The attack coincided with the call by the Pretoria Consumer Boycott Committee to stay away from town, work and school from last Saturday until today.

Although a number of people did heed the call on the first day, scores of people — especially in Mabopane and Ga-Rankuwa — went to work.
BOMB TARGETS

By SY MAKARINE

These men became... black policemen and councillors and on councils the police force in serving in
Black Local Authorities Act have been targets of a spate of petrol bomb and hand grenade attacks which have brought sorrow and grief to their families during the past 18 months.

The trial of destruction left about 300 black policemen homeless, seven dead and 270 injured when about 400 houses belonging to policemen were attacked in separate incidents since September last year.

According to Colonel Leon Mellet, Press secretary for Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, most of these attacks took place in the strife-torn townships in the Eastern Cape and on the East Rand.

And, in less than two years after the introduction of the Act, more than 60 homes belonging to councillors were attacked, resulting in extensive damage, the extent of which amounted to several thousands of rand, compared with minor, isolated cases of violent attacks during the time of the community councils.

About 15 councillors lost their lives in the wave of violence that erupted in the various townships.

But it is widely believed that these figures are just the tip of the iceberg, as, in most cases, police situation reports released to the Press on a day-to-day basis did not specify whether some of the private homes attacked in this fashion belonged to councillors.

In most cases, the faceless and mystery organisation calling itself the South African Suicide Squad, claimed responsibility for the attacks.

The petrol bomb attacks, directly or indirectly, led to the resignations of scores of councillors from the local authorities.

Some of the policemen, mostly in the strife-torn East Rand townships, had to vacate their homes in fear for their lives.

Some of the demands made by the “suicide squad” through the Press include the resignation of councillors, removal of police from the townships and scrapping of the Black Local Authorities Act.

Observers believe this could be one of the rea-
Mamelodi's mayor resigns.
Togetherness

TUCKED away in one corner of Soweto is little Mzimhlophe township, whose tenor goes very much the same ordeals in the Soweto district.

This impression is underlined by the fact that there is a section in the residents call fori (a Papuan) — the face of the elements.

The area owes its name to the fact that here one finds the painted elephants in the old houses. They still stand and brood, like the elephants frozen by a painter's brush.

In the twilight of a calm night, one meets the old scene — semi-brick and brick, standing in the street, suddenly coming to give way to speeding rickety autoside driven by an open motor oil.

Hazels

Further on, towards Mzimhlophe station, an old scene is re-enacted; through of weary workers plod homewards.

The hard-eyed youths hanging around the shops like a bad smell, their stares boring into us as Michael Jackson blares in the background, jerk my memory to those rainy days when a gang of kids, the Hazels, used to roam in this township.

As we went on our rounds, we came upon a Mr. Daniel Monnakgotla (56), one of the townships' founding fathers, tinkering at his car.

IN THE TWILIGHT of a scorching late winter's evening, one meets the same old scene, archites playing.

Spotlight on Mzimhlophe

By NAT DISEKO

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Doreen Selebalo (40), must have been expressing the feelings of all the people living here: "When we came here eight years ago, we were told that this was going to be temporary housing and that we would be built houses. We are still waiting," she said.

Her neighbour, Mrs. Violet Banda (38), said that because of the condition that prevailed, with families living side by side with single migrant workers, it was no wonder that the morals of the teenaged girls had been eroded.

"This is terrible," she said. There have been cases of schoolgirls being hired by money to the men's quarters. The authorities need to do something drastic," Mrs. Banda said.

That is the sad lot of the forgotten people, the people of "Squatter Camp" as this place is called.

Mr. DANIEL MONNAKGOTLA (56), one of the township's founding fathers.

Mrs. DOREEN SELEBALO . . . victim of the Kliptown floods a few years back.

Mrs. VIOLET BANDA . . . families living side by side with single migrant workers.

"FURTHER ON, towards Mzimhlophe Station, an old scene is re-enacted; weary workers plod homewards.

Pic: LEN KUMALO
The mystic guitarist

PRETORIA is generally a very hot place and even now, at the tail end of winter, a clammy, thick, humid calm hangs in the air. It contrasts pleasantly with the clam, crash, dash you experience on the highway getting there.

We are in Melomali, just pulling up outside Philip Tabane's modest looking house in M Section. He is waiting outside, looking distant and calm. Inside his lounge — dry and cool — he begins:

“I grew up in a family of spiritualists...no we had a group with me and Abey Cindi and Julian Balsema and we called ourselves Me-dupe. I didn't like that when I said Malomo, even that sounded weird for me. We had a Venda friend, Snowy, and I told him about it and he said that Venda, Malomo was Malomo. So, I called the group Malomo.”

Mystery

I must confess a reverence for Philip and the music of Malomo. And in the time I first discovered them for myself, the name Malomo has come to mean more than the name of a group. It expresses “the positive evaluation of traditional culture.” In an underdeveloped, but well developed way it is instinctively African in character. Just like Philip himself.

Possessing a character that is retiring, intense and touched with mystery that I never tire marveling at, his music moves me, even on his off days.

It is very much like the image I've developed about sculptor Lucas Sithole, even though I've never met him and possess no special understanding of his sculpture. It is his aura and the way he has come to symbolize the best of the African artist that fills me with pride.

Genuine

Malomo music for me is the definitive innovative mix; the genuine, evolutionary article. Hear what others have said:

“...the essence of radical fusion”, it is what a Canadian writer wrote in 1973, before adding, “They are also theatrical. When referring to the special interaction on stage between Phillip and Gabriel Thobejane.”

Prior to that, in 1964, Lucas Molote had written, “A new thing has happened to the jazz idiom in South Africa.” While not committing himself to defining the “new thing,” he did add that Spinkie Masika, Mackay Davashe and Sydney Sepamla were “enthralling.”

In that time, listeners have been enthralled the world around from the Newport Jazz Festival to patios of science research centres and even little run-down halls right here at home. But, one Philip spoke.

“People who play instruments, think of themselves as musicians”. I don't regard myself as a musician. I am just a person who happens to play a guitar.”

Family

In philosophical tones, he continues, “People who take themselves as musicians are not real creative. They have simply heard about somebody else on his history and want to be like him. If you understand yourself as a unique person in yourself, all things originate with you.”

“Why influences are from my family, people who sang but did not consider themselves as musicians... And even though they influenced me, they didn't affect me.”

I decide to allow that little bit of vagueness. We lapse into a long silence as I try to think. I decide my head is swimming and abruptly change the topic. “It's too bad the children and your wife are not around.”

“I've been promising him for two years now that I'll visit.”

“Yes”, he answers matter of factly.

Again, abruptly, I switch off my tap machine, gather the cuttings he has lost me and announce, “Well, I'm leaving.” He does not look back as alarmed as the photographer.

The point is that the pressure of what I want to hear about being an African artist, is beginning to oppress me and a blit of newspaper space is hardly enough. So, I promise him I'll be back and he warmly encourages me to say, “I will, I will”, I promise. And I will.
Another councillor resigns

SOWETAN Reporter

Another: member of the Mamelodi Town Council has resigned.

Mr. Joe Hlongwane, councillor for Ward 10 and chairman of the Mamelodi People's Party, resigned yesterday morning.

The local mayor, Mr. Alex Kekana resigned on Monday because of pressure from his family.

In an interview with The SOWETAN shortly after submitting his resignation to the town clerk, Mr Hlongwane said he resigned because he and his family were in danger because of the current unrests.

Mr Hlongwane also lashed out at the Government's policy of apartheid and accused the authorities of "putting us in a dilemma and with nothing to offer us our own people". The Government, he added, had also created enemies of black town councillors who were taken as "representatives of the white man's government".

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Residents 'not consulted' over land

The Johannesburg Management Committee did not consult the residents of Lombardy East before recommending land facing that suburb be given to Alexandra, the chairman of the Lombardy East and Rembrandt Park Residents' Association, Mr I Wancket, said last night.

"The proposal was previously rejected by the residents in 1988 and the position is unchanged as far as the committee of the Lombardy East and Rembrandt Park Resident's Association is concerned," said Mr Wancket.

The management committee had proceeded on its own initiative without prior reference to the ratepayers concerned, he said.

Several residents of Lombardy East told The Star they opposed the planned gift to Alexandra.

Property owner Mr B Moore said: "I think the idea is ridiculous because the land belongs to Sandton any way, but what bothers me is that the value of my R120 000 property will go down."

"It has nothing to do with racism — it's a question of economics," Mr Moore said.

Another resident, who declined to be identified, said he had already placed his house on the market as a result of the proposed cession.

"I am definitely moving out. If the house is not sold I will rent it out. I am totally opposed to Alexandra expanding in this direction," he said.

Only one resident spoken to said he opposed the move on environmental grounds.

Mr P Hibbert said he would prefer not to see development in the area because he liked the open space.

"I would prefer the golf course promised us 17 years ago and not have the open space hemmed in by anybody," he said.
Manyosoi: Open verdict

By THEMBA MOLEFE

JOHANNESBURG

A magistrate yesterday threw out of court the evidence of Soweto mayor Mr Edward Kunene, whom he said was unreliable, at the inquest into the death of councillor Mr Edward Manyosoi.

Mr G de Lange said he would hand his findings to the Attorney-General of Transvaal for a decision on whether anybody should be charged.

The magistrate found that Mr Manyosoi (72) was murdered by unknown people who fired shots at him from a car outside the Mofolo South home of a councillor, Mr Michael Gqwenza, in the early hours of December 2.

Mr de Lange described Soweto mayor Mr Edward Kunene as an unreliable witness.

He said Mr Kunene's evidence was full of contradictions and unacceptable.

The magistrate accepted Mr Gqwenza's evidence that Mr Manyosoi was killed by unknown people travelling in a car which sped off as Mr Manyosoi slumped over the steering wheel of his car.

Mr Manyosoi's car had then crashed into a wall of a nearby house.

Mr de Lange ruled that Mr Manyosoi was murdered by unknown people and was killed by four bullets penetrating his liver, lungs and heart.
THE resignation of another Mamelodi town councilor is on the cards.

Mr Enos Makena, councillor for Ward 8, is expected to resign before the end of the month after his party, the Mamelodi People's Party (MPP), this week decided to withdraw its members from the council.

Mr Makena will be the third councillor to resign from the council this week.

The mayor, Mr Alex Kekana, resigned on Monday because of pressure from his family.

**Family**

Mr Joe Hlongwane, a businessman and councillor for Ward 10, resigned on Tuesday, saying his life and that of his family were in danger and that the Government "offered nothing".

Mr Hlongwane, who is president of the MPP, yesterday told The Star that his party resolved at a meeting on Wednesday night to withdraw its two members from the council.

"The executive committee resolved to align itself with the struggle for the total liberation of blacks in the country," Mr Hlongwane said.

"We are actually seen rightfully as endorsing the Government's unjust laws," he said.
Life in Soweto goes on as normal despite the curfew

By Phil Mtimkulu

Life went on normally in Soweto at the weekend despite the 10 pm to 4 am curfew which came into effect on Friday.

Members of the Zionist church dressed in their blue, white and green robes were seen all over the townships well after 10 pm, while drunks staggered along oblivious of the time.

Traffic was also normal. The nightclubs and shebeens were operating as usual with no decline in customers.

LEAVE

Perhaps it is not the business of the owners what happens to customers when they leave.

But there were five unfortunate night prowlers who were approached by policemen driving in a Land-Rover near the Ikwezi Station and threatened with arrest if they did not hurry home.

"It was close," explained one. "They wanted to arrest us. But we told them we had missed our taxi."

The only visible police activity was along the taxi route to Zola where there was a roadblock. But though it was after 10 pm the police were apparently looking out for stolen vehicles and generally searching the cars.

The curfew was a talking point among residents but few people were clear about its implications.

"Does this mean I cannot visit a neighbour five houses from my own?" a resident asked.

"What if my family and friends are having fun in our house?" someone else asked.

One man defiantly said he was the one who would tell his children when to be at home.

Another man on his way to a night vigil curiously asked "O bane loyo?" (Who is that?) when asked about the curfew. He was not aware a curfew was in force in Soweto.

Perhaps it would be easy to monitor the main streets for curfew breakers but many people were moving on foot in the side streets of the townships.

And weddings went on - but without people singing and ululating in the streets.

Mr. Pik Botha... expectations were incorrectly raised.

Bishop Tutu... may someday have to thank violence.
A RECOMMENDATION to increase the salaries of five of the 11 secretaries employed by the Diepsloot Town Council has been thrown out by a senior black official of the council, said a source yesterday.

The recommendation was to put five black secretaries at par with white who have similar qualifications and experience, said the source.

The recommendation was sent to the various departmental heads for their attention. The matter was to be discussed by the council's executive committee and then referred to a full council meeting.

"It had been noted to be one of the items for the agenda for this month's full council meeting," said the source. But the recommendation was "spiked" when a senior black official said the matter should be withdrawn and gave no reasons, said the source.

The source said the matter will probably be taken up for discussion sometime next month.

The mayor, Mr Joseph Mahushu, was not available. When The SOWETAN tried to reach him yesterday, his wife said he had gone out and might return late.

The disparity in salaries was unearthed by The SOWETAN some weeks ago, shortly after the council's town clerk, Mr Sarel van Rensburg, had said the council's black employees had poor qualifications and could not be paid the same salaries as their white colleagues.

Mr van Rensburg is alleged to have said this at a white colleague's farewell function. The remark angered the majority of the black staff.
New turn in pay row

By MANDELA NDLAZI

THINGS are beginning to move in the Diepholzow Town Council after The SOWETAN exposed the disparity in the council’s black and white workers salaries.

And yesterday, Mr David Mabalanze, the council’s acting town clerk, said one of the senior officials “jumped the gun” in his endeavours to increase the salaries of some of the black employees.

Mr Mabalanze said the official sent out a document recommending that the salaries of five of the council’s 11 secretaries be increased.

He said the document went to departmental heads, the official suggested that the matter be put on the agenda for this month’s full council meeting.

Mr Mabalanze said he asked the official to withdraw the recommendation and his proposals because the matter was already being investigated.

The shake-up followed a SOWETAN investigation, shortly after the alleged remarks by Mr van Rensburg that the council’s black employees did not have the qualifications to get the same salaries as their white colleagues.
MAYORS and councillors of six riot-torn East Rand townships have called for the state of emergency to remain in force until the situation is back to normal.

The call was made during a brief visit to Tembisa on Saturday by the Deputy Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok. He thanked the police and the SADF for the role they were playing in defusing unrest in the East Rand.

The mayor of Daveyton and chairman of the meeting, Tom Boya, said: "We as councillors of the East Rand townships want the state of emergency to be extended. We want it to remain in force because we are not in favour of violence." Boya slated all those who were demanding that the state of emergency be lifted. "We are concerned with the safety of our communities. We also know that those who are asking for the state of emergency to be lifted cannot guarantee the safety of our communities.

"We have noticed that rioting has subsided since the state of emergency was proclaimed. We want to state clearly that our communities do not want violence and it is mainly on that basis that we want the emergency to remain in force," he said.

Boya appealed to the police to act considerately because of complaints that residents had been harassed by police and members of the army.

Vlok said he agreed with councillors that the state of emergency should not be lifted before the situation was back to normal. He said he was sorry that innocent people had suffered because of police and army action.
A few hours' visit to Zone 2 in Pimville, Soweto, was like parting a closed curtain, only to be confronted by an all-encompassing gloomy darkness in the next room.

There is a darkness here, both in the literal and figurative sense.

As dusk descends upon this township, one decides that caution being the better part of valour, it would be infinitely wiser to cruise around in the confines of the car than to hoof it around the lit streets.

Now and again, the headlamps of the car pick out one or two shadowy figures that merge with the darkness, lurking at street corners. They might have been waiting, for all it seemed, for Godot.

We then have the good fortune of bumping into 29-year-old Mr Enoch Makhathini, who comes across as a man who has his finger on the pulse of the place.

The smile that lights his face up as we meet, disappears as fast as it had come when he talks about a big problem in the area, which he describes as "explosive."

Mr Makhathini, who himself is without work due to retrenchment, says unemployment is the single, most serious problem in Pimville.

"There are scores of men, both young and old, and in most cases, breadwinners, who are unemployed. The recession has resulted in many firms closing down and many other companies are retrenching," Mr Makhathini said.

He said that he and other friends had come together to form a social club for unemployed men.

"Unemployment leads to frustration and desperation. So, to ease the stress, we formed this club about six weeks ago. We meet daily to play games like chess and also sing choral music," Mr Makhathini said.

He said that the club had 200 members, all from Zone 2 and that of the 200, 150 were unemployed.

He said the youth of Pimville were restless and frustrated because there was only one youth centre where the youngsters could re-create themselves.

"The youth here desperately need guidance. No wonder that juvenile delinquency is on the upswing," Mr Makhathini said.

**Carpenter**

Mr Benjamin Ngoepe (35), a father of three, is a carpenter who was retrenched seven months ago.

He said that he kept body and soul together by doing piece-jobs in and around the township. "Life is getting tougher by the day for many of us. I do not know where all this is going to end," Mr Ngoepe said.

Because of unemployment and other pressures, Rastafarianism is burgeoning in this area. The river of Lethe has its attractiveness during trying times such as these, it appears.

We chance upon a group of young men under a peach tree worshipping at the alter of Jah, the god of Rastafarians. They are all wearing clothes of green, red and gold.

They are all silent as if at a wake, all the while inhaling lungfuls of cannabis sativa (daggia) smoke. In the street outside, we meet another member of the cult, Mr Steve Sekese, busy chanting "Jah" at the

"The social life of our parents revolves around going to church or stokvels. For some adults, drinking is their only hobby," she said.

Mr Mkhulu Madingoane (21) a youth worker, said it would take a long time for the social fabric to be repaired because, from the start when the townships were built, the planning was bad for..."
Parents angry as children stone buses

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The youths who have been involved in sporadic stone-throwing incidents against Putco buses leading to their withdrawal from the townships are biting the hands that are feeding them.

Over the past few days Putco drivers have been forced to off-load their passengers on the outskirts of the townships. This leaves the workers with long distances to trudge to their homes on the cold and dark winter nights.

Among the people walking home are the sick, lame, elderly and pregnant women. Some are carrying food parcels for their children.

The parents have been left frustrated and puzzled about the motives for these attacks.

Strong feelings

But just as the bus company now regards the attacks as directed against their drivers, the parents are also now beginning to see it that way too — the attacks are directed at them with the intention of causing physical injury.

The Star has received frantic telephone calls from worried parents who cannot understand why their children are stoning the buses.

A lift given to some of the stranded workers revealed strong feelings against the actions of their children.

"Let us stop giving them food," one said.

Another suggested that they must be thrown out of their homes. But when one said the children will petrol bomb the houses or burn them alive there was a sudden hush and a tense atmosphere prevailed in the car.

The parents said it was senseless to attack Putco buses.

"If they have a gripe against Putco because it is a white business venture then how do they expect us to go to work? Let them inform us not to board the buses and suggest an alternative to us instead of springing surprise attacks on us," a man said.

No one has been able to get to the bottom of these stone-throwing incidents to find out if they are orchestrated and have a political motive or whether it is just a matter of lawlessness.
Rejected Protea North is now pride of Soweto

By LEN MASEKO

ON October 28, 1982, the Soweto Council — in a shock decision — rejected a housing package deal offered by the private sector at its monthly meeting.

The private sector, through the Urban foundation, had offered R12.3-million to the council on condition that it be allocated land in Protea North to develop into housing schemes for middle and higher income groups.

In its proposals, the private sector said it had set aside R80-million for the housing development — but the council rejected the offer outright, saying it wanted the money "with no strings attached."

However, after a change of heart in the council chamber, the offer was accepted months later. At the time the council needed money to fund several projects: the 800-unit housing scheme in Tshwane Extension Three and the building of 1000 flats in Jabulani and Tshwane.

On Tuesday this week, Urban Foundation and Soweto Council representatives met to officially open the project — oblivious of the controversy that greeted the news of the housing development three years ago.

The Protea North housing project provided a vehicle for piloting a number of principles fundamental to the reformation of housing policy for blacks in South Africa. Mr Justice Jan Stein, chief executive of the Urban Foundation, said when officially

opening the project.

He said among these principles were: the large-scale private sector development in black urban areas; the creation of a large number of local jobs and business opportunities.

The project, co-ordinated by the Foundation together with the Soweto Council and the West Rand Development Board, involves the erction of 2500 houses and 600 flats. Three large sites have been set aside for the construction of the flats, to be sold on 99-year leasehold.

Of the 1900 sites available to developers and employers, all have been sold and 600 sites have been set aside for sale directly to the public.

Seventeen houses went on show this week to enable potential buyers to what the developers are offering. The two to four-bedroomed houses are priced between R20 000 and R80 000.

Designed as a complete residential area, Protea North has sites for schools, a business centre, shops, churches, garages and parks.

The Soweto Council and the West Rand Development Board have an office in the area to provide for a "one stop" administrative service for the issuing of site permits, leasehold and building permits and approval of plans. There is also a sales office manned by the staff of the Family Housing Association, an Urban Foundation utility company formed to provide serviced land.

In his address, Soweto Mayor, Mr Edward Kunene said Protea North was evidence of the standards that were being set to provide urban communities — "with a new and better lifestyle which help take them on to fulfill their individual aspirations in society."

The sites range from 232 square metres to 345 square metres and are priced between R550 and R7500.

Mr JUSTICE STEYN: The project harnesses private sector financial and manpower resources.
Miners may strike

JOHANNESBURG — The Council of Mining Unions, representing 20,000 white miners, will call a strike ballot next week following the deadlock in conciliation board wage talks with the Chamber of Mines yesterday.

The talks broke down after the chamber increased its offer by 0.5 per cent to 10.5 per cent with the council holding out for 11.5 per cent. — DDC.
We're still looking into the accounts
— Malan

By SINNAH KUNENE

SOWETO town clerk Nico Malan this week stood by his promise that residents with high electricity bills should pay R50 while their accounts are being queried.

Mr Malan was responding to claims that local administration clerks refused to heed his council's call on April 4.

The council had received several complaints about irregularities in meter readings and computer errors.

Some residents who were up to date with their accounts and others without electricity in their homes received exorbitant bills. And officials at the administration offices could not explain why.

Residents also said they had problems at the Flirt office when they went to file their complaints.

Soweto mayor Edward Kunene and Mr Malan expressed their concern at the matter at a Press conference this week.

They said they were aware of the irregularities.

'Mr Malan told City Press that anybody who has problems with their bills should contact him at the Soweto Council offices in Jabulani,' tel 930-35221.
Businessmen help Tembisa

A GROUP of East Rand industrialists has teamed up to help the local black community upgrade gray areas in the townships.

The East Rand Industrialists Network (ERIN) is making its presence felt in Tembisa, where it has spent R72 000 on educational and development projects.

The 22 companies range from pharmaceuticals to engineering and chemical manufacturers in the Isando and Spartan industrial areas. They include SA, British and US concerns.

ERIN committee member Louis Odendaal says the group's plan to help upgrade the community covers training and advancement, community development and communication.

To date, ERIN's biggest contribution has been the R97 000 spent on equipping and furnishing a new clinic in Tembisa.

On the education front, the network has developed a plan to upgrade educational qualifications and teaching techniques of local teachers after this was identified by local principals as a major need.

ERIN's next target is the township's small businessmen. Although details of this project have not been finalised, R72 000 has already been set aside.
Sell up, council advised

By NKOPANE MAIKOBANE

The State should consider liquidating the town council of Lekka, according to an editorial comment in the Vaal Sier, a local freebie.

The publication says in its latest issue that the council is, after all, broke and there seems little likelihood of its cash-flow problem clearing up in the near future. Some would argue by liquidating the council, it says, the State would naturally place the insolvent estate in the hands of executors who would be obliged, in terms of the Insolvency Act, to sell off such assets that could be identified to defray its shortfalls.

These would include its thousands of houses, its infrastructure, essential service network, equipment, township buildings and roads, clinic equipment and supplies, the uniforms for its staff and the rest of its worldly goods.

Rent

According to it, this would possibly raise enough cash (in these hard times) to pay off the council's debt to the Rand Water Board, Escom and others.

Once the council has been liquidated, its bills paid and the new owners of the assets transferred, there's would be the task of collecting the rent, the service levies and so on.

The new owners would probably consider leaving the electrical services intact but since they could not be sure of a return, would probably elect to rip the lot out and sell it at scrap value.

The township buildings currently used for administration and health purposes could easily be turned into profit making venues such as shebeens and nightclubs, providing, furthermore, a cut for the Government in excise duty.

The comment further suggests that the roads could be turned into toll roads so that operators could afford to maintain them. Clinics could be put in the hands of private operators as well, but of course they are likely to charge private clinic rates. It adds; "Still, that's life."

Granted, it could take control out of the hands of the whites and, (as they are described by those opposing the local councils) "the sellouts" and it could be tough on the residents. But what's a turn-up for the books?
Clouds of smoke a hindrance

By SEFAKO NYAKA

Clouds of smog from thousands of coal fires envelop Soweto at dusk and dawn, posing both a health — and driving — hazard. And yesterday a bank of smog several kilometres wide was photographed by The SOWETAN.

By mid-morning the bank — stretching from Dobsonville to Klipspruit — still has not cleared.

And until all the houses in Soweto are electrified, residents there, as well as in adjacent coloured and white areas, will have to live with the problem of noxious pollution that hovers over their areas every morning and afternoon.

Visibility in deep Soweto is sometimes so bad that vehicles have to crawl out of the township on their way to the city.

A spokesman at the Johannesburg City Health said his department was aware that smoke from Soweto blows into Johannesburg's suburbs.

He said pollution in Soweto reached dangerous levels in winter — sometimes four times higher than in other areas.

“Because of the economic status of black people, the problem will remain with us for a long time after the upgrading of the township.”

A large percentage of blacks have to rely on their houses, boil their water and cook their food. But even if a house has been electrified, the purchase of an electric stove will cost a several hundred rands, and to install a geyser will cost the same.

The leader of the committee, Mr. L.Ndaba, was unavailable for comment, but a senior councillor, who refused to be named, said he supported the view that until all the houses in Soweto were electrified, the problem would remain.

But because of the economic status of black people, the problem will remain with us for a long time after the upgrading of the township.

A large percentage of blacks have to rely on fires to heat their houses, boil their water and cook their food. But even if a house has been electrified, the purchase of an electric stove will cost a several hundred rands, and to install a geyser will cost the same — and we haven’t even started talking about the cost of everyday electric utensils.

From a purely moral point of view, it’s unfair to expect people who are poor to make such a large capital outlay, the spokesman said.

A spokesman at the Baragwanath respiratory clinic could neither confirm nor deny that there was a high number of respiratory disorders of patients treated at the hospital in winter.

Asked whether the health of joggers is being put at risk, the spokesman said: “Of course, although the dangers are not as high as the dangers suffered by a smoker.”

Mr Samson Manzini, a bank teller and jogger who lives in Jabulani, said he stopped jogging early this month after realising that he stands the danger of filling his lungs with smog-filled air “thus defeating the healthy purpose of jogging.”

Taxi driver. Simon Kunupi, said driving has become more hazardous since the start of the cold season.

Unless the present stoves in the township were changed for the smokeless stoves, the problem will remain. There are fears that the pollution would reach critical levels before the whole of Soweto is electrified.

This was dismissed by the Soweto Council spokesman who said the problem only occurs during the winter months.

In the meantime it appears that with the high electricity bills in Soweto, many residents whose homes have been electrified were resorting to the “dependable and economical coal stove.”
Council will not up rents, says Malan

THE SOWETO CITY Council has budgeted for a deficit of R13.7-million for its current financial year, town clerk Mr Nico Malan said in an interview this week.

The budget, approved by the council recently, is still subject to ministerial approval.

Mr Malan said the council had budgeted R107-million for expenditure as against R93.5-million income for its current financial year.

"But we do not envisage any dramatic increases. We are going to investigate ways and means on how to make good the deficit without increasing rentals.

EDWARD Kunene... chairman of Soweto Council.

"We have already identified possible sources of revenue in order to reduce the deficit. The council is also waiting for the introduction of the regional service councils," Mr Malan said.

He said half of the money budgeted for expenditure was provided for capital works of which R9-million would be utilised for housing projects.

Mr Malan also said negotiations with the Johannesburg City Council over the transfer of the functions of the traffic department were at an advanced stage and the council had made provisions for this.

He said the council had planned to spend about R100 000 on the training of its own staff as this was the highest priority. The amount budgeted for the traffic department was R345 000, he said.

He added that the council would also pump about R514 000 into the fire fighting and ambulance services.

Other planned projects include the building of a R1.2-million multi-purpose hall in Tshawelo, upgrading of roads and storm water drainage, water supply and sewerage system.
Mayor Boya backs Govt’s crisis action

THE state of emergency should remain in force until life was back to normal in the black townships, Mr Tom Boya, the chairman of the East Rand Labour Councils Association, said this week.

Mr Boya, who is also mayor of Daveyton, Benoni, and vice-president of the Urban Council’s Association of South Africa (UCASA), added that the Government should only lift the emergency regulations when the violence in the townships was over.

He said on Wednesday: “The safety of the people must first be considered before the Government can decide to remove members of the police and the army from the townships.”

“Since the introduction of the state of emergency violence in the townships has reduced.”

Mr Boya also called on the Government to “speed up” reform and start talking to black leaders about the future of blacks in South Africa.

Mr Boya first made his call for the state of emergency to remain in force at a meeting East Rand mayors held with the Deputy Minister of law, Order and Defence, Mr Adriaan Vlok, in Tembisa at the weekend.

“What guarantee do those people who advocate the upliftment of

the state of emergency have for the safety of the people in the townships?” Mr Boya asked.

He also called for the police, councillors and the community to improve their relations through communication.

Mr Ismael Nkheti, the president of Azapo, said: “Community councillors shall always represent their own selfish interests as agents of the system.”

“The utterances of Mr Boya only show how much divorced the councillors are from the people they claim to represent.”

“They have sold their souls and betrayed their people to their wicked masters.”

A spokesman for the East Rand People’s Organisation said: “Mr Boya’s call comes as no surprise because he clearly aligns himself with the oppressors.”
Rents - Lekoa Council blamed

THE Lekoa Town Council has itself to blame and must stop threatening residents, but face reality by resolving the thorny rent issue.

Mr Phillip “Chippa” Molefe, publicity secretary of the Sharpeville Civic Association (SCA), was responding to “an urgent and final appeal” by the chief director of the Orange Vaal Development Board, Mr Dirk Ganz, to the Lekoa community to meet their commitments.

According to the latest issue of the Vaal Ster, the council has run out of funds to the extent that it can no longer meet its commitments with the Rand Water Board, Escom and other local authorities for water, electricity, sewerage and other services.

Mr Ganz says that health hazards can develop and that those advising people not to pay their dues, do not have the development of the community at heart.

He warns that residents should note that failure to meet their obligations may lead to steps which can cause them inconvenience.

Since unrest broke out in the six Vaal townships of Zandspruit, Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Residenia, Bophelong and Boipatong, most residents have not paid their rents. Calls by senior Government officials to get them to pay went unheeded.

Mr Ganz told Vaal Ster Newspaper that funds meant for housing, township development and provision of services had been used to finance the running of the local council.

And last week, Lekoa mayor Mr Essau Mahlatisi, said the council had so far absorbed increases implemented by the Rand Water Board and Escom and this had made the situation even worse.

At the end of May this year, the council was in the red to the tune of more than R10-million.
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A KAGISO divorcée and a mother of three has been given notice by the local council to vacate her house by today.

Ms Lydia Zodwa Mokgosi (32), of 6436 Kagiso 2 (Joshua Doore), told The SOWETAN that early last month she was called to the administration offices and handed a letter by the mayor, Mr E Moeketsi, notifying her that her residential permit has been cancelled.

She said this had puzzled her because when she got her divorce in April last year, the decree gave her the right to occupy the house as well as custody of her three children aged 13, 11 and three.

According to her, she suspects there are some people who have been promised her house. She said she has never been in rent arrears since she took it over.

What compounded the whole matter was that in June last year she took in a couple as tenants. This was at the suggestion of councillor Michael Mabasa after she had reported that her former husband had threatened to organise people to kill her.

At the time, she was told that she would stay with the couple for four months while they were awaiting their own house. After that period, she went to the offices but was told she must stay with the couple because new houses were not ready yet.

After this, she said, the tenants started making life unbearable for her. She reported the matter to the police but was referred to the mayor, Mr Moeketsi. He told her to stay with the couple and not fight them.

"I am surprised by the council's decision that I should be kicked out of the house. I have children to look after but I am going to be evicted. I know of some unmarried women in the new houses who stay alone but nothing is done to them", she said.

She added that she had referred the matter to her lawyers and was going to fight to the finish to retain her house.

The senior township manager, Mr G J J Jooste, confirmed that Ms Mokgosi had been ordered to leave the house. He declined to comment further and referred this reporter to councillor Daniels who is handling the matter.

Attempts to reach the councillor were unsuccessful.
Vosloo Council spending R7,3-m this year

THE Vosloorus Town Council is spending R7,3-million on capital projects this year.

Mr Fanyana Mahlanngu said on Friday his council is spending R2,3-million to improve the electricity network in the township. He also said another R350 000 is being spent to improve the water and sewerage network.

Other projects include:

- Building of 80 new houses costing R600 000;

Mr Mahlanngu said: "We are also negotiating with a number of developers for the erection of more houses, hotel, garage, marketstalls and a bus and taxi ranks."
This is one place without a twinkle

WHOEVER named Naledi Township in Soweto — it means a star — might have had sparkling ideas.

But, alas, our visit to the place revealed virtually nothing sparkling.

Although the gloom we met was not all pervasive as in some other parts of Soweto we have been to, one nonetheless got a feeling that the people here could well do with some dearly-needed sunshine in their lives.

One only has to amble down a street in Naledi for a few minutes to conclude that things here are not what they ought to be.

There are the drab four-roomed dwellings that are part and parcel of Soweto scenery, a sprawling complex whose architects only thought of providing the barest minimum.

One like me, brought up in Soweto, sighs when those words tumble, out of the mouths of babes: "For us there is nothing to do on a Saturday afternoon or on Sunday after church except to sit at home and hope that uncle, who has a car, will call and take us somewhere where there is life."

It might sound soppy, but these sounded like words older than the years because they came from 15-year-old Brian Sediwem. "There are no parks and no swimming pool in Nale-
di," he said.

The spectre of unemployment also haunts the place.

From the groups of idle young men we came across, one would have thought that it was a public holiday.

Teacher

Mr. Tebogo Selebogo, (23), a student teacher, underscores the point: "It is not as if the idle people in Naledi have no skills to offer. There are no jobs. But what I have observed is that the rate of illegitimacy is climbing," he said.

He also said that the delinquency of the juvenile
alcoholism and other deviations that darken the soul had taken root in Naledi.

Mr. Nell Monyela, (22), colleague of Mr. Selebogo, echoed similar sentiments. "The quality of life we lead is poor. There is also the waning of a lot of communication among families. What we need is the formation of a

"One of the sights that brighten the environment in Naledi is Miss Reina Nkosi, a former pupil at Naledi High.

"Some people are getting completely mixed up because they even drink low-down concoctions because they cannot afford a decent drink," he said.

But, all the same, Nale-
di has a vibrancy all of its own. We happened upon a koppies restaurant, Mr.

NALEDI...unemployed kids roam the streets.

SPOTLIGHT ON NALEDI

By NAT DISEKO

Dapo Masane, (21), Mr Joe Mphatse, (23), Mr Deneben Tshabalala, (23) and Mr Abel "Mavaredes" Masite, (21), hanging around a shop.

"They gave another side of the story, something like how sweet the smell of adversity is.

The sun of what they said was that Naledi was not too bad, that crime was not deep-rooted, and that the soccer fields were there for their recreation.

Boxing

We also visited the Naledi youth club, where Mr. Leonard Lebo-thele and his old body-building friends are keeping muscle-building alive.

The young guys we have here like it because one gets recognised for his beautiful body.

Body-building is also good because it teaches you how to deal with oggators and the like. Body-building like boxing, which we have here too, is a character-build-
ing sport," Mr. Lebo-thele said.

"We left Naledi, a place without a twinkle, with a sigh.

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B Z

DEAR B Z — Postpone your marriage plans for a while until you learn not to chase after every pretty girl you meet. It is natural to appreciate beauty and shows you are just as normal as the next man. But if you chase every girl your marriage will be in trouble. Perhaps you are still young to tie yourself to one woman.

DEAR RED — Go to the maintenance office and tell them your story. Tell them you also suspect that the man will run away.

The law may help

DEAR DUDU — I have a big, big, big problem. I am in love with a married man. We have a baby who is almost two years old. My mother does not want my lover and refuses to see or talk to him at all. My guy and his uncle and they wanted to pay lobola instead of damages when I became pregnant. I was to be his second wife.

I did not mind this as he did everything to make me happy and was supporting the child. He stopped supporting the child when my mother refused to see her own accord. When I tell her I love her she does not react and shows very little interest.

She gave me her address and telephone number when I left for school. She has not replied to my letters and if I phone, she is not home. I telephoned again and this time her mother answered. I identified myself and asked for her daughter.

The mother told me politely that her daughter was not available to me.

I have stopped writing and phoning her but I would still like to hear her say she really does not want me. I would like to know if she loves me or not. It's no use crying over split milk.

J M M

Pretoria

Dear M — Map the floor and find someone else.

Treat him as your friend, marriage will then follow

DEAR DUDU — I have problems with the boyfriends I fall in love with. My first boyfriend left me after I gave birth to our child. The second one who lives in Pretoria disappointed me at his birthday party as there were two of us. We had been going out for a year and I really thought we were going to get married.

In 1982 I met a teacher and I thought I had what I was looking for. We were in love for two solid years. I found out that he had a baby with another girl. He assured me they were not on good terms.

I met the child's mother and we had a big fight. She came to stay with the guy and became pregnant for the second time. So I ended the affair.

I have a new boyfriend whom I also love very much. He is not constant in his attentions and sometimes keeps appointments. He does not act like a person who loves me but what gives me hope is that he took me to meet his parents twice.

I love this guy and I cannot bear the thought of losing him like the others. If we part it will be the fourth boyfriend in five years.

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A first for Thelma

Thembelike Thelma Ngcobo (36), will be among the few black South African women to attend Harvard University when she registers for a course in Management Development this month.

Thelma, a market researcher employed by Johannesburg Consolidated Investments, has been awarded the R60,000 Harvard Business School Club of South Africa (HBSCSA) annual 14-week scholarship programme.

Thelma was described as an outstanding candidate for a programme that is recognised as being the toughest of its kind in the world by the HBSCSA scholarship selection committee, Mr John Howard.

Thelma is a graduate of the University of the North. She worked as a research officer at Rhodes University during 1976 before she launched herself into the commercial world.

When she returns from Harvard she will continue with market research and will join the JCI Executive Development Programme.
THE Diepsloot Town Council recently discussed plans for new strategies to counter the violent attacks perpetrated against them by some elements in the community.

In their monthly council meeting last Wednesday, the councillors held secret talks on the plans before dealing with items on the agenda.

According to council regulations, the Press and members of the public are not allowed to remain in chambers while the council discusses matters-in-committee.

But, one of the councillors revealed during their short break that they had hastily discussed plans for new strategies to counter the attacks against them.

The mayor, Mr Joseph Mahnhishi said the council discussed plans to defuse the unrest in the townships and not to counter the violent attacks against them.

"How can we fight fire with fire," said Mr Mahnhishi.

He said one way to defuse the unrest was to tell the authorities concerned to release the detained pupils into the custody of their parents, the council resolved.

Also the Government should speedily attend to the pupils' education grievances.
Help lift standard of living—Mlokoti

The mayor of Wattville, Benoni, Mr. Noel Mlokoti, yesterday appealed to the Benoni Town Council and the town's white businessmen to help improve the standard of living in the township.

Mr. Mlokoti was addressing members of the town council and about 40 white businessmen who had earlier conducted a fact-finding tour in Wattville.

The delegation was led by the mayor of Benoni, Mr. Sam Grolman, and the town's Member of Parliament: Mr. Chris Reiken.

The group also toured the nearby Daveyton township.

Mr. Mlokoti told the group that there was a serious housing shortage in Wattville and that the last house in the township was built about 31 years ago.

He said: "Today we are faced with an annual bill of well over half a million rand trying to keep up such facilities as water supply, electricity, sewerage and roads in a fair condition."
FORMER chairman of the Vaal Community Council, Mr Josia "Knox" Matjila, asked a Sharpeville businessman to pay R6 000 in order that his two businesses' applications be approved, the Vereeniging Regional Court heard yesterday.

Mr Piet Nhlapo, who owns a butchery, told the court that he had only paid R300 and the rest still outstanding when Mr Matjila was defeated in the council election. As a result he never got the two business sites.

He was testifying at the trial of Mr Matjila (55), who has pleaded not guilty to 15 counts of R50 200 bribery, or alternatively corruption, and three of attempted bribery or alternatively corruption involving R12 000.

Charges against him were allegedly committed between 1979 and 1982 during his term as chairman of the Vaal Community Council. He is presently a Lekota town councillor.

The charges arise from money he allegedly received or attempted to get from residents for the allocation of business sites and a house.

Mr Nhlapo said early in 1981, he made two applications at the Sebokeng administration offices for two sites in Zamdela and Zone 3, Sebokeng. Later he received a letter notifying him that his applications were unsuccessful.

He then discussed the issue with Mr Daniel "Phata" Manoto who took him to Mr Matjila. Mr Matjila told him that if he wanted the businesses he should part with R6 000. After telling him that he did not have that money, Mr Matjila agreed that he can pay him in terms. Another witness, Mr Daniel Khiba, a Sebokeng businessman, said after he had made application, two councillors, Mr Mogala and the late Mr Dlamini came to him. They told him they had been sent by Mr Matjila to tell him that his application could be approved if he paid something.

He took out R50 but the two refused to accept it and said he should at least pay R3 000 because "they were many".

The case will resume on November 18.
THE SOWETO City Council's treasurer Mr Irvin Florence was forced to resign this week over criticism of his department's handling of the controversial electricity and water bills, a source said yesterday.

"But Mr Nico Malan, the council's town clerk, said he could not confirm or deny that Mr Florence had resigned until he received a letter of resignation from him.

Mr Malan said he granted Mr Florence two months' leave that started on Wednesday.

When told that it was known in the council offices that Mr Florence resigned on Wednesday, Mr Malan said: "Perhaps he has gone on leave to make up his mind."

But Mr Florence said from his home yesterday: "I am no longer with the council."

Asked whether he had resigned, he referred The SOWETAN to Mr Malan."
Evaton geared for a new-look: Rabotapi

THE Evaton Town Council had embarked on its second phase of replanning and redevelopment scheme to provide better infrastructure and facilities for the community.

This, according to the mayor of Evaton, Mr. Sam Rabotapi, will cost R10m to give the township a new-look and to uplift the lifestyle of the residents, who will be able to enjoy modern facilities and improvements with their freehold rights still intact.

"We are building 500 houses on South Farm. The houses will be sold or rented to the residents," he said.

"Life for Evaton residents will never be the same again. We have to change with the times. The freehold rights will not be tampered with as many people think," he said.

He said the township needed farmed goods, clinics, libraries, creches, halls, central police stations, post-office, shopping complexes and waterborne sewerage system. We want property owners to build decent houses for the tenants to live in and not shacks which are an eyesore and have turned the township into a slum."
**Meeting**

When approached on the matter, Mr Grobler refused to comment. He referred the SOWETAN to the council's town clerk, Mr Sarel van Rensburg.

A secretary in Mr van Rensburg's office said he was in a meeting and could not be disturbed.

An official in the council's administration department, Mr E. Uys, said he will investigate the matter and might be in a position to comment after four days.

**Unguarded**

Mr Sithole is now threatening to take legal action against the council. He said the house has already been broken into and expensive light fittings removed.

"I expect further damage to the house, as long as it remained empty and unguarded," and what I wish to know is, who is going to pay for the damage?" asked an angry Mr Sithole.

He said he qualified under the Section 10 regulations and was in the permit of his parent's house in Diepkloof. He said he saw no reason why he should be stopped from occupying the house.

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**SOWETO man banned from posh new home**

A SOWETO man last week said he has been stopped by the Diepmeadow Town Council's housing director from moving into a R110 000 house he bought for cash from a construction company three months ago.

He is Mr Mandla Sithole (37), a father of one and the house is in Diepmeadow's mushrooming Prestige Park in Zone 5.

**Stopped**

Mr Sithole said he paid cash for the house he bought in May from Madibane Homes Construction Company. He was stopped, he said, by Mr Adam Grobler, the Diepmeadow Town Council's housing director, when he tried to move into the house.

Mr Grobler, he said, told him that the house had not been allocated to him, despite his arguments that he bought it for cash from a construction company.
THE Soweto City Council is unlikely to raise the monthly electricity levy in the near future, town clerk Mr Nico Malan disclosed yesterday. The controversial levy, due to have been increased from R12 to R17 in July this year, is currently being reviewed by a committee appointed by the three Greater Soweto councils. The council have "frozen" further electricity-levy hikes pending a Government decision on the matter. The local authorities have notified the Department of Co-operation and Development of their intention to investigate alternative methods for the repayment of loans financing the complex's electrification scheme.

The whole scheme, which involved the electrification of about 105,000 houses, was financed with loans obtained from the Post Office and a consortium of overseas banks.

In Soweto the levy was to have been raised in phases, from R12 to R23 in July 1985, from R23 to R29 in July 1986. But the repayment programmes was changed after the Soweto Council persuaded by "the financial climate in the country and the confusion it (levy) created among residents," suspended further hikes.

Mr Malan said yesterday: "We are looking at the possibility of asking for the extension of the loan repayment period. We are required to pay one of the loans over a 20-year period, but may consider pressing for a 25-year repayment period."
Councillor's house attacked: wife and daughter escape

The house of a Diepmeadow town councillor, Mr Ambrose Pitsa, was attacked with petrol bombs and stones at the weekend and his wife and 18-month-old daughter had a narrow escape as they fled past attackers in the yard.

The entire ground floor of the double-storied house and the outbuildings were extensively damaged. Two BMW cars were burnt out.

This is the third time the house in the township near Soweto has been attacked. The previous attack was on August 18 when stones were thrown at the house.

Yesterday morning, Mrs Mamogale Mary Pitsa estimated the damage at R700,000. Almost everything on the ground floor was damaged, including furniture, curtains and carpets.

Mrs Pitsa said the attack started at 7.30 pm on Saturday when a group of youths and adults, threw stones at her house.

"I was on the top floor with my daughter when the stoning began. A petrol bomb exploded against the wall and the house caught fire. A policeman fired one shot, but then his firearm jammed.

"I picked up my daughter and fled the house. I passed some of the attackers who were already in the yard as I ran to look for assistance," she said.

Mrs Pitsa said, "she heard some of the people saying the family should be killed."

MRS PITSA has vowed not to move from her house, but said she will ask for protection from the police and the council.

Her husband and other members of the family were not home during the attack.
THE South African Defence Force has launched a massive investigation into alleged misconduct of soldiers in the townships since the state of emergency was declared more than a month ago.

The Chief of the SADF, General Constant Viljoen, has appointed a senior staff officer, Manpower Liaison, Colonel Basil Ginsberg, to open unrest complaints offices in or near townships where the SADF has been supporting the police.

Statements will be taken, beginning at 5 pm until 7 pm today, from residents at specified offices on the Witwatersrand and the Vaal Triangle.

The complaint offices will be manned by teams of men who are Citizen Force members or co-opted members of the public.

The operation will be in force throughout the country, Colonel Ginsberg stressed.

He said statements would be taken and those with merit would be investigated and charges laid.

Colonel Ginsberg said each team would have a SADF-appointed lawyer and a black interpreter. All the team members would wear civilian clothes, he said.

Although the inquiry was scheduled to last seven days (until Sep-
Mshengu's domain

A typical scene in a street in Molo village.

Mr. Nakantche, 33 years, a local resident, said the traditional way of drying clothes in this manner is still widely practiced.

Mr. Mokoena, 40 years, said the communal spirit in Molo Village is strong.
Mofolo's Evening Cinema, popular with the youngsters in the area.
Bekkersdal gains R12-m upgrading

By NKOPANE MAKOBBANE

AN Amount of R12-million is to be spent to upgrade Bekkersdal township on the West Rand following its reprieve by the Ministry of Co-operation and Development.

Early this year, the West Rand Development Board announced, after the Minister had approved the upgrading of Bekkersdal, that no stone will be left unturned to catch up on the backlog and help residents to improve their township.

The reprieve means that the township now qualify under the '99-year leasehold scheme, houses could be improved and many social amenities receive attention. Before then, erection of new buildings had been frozen because of uncertainty — regarding sinkholes in the area.

Sewerage

Mr Steve Burger, Wradebo’s director of community services, told The SOWETAN yesterday that the local authority was going ahead with the planning of a water-borne sewerage system. Presently the township uses the bucket system.

The council, he said, has accepted a tender for the building of 140 houses at a cost of R1.2-million. It was also doing an open study to provide for 300 additional residential sites.

Another 400 sites are to be made available in the southern buffer of the township, he said.

Housing

Mr Burger also said that the Mohlakeng Town Council has also embarked on a massive housing project. He said 360 sites on the eastern buffer were being developed, 100 by the council and 260 by the private sector.

He added that a R92-million electrification project for the township has been approved by the council at their last monthly meeting. The approval has been submitted to the National Housing Commission for the allocation of funds, and also referred to the Minister for his approval.
'Fire won't smoke me out of council'

By DERRICK LUTHATI

DIEPMEADOW Councillor Ambrose Pitoa — who is R115,000 in the red after his double-storey house and cars were burnt last Saturday — has no intentions of resigning.

Mr Pitoa, speaking from the ruins of his large mansion, said his property was destroyed by "hooligans" incited by people jealous of his achievements.

Mr Pitoa's white mansion exploded into a ball of fire at about 7.30pm last Saturday by three kombi-loads of people.

Only his wife, Mary, their 18-month-old baby and a gun-toting Diepmeadow council security guard were at home.

The guard fired once, but the gun jammed. He then bolted, while Mrs Pitoa battled to get out.

She squeezed past the attackers, who were ransacking the house, taking clocks, radios, cutlery sets, food and whatever they could find before they set it alight.

Furniture, carpets and valuables went up in smoke. Insurance assessors this week estimated the damage at R115,000.

Others looted the backyard rooms and set two expensive cars on fire — one belonging to subtenant Cosmos Malusa.

Mr Pitoa said he was not a sell-out or collaborator. He opted for the community council because he says it's "another way to fight the evil system".

If he was a collaborator he would not have been detained for three months under the Terrorism Act in 1976, he said.

A CRISIS centre has been established in Johannesburg this week by Lawyers for Human Rights to hear the grievances of individuals and organisations directly affected by the seven-week-old state of emergency.

An attorney at the centre will hear complaints, identify legal needs and help arrange legal aid with attorney members of LHR.

The office at 701 Medical Arts Building, 220 Jeppe Street will be open from 10am till 5pm or (011) 23-1210.
In Poverty

The impression made by a picture which is in print was that the word 'poverty' meant some-
RESIDENTS of Soshanguve are to write Dr Gerrit Viljoen, Minister of Education and Development Aid, expressing their disapproval following an announcement that the Government intended establishing a town council in the area.

This was revealed in a statement by Father Smangaliso Mkhathwa, Press liaison officer for the Soshanguve Residents Association (SOREA) in Pretoria yesterday. He said a meeting of residents was held this week to give people a chance to have a say in the matters affecting their lives.

By ALINA DUBE

"All people are demanding is full participation in a free, democratic and unitary state," he said.

The resident's decision to write to Dr Viljoen comes two weeks after a local Chief Commissioner, Mr W J J van Niekerk, announced that the Government was working towards introducing a black local authority in Soshanguve. He had made a statement after a meeting with other government officials and the chairman of the Soshanguve Liaison Committee, Mr JB Lekalaka.

Father Mkhathwa said after having totally rejected apartheid and its institutions in their previous meetings and aware of the Government's intention to use its puppets to impose a town council on local people, it was resolved that:

- The unpopular system of black local authorities be rejected,
- All collaborators of apartheid and town councillors be warned not to be tempted to work against the struggle of their people for a truly free South Africa, and that
- A letter be written to the minister to register their total rejection of a town council.
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Tariffs up again

As black councils battle to balance their books to pay for water and electricity services, they seem to have thrown caution to the wind and are raising tariffs. It should be recalled that attempts to increase service charges in September last year sparked the violence now sweeping the townships.

In Greater Soweto the three councils have "frozen further hikes and are investigating alternative methods for the repayment of loans" which finance the complex's electrification scheme. But eight councils have "adjusted" water and electricity tariffs.

They are Daveyton, KwaThema, Vosloorus, Tembisa, Tokoza—all in the East Rand, scene of most of the violence in the Reef; Ikageng (Potchefstroom); Jouberton (Klerksdorp); and Galeshewe (Kimberley), Tembisa near Kempton Park is the only council that has also increased rents.

The new tariffs, already approved and gazetted by Co-operation and Development Deputy Minister Sam de Beer on Friday August 30, became effective at the beginning of the month.

Although tariffs for Lekoa are also stipulated in the gazette, town clerk Nic Louw explains that his council has in fact not increased charges and is still asking residents to pay the tariffs stipulated in 1983.

The monthly charges are R31 minimum for a metered household and R39,30 unmetered plus R12,50 minimum for electricity.

Rent arrears in Lekoa townships run into millions of rands because of the residents' objections to paying any hikes.

On September 3 last year, unrest erupted in Sharpeville, one of the Lekoa townships, because of opposition to increased rental and service charges.

Several administration offices have since been destroyed and pressure put by residents on councillors to resign. Many did, while others have been murdered.

In KwaThema, the tariffs have gone up from 4,65c/unit to 5,4c for electricity and water from 30c/kl to 37c. A spokesman for KwaThema council tells the FM that service charges have not been increased since 1983 while Escom and the Rand Water Board have twice raised tariffs: "This means even our new increased charges are outdated. We are running the township at a loss of approximately R20 000 every month for electricity and R10 000 for water."

In Daveyton, charges have been raised from 24,3c/kl to 65c for water where meters have been installed and a flat R6 charge for households without meters. New electricity charges stand at 10c/unit for the first 75 units plus 5,4c a unit thereafter, with a R7 minimum per month.

"We have raised services charges only because these are essential ... and we don't want no break-down in services," says Tom Boya, chairman of the Daveyton Council. How will residents react?
"SADF helps build roads, sports fields"

From CLARE HARPER

JOHANNESBURG — The Defence Force yesterday moved into Tembisa Township — the site of recent unrest — to assist in the planning and excavation of a new sports field.

Captain Hennie Groenewald, of the South African Engineering Corps, who is in charge of the project, said yesterday they had been called in as the council was not equipped to handle the project alone.

On a recent visit to Tembisa’s Town Council, the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, offered the SADF’s assistance in the planning and execution of certain projects.

The projects include the improvement and maintenance of dirt roads and the development of several soccer, netball and volleyball fields.

The chairwoman of the Tembisa Town Council’s management committee, Mrs Rose Trulac, said the council was “grateful for this service offered by the army.”
Soweto prices 'favourable'

By Maud Motanyane

Prices in two of Soweto’s largest supermarkets compare favourably with those of supermarkets in town, a Black Consumer Association (BCA) survey done last month has found.

The BCA did the survey after complaints from consumers that Blackchain was overcharging. The complaints came after the consumer boycott of white businesses in Johannesburg was launched limiting where residents could buy supplies.

A selection of 40 items was made at two Soweto supermarkets, Blackchain and Maponya’s Discount Stores and at Checkers Eastgate, OK Eastgate and Pick’n Pay, Rempton Park.

BCA’s director Mr Eldridge Mathebula said yesterday the Soweto prices were competitive.

ACCUSED

But smaller Soweto traders, who were also accused of taking advantage of the boycott and overcharging, had not been included in the survey. That would have been unfair because the larger supermarkets had bigger buying muscle and warehouse facilities and could not be compared to the small traders.

Mr Mathebula said it was a myth that Soweto supermarkets were more expensive than those in town.

Whereas some products were found to be more expensive in Soweto, others were found to be cheaper or the same price.

POWER

A Blackchain spokesman, Mr Mzamo Nxumalo, said it was an uphill battle for his company to keep prices down as it did not have the same buying power and storage facilities as Checkers, Pick’n Pay, and OK.

“But we negotiate the best deals possible and pass the benefits on to the consumer,” he said.

The Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industries executive director, Mr M D Maloane, said small traders were faced with enormous problems and the Chamber was extremely worried about their image.

As a result, the Chamber would soon launch a campaign to change that negative image and encourage consumers to buy in Soweto.

Minimum standards and guidelines on pricing and customer services would be given to the Chamber’s members.
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Higher Fees

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R17-M for Councils

The Department of Constitutional Developments

The increased costs of providing services and maintaining facilities have resulted in higher fees for taxpayers. This is to ensure that the council can continue to provide quality services to the community.

Update

The council has reviewed the current fees and charges and determined that some adjustments are needed. The new fees will go into effect on January 1st. The council encourages taxpayers to carefully read the new fee schedule and to provide feedback if necessary.

For questions or concerns, please contact the council office.
One has to be a misanthrope not to like the people of Zone 10, Meadowlands, a township on the northwestern fringe of Soweto.

Zone 10 is a little different from the other townships of Soweto. One finds the same little drab houses strung out in monotonous rows. Here and there, one finds a palatial dwelling, grotesquely attached to a tidy council matchbox house.

This is the case where a semi-detached house has been improved or re-built by the owner.

Yes, the people are friendly, but it is interesting to note how an animated conversation dries up immediately anything connected with the current unrest pops up.

**Problems**

The people are beset by a host of problems: unemployment, poverty, inadequate housing, as well as other social ills that are common in Soweto.

But somehow, in the midst of all this adversity, the people still manage to smile.

The care-free laughter dries up as Miss Matlakala Ngobeni (26) is asked about conditions of her home.

"Things are tough. I was retrenched with nine other co-workers at a big supermarket some months ago. My aged father has gone blind and depended a lot on the little I was earning.

"My mother is now earning even less than she was because she now works three days in a week," Miss Ngobeni said.

**Melody**

She said she knew many people in Zone 10, many of them breadwinners, who are unemployed because of retrenchment.

As we wandered around, we came across Mr Dzotzil Maphiri (26), dressed in a colourful afro-shirt and happily playing a nostalgic melody on his harmonica as he went along.

He could have been the pied piper of Hamelin. A group of cheery children was following him, and the throng around him grew when we stopped him for a chat.

Mr Maphiri, who is in his second year of an eight-year course in music at Amda, is famous in his neighbourhood and in other parts of Soweto.

"I like music because it has a healing power, and my purpose is to spread the Lord's word through music," Mr Maphiri said, a wide grin on his face.

Evening falls, and in the streets, the children are happily playing all sorts of games. There is a happy noise all over. The gaiety is infectious.

**Hippo**

In one street, as the children are thus occupied, a lumbering hippo armoured truck with automatic rifles protruding from the sides arrives on the scene and stops. A cry goes up: "hippo, hippo."

The children scurry away to seek the protection of the walls of their homes. Curiosity satisfied, the hippo slowly moves off. Only a loud silence remains, the gaiety gone, as if by a conjurer's wave of a wand.

We later meet Mr Wilby Xaba (30) putting his group of drums majorities through their paces. He said that because there was a total lack of recreational facilities for the young, he formed the group (110 strong) five years ago.

"The parents like our group because they know that the devil has work for idle hands," Mr Xaba said.

**Record**

Sixteen years ago, Zone 10, Meadowlands hit the headlines when underworld boss Lefty Mthembu was gunned down by a Soconwaldo armed truck with automatic rifles.
Court orders Presbyterian minister to leave parish

A Kroonstad magistrate has ruled that a Presbyterian minister must leave his parish because he does not have a permit to live in that area.

The Rev Mamatolo Raphesu yesterday appeared briefly in the District Court on a charge of illegally residing within the Kroonstad magisterial area for longer than 72 hours without a permit from the city council.

Mr Raphesu has been a parish priest of the Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa in Kroonstad since the beginning of this year, tending to a congregation of about 300 members.

PLEADED NOT GUILTY

On September 16 he was arrested for being in the area illegally. He appeared in court for the first time on the same day and pleaded not guilty to the charge against him.

The magistrate, Mr J Richter, yesterday granted Mr Raphesu bail of R10 on condition that he left the Kroonstad area by midnight on Friday. He was, however, granted permission to enter Kroonstad on October 17, 21 and 22 and November 5 so that he could write his Unisa end-of-year examinations.

The hearing was postponed to November 7 at the request of Mr Raphesu and the Presbyterian Church. The church has approached the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, in an effort to get permission for Mr Raphesu to live in the area.
Blacks lash out on Group Areas

Black community leaders reacted with anger and disappointment to President Botha's statement yesterday that the Group Areas Act would not be scrapped.

Mrs Leah Tuta said Mr Botha was not "prepared to change anything in the basic structures of apartheid. In all his speeches, it is clear that he will continually endorse that apartheid is here to stay --- as he did in yesterday's speech".

Katlehong's mayor Mr Thami Siluma said it was sad the Government did not realise the need to scrap the Group Areas Act.

"If the Act were scrapped, there would not be any drastic changes, as only people who could afford to stay in white suburbs would do so.

"The Government repealed the Mixed Marriages Act. The Group Areas Act is supposed to be the next one to go. It does not make sense to keep it as it contradicts the repeal of the other Act," Mr Siluma said.

DENIAL OF RIGHTS

Mrs Joyce Harris, of the Black Sash, said the Act did not protect the rights of whites, coloured, Indians and blacks in their own areas.

"What it does is prescribe where the various population groups are permitted to live and denies them the right to live where they want to.

"To choose to live voluntarily within one's own population group is understandable and perfectly in order, but to be forced to live with them is a denial of rights.

"The Group Areas Act is fundamental to the whole policy of separation which has never given equality and never will.

"The retention of the Group Areas Act indicates that Mr Botha and his Government are prepared to reform only within their own parameters," she said.
Rents: Lekoa Town Council set to act against residents

THE Lekoa Town Council will take action against residents of the area who have not paid their rents and service charges by the end of October, town clerk Nicholas Louw announced.

The warning was made in pamphlets distributed by the council to the residents of Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Bophelong, Boipatong, Zamdela and Refeng Khotse townships. According to the pamphlet, signed by Mr Louw, "it is wrong to use something you do not pay for".

"It is wrong to use water and lights if you do not pay for them. Please pay for your water and lights now, it is for your own good. Rent and service charges will not be increased this year", the circular said.

The pamphlet further said residents who could not pay had to make alternative arrangements with their township managers on how they could pay off their arrears over a reasonable period of time. These arrangements, however, had to be made not later than the end of October.

'Demands ignored'

Mr Chippa Molefe, the PRO of the Sharpeville Civic Association yesterday said the council was to blame for the non-payment of rent and service charges. "Residents demand to pay reduced rents and service charges. The association has told the council about the residents' demands but these have been ignored. It seems the council is not prepared to negotiate with residents on the issue", he said.

Mr Molefe said the residents were ready to defend themselves against any legal action taken by the council on rent and other related matters. The residents, he said, have already engaged a lawyer.

He said the SCA was aware that some residents were paying the rents by having the money deducted by their employers and sent to the council.

Residents have not been paying their rent and service charges since the outbreak of unrest in the Vaal Triangle last September.
The shock of a new council — that is the reaction of residents to the introduction of a 99-year leasehold scheme as a result of recent developments. The scheme means the council will be able to sell houses to council tenants in the area as well as to the general public. This will make it possible for tenants to purchase their housing in the future. The council has decided to introduce this scheme to encourage more people to buy houses and to help reduce the number of overcrowded houses. The council has also decided to build more houses in the area to meet the demand for housing. Council tenants will be given priority in the purchase of houses under this scheme.
House sales - Council slated

THE Diepmeadow Town Council came under fire yesterday for selling matchbox houses under the 99-year leasehold nearly four times more than the recommended price.

"This is a rip-off", said Diepkloof Civic Association (DCA) chairman Mr Isaac Mogase, reacting to the news. "Our organisation will look into the matter to check what is actually involved."

A Diepmeadow councillor Mr M J Khamalo told The SOWETAN: "This whole thing has come as a shock to me, because any changes to the price structure for houses sold under the 99-year leasehold scheme were never brought to the attention of the full council."

The DCA and the councillor were reacting to The SOWETAN story, which revealed that the Diepmeadow municipality charged R5 665 for a house sold under the current State scheme — nearly four times more than the price recommended by the National Housing Commission for the same type of houses.

Meanwhile, over 25 000 houses have been sold under the 99-year leasehold in Soweto since the house sales campaign started two years ago. About 2 072 houses have been converted from home-ownership scheme to 99-year leasehold.
Violence in townships is ‘your baby’

By Michael Tissong

The Deputy Minister of Law and Order and Defence, Mr Adriaan Vlok, accompanied by a high-power delegation, was told by Soweto councillors yesterday that township violence was the “baby” of the authorities and the police, and they had to solve the problem.

Mr Vlok held the meeting with the councillors accompanied by intelligence officers of the Witwatersrand Command of the Defence Force, the chief of the security police in Soweto, Brigadier Henkie Muller, the head of the Soweto police, Brigadier J Coetsee, and the CID chief, Colonel J Beeslaar.

Thirteen troop carriers patrolled the vicinity around the building while an SADF helicopter and a small camouflage-coloured reconnaissance plane circled low over the area.

After the meeting, Mr Edward Kunene said he had told Mr Vlok and the officers about “the problems in Soweto and other black areas where there is violence”.

“We want them to solve the problem because it is their baby, not ours.”

Mr Vlok said part of the problem involved security. The police and army would remain in the township until law and order had been restored.

“The Soweto council is the local government in the area. They were elected by a lot of people and they represent the people to central Government. They have been putting the problems of the people very ably to us.”

Mr Vlok said attacks on policemen were “cowardly thing because policemen are there to protect law and order. We have measures to prevent that kind of thing happening again in the future.” He declined to elaborate.

Shortly before the meeting a councillor’s house was stoned and set alight by youths. Nobody was injured but damage amounting to thousands of rand was done to Mr Joseph Khumalo’s house in Zola.

Mrs Anna Khumalo said that at about 12.30 pm hundreds of youths attacked the house with stones. “Police men on patrol came by and shot at the crowd and the youths dispersed. They chased the youths and then left. The group came back.

“They hit the house with stones and poured petrol through the windows. After that the house was ablaze.”
A mother fears she has lost out in Protea North

By MANDLA NDLAZI

A SOWETO woman teacher claimed yesterday that she paid a building contractor R600 and later signed documents stating that she had been allocated site No 2550 in Protea North, only to find that the site belongs to someone else.

She is Mrs Miriam Mpo Thamae (41), a divorced mother of five from Orlando West Extension.

She claimed that she paid the contractor, a Mr Ali Buys, on August 5 this year.

She said Mr Buys told her that the money she had paid was a deposit for the site that cost R6 600.

Later that month, she said, Mr Buys called her to his office where she signed the documents stating that the site now belonged to her.

Lost

"Mrs Thamae, who is ready to start building, said she got a loan from the Department of Education and Training.

Mr Buys, she said, told her that her dream house would cost R26 320.

She said she had been struggling since April this year to get a site and now had fears that she had lost out.

"I have tried in vain to contact Mr Buys since I paid the R600.

"Each time I get to his office I am told that he has gone out and nobody seemed to know what time he would be back," said Mrs Thamae.

Respond

A SOWETAN investigation has revealed that site No 2550 was officially allocated to a person with the name A Nenukula on September 20.

Speaking from the city office of the Urban Foundation, Mr B B Minnaar, said Nenukula paid a R600 deposit for the site at the offices of the Family Housing Association in Protea North.

Several attempts to contact Mr Buys were unsuccessful.

Visits to his offices drew blanks.

He would not respond to messages left with his wife asking him to phone The SOWETAN.
Diepmeadow levy hits R4 200 mark

By LEN MASEKO

THE Diepmeadow Town Council dropped a bombshell yesterday when it disclosed that all the 28,000 households in the area would have to pay the controversial R4 200 "infrastructure fee" anyway. SOWETAN

This means that all homes would be required to pay this money cash or it will be added in their monthly rent.

Town treasurer Mr Dan Richter told The SOWETAN that the amount would be levied on each home in the area "in one way or another". Local residents had an option of paying the money — to be used towards repayment of loans which financed the upgrading schemes in the area — cash or in terms.

Local residents would have to pay the R4 200 whether they bought their homes under the leasehold scheme or not, Mr Richter said.

This comes after a disclosure in The SOWETAN last week that the town council over-priced houses sold under the home-ownership scheme four times higher than the price recommended by the National Housing Commission. The SOWETAN established that the R1 470 price-tag on houses sold under leasehold was just an initial cost — excluding the controversial fee.

"Residents have an option of paying the infrastructure costs in instalments — about R47 a month plus 13 percent interest — over a 20-year period or interest-free within two years," the town treasurer said.

Paying the fee over a 20-year period would mean forking out as much as R11 000 — almost thrice the original amount.
Another bid at Lekoa, Evaton elections

THE Lekoa and Evaton Town councils are making a second attempt to hold by-elections for the election of councillors to fill vacancies caused by deaths and resignations of councillors since the outbreak of the riots in the Vaal Triangle in September last year.

The Lekoa Town Council has advertised the elections which are to be held on November 19, despite the announcement of the resignation of two councillors last month. The closing date for the nominations for the elections is last Friday. The Evaton Town Council is also intending to hold theirs at a later date.

The two councils were to have held these elections in May this year, but they did not take place as no candidate came forward when the nominations were closed. The seats became vacant when most councillors resigned from the councils — for their safety — after the riots and due to the response of the request of the residents to do so.

Deaths

The other councillors resigned because of the deaths of some councillors during the riots.

At present there are 11 vacancies in the Lekoa Town Council leaving the township of Sasolburg without any councillor in the council of Lekoa which has 39 members.

In the Evaton Town Council there are four vacancies to be filled.

The councillors resigned for the sake of their safety — after deaths of other councillors during the riots.

Spokesman of the Vaal Civic Association said to hold the by-elections was a waste of time and money as nobody would dare take that chance to vote.

"The only thing to do is to resolve the rent issue in order to have peace and stability in the area. The councils would be improved and be on par with those of the whites," a spokesman said. Since the riots not a single councillor has called a report-back meeting with the residents.
Phomolong alive

Mr G G "ASINAMALI" Xorile, a veteran civic leader.

Mr MAXHOSA "GOOZEN" Hashe... used to raise Cohn in Phomolong.

Uncle Tom's Hall, once Phomolong's social centre, which was converted to an administration office after 1976.
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Top civic leaders petrol bombed

The families of two well-known civic leaders, including a priest, escaped serious injury when petrol bombs were thrown into their respective homes in Soshangue this week.

The Reverend Hans Hlaletwa, of the St Charles Llwanga Catholic Church and chairman of the Soshangue Residents Association (Sora), said he was not home when the attack took place on Tuesday night.

Another victim of the petrol bomb attack was Mr Peter Mosalo, an executive member of Sora. He was attacked at almost the same time as Mr Hlaletwa. Damages in both incidents were reported to be minor. Nobody was injured at Mr Mosalo’s home. Both leaders have reported the attacks at the local police station and investigations are continuing, police said yesterday.

Meanwhile hundreds of people, mostly students and members of the powerful Zion Christian Church (ZCC), are this weekend expected to attend the funeral of 15-year-old youth, Moses Mope who died after allegedly being assaulted by a policeman in Atteridgeville last Saturday night.

A spokesperson for the family yesterday said Moses, a Standard Four pupil at the local Mangena Mokone Higher Primary School, will be buried at the new cemetery in Saulsville at 10am on Sunday. The funeral service will be held at his 13 Chiloane Street home from 6am. Moses was a member of the local ZCC group commonly known as “Mokhukhu”.

Frightened residents begin to move out

Hostel peace talks collapse

By Chris More

Frightened residents yesterday packed their belongings and fled the besieged "Klip-town transit camp" next to the Mzimhlope men's hostel in Soweto — a few hours after peace talks between hostel inmates and residents had failed.

This morning, there was calm in the area, despite fears of increased violence in the wake of the unsuccessful peace bid.

Last night, groups of heavily armed youths patrolled some areas of Zone One in Meadowlands to protect residents from attacks by hostel dwellers.

Police and defence force members took up positions on the football pitch and kept a watch on the hostel.

Earlier yesterday, the security forces fired tear gas to disperse a crowd of about 2000 residents and hostel inmates at the abortive peace gathering.

The meeting had been called by the Diepmeadow Council after delegations from both factions approached the authorities to intervene.

Residents also accused the security forces of siding with the hostel inmates. They claimed that the security forces always intervened when residents made a counter-attack on the hostel dwellers.

Unresolved

Councillor S Khumalo, who chaired the peace talks, tried in vain to find common ground for the two factions.

About 30 minutes after the meeting had begun the parties parted with the issue unresolved.

Residents scoffed at a suggestion that the peace meeting be deferred until the kwaZulu Chief Minister, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, could come to Soweto to solve the situation.

At least five people are known to have been killed since Saturday in the battle caused by the death of a schoolboy on the October 9. The death toll since that day now stands at seven.

At yesterday's meeting, a youth demanded the hostel dwellers first bury "those they have killed among our ranks".

When the youth asked how many people had already been killed by the hostel group, the residents cheered. This annoyed the hostel people, who rose to their feet and started to leave.

Prospects of the matter being amicably resolved seemed bleak from the outset — nearly 500 hostel dwellers came to the negotiating grounds heavily armed with sticks and other weapons.
Warning on molesting handicapped

The vice-president of the Soweto Civic Association (SCA), Mr. Isaac Mogase, today warned that his association would take strong action against unruly youths who molested handicapped schoolchildren in Soweto.

Mr. Mogase was referring to reports that pupils of the Phillip Kuslick School for Cerebral Paired Children near Baragwanath Hospital were yesterday threatened with violence by unknown youths who also said they would burn their buses.

The principal of the school, Mr. Sarel Naude, said the 130 cerebral palseid pupils needed the attention of specialist teachers and medical experts daily.

"It is very important that the children do not miss a day because they undergo remedial classes. They have to be attended by experts like physiotherapists and speech therapists every day," Mr. Naude said.

Mr. Mogase said those who were interfering with the handicapped pupils were clearly going against the wishes of the people.

He said it was agreed on Sunday at a public meeting called by the Soweto Parents' Crisis Committee (SPCC) that these children be left in peace.
The "war" between Mzimhlophe hostel inmates and Soweto residents was inevitable. It had to come, and once again brings into closer focus the contradictions in the laws that make for migratory existence — and township life.

Whatever the truth is behind the "war" between hostel dwellers and the residents of three neighbouring townships, the rationale is all too clear: life in the townships has created pockets of combustible communities that sooner or later tear at one another. When there is crisis, as of now, the combustible material that is simply lying around, catches flames.

Men are forced by the laws of the country to live like married bachelors, in a hostile world, under all the frustrations of commitment with such disruptive lives.

There is no reason, actually, to expound on why hostel dwellers in Mzimhlophe this week and in 1976, fought with the residents. The truth is written on the wall. The migratory system in South Africa, selfish and calculated system to make profit for business at the expense of family life, is at the root of the problem. Men have left wives and children, often under the most poverty-stricken circumstances, to eke out a living in cities, far from their cultural and family base.

The laws of the country have first of all led to the disruption of rural life; the resettlement of black families and the erosion of an agricultural class among blacks. So these men, to survive, trek to the cities, unprepared, bewildered.

The Soweto 'war' that just had to flare up

By Themba Molape

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were, they are something like within striking distance of other unfortunate folk — the migrant workers of the cities. These men are embittered, sometimes inevitably attracted by the family life nearby. There was bound to be confrontation, rumour, hate. Now killings.

So you have two communities, living under the most inhuman conditions, thrown into each other's lap. Combustible material simply lying around to burst in to flame.

In 1976 there were no families living inside the hostels. They lived outside them. And yet there was terrible suffering and mayhem.

The system of making people living under such conditions is inexcusable. We can perhaps say that blacks do not need to kill each other in this fashion whatever the circumstances. We do not live in or near Mzimhlophe, or any other hostel for that matter.

SOLDIERS also had to be summoned during this year's Mzimhlophe hostel mayhem.
Soweto shelves electricity fees

The Soweto Council has temporarily waived almost R1 million in unpaid electricity bills due from residents and implemented a moratorium until it has completed investigations.

"This is done in good faith and we hope Soweto residents will benefit from it," the town clerk, Mr. Prefect, said yesterday.

Council member Mr. Ntuli said the suspension of electricity arrears came after an outcry from residents over alleged overcharging.

Mr. Ntuli said that since a multimillion-rand project was launched in 1992, Soweto has about three years ago to electricity in the township complex - 116,000 units unpaid bills had reached about R8 million.

Many residents complained that their accounts reflected unreasonably high amounts of consumption, and had voiced concern about the accuracy of the council's bookkeeping system.

An ad-hoc committee consisting of members of the Soweto Council and the Western Province Development Board was set up to investigate these complaints, said Mr. Prefect.

He said the council did not have a computer system to track its own and refer to the board for its records.

**METER READERS**

The ad-hoc committee has found that 50% of the bills could be blamed on wrong figures being seen by the council, after being taken from the handwriting of meter readers.

"We are starting a thorough investigation to try to ascertain if there has been any irregularities in the electricity accounts," said Mr. Prefect.

Outstanding accounts from some of Soweto's 60,000 households would be placed on a "suspense account" and would not have to be settled until the issue had been resolved.

Residents would be required to pay electricity bills accrued from the beginning of October and the outstanding amount could be written off if found to have been wrongly debited.

Mr. Ntuli pointed out that since it was proved that a household had used the amount of electricity charged, the household would be allowed to pay the rest over a number of months.

The matter is likely to relieve some of the grievances of Soweto residents who have complained bitterly about being overcharged at the council.

Some residents have complained that they have been charged up to R1,000 a month.

Ms. Ntuli said 40% of average household usage was about 1,000 units of electricity - costing R1,500 per month - while the R8 million charge was to cover the 116,000 units.

A possible reason why some people received accounts in excess of R8 million was that when power was installed, households were charged only about six months later.
A Diepkloof councillor, Mr Ambrose Pitso, has been arrested on a charge of fraud, Major G van Zyl, head of the CID at the Orlando police station confirmed yesterday.

Major Van Zyl said the councillor was arrested on Friday and the amount involved would be known after police investigations were completed.

Mr Pitso (55), of Diepkloof Extension, appeared before Mr T L Flahood in the Orlando Magistrate's Court on the same day of his arrest.

No evidence was given and his case was postponed to November 13, pending further police investigations. Bail was fixed at R800.

Mr Pitso's double storey house in Diepkloof Extension was extensively damaged when it was petrol-bombed and stoned a few weeks ago.

Mrs Pitso and their 18 month old daughter narrowly escaped death as they fled the burning house and had to pass the attackers who were shouting for Pitso's blood in the backyard.

Mr Pitso was not at home when his house was attacked by the mob. His two German luxury cars were also destroyed by fire. The entire ground floor and outbuildings were extensively damaged.

This is the third time his house was attacked. Damaged was estimated at R700,000.
Soweto power hikes "halted"

THE Soweto City Council may permanently suspend further electricity-levy hikes and maintain the monthly R12 levy at the current level.

This was disclosed by Town Clerk Mr Nico Malan who told The SOWETAN this week that further hikes had been delayed pending investigations into the controversial electricity levy.

The levy, due to have risen to R17 in July this year, is being used to repay the R250-million electrification loans. It was supposed to have gone up in phases, from R17 to R23 in June this year, and to R25 in June 1986.

Said Mr Malan: "There is a possibility that the levy will remain at the current level, the number of electricity consumers has increased over the months. This means that this money is now being levied on more homes, thus easing the burden on the residents."

The town clerk said the levy, paid cash, amounted to R1 560 and Soweto's 103 000 households had an option of paying it cash or in terms. In terms, residents could pay as much as R4 400 including interest charges over a 20-year period.

25/10/85
Vaal residents told to pay rent or else...

On 25/10/85, the Vaal residents were given an ultimatum by the Lebone Town Council to pay rents or face prosecution by the end of October, which may spark off violence and industrial unrest in the complex.

This warning has been sounded by the spokesman of the Vaal Trade Union Co-ordinating Committee, who also blamed the council for the non-payment of tariffs. The council should not be provocative, he said.

The council, in pamphlets widely distributed in Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Bophelong, Bopatong, Zambala, Soweto and Evaton, has warned residents to pay their rent arrears and current tariffs or face prosecution.

**Violence**

Residents in these townships have not been paying rents, electricity and refuse removal service charges since last September when violence erupted after residents had protested against proposed rent increases.

The VTUCOC spokesman said they held a meeting with the Vaal Chamber of Commerce and Industries with the aim of convincing the council to reduce rents.

The chamber then arranged a meeting that they should meet the Minister of Constitutional Affairs and Planning Mr Chris Heunis to discuss the matters fully. This meeting was still being arranged when the Government declared a state of emergency.

**Meetings**

This means that we cannot call meetings to discuss the issues with the residents after meeting the parties. As such, we have suspended indefinitely our meeting with the Minister," the spokesman said.

He charged that the council should have reduced the rents to avoid unnecessary violence which broke out last year.

"Now the council, which has failed to call for the government to lift the state of emergency, is acting in a provocative manner again. Whatever action they envisage taking will be met with anger from workers.

"The employers should also try and intervene in this matter because workers may push their demands to the factory floor — the results will be too ghastly to contemplate," he warned.
Ban on news in Soweto

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Journalists living in Soweto will not be able to report on activities there following a ban under the emergency regulations on foreign and local media people from entering Soweto.

The ban was announced on Friday by Brigadier J C Coetzee, Divisional Commissioner of Police in Soweto.

This morning Brigadier Coetzee said: "I'm sorry, but it means that reporters who live in Soweto cannot do their work there."

Black journalists living in Soweto said the announcement was "complicated" because it did not clarify their position. It did not specify what may and may not be reported on.

BLANKET BAN

Brigadier Coetzee said: "I issued the ban on instructions from headquarters and it is clear. From last Friday till further notice all journalists, foreign or local, have been banned from entering Soweto.

"It is a blanket ban, whether or not what is reported on is related to unrest. We do have crime conferences which can be attended by accredited journalists."

It is understood from Government sources that no overall policy to bar all or certain journalists from unrest zones in emergency areas has been laid down.

The decision to ban the media from Soweto was taken by the police in terms of their emergency powers.

A blanket ban on the media in all emergency unrest areas has not been ruled out.
A FORMER Katlehong Town Councillor claims his left arm was broken during an assault by prison warders while he was detained under the emergency regulations.

Mr. Jacob Khoali at the weekend said he and 104 fellow detainees were assaulted by the prison warders on October 5 without any "provocation". He claimed he received medical treatment 14 days after the incident had taken place.

He said: "41 of my colleagues were also injured. Some were seriously. Most of them received medical treatment three days after they were assaulted."

He also said on a number of occasions detainees held under the emergency regulations were deprived of meals and said that there was no food for them because they were numbers and overcrowding the prison.

All the alleged incidents took place at the Modder Bee Prison near Benoni.

The Department of South African Prisons Service yesterday confirmed some of the allegations.

A spokesman for the department confirmed that:

- 42 detainees held under the emergency regulations were involved in a fight with prison warders at the Modder Bee Prison on October 5;
- they (detainees) had allegedly thrown objects at members of the prison service and necessary steps had to be taken to restore order and this was done swiftly, without causing any substantial injuries to either the prison staff or detainees;
- the allegations that 105 detainees were assaulted by members of the prison service is false; and

Mr. Khoali was one of the detainees involved in the above-mentioned incident and all those injured, including Mr Khoali, were attended to by a trained nurse in the prison on October 7, and Mr. Khoali was attended by the district surgeon.

The spokesman also added that "upon conviction in respect of any contravention or non-compliance of any provision of rule No. 21 of government notice No. 9878 of 8/07 July 21, a prisoner may, inter-alia, be sentenced to deprival of one or more meals on any day."

Mr. Khoali, who was detained on July 21, was released on October 18. He resigned from the Katlehong Town Council in February this year after claiming it was a puppet organisation.
Lekoa council vote falls flat

By-elections to fill 12 vacancies on the Lekoa Town Council have fallen flat for a second time as only one man was prepared to stand for election.

The sole candidate, Mr R.J. Makhema, was to have contested ward 21 in Sharpeville later this month, said town clerk Mr Nic Low. Mr Makhema now takes a seat on the council unopposed and the other 11 positions remain vacant.

An attempt earlier this year to hold by-elections in the Vaal townships drew a complete blank.

- The Lekoa Council is to begin "selective" prosecutions of rent defaulters who are in steady employment. The action comes more than 13 months after the launch of a rent boycott in protest at increased rentals.
- The Vaal Civic Association has said that residents intend defending themselves against eviction; it is believed legal opinion has been sought.
Vaal Residents Firm On Rents

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Board issues summonses

Vaal housing crisis comes to a head

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The Vaal housing crisis has come to a head with the Orange Vaal Development Board issuing court summonses in Zambe- 
la, near Sasolburg, against homeowners who have defaulted on payments for the last year.

Residents in Vereeniging-Vanderbijl Park townships, which fall under the Lekoa Council, face the same threat but the council is hoping talks with the Vaal Civic Association and the Vaal Trade Unions Co-
ordinating Committee may resolve the matter.

A VCA spokesman said yesterday residents' and workers' representatives were prepared to meet town clerk Mr Nic Louw tomorrow as proposed on condition that it be given a guarantee that it can use the Mphahlahlane Hall in Sebokeng for a public meeting after the talks.

The idea was to consult the community on any proposals made at the talks to resolve the 14-month-old rent boycott.

He said the VCA and the trade unions were not prepared to agree in private talks that residents begin paying a interim rental of R30 a month until the deadlock was broken.

Only residents could take such a decision and to date they were refusing to pay any rent at all until there was a permanent re-
duction and community councillors quit their jobs.

It seemed strange that the council was asking for talks while its partner, the development board, was already issuing summonses against residents.

The spokesman said ZambeLA residents had only three days in which to advise the courts they were going to fight the action after receiving summonses. Those needing legal aid should go immediately to the VCA.

BREAK

Earlier this year, the VCA backed trade unions in a bid to break the rent dispute which set the Vaal alight in September 1994.

Those talks with employers broke down with the introduc-
tion of the state of emergency.

The unions, as well as the VCA, have been invited to to-
morrow's meeting. On the other side of the table will be Mr Nic Louw, Overvaal MP Mr Chris Ballard and an Urban Founda-
tion representative.
TOWNSEND LIFE

A community disintegrating

On the walls of a local family planning clinic is a poster aimed at the adolescent eye: "Pregnancy test — this is one examination that most girls would prefer to fail."

Ironically, as another round of examinations passes with pap smear tests handed out in empty halls, worried parents fear a repeat of the baby boom that followed the 1976 township turmoil — and clinics in Soweto are already reporting an increase in teenage pregnancies. In 1976 a popular, and effective, slogan was "Have a baby for Azania" and when pupils eventually returned to school many gymshirts mothers never made it back into the classroom.

Since 1976, boycotts and unrest have continued to plague black schools and universities. Thousands of students have interrupted their studies year after year. Each year large numbers drop out permanently because they have passed the age for re-admittance. Many face a future where they may never work and have joined the ranks roaming the township streets. With almost a decade of disruption behind us, parents, teachers and community leaders are becoming increasingly concerned. In the long term, they ask, are we producing a lost generation — a generation of uneducated children committed to violence? "Black parents suffer anxiety daily," says Ruth du Bruyn, director of the Family Life Centre.

"They go to work aware of the amount of violence in the townships. They leave their children behind not knowing what will be waiting for them when they return. It’s not only the worry that their daughters may fall pregnant, but fear for their children’s safety. Normal family life is not possible under these circumstances."

As black leaders are detained, younger leaders — apparently more fearless and undisciplined — are replacing them. On the sidelines are the elders looking on with a mixture of admiration, worry and fear. Concern by parents is shrugged aside with accusations of "Bantu mentality." Says one parent: "They blame us and accuse us of letting the whites oppress us for all these years."

A not that the issue is that simple. For many parents, especially those who are politicised, it’s a dilemma. They say their children have a point.

"Many students knew they would fail if they wrote matric this year," says a black social worker with the Family Life Centre. "Often there weren’t subject teachers, say for maths, or they hadn’t finished the syllabus. Matric graduates are unemployed. How can you argue with the children when they say: better not to go to school than have a matric and still no work?"

But those who support the political actions of their children still worry for their personal safety. Says one parent: "Each parent would like someone else’s child to do it."

It’s the strategy of "liberation first, education later" that makes everyone uneasy. After all, if those are the leaders of the future what role can they play if they are illiterate?

While many parents would like their children to return to school, it’s the youth who are calling the shots. And many parents feel they have lost control.

How has this breakdown between parents and children happened? "South African society is reaping what we have sown," says Du Bruyn. "Part of what we are seeing is the cost of splitting families."

"Frequently, children are being virtually left to bring themselves up as parents leave home early to get to work and return late. Parents need to be visible if they are going to be in control. Children are not easily going to accept parental discipline now."

Chris Langeveld, a priest in Soweto, says the breakdown of respect for parents is exacerbated by the belief that parents are supine and deferential in the face of discrimination. They never fought back. "The youth are only part of a long tradition which died down between the early Sixties and Seventies and they don’t appreciate that."

In an attempt to regeneratce a measure of respect, he shows films and talks about political campaigns in which their parents’ and grandparents’ generations were involved. It’s the long-term effects of violence that are worrying. As one mother put it: "How do you handle a 10-year-old who tells you there’s no time to play and whose mind is preoccupied with violence. How do you bring up children in this kind of society?"

"Political considerations aside, we need something constructive for the youth," says Du Bruyn. "We need crisis intervention with opportunities for group discussions, recreation facilities and adult education both formal and informal. If we don’t do something to help the present generation we will reap the consequences again — after all, these children are already becoming parents."

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Mining jobs for urban residents

ONE of the country's major mining groups is to recruit urban residents to work on its gold mines.

This was revealed by Mr Clive Knobbs, head of the gold and uranium division of Rand Mines, who said that the first mine to take this step will be the East Rand Proprietary Mines (ERPM) near Boksburg.

The mine hopes to employ staff from townships such as Vosloorus and Wattville, both of which are near the mine.

Those who sign on can continue living with their families at home while working on the mine.

Salaries will reach about R1,000 a month.

"We will start with ERPM and when we see what happens after the Government's proposed influx control changes we will extend the campaign to other mines in the group," said Mr Knobbs.

Three other mines in the group that could be affected are Durban Deep near Roodepoort, Bivooruitzicht at Carletonville and Harmony at Virginia in the Free State.

Staff housed on the mine will receive a "living out" allowance of R110 a month besides their salaries. This allowance is to compensate for the free food and accommodation received by employees housed on the mine.

All staff will be entitled to normal mine benefits provided by the Rand Mines group — such as free medical attention, the use of mine sports facilities and long-service award schemes, said Mr

"We are also investigating a home ownership scheme to assist those members of staff who qualify to build their own homes in the townships near the mines and we hope that many urban blacks will take advantage of the new job opportunities at the mine," he added.
Township faces leadership dilemma

Five are in the running for Soweto’s hot seat

By Rich Mkhondo

The leadership dilemma will catch up with Soweto residents again next week as the term of another controversial mayor, elected in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act, ends.

On December 9, at noon, councillors will hold a special meeting to elect the new mayor.

Former mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala was the first to be elected in terms of the Act which gave councils city status and a degree of autonomy.

During his term of office, Mr Tshabalala ruled the council with an iron hand. His word was final and he made controversial statements which, in many instances, led to councillors and residents demanding his resignation.

As his term drew to an end, he tried unsuccessfully to introduce “an unopposed motion of the mayor” which provided for the election of the new mayor to be postponed for about five months.

Sensing defeat, he tried again unsuccessfully, to bring a court interdict demanding the postponement of the elections.

Barely hours before Mr Tshabalala’s term expired, aspirant candidate Mr Edward Manyosi was gunned down outside one of the councillors’ houses.

When the council ignored Mr Tshabalala and elected Mr Edward Kunene as the mayor, he tried another court interdict to declare Mr Kunene’s election invalid.

He also refused to hand over the mayoral car, office keys and gown. The car was later impounded by council police and officials had to change the office locks to enable Mr Kunene to occupy the office.

Some of the controversial projects and statements made by Mr Tshabalala during his reign included:

- June 16 commemorations should be banned and all Sowetans dying as a result of unrest should not be allowed to be buried in Soweto.
- Soweto should be run on business lines.
- A R180 million entertainment centre should be built to generate income for the debt-ridden city.
- All meetings should be conducted in Zulu because that was the language spoken most by Sowetans.

He also suggested the introduction of toll gates.

The reign of outgoing mayor Mr Edward Kunene was also disrupted by councillors and residents demanding his resignation.

Mr Kunene created a controversy about his dealings with squatters in Soweto. He said that squatting was illegal and squatters must either sleep in the open or go back to their homelands.

Recently he suggested that, to curb unrest, the Government should give the council a “licence to deal with political radical elements”.

A vote of no confidence in Mr Kunene was passed and councillors said he was incapable of leading them because of his public utterances.

Later, he suggested that June 16 should be declared a public holiday as many people died on that day in 1976.
900 sites on offer at Mams

THE Mamelodi Town Council has set aside 900 sites for low income housing.

The mayor Mr Zikhali Ndazi told The SOWETAN yesterday that of the sites allocated, 500 would be developed by a self-help organisation.

The rest would be sold directly to the public and private companies.

He said this would give residents a chance to build their own houses.

Prices of the two-bedroom and three-bedroom houses will range from R6 000, he said.

"We are trying to get most of the people on the waiting list housed as soon as possible."

"The council is also considering applying for a loan for infrastructure in the area," said Mr Zikhali.

This project, near Eerste Fabriek, is scheduled to start in March next year.

There are about 3 500 people on the housing waiting list.

Mr Ndazi said the council was negotiating for more land to ease the housing shortage in the townships.

He said about 1 300 houses would also be built soon in Mamelodi East Extension.

3rd DEATH in Sishi family

A SISTER of the Baragwanath Hospital nurse who was burnt to death during the nurse's strike died at the hospital on Tuesday night.

This brings to three the number of people from the same family who have died after the attack on their Dube home with an explosive device on November 24.

Mrs Gertrude Sishi (the mother) died on the spot after the attack and her daughter, Nurse Flavia Nomthandazo Sishi, died the following day at Baragwanath Hospital.
More open spaces needed for Soweto youth

By David Braun, Political Correspondent

More open spaces young people to use and the greater involvement of the private sector in providing housing are two possibilities being investigated for Soweto following this week's visit to the township by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis.

The Minister, who recently took over responsibility for black urban areas from the former Department of Co-operation and Development, said after his visit on Wednesday that he was convinced the areas he saw were definitely not slums or merely large dormitories.

"They are in fact serving the varying needs of the communities in question over a wide spectrum," he said yesterday.

"At the same time I was struck by the fact that the informal sector was making visible progress in Greater Soweto. This is an encouraging sign of success with a policy which the Government regards as very important."

Mr Heunis said he was impressed by the calmness which prevailed in all the areas and by the friendliness and goodwill displayed by the inhabitants.

**HIGHER DENSITY HOUSING**

It was evident that there was a need for additional land as well as for efforts to utilise the available land more effectively by, for example, higher density housing.

The Minister said he would follow up two aspects immediately in co-operation with the responsible institutions.

"Attention will be given to the possibility of creating more spaces for the use of the youth of Greater Soweto. In this regard I was pleased to see that the youth was actively engaged in a tree-planting programme and in other beautification projects."

Secondly, the Minister believed that the private sector could become involved in an even greater extent in providing housing for its employees. This also applies to financial institutions and their willingness to finance housing projects for black people."
One school, one clinic, one tar road for 200 000 people

By Gary van Staden, Political Reporter

Primitive conditions, the ongoing crisis in black education in the area and police harassment of township leaders were major contributing factors to the increasing tension in the Mazini township near Bethal, youth leaders said last week.

The Mazini Youth Organisation (MYO), a non-aligned organisation which is considering affiliation to the United Democratic Front (UDF), last week told Progressive Federal Party MP Mr Peter Soul of their problems.

The major issues raised with Mr Soul were:

- Allegations of local community council corruption, also involving land and housing allocations.
- Uniform rentals in the township — whether for a three-bedroomed house or a tin shanty. Even those who had built their own homes were subject to the same rental, according to the organisation.
- The lack of sewerage and communal taps, described as serious health problems. The township's 200 000 residents were served by only a single clinic.
- School pupils were allegedly forced to pay a R20 'security fee' as well as their regular fees. The township is serviced by only one high school which is overcrowded.
- There was a massive housing backlog in the township with about 10 000 people waiting for homes. There is only one tarred road in Mazini.
- The MYO leaders had been detained and were continually harassed by the local police.
- The MYO highlighted the near total lack of recreation facilities and said work on a recreation centre which was started in 1974 had not yet been completed.

"We presented these and other problems to Mr Soul and asked for his assistance," spokesman for the organisation, Mr Raymond Mavuso, said after the lengthy meeting on Friday.

Another MYO official, organiser Mr Collice Hayward, said that while the township was reasonably calm now, he feared for what would happen next year unless something was done to ease the situation.

"It is the students and education which is our primary concern," Mr Hayward added.

Mr Soul and The Star were taken on a tour of the township which highlighted the primitive conditions. Thousands of the residents live in tin shanties which MYO spokesmen described as a serious health problem.

One MYO spokesman said at least 10 000 people were waiting for houses in the area.

The organisation pays the fees of many local students and is planning to expand the programme next year so that more pupils are able to attend school.

The local high school was not equipped to teach scientific subjects and consequently the choice of subjects offered was limited, according to Mr Hayward.

Alleged police harassment of MYO leaders was a grave problem, Mr Mavuso said.

DISCORD

"They follow us around, park outside our homes, shout at us on the street calling us 'terrorists' and threaten us with arrest," Mr Mavuso added.

Mr Mavuso described as "a transparent attempt to sow discord" a recent poster which appeared in the township threatening all Indian traders and businessmen.

The poster, purportedly issued by the African National Congress, the UDF and the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), warned local Indian traders and workers to stay away from work this month or face the consequences.

"The poster was certainly not issued by anyone with any knowledge of black politics in this country. Anyone with even an elementary background would not have linked Azapo and the UDF," Mr Mavuso added.

Mr Soul, who had to field some tricky questions on FPF policy and outline his party's plans for the future, undertook to contact several Government departments and Cabinet Ministers in connection with the township's problems.
Town Council
Quits Kangiso
Second man lives in fear

By Mandla

Second man

Sowetan, Friday, December 13, 1985
Klipskopp shanty dwellers whose shanties were demolished by the West Rand Development Board last week had also been conned by a trickster into paying rent for the hovels.

Residents paid rent to a woman claiming to be from the board, because they had hoped that by doing so their shanties would be "legalised", said Dr Abu-Baker Asvat of the Azanian Peoples' Organisation (Azapo).

He said the people thought if they paid the woman the rent they would be allowed to stay. They did not realise they had been tricked until later.

Eight shacks were demolished, leaving 60 people — including 22 children — homeless.

Dr Asvat said the board knocked down the shacks without giving people time to find other accommodation.

Two tents have been put up in a churchyard in Protea, Soweto, where five families are being housed.

Dr Asvat said he hoped most of the families would have found some temporary accommodation by the end of the week.
By MUDINI MAIYHA

A LEANDRA community leader narrowly escaped death this week when a gunman missed him with nine bullets.

Eastern Transvaal community's Youth Committee chairman Abel Nkabinde was ambushed outside his home by a mysterious gunman who disappeared into the night after the unsuccessful attempt on his life.

Three of the bullets struck Albert Mahlangu - a Leandra resident who was nearby - on the left side of the body, seriously wounding him.

Police are investigating the incident after Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange was contacted by Johannesburg East Anglican Bishop Suffragan Simon Nkosane.

Bishop Nkosane said Mr Le Grange would see another Leandra leader, Chief Ampie Mayisa, about the incident.

The bid to kill Mr Nkabinde came less than 48 hours after a fierce confrontation between Leandra residents and the police last Saturday over the detentions of 20 youths.

Mr Nkabinde, a Transvaal Rural Action Committee organiser, has consulted lawyers about the attempt on his life.

Mr Nkabinde said his father, Simon Nkabinde, had first seen the gunman standing outside the house. The gunman walked away when he saw Mr Nkabinde.

"Later he chased my younger brother Johannes into the yard," said Mr Abel Nkabinde.

The gunman first fired four shots at Mr Nkabinde after a meeting at Chief Mayisa's house. Three bullets struck Mr Mahlangu, who was walking with Mr Nkabinde.

"Everyone ran away when we tried to get Mr Mahlangu to hospital. The gunman came for me, and chased me up the street until I got into my yard," said Mr Nkabinde.

The man missed Mr Nkabinde with five more bullets while charging him.

Towards midnight a man was seen peeping through the window of Chief Mayisa's bedroom. The man ran away after he was seen by Chief Mayisa's wife.
Boycott handout war intensifies

PRETORIA. — A boycott pamphlet war that has been raging in Pretoria’s black townships intensified yesterday as the consumer boycott of white businesses entered its third week.

Yesterday afternoon while the Pretoria business community dropped thousands of “safe shopping” pamphlets (similar to the ones distributed in Mamelodi last week) from a helicopter over Atteridgeville, the security forces manned roadblocks at the entrances to the township distributed handbills to motorists promising the residents protection.

Arrested

By nightfall, the Pretoria Consumer Boycott Committee (PCBC) had dismissed the anti-boycott campaign as “desperate calls”. In a lengthy statement it said it was confident that “our people will continue to ignore these calls”.

The security force pamphlets said that at the request of the people of Atteridgeville, the security forces were conducting intensified patrols in the township and Pretoria.

There would be additional security forces in uniform and plain clothes on patrol in the township, on trains and buses, at bus, train and taxi terminuses, as well as at shopping centres in the city.

“Intimidators will be arrested,” it declared.

These actions were being taken, the pamphlet said, because “a large number of peace-loving residents of Atteridgeville” wanted to spend a happy Christmas.

The committee said that it was prepared to negotiate, but conditions attached to talks were “the release of all those arrested in connection with the consumer boycott and for police to stop harassing those who are still outside”.

Meanwhile the detention of Johannesburg Consumer Boycott Committee leader Mr Jabu Ngwenya, and three Pretoria boycott leaders “has forced the committee to keep an extremely low profile in order to avoid further detentions”, a source who asked not to be named said on Tuesday.

This was making it almost impossible for business leaders to have discussions with the community on ways of ending the boycott.

Extend

The president of the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce, Mr Pat Corbin, said that the JCC realized they needed to identify “who is around and about (from the Johannesburg Consumer Boycott Committee) to talk to about grievances”.

“However if the leader is detained, how can we talk to him?”

Meanwhile discussions are underway to extend the boycott nationwide next year.

At the weekend Mr Mkhulesule Jack, leader of the Port Elizabeth boycott committee that brought businessmen in the region to their knees, met Transvaal boycott leaders to discuss methods of increasing the campaign’s impact.

He stressed the need for boycott leaders to ensure people were not intimidated into boycotting, but that they understood the rationale for the action.

Meanwhile no clear indication of the effect of the boycott has emerged.

Mr Ken Warren, Associated’s legal advisor, said yesterday that no clear pattern had emerged from the boycott. Some businesses reported slower trading, while others said the boycott was “definitely biting”.

Chainstores yesterday expressed concern over the marked drop in black consumers but a JCC spokesman said that most businesses were not prepared to say whether the downturn was due to boycott or recession.

Township supermarket owners were reluctant to comment on whether their sales had increased as a result of the boycott. — Own Correspondent and Sapa
Plan to break rent boycott

JOHANNESBURG. — A plan by the Lekoa Town Council to break the rent boycott in the Vaal Triangle by applying financial and other pressures to "identified hostile elements" has been leaked.

A document obtained by the Sharpeville Civic Association reveals that the council plans to break the boycott by enforcing stop orders on the salaries of residents and creating a "task force to maintain discipline and authority".

Other steps in the council plan include the issue of summonses and eviction orders and a request to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning to pass legislation allowing development boards and local authorities to implement stop orders for rent and service charges.

'Must not be obvious'

A draft amendment has already been submitted to the Department of Constitutional Development. The document states that "identified hostile residents" must be regarded as first priority for civil procedure steps but that "this must not be done obviously".

"No acknowledgement through negotiation must be given to revolutionary groups or organizations." Also suggested is the formation of a "corps of liaison officers" from Vista University students who are studying municipal administration and finance courses.

Youth training camps

These students, many of whom receive bursaries from the council, should then make personal house calls to inform residents of local authority finances.

The strategy also includes a programme for using weekend camps to train youths to motivate their parents to pay their arrear rentals and continue to make regular payments.

A "local task force" has been formed to investigate the maintenance of law and order and the protection of staff collecting rentals. The task force has to ensure the re-establishment of discipline and "authority structures" and to draw up a code of conduct for "ordination and enforcement of discipline".

Development board

The document, which was discussed at a special meeting of the executive committee of the Lekoa Town Council on November 4, was released at a press conference yesterday. The notice and agenda for the meeting was signed by the Town Clerk of Lekoa, Mr N P Louw.

The strategy as set out in the document is coordinated by officials of the Orange Vaal Development Board and the Lekoa Town Council.

The main objective of the strategy is to collect outstanding rentals and service charges without delay.

The legal adviser to the Sharpeville Civic Association, Mr Richard Spoor, who is an assistant to the civil rights lawyer, Mrs Priscilla Jans, said attempts would be made to defend residents who faced legal action by the Lekoa Town Council. He said residents who received summonses should contact their civic associations. — Sapa
Fears over 'boycott-busting strategy'

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Civic leaders have expressed fears over what they claim is a Vaal local authority plan to break the 15-month rent boycott in townships.

According to a document released by Sharpeville Civic Association at a Press conference yesterday, the plan includes the training of young people at special weekend camps to persuade their parents to pay rents and the recruiting of Vista University students as "liaison officers" for the local authority.

Lekoa Mayor Mr Esau Mahlatsi said he could not confirm that the council had discussed the document.

The unsigned report was apparently scheduled to be tabled at the November 4 meeting of the Lekoa Town Council which administers six Vaal townships. It applies not only to the Lekoa area but to the entire region under the Orange-Vaal Development Board.
10 stabbed to death in Soweto

At least 10 people, including an 18-year-old Meadowlands woman, were stabbed to death in Soweto at the weekend, a police spokesman said today.

Colonel P J Swarts, the Assistant Divisional Criminal Investigating Officer, also said a policeman was shot and wounded in Lenasia when he tried to cope a suspected vehicle thief.

In another incident a policeman fired a shot at a gang of men trying to rob him opposite the Jabulani police station in Soweto, police said.

Three rape cases were reported, including the rape of an 11-year-old girl from Central Western Jabavu at about 3 pm yesterday.
CONSTITUTIONAL Development Minister Chris Heunis will report to the Government on the grievances of trouble-torn Duduzra residents after a brief meeting this week with the township's Steering Committee members.

This was said by Steering Committee chairman Dominick Hendrick Maphanga, who said Mr Heunis had promised to hold another report-back meeting with the committee in February.

The meeting took place in Duduzra during Mr Heunis' tour of seven East Rand townships, including Daveyton, KwaThema, Tsakane, Duduzra, Vosloorus, Thokoza and Katlehong.

Mr Maphanga said the Steering Committee had told Mr Heunis that the residents' most important demand was the installation of a sewerage system in the area. Residents also wanted electricity, more houses and tarred roads.

The Steering Committee has become the go-between for residents and the authorities since unrest in the township led to the resignation of the entire council.

A committee member told City Press that the East Rand Development Board had indicated that R9-million could be found for a sewer in Duduzra if "there were leaders elected by the residents to sign for the money".

However, he pointed out that residents were adamant that they would have nothing to do with a Government institution unless their demands were met.

East Rand Development Board Chairman Charles Marx denied that finance was available for the Duduzra sewer at this stage. But he confirmed that the board was "working on a plan to find people who are willing to take up the reins of the council".

He added that the problems presented to Mr Heunis by the Steering Committee were "issues which we have been discussing for years".
Residents of Brits township have declared they will not be persuaded to move from their homes on the fringe of the white town but will wait "until they send the bulldozers to remove us".

About 400 residents attending a meeting called by the Brits Action Committee (BAC) at the weekend expressed opposition to moving to the newly developed area of Letlabile, about 15 km from the town.

They resolved:
- To boycott the businesses of community councillors whom they regard as having "sold out" on the question of moving to Letlabile.
- To continue to seek support from the community for a petition opposing the move.
- To raise funds for the Action Committee, which is spearheading the bid to save the old township, and for the immediate expansion of school facilities.

BAC chairman Mr Marshall Boys said Bophuthatswana had announced "outiders" would be prevented from attending school in the homeland in 1986 to stem political dissent. As a result Brits's already overflowing schools would be unable to cope.
- To press the authorities to upgrade the present township by tarring roads, providing sewerage and later electricity.

Residents of the Brits township have not received any ultimatum to leave the old area. They have received pamphlets encouraging them to go to Letlabile and promising that this will not mean incorporation into Bophuthatswana.
Plans to break rent boycotts leaked

By SEFAKO NYAKA

PLANS by the Orange Vaal Development Board (OvDB) to use several government departments and officials in an elaborate strategy to break the 15-month-long rent boycott in townships were disclosed this week.

A document released by the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) at a press conference says it gives a detailed account of how the police, parliament, the courts and extra judicial law enforcers were to be used for the "immediate collection of rent arrears, service charges and house payments".

The authorities also planned to arrest young people, taking them to special weekend camps to persuade their parents to pay rents, as well as recapturing students at the Se劳动者 campus of the Vita University as "liaison officers" for the local authority.

But an official at the OvDB, who would give his name only as "Smith", denied any knowledge of the document.

According to the document, the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning had already been requested to pass legislation which enable Development Boards and Local Authorities to implement stop orders in respect of rent and service charges under "certain circumstances".

Respective approval of already declared tariffs by the minister were also to be investigated and the OvDB's chief legal adviser "must plan for a possible defense".

This has raised doubts whether the increased tariffs in the area had been approved before they were implemented.

This move clearly undermines the law which is used to give retrospective approval to tariffs which were invalid in law," a spokesman of the SCA said.

The document also calls for the creation of extra courts and the appointment of more officials to deal with cases.

The plan also states that "no acknowledgment through negotiations must be given to revolutionary groups or organisations."

Some steps to be undertaken by the authorities include:

- The recovery of house fees from "through combined action with the security forces".
- The transfer of already identified problem officials.
- The initiation of the media, especially Radio South in presenting a simultaneous series of information packs.
- Re-establishment and maintenance of discipline within the structures of family structure (parentchild relationship) and the establishment of law and order commences in words to serve as a forum of dialogue between parents and "rebellious youth".
Soweto curfew hours relaxed for New Year.

Curfew regulations in Soweto will be relaxed from 11 pm tonight until 3 am on New Year's Day. Soweto police liaison officer, Major P. Zwane, announced:

"Major Zwane said, however, roadblocks would stay in place at all entrances to the sprawling township to protect law abiding citizens."

"We are trying our best to make Soweto a safe place to live in," he added.

"We said residents should remember, the curfew regulations would be enforced as usual from 11 pm on New Year's Day."

The curfew was imposed in August this year.