Reform issues key to polemic between Owen and professor

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the second half of the last century. After more than 100 years of deliberate manipulation and intervention — during the periods of colonial and apartheid capitalism — the South African economic structure has been severely distorted. The present structure is characterised by a very unequal distribution of power, property and opportunities. A large proportion of the black population is excluded from the mainstream of economic activity due to all kinds of discriminatory measures (including very uneven investment in human capital) and an extensive production structure.

I get the impression that Owen is of the opinion that if only the bureaucratism can be dismantled and Government interference in the economy terminated, the mythical “free market” will get going to create a panacea. What nonsense!

To think that a democratised political system with black political empowerment can be superimposed without ceremony or any appropriate adaptations on this highly distorted economic structure, and that the result will be an efficient free market system, is nothing but a pilgrimage to fairyland.

I do not want to be prescriptive about how to synchronise the processes of political democratisation and economic reconstruction. No blueprint exists for this synchronisation and I don’t think it is possible to compile one. It is, nonetheless, an extremely important matter to ensure an orderly and non-disruptive transition from apartheid towards a system that hopefully will be an effective version of democratic capitalism. To describe the planning for
Interest rates: De Kock speaks

Q: You have been criticized for not raising bank rate by two or even three percent to contain inflation, and to avoid a shock to the economy. Will you continue this policy?
A: Politically, it is very unpopular to allow rates to rise. But the Reserve Bank does not arbitrarily put up interest rates. There is a balance at R4 per billion in constant dollar terms, and we must keep a balance at somewhere between R3 and R5 billion in real terms. If we raise rates too much, the economy will suffer. If we do not raise rates enough, inflation will accelerate.

Q: But the government is facing a budget deficit this year. Why not use monetary policy to combat inflation?
A: The government is facing a budget deficit, but not all of it is due to inflation. The deficit is due to increased government spending, which is necessary for economic development. Inflation is not the main cause of the deficit.

Q: But doesn't inflation lead to higher unemployment?
A: There is a debate on this issue. Some economists argue that inflation leads to higher unemployment, while others argue that it does not. In South Africa, we have experienced both inflation and unemployment, and the relationship between the two is complex.

Q: What is the government's policy on monetary and fiscal policy?
A: The government's policy is to maintain a balance between monetary and fiscal policy. We aim to control inflation and maintain economic stability. We have a target rate of inflation of 5% per annum, and we aim to keep the budget deficit at a sustainable level.

Q: What is the Reserve Bank's role in achieving these goals?
A: The Reserve Bank is responsible for implementing monetary policy, which includes setting interest rates. We work closely with the government to achieve the desired economic outcomes.

Q: What is the expected impact of the recent interest rate cuts on the economy?
A: The recent interest rate cuts are expected to stimulate the economy. Lower interest rates make borrowing cheaper, which can lead to increased consumption and investment. We will keep a close eye on the economy's response to these changes.

Q: How will the Reserve Bank respond if inflation rises unexpectedly?
A: We are closely monitoring inflation and will take appropriate action if it rises unexpectedly. We have a clear inflation target and a strategy to achieve it. If inflation rises, we may need to raise interest rates to bring it back down.

Q: Will bank rates go up again? Does the Reserve Bank care about annualized rates?
A: The Reserve Bank does not care about annualized rates. We focus on the inflation target and the real economy. We will adjust interest rates based on our assessment of the economy's needs.

Q: How much has the Reserve Bank's independence been eroded in recent years?
A: The Reserve Bank's independence has not been eroded. We are a separate entity from the government and are accountable to the government for our actions.

Q: What is the role of the South African Reserve Bank?
A: The South African Reserve Bank is the central bank of South Africa. It is responsible for the country's monetary policy and banking system. It also plays a role in financial stability and macroeconomic policy.
GOVERNMENT interference in the free market forces influencing the property industry consistently leads to an unbalanced market, where prices are inflated and demand is pitched unnaturally high, claims Peter Erasmus, executive director of the SA Property Owners' Association.

"Over-prescriptive development guidelines and excessive restrictions with regard to such issues as parking provision in the Johannesburg CBD leave developers very little room to manoeuvre," he comments.

"For example, when a new industrial area is proclaimed, property prices in the affected area skyrocket — while prices for neighbouring properties just outside the proclaimed area remain static.

"This is prejudicial to both the would-be developer (and, in the long run, his tenants) and to property owners outside the proclaimed area," Erasmus adds.

whose properties may be affected by the development of an industrial area on their borders but who are not given the opportunity to negotiate a sale with the developer."

Erasmus believes "guidelines should be precisely that, with the authorities designating potential areas for development in far more general terms that left room for negotiation between owners and developers. At the same time, he is vigorously critical of government's stated policy of preventing continued industrial development within the PWV area to promote decentralisation.

"It is illogical to assume that if growth is retarded in one area it will naturally occur elsewhere, yet a recent White Paper on urbanisation stated that the present practice of creating a shortage of industrial land within the metropolitan core areas should continue.

"While one doesn't question the merits of decentralisation, such a policy should be implemented only by means of encouragement and incentives, and practices which inhibit the development of industrial land by decree should be eliminated," he adds.

Erasmus also comments on another statement by the White Paper on urbanisation — that an objective in implementing urbanisation will be "the prevention of ... economic activity in large urban centres."

"In line with this, the draft guide plan for the central Witwatersrand exercises strict control over the availability of further industrial land in the area — irrespective of whether or not there is any demand for industrial expansion. This rigid control has a clear negative impact on economic growth," Erasmus adds.
Reserve Bank helps head off pressure on interest rates

THE Reserve Bank is helping the money market over a liquidity squeeze to head off renewed upward pressure on interest rates after last week's hike in Bank rate.

The Bank's move to 16% triggered a wave of increases in banks' and building societies' lending rates. But the Bank has been careful to signal that the one percentage point move in Bank rate is enough for the time being.

Through open market operations — for instance, purchasing Bankers' Acceptances — the Bank has put extra liquidity into a tight market. A market source put the Bank's assistance through open market operations at R400m between Friday and yesterday. In addition, the Bank has provided extra cash in the form of buy-backs of non-liquid assets, which amounted to R1bn yesterday.

Cash is being drained from the market as large tax payments, including individuals' provisional tax and mining tax, flow to government. The tax outflow is put at about R1,5bn. The scramble for cash pushedcall rates up to an average 17,28% yesterday from an average 16,75% on Monday.

Higher rate

But banks' margins are relatively safe as they announced increases of one percentage point in their prime rates yesterday. The United is undercutting the bigger banks with a prime rate of only 18,75% compared with 19%.

First National has indicated it will today become the second bank to announce a higher home loan rate after Trust Bank's announcement of an immediate increase to 19%.

The Allied has announced only a 0.75 percentage point increase in its building society bond rate to 18.75%, which becomes effective only from next month. The Allied's Bank Bond rate was raised by 1.5 percentage points to 19%. Standard Bank, however, said its home loan rate would remain unchanged at 17.75%.
Politics should not be mixed in VAT — deputy minister

VAT should not be made a political issue, Deputy Finance Minister Org Marais said yesterday.

Referring to the implementation of VAT targeted for next year, Marais said: “We want a Bill that makes good economic sense and have to consider the dangers of difficult technicalities becoming a political issue.”

The permanent tax advisory committee has completed its recommendations on the new tax system and its technical report has been presented to senior members of the Finance Department.

However, the recommendations are unlikely to be given any attention before the Budget and all that can be expected in the Budget is a timetable for the draft legislation.

Marais said an important decision had yet to be taken on whether to release the report first to interest groups in commerce and industry for feedback or to the Cabinet.
Economic Growth and Democratization

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SA needs new ‘economic order’

By Kaizer Nyatsamba

Attempts to sell free-market capitalism were not convincing, would fail, and continue to seem a rationalisation of the status quo of an unacceptably unequal distribution of privilege', two Afrikaans academics said in Johannesburg yesterday.

Presenting a joint paper at the national conference on ‘Economic Alternatives for South Africa', Professors Frederick Fourie and Etwill Beukes of the University of the Orange Free State’s economics department said the most important thing to do at the moment was to find the ground rules for an economic order which would truly complement a democratic political order and make it acceptable.

An integrated, package was required, and a post-apartheid South Africa would have to be organised around the concerns of any modern industrial state, namely, prosperity, liberty and justice.

"Regarding the political sphere, we support the view that as long as the basic point of departure for a future political order remains primordial group membership and the use of group allegiance for political power formation, we are in a dead end."

The professors said the traditional liberal argument that it was only apartheid which deprived blacks of the fruits of capitalism did not ring true, because it could not be refuted that there was little in apartheid which prevented the economically powerful from voluntarily improving blacks' material position.

Warning that attraction to socialism had historically always been a reaction to experiences in capitalist economies, they said "selling capitalism" did not address the point of perceived economic injustice which it had caused and perpetuated. Deprivation and lack of privilege would not disappear "merely as a result of economic freedom".
Universal franchise ‘crucial’

By Kalzer Nyatumba

Until South Africa introduced a universal franchise, the country would continue to face international pressures and internal conflict would escalate “until a full blown civil war develops”, a University of the Western Cape (UWC) professor said in Johannesburg yesterday.

Professor of Development Studies and director of the Institute for Social Development at UWC, Professor Pieter le Roux, told a national economics seminar that a social democracy — alternatively mixed economy — as opposed to outright socialism or capitalism was the only economic system which could deal effectively with the economic crisis facing South Africa.

“Under present circumstances a social democracy seems to me to be the key to rapid economic progress for South Africans... I can see no other system within which South Africa can meet the tremendous economic problems it faces as a social democracy,” Professor le Roux said.

He said many capitalists “who squirm at paying any taxes other than those that cover the cost of a night watchman government” rejected social democracies as being socialist, since any redistribution of income was considered undesirable.

Similarly, many dogmatic Marxists who saw socialisation of the means of production as a prerequisite for any transition to socialism rejected social democratic systems as being capitalist.

A social democratic economy was the only one which could successfully deal with the macro-economic crisis facing the country today, he said.

“Your choice today is between a siege economy and a type of social democracy. I hope you will not be so foolish as to support the siege economy option,” he said.
Economic growth is really 10 pc'

Staff Reporter
The South African economy's growth — officially estimated at three percent last year — was grossly under-represented, Professor Brian Kantor of the University of Cape Town's School of Economics said in Johannesburg yesterday.

A speaker at the national conference on "Economic Alternatives for South Africa", Professor Kantor said the economy was not stagnating but was growing rapidly as a result of privatization and de-regulation.

Economic growth last year was not three percent as estimated by the Government, but 10 percent, he said.

"It would appear that greater freedom for black South Africans to engage in the urban economy is having the most dramatic effects on output and income... De-regulation is working magnificently in South Africa, particularly for blacks."

Professor Kantor said it was impossible to measure directly the effects of blacks' participation in the economy because "much of this new activity is unrecorded for tax purposes, or for the purposes of estimating gross domestic product or gross domestic expenditure."

Evidence did, however, in the form of a dramatic turnabout in the demand for notes issued by the Reserve Bank.
Call for high, stable rates

THE Reserve Bank's overriding objective should be the maintenance of high and stable real rates of interest, Reserve Bank Deputy Governor Jan Lombard said yesterday. He was speaking at the conference on capital expenditure in Johannesburg.

Lombard said the international financial community was increasingly recognising the productivity of investment and capital expenditure in this country would depend on an interest rate policy geared towards stable real rates. However, he stressed that nominal rates would continue to change because of inflation arising from excessive government or private spending, or movements in foreign rates.

Low and negative real rates of interest, coupled with the over-valuation of the rand relative to the rise in domestic wage rates was "a fundamental flaw in our market-related economic system."

"In such an economic system profits may be made from capital formation aimed at the replacement of manpower, rather than the production of larger output. The net result of all this for the economy is a drop in employment rather than a contribution to the Gross Domestic Product — a result which is, obviously, the opposite of what the people of SA and their economic condition require."

Ideally, the real value added to the national income from the flow of capital formation should have risen as the rapidly expanding supply of manpower was absorbed in the production process. Instead, the productivity of capital had been declining steadily, and in some industries rather rapidly.

Less real value had been produced per unit of capital invested while the ratio of capital to labour employed had increased heavily.

"These trends in the weakening contribution of capital expenditure to the growth of output and employment cannot possibly be viewed with equanimity. They are undermining the capacity of this economy to attract savings from within and capital from abroad and to provide the growing domestic popula-

Lombard calls for high interest rates

tion with the chance to earn a decent income."

The disciplines of the market economy had allowed this trend to set so strongly, because SA had over two decades allowed the real remuneration of savings and the cost of capital expenditure to sink to very low levels.

As a result, SA was locked into a formula for structural stagnation, starting with a drop in employment and ending with political pressure to try to stimulate income growth through lower interest rates.
Nedbank says economy needs a shake

DURBAN — Nedbank chief economist Edward Osborn advocates a more vigorous national investment and industrial policy.

"He told a Natal Chamber of Industries seminar in Durban yesterday he could not accept claims SA was "just another African economic disaster area".

"It had major problems — with many elements of the economy static for several years but also great strengths such as management competence and technical know-how.

Osborn added economic growth, measured by GDP, was lamentable in this decade and between 1980-87 averaged 1.3% annually. This was well behind population growth.

"He said total employment was about the same as 10 years ago and in that period there had been no effective increase in personal real disposable income.

Osborn claimed the only notable growth sector in the 1980s was government with an average 3.8% a year.

Manufacturing had been static with only a handful of sectors expanding — notably pulp and paper — while textiles, clothing, footwear and furniture were among many industries that had contracted.

Osborn said it appeared these industries were hit by imports.

"We should have looked after our own first," he added.

Osborn said if industry had expanded at the same rate as personal consumption, billions of rand's worth of real production would have been added and more jobs created.

He added authorities appeared to have concentrated on fiscal and monetary policies which had not been altogether successful.

Osborn said it was a misconception savings led to increased investment. Consumption growth, leading to expectations of higher demand, led to increased investment.

Many problems boiled down to uncertainty and lack of confidence with the result that potential investors were unwilling to take high risks.

An analysis of 1984 figures showed 43% of imports could be substituted either through existing capacity or by capital investment.

Osborn said interest rates were likely to remain high but the prime rate could ease to 17% over the year.

Growth should average 2% this year.

Osborn said there was a bunching of debt repayments due in the next three years, but the balance of payments was structurally sound.

He added a problem was the volatility of precious metals. — Sapa.
Sats launches new bond

By Derek Tomney

Happiness in South Africa, someone once said, is a rising gold price. But sometimes the gold price goes down, as it has been doing for the past 14 months, creating considerable misery in some quarters and especially among holders of marginal gold shares.

However, South African Transport Services is now coming to the aid of these unhappy people with a scheme which lets them make money when the gold price is falling and could help transform some of that misery to joy.

Sats is offering to the public R200 million of financial instruments called goldfins which are linked to the gold price. It is offering R100 million worth of stock in what it terms Tranche 'A' — the bull tranche.

The redeemable value of this stock will rise and fall in line with the gold price. If the gold price doubles during the two-year period of the stock, the holder will make a 100 percent profit. Of course, if the gold price drops to zero, the holder will receive no repayment.

The ‘A’ stocks, which are being offered by tender, have a nominal value of R100 and carry a rate of interest of 11 percent. Sats is also offering R100 million worth of Tranche 'B' stock — the bear tranche.

The redeemable value of this stock varies inversely to the gold price. If the gold price goes down, its repayment value rises proportionately. If the gold price rises, the value of the 'B' stock declines. This is also being offered by tender, has a nominal value of R100 and carries a rate of interest of 19 percent.

Gillian Rainie, economist at Frankel, Kruger, and Vanderine, said the goldfin bear tranche was aimed at the mining houses, as it allows them to cover themselves against a falling gold price.
FM BOARD OF ECONOMISTS

A time of key constraints

There won’t be much scope for an innovative Budget

With Budget Day now less than a fortnight away, the FM Board of Economists looks at the economic background. Finance Minister Barend du Plessis has to bear in mind, and what freedom to manoeuvre he will have. The panellists are Aubrey Dickman (Anglo American), Louis Geldenhuys (of stockbroker George Hueyaman) and Hans Falkena (Unilever). Raymond Parsons of Assocom as usual asks the questions.

Parsons: Was the latest hike in Bank rate necessary?

Dickman: Yes. For all the well-camouflaged reasons, both international and domestic. Real rates were just too low.

Parsons: Was the action timely? What impact — real or psychological — will it have?

Geldenhuys: Given the economic circumstances, maybe it should have happened earlier. The authorities thought incorrectly, that actions taken late last year, a 2% increase in Bank rate and then a 10% increase in the price of petrol, would do the trick. I never really believed that. But we must be glad it has happened now, with an election in prospect.

Dickman: It’s much better that it came before the Budget. Warning signals were given and action taken. This is a very important and purposeful move and certainly will have an impact.

Falkena: The Reserve Bank has based monetary policy entirely on the demand for money, and interest rates are the instrument to control that demand. So it’s much more than just a psychological effect.

Geldenhuys: But how sensitive is the demand for money to interest rates?

Falkena: If you look at the total economy, it is rather sensitive. For the average individual, 1% more on financing a new refrigerator may not mean much, but for investment it’s different. Another important factor is the real interest rate differential with our trading partners: it will affect the capital flows, and thus enhance our reserve position.

Geldenhuys: There are two sides to the coin: the authorities did other things that made them react in this way — public-sector salary increases; keeping monetary policy at a lowish edge when we didn’t increase rates earlier in the business cycle.

Dickman: There are a lot of indications that the economy has been slowing down, but not fast enough. It’s rates of change that matter, and the levels we’re at in relation to our balance of payments capital account. Look at the money supply and bank credit, where the December rate of increase was 40%. That’s absolutely incredible, even if there were special technical factors.

Parsons: Are further increases in interest rates possible?

Dickman: Possible, certainly, but that’ll depend on fiscal policy and how the gold price goes. Since we put up rates US rates have gone up by another 0.5%, so in terms of real rates our move is not all that much.

Everybody, including the politicians, should accept that we cannot cut ourselves off from world interest rates. The failure to realise that was one reason we didn’t take action in time last year.

Falkena: In a small, open economy like ours, interest rates are totally linked to the exchange rate. So aggregate demand must be controlled by fiscal policy. If the budget deficit can remain below 5% of GDP we should have seen the top for interest rates. If it goes over, or if the gold price falls further, I can see a further increase in rates.

Parsons: How relevant is the outlook for the world economy, in particular the gold price?

Falkena: Being a very open economy, it is extremely important. If gold went sky high so that the reserves increased nicely, the interest rate outlook would be very different.

Parsons: How do you see the gold price?

Dickman: One can’t be bullish about the gold price while world inflation is being contained; but there is no doubt that the dollar, if the dollar, will continue, wealth will continue to accumulate in the Far East, and there will be a demand for gold.

Geldenhuys: Our economy is highly vulnerable. Every US$10 change in the gold price broadly means R500m difference to our balance of payments. Our debt position is very delicately poised.

Parsons: Looking back over 1988, without the benefit of hindsight, could economic management have been better? Were any warning signals ignored or misinterpreted?

Geldenhuys: One thing we — and the authorities — underestimated was what was happening to consumers’ income streams. The wage bill was increasing very fast. The authorities tried to keep the public-sector wage bill down but for the first three quarters of last year it was growing at an annual rate of 18.4%. On top of that, take what has since happened in the public sector and what will happen in the private sector.

We also misread the balance of payments. We were too complacent. More favourable figures in the second half of 1988 were seen as a beginning of a slowdown in imports; but I think the falling imports were mainly associated with the inventory cycle and weren’t a fundamental decline.

Linked to that was the balance of payments capital account. After the US election the dollar started to ease and the rand to appreciate against the dollar. Unfavourable leads and lags unwound, and that caused a flow of dollars to the Reserve Bank, to the benefit of gross reserves. The authorities misinterpreted that as a more favourable development on the capital account.

Dickman: Imports in volume terms have been levelling off for some time while exports have done better than the trade figures suggest. We did not need the panic import surcharges, which contributed to inflation and complicated our position. What we did need was interest rate changes.

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Board flanked by FM's Deputy Editor (Economy) Hazelhurst (R): Geldenhuys, Parsons.
Falkena: They should have stuck to the current policy of keeping real interest rates positive irrespective of the phase of the business cycle. They should never have allowed the annualised quarter-on-quarter Bank rate to be below the ruling inflation rate. Parsons: Would you like to comment on the increase in public-sector salaries? Dickman: The approach was wrong. The announcement of a freeze was ill-timed. It would have been better to allow increases then rather than store up the problem. Parsons: Have the monetary targets lost credibility? Falkena: They should stick to two rules: positive real interest rates and, on the fiscal side, the Budget deficit before borrowing should be limited to the real growth rate in the economy, 2% or 2.5%. With more than that the size of the public sector grows continuously. By those two criteria 1987-1988 were years we were now paying the price for. Dickman: We went too far, as usual. But one has to have some sympathy for the authorities. Would this boom really move? There’s always a delay, and we worked hard to get it going. Monetary targeting deserves to be given one last chance this year. Parsons: Do you accept the conventional wisdom that the balance of payments constraint limits SA to an average growth rate of, say, 2.5%? How important are the foreign debt negotiations next year in this context? Dickman: The balance of payments constraint is the major problem we face in managing the economy. We can change the internal disposition of resources, and must, for many reasons — but that happens at the margin and takes time. It’s been calculated that without any foreign capital — never mind an outflow — we are limited to about 3% growth. The foreign debt negotiations next year are crucial. Parsons: We seem to have reached a turning point with inflation. What major factors will influence inflation and what do you now estimate the average rate will be this year? Falkena: The average will rise to 15%-15.5%. Imported inflation will be the main reason, with a sharp drop in the rand exchange rate.

Geldenhuys: I am very worried by the money supply and the wage explosion. I would put more emphasis on cost-push factors. I forecast 15%-16%. And there seems to be a general opinion that inflation will accelerate to 16% and then start coming down. I must warn against complacency; the seeds are there for another cycle of inflation. Inflation is a vicious circle. Parsons: Against this economic background what would be your broad approach to Budget strategy on March 15? What do you see as the main priority? Falkena: The priority should be to hold the Budget deficit at least below 5%. If that is not done I can see further pressure on interest rates. Ideally we should aim for about 2.5%, but that’s impossible this year. Geldenhuys: The main priority short-term is to ensure that, with an eye to debt negotiations, the economy is stabilised. We can’t really increase output, so we must ensure that the economy operates within capacity. That means a restrictive Budget. Parsons: Will the planned deficit for 1988-1989 be roughly on target? Geldenhuys: Yes, or even a little less. But that conceals more than it reveals, because revenue is about R2.5bn up on budget. There are all sorts of compensating errors. Dickman: Because Eskom, Sats and other areas of the public sector have cut back, the total direct public-sector proportion of the economy has come down. But we mustn’t say that’s OK, there’s room for the Exchequer to go on expanding. That may have given other public-sector spending room to expand in the past few years of getting the economy going, but now we must be extremely careful. Falkena: The problem is even greater from the point of view of the national accounts. With no foreign capital inflow you must look at the pool of available savings. If the Budget deficit increases, we can run into problems. There just isn’t sufficient savings. Parsons: But don’t the institutions keep telling us how enormous their cash flows are? Dickman: People trot out the most amazing figures but not everybody accepts them. A lot of those figures I think include cash on hand rather than premium flows. Geldenhuys: It also depends what their choice will be, whether they will want to buy government stock. But we tend to over-emphasise the deficit before borrowing. Even a 4% deficit could be expansionary. Capital spending has been falling but current spending has been growing. That goes into the hands of consumers and they spend it immediately. Government is borrowing to finance current expenditure. Fiscal drag can eat into the pocket of the consumer. But let’s say they make a little, though inadequate, provision against fiscal drag. In terms of the consumer, at least over the next 12 months, that could actually be expansionary, even if the deficit is reduced. One must focus not only on the deficit before borrowing, but also its components. Why isn’t this the old balanced budget multiplier argument? That even with a balanced Budget the nature of government spending doesn’t create available output so is intrinsically expansionary? Falkena: If the Budget deficit is excessive they can’t sell stock and the Reserve Bank has to jump in with the printing press. That is totally expansionary. However, if the deficit is financed in a proper way, like bond issues, it shouldn’t affect aggregate demand. Parsons: What is a desirable deficit before borrowing in 1989-1990? Dickman: 4% maximum. Geldenhuys: 5% will be expansionary. Even 4% could create problems. But revenue will remain buoyant. With no changes in tax, revenue could be some 18%-18.5% up. Falkena: On our econometric model, current interest rates will keep the whole show more or less together if the deficit is kept down. But I have the feeling that they can’t manage even 4%. We work on a 20% increase in State expenditure and that needs tax increases of about R3bn. I will be very glad if they keep the deficit below 5%. Dickman: We must be careful when we talk about the deficit. None of us would be happy if they get the deficit to 4% by raising taxes — the problem is spending. You can bring the deficit down but still ruin the economy if you overtax. Geldenhuys: There has been over-taxation in any case, of late. Parsons: How successful has the whole programme been of trying to reduce the rate of increase in government spending, to bring it below the rate of inflation and cut the share of the public sector in the economy? Dickman: We hear sounds that they are getting to grips with priority determination, but if you look at the salary component then their backs are against the wall.
Geldenhuys: Successes, if any, are minute.
Falkena: The investment cycle in the public sector is also picking up, so the problem is not only current expenditure.
Parsons: Surely it is also important what basic economic issues the Budget transmits?
Dickman: Yes, and not only to us, but to our foreign creditors.
Geldenhuys: Take the petrol price hike at the end of last year to solve a fiscal issue. It was said that that would reduce the deficit before borrowing and keep demand intact. I don't agree with that, because they used the money to pay salaries. That created expectations of inflationary pressures so will encourage consumer spending. Obviously it can't last indefinitely, but we have a problem, given our vulnerability over the next 12 months. We would have a completely different situation if the salary increases were announced now as from April 1.
Dickman: I'm certainly not happy about the way the petrol price was increased.
Parsons: What about the impact of monetary and fiscal policy should be followed this year?
Dickman: This is crucial. If fiscal policy is not supportive it puts too great a burden on monetary policy. Then, the lack of flexibility in Bank rate policy and the widening gap between lending and borrowing rates are at the root of the disintermediation-reintermediation phenomenon which distorts the whole targeting figure; so a flexible Bank rate is an intrinsic part of getting targets right.
Parsons: Would you like to see us getting closer to the British model of gradualism, with interest rates moving up and down by smaller amounts but more frequently?
Dickman: Yes. Depoliticise rates if you can, as we have many other things.
Parsons: Do you think the speed with which the latest Bank rate decision was taken suggests there may have been some depoliticisation?
Dickman: It may be the first signs of a fresh wind.
Falkena: Monetary policy should first be lined up with the exchange rate and foreign exchange reserves. After that fiscal policy starts to play its role. I would like to see interest rates depoliticised, but it is very difficult. The only way we can really have a free interest rate policy is in an environment of free capital flows in and out of the country: then the political machinery is virtually forced to accept the interest rates that follow. But with the debt standstill and all our other problems that is only a dream.
Dickman: If there was a completely free exchange rate, as the monetarists would have had it, the rand would go all the way down and interest rates would go roaring up, so you are really implying quite a different world.
Falkena: I agree that is not the case, but then politicians will always interfere with the interest rate mechanism because they think they can do things differently.
Parsons: If the minister of finance had a little room to manoeuvre, even a small relief, what would your preference be? Do you see any scope for supply-side economics?
Geldenhuys: His scope is very limited, especially with so many of the Margo recommendations still to be implemented. That doesn't mean to say we shouldn't start slowly, but I don't think he's got anything to give away. There are certain strings about expenditure. If he can do anything to free up on the supply side that will be good, but we must not place too much hope on it.
Dickman: We want to get away from some of the last-minute tax imposts we've had in previous years. Relief to the mining industry is extremely important for long-term growth. One has to carry on with some kind of reform of the tax structure. There's very little the minister can do on the supply side.
We certainly don't want increased direct taxes. We're getting close to a tax revolt.
Falkena: But the big spending is on defence and education and health and constitutional development. You tell me where they'll cut these — I can't see it.
Dickman: Then we must ask how we feel about indirect taxes. Even though we say we are too highly taxed, should we tax consumption to a much greater extent?
Parsons: The decision last year that so-called dedicated levies would go into the general revenue pool could lead to a lack of discipline. Do they fall outside the mainstream of fiscal policy?
Dickman: Yes. There are other things we must watch, too, like the concept of user charges.
Geldenhuys: It's difficult to advise on policy nowadays. Ten years ago, economists could argue you must turn a little bit more on the monetary side, or swing a little bit more on the fiscal side, but the framework is so vague now... it's very unsatisfactory.
Falkena: I totally disagree. Government's aims are very clear: a balance of payments surplus big enough to repay the debt; the inflation rate should come down; there should be more Vietnamese workers who will give jobs to the people. It's on how they go about obtaining those goals that they may be vague. If you look for necessary adjustments, that's also straightforward: a few sacred cows have to be slaughtered.
We are approaching a stage where certain services are simply no longer possible. In a Third World country we can't give the same type of education to all our inhabitants. I know that's an unpopular thing to say, that a lot of people feel that education is a right, but I would like more flexibility. When it comes to defence, if the US couldn't afford Vietnam how can we afford Angola? It was simply a necessity to move out of Angola.
What the governor said at the Frankel-Kruger conference was very true. We don't need any more commissions of inquiry. We need straightforward implementation, co-ordination and monitoring. That has already been accepted in principle. That is what the Budget — and other policy measures — will be tested against.
Dickman: We know the long-term problems. We're trying to adapt to our socio-economic constraints and move at the same time, through things like inward industrialisation. The really big challenge is to change the whole political climate to enable the economy to grow at the rate it's capable of.
Parsons: What are your up-to-date expectations of GDP growth in 1989 and is a 'soft landing' indeed possible this year?
Dickman: That depends on the Budget. If the budget deficit comes down we could have a soft landing and a growth rate of about 2%.
Falkena: 1%–2.5% growth, but be careful: that is the average. In the first half we may have 4%, but the fourth quarter is still there: the fourth quarter is when it will hit.
Geldenhuys: The economy is still quite buoyant, but it will wind down. I am optimistic about the world economy and agriculture also appears to be doing reasonably well, so our export performance should be good. I think growth could be a little higher than my colleagues' figures, though not much. Maybe 2%–2.5%. The latest increase in interest rates improves the chances of a soft landing but before that we were heading for serious problems. It's vital that we have a soft landing because otherwise we may have a real crisis nine months down the line.
Parsons: If a general election must be held this year should it be as soon as possible from the point of view of economic policy?
Dickman: Yes — get it out of the way. But the practical choice is May or October, and I'm worried about what sort of decisions may be taken in the Budget in the face of a May election. In that sense, later may be preferable. But it's a difficult decision.
Falkena: I would go for May.
Geldenhuys: As soon as possible, because that will increase the chance of politicians having the guts to do what they should.
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credit extension, more expensive. (He will however continue to aid the money market until government spending reduces the shortage which emerged at the end of December.)

Banks, usually quick to follow with increases in prime lending rate, were temporarily immobilised. Changes to the Usury Act (as the instance of the Financial Institutions Office) since the last Bank rate move require seven days' notice before putting up overdraft rates. This was not the intention of the amendment, which was directed at variable rate finance contracts.

Negotiations between the Clearing Bankers' Association and the authorities were already under way. This week, the impediment was hastily eliminated. A promise of retroactive legislation freed banks to raise rates to 19% on Tuesday.

The move indicates a determination to deal with underlying problems which De Kock has pinpointed:

☐ An excessive year-on-year rise in money supply in January of 28%.
☐ The gold price which has declined from an average of US$437/oz in 1988 to well below $400; and
☐ Higher interest rates in Europe and the US in recent months.

Inflationary pressures building internationally are likely to increase international interest rates but not the gold price. In the US, after a 0.6% January increase in consumer prices (the highest monthly increase in two years), the Federal Reserve last week increased its discount rate from 6.5% to 7%. And base (prime) lending rate has moved from 10.5% to 11%. Expectations are that another move up will follow soon. In the UK, where inflation reached an annual 7.5% in January, the base lending rate is unlikely to drop from its current 13%.

Meanwhile the gold price stays below $400 and its chances of moving much above that seem remote.

These realities cannot be ignored. So despite speculation about an early election there is a view that, if next month's trade and money supply figures are equally poor, a further increase in Bank rate may follow.
GOVERNMENT FINANCES

Deficit to fall by R2,5bn

Incompetent management of public finances has strained the monetary system in an unprecedented way. In line with past trends, most of the paper needed to finance the public-sector borrowing requirement (PSBR), budgeted at R10bn for the 1988-1989 fiscal year, was issued in the second quarter of the fiscal year.

Traditionally, Treasury experiences negative cash balances in this period, and into the third quarter. Problem is that this fiscal year is turning out to be anything but traditional, mainly because revenues for the first 10 months are up almost 28% on a year ago, beating original estimates.

As recently as December, Finance Minister Barend du Plessis was warning that PSBR could be higher than budgeted. Now it seems that, for the year, it could be R2,5bn less than budgeted, at R7,5bn. Such a reduction is unheard of: for more than a decade government overspending has always exceeded any incremental revenue receipts.

So PSBR has always swelled. This year it could fall, with important consequences for the money and capital markets, taxpayers, and fiscal and monetary policy.

For one thing, an additional R3bn is due to be injected into the economy from Exchequer during March. The heart of the problem is not difficult to pinpoint. Treasury is suffering the embarrassment of relying on information technology. Each year, using highly complicated software, it runs simulated estimates of tax revenue in the year ahead.

These encapsulate dozens of factors, such as existing imposts like GST and personal income tax. They also include new taxes; in the past year, the minimum tax on companies (MTC) was an example. Economic factors are also included, such as estimates of the gold price, interest rates, and economic growth — the real joker in the pack.

The estimates for 1988-1989 got it all horribly wrong. After 10 months of the fiscal year, to end-January, revenue of R38,9bn is 27.9% more than the corresponding period last year — R8,5bn in money terms — or R4,3bn more than was estimated.

Crucially, annualised, that means revenues are exceeding estimates by R3bn. Given traditional public finance methods — that gives back what it did not think it would take — that R3bn could be used for a myriad things. Assuming spending was exactly on target (which it never is), it would cover a full 50% of the PSBR.

Alternatively, the GST rate could have been cut from 12% to 5% for the entire fiscal year. Or, no less than 12 troublesome imposts — from stamp duties to mining leases — could have been abolished, still leaving R1,2bn cash in the bank. In reality, of course, taxpayers should not expect a cent of their cash back. Indeed, if anything, there are (groundless) rumours that the GST rate is in line for an increase. Even cursory inspection of Exchequer accounts suggests completely the opposite.

In the event, the Exchequer closed January with a cash balance of R4,2bn — the highest ever. This amount, which closely mirrors the margin between revenue estimates and actual outcome, is in itself significant. It is more than enough to cover the additional R2,7bn spending asked for in the recent Additional Appropriation Bill, and then cut PSBR to R7,5bn.

Why did Treasury’s computers get revenue estimates so wrong? Apart from macroeconomic reasons, such as higher than expected growth and heavy consumer expenditure, there were a number of straight-tax reasons. Prominent among these is the phasing out of the debtors’ allowance for GST.

This, ostensibly introduced to prepare vendors for VAT, remained in force as the chances of VAT arriving in 1989-1990 dwindled to zero. Revenue spokesmen say the phasing out has garnered hundreds of millions of extra rand.

In the sense that it is a one-off, it does not bode well for possible tax reductions in the fiscal year ahead. Revenue spokesmen say that MTC revenues have not wildly exceeded estimates, despite speculation to the contrary from the private sector when the retroactive impost was announced in the March Budget.

Another significantly underestimated area is fringe benefits tax, where several major phasing-in concessions are running out. Housing, for the biggest perk, will only be fully phased in another two years.

But the real gains are from increases in imposts announced during the year — for other reasons. Import surcharges were increased by up to 60% to “protect the balance of payments.” On the evidence, they have done anything but protect the BoP; they have certainly fuelled inflationary pressures.

The fuel levy (there is no GST on fuel) was increased by about 10% in January, ostensibly to help balance the books, but really to get a handle on the fortunes of the burgeoning black taxi industry.

Says Nodbank’s Ted Osborn: “There are structural weaknesses in the forecasting model. But there has been nothing like this year’s miscalculations.”

Osborn argues that the over-issue of government stock “in excess of what was required for PSBR meant a tremendous drain on the whole economic system.”

So while the average taxpaying unit will see out the fiscal year having paid 25%-plus more tax than a year ago, monetary policy will be anything but smooth in the months ahead. And though the Exchequer account may go into 1989-90 with R22bn cash, this is no signal for tax cuts. Official policy may be that if consumer spending can be this strong with such a tax burden, an even greater tax burden can be handled.

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Is that it?

So much for growing out of our problems. Though GDP increased 3.2% last year — above most projections — it was just 4.8% higher at end-1988 than at end-1984. Central Statistical Service says GDP growth (based on 1985 market prices) was:

- 0.8% in 1985;
- 0.3% in 1986;
- 2.1% in 1987; and
- 3.2% in 1988.

Even this modest rising trend will be short-lived: growth is generally expected to fall below 2% this year as tighter Reserve Bank policy curbs the mini-boom.

Some economists say 3.2% growth is unsustainable and helps to justify last week's Bank rate increase. But this is sure to renew debate over whether SA should be content with such low growth.

"If you accept the theoretical framework in terms of which Bank rate was increased — the fear of the economy growing too fast — the report of fairly strong GDP growth supports that move," says Senbank economist Johann du Pisanie. "But the whole idea of having to cool the economy at 3% is questionable. We don't have a problem with sustaining higher growth with domestic resources.

We have a balance of payments problem. "Rises in interest rates to cope with that have negative side effects. We should look for other measures, such as letting the rand depreciate and increasing import surcharges." In other words, he says, steps to "improve the profitability of import replacement" to allow higher GDP growth.

Not all economists agree with Du Pisanie's interpretation of recent events. They say a Bank rate increase was needed because money supply, not the economy, is growing too fast. True, higher interest rates could curb GDP growth in the short term. But if accompanied by tax cuts and deregulation, higher real rates could provide a base for market-led, sustainable growth with little inflation.

At seasonally adjusted annual rates GDP grew 2.7% (third-quarter 1987), 3.9% (fourth quarter), 3.8% (first-quarter 1988), 2.2% (second quarter), 3.5% (third quarter) and 2.8% (fourth quarter).
 Depths of absurdity

There were brief hopes that the unexpectedly good showing of Barend du Plessis in the National Party leadership stakes might strengthen his position and allow a more logical approach to economic policies. If this week's statement by Economic Affairs Deputy Minister Theo Alant is anything to go by (see *Business*), no such luck.

Traders must wonder if they have taken leave of their senses when they read Alant's plea to them not to buy foreign goods at the most favourable available prices.

What on earth does Alant think commerce is about? Is it no longer about buying as cheaply as you can and selling at the highest price the market can bear? Must importers go to foreign suppliers and beg to pay more than they need?

This must be the worst case of economic illiteracy yet. Alant is in effect asking importers to impoverish not just themselves, but the economy as a whole, by voluntarily forfeiting their bargaining position.

And let it be clear that there is no offsetting domestic benefit. The national interest is best served by buying goods as cheaply as possible. Claims that "dumping" — which is notoriously difficult to define or prove — disrupts local industry are usually mere special pleading, and if they have any validity can in any event be handled under existing regulations.
SOUTH Africans would have to tighten their belts several notches before an improvement in the current economic situation became possible.

That was the view this week of senior economist for Volkskas, Mr Adam Jacobs.

He said rising interest rates, relatively low inflation rates and uncertainty over the gold price characterised the current international scenario.

Mr Jacobs added: “Given the international scenario and the high growth in gross domestic expenditure, domestic spending will have to be curtailed.

“If it is not, there will be tremendous pressure on the balance of payments. The rand will depreciate and inflation will soar.”

Rising international interest rates would hit South African exports and the terms of trade, and all indications pointed to a slower world growth rate, he said.

Said Mr Jacobs: “It would seem that low real interest rates are beneficial to the gold price. As these rates are rising internationally, South Africa will definitely experience lower growth.

“The gold price may be depressed, export volumes may decline or experience slower growth, and the average prices received for exports may drop.”

The coming budget should assist monetary policy to curtail the rise in domestic spending, he said.

“I am in favour of a combination of policy instruments such as realistic interest rate levels, a cut in Government spending and measures to improve the balance of payments,” he said.

“If this happens, the man in the street will have less to spend, imports will come down, savings in the economy will increase and the surplus in the current account will also increase,” he said.
FOREIGN capital is coming into the country again in spite of boycotts and disinvestment.

This is the belief of Professor Brian Kantor, director of the School of Economics at the University of Cape Town.

"Six months ago I would have expected a very significant depreciation of the rand but it has not happened," he said this week.

"The only explanation is there must be some substantial capital coming in."

"Overseas perceptions may be improving, maybe the Namibian settlement is bringing in more business."

Professor Kantor was speaking at a discussion of the results of the latest survey of owner-managed businesses in the Western Cape sponsored by The Argus, Arthur Andersen & Co and the Graduate School of Business at the University of Cape Town.

Discussing taxes, he warned that South Africans could expect more taxes on petrol. The reason: "It is a very efficient way of raising taxes, it is easy to collect — you simply alter the petrol pumps and only four or five companies collect it for the government at minimum cost."

The country had a growing informal sector which did not keep books and could not be taxed.

"You will not get Value Added Tax from companies that don't keep books. The advantage of keeping books is you get access to credit. If you don't keep books you don't pay taxes."

Referring to the survey's disclosure that 82 percent of businessmen believed VAT would mean additional cost, he said consumers would end up paying the additional cost of collecting VAT.

An "extra thousand people" employed by the Receiver for VAT would be a small cost.

"The authorities will be able to raise VAT in a way that they cannot raise sales tax. It should enable the authorities to switch away from direct taxes."

"If you want political advantage, the way is to reduce direct taxes and substitute indirect taxes."

Professor Kantor said the previous survey showed an enthusiastic response to privatisation but the latest one showed a lot of scepticism.

"Make no mistake — it is going to happen. We are going to see some major developments involving labor and Sita."

"When it happens shareholders are going to become managers of these businesses. If you don't think that will make any difference, you don't understand the nature of man."

Picking up

Official statistics said growth was only 3 percent last year but GDP as a number was increasingly irrelevant because of under-reporting of income in the informal sector. If that was taken into account, GDP growth could exceed 10 percent.

"Substantial growth is still being achieved in the economy and I don't think we are seeing it in the official numbers."

"The Western Cape is picking up more than the economy at large because of the new influx of people into the Cape."

"The great opportunities for growth are going to be in the informal sector — that is where the action is taking place."

"The economy certainly has not slowed down as yet so we can expect interest rates to be higher still."

"The growth rate must come off from these high levels though I don't think it will go into negative growth because the buoyancy of the informal sector is going to hold it up," he added.
Reserve Bank keeps balls in air

As a result, overnight rates never reached much above 17.5% — in spite of the banknote issue soaring to R7.5bn — and when the market closed on Friday, big money call rates remained at a relatively modest 16.5%, which is low, bearing in mind the higher Bank rate.

It was said that some smaller banks took deposits at 17.25%, more to retain customer goodwill than for any other reason; they could have bought funds from other banks at 16.25%.

Inter-bank transactions helped to keep down the market shortage — and the rates — because marginal bidding for funds might have increased the cost of money for all.

The increase in the Treasury bill (TB) rate, to a four-year high of 18.91% from 15.60%, brings the yield on the premier money market asset to 16.35%, a very desirable three-month investment, particularly as the wholesale call rate is more likely to ease than go higher.

The 90-day liquid bankers' acceptances (BAAs), priced unchanged at 16.35%, are more attractive, and better still are prime non-liquid BAAs at 16.65% yielding 17.25%.

There appear to be no options for institutional investors. Banks and building societies are reluctant to issue negotiable certificates of deposit (CDs) although some banks are showing rates for CDs, one-year at 17.16% and six months at 16.56%.

A note of business has been transmitted in the 12-month range but generally no one wants to lock in to, say, a six-month or one-year investment, neither the borrower nor the lender, until next week's Budget gives some indication of the trend of interest rates.

If fiscal policy reinforces current monetary policy, rates should not rise further. But, if Finance Minister Barend du Plessis is too generous, either to the taxpayer or to his Cabinet colleagues, rates must soar.

A tighter rein now could, however, see large open positions on their balance sheet. With scrip in short supply buyers were compelled to bid for their requirements, sending yields down.

Yields on all the tradable stocks were lower at the close than they had been on the previous Friday.

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Govt revenue up by 26.8% to R34,84bn

PRETORIA — Government revenue for the first nine months of the financial year was well ahead of the numbers for April-December 1987, Central Statistical Service (CSS) figures showed.

And preliminary figures showed an increase of 29.9% for the first 10 months.

Volkskas economist Adam Jacobs said the breakdown of collections for the first nine months clearly underlined the severity of the country’s taxation system.

Total revenue for the period increased by 26.8% to R34,84bn compared with R27,47bn the previous year.

Finance Minister Barend du Plessis budgeted for a 13.8% revenue increase for the entire financial year.

The revenue collection in the nine months amounted to 78% of the budgeted amount for the previous financial year.

Tax collections in the April-December period increased by 28.1% to R35,06bn compared with R27,36bn the previous year.

Income tax, excluding mining taxes, for the nine months was 23% higher at R18,59bn. The big increase in income tax was put down mainly to increased company profits.

However, gold mining taxation collections were down by 23.9% to R947,1m.

GST for the nine months was 27.3% higher at R9,52bn.

CSS said this confirmed the view consumer spending was relatively high during the nine months.

By the end of December, 81.9% of the Minister’s expectations for GST for the year had been collected.

The increase in fuel levies — by 267.4% to R1,71bn — was due to the consolidation of fuel levies from April 1 last year.

Customs duties and surcharges also increased in the nine months — customs by 45.1% to R1,90bn and surcharges by 134.6% to R1,32bn.
Monetarists will have their say in this month's Budget

The latest rise in South African interest rates is a clear sign that the monetary authorities have seized the opportunity provided by President FW de Klerk's new-found political clout to assert their grip on the economy.

The Reserve Bank raised its discount rate by 1.5 percentage points last month, while commercial banks' prime lending rates moved up one point to 19 percent last week.

All eyes are now focused on the March 15 Budget. What is awaited is a clear sign that Mr Barend du Plessis, the Finance Minister, will also tighten fiscal policy, curb government spending and provide a breathing space for the private sector in an overheated economy faced with a declining gold price.

The chances of being able to curb the big spenders look better now than at any time of his four-year stewardship. The key reason is political. Mr du Plessis now has a political clout entirely lacking in his first years as one of the youngest members of the Cabinet.

He then lacked the seniority to discipline the spending of Cabinet heavyweights and, for the first few years at least, was clearly heavily dependent on the advice and skills of his senior advisors, Dr Gerhard de Kock at the Reserve Bank and Mr Chris Stals at the Treasury.

Rising star

The situation has been transformed by the recent National Party caucus election which gave Mr du Plessis 61 votes against the 69 won by Mr FW de Klerk.

This established him as a rising star in the government firmament and has given him potentially the greatest political clout of any finance minister in recent memory. An additional bonus was the fact that General Magnus Malan, the free-spending Defence Minister, was not even nominated for the party leadership.

This fact, together with the end to the war in Angola, the forthcoming independence of Namibia and the possibility that South African suppliers will win at least R500 million of the R1.5 billion to be spent by the United Nations special Namibian task force (UNTAG), should translate into a progressive reduction in South Africa's military burden in coming years.

It will not happen without a fight. The military has already presented demands for an additional R450 million to cover the withdrawal from Angola and relocation of troops from Namibia and want to spend any war savings on a new generation of military equipment. But the odds remain in favour of a gradual reduction in the role, demands and influence of the military.

The failure to keep government spending under control has been a major weakness for years. Last year's budget planned to keep overall spending to 12.9 percent, below the inflation rate, despite a 22 percent rise in the military allocation to R2.2 billion out of total planned government spending of R38 billion.

In practice both revenue and government spending have soared in a way which makes a mockery of the budget estimates. Tax revenues to the end of January were running 28 percent above the previous year's level while government spending was 29 percent higher over the same period.

Bouyant revenues are mainly due to higher than expected gross domestic product growth of 3.2 percent, not counting rapid expansion of the black economy, increased import surcharges, higher petrol and other indirect taxes and fiscal drag.

The net result of higher revenue and spending is that the expected public sector deficit remains around the originally budgeted 4.9 percent of GDP.

But that figure is far higher than the three percent ceiling recommended by the International Monetary Fund and set as a target by the Government's own long-term plan.— Financial Times.
Budget should be seen more positively

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The budget, particularly in South Africa, is more than an annual exercise. It is an important policy document that forms an integral part of the macro-economic policies. With the structural changes that have taken place over the years, the budget is seen as a part of the policy formulation and implementation process and not just an annual exercise.

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Restrictive fiscal policy imperative

Trust Bank economist Nic Barnardt reviews the role of the budget as an economic policy instrument.

Within the context of economic policy, the primary short-term priority in the March 15 Budget is the restriction of total demand in the economy.

The urgency of slowing down the growth in expenditure is clearly highlighted by serious internal and external imbalances: the domestic money stock has grown at an excessive rate of close to 30 percent in the past 12 months, while the country's foreign reserve holdings have fallen 30 percent in dollar terms in the same period. These imbalances are like two sides of the same coin -- they represent the internal and external reflections of an excessive credit-based spending spree.

Indeed, total credit creation rose by more than 30 percent in the past year. This credit surge and the resultant financial imbalances are particularly worrying in view of the vulnerable gold price and the large foreign debt repayments to be met over the next two years.

They have already pushed the prime rate close to 20 percent and dragged the S/rand exchange rate down 30 percent over the past year — with the prospect of rising inflation in coming months.

Imbalances

Consequently, a restrictive fiscal policy is an absolute imperative. The budget must be tight enough to cool down domestic spending, to correct the country's financial imbalances, restore the foreign reserve holdings and stabilise the exchange rate — and thus to prevent an inflation rate of higher than 15 percent and a prime interest rate over 20 percent.

This calls for a minimum rise in the government's own spending and provides no scope for lower taxation — implying a relatively small borrowing requirement.

Furthermore, part of the borrowing requirement may have to be met by loan levies on individuals and business enterprises in order to temporarily reduce cash flow and overall spending in the private sector.

Besides the importance of stabilising the "demand side" of the economy in the short term, the budget can also play a crucial role in improving the "supply side" in the longer term.

During most of the Eighties the underlying performance of the economy was seriously undermined by rising government spending, relative to the total economy and an increasing tax burden; by rising fiscal deficits and excessive government claims on private sector saving which pushed up interest rates.

Rising direct taxes and interest rates discouraged private initiative and crowded out potentially productive private economic activity, undermining the tax base and pushing tax rates even higher.

Interest income

The tax treatment of interest income and expenses reduced the effectiveness of interest rates as a monetary policy instrument, forcing the monetary authorities to effect huge swings in interest rates to achieve the necessary policy results.

Overall, fiscal factors undermined saving and induced inefficient real investments — hampering the underlying performance of the economy and impoverishing the nation.

The fiscal authorities have begun addressing these problems in the past year or two. The time is now ripe to make major strides in the 1989 budget.

Besides a reduction in government spending and borrowing as a percentage of GDP, accelerated tax reform and privatisation and financial deregulation can significantly improve the economy's underlying performance and the nation's welfare in the Nineties.

In this regard, next week's budget may well prove to be most interesting. Particularly significant is the possibility of the Minister announcing a gradual phasing out of tax on all interest income and of the deduction of business interest expenses from taxable profits.

This would have major implications for all financial institutions and instruments and for saving and investment patterns throughout the economy.

It would provide crucial support for monetary policy by raising the effectiveness and relevance of interest rates as a policy instrument — thereby reducing the need for wide interest rate fluctuations in future.
Bank raises M3 target to 14%-18%

RESERVE Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock yesterday raised the target range for growth in the money supply to between 14% and 18% in 1989 from last year’s 12%-16%.

Explaining the need for a higher target range, De Kock said it was a realistic step based on economic projections for the year and did not mean the monetary authorities had gone soft on inflation.

"If curbing inflation had been the only objective of short-term economic policy, we would have set a lower target range. But the promotion of economic growth and the creation of employment are also important policy aims for 1989."

Inflation was obviously set to rise during 1989 and efforts to prevent an increase would mean Draconian monetary measures — a "hard" instead of a "soft" landing for the economy. With nominal GDP projected to rise by 16%-18% this year, another attempt at money supply growth of 12%-16% could have resulted in higher interest rates and banks withdrawing loans. This would have caused a disruptive contraction of the economy.

"But if we stick to our 14%-18% target and if the Budget is tight, we will probably minimise the rise in inflation this year and see a drop next year."

The Bank targets growth in the broad-

Bank sets fresh money supply target

ly defined money supply, M3, which consists of notes and coins in circulation and all deposits with banks, building societies and the Post Office. The target period is for growth between the fourth quarter of 1988 and the same quarter this year. Money supply growth is an indicator of credit spending in the economy — an important variable for interest rates.

De Kock said the current level of interest rates was "correct" and had to be given a chance to work. "We do not want to overkill the economy but we cannot gamble with the future."

The Bank would keep a close watch on key indicators — such as the gold price, domestic spending, credit demand and foreign interest rates — and not hesitate to raise Bank rate again if necessary.

"But the importance of next week's Budget cannot be underestimated. A reduction in the rate of increase in government spending is essential. The deficit is still too high by any standards."
Budget to give rise ‘to white resentment’

PATRICK LAURENCE

FINANCE Minister Mr Barend du Plessis left a dangerous political fuse smouldering after delivering his ideas of March Budget, analysts said yesterday.

They identified it as growing resentment among white voters at the continuing rise in personal tax — in absolute terms and as a percentage of the Budget.

Professor Herman Gillowee of Cape Town University pinpointed rising personal taxation as a factor in the rise of the far-right Conservative Party.

In his contribution to a new book, Can South Africa Survive? Five Minutes to Midnight, Professor Gillowee said: “A combination of declining income, high inflation, and a growing tax burden has caught many whites in a vicious squeeze.”

In an obvious reference to the resurgence of the ultra-right, he cited three factors — falling wages, spiralling inflation and rising taxes — “set the stage for the sharp white political backlash”.

“The individual taxpayer is increasingly footing the State’s bill.” The professor said the percentage of State revenue derived from personal taxpayers doubled between 1981 and 1988 (17 to 34 percent).

Calculations made yesterday by Mr Ken Walton, of Ernst & Whinney, showed the trend was sustained in Mr du Plessis’s latest Budget. Direct personal tax would contribute 34 percent of the State’s revenue, against 32 percent in 1988-89.

Resurgence of far-right But these figures should be seen in the context of the declining proportion of tax paid by companies. Between 1981 and 1988, Professor Gillowee reported, company tax nearly halved as a percentage of the Budget, from 41 to 22 percent.

Mr Walton said company tax amounted to 23 percent of the projected State revenue in Mr du Plessis’s latest estimates.

The rise in personal tax and the relative fall in company tax explained the presence of another factor in the resurgence of the far-right: deep resentment caused by the perception that the National Party had entered into an alliance with financial elite.

It provoked allegations that, as Die Patriot put it, the NP was “visibly associating with the traditional enemy of the Afrikaner, namely Hoggeneheimer, to form a relationship against fellow Afrikaners”.

A warning by Anglo American chairman Mr Gavin Reilly that the corporation would cut off support for town councils which re-imposed petty apartheid was likely to reinforce far-right perceptions that the NP was in alliance with big capital against the volk.

Mr Casper Uys, the CP finance spokesman, told Saturday Star yesterday: “That is direct interference in political matters. We won’t be able to take that lying down.”

Professor Sampie Terblanche of Stellenbosch University said that until 1980 it had been possible to “shift the burden of poverty” on to poorer blacks; from 1980 it “started to bite” whites and they had began to look for scapegoats.

‘Goodies’ for election

PETER FABRICIUS

THE Government has been accused of holding back a R1 billion surplus in this week’s Budget to give “goodies” to voters before an election — probably before November.

Mr Harry Schwarz, FPF finance spokesman, said if the R1 billion had not been held back, the 1 percent rise in GST would not have been necessary.

“As a piece of political financial engineering the Budget deserves a degree of admiration ... The cheapest political engineering is the handling of the surplus from last year.”

He said Mr Barend du Plessis had undertaken a “purely bookkeeping exercise” to create a R1.614 billion surplus. In order to achieve the surplus, Mr du Plessis had held back R600 million — which the IDC had paid for Iscor shares — into last year’s Budget.

“It is said so often in the Budget that it is not an election budget — for the simple reason that it is in fact an election budget,” Mr Schwarz said.
It’s spending, not money supply, that causes inflation

GERHARD DE KOCK, Governor of the Reserve Bank

The kind of monetary targeting used by the Reserve Bank is similar to that employed by most of the main central banks in the world. It is based on the principle that the money supply is a major determinant of, or at least sets a limit to, total spending, output and the price level. It does not pretend to control money supply growth in terms of an essential part of monetary policy. It has been designed to curb inflation and preserve a sound balance of payments.

The targeting is, however, applied with flexibility and a “low profile.” There is no acceptance of a rigid and overriding “money rule” that implies leaving interest rates and exchange rates completely free to find their own levels at all times. Instead, the monetary authorities exercise some discretionary judgement in deciding what combination of money supply, interest rates and exchange rates is to be applied to the general set of circumstances.

In accordance with this approach, the Reserve Bank focuses on the actual spending of money rather than on the money supply as such. In this way it incorporates in its assessment changes in the velocity of circulation of money. Naturally, it also takes cognizance of changes in the balance of payments, their interest rates and other key economic indicators.

The main instrument of monetary policy used to influence M3 growth and total spending is public debt management (including public borrowing policy), open-market operations, discount policy and Reserve Bank intervention in the foreign exchange market.

The Reserve Bank welcomes the recognition given by the Reserve Bank to the importance of the money supply and its acceptance of monetary targeting. They believe that the Reserve Bank’s understanding of monetary targeting does not go far enough. They reject “discretion” and “fine tuning” on the grounds that they are out of the authorities’ reach and prefer a rigid and overriding “money rule” that must be adhered to at all costs.

This would imply leaving interest rates and exchange rates completely free to find their own level at all times. Many of them also believe that the central bank should target and control MB, i.e., the cash base of the banks and notes and coin in circulation outside the banking system, rather than M3 or any other broad monetary aggregate.

To illustrate this, the theoretical validity of the money stock as a measure of money supply is not as strong as that of the quantities or aggregates, the latter being the monetary aggregates.

In the final analysis, it is the speeding of money, not the money supply as such, that causes inflation and balance of payments problems.

Another reason is that adherence to a rigid money rule might that at times force the Reserve Bank to close its discount window, which could have extremely disruptive effects on the economy and could not be reconciled with the Bank’s function as “lender of last resort.”

The argument has been forward that since the Reserve Bank sets a target range for M3, it should not adjust the monetary aggregate for changes in its velocity of circulation in order to calculate the effective broad money supply. If a target is set for MB, so the argument goes, what matters is what happens to MB, not what happens to MV or nominal GDP.

In common with most other central banks, the Reserve Bank rejects this view put out of hand. What matters in the final analysis is the effective money supply or MV, which by definition is equal to nominal GDP. Money that does not circulate, obviously is not being spent; not being spent, it cannot contribute to the problem of overexpansion.

And there are situations in which the effective money supply can rise much more than or much less than the claimed monetary supply. Any central bank that ignored such a development would be extremely naive and irresponsible and would be unlikely to take the right monetary policy decisions.

It is true that in certain circumstances a fall in velocity (V) might in the short term simply reflect the fact that prices have yet risen to response to an excessive rise in the money supply (M). The decline in V would then be a statistical “leftover” and should be seen as a warning of rising inflation in the next stage. In such cases it is perfectly appropriate to use the decline in V as an excuse for not exerting better control over M.

But there are many other reasons why the rate of increase of MV may diverge significantly from that of M. One is that change in the public’s “liquidity preference proper” - i.e., the demand for money in forms other than cash and near-money depository investments (as included in M3) as assets to hold over and above the money and near-money holdings needed for “transactions” purposes.

Such changes are fairly typical phenomena in all reasonably developed financial systems and must be taken into account by the central bank in applying monetary policy. When such changes occur the central bank must pay more attention to the effective money supply (MV) than to the unalloyed money supply (M). For present purposes the relevant question is - why did the velocity of circulation of MB in SA decline by 7.3% between the fourth quarter of 1987 and the fourth quarter of 1987? A major part of the answer lies precisely in an increase in the public's demand for MB deposits as money assets to hold, in an “liquidity preference proper”, and in the accommodating, "reintermediation", of credit, the return by primary lenders to deposit holdings with banks and building societies as financial intermediaries, at the expense of those lenders' "direct" financing of ultimate borrowers.

Factors which helped to bring about included the exchange attractiveness of deposits as assets to hold as a result of higher deposit rates and a flat yield curve, the "crash" of October 1987 on the Stock Exchange, which increased the relative attractiveness of fixed-value depository investments, and the narrowing gap between the usual average funding and average deposit rates, which encouraged "reintermediation".

It remains the Reserve Bank's view that monetary policy was, on balance, too accommodative and expansionary during most of 1988. But for the reasons just given, monetary policy would almost certainly have been too restrictive if the Reserve Bank had allowed itself to be guided exclusively by the behavior of the unalloyed M3, and had applied draconian measures to prevent any overshooting of the 15% to 16% target range for M3 as such.

The credibility of the targeting exercise is not determined so much by whether M3 actually falls within the target range or not in any given period. It is determined more by the reactions of the monetary authorities to "overshooting" and "under-shooting" of the target range.

The experience in SA clearly shows that the monetary authorities have brought about large and meaningful changes in their policies in reaction to deviations from the M3 target. In 1988 when M3 moved well below the target range, monetary policy was eased and interest rates were allowed to decline. In 1989 when M3 overshot the target range, monetary policy was progressively tightened and interest rates allowed to rise.

Directly or indirectly, monetary targeting serves the cause of economic stability by providing useful signals to all interested parties on the objectives and results of monetary policy, and by imposing constraints on the actions of monetary authorities.

This is an extract from yesterday's Reserve Bank report on money supply targets for 1989.
TENSIONS within the Independent Party emerged yesterday over the IP's union with the PFP and NDM to form the Democratic Party (DP) next month, as a group of hard-liners demanded clarity on a number of contentious issues.

IP sources claimed one hard-liner had been expelled by party leadership, and legal action could follow in a bid to get him re-instated.

One source, who asked not to be identified, said yesterday six IP office-bearers drawn from a number of Transvaal constituencies had formed a "rebel" committee to put pressure on the DP to clarify its stand on a number of issues.

These include free market-oriented economics, the role of parliament and links with extra-parliamentary non-liberal groups.

Plans were afoot to capture support within the PFP. A number of Transvaal PFP MPs and other PFP leaders were known to be sympathetic, the source said.

The rebels said yesterday they did not plan to oppose the merger, but warned there was a growing belief that the IP should perhaps not disband to form the DP.

IP leader Denis Worrall said it was inevitable that some people would be unhappy about the merger. He was satisfied there were no inconsistencies in DP policy. "Those who wish to put special emphasis on particular aspects are welcome to do so within the DP," Worrall said.

He added that CSIR costs for this service had also been reduced appreciably. -- Sapa.

Free market economy a must, insists DP

THE soon-to-be-launched Democratic Party will insist on a free market economy based on private ownership and free enterprise with minimal state intervention. PFP Transvaal leader Douglas Gibson told a PFP meeting in Benoni last night.

Responding to the recent debate about the DP's economic policy, Gibson said bitter experience had taught that "the more the state tries to run the economy, the more the economy is ruined"

He predicted the DP would replace the Conservative Party as the official opposition at the next general election. This, he said, would enable it to push SA in the direction of a strong market-oriented economy.
Monetary policy focuses on growth

By Sven Lünscher

The Reserve Bank has accepted a slight rise in inflation this year and is focusing its monetary policy mainly on the promotion of economic growth.

This emerged yesterday when the Bank set a new target range for growth in the broad money supply, M3, of 14 to 18 percent between the fourth quarter of 1988 and the fourth quarter of 1989.

An unchanged target range of 12 to 16 percent was expected by economists in an effort to curb rising consumer prices this year, after they increased by 12.9 percent on average in 1988.

But Reserve Bank Governor, Dr Gerhard de Kock, said at a press conference yesterday that a moderate rise in the rate of inflation during mid-1989 appeared to be inevitable at this stage.

"To try to prevent this now by means of draconian monetary restrictions would probably give the economy a 'hard' instead of the desired 'soft landing'," Dr de Kock said.

"We must rather maintain strong growth levels as well as keep a realistic exchange rate to maintain a healthy balance of payments."

"This in no way implies any weakening of the resolve of the monetary authorities to control the growth of the effective money supply as the principal means of reducing inflation."

The new target range was a reflection of an expected growth rate in nominal GDP of between 16 and 18 percent, which translates to real GDP growth of about two percent for 1989, assuming an inflation rate of 15 percent this year, he commented.

The decision to widen the target range had further been based on the acceptance that there would be a R4 billion surplus on the current account of the balance of payments and a gradual rise in the official gold and foreign exchange reserves.

But even the higher target range will be difficult to adhere to, given that preliminary estimates show M3 to have risen by a year-on-year 29 percent in January 1989. Last year M3 rose by 26.5 percent between the fourth quarter of 1987 and the fourth quarter of 1988, although Dr de Kock pointed out that M3, adjusted for the velocity of circulation, only rose by 17.3 percent.

However, Dr de Kock did not foresee a need to change interest rates "at this stage", although he added that if the gold price fell and domestic spending continued, the rates would have to be adapted.

He stressed that a conservative Budget was of primary importance if rates were to be maintained at present levels.

The Reserve Bank's gold and foreign exchange reserves showed a slight rise to R5,092 billion in February, compared with R4,975 billion in January. Gold reserves totalled R3,173 billion in February, also slightly up on the R3,124 billion in January.

Dr de Kock said the reserves had been edging up in accordance with policy to increase reserves and the rise was satisfactory, given the decline in the gold price.
Wages to swallow 30% of the Budget

PRETORIA — The biggest slice by far of what is expected to be a R65bn Budget next week will again go to pay the country's expanding bureaucracy.

Based on a total pay-out to Exchequer personnel in the 12 months to end-September last year of R15,5bn, Finance Minister Barend du Plessis will have to make provision for a wage bill of around R20bn — close to 30% of national income.

Du Plessis may also have to budget for a fresh round of salary increases in the last three months of the financial year.

The 15% pay hike granted from January this year will add R4bn to the total payout over a 12-month period.

PPP finance spokesman Harry Schwarz said yesterday government spending in next week's Budget could be slashed if the massive duplication and overlapping of bureaucratic functions built into the tripartisan system was eliminated.

Taxpayers, he said, were being taxed to the hilt and beyond. To increase taxation further next week would be seen as totally unjustified.

Government revenue was buoyant and a surplus of about R1,5bn was expected, clearly indicating the extent of excessive taxation in the current financial year, Schwarz said.

In spite of this, the threat of increased taxation, probably through a GST hike, remained.

SAPA reports that Saambou group MD Christie Kuen said the Budget would put to the test whether monetary and fiscal policy in SA were a function of financial or political policy.

Kuen told the Afrikaanse-Sakekamer in Claremont, Cape Town, this week he expected a neutral Budget which would hold out hope for tax relief and strict fiscal discipline, but he also expected that the nature of state expenditure might also be extended.
Govt must cut expenditure, says economist

By Kaizer Nyatsumba

South Africa had an enormous economic growth potential and, given its abundant material resources, it could have an edge over many other countries, a senior economist of the South African Federated Chamber of Industries, Mr Roelof Botha, said yesterday.

One of four speakers at an economic seminar at the University of the Witwatersrand, Mr Botha said there was a tremendous increase in the number of people with matric and tertiary qualifications over the past few years. The literacy rate of people in southern Africa had also increased dramatically, he said.

The country's growth potential could be realised if, among other things, three major policies could be adopted by the Government. These, he said, were a control of Government expenditure, development of the private sector and massive de-regulation.

"I believe the Government can and should rid this country of unnecessary restrictions," said Mr Botha.
Some form of tax relief possible

Group MD of Saambou, Mr Christie Kuun, says that next week’s Budget may be regarded as a credibility budget which will put to the test whether monetary and fiscal policy are a function of financial or political policy.

Wednesday’s budget could hold out hope for tax relief coupled with strict fiscal discipline, but the nature of state expenditures might also be extended.

A neutral budget can be expected because of the government’s serious intention to cool down the economy, to curb inflation but yet to retain confidence in the economy.

Although the additional Budget for 1988/89 eventually demonstrated that Government expenditures increased by 18 percent in contrast to the budgeted 12,6 percent, despite various efforts to prevent this happening, its growth of income was 23 percent during the first six months in contrast to a budgeted 17 percent.

It therefore can be expected that, because of the continued upswing in the economy, both state income and expenditure would be drawn into measures to cool down the economy.

The budget could thus be a combination of a short-term stability with a view to long-term adjustments of structure, which are regarded as necessary.

It also may be accepted that the budget will be based largely on the findings of the Margo Commission.

In essence, this entails redistribution of the tax load from the individual to companies, and from direct to indirect taxation, as well as a broadening of the basis of taxation to lower the rates of taxation.

The taxation question in the budget will revolve around doing away with concessions.

It is in line with the Margo Commission’s recommendations that better results may be obtained by reducing tax concessions and lowering rates of taxation.

However, to avoid higher consumer spending, it is more likely that rates will appear to be lowered, but because of fiscal delays — a result of inflation — the state will, in fact, not lose any income. It is also possible that in accordance with the Margo Commission, the rate of personal taxation may fall, but that GST may increase.

As a result of the higher than expected income because of increased income from GST, greater company profits and higher income from minimum company taxation, imports could drop sharply and the economy level out, and it is uncertain whether minimum taxation on companies could once more be applied.

The latter source drew an income of R676 million for the State instead of the budgeted R550 million.

The budget will be a guideline to the country’s economic policy and businessmen will regard it as a spearhead for their own future planning.— Sapa.
Free market works.

Socialism doesn't.
Reserve Bank's moving target

Indeed, he said Cabinet agreed to last month's rise in Bank rate to 16% in the same meeting it accepted the new target — which showed money supply begins the year over target (seasonally adjusted M3, at a preliminary R121,4bn in January, is R1bn over the top range). "Without the money target it would have been very difficult to get that decision," De Kock says.

The governor, defending the targeting exercise, said the Bank expects inflation to pick up to an average 15% this year but remains committed to fighting it: "If we didn't have any target, the acceleration could go much further than we want it to."

He said the Bank was raising the target in line with expected 2% real growth, 15% inflation and a R4bn current account surplus. A lower target, he says, "could cause disruption and have undue contractionary effects."

The implications of the new target for interest rates? "It's an open question whether they'll go up — that depends on the strength of credit demand, government's borrowing requirements, gold and overseas rates. But the target almost definitely puts a floor on rates, as it's unlikely the Bank will reflate soon. De Kock says meeting the 14%-18% target "will be a tremendous effort" — hardly the words of somebody contemplating an easing of policy.

The target is for growth between fourth-quarter 1988 and fourth-quarter 1989. This means it comes off a high base, since fourth-quarter 1988 was 26.5% over the 1987 period (10.5 percentage points over target).

With such a high base, even hitting the target offers little solace. If December 1989 M3 is R137,6bn, it will be within this year's target — but fully 48% higher than just two years earlier.

Fiscal quarry?

For more than a year, details of one of the biggest families of potential tax avoidance schemes has eluded Inland Revenue. The "schemes," relating to large-scale property developments, particularly in the Johannesburg CBD, involve some of the most sophisticated tax planning ever.

At their centre is a non-taxable body; either a pension fund or a charity. After this comes numerous other parties and legal instruments, including trusts and sole-asset companies. And, of course, nominee shareholders, one of commercial law's biggest dilemmas.

The aim of the property schemes is twofold. First, to write-off the capital (cost of property plus building) against tax as quickly as possible. Second, the avoidance of tax on an inevitably large profit when the development changes hands — typically at the end of the lease period.

Under the existing provisions of the Income Tax Act, both aims are not attainable. There is a provision for a minor tax concession on the capital cost of the development, but nowhere as near attractive as what the schemes in operation offer.

Typically, the lessor in the scheme is a non-taxable body. In itself this is an advantage, because a non-taxpaying entity will accept smaller returns than one which pays tax. The lessor, which unqualifiedly will end up owning the property, combines the cost of repaying capital with normal rent, and charges both to rent.

To repeat, this simply cannot be done under existing law. It is possible in the schemes because of the way the combined payment is being disclosed in audit statements. On both sides, the amount is, supposedly, a 100% rental — an operating cost.
which in law is clearly tax deductible.

In other words, the lessee gets to write off capital by calling it rent. Until the FM disclosed this family last year, Inland Revenue had no reason to query the rentals in question. But the ingenuity of the scheme by no means ends here.

The other main operating mechanism is a sole-asset owning company which owns the property and the building. At the end of an agreed time, the lessee acquires the shares of the property for a nominal value, a fraction of the percentage of the actual value of what the lessee represents.

Again, this element of the scheme only works by how the transaction is disclosed. This is done, if at all, by a minor note in the financial statements to the effect that the company has acquired the entire equity of a property owning company.

In practice, the property and the building, particularly with SA’s high inflation rate, would have appreciated to many times its original value. The profit on the sale, rated at market values, would, in many cases, be taxable as a profit.

Again, Inland Revenue has had no reason to query footnotes in the financial statements that equity has been acquired for what looks like small change. Many other tricks are used in the schemes.

One example is the Roman-Dutch principle of allocation: that if somebody mistakenly builds on property belonging to someone else, that building belongs to the owner of the land with no compensation due. It is not clear how this principle is used in the schemes, but there is wide scope for speculation. What is clear is that every top accountant and lawyer in Johannesburg knows exactly how these schemes work.

They say: “I can’t give you details, because of professional rules. But if you want to see who’s involved, just look at any large property development in the Johannesburg CBD in the past five years.”

One main point arising is that Inland Revenue has the right to ask any of the parties involved to provide documentation. This is likely to start in the week ahead. The attitude at Inland Revenue is that, this time, it does not want to be caught late with a tax scheme involving massive amounts of money.

In the past, this genre of schemes has been hit by badly drafted, retroactive law. This time, Inland Revenue wants to pass an amending section in this sitting of parliament. But it first needs a more detailed idea of who is involved in the schemes, and what the documentation says. If the amendment goes through, and is retroactive to boot, many will end up with egg on their faces.

**RESERVES**

**Little Higher**

Total gold and foreign assets of the Reserve Bank continued to increase marginally in February, for the fourth consecutive month.

They rose R117m to R5,1bn. Gold holdings increased by 26,000 oz, an increase in value of R49m to R3,2bn. Foreign reserves increased R67m to R1,9bn.

In dollars, gold and foreign assets totalled $2,131bn, up from $2,090bn in January.

“February figures indicate a small surplus on the overall current and capital accounts in the first quarter,” says Nedbank chief economist Edward Osborn.

“At this stage, however, two things are missing from the picture. One is changes in liabilities to foreign banks, which gives the net figure. These were extremely important in 1988. Information published so far in the Quarterly Bulletin shows they rose R1,8bn in the first half of last year, and R500m in the third quarter, to stand at over R3bn by the end of September.”

Also still to come is the change in commercial banks’ net foreign balances.

Meanwhile, says Osborn, the small increase in gross reserves is “an improvement on 1998, when reserves declined throughout most of the year.”

**NEW MOVIE DEAL**

Months of speculation about motion picture financing should end this week. The office of Minister Stoffel van der Merwe, who is responsible for the industry, says a statement is ready to go.

It has to be approved by other minister involved, including Finance Minister Barend du Plessis (tax) and Economic Affairs & Technology Minister Danie Steyn (box office subsidies).

But this week’s statement, based on the findings of a task force appointed last year, is far from the end of the story.

For, to put it bluntly, a number of motion picture projects in recent years have had fraud at the core. The financing packaging of a film, regarded as the most complicated financing for any project in the world, was not something that SA’s legislators could effectively provide for.

A main culprit has been the “double deduction” provided in the Tax Act for certain foreign marketing expenses. Investigations have revealed that motion picture projects have abused the section. The discount between the commercial and the financial has compounded the problem.

One result is that investors who have poured hundreds of millions into the industry in recent years, attracted by the big tax breaks, have had no assessments from Inland Revenue.

The statement, fine print aside, is likely to call for details of each project to be vetted by Van der Merwe before the State parts with any money. That way, the authorities would have some handle on the sophisticated packages used in motion picture production.

**ECONOMIC POLICY**

**How’s that?**

The high-powered conference last week on economic alternatives — held by the Economic World Business School — was most notable for the ground it didn’t cover: namely, what specific economic steps should this and future governments take?

Free-market capitalism was attacked by most speakers for being an ideologically pure, evangelical theory.

But what is to be made of the alternative “mixed economy” solutions, which consist mostly of platitudes?

Wits economist Fadul Cassim, analysing the ANC’s constitutional guidelines, says meaningful change requires “restructuring the economy.”

He offers this prescription: “Neither the laissez-faire posture of many theoretical economists nor absolute central control provides the answer. What is required is judicious interventions where objectives are clear; problems are grave, and there is a reasonable possibility of effective state action.” And: “We should try to develop a mix of institutions which can combine market processes with social goals and collective strategy formulation.”

What does this mean? University of Western Cape’s Pieter le Roux calls for “social democracy” — as opposed to socialism — yet offers no example of a single government programme or regulation to abolish or a single state asset to shed.

Indeed, the only specifics he suggests involve raising taxes (on land, inheritance, large houses, luxury goods) and stepping up spending (subsides on basic foodstuffs, a housing fund) — that is, steps to increase the role of the State.

Can soaking the rich really pay for massive social welfare? And can raising taxes be reconciled with his call for 7%-9% annual growth and making “SA in terms of economic growth the Japan of Africa”?

It’s great that social democrats favour growth. But it’s just a clever ploy if they don’t spell out how they would unshackle the economy to get that growth.

As for the harping about free-market “theory,” this misses the point. Yes, it’s theoretical to say if you tax, abolish regulations, extend and protect property rights, and eliminate government ownership and control, people will flourish, or that laws to “help the poor” almost always aim to protect vested interests from competition (licensing laws, trade barriers, and so on) and have nothing to do with the poor.

But social democrats and socialists theorise, too. They theorise that governments can do good and that the poor need handsouts. The issue to be debated isn’t who is spouting “theory.” The real issue: whose theory is right?

Nor is it justified to say free marketeers are long on theory but short on specifics, when
they regularly suggest dozens of real-life steps that could set SA free overnight. In his new SA: The New Revolution, FM staffer (and confessed free marketer) Don Caldwell suggests, among others:

- Give all government-owned houses to the people living in them and cancel rent arrears;
- Turn over all government schools to churches, parent-teacher associations, or private education companies;
- Scrap all company and mining taxes, customs duties, excise duties, petrol levies, and stamp duties, and collect only a sales tax or low, flat personal income tax;
- Abolish the Department of Trade & Industry, Decentralisation Board, and Department of Development Aid;
- Sell, even better give away, all State assets, from game parks to universities to Iscor;
- Scrap agricultural control boards;
- Legalise hawking and backyard businesses; and
- Stop subsidising rugby and the provincial arts councils.

It's not clear which of these steps social democrats would oppose, or which they'd accept as economic "restructuring." Maybe at the next conference, economists across the spectrum will take a stand on issues like these — rather than just say they're in favour of education, food, health, housing and high wages (who isn't?). Then we'd see whose prescriptions are sensible and whose are pie in the sky.
MONEY SUPPLY

Reserve Bank’s moving target

In a move that some fear destroys any lingering credibility of targeting, the Reserve Bank has raised the 1989 money supply growth target to 14%-16%. This follows a massive overshoot of last year’s 12%-16% goal.

"Why bother with targets if every time money supply overshoots them, you simply raise them?" asks Wits business economist Dan Leach. "The targets are being adjusted to money supply growth — the opposite of how it should work. If things go badly this year, what are we going to have next year, a 36%-40% target?"

The target, introduced in 1986 at 16%-20%, was lowered to 14%-18% in 1987 and 12%-16% last year. If the goal was to gradually eliminate inflation and inflationary expectations, a 10%-14% target for 1989 would have kept the exercise on track. The higher 14%-18% target could have kept the old targets or lowered them, says Trust Bank's Ulrich Joubert. "The real question is whether they'll even stick to these. Targeting does put some discipline on the central bank."

Adds Rand Merchant Bank's Rudolf Gouws: "I'd have repeated last year's 12%-16% and accepted the implication that interest rates have to be higher. Now that they have more latitude, there's less of a compulsion to listen to markets and let rates go up."

But Gouws says abandoning targeting wouldn't make matters better. These economists echo Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock who, announcing the new target in Pretoria on Tuesday, said showing target graphs to Cabinet helps him get permission for the rate rises needed to control money supply. Indeed, he said Cabinet agreed to last month’s rise in Bank rate to 16% in the same meeting it accepted the new target — which shows money supply begins the year over target (seasonally adjusted M3, at a preliminary R121.4bn in January, is R1bn over the top range). "Without the money target it would have been very difficult to get that decision," De Kock says.

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He said the Bank was raising the target in line with expected 2% real growth, 15% inflation and a R4bn current account surplus. A lower target, he says, "could cause disruption and have undue contractionary effects."

The implications of the new target for interest rates? It's an open question whether they'll go up — that depends on the strength of credit demand, government's borrowing requirement, gold and overseas rates. But the target almost definitely puts a floor on rates, as it's unlikely the Bank will reflate soon. De Kock says meeting the 14%-18% target "will be a tremendous effort" — hardly the words of somebody contemplating an easing of policy.

The target is for growth between fourth-quarter 1988 and fourth-quarter 1989. This means it comes off a high base, since fourth-quarter 1988 was 26.5% over the 1987 period (10.5 percentage points over target).

With such a high base, even hitting the target offers little solace. If December 1989 M3 is R137.6bn, it will be within this year's target — but fully 48% higher than just two years earlier.

TAX — 1

Fiscal quarry?

For more than a year, details of one of the biggest families of potential tax avoidance schemes has eluded Inland Revenue. The "schemes," relating to large-scale property developments, particularly in the Johannesburg CBD, involve some of the most sophisticated tax planning ever.

At their core is a non-taxable body, either a pension fund or a charity. After this comes numerous other parties and legal instruments, including trusts and sole-asset companies. And, of course, nominee shareholders, one of commercial law's biggest dilemmas.

The aim of the property schemes is twofold. First, to write-off the capital (cost of property plus buildings) against tax as quickly as possible. Second, the avoidance of tax on an inevitably large profit when the development changes hands — typically at the end of the lease period.

Under the existing provisions of the Income Tax Act, both aims are not attainable. There is a provision for a minor tax concession on the capital cost of the development, but nowhere as near attractive as what the schemes in operation offer.

Typically, the lessor in the scheme is a non-taxable body. In itself this is an advantage, because a non-taxpaying entity will accept smaller returns than one which pays tax. The lessee, which unequivocally will end up owning the property, combines the cost of repaying capital with normal rent, and charges both to rent.

To repeat, this simply cannot be done under existing law. It is possible in the schemes because of the way the combined payment is being disclosed in audit statements. On both sides, the amount is, supposedly, a 100% rental — an operating cost.
Defending Sampie

Wynand Malan, co-leader of the Democratic Party (DP), to be launched on April 8, last week came to the defence of Stellenbosch economist Sampie Terreblanche. He spoke in support of an economic philosophy, which while paying due deference to individual entrepreneurship and growth, still believes there is a role for the post-apartheid State in the redistribution of wealth ("upliftment") given the historic racial inequalities of SA society.

Malan’s intervention comes in the wake of a sustained free market attack on Terreblanche’s vision of the economic system in a democratic SA by Business Day editor Ken Owen. “Owen takes the line that in appointing Terreblanche as economic adviser we have discarded all principles of liberal freedoms, including that of the economy,” said Malan, addressing a group of Johannesburg business people at the speaker’s forum, Rostrum at the Yard.

“We all, inclusive of Terreblanche, believe that there should be opportunity for all individuals to have access to and participate in the economy of SA. But having said that — and having spelled out our clear preference for individual entrepreneurship in order to achieve a high rate of economic growth, which we believe to be absolutely necessary — we are also saying there needs to be an assessment of the demands of democracy on an economic system for the future.”

While the DP believes in an economic system promoting private initiative, it also takes cognisance of the State’s important function in human development and upliftment, Malan argued.

Anyone will agree, he said, that it is impossible simply to superimpose a democratic system on SA realities which leave the economic infrastructure unscathed. “The fundamental dilemma is that Ken Owen puts a high premium on the idea of entrepreneurship, going as far as talking about the State’s total withdrawal from these processes.

“But he has never expressed himself about the effects of democracy. He has never made a case for the real democratic community. He only keeps on talking about a market community — with the individual always getting all the opportunities.”

Malan felt that Owen puts too stark and simplistic a choice before Terreblanche: a high rate of growth, or a fair distribution of wealth. “I think it is important to say that if we cannot have a balance between a high rate of economic growth and equitable distribution of wealth, we will have nothing. I think it is time to ask Owen where he stands on democracy in SA,” Malan challenged the feisty editor.

Turning to criticism of his meetings with the ANC abroad, Malan reiterated that the DP will talk to anyone, from the far-Right to “even those who are perceived to be dangerous blacks . . . Nobody in SA can afford not to talk to the ANC. I believe that they are indeed a political factor.”

Malan said that in discussing the “nauseous dimensions of violence” (soft targets like the Ellis Park bomb) with the ANC’s Thabo Mbeki, the SA delegation warned the Lusaka group that a continuance of this policy would cause people to move away from the politics of negotiation to a confrontational stance. “We have also brought these views back to the internal debate when speaking to the UDF and Cosatu about violence, especially the civil violence.”

At a subsequent meeting, Mbeki told members of Malan’s National Democratic Movement that the ANC had received a delegation from Cosatu, as well as a message from the UDF, demanding that such bomb blasts be stopped. Mbeki promised that this would come to an end.

“I told him that I was sceptical about whether they would be able to control it. The fact is, however, that since the end of October last year these incidents have virtually disappeared. I’m not making any promises. All I am saying is that if we, through contact and discussion with them, could make a little contribution to minimise maiming and killing, then I believe South Africans will be thankful.”

At question time, Malan poured cold wa-
THE BUDGET

Don’t hold your breath

If a week is a long time in politics, a year is an eternity. It’s salutary to look back at what we said about last year’s Budget, on March 18 1988: “The best Budget since Owen Horwood in the late Seventies . . . This Budget goes a long way towards underscoring government’s claims that it is serious about economic reform . . . (It) contains the essential elements of supply-side economics — reduced spending and modestly lower taxes — that were the essential spur to Britain’s seven years of unbroken economic growth.”

Well, so much for that.

What then appeared “modest reductions in taxes” have become an unending onslaught on the private sector that has led to a flood of funds into Treasury coffers. While the deficit before borrowing may well be even lower than the budgeted 4.9% of GDP, this will not be the result of any (undiscernible) restraint on spending, so much as of revenue running more than 25% ahead of budget.

This year’s 15% hike in public-sector salaries has done as much as anything to destroy the credibility Barend du Plessis was starting to develop. And, by the way, forget fatuous suggestions that his good showing in the NP leadership struggle will have given him any extra clout vis-à-vis the spending ministers in this year’s Budget: the figures that matter were settled long before PW even suffered his stroke.

What can we hope for next Wednesday?

The past year’s monetary and fiscal mismanagement has probably put further bold advances in economic reform out of reach. There is little hope of fiscal drag being fully offset; little can be done to encourage investment; relieving the direct tax burden by a switch to a broad-based VAT is clearly not possible.

Prescribed asset requirements may be eased or abolished, which could end a serious distortion of capital markets and encourage more realistic interest rates. No doubt there will be some tax “concessions,” allowing the minister to claim to be generous, which will turn out to be little more than cosmetic. But given foreign debt obligations and domestic restraints, he really has sadly little room to manoeuvre.

☐ The FM will be distributed a day late next week, so that we may include our customary full Budget coverage.
Lectures on SA economy

THE Economics Department of the University of the Witwatersrand is to offer a series of lectures on the economy of South Africa — said to be one of the most complex in the world.

The lectures, entitled “Understanding the South African Economy,” will be held on March 16 and 23 in the lecture room 123 of the education building on the west campus of the university.

They will be given by two lecturers in the Department of Economics, Francois Viruly and Mark Rohald. They are intended to make life easier for the layman.

Mr Viruly said the course should be invaluable to anyone wishing to intelligently interpret economic media reports. He said they are aimed at providing a general understanding of the country’s economic system.

“We are not trying to make economists of the layman,” he said, “and interested people need have no prior knowledge of the subject.

“Areas covered will include economic systems; the role of prices in the market economy; money and banking; national income accounting and international trade; the role of government in the economy and contemporary issues in a developing South Africa.”

Further information on the courses may be obtained by calling the Centre for Continuing Education on 716-5509/5510/8026.
Free SA's economy by abolition of taxes – book

All taxes except a simple sales tax or personal income tax should be abolished, a book published today by the Free Market Foundation says.

South Africa should become a world tax haven and "investment hotspot" by abolishing company taxes, mining taxes, customs and excise duties, petrol levies and stamp duties, according to the book "South Africa: The New Revolution" by Don Caldwell.

The taxes should be replaced by a simple tax of either a 5 percent general sales tax or a flat 10 percent tax on all income over R10 000 a year.

Caldwell, who is associate economics editor of the Financial Mail, says that by freezing the economy, South Africa could achieve a bigger growth rate.

"By freezing the economy, South Africa could achieve 12 percent annual growth, which would wipe out poverty and in a generation make South Africans richer than the Americans and Swedes are today."

"The myth that growth was limited to 3 percent by the refusal of foreign banks to roll over loans reflected the incorrect belief that foreign exchange was difficult to obtain."

EASILY ACHIEVED

"South Africa could buy with 20 percent of the foreign exchange it needed to repay foreign debt and buy imports.

He says South Africa could easily achieve 12 percent annual growth by abolishing exchange control, selling or giving away all government industries, buildings and land, dismantling most of central government; abolishing licences, permits and land use laws; abolishing corporate taxes and scrapping restrictions on imports and exports to become an international free trade zone.

"South Africa would be wise to follow Zimbabwe's path," he says.

"Though Zimbabwe is often held up as a role model for South Africa after apartheid, it is, in fact, an undemocratic fascist state in deep economic trouble," he says.

"Independence was widely hailed for ending a seven-year guerrilla war and decades of brutal white rule. Less hailed was the brutal black rule that followed."

The book catalogues the pain Zimbabweans have suffered since independence that transformed Rhodesia into Zimbabwe in 1980.

President Robert Mugabe's North Korean-trained Fifth Brigade killed at least 1 500 minority Ndebeles in 1983 in an operation to squelch dissent.

Mr Mugabe's network of vigilante youth groups has entered villages and burnt the houses, crops and people they found in them. - SAPA
Budget may bring relief to pensioners

By Peter Fabricius, Political Correspondent

The main budget that Minister of Finance Mr Barend du Plessis presents next week is going to be "conservative and neutral" but with some relief for social pensioners, Government sources say.

Apart from that, tax relief or tax increases seem equally unlikely and the Government will instead try to balance its books by curbing government spending.

However, defence spending will probably increase as already indicated in a memorandum to the defence additional budget presented last month.

It showed that the Defence Force had overshot its 1988/89 budget by some R460 million — mostly because of the costs of pulling back from Angola and Namibia, hardening defences around bases in Namibia and developing conventional weapon systems neglected during the war.

A TOUGH BUDGET

However black education — one of the big spenders in recent budgets — will get no increase of significance this year, sources said.

They have dismissed speculation that GST will be increased three points to 15 percent, as predicted by many observers.

Mr Harry Schwarz, Progressive Federal Party finance spokesman, said he believed Mr du Plessis would present a tough budget — "in the hope that when an election comes, the public will have forgotten about it".

He warned that increases to GST would be counterproductive and would spur inflation.

He felt any increase in Government spending should be no more than 10 percent — well below the projected inflation rate of 15 percent.
A 'no fireworks' conservative Budget with new direction

by HARRY SCHWARZ, Member of Parliament and PFP spokesman

The Budget, the major fiscal instrument to shape the economy for the coming year - while theoretically only the apex of the allocation of funds by Parliament for the needs of the State - in practice is used to announce taxation proposals and to outline the Government's economic plans.

To do this job of assessing where one is at and where one is going, one has to look to the economic context within which the Budget is prepared. The economy is in a state of unprecedented stagnation and disinvestment, with the private sector being the worst hit of all. This is reflected in the stagnation or decrease in industrial production, retail sales, and services, with the exception of a few sectors like agriculture and mining. The unemployment rate is at an all-time high and the cost of living continues to rise.

The Budget should not only aim to stabilize the economy but also to lay the foundations for future growth. This means addressing the root causes of stagnation and disinvestment, such as high interest rates, corruption, and lack of confidence in the economy.

One of the major problems facing the economy is the high level of government debt. This is a long-term problem that requires a comprehensive strategy to address. The Budget should aim to reduce the budget deficit and to stabilize government debt.

The budget must focus on stimulating private sector investment. This is essential for economic growth and job creation. The government should provide incentives for private sector investment, such as tax breaks, and the budget should also provide for the extension of credit to the private sector.

The Budget must also address the issue of unemployment. This is a major problem that requires urgent attention. The government should provide for the creation of new jobs and for the training of unemployed people.

The Budget must be seen as a starting point for the implementation of a comprehensive strategy to address the problems facing the economy. This strategy must be based on a clear understanding of the root causes of these problems and on a clear vision of the future direction of the economy.
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Parliament and PPF spokesman - Finance

Proposed reduction in expenditure in real terms to be effected in the budget

Vote

Percentage reduction (as increase)

1. State President
2. Parliament
3. Bureau for Information
4. Commission for Administration
5. Improvement of Conditions of Service
6. Development Planning
7. Foreign Affairs
8. National Education
9. Administration: House of Assembly
10. Development Aid
11. Education and Training
12. Defence
13. Finance
14. Public Works and Land Affairs
15. Justice
16. Interior
17. Agricultural Economics and Marketing
18. Trade and Industry
19. Mineral and Energy Affairs
20. Finance
21. Audit
22. Home Affairs
23. Transport
25. Administration: House of Delegates
27. Police
28. Environment Affairs
29. Water Affairs

Keeping expenditure at the same level as last year in real terms and ensuring an inflation rate of 15% would involve a 29% increase in the estimated R47 196 394 000 (ignoring savings on individual votes and also not taking account of debt interest which will amount to approximately R7.6 billion).

The proceeds of privatization are not taken into account as they should not be used to finance normal expenditure but privatization should reduce certain expenditure.

The effects of consolidation of departments frequently mean the savings from such a process should gradually become available but extra expenditure will be required to remove discrimination from social services in accordance with an announced programme. Pensions will have to be increased. Provision will have to be made this year for an election, while Defence will have to provide for extra expenses for Namibian independence and re-equipping the Air Force. Trade and Industry must provide extra money for consumer protection and export incentive.

believed where net, lower and upper should be privatized during the current year, and the sold investment companies, Nuclear Solutions and Industrial Installations reconstituted, with the SEC's shares sold off.

The proceeds of privatization should not be used to finance current expenditure, but used outside the budget for major necessary capital projects, such as improvement of the quality of life in the black, coloured and Asian communities, which will bring with it new job creation.

An announced plan for the removal of discrimination in social pensions, and the removal of anomalies in all pension systems.

A review of the priorities and extent of defence expenditure, bearing in mind that the new strategic situation as a result of the withdrawal from Angola and the independence of Namibia: the increasing importance of the role of the SAAF and the removal of anomalies in regard to the utilization of scarce manpower resources.

The receipts on State expenditure should make an increase in taxation unnecessary. Bearing in mind the anticipated acceleration of the inflation rate, and the proposed introduction of VAT, there should certainly be no increase in CIT.

The consequences of the above actions should result in a deficit, before borrowing at reasonable proportions which would not place any pressure on the level of long-term interest rates, and would enable the Exchequer to avoid unnecessary moneys of borrowing.

South Africa is faced with heavy repayments of foreign loans in the next three years, and accordingly the current account of the balance of payments needs to be kept in substantial surplus.

This need has been met as a brake on growth. In view of an ever-increasing work force which is also becoming more and more educated, this is an unhealthy situation, socially and politically.

Growth must therefore be generated through a policy of stimulus, creating demand for locally-produced essentials — food, clothing and housing — whose production will not only create jobs and so generate further demand, but will exercise minimal pressure on imports.

South Africa needs to continue to export in increased measure, and incentives need to be reviewed to encourage exports and eliminate abuse. This needs attention, particularly because there might well be a reduction in world trade, combined with a possible drop in demand.

The problems South Africa has encountered in an economic system such as ours, there will always be cyclical movements, but it is the task of policymakers to smooth these out as far as possible and remove the restrictions on growth needed to solve problems.

This year should be one of moderate growth, about 3% per cent, rather than a spectacular one and the laying of foundations for the future.

It seems as if that there is an election round the corner, but it is not at all an attractive prospect in terms of certain that there will give the economy serious indications after the election.

So I believe the budget should be a "no-fuss" conservative one, facing the realities of the economy but laying foundations for new policy directions, which must include a reduced role of the State in the economy, but where the State does set, it must do so in a non-discretionary manner and help create the kind of growth needed in the new developing South African society.
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BY ROBIN CHAMBERS

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Expanding bureaucracy will gobble Budget

PRETORIA — The biggest slice of what is expected to be a R68bn Budget on Wednesday will again go to pay the country’s expanding bureaucracy.

Based on a total pay-out to exchequer personnel in the 12 months to end-September last year of R15.8bn, Finance Minister Barend du Plessis will have to make provision for a pay bill of around R20bn, almost 30% of national income.

And if government reverts to the old system of pay hikes every 12 months, he will have to provide for new increases during the last three months of the financial year.

The 15% pay hike granted from January this year will add R4bn to the total payout in a 12-month period.

Exchequer personnel include state department and provincial administration workers, personnel of self-governing territories, para-statals, universities and technikons.

According to the latest Central Statistical Service figures, there were 510,882 people working for central government and 229,136 working for provincial administrations at the end of September last year.

The total of 740,018 was 15,391 more than at September’s end in 1987.

Working in own affairs departments were 176,254 and in general affairs departments, 327,409.

Civil services of self-governing states employed 185,313, compared with 161,944 the year before.

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Budget: Large slice for bigger bureaucracy

JOHANNESBURG. — The biggest slice by far of what is expected to be a R65-billion budget this week will again go to pay the country’s expanding bureaucracy.

Based on a total pay-out to government personnel in the 12 months to the end of September last year of R15.6bn, the Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis, will have to make provision for a pay bill of around R20bn which is near to 30% of the national income.

And if the government reverts to the old system of pay hikes to 12 months, he will have to provide for new increases in the last three months of the financial year.

The Public Servants’ Association and other exchequer personnel including teachers will press for a new round of pay increases from January next year.

The 15% pay hike granted from January this year will add R4bn to the total pay-out in a 12-month period. Exchequer personnel include state department and provincial administration workers, personnel of the self-governing territories, parastatals, such as the CSIR, SABS, Mintek and the HSRC.

It also includes the personnel of the universities and technikons.

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The doubting of Du Plessis

BENEATH the uncertainty usually apparent in financial markets in the days ahead of a Budget, a tendency towards a hardening of interest rates was discernible in the money market last week.

Rates for three key assets rose on Friday. The Treasury bill (TB) rate moved up by five points to 18.96% from 15.91%. The rate for 90-day liquid bankers' acceptances (BA), static for more than two weeks, added five points to 16.69% from 16.35%. And between the morning and afternoon sessions, rates on 12-month CDs (negotiable certificates of deposit) jumped to 17.55% from 17.16%.

One can find reasons other than a basic pressure on rates for their increase in both TB and BA rates on Friday.

The TB rate, which the market claims is still being fiddled — but not so much as in the past — by the Reserve Bank, is being pressured by market perceptions.

The BA rate could have been influenced by the rise in the TB rate but, more probably, the discount houses could be lifting the rate defensively because of the volume of second-class paper which is being offered to them.

But the move in the 12-month CD rate — and the almost invisible spread between the year rate and those for three-month and six-month paper — is a clear reflection of market perceptions. Investors, sensing that rates are more likely to go up than down, want their money's worth, but banks and building societies are reluctant borrowers at the higher rate.

What the market appears to be saying is that it doubts whether fiscal policy, as will be revealed by Finance Minister Barend du Plessis on Wednesday, will be as tough or as restrictive as it should be in the light of SA's financial position. In which case monetary policy might have to carry the can, if the politicians have the guts to concour.

And those who look backwards are saying that last month's Bank rate rise should have been two — not one — percentage points.

The markets, both money and bond, were dull and quiet last week as dealers and jobbers were reluctant to take positions.

Money market dealers were primarily concerned with maintaining their level of overnight deposits while waiting for the fictional flood of money they had expected from stepped-up government spending. With nearly half the month gone, little sign has been seen of the additional billions which should have come into the private sector before the close of the fiscal year.

The persistent market shortage of around R2.7bn confirms that the Treasury has not yet opened its taps.
SA’s GNP now stronger, due to disinvestment

Greta Steyn

SA is reaping benefits from disinvestment and financial sanctions in the form of stronger growth in real Gross National Product (GNP).

South Africans’ wealth increased per capita in the past two years as real GNP grew more rapidly than the rate of increase in the population.

Real GNP started on a declining trend in 1981 after strong growth at the end of the seventies. However, unusual circumstances have put SA back on the path to greater prosperity.

Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock said recently real GNP increased between the second quarter of 1988 and the fourth quarter of 1988 at an average annual rate of about 4%. He indicated this week that real GNP growth had exceeded real GDP growth (3.2%) last year and said GNP had been growing much faster than the rate of population growth in the past eight quarters. Official estimates put the population growth rate at an average 2.7% a year.

GNP measures national income and equals Gross Domestic Product (GDP) less net factor payments to the rest of the world. SA’s factor payments to the rest of the world have declined as a result of lower interest payments on foreign debt and lower dividend payments to foreigners.

Due to disinvestment, South Africans now own firms formerly held by foreigners. Income which previously left the country now stays in SA hands, so the same GDP yields a higher GNP.

The debt standoff and SA’s exclusion from the world’s capital markets has had a similar effect of keeping income inside the country. Repayment of foreign debt, while no new loans are forthcoming, has reduced the amount of interest paid on foreign debt.

De Kock this week noted the ratio of SA’s foreign interest payments to exports had declined to 6.5% last year from a high of 11% in 1985. This compared with an average 39% ratio in Western hemisphere developing countries.

SA benefited from its abnormal situation but improved terms of trade also aided GNP growth. GNP rose faster than GDP if the terms of trade improve — when export prices rise faster than import prices. SA’s terms of trade were on an rising trend in 1987 and in the first two quarters of 1988, but weakened by 2.5% in the third quarter.
Budget expected to be very conservative

Finance Staff
Sources close to the Treasury see a tight budget as a certainty when Mr. Barend du Plessis addresses Parliament on Wednesday.
There has been much speculation about possible tax cuts — including lower tax on interest income and even a slight cut in income tax — but the Government is likely to balance its books by curbing government spending.
Reserve Bank Governor Dr. Gerhard de Kock said as much last week, when he knocked on the head suggestions in some quarters that next week’s budget would be a “popular budget, a give-away budget and election budget”.
Speaking at the release of the money supply targets for 1989, he said he was confident that Mr. du Plessis was going to deliver “a good conservative budget.”
Dr. de Kock said government expenditure and the deficit before borrowing was too high.
“This means financing current expenditure with borrowings, which cannot be sound,” he said.
But Dr. de Kock added it was accepted by the Government that this must stop.
Looking ahead to 1989, Dr. de Kock said the monetary authorities could not afford to make any mistakes.
“We are skating merrily to beautiful music with lovely costumes, but we’re skating on thin ice and we must thicken the ice otherwise we will come to grief.
“So it is important that fiscal policy is right and monetary policy is tight and that we should reduce the deficit before borrowing in the budget and should as much as possible get away from financing current expenditure by Government loans,” he said.

Fragile environment
Dr. de Kock stressed the importance of a tight budget against the background of the fragile monetary environment.
He said that if the deficit before borrowing was too large and the gold price should fall substantially, that could have implications for a further rise in interest rates.
“On the other hand, if, as we openly expect, the Budget to be very conservative and it exerts financial discipline — in other words if the deficit before borrowing is kept down to low proportions by keeping spending down — then interest rates might not have to go up at all.”
Looking at the expected expenditure demands for 1989/90 this could well be achieved.
Revenue income during the 1988/89 financial year is way ahead of expectations and the deficit before borrowing is expected to decline from its budgeted forecast.
Defence spending will probably increase as already indicated in a memorandum to the defence additional budget presented last month.
It showed that the Defence Force had overspent its 1988/89 budget by some R460 million — mostly because of the costs of pulling back from Angola and Namibia, hardening defences around bases in Namibia and developing conventional weapon systems neglected during the war.
But black education — one of the big spenders in recent budgets — will get no increase of significance this year, government sources said, a scenario also faced by most other departments.
Tight Budget expected from Du Plessis

CAPE-TOWN — Finance Minister Bart Endr du Plessis, under pressure to curb government spending, is expected to present a tight Budget to Parliament tomorrow for the first time in three years.

The private sector is pressing him to limit spending rises to below next year's expected average inflation rate of 15%.

SA has received a series of economic jolts in past weeks after a fall in the gold price to below $400 an ounce. Although the economy has performed well, accelerated growth has pushed up inflation to 13.3%, sent imports soaring and more than halved the trade surplus in January to R335m from R1.2bn.

The gold price fall contributed to a steep slide in the rand to R2.53 to the dollar last week and hurt the balance of payments current account. Unless Pretoria maintains a healthy current account surplus, it will battle to make heavy debt repayments to foreign banks, who in 1995 cut off loans.

The Reserve Bank last month did its part to subdue economic growth by lifting base discount rates, triggering a one percentage point rise in the big banks' prime rates to 15%.

Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock said last Tuesday that Du Plessis should respond by restraining state spending in the fiscal year to March 31 1996.

De Kock said: "This Budget is crucial. If the Budget is tight, reflecting fiscal discipline, then interest rates may not have to rise further."

Tight fiscal and monetary policy should still allow for inflation-adjusted economic growth of about 2% and a R4bn current account surplus, enough to meet debt repayments falling due in 1996 and early 1997.

Economists said they expected Du Plessis to announce spending growth of between 12% - 15%, adding he would probably overshoot his target as had been done in earlier Budgets. — Reuters.
Influences on equity and capital markets

By Dee Ashton of stockbroking firm Mathison and Hollidge

We have selected a number of measures which are likely to be introduced in the Budget and offer an analysis of the possible impact on both our equity and capital markets.

Surcharge and/or loan levy on companies.

This can be construed as a form of retroactive profits tax after last year's good earnings growth. Such a tax will also serve to address the current problem of excessively buoyant consumer demand from the supply side as it will feed through to the consumer in the form of higher prices.

A surcharge or levy of this nature will apply only to those companies already being taxed and will imply a reduction in profit and earnings after tax. Two sectors which come to mind are construction and engineering.

Last year was a particularly good one for companies and healthier balance sheets put them in a better position to absorb any additional taxation.

Overall, any impact is more likely to be psychological as funds which would have been used for investment in plant and machinery will be directed toward the focus instead. This perception might have a negative impact on the equity market, particularly on those companies with high interest bills.

Minimum tax on companies.

MTC affects the companies which do not pay tax at all or are taxed at a very low rate, for example the consumer companies. Insofar as this tax does not impact the balance sheet of a company, its effect is marginal in the long term, but it increases the borrowing requirement of the companies.

This will increase the interest payments, and reduce profits, adversely affecting those companies which have high interest bills, for example the furniture and retail sectors.

Privatisation and Prescribed Assets.

Privatisation raises the question of prescribed asset requirements, as does the move toward a deregulated and more efficient bond market. The Minister will certainly address these issues and clarify his intentions. If the prescribed asset requirement is abolished or even reduced (a more likely option), it will mean that a large pool of funds will be freed for investment elsewhere, either in the capital or the equity markets.

There is speculation that investors, will be able to convert their prescribed assets into equity from newly listed privatised parastatals. This would reduce the potential impact on currently listed equities.

Gilts rates should respond in the short-term by gaining 50 to 75 points, after which the original trend will resume, albeit off a higher base. Fund managers, particularly pension funds, will however retain a substantial portion of their gilt portfolio as they require the steady income flow to pay their members.

The exact method of privatisation, or the amount of capital required from the market has not yet been confirmed; however investment decisions will still be made using the same criteria as previously. If the newly privatised assets meet these criteria, investment may be directed away from substitute assets, for example Highveld Steel after the privatisation of Iscor, and into the newly listed asset. However these assets will have to offer attractive dividend yields or price-earnings ratios to be competitive.

The Marais Commission.

The Marais Commission made the following recommendations regarding the taxation of gold mines:

Lease payments on the mines and the existing surcharge on profits be scrapped; and that a uniform tax formula be adopted for all mines.

The latter is predicated in that tax would then be paid when the profit/revenue ratio exceeds five percent (as opposed to the current six or eight percent).

If the resolutions of this commission are adopted, they will have a negative impact on high cost, low profitability, high capex mines. However, they will benefit the highly taxed, low capex mines, such as Driefontein and Kloof.
PC says it's natural for blacks to like socialism

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

MANY black people experienced a controlled and rather socialistic environment in their daily lives and for this reason it seemed natural for them to favour socialism, the President's Council economics committee said yesterday.

However, it was highly desirable that the economy be privatised as far as possible and there should be a political commitment to make the privatisation succeed.

The committee, in its report on "a strategy and action plan to improve productivity in South Africa", which was tabled in the council yesterday, said it had received abundant evidence that "the political system and free enterprise capitalist system are considered synonymous by many black workers and it is essential that these two concepts be separated in the minds of people if South Africa is to have a private enterprise system capable of generating the wealth it so desperately needs".

It was stated in evidence that "South Africa has a high degree of central and socialistic planning, that most South Africans are black, and that the economic system under which they live can be described as traditionally socialistic."

"The reason for this is that a large part of their contact with the national economy is in the hands of an authority, for example the government, a tribal authority, and so on, which owns the land and the housing which they occupy and which is supplier, owner or controller of transport, welfare, health care, education and training."

"It was argued that since blacks do not have enough exposure to the so-called free economy, it is only natural for them to consider central planning and control as the norm."

"Many blacks rejected the private enterprise system because they associated it with a specific political system which they felt treated them unfairly."
Bureaucratic delays kill start-up projects

APRA (the Plebeian) . . . drain on taxpayers.

The plants, which are supposed to be 5% of South Africa's GDP, earn 2% or less, and are not earning enough to
deliver the services they were intended to provide. In fact, many of these organisations are losing money.

The main reason for this is the inefficient management and lack of accountability within these organisations. The
Government's failure to provide adequate funding and support has contributed to this problem, as has the
absence of proper oversight and monitoring.

The budget proposals in the 2019/20 financial year include a significant increase in expenditure on these
social programmes, which are expected to cost at least R35 billion. However, the benefits of such investments
are not always realised, as the effectiveness of these initiatives is often limited by various factors, including
poor implementation and bureaucratic red tape.

Given the current economic situation, it is important that the Government focus on more effective and
accountable management of these social programmes. This will require increased funding, improved
evaluation mechanisms, and stronger oversight to ensure that the money is being spent in a way that delivers
positive outcomes for the people it is intended to help.
The simulation of a COVID-19

Raymond Parsons, Chief Executive of Assocon

Judge the budget

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Volkskas calls it a step in the right direction

The 1998/99 Budget was a step in the right direction towards helping South Africa's financial position on to a sound footing, Volkskas Group Limited said in a statement.

But the financial group cautioned the Government to adhere to its goals by preventing government expenditure from rising much higher than the budgeted figure.

Volkskas said the Budget did not contain large surprises. "Given the developments in the international and domestic economies in the past 12 to 18 months and the course of government finance itself over the past year, the macro-economic influence of the Budget was to be expected."—Staff Reporter.
The Government estimates it will spend R63.570 million in the forthcoming year which will be up by R7.014 million on last year's spending. The estimates for the coming year (with last year's spending in brackets) are:

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FINANCE Minister Barend du Plessis has presented Parliament with a R65,5-billion budget pushing up Government spending by 12.4 percent despite widespread calls for it to be kept below 10 percent.

The 12.4 percent is based on the revised government figure of spending for last year, taking into account the R2.691-billion by which the Government overspent on its own estimates of last year.

Compared with its original estimated spending for last year, the new estimates are 18 percent higher.

Protection services - which include the police and Defence Force - have absorbed 23 percent of the budget with social services being allocated 37 percent.

Education as an individual item, although divided among five different education authorities, at R11.8-billion is the single biggest amount representing 18.6 percent of the budget. The amount has been increased R1.9-billion (19.2 percent) on last year.

Mr du Plessis said it was difficult for the Government to cut back on expenditure.

"We have to expand with all speed the First World segment of our society so as to accommodate the Third World component.

"This will mean opening the doors of opportunity on the one hand and equipping people to enter them on the other."

Saying the people had to be set free in the realm of mobility, both spatial and occupational, he cited housing as an example of essential spending.

The allocation for housing has gone up by 8.9 percent to R917.1-billion for this year.

The main contributors to increased spending over last year's estimates in cash terms are:

Defence, which is to spend R9.9-billion (up by R1.7-billion). The jump has been mainly attributed to the peace agreements in Namibia and Angola;

The Department of Finance, which increases its spending by R1.8-billion to R10.7-billion, mainly to service State debt with R9.9-billion required for the year; and

Constitutional Development and Planning, mainly as a result of increases in the budgets of the provinces as well as R50-million increase in urban development and housing aid for blacks with R30.2-million budgeted.

In percentage terms the SA Police (with a R2.4-billion budget) and Foreign Affairs (with a R3.2-billion budget) have gone up the most.
THE Minister of Finance, Mr. Bar-
rend du Plessis, yesterday put
the squeeze on the man-in-the-street
in his R65-billion budget, taking
R3.14 billion more in taxes out of
consumers’ pockets compared
with last year.

And hard-pressed consumers, particularly in
the lower-income groups, reeling under yesterday’s
GST increase, along with hikes in excise duties on
tobacco, liquor and soft drinks, could be in for
another budget shock soon — a rise in the bread
price.

Opposition spokesman hit out at the budget, with
Mr Harry Schwarz, the Progressive Federal Party’s
spokesman, saying it was one of “disappointment,
lost opportunity and failure to determine real
priorities”.

Labour Party spokesman Mr John Dow said the
budget should have been neutral but “John Citizen
will feel the pinch”.

Main features
While the minister did not increase direct tax-
ation, he failed to make any allowance for the
effects of fiscal drag in respect of personal income
taxes — with the result that most individual tax-
ners will be paying higher taxes without any in-
crease in real income.

The government has also projected substantial
increases in earnings from its boost in GST while
marginal concessions made in the budget include
benefits for married women and slightly higher
primary rebates.

The main features in Mr Du Plessis’s largely
conservative budget — 10% up on the revised
estimate for last year with revenue expected to
total R55.1bn — included increases in:

- GST from 12% to 13%;
- Duty on beer of 1c a “plint”;
- Duty on spirit of 1c a 1lt;
- Duty on cigarettes of 2c for a packet of 20;
- Duty on pipe tobacco and cigars of 10c per
kilogram.
- Duty on cold drinks of 2.6c per litre.

Adding to consumers’ woes was the confirmation
by the Minister of Agriculture, Mr Greyling Wensi-
elz, that the price of bread would go up next
month if additional funds were forthcoming after Mr Du Plessis
sliced the bread subsidy by R20 million.

The introduction of Value Added Tax has been further delayed until early next year.

Mr Du Plessis’s giveaways include:
- Raising primary re-

Other highlights of his budget:
- Tax expenditure in respect of the military
- Protection service (defence, police, national park)
- Plenum a collective budget of R25.10bn for all the
- 20% of total expenditure.

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PW keeps NP guessing over leadership

By ANTHONY JOHNSON

PRESIDENT F W Botha yesterday kept the nation and the turbulent NP - guessing about his future plans.

In a shrewd tactical move, Mr Botha kept the party stewing in uncertainty by sidestepping the question on the mounting leadership crisis at yesterday's crucial cabinet meeting.

A number of NP MPs have indicated that they expected the uncertainty to be cleared up by today's caucus meeting but their chosen replacement for Mr Botha, Mr F W de Klerk, is now likely to arrive empty-handed at today's meeting.

Moreover, senior Nationalists said they did not expect the burning issue to be on the formal agenda today.

Since Parliament will be adjourning for the Easter recess a day before the NP's next caucus, it appears that Mr Botha will be able to keep Mr De Klerk and the party on the hook for at least the next three weeks. Nats agreed yesterday that the longer the uncertainty continued, the more Mr De Klerk's stature would "wither away".

Mr De Klerk yesterday declined to say whether he would have discussed the issue with Mr Botha before today's caucus meeting.

Mr Botha was greeted with warm handshakes by MPs from a number of parties when he made an appearance in Parliament for yesterday's budget speech but observers noted that he did not take Mr De Klerk by the hand.

Instead, the two protagonists for the national leadership chose to keep their distance during yesterday's proceedings in the House.

The ball remains in Mr Botha's court, but Nats are worried about whether he intends to play it in the foreseeable future.

Picture - Page 2
bases for married taxpayers from R1 100 to R1 250 and for unmarried taxpayers from R750 to R850.

- Raising the additional rebate for people over the age of 60 from R500 to R1 450.

- Bar the income limit under which people over the age of 65 do not have to submit tax returns

- Increasing the limit under which taxpayers do not have to submit returns from R1 200 to R2 000.

- Introducing arrangements to enable working wives to be taxed separately and exempting them from submitting returns.

Mr Du Plessis said this was not a "re-called" election budget which brings good news in the short term but in the long term damages the economy.

He gave way B443m in reductions in income tax but took back R130m in GST and customs and excise increases.

Also announced were several structural changes which will have a major impact on capital and equity markets.

These include the abolition of prescribed asset classes, a decision to consolidate existing government stock into a new fund to make it more competitive, the announcement of details on the new method of taxing long-term insurers and a decision to wind down control mechanisms for the pricing of capital issues.

Mr Du Plessis said SA could expect a real growth rate of 5% this year.

Real gross domestic product, he added, was expected to rise by only 5%. A B40m surplus on current account could also be expected.

He said SA had a 10% foreign debt which could total B1 7bn or BR2bn this year, B2bn in 1999 and B3bn in 2001. In all probability, however, the repayments would be much smaller.

Protection services—defence, law and order and justice— took the largest chunk of government spending, 25%. In all B14bn was allocated for these services, 21% more than was provided in last year's budget. The defence budget of B9 2bn was raised to BR2bn up on last year and amounted to 15.4% of total state expenditure.

In all B11bn was provided for education. This was 19.2% up on last year. Mr Du Plessis said this illustrated the government's commitment to educ.

and its good faith in difficult circumstances in making an investment which for exceeded that of comparable countries.

The total expenditure on social pensions, he said, was expected to be B3bn. Beneficiaries would now receive B350 a month more than last year.

Only B5bn was provided in the budget to improve civil servants' salaries.

Mr Schwarz said the overall expenditure would increase by the amount of the expected inflation rate, which meant there was no real decrease in state expenditure.

The major difference the FPF had with the government was that it wanted a real cut in state expenditure.

"We regard the increase in GST as entirely undesirable and can be demonstrated on a careful examination of figures to be entirely unnecessary," said Mr Schwarz.

"It is to be noted that 13.6% of the budget is devoted to education which represents an increase of 13.6% over the previous budget. Such investment in the human potential of our land must deliver long-term benefits," said Mr Du Plessis.

Mr Du Plessis welcomed the new approach to working wives, but said the increase in GST was lamentable.

Erode living standards

The man-in-the-street lost more than he had gained, economists and tax consultants alleged.

They pointed out that a combination of inflation, higher GST and failure to allow for fiscal drag— which means that everyone who received a pay increase this year has moved into a higher tax bracket— will further erode living standards.

And they questioned how the B350 put aside for earnings would be used. Standard Bank economist Mr Nico Cupido described this as "a slush fund".

Others suggested that it could be used to provide concessions if an early election were held after all.

Most economists approved of the budget as "mildly restrictive", although some suggested government spending should have been cut more and questioned whether it would be kept within the 10% increase announced by the minister.

But tax consultants criticised it as inflationary because of the rise in GST.

They also pointed out that the budget had not done away completely with joint taxation of married couples.

Although all married women salary earners would be taxed separately from their husbands under the Standard Income Tax and Employee's Income Tax (SITF) system this would not apply to wives who were self-employed or living on investment income.

Volokas economist Mr Adam Jacobs said: "The man-in-the-street will be hit fairly heavily by tax, especially as fiscal drag will reduce his earnings meaningfully. Add to that the increase in GST and excise duties and he will be considerably worse off in real terms.

In spite of that, this will be a restrictive budget only if the government sticks to the spending limits allowed for—and it has a history of not doing that.

If it overspends this could turn into an expansionary budget.

Mr Cupido said: "This budget may not have the effect of slowing down the economy sufficiently to protect the balance of payments.

"The economy is very, very strong. And the need to slow it down is urgent because it is not sufficient to retain our reserves at their present levels—we must build them up,"—Financial and Political Staff
GST up another point

BAREND’S BUDGET BLUES

The boss is back!

With a smile on his face, PW strolls into Parliament

LONDON — South African Foreign Minister, Mr Pik Botha, said last night that there was a dilemma over the leadership issue in South Africa, but he believed that with understanding it could be resolved without anyone getting hurt. Mr Botha, who held talks earlier yesterday with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, confirmed that constitutionally the State President, Mr P.W. Botha, could not be forced to leave office against his will.

Pik admits dispute.

EX: "There are more ways with understanding that this matter could be resolved in such a way that no one gets hurt." “I remain convinced that we can do so because of the great appreciation for the President and the work he has done. I believe it could be done.”

GENERAL Sales Tax will go up from 12 to 13 percent on Monday, the Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis, said yesterday. He said in his Budget Speech that the extra revenue from this step is estimated at R1.150 billion for the 1989/90 financial year and R1.150 billion for a full year. It should reduce pressure on monetary policy to counteract excessive demand in the economy, and would mean that upward pressure on interest rates would necessarily be reduced, which would benefit the whole economy — including bondholders, farmers and business undertakings.

Discipline

It would be clear, from the limitation of State expenditure for 1989/90 to 13 percent of the previous year’s level, that the Government was serious in its commitment to fiscal discipline, and that this level of expenditure could not be further pruned now without serious problems.

As far as the tax and loan proposals were concerned, the Government was convinced that they were not only economically but also politically sound. In the determination of the loan requirement it...
In the year 1968/69, the rise of the economic conditions throughout the country is unprecedented. This was partly due to the international economic slowdown, particularly in the so-called developing countries, and the fact that the government had to make tough decisions to protect its economy. The sacrifice of workers, particularly in the manufacturing sector, was significant. The government had to make difficult choices to ensure the stability of the economy, which ultimately led to higher living costs and reduced job opportunities for the population. The situation was further exacerbated by the international economic recession.
How Barna Sliced the Cake

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A Glance at What's in Store

Amy and Polly

23%

Economic Services

15%

Undertake

7%

Public Services

10%

State Domestic Administration

3%

Social Services

5%

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INCOME

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EDUCATION

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How it affects you

1% GST increase

The increase in Good and Services Tax (GST) will affect numerous industries and products. Here's how it may impact your daily life:

1. **Healthcare Industry**: Hospitals and medical services will see a direct increase in costs, potentially leading to higher fees for patients.

2. **Real Estate**: Property transactions will incur additional GST, increasing the cost of buying or selling real estate.

3. **Retail Industry**: Products in stores will become more expensive, affecting everyday purchases.

4. **Travel Industry**: Flight tickets, hotels, and tour packages will come with higher GST, impacting travel budgets.

5. **Food Industry**: Groceries, restaurant meals, and beverages will all see price hikes due to the increased GST.

6. **Education**: Tuition fees and educational material costs will increase, affecting students and parents alike.

7. **Technology Industry**: Hardware, software, and services will be subject to the higher tax rate, increasing the cost of gadgets and services.

The GST increase is expected to have a significant economic impact, affecting consumers across various sectors. It's important to be aware of how these changes will affect your personal finances and to plan accordingly.
Budget squeeze on hospitals

munity health-care which was particularly under-funded.

"When you have a fragmentation of services and the cost infrastructure at this level it is very difficult to make effective use of the existing budget."

WORSE OFF

Said PFP finance spokesman Mr Harry Schwarz: "With inflation running at 15 percent, this can only mean a reduction in services."

Hospitals in the Eastern Cape are even worse off — their budget is cut by 8.5 percent to R322-million. If allowance is made for inflation, this could mean a cut of about 24 percent in real terms.

Library services are cut by 2.7 percent to R29-million and nature and environmental conservation by 5.3 percent to R16-million.

The provincial budget for salaries, wages and allowances is up 23 percent to R8-million.

But the provision for improvement of service and conditions ("augmentation of salaries, wages and allowances") is slashed by 95 percent to R2.7-million. The provision last year was R19-million — later increased to R59-million as a result of the Public Service pay rise.
Schwarz lashes
GST increase

Political Staff
THE 1 percent GST increase announced by Mr du Plessis was "entirely undesirable" and unnecessary, said Progressive Federal Party finance spokesman Mr Harry Schwarz.

And the increased personal tax rebate was insignificant. It was only a fraction of the amount budgeted to be collected from GST and was "minuscule" compared to the R3,14-billion in personal tax increase last year.

Mr du Plessis had engaged in "accounting exercises" to convert a real tax surplus of R1,814-billion last year to one of only R294-billion.

This, taken with the extra R1 billion allowed for contingencies, showed the GST increase and the burden on consumers could have been avoided and concessions could have been granted.

"The budget was disappointing and a failed opportunity to determine real priorities".

The PFP's major difference with the government was that it wanted a cut in real state spending.

Government spending was set to increase by the amount of the expected inflation rate for the year, so that in effect there was no decrease in real state spending.

It was especially serious that capital expenditure was being cut while state consumption spending increased.

Among other points raised by Mr Schwarz were:
- There had been no increase for social pensioners and
- Champagne and expensive wine were left unscathed by the increase in excise duty.

Conservative Party finance spokesman Mr Casper Uys said the budget was "very uninspiring, especially for farmers and the under-privileged."

There was nothing in it for social pensioners.

As a result of fiscal drag net personal income tax would in effect increase in spite of the increase in primary rebate.

He welcomed the concession to working wives but criticised the fact it applied only to those earning a salary. Working wives who were partners in professional practices would not benefit.
Western Cape hospitals dilemma: Cut services or charge more

By TOM HODG, Business Editor, and KAREN STANDER, Medical Reporter

HOSPITALS in the Cape face cuts in services unless they raise their fees as a result of lower provisions in yesterday's Budget.

Hospital fees would have to be tripled or quadrupled to meet the new levels, according to Professor Gerald O' shifts, head of the department of accounting at the University of Cape Town and former Progressive Federal President.

The MEC for hospitals and roads, Mr Andre van Wyk, said yesterday that there was no provision made for hospitals and that he was being forced to consider increasing fees.

"We appreciate the dilemma" faced by the Minister of Finance, he said, "but it would not be correct to say that I am completely in line. We do not set our fees on our costs. We have to charge much more to cover our costs."

"Terrible state"

The hospitals don't take cognisance of inflation. This will mean that the minimum charges of R5000 will be doubled, we will not be responsible for the building of community health centres and our ambulance service is in a terrible state. We will not be able to do anything about that now.

The allocation was attacked as "scandalous" by Professor Everingham and "insufficient" by Professor JF van Niekerk, dean of UCT's faculty of medicine.

"Libraries, roads, traffic control, repair and maintenance and hospital services" may also find their allocations reduced to cover the gaps.

Western Cape hospitals (excluding teaching hospitals) will have $200,000 for the coming year, according to the provincial government's figures.

Slightly better

The teaching hospitals — Groote Schuur and Stellenbosch — are only slightly better off, with increases of R33 million from a revised expenditure of R54 million for the coming year.

Confirming the figures, Mr. van Wyk said the Budget was a "reflection of the policy of the Department of Finance, which is a"..."mainly to look at their budgets for 1986-87"..."and the rate of their salary increases was taken into account.

The hospitals positions would be reviewed to see if changes can be made to reduce costs and increase fees.

"Traditionally, hospital fees have not been as high as they should be — for very good reasons. Ideally, we would like them to reflect five per cent of the running costs and fees would be raised to produce the necessary revenue to help the hospitals."..."We are in a difficult situation.

"This is disgraceful. Hospitals will have to cut back on services. They are bound to lose their patients if they do not adapt to the realities of the economy."

Professor van Niekerk said the situation was "very worrying" and that the hospitals were in a "very difficult" situation.

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Bread price rise likely this year

By PETER FABRICUS, Political Staff

This bread price is likely to rise faster this year — possibly faster than instalments — after a R5500 million cut in the subsidy announced by Minister of Finance Mr Barend de Klerk last night.

Minister of Agriculture Mr Greyling Wentzel said today that the bread price would rise to R6.00.

Mr de Klerk indicated in an interview last night that he will not favour subsidies as they benefit the rich as much as the poor.

RELIEF

Other ways to be used to help the poor, he said. A spokesman for Mr de Klerk said that a bread price increase was "under consideration" but no decision had been made.

However, government sources believe that the bread price will rise twice this year in small instalments.

In August after the last price increase, Mr Wentzel said that it had not been an increase in the government subsidy of R45 million and instead R100 million from the increase in the white bread price, the price of brown bread would be increased by R4 a cent and white by R2 a cent.

The actual increases were 3 cents for brown which rose to 60 cents and 4 cents for white which rose to 60 cents.

OUT OF HIDING: Mr Johnny Isel outside the court today.

SA-Angola Pow swoop on Havana talks agenda

By PETER FABRICUS, Political Staff

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Budget of no reward for majority, says union

More tax for less service

By Adele Balela and Mike Siluma

Major black trade unions have slated the Budget, saying it increased the tax burden of workers while failing to address the social needs of the majority.

The biggest industrial union, the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) said the Budget had nothing to offer to workers. It increased sales tax so that every black worker, in particular the black miner, will pay more to the Government.

There is nothing which alleviates the plight of the unemployed and contrary to the Minister's claim that the Budget promotes reform, it actually promotes a decline in the standard of living of black workers.

"It is clear that the bosses and the apartheid Government will stop at nothing to ensure that workers are squeezed of every hard-earned cent to benefit the apartheid system."

"The time has come for workers to seriously consider whether the Government is justified in taxing people who do not have representation in the Government," said NUM in a statement.

In its initial reaction, the National Union of Metalworkers of SA (NUMSA) said the allocation for housing and social services was "grossly inadequate".

NUMSA spokesman Dr Bernie Fanaroff said the allocation for housing did not keep pace with inflation and would not resolve the 80 000 housing unit shortage.

He said it was obvious the Government was "shifting its housing responsibility to the private sector, which cannot provide for the majority".

The current housing crisis meant that the "unemployed and the rural population, would be put on the rubbish heap".

The private sector provided housing ranging from R30 000 a unit upwards, which 90 percent of NUMSA members could not afford.

By increasing GST, Government was transferring the tax burden from the wealthy to the poor.

"Increases in the police and defence allocations reinforced the view that South Africa's problems could not be solved until apartheid had been abolished."

However, the white SA Confederation of Labour (Sacol) welcomed Finance Minister Mr Barend du Plessis's remarks about corruption, the exploitation of the consumer and tax evasion.

Sacol supported Mr du Plessis's comments about the pro-sanctions lobby and hoped that Government would take definite steps in this regard, particularly on the labour front.

Sacol said it realised that SA had a "unique constitutional and economic dispensation", but urged the Government to take steps to curb the expenditure of the "independent" states, which received funds from South Africa.

It regretted that GST was to be increased.

SA aid to Namibia slashed by 62 pc

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — South Africa has slashed its financial assistance to Namibia by 62 percent with only R120 million going to the territory this year.

Last year R258 million was estimated, but only R35.3 million was eventually allocated.

The internal parties have repeatedly expressed concern about the reduction, saying it will give Swapo an advantage in the forthcoming elections.

The State President's department has been allocated R1.8 million for the year to enable him to pay the costs of the Administrator-General to run the territory in the transitional period.
Every South African has to make sacrifice

Staff Reporters

Fiscal drag, higher GST and costlier liquor, cigarettes, tobacco and soft-drinks will hit the pocket of the man-in-the-street.

Yesterday's R65 500 million Budget presented to Parliament by the Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis, pushed up Government spending by 12,4 percent.

TAX REBATES

It includes a 1 percent increase in general sales tax — to 13 percent — and small primary tax rebates.

But there is no protection from fiscal drag, which will increase personal taxation.
Du Plessis predicts a conservative course

By Sven Lünsche

While Finance Minister Mr Barend du Plessis was satisfied with last year's economic performance, he said that the expected course during this year "left little room for manoeuvre and the margin for error was more limited than usual".

In his budget speech Mr Du Plessis said forecasts for the South African economy would, more than in the recent past, have to rest on a conservative rather than an optimistic view of the course of the gold price.

Economic prospects for 1989 sketched a scenario of a real growth rate of 2 percent, coupled with a surplus on the current account of about R4 billion, the minister said.

But, he added that the 2 percent growth rate and R4 billion surplus did not allow for any significant rise in real domestic expenditure.

The prospects for the world economy, which, as always would influence the course of the business cycle and of the development of the South African economy, were reasonably favourable for the year ahead, but the outlook for the dollar price of gold "must be said to be less rosy".

"Within the parameters of a world economy that at best will exercise a comparatively neutral influence on the South African economy, the management of the latter will require exceptional capability in 1989."

"In part this stems from the fact that the upswing in the economy in 1988 developed greater force and continuity than was anticipated at the beginning of the year," Mr du Plessis said.

"When the large increases in bank credit and the money supply during 1988 are similarly taken into account, however, the conclusion is justified that the mix of monetary and fiscal policy maintained during the year was of too accommodative and expansionary a character," Mr du Plessis said.

As to the prospects for 1989, it should be borne in mind that South Africa had to repay foreign debt obligations which in 1989 could reach a total of $1.7 billion, or about R4.2 billion, while repayments in 1990 and 1991 could reach $2.1 billion and $1.6 billion respectively.

"In all probability, the required repayments will, however, be much smaller," he said.

In addition, South Africa now faced a gold price of below $400, while the prospects for a significant recovery in that price within the following few months could not be regarded as favourable.

"Against this backdrop, monetary and fiscal policy will have to be crafted so as to ensure surpluses on the current account of the balance of payments in both this and the following two years will be sufficient for the financing of whatever volume of debt redemption by South Africa is necessary in this period."

There were, however, indications of a deceleration or sideways movement in certain consumption and production trends.

A realistic scenario for 1989 therefore provides for an increase in the real gross domestic product of about 2 percent.

"It is expected, however, that the real gross domestic expenditure will grow at a rate of only about 1 percent," Mr du Plessis concluded.
Budget is reasonable, say most economists

Buoyant economy needs cooling down

Further restrictions needed to avoid balance of payments crisis

The Statesman, March 15, 1987
Market analysts unimpressed

Share market analysts have little good to say about yesterday's Budget. Comments ranged from "bleak" to "stinging" to "even worse."

It is only the change in working wives' tax, which effectively gives the higher paid ones a 15 percent pay rise, and the prospects of what they would do with this money aroused any enthusiasm.

By including all married women in "SITEL" their maximum marginal tax rate has been lowered from 35 percent to 25 percent. This means they will now take home 75 percent of their income as against 85 percent in the past. Also of great importance is that they will not have to pay in any tax at the end of the tax year.

The general impression among male analysts was that much of the extra take-home pay was likely to be spent, much of it in clothing stores catering for the women's market. (This view was also confirmed by a number of working wives.)

This suggest that good times could lie ahead for middle and upper market fashion chains such as Truworths, Foschini (which recently reported excellent results), Woolworths, Garlicks and Edgars.

The up-market fashion stores Stuttafords and Greatmamas would also seem destined to benefit, but even so would make only a minor contribution to the profits of their parent company Tradgro.

However, other retail businesses could be in for a lean time. The Government's failure to adjust the income tax rates for inflation and the increased in GST means that this year most families, unless they contain a working wife, will have to pay more tax and have less to spend.

In the run-up to the Budget, some of the heavy-weight blue chip gold mining shares were in demand on hopes that the Government would lower gold mining taxes to encourage the establishment of new mines.

But although a small reduction in mining tax, which was likely to cost the Government some R11 million a year, was announced, analysts regarded this as insignificant. However, if the blue-chip mines were to slightly increase their grade, their taxed profits could show a worthwhile increase, one said.

The sharp increase in defence expenditure (20 percent on last year's Budget figure and 13 percent on actual expenditure) should also be a market factor.

But South African companies are not allowed to divulge defence contracts so an investor hoping to cash in on Government spending has to work in the dark.

Brokers suggest that blue-chip electronic companies are possible bets as could be listed heavy engineering and motor assembly companies.

Overall, it seems that yesterday's Budget will direct investors away from consumer-oriented companies.
Unforeseen expenditure provision irks economist

By Roy Cokayne

The provision in the Budget for R1 billion in unforeseen and unexpected Government expenditure has been severely criticised by a Pretoria economist.

Dr Piet Haasbroek, group economist of Imperial Cold Storage and a former professor of economics at the University of Pretoria, told a Sanlam/Trust Bank seminar on Wednesday that, as the Minister of Finance had explained, one could say a reserve was being created.

However, he said he had doubts about it because the business community only budgeted for what it planned to do and not for unforeseen expenditure.

Dr Haasbroek said what worried him was that it might merely be making provision for aspects that were unforeseen, such as a slightly higher inflation rate, a slight rise in the salaries of public servants or so on.

He was also worried that next year increased provision would be made for unforeseen and unexpected government expenditure.

Dr Haasbroek criticised the authorities for using tax avoidance and tax erosion in the same breath and making everyone feel like criminals.

He said if the tax burden was too heavy then the tendency to avoid or evade taxation would get even bigger.

Dr Haasbroek said South Africa's middle class was being impoverished because of the way in which the tax burden rested on the shoulder of the individual taxpayer — in particular because of fiscal drag or bracket creep.
Durr boasts of ‘fiscal discipline’

By Peter Fabrius,
Political Correspondent

Mr Kent Durr, Minister of the
Budget and Works in the House
of Assembly administration,
presented a R5,615 billion bud-
get for white own affairs to Par-
liament yesterday.

The fact that this was only
R318,475 million or 5.4 percent
more than last year’s expendi-
ture was evidence of “strong ad-
mise administrative and fiscal dis-

Without the transfer of ser-
vice to the own affairs admin-
istration — and excluding this
year’s public service salary in-
crease and the administration
own funding, the increase was
only 0.5 percent, he said.

A total of R115 million of the
budget would come from the ad-
ministration’s own funds.

Mr Durr said the administra-
tion had played its part in the
job freeze from December 1
1987 and had scrapped 409 posts
by April 1 last year.

From then until January 31
this year 340 new posts were
created in existing functions
while 555 were scrapped.

A total of 22 posts were creat-
ed in services taken over from
the provincial administrations.

Gain of seven

This left a net gain of seven
posts during the period.

However, he said that the own
affairs administration had
grown 181 percent during the
five years of its existence from
a budget of R2,350 billion in
1985/86 to the present
R5,615 billion.

This was a result of the take-
over of functions from other ad-
ministrations such as hospitals,
public resorts and museums.

The end of this process was
still far off.

Other points he made were:

- Privatisation of financial help
to farmers was being investigat-
ed and the Land Bank and other
institutions would play a more
prominent role in obtaining loan
capital from the private sector
to relieve the burden on the
State. However, the State would
still grant special assistance
where disasters occurred.

- The Government had provid-
ed R1,327 billion assistance to
farmers during 1987/88 and

- Clean administration and a
welcome for the start of special
“performance auditing” of his
administration.

- That the welfare budget
would be R1,019,214 million, an
increase of R150,142 million or
17.3 percent, mainly due to the
increase in social pensions on
January 1 this year.

- That four hospitals would be
transferred from the Cape Pro-
vincial administration on April
1. But provision could not be
made for the transfer of 40 hos-
pitals from other provinces as
these were still being negoti-
tated. This would be dealt with
in the additional budget for
1989/90.

- He said the financing of own
affairs administrations by for-
mula, as demanded by the Con-
stitution, had still not been
agreed upon.
Within the confines of the model, two assumptions turned out to be grossly understated. The predictions thrown out by what Ramond describes as a naive model were based on two factors: the real price of gold (the price adjusted for US inflation), and US inflation in relation to the SA inflation rate.

When the forecast was written in 1980, says Ramond, the rand had been worth between R1.15-R1.40 for most of 14 years. "Inflation was raging worldwide, US long rates were nearing 20% and a Federal Reserve (Fed) chairman named Volcker was about to throttle that inflation with the deepest US recession since World War 2."

As a result of Volcker's success, Ramond was wrong in two of three assumptions. Though he correctly predicted SA's inflation rate was likely to be higher than that of the US if it was not the same, he did not foresee:

- The real gold price falling, as it has uninterruptedly up until the present; or
- The wide divergence between inflation rates in the US and SA.

Ramond estimated the lowest year-on-year change in US CPI would be 5%. "It actually reached 2% before rising again. Similarly for SA, the highest CPI we assumed in any year was 14% — which it has exceeded for the past four years."

Factors not taken into account by the model which exerted a powerful influence on the rand in recent years, were capital flight and credit sanctions. The effect of these is illustrated in the graph which carries a forecast based on actual gold prices and relative inflation rates of the US and SA, contrasted with what happened in the years to 1988. The discrepancy is due to factors outside the model.

Crucial to the future course of the rand is the continuing success of US monetary policy.

On this score Ramond has some reservations. He says, in a recent presentation on the US economy, present Fed chairman Alan Greenspan referred to an (unidentified) economic indicator which has been flashing warnings of inflation for several years. And, as a result, he has been attempting to choke back growth in M2 since last March.

Ramond believes Greenspan's attempts to hold down inflationary forces may be undermined by monetisation of debts of the devastated savings and loan industry.

What is bad news for the US may then bring a measure of good to SA.
THE BUDGET

Little room to manoeuvre

But credibility is still the main problem

Overall, in terms of what's needed at this stage of the business cycle, good; but consider the detail and there's little progress with the structural reforms we need. And underneath it all the underlying worry of credibility remains: given the record of recent years, is it realistic to think that government can really hold its own spending constant this year, for once?

That's the initial consensus reaction to Barend du Plessis' 1989-1990 Budget.

Clearly, at this stage of the business cycle and with the need to reduce the public-sector borrowing requirement (PSBR), it would have been unrealistic to expect major tax concessions. However, Du Plessis was at pains to point out the progress being made on implementing the reforms of the Margo Commission, the Marais Commission (on mining tax), the Stats Commission (on financial markets), and so on.

He also made it clear that this is not a pre-election give-away Budget, and for that we must be grateful, though only if government sticks to its guns as election day (whenever that may be) approaches.

Certainly, cuts in PSBR in recent years are impressive: 5.8% of GDP actual in 1987-1988, 4.9% budgeted in 1988-1989, 4.4% actual in 1988-1989, and now 4.1% budgeted in 1989-1990. Moreover, if (as last year) tax revenue is even more buoyant than the Budget forecasts — as many economists expect — the current year could again see the actual out-turn better than Budget. The target of 3%, which looked so unattainable when it was set, now seems well within reach.

But this comes back immediately to the dichotomy mentioned at the start of this article. When the FM Board of Economists discussed the outlook for the Budget a fortnight ago, Anglo American's Aubrey Dickman argued forcibly that "none of us would be happy if they get the deficit to 4% by raising taxes — the problem is spending. You can bring the deficit down but still ruin the economy if you overtax." The lower-than-forecast 1988-1989 PSBR reflects no progress on paring spending — quite the reverse — but an even greater excess of revenue over Budget.

The Budget predicts a revenue increase this year of only 14.1%. Many economists think 18%-18.5% more likely. It's understandable if Du Plessis has deliberately downplayed this item: as it is, he's looking for a 22.5% hike in income tax collections. Any higher overall estimate would necessitate raising this item, which might prove political problems — especially as so little has been done to combat fiscal drag.

Du Plessis regrets this, but says it would have been inopportune. For most taxpayers, the maximum cut in personal income tax is...

THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

The Review of Economic Conditions tabled by Du Plessis shows:
- Estimated tax revenue for the 1988-1989 financial year at R47,46bn, R3,4bn up on the budgeted estimate of R44bn and R9,08bn up on 1987-88's R38,38bn;
- Estimated State spending at R56,3bn, up R2,5bn on the budgeted R53,8bn and R7,56bn on 1987-1988's R48,94bn and
- The estimated deficit before borrowing at only R9bn, against budgeted R9,86bn, and 1987-88's R10,55bn.

Real GDP grew 3.2% last year. Compared to 2.1% in 1987. GNP grew 4.4% (1987: 3%).

The higher growth in GNP as against GDP mainly reflects relatively smaller net factor payments to foreigners. Growth was strongest in the first and third quarters. In the fourth quarter it was 2.9%. If growth remains high, there may be serious balance of payments problems.

The private sector, including public corporations and government business enterprises, contributed 29% to GDP, 0.3% less than in 1987. Real GDE rose by 7% (just over 4%).

Private consumption expenditure rose 5% (3.7%) compared to 2% (3.9%) by general government.

Real Gross Domestic Fixed Investment rose for the first time since 1981 by 6.4%, owing solely to the real increase of 16% in private-sector investment. The highest increases were in trade, manufacturing and finance. Capital formation fell in agriculture, transport and electricity.

The volume of manufacturing production increased by more than 6% and almost reached the 1981 peak. Retail and wholesale sales rose in real terms by almost 6%, the first increase since 1984.

Personal disposable income was up by just over 14% (21%), mainly salaries and wages. In 1987 there was an exceptionally high increase in income from property.

Average salaries and wages increased by between 11% and 22% (the lowest in mining and the highest in construction). Personal savings were 2% of disposable income (4%) — according to the Review, "a clear indication of the high prevailing propensity to consume."

Due to high domestic spending the surplus on the current account of the balance of payments fell sharply to R2,939bn (R6,152bn). The value of goods exported rose by 25% and that of gold by 10% for a total gain of 19%, compared to a 38% hike in merchandise imports.

Of a capital outflow R6,663bn, R5,611bn was short term. Net foreign reserves thus fell by R3,724bn, or, after valuation adjustments and the change in liabilities related to reserves, by R1,236bn (an increase of R2,246bn). Foreign debt fell from 170,7% of exports in 1984 to 93.2% in 1987 and should be only 85% for 1988, thanks to the increased value of exports and repayment of foreign loans. Virtually no new loans were taken up.

Higher than expected tax revenue is due to the phasing out on July 1 of the sales tax debtors' allowance; the import surcharge; and increases in the fuel levy.

There was also an increase, estimated at 39.5%, in tax revenue from non-mining companies due mainly to the growth in GDE and consequent improvement in company profits.

Higher than estimated State spending was due mainly to salary hikes for civil servants, increased social pensions, higher than expected defence spending and a higher interest burden on public debt.

Loan redemptions of R4,991bn left a financing requirement of R14,087bn, met, among others, by the sale of government stock to the Public Debt Commissioners (R4,88bn) and the capital market (R8,925bn), the conversion of R327m of debt standstill funds to long-term loans to government, and R195m new foreign loans; R600m was raised by the sale to the Industrial Development Corp of some government shares in Iscor.

Total financing is estimated at R15,701bn, leaving a balance of R1,614bn. This was financed with little pressure on the capital market.
Revenue: Will be R55.07bn, up 16% from latest 1988-1989 figure.

Personal income tax revenues will jump to R17.1bn, up 22.5%. Also expected: fuel levy collection of R3.7bn (up 50%), GST of R15.15bn (up 17.4%) and non-mining companies of R9.5bn (up 17.3%). Lower revenue is expected from gold mines (-28.3%), gold mine leases (-24.2%) customs duties (-12.8%) and import surcharges (-13.8%).

Spending: R65.02bn, up 15%, including a R1bn contingency fund "to provide money and capital markets with a clearer indication of the possible eventual total government expenditure and deficit before borrowing."

Financing: The deficit before borrowing is projected at R9.95bn (4.1% of GDP) vs R9.1bn (4.4%) for 1988-1989.

Loan redemptions of R3.67bn bring total financing requirement to R13.62bn. This will be met by stock sales to the Public Debt Commissioners (R5.2bn), roll-over of maturing stock (R3.21bn), new stock (R4.37bn), bond sales (R100m), overseas loans (R200m) and conversion of debt standstill funds to long-term loans outside the net (R250m).

GST: Up to 13% from 12%, on March 20.

Easier marriage penalty: Standard Income Tax on Employees (Site) is extended to include all working wives.

Fiscal drag: "No significant proposals to counter fiscal drag," but the primary rebate goes to R1.250 (from R1.100) for married taxpayers, R850 (R750) for others. Additional rebate for over 65s rises to R1.450 (R500).

Pipe tobacco and cigars: Duty will be increased by 10c/kg. Cost: R1m.

BUDGET IN A NUTSHELL

Mining tax: Lower rates and surcharges.

Life assurance tax: There's a change in the tax formula, but it should have no notable affect on total payments.

Beer: Duty on all beer, except sorghum, will be raised immediately by 2.4c/litre — just under 1c/375ml bottle. Duty on spirits will rise by 25.2c/750ml bottle. Cost to drinkers: R4.5m and R31m respectively.

Cigarettes: Duty will be raised by 1c/10 cigarettes and 1c/50g for cigarette tobacco. Cost to smokers: R38m.

Security: Spending on police will rise by 17.2% (to R2.5bn), on defence by 13.7% (to R9.9bn).

Development Bank: R375m to the Development Bank as part of a five-year contribution to capital project financing.

Export promotion: Board of Trade & Industry will spend R1.04bn on export promotion, 70% of its budget.

Forex losses: R1bn to Reserve Bank for foreign exchange cover losses.

Aids: National Health & Population Development will launch a R5m awareness campaign and establish Aids advisory centres in large cities.

Miscellaneous: Prescribed assets will be scrapped, but replaced with new "investment criteria"; government refuses to bind itself to a timetable to implement recommendations of the Marais Commission on mine tax, while accepting the notion of phasing-in changes; a permanent secretariat to study tax has been appointed; a "comprehensive" document on value-added tax will soon be submitted to Cabinet but legislation submitted to Parliament only in early-1990; a commission of inquiry, under Judge D A Melamed (fresh from his inquiry into AA Mutual) will study the flow of short-term insurance premiums out of SA, while government plans legislation to further supervise short-term insurers; Regional Services Councils, which collected R495m in 1988-1989, will get collection help from Inland Revenue; having established "structural adjustment" programmes for motor vehicle, textile and clothing, and electronics industries, the Board of Trade & Industry will now set its sights on stainless steel, footwear and metals; Transport plans to change existing MVA fund into multilateral agreement embracing TBVC states.

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Only R150.

A further point here: the hatted import surcharges raised R1.6bn, more than double the R700m estimate, as imports by volume rose an unexpectedly high 25%. Even if the economy is slowing down, the expectation that they will raise R300m less in a full year this time round looks distinctly conservative.

Last year, Du Plessis' target was to cut public-sector spending in real terms. This failed, sadly. The objective this year is more modest: to hold State spending constant, in real terms. Some will see this as an admission of defeat; others, as greater realism.

Then, the nominal 15% increase in State spending needs a closer look: Du Plessis said that the capital component will fall by 4%, which by extrapolation suggests that current spending will rise by some 17%.

On one hand, this gives Du Plessis a little freedom of manoeuvre; on the other, the further shift in State spending from capital formation (productive infrastructure) to (largely unproductive) consumption is unhealthy. Du Plessis in effect admits this, comparing the PSBR of R9.5bn to planned public-sector investment spending of R5.5bn. Government is still, in other words, borrowing to finance current spending.

It should be noted, too, that the Budget allows only R50m for nominal improvements in civil service remuneration, for "certain occupation-specific adjustments." After the experience with civil service salaries last year, many will raise their eyebrows at this target.

And the lower PSBR is almost exactly equal to the additional revenue from the 1% hike in GST. The Margo Commission recommended a switch from direct to indirect tax, and government has endorsed that; but the great increase in tax revenue will come from personal tax. Companies do not suffer from fiscal drag. With the (as promised) abolition of minimum tax on companies, a declining take from gold mines (which are expected to contribute only half as much as they did at the beginning of this decade), and the first relief to that industry in terms of the Marais recommendations, not only has the total direct tax burden on personal taxpayers increased, but the relative burden has shifted from the corporate sector to the individual.

This reverses the trend of last year's Budget, which seems to show a lack of philosophical consistency.

But let us acclaim two major breakthroughs: the concessions to married women (through the extension of the Standard Income Tax on Employees — Site — system), and the planned abolition ("shortly") of prescribed asset requirements for financial institutions.

The changes in Site do not mean totally separate taxation. Some seem to have understood this from what Du Plessis said.

In fact, all that is happening is that the R20 000 ceiling for applying Site to a married woman's income has been abolished. In
future, Site's the only tax that all married working women will pay.

But for a married couple, final tax payable will still have to be calculated.

Figures released with the Budget by Inland Revenue (see table) show across-the-board reductions for a married couple on the new Site basis, assuming no increase in salaries. Given the likely rate of salary increase, the average married couple could still end up paying more tax this year, as is implicit in the revenue forecasts.

Moreover, it appears that up to R20 000, a married woman will pay a flat 25% Site rate. Above that, it appears that normal PAYE tables apply. All these aspects of the new Site system need to be carefully analysed.

In particular, it should be noted that Du Plessis said that the changes will have no impact this financial year, but will involve an estimated loss of R13bn in 1990-1991 — by when fiscal drag will wipe them out anyway, unless it is combated considerably more vigorously than it has been this year; and

Abolition of prescribed asset requirements will remove a major potential distortion of capital and investment markets — potential in the sense that, while insurers and pension funds (in particular) have been forced to channel a large part of their investible funds into these assets, often at negative real interest rates, in practice similar institutions elsewhere have voluntarily invested much of their funds in gilties anyway.

To whatever extent funds may or may not have been invested artificially into certain channels by the prescribed asset requirements, the fact remains that they have provided the public sector with a captive source of funds at interest rates that have almost certainly been lower than they would otherwise have been.

If the abolition of prescribed asset requirements forces the State to pay the market rate for its loans, it will (a) encourage saving by improving the yield to private-sector investors and (b) impose a welcome new discipline on those formulating public-sector spending and borrowing plans.

The move follows months of speculation in the bond market and is in line with last year's call for abolition by a committee led by Reserve Bank senior deputy governor Japie Jacobs (FM July 15 1988).

However, there is a sting in the tail. Du Plessis says government will formulate "suitable new investment criteria" for institutions after negotiating with them. So there will still be limits on how institutions can invest, but the move has been widely welcomed in the market.

Says Martin & Co Carmen Maynard: "The present requirements (53% for pension funds and 33% for life offices) are calculated at book value whereas any new measures are likely to be at market value. We estimate that, on this basis, about 60% of investments of life insurers and pension funds are now in the form of discretionary investments. The new dispensation can only be guessed at, but if they are now free to invest another 10% this would mean R15bn to be put in equities or properties."

"This is very significant," says Old Mutual's Rob Lee. "We have been asking for this for a long time." Though some had anticipated the announcement, it probably has not been fully discounted. Portfolio managers, including those running equity portfolios, may well change their behaviour ahead of the enabling legislation. And the considerable cash holdings which many institutions are holding will help them to do so.

Securities Discount House dealer Alan Hatchuel welcomes the move: "Abolition of the prescribed asset requirement will help the market: it will create a lot more volatility and we'll get to more realistic rate levels."

The long stock Eskom 168 rose 15 points following the announcement on Wednesday afternoon, to about 16,65%, and was expect-

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THE SITE STORY

Two-breadwinner family

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*These amounts have been calculated on the basis that the taxpayer is a married person under 60 years, with no children.
ed to rise further.

Also in the bond market, government will consolidate some 60 different stocks into a
few, larger issues. This should make RSA stock much more marketable and allow for
derivative instruments based on government stock.

Abolition of the public-sector loan pro-
grame, forcing these bodies to compete in
the market on level terms, is another wel-
come discipline on them, although — per-
haps for tactical reasons — Du Plessis pre-
fers to present it as thrusting greater
responsibility on the markets as an element
of deregulation.

The minister gave some interesting figures
on public-sector debt relative to GDP. In
1978, public debt was equivalent to 41.3% of
GDP; last year, it was down to 33.7%. On the
other hand, over the same period interest on
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Although the nominal financing require-
ment is down by R400m (after allowing for
the higher GST revenue), government actu-
ally raised R1,06m more than it needed last
year, so the budgeted deficit on the market
and allied financing this year is a massive
R2bn less than was raised last year.

There can be no doubt that a much higher
financing requirement could have been satis-
ified; the GST hike is thus intended to (a)
dampen down private-sector consumer
spending and (b) cut PSDB. It will certainly
achieve the second of these aims; economists
are less certain that it will in practice achieve
the first.

Other changes on the revenue side are
modest. A mere R150m in higher excise
undies on the old favourites, booze ‘n’ baccy,
shouldn’t harm the market ratings of SA
Breweries or the Rembrandt group, and is
actually less than the R180m budgeted for
on these old standbys last year (incidentally,
the tax increase on soft drinks is the first
since this duty was introduced in 1966).

SAB beer division MD Graham Mackay
has “no strong comment” about the in-
creased excise duty on beer, which will in-
crease prices by 1c/drink. But “SAB has a
strict policy of increasing its prices by only
the increase in excise duty,” he says.

Wellesley Bruton, MD of Douglas Green
Paarl, says the increased excise duty
spirits will work out at R3,03/ease at whole-
sale level — combined with the increased
GST, slightly more than 30c/bottle at retail
level. “That’s much better than we expect-
ed” — a view echoed by others in the trade.

In a rare instance of having his cake and
eating it too, the tax changes designed to
help “structural adjustment” of the motor
vehicle industry will entail no net cost to the
treasuries.

A number of changes ease the burden on
the over-65s, which is only equitable in that
they are the ones who suffer most from
inflation and usually have the least ability to
protect their income against it.

On the spending side, the 19.2% boost for
education is commendable. This is now the

more considered analysis before any final verdict can be arrived at.

This is, in truth, a Budget unlikely to arouse as strong feelings as many of its predecessors. This in part reflects the fact that the Budget itself is a much less significant element of public finance than it used to be, but at the same time, with few exceptions, this year's Budget appears to be little more than a holding exercise.

This is not to say that it is a negligible effort. If it is a pity that there is so little for the individual taxpayer, few economists had expected there to be much scope for relief on that score, anyway.

And the strategy underlying the Budget is unexceptionable: control of State spending, further reduction in PSBR, a further (if gratuitous) relative shift from direct to indirect tax (the proposed changes trim the former by R443m, swell the latter by R1,37bn).

But the freezing of State spending will be a major achievement; but it has yet to happen, and if our public finances are to be restored to health and the burden of tax reduced from present disincentive levels, it is common cause that a mere standstill is not enough. We cannot rely long term (as Du Plessis does this year) on holding back public-sector spending in the face of a (too slowly) growing total economy to reduce the public-sector share.

It is because of the failure to grasp this nettle that PSBR can only be cut by raising additional taxes — precisely the wrong priority. To justify higher taxes by the need to dampen demand is plausible, but only half the story. It shows that Du Plessis still does not have the clout to take on — and beat down — the powerful spending ministers.

We are also only accustomed to fine words on the progress of privatisation. Even conceding the complexities of privatising Eskom and Iacor, it is difficult to see any reason other than inertia and the fear of losing comfortable positions that is still delaying the selling off of Foskor. The comparison with what Margaret Thatcher has achieved with institutions of (to put it mildly) no less complexity is telling.

But to close as we opened — and as we said last year — Du Plessis' main problem is credibility. We called his 1988 Budget the best since the late Seventies — if it delved. Trouble is, it didn't, as surging State revenue makes clear. If this year's delivers, Du Plessis will have done well. But SA's record of meeting Budget forecasts is deplorable; why should this year be any different?

largest single component of government spending, at 18.6% of the total. Defence is up only 13.7%, a modest decline in real terms, given the acceptance of 15% inflation this year — which is something, but confirms fears of a withdrawal from Angola and settlement in Namibia will do little to hold this item down.

On matters other than directly financial, Du Plessis reiterated government's commitment to privatisation, saying good progress is being made with, particularly, Iacor, Eskom and Foskor. He also referred to various investigations affecting financial institutions. He lamented the effect of adverse economic conditions on government's reform programme, and hit out vigorously at exchange control fraudsters and tax avoiders — saying how sad it was that tax avoidance absorbs so many of our best brains in both devising and combating schemes.

Some, of course, would draw the moral from this that we need a simpler, more equitable tax system, but that wasn't quite the emphasis Du Plessis appeared to lay.

Business has understandably reacted to the Budget depending on its own special interests. Supporters for retailers, like Checkers, Clive Weil and OK's Gordon Hood, have regretted the GST increase, Hood in particular calling for the abolition of GST on all foods.

SA Foreign Trade Organisation CE Wim Holtes predictably would have liked a more definite confidence-booster to the non-gold export sector, "especially in view of last week's limits to the export marketing allowance and their demotivating effect on exporters."

But if exporters can't compete at the present level of the rand, many would argue that they don't deserve any more assistance.

One of the strongest reactions comes from the private transport sector. Du Plessis "is screwing the road transport industry into the ground," says André Jacobs, executive director of the National Association of Private Transport Operators.

Jacobs says there is no need to increase the tax on fuel by 2.5c on April 1. He says Du Plessis admitted last year that the increased fuel tax and licence fees for heavy commercial vehicles netted government an additional R400m, not the R250m it was looking for from the transport industry to compensate for the uncovered damage its vehicles do to roads.

However, much of this is the top-of-the-head special pleading only to be expected after any Budget. It is clear that the Site proposals and those relating to the taxation of long-term (life) insurers will need much
Tax reform is dead — experts

By Dave Canning

DURBAN — The national Budget was disappointing proof that tax reform in South Africa was dead, Durban business and professional people were told on Wednesday.

Speaker after expert speaker at a top-level seminar in the city lashed out at the Government's lack of financial discipline and direction — and stressed that the already over-taxed public faced an increased burden and higher inflation.

Even Dr Kees van der Pohl, a top business figure and local director of the Trust Bank, chairman of the seminar, appealed for the next government to be elected on the basis of economic policy rather than ideology.

Mr Roelof Botha, son of Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha and the Federated Chamber of Industries' senior economist, warned that the country was moving closer to a centrally planned economy. He said it did not require a revolution, but creeping socialism, to establish a Marxist government.

He urged the Government to study the benefits and revenues which would flow from lower tax rates.

Dr Piet Strydom, head of strategic research at Sanlam's top company Sankorp, said that the Government was unwilling to tackle the major problems of inflation and high taxation because it was the only beneficiary. Unhappily, yesterday's Budget would do nothing to support the economy.

Dr Strydom described the 1 percent increase in GST as a disaster.

He said the Finance Minister had ignored a report by the International Monetary Fund that there were severe dangers in increasing GST above 6 percent.

The advantage of such tax — including VAT, which is to follow — should be its low rate on a broad base. The IMF showed that pushing a tax to such heights created distortions and drastically narrowed the base.

"We have mucked up a perfect tax system," he said. And, now that the rest of the world was having second thoughts about the wisdom of a Value Added Tax, South Africa had decided it was time for its introduction!

Dr Strydom exposed the Minister's "fancy footwork" over borrowing figures. Against a deficit-before-borrowing target of 3 percent of GDP, the Minister claimed to have reduced it to 4.1 percent (from 4.4 percent last year). However he had omitted to mention that in 1988/9 he had been helped by massive unexpected increases in revenue — including the petrol levy, import surcharge and fiscal drag.

Mr Charles Mackenzie, national director of taxes at Arthur Young, said the Budget figures were most worrying when seen in comparison with last year's Budget, and not the revised figures which the Minister had relied upon. This showed department after department continued to over-spend.

Tax reform was dead — the Government had heed ed the Margo report only in so far as this had boosted its revenue. It had ignored Margo provisions in favour of alleviating the burden on individuals.

Individuals, already overtaxed, would pay 22.1 percent more this year, largely as a result of fiscal drag. The SITE concessions to married women would not cost the Government anything and the higher rebates were negligible.
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Shrink or sink: Public service threatens the ship

The cost to businesses and individuals of complying with... 1) Government bureaucracy regulations; the cost in investment and economic growth that can never come about because of these rules. 2) These costs are probably a far greater burden on the ordinary South African than on the enormous public service tax bill. So argues economist Don Caldwell in his new book South Africa: The New Revolution. If you want to cut government spending, shrink the bureaucracy, he says... urgently.

FACT of South African life somewhat obscured by this week's budget details is the huge amount taxpayers fork out to pay for the country's expanding bureaucracy.

In pay cheques, perks and benefits alone, the public service consumes something like a third of the budget, or R25-billion plus.

It has been estimated there is one public servant for every 27 people in the country. This, say analysts, is where the problem of excessive government spending should be tackled.

Shrink the bureaucracy and government spending will fall dramatically, is the call from economics and finance writer Don Caldwell in a new book, South Africa: The New Revolution, which has just been published by the Free Market Foundation of Southern Africa.

In an interview this week, he said his arguments were underlined by the fact that trends against which he warned had been confirmed once more in this week's budget.

"There is not a single commitment to cut or contain the cost of the bureaucracy, the ballooning debt continues, and there it more hidden taxation. But at least the rate cap, GST, which I don't support, is honest."

His book contains an intense critique of government financial and economic policy. He presents a case for the government to stop getting the country further into debt, to begin to deregulate, and to raise some of the money cut down expenditure on Pretoria's overgrown bureaucracy.

He says there are three costs involved in having a huge army of bureaucrats:

- The cost to taxpayers of paying their salaries;
- The cost to businesses and individuals complying with their regulations; and
- The investment and economic growth that never come about because of the rules they enforce.

He suggests the latter two costs, though impossible to quantify, must be even higher than the public service salary bill.

"This means it would be economically wiser to pay civil servants not to work. The goal, then, should be to shrink the public sector, even if it's costly in the long run."

In addition to privatising, therefore, the answer should be to pay government employees to quit.

"Institute a hiring freeze and give all who work for the government 24 months' salary if they leave the civil service and not return. That gives a civil servant two years to find a private-sector job, study, retrain, or go into business for himself. If he finds a private-sector job immediately, he gets two years of high living."

Caldwell envisages that the first two years of such a programme will make government spending begin to fall dramatically. Lower taxes, he says, would spark investment and growth, while civil servants would find a booming, more competitive economy in which to find work.

"Clearly, the budget can be balanced, government spending reduced in, and the full cost of government made evident. If Pretoria can be persuaded that it doesn't have to throw money at every problem it has created..."

Caldwell also latches out at the government's failure for hidden taxation — "most taxpayers would be appalled to find out the sneaky ways the government rabs them, besides the obvious personal income tax and retail GST."

He notes the Margot Commission recommended in August 1977 that personal income tax be lowered and a broad tax on business (the Comprehensive Business Tax) be imposed.

"The government, though rejecting some of Margot's specific, has agreed to move the economy more indirect — that is, hidden — taxation and away from direct taxes paid by individuals. Only those trying to hide the cost of government can consider this a victory for tax reform."

The author argues that people pay all taxes. Pretoria can say it is collecting tax from corporations — as opposed to the man-in-the-street — but the tax is paid, in the end, by consumers, workers, investors and owners.

"You cannot magically 'load' business to raise taxes painlessly. A business is nothing more than a collection of people. These people will themselves pay the tax through lower wages or try to pass it on in the form of higher prices (to customers) or reduced dividends (to investors)."

Indirect taxes, according to Caldwell, are a boon to government, because people can't measure the true cost of government spending. They decide themselves that they are getting something for nothing.

He suggests South Africa should abolish all hidden, indirect taxes — corporate income tax, mining taxes, stamp duties, excise and customs duties, the value-added tax that is replacing GST — and institute instead a simple, visible tax on personal income or a few general sales taxes.

Visible taxes would put an "easy-to-read price tag on the cost of government."

The government would then have to curb spending so that it's the other way — tax the rate — everybody would immediately feel the burden of the government's 'irresponsible ways.'" He argues the point out that under the present system, politically favoured projects — not those consumers want — are undertaken. Politically favoured businesses — not the most competitive — get government contracts. Select groups benefit at taxpayers' expense.

In this process the country grows poorer.

Pretoria gets away with it mainly because the cost of government is hidden. The poor ones see the budget, jobs and services the government provides, but never know the full cost. "It feels as if we're getting a bargain."

Hidden tax, however, is only one way the government hides the cost of its undertakings. Other ways are by preying money to pay the government's bills and by running up debt, and so passing on the cost to future generations.

Caldwell says the first step South Africa should take is to reform the path of prosperity is to stop blurring the crumbs of economy on foreign debts and sanctions.

"Our own government does far more damage to the economy than sanctioners ever will. Indeed, South Africa's enemies must often ask themselves: who needs international sanctions when... we've got Pretoria?"

PRETORIA, the author asserts, has "self-imposed sanctions" that extend far beyond restrictions on foreign trade. The Group Areas Act, licensing laws, zoning, agricultural boards, are all sanctions that South Africa imposes on itself.

Like international sanctions, Pretoria is "a devastating American company can hurt. But the damage is magnified compared to that caused by preying black from investing in land speculation, government enterprises doing business in their homes and backyards, and so on.

"High taxes, high inflation, nationalised industry these also restrict growth far more than international sanctions." The author suggests South Africans should attack the home-grown problems — caused by Pretoria's economic regulations, or waste time arguing with pro-sanctions foreign politicians.

On the issue of excessive government spending, the author says that without a balanced-budget rule there is no constraint on pro-sanctions foreign politicians.

They don't have to put a price-tag on their promises.

Meanwhile voters think they are getting something for nothing because spending rises faster than the inflation.

"The result we end up with more government than individuals are actually willing to pay for."
Country set on new economic path

CAPE TOWN — South Africa is in the process of restructuring its economy — an inevitable reaction to changes in the rest of the world as well as to sanctions and disinvest ment — the Minister of the Budget and Works, Mr Kent Durr, said last night.

Speaking at the annual Old Mutual-Newbank Budget speech competition dinner, Mr Durr said: "We have to plan to live and work in a Southern Africa which covers an area beyond the restricted borders of the Republic of SA.

"In the sub-region there is one economy. South of the equator is our primary sphere of influence, but sub-Saharan Africa beyond lies within our secondary sphere of influence."

Mr Durr said the Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis, had delivered "a new generation Budget" on Wednesday.

He had not only addressed the short-term cyclical objectives and the need for a consolidation of the short-term economic gains of the past year but also stressed the ongoing structural economic changes now taking place.

"We have set our feet upon a new and long road of restructuring that will hold out many benefits for our country."

Mr Durr continued: "The reasons behind this need for economic restructuring are obvious."

Sanctions

"They are forced on us firstly by economic action against this country emanating from abroad. We cannot just sit still and accept the economic consequences of sanctions, disinvestment campaigns and loan withdrawals from this country without any reaction or without any measures to defend or protect ourselves."

"It is not in the nature of a viable and market-oriented system such as we have to remain passive in the face of such action of deliberate intervention in the normal and natural market functions."

Political and social reforms had also created a need for economic restructuring, Mr Durr said.

"Because of these exciting developments more people are being absorbed into the market economy every day and more people are demanding fulfillment of the expectations created by the process of reform."

"More and more we must build and strengthen the policies of inclusion for all our people."

The third reason for economic restructuring was founded in a changing world economic system.

"The Russians have Perestroika and the Americans have Third Wave revolution where electronics, communications, services and biotechnology are replacing the importance of the smokestack industries."

"We cannot remain aloof from this brave new world."

Mr Durr pointed out that the depreciation of the rand over the past few years had created a new set of conditions. But in spite of the growth rate over the past year, the country had still succeeded in increasing exports and maintaining a reasonable surplus on the current account.

"The increase in domestic interest rates provides a further example of the natural reaction of an economy that is in need of structural change."

"Positive real rates of interest are indeed needed in this country should we want to encourage people to save more and encourage and develop more labour intensive industries."

"Even the relatively high rate of inflation is part of the adjustment process. If people are not prepared to increase productivity to justify their demand for increased salaries, inflation will erode the purchasing power of the higher nominal wages."

— Sapa.
WHEN countries like Angola and Mozambique became independent in the mid-1970s, "scientific socialism" was the norm. Earlier, similar economic strategies had been pursued in countries such as Tanzania and Zambia to a lesser degree.

More recently, Zimbabwe spoke strongly in favour of a socialist-inclined economy. On the eve of Namibian independence, it appears a Swapp regime would also consider a centrally controlled economy.

There are a variety of reasons why almost all political authorities advocated socialism.

Perhaps the most important reason was of a historical nature - colonial powers practised capitalism to enrich themselves at the expense of the nationals.

Lucrative enterprises like mining, farming and manufacturing remained firmly in the hands of foreigners. Capital was rarely used for the betterment of the lives of the nationals, and the rich got richer while the poor got poorer.

It was as a direct result of this unfortunate set of circumstances that the free market system was viewed with suspicion. It was soon equated with exploitation of the poor by the rich and was therefore unacceptable.

It became necessary for the new black governments to preach socialism in an attempt to give the nationals a stake in the economy and improvement of their economic welfare.

With the passage of time, however, countries like Tanzania have started to speak of a mixed economy, or a market-oriented economy with a strong social commitment.

Zimbabwe appears to have adopted an identical policy in an effort to return the tools of wealth creation to the nationals. The Zimbabwean Government and the ruling Zanu-PF have taken big strides in freeing control of the economy.

And, more recently, the Mozambican Frelimo Government's decision to open the economy somewhat has reportedly begun to show profit.

The economy, which was further bedevilled by civil strife, is more vibrant since the government began moving in 1987 from a centrally controlled economy to one based on market forces.

A survey recently conducted in Maputo reveals that since the launching of the economic recovery programme there has been a substantial increase in wages and salaries. Wage increases have averaged 125 percent for factory workers. World Bank and International Monetary Fund officials have praised Frelimo for the speed with which it has implemented the programme.

Economists now predict it will take between three and five years before Mozambique's economy reaches its peak.

With less than a year before Namibian independence, probably under a Swapp flag, a mixed economy seems a probability.

At a recent rally in Katutura, a Swapp official said: "Any transfer of power means inheriting a system that has long been based on a number of inequalities. Swapp seeks to promote the continuation and heightening of the economy to redress these inequalities."

So far Angola - which has been engaged in a draining civil war - has not indicated a re-organisation of its largely centrally controlled economy. The reason could lie in the fact that the war-torn, potentially rich country, has diverted almost all its efforts to defence. There has been little time or resources to attend to essential matters like the economy.

But with the Namibian independence imminent, coupled with the withdrawal of SA troops under the peace settlement, the course of events is bound to change in Angola. It appears only a matter of time before Jonas Savimbi's Unita is crushed.

And when that happens, there would be a new climate in Angola. It would give the authorities more time to devote to some of the country's burning issues. The creation of a healthier economic machinery would be one of the top priorities. It looks highly unlikely that Angola will not opt for a mixed economy.
Govt revenue for 11 months 28.4% higher

Pretoria: Government revenue for the first 11 months of this financial year to end-February was 28.4% higher than for the April-February period the previous year mainly because of the consolidated fuel levy. Central Statistical Service (CSS) figures show.

The CSS figures also showed that revenue collected in the 11 months amounted to 97.8% of the amount voted for the full financial year.

The comparable figure for the year before was 88.4%.

Exchequer issues for the period amounted to 92.8% of the amount voted for the 1989-90 financial year compared with 88.8% the previous April-February period.

Issues during the 11 months increased by 19.3% over the previous year while the budgets show a 20.9% increase for the 1987 budgets.
More scepticism on Budget

Economists are urging government to stick to its spending estimates, or face serious economic problems, as scepticism mounts over the credibility of the budget.

Doubt over the Budget was fuelled by Treasury Secretary Robert Burton's comment last week that spending was likely to be R68,5bn rather than the budgeted R66bn.

However, at the weekend Burton explained his estimate was the result of a calculation error.

It is understood that Finance Minister

Baron du Plessis was unhappy over Burton's calculation error. It came at a time when the Budget's credibility was already on the line.

Du Plessis, whose Budget speech spilled out his intention to establish credibility, declined to comment.

Burton said it was not his intention to call into question government's expenditure estimates, nor to question the Bud-

More scepticism over Budget estimates

*The figure of R66,5bn for the likely expenditure for 1989/90 was calculated while I was thinking on my feet,* Burton said.

He was thinking in terms of the normal and accepted spending overrun of 2%, which is generally regarded as a buffer against unforeseen expenditures. The error on his part was to add the overrun of 2% to the budgeted R66bn — which already included a reserve of R1bn to cover an overrun in spending.

Meanwhile, economists Jim Buys from Anglo American and Louis Geldenhuis of George Huysamer stockbrokers stressed the critical importance of government sticking to its budget.

Buys said: "The Budget cannot be regarded as restrictive and represents the maximum SA can afford. This makes it all the more vital for government to adhere to the spending numbers. Unfortunately, past experience does not provide us with much hope."

Geldenhuis added: "The Budget may not have gone far enough to ensure a soft landing. One can only hope the expenditure estimates will in practice prove to be the success behind this Budget."
Registrar’s ‘explanation’ creates new uncertainty in capital markets

This reaction to the announcement seemed to surprise most market commentators, especially Government sources who rather expected a decline in long term rates.

The Finance Minister Barend du Plessis indicated before the Budget that he expected a decline in rates as most of the announcement had already been discounted by the capital markets.

Last night the office of the Registrar of Financial Institutions said recent speculation that new measures will be introduced which would in effect create a situation essentially the same as the compulsory investment in prescribed assets, is unfounded.

"Investment by an institution in a particular kind of asset could be limited in relation to its total liabilities or to the assets required to cover such liabilities," the Registrar said.

"Legislation to provide for the abolition of prescribed assets and to enable the Minister of Finance to issue the relevant investment regulations will be introduced within the next few days."

The phenomenal rise in the JSE's industrial index since the Budget continued yesterday and shares rose by one percent, bringing its gains since the announcement to 8.4 percent.
Slower M3 growth holds little hope for inflation

By Sven Lünsche

Money supply growth in February was contained within stipulated targets for the first time in over a year, the Reserve Bank reported yesterday.

Provisional estimates showed that the broad money supply measure, M3, at a seasonally adjusted R129.88 billion, was within the 14 to 18 percent tunnel set by the Bank early this month.

The base for this “tunnel” is the fourth quarter of last year, when money supply increased by 26.5 percent on the fourth quarter of 1987, and given this high base, economists expect M3 to maintain monthly year-on-year increases of between 14 to 18 percent during 1989.

However, there is little good news in this for consumer prices, which during 1989 are expected to bear the full brunt of last year’s money supply explosion.

The first evidence of this was given in January, when inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index increased to 13.3 percent, 0.8 percentage points higher than December’s 12.5 percent.

This trend continued in February, albeit at a slower rate — the Central Statistical Services (CSS) reported yesterday that the year-on-year inflation was 13.5 percent last month.

But the monthly increase of 0.8 percent was the major cause for concern, as it followed on a large 1.8 percent rise in consumer prices from December 1988 to January 1989.

By raising its M3 target range by two percentage points above last year’s target, the Reserve Bank tacitly admitted that inflation would rise substantially this year.

It provided an estimate of 15 percent growth in consumer prices this year, which, given the M3 target range of 14 to 18 percent, allows for nominal GDP growth of between 16 to 18 percent.

“If lower inflation had been the only objective, we would have lowered the targets,” Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock said earlier this month.

In its monthly inflation report, the CSS noted that the largest contributions to the 0.8 percent monthly rise were made by transport costs — mainly due to the increase in the price of new vehicles, higher running costs, as a result of the rise in fuel prices, and public transport fare increases.

The annual percentage change in the price index for food for February 1989 was 11.8 percent, its lowest annual increase since June 1985, when it was 9.7 percent.
THE FIRST problem that faces us is the economic one. Without a rapidly growing economy, unemployment will increase, living standards will fall and we will not be able to afford the steps which should urgently be taken to close the dangerous gap between the living standards of black and white in SA. If we cannot tackle the problems of poverty and unemployment, there will be continuing and increasing violence, and that in turn will lead to still more repression by an understandably nervous government.

The national income is now growing at a lower rate than the population. That is an intolerable situation. But what can we do about it?

There is obviously much room for improving productivity in both the private and public sectors. And in particular much of what we read about the state of the civil service must, rightly or wrongly, give ordinary South Africans reasons for grave anxiety. But however hard and efficiently we work we cannot hope to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps within the time which is available to us.

SA desperately needs to use normal economic and financial relations restored with the world outside. We need to import foreign capital and in normal circumstances our national resources would certainly attract sufficient investments from abroad. We can’t afford to continue indefinitely to export capital as we are now being forced to do each year. The export of capital is the function of the developed countries, not of a developing country like SA.

We can’t afford, either, to divert a substantial part of our savings away from new investments in order to buy out, even at prices which may seem attractive, the businesses of the foreign companies who are leaving SA. Normal relationships with the major economic powers are clearly a prerequisite to the solution of our economic problems and the creation of the conditions in which our social and political problems can be successfully tackled.

Fortunately, in America and Europe, after two years’ experience, doubts about the sanctions policy have grown. This in no way implies any less determination to pressurise SA to bring apartheid to an end. It does mean, however, that an effort is being made by sensible people to find more practical and humane ways to attain their objectives.

There is likely, I believe, to be a switch away from legislative to administrative action in handling SA. This is important and desirable from our point of view, because action by an administration is, in its nature, more flexible and adaptable to changing circumstances than action by a legislature.

I am afraid that in the new black countries of Africa there is still a majority which believes that national freedom is in some way tied up with a socialist economic system. And too many people in SA are inclined to feel the same way. Yet nothing could be further from the truth.

In the developed countries of the Western world, and nowadays perhaps even in the communist countries, there must be very few people indeed who believe economic growth is to be sought along the path of nationalisation and a centrally-controlled economy. On the contrary, both theory and experience have shown clearly that what is needed is individualism and freedom of choice.

Obviously, however, black South Africans are not going to accept the private enterprise system unless they are enabled to share in the full benefits which it can bring. And that is certainly not the case today. The immediate need, therefore, is to open up the economy in a fair and equal way to all SA, irrespective of race and colour. That calls, among other things, for the repeal of the Group Areas Act and reform in the vital fields of education, in wider ownership of property, particularly housing and the active encouragement of small black-owned businesses.

Such social and economic reforms will not touch directly on the ultimate need for negotiation on equal terms to bring about a new political dispensation in which power is shared by all on fair terms. But I have no doubt whatever that social and economic reform, carried out honestly and energetically, will lead inevitably to political change and provide the best chance of constitutional reforms being brought about peacefully.

Extract from a recent address to the East London branch of the institute.
Positive changes to economy bode well for growth

By Stén Linsche

Last year's strong economic performance is a sign that fundamental and positive changes have been taking place in the economy, which bode well for future growth prospects.

Standard Bank's economists write in the bank's latest Economic Review that the impact of these positive changes would be more lasting and unlike short-term confidence, would not be reversed overnight.

"They can be expected to make a contribution to the economy's long term growth performance," the bank says.

The changes are:

- The attempts by countless individuals to better themselves and to find solutions to problems without waiting for government to do so for them.

An example of this is the local black taxi system, as well as "spaza shops" and "shebeens" in the township, reflecting local efforts to fill gaps in the existing formal retail system.

- Rapid urbanisation, which is mirrored in the large numbers of formal and informal houses and infrastructure which are mushrooming up around all major cities.

This growing urban population is representing an expanding market which is buying products and services both from conventional outlets as well as from a burgeoning informal sector.

- Government's attitude has become more relaxed and in some cases even supported the trends in the informal sector.

South Africa's economic policy has also remained outward looking in the face of intense external and internal pressures. In doing so, government has avoided an exclusive reliance on inward looking policies and instead recognised the important contribution of exports to dynamic growth.

- A parallel improvement in the political climate is also contributing to confidence.

"At this stage it is difficult to single out major changes which, on their own, indicate a clear shift in the long term direction of the economy. But many such changes have come about at the same time: added together, their impact appears to amount to something quite significant," the economists conclude.
Budget creates favourable climate for lower inflation

Finance Staff

The balance of payments will be a fundamental constraint in the foreseeable future in view of the large capital repayments to be made in 1989 and 1990, says Johan Louw, Sanlam’s chief economist, in the company’s latest Economic Survey.

The performance of the gold price will undoubtedly be the most crucial factor for the balance of payments in the foreseeable future. Mr Louw considers that the prospects for gold really do not look too promising in the short term, inter alia because of the substantial increase in world production and slack inventories’ interest.

“Against this background the Minister of Finance had good reason for structuring his budget so that, in combination with the government’s monetary policy, total spending would be dampened and inflation curbed without putting too much of a brake on economic growth”, adds Mr Louw.

The budgetary proposals of the minister were, he said, moderately restrictive. He says if these are heeded, a contribution could be made to lower economic growth.

Inflation

“We therefore expect the economy — particularly as regards demand — to cool down further during the course of 1989. The primary sectors (agriculture and mining) should, however, make a considerably bigger contribution to growth this year than in 1987 and 1988 (about two percent growth is expected).

As regards inflation, Sanlam thinks that the one percent increase in GST and the additional excise duty on alcohol and tobacco will bring about a once-only increase of roughly 0.6 percent in the inflation rate.

The restrictive measures arising from the budget should, however, curb the total demand in the economy and thus create a more favourable climate for lower inflation.

The inflation rate in 1989 will nevertheless be determined mainly by the continuation or otherwise of the present sharp rising tendency in food prices. Taking everything into account, we estimate that the consumer price index will increase by about 15.5 percent this year, compared with 12.9 percent in 1988.

“As regards the long-term course of inflation, it is essential that the present apparently uncontrolled strong growth in the money supply be kept within limits by more co-ordinated monetary and fiscal action”.

Because the budget should be conducive to a falling off in the demand for goods and services, Mr Louw expects it to play a constructive role in relieving the upward pressure on interest rates.

“It nevertheless appears that short-term interest rates will be kept on high levels in the next few months in an effort to counter excessive domestic spending. Material declines in rates are not envisaged before the third quarter of 1989”, says Mr Louw.

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State role in economy must be cut

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — The Democratic Party's economic policy places the stress on private ownership, market orientation and free enterprise, but with State involvement in certain key areas.

Its policy document says the involvement of the State in the economy should be kept to a minimum but it should undertake certain functions:

- The creation of the necessary security and administrative infrastructure so the country can be securely and efficiently administered by a streamlined bureaucracy.
- A limited equitable welfare service — "but always bearing in mind the taxation capacity of the economy and the great necessity for upliftment of deprived communities."
- The performance of a development role, providing the infrastructure to support private initiative and to train manpower to promote the participation of all in the mainstream economic activity.
- Playing a role in creating an orderly system of negotiation between workers and employers.

High priority should be given to promoting a long-term, high growth rate for job creation.
SA economy on track

By AUDREY D'ANGELO
Financial Editor

SA is "very much on track" with its agenda for the reform of economic policy, Brian Kantor, professor of economics at the University of Cape Town (UCT), said yesterday.

And because of the strength of the informal sector he expects real growth this year to be more than the forecast 2%.

Kantor told members of the UCT Graduate School of Business Association at a lunch in a city hotel: "I don't think this Budget has quite got some of the credit it deserves."

It had given the impression that the authorities were really determined to reduce the government's share of expenditure. The 1% rise in general sales tax (GST) had been to give stabil- ity rather than increase revenue.

The Budget review had disclosed the government's strategy. Privatisation was proceeding at a fast pace. Real public debt had declined with inflation and funds raised by privatisation of para-statals would be used to reduce it.

The movement towards value added tax (VAT) provided an opportunity to move the tax bias away from personal tax and towards indirect tax.

Kantor said he was delighted by the fact that insurance companies would no longer be obliged to invest in pre- scripted assets.

"I think this is likely to be bullish rather than bearish for long-term stocks. The fact that they have come down is because people have misread the situation."

But he thought that the tax-free savings concession had not yet been taken away from building societies should have been extended to other institutions to encourage people to save.

And he would like to see the public service pension fund privatized.

"As a member of it, I feel very vulnerable. In 20 years' time the taxpayers may not be willing to pay me more than I have put in."

Kantor said there had been an extraordinary growth in revenues received by the government this year. "This has been a Budget out of a strong economy which has produced lots more revenue for the Receiver."

The business cycle had now peaked. But revenue lagged behind and had not yet peaked. Estimates of revenue were therefore conservative. It would exceed the expected growth.

The economy was benefiting from economic freedom for blacks and in-
Credit explosion could force interest rates up again

By Sven Linsche

The rate at which credit continued to explode during January and February suggests that the prime rate must rise above 20 percent in order to keep the economy on an even keel, Bankorp's new chief executive, Dr Chris van Wyk, said yesterday.

Addressing the Randburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dr van Wyk said that overall financial policy during 1989 will have to be tight enough to correct the country's present financial imbalances.

To achieve this both the fiscal policies announced in the Budget and the money supply targets set by the Reserve Bank recently would have to be strictly adhered to.

"Our calculations indicate that if the official target range of 14 to 18 percent in the broad money supply is to be achieved, domestic credit growth will have to slow from about 30 percent in February to 15 percent in December this year," Dr van Wyk said.

"In real or inflation adjusted terms, this represents a decline in the growth rate of credit extension from 17 percent to zero in just ten short months.

Prime rate

"If such a dramatic reduction is to be achieved no room whatsoever will be left for interest rate declines this year.

"In fact ... it suggests that the prime rate must rise to 20 percent - later perhaps even higher - and remain at such higher levels for the rest of 1989," Dr van Wyk commented.

However, the continued surge in credit demand during the first quarter of 1989, was nevertheless expected to continue up to mid-year producing an average real GDP growth rate of some 2.5 percent for the year as a whole.

"Hence, it does appear that at least one further percentage point rise in official lending rates is quite possible in the near future, together with a further depreciation of the rand and possibly even more direct measures to tame the boom.

"The inflation rate is likely to rise to about 15 percent in the second half of 1989 in response to the weak exchange rate and higher GST and fuel prices," Dr van Wyk said.

Dr Chris van Wyk

"The depressing impact of a significant measure of monetary and fiscal discipline combined with other restrictive policy measures and higher inflation will be felt in the real economy from the second half of 1989, but particularly in 1990.

Dr van Wyk forecast that import volumes will drop noticeably - showing up in a growing surplus on the balance of payment in 1990, a measure which will be supported by the opportunities arising on the export side as a result of the weaker rand.

"Investing in ventures to increase exports is already making a lot of sense these days, as the risk of higher interest rates is more than compensated for by the accompanying weakness in the exchange rate.

"Indeed, for some sectors of industry the message for the next few years is clear: export or suffer!"

"Acquiring an export culture and developing an export drive is really the only way in which the real economy can escape from the country's present financial strait jacket.

"In this regard an interesting new approach to official export incentives might be in the offing," Dr van Wyk said.

Dr van Wyk has been appointed chairman of the International Bank of Johannesburg (IBJ) with immediate effect, following the death of company chairman Dr Fred du Plessis last week. Mr Peter Gray and Mr Charles Stride continue as managing director and deputy chairman respectively.
Hitting us when we’re down

In the 1989-1990 Budget year, government will continue to allow inflation to do its dirty work: raising personal income taxes without it having to overtly raise tax rates. The trick, of course, is fiscal drag, by which taxpayers are thrown into higher tax brackets through nominal salary increases that simply keep pace with inflation.

Hardest hit will be those who earn R20 000-R50 000, since tax brackets are so steep around those earnings. For some workers, the tax jump will be astonishing.

Consider a married man (with three children and standard deductions) who earned R20 000 last year and R23 000 this year, a 15% rise in line with inflation. Econometric chief economist Azar Jamine says the man’s tax payment would rise fully 35%, to R2 640 from R1 960 — with his average tax rate increasing to 11.5% from 9.8%.

The man whose salary “rises” to R37 500 from R50 000 sees income tax rising 23%, to R15 960 from R12 960 — his average tax rate increasing to 27.8% from 25.9%.

The longer-term picture has also been bleak. Jamine says a man who earned R10 000 in 1980 needs R35 000 this year simply to keep pace with inflation — not considering taxes. But, meanwhile, the slice of his salary going to income tax would have risen to 19.2% — from 2.5% in 1980 and 17.2% last year. “He will therefore be 2% poorer this coming year compared to last purely on account of fiscal drag and 16.7% poorer over the decade. This is having a debilitating effect on disposable income.”

Government has made minor concessions, such as increasing the standard rebate for economy from 1972 on, increases in GDP and personal spending slowed down. This can be seen in the annual averages in those same three periods:
- Increases in private consumption expenditure fell from 4.3% to 3.2% to 2.3%.
- GDP growth from 4.9% to 3.7% to 1.4%.
- Money supply (M1) growth rose from 4.3% to 13.5% to 27.4%.
- Consumer price inflation rose from 3.1% to 11.6% to 14.6%.

Meanwhile, between 1980-1987 central government employment rose 59.7% (to 519 000 from 325 000), while private employment fell in agriculture (-10.6%), manufacturing (-4.7%), construction (-8%) and trade and hotels (-1.3%).

Jamine says government should budget for reduced government spending in real terms, not constant spending — and so not allow the tax burden to rise as much.

If, for example, it planned for spending to rise by 13%, not 15%, it could have kept GST at 12% — rather than raising it to 13% and

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Average annual growth 

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**Source:** Econometric

At a Budget conference last week, Jamine said firmer steps are needed to break SA out of a historically deteriorating pattern. Comparing 1946-1971, 1972-1979, and 1980-1986, he reported that average annual increases in real government consumption spending have moved from 4.4% to a whopping 12.3% to a still-high 3.5%. As government took a significantly larger chunk of the hitting consumers for another R1.15bn.

"We would have far rather seen more conservatism on the expenditure side (a real decrease in budgeted government spending) and a somewhat lighter tax burden," Jamine says. "In the event, knowing government’s proclivity to exceed its budgeted expenditure, and knowing budgeted expenditure has been based on the dubious
It's looking better—BER

RELIEF is ahead for South Africa's strained balance of payments, according to the Stellenbosch University Bureau for Economic Research survey of manufacturing.

The sector expects to increase export volumes and decrease imports.

The survey—carried out in the first quarter of the year—shows that more than 96% of respondents in the textile, paper, leather, rubber, basic metals, products and transport equipment fields are satisfied with business.

This improved sentiment may in part be ascribed to a perception of an improvement in internal political and social conditions.

Sales in the first quarter were higher than in the same time last year.

Respondents are "fairly bullish" in their outlook for the second quarter, and manufacturers are "much more bullish" in their forecast of general conditions for the next year.

They expect real investment in machinery and equipment to increase.

Production was stepped up in the survey quarter, but the number of units working at full capacity has fallen since the previous survey.

The BER says: "The increase in production coupled with a decline in units working at full output and with fewer employees points to better utilisation of capacity in some enterprises."

The manufacturing sector did, however, experience higher than expected price increases.
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FCI urges govt spending probe

The Federated Chamber of Industries (FCI) has called on government to launch an urgent investigation into government spending, and for the establishment of effective budgetary controls. This was one of the recommendations FCI made in its post-Budget submission to the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Finance.

It also presented its recommendations to Director General of Finance Chris Stals and to Receiver of Revenue Clive Kingon in Cape Town last week.

Commenting on the recommendations, the leader of the three-man delegation and FCI chief economist Roelof Botha said yesterday: “If a government expenditure/GDP ratio of about 20% was officially regarded as excessive and dangerous less than a decade ago, surely, it has become a matter of urgency to reverse the trend, which has now reached almost 30%.”

He said that while the public demand-ed government cut its spending, it was effectively powerless. The country needed a legislative system that would hold senior government officials accountable for their department’s expenditure.

“If they fail, some form of disciplinary action should be instituted against them. This approach is followed in many other countries.

“It is all very well for government to budget within percentage point rises, but we need to establish effective controls to limit spending. The way government departments go about their work is to overspend through additional appropriations.

“Private companies and even private households know how to curb expenditure when resources are not available.

FCI calls for probe into govt spending

But government is apparently incapable of this type of discipline. Legislation is needed to make overspending an offence.”

Botha said he told this to parliamentarians and department heads.

The FCI delegation, which included the chairman of the FCI fiscal policy working group Bob Cole and vice president Mike Getz, also called for cuts in personal and company tax. They said government should investigate the beneficial, indirect effects of tax cuts.

FCI also called on the Finance Department to become more actively involved in supply-side policies. “The cornerstone of this approach is massive deregulation and not the piecemeal progress we have seen thus far,” Botha said.
Reserve Bank acts to hold down rates

Finance Staff and Sapa

The Reserve Bank is attempting to take pressure off the money market in order to prevent a rise in interest rates. Senior government officials are also playing down the need for a further rise in rates.

The recent rise in short-term money market rates — the BA rate touched the 17 percent level for the first time in almost four years this week — has led to calls for higher interest rates by bankers and economists.

But the Director General of Finance, Dr Chris Stals, said yesterday there was no real upward pressure on interest rates.

Dr Stals said on television that interest rates on the money and capital markets had risen to unrealistic levels and were not based on sound facts.

He said big borrowers were confirming that rates were artificially high by not being prepared to borrow at these levels.

The market had not given the budget a chance to work and had over-reacted to proposals on prescribed asset requirements.

Despite the government's negative stance on higher rates, the recent surge in money market rates has led to suggestions that fiscal measures, in addition to higher interest rates, should be used to curb the demand for credit. This could include a further rise in GST.

The shortage on the money market stands at just under $3 billion and is an indication of the heavy upward pressure on interest rates.

Mike Haskins, a director of the Securities Discount House, says that while seasonal elements such as year-end tax payments played their role in the liquidity shortage, there was still a high level of demand for cash.

He added that the Reserve Bank was attempting to take pressure off the market until an inflow of Government funds to the market begins in April. Yesterday alone the Bank had bought $100 million of short dated securities.

Mr Haskins pointed out that commercial banks were paying 20 percent for their money and lending at 19 percent, a situation that would automatically force rates up as margins were under severe pressure.

He added that a rise of two to three percent in the Bank rate would be required but doubted if the authorities would do this. He felt they would rather bring in smaller increases over a period of time until the desired results had been achieved.

Policy not working

Dr Hans Falkena, economist at the UBS, said fiscal and monetary policy would have to be tightened if the economy carried on in its current pattern. He said at present the steps taken by the authorities appeared not to be working.

Dr Falkena commented that a new monetary and fiscal package could be introduced before the middle of the year. This could well consist of a further one percent hike in GST and one percent rise in the bank rate.

Colin Dunn, executive chairman of the Discount House of SA said he did not expect any increase in GST so soon after the budget. He pointed out, however, that the budget increase should have been in the order of two to three percent rather than one percent.

Mr Dunn said there could be increases of one percent in both the bank rate and GST in six to eight weeks time followed by another similar package within another six weeks after that.
Budget helps boost business confidence

By Chris Moerdyk

Following a drop in the Assocom Business Confidence Index in February this year (94.8), it rose again in March to 95.8 — still a point below January and two short of the 1988 average.

When compared with the previous month, positive influences on the index, according to Assocom, were the slight increase in the dollar price of gold in the first half of the month, the significant upward trend of the JSE overall index, a recovery in car sales and seasonally adjusted retail prices and the decline in unemployment.

In addition the number of building plans passed increased while insolventies declined.

Negative influences included the continuing adverse trend of the rand/dollar exchange rate, a weakening in imports and exports, a decline in the volume of manufacturing production and increases in the CPI, BA and prime interest rates.

Assocom believes that the slight improvement in business sentiment "is largely due to a feeling of relief in many business circles that the Budget on March 15 was not as tough as expected."

This, coupled with continued momentum in the economy and a strong JSE had helped to keep business confidence oscillation within a narrow band.

Although there were signs of a leveling off in the economy, both industry and commerce still appeared to have a positive view of current business conditions.

Assocom concludes that taken as a whole, it appeared as if the business sector currently believed that the chances of a "soft landing" for the economy in 1989 were good with an expected GDP real growth of about two percent as the most probable outcome.

Uncertainty

At the same time, Assocom was able to detect a "note of uncertainty" in the business mood stemming from a vague awareness that things could still go wrong as a result of:

- Doubts as to whether South Africa is succeeding in building up its net foreign exchange reserves sufficiently to remove concerns about balance of payments. Doubts reinforced by the continuing weak gold price.
- A Budget which in terms of its net impact on the economy, may be unable to avoid yet another rise in interest rates.
- Fears of a renewed upward trend in the inflation rate.

Assocom believes however that "it could well be that South Africa is trading more buoyant business conditions in the short term for an increased risk of sterner action later."
Schwarz objects to 'extra revenue hunt'

PRETORIA — More and more money was being drained from the productive wealth-creating private sector into the public sector, PPP spokesman Harry Schwarz said yesterday.

He was reacting to a statement this week by Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis that government was looking at alternative revenue sources for the RSCs.

To create new sources of revenue without abolishing old sources would increase the total tax burden, something SA could not afford, he said. The two RSC levies were undesirable and should be abolished.
Things could go wrong if interest rates rise

**Better Budget led to more confidence**

SYLVIA DU PLESSIS

A BETTER-than-expected Budget, with consequent relief in many business circles, was the most likely reason for the recovery of the Business Confidence Index (BCI) from 94.8 in February to 95.6 this month, Assocom reports.

But the association warns in its latest Index — a monthly barometer of business sentiment measured against the movement of economic indicators — that things could still "go wrong" if interest rates rise.

There is also uncertainty in the business mood as to whether SA is succeeding in building up sufficient net foreign exchange reserves to remove concerns about the balance of payments, while renewed inflation has still to be adequately addressed.

However, Assocom predicts short-term business sentiment is likely to remain fairly stable if the economy's present momentum is maintained.

The business sector believes the chance of a "soft landing" for the economy in 1989 are good, with an expected GDP real growth of about 2% as the most probable outcome, says Assocom.

Positive influences on the business confidence index included a strong JSE, a decline in the number of registered unemployed and the slight increase in the dollar price of gold in London until Easter.

Seasonally-adjusted retail sales at 1985 prices showed a small increase over last month, while the number of cars sold also recovered.

In addition, the value of building plans passed increased, and the number of insolvencies of individuals and partnerships declined.

Negative influences were the continued adverse trend of the R/$ exchange rate, weakened imports and exports and a decline in the volume of manufacturing production and number of new companies registered.

The consumer price index increase, the rise in interest rates — including the three-months Bankers Acceptance rate and the rise to 19% in the prime lending rate of the commercial banks — were other factors impacting negatively on business sentiment.
Reserve Bank hopes to hold inflation at 15%

Finance Staff
The continued high rate of credit demand is putting pressure on consumer prices and the inflation rate is likely to rise further during the coming months, the Reserve Bank states in its March Quarterly Bulletin.

However, the Bank expects a probable moderation in the consumer price index late in 1989.

Prospects of rising inflation, and a weakening rand caused pre-emptive buying in anticipation of further price increases and for the early implementation of spending plans.

However, retailers of furniture and white goods noted a decline in sales towards the end of 1988.

There were few signs of a decline in the very high rates of increase in bank credit in the fourth quarter of last year and early 1989.

Total claims of all monetary institutions on the private sector jumped by R5.3 billion in the fourth quarter. Hire purchase and leasing rose by R455 million in the fourth quarter compared with R355 million in the previous nine months.

Mortgage bonds
Banks reported a slight fall of demand for mortgage bonds towards the end of the year. However, building societies registered increases of R1 billion during the third and fourth quarter.

The Bank also said the rate of private fixed investment during 1988 increased by nearly 6.5 percent over the figure for 1987 compared with declines of nearly 15 percent and three percent in the previous two years.

In the fourth quarter on an annualised, seasonally adjusted basis, salaries and wages rose by 23.5 percent compared with the same period in the previous year. The average for the year was 16.5 percent (17 percent).

The rise in credit demand was largely responsible for the satisfactory performance of the economy, which last year rose by just over three percent as measured by the gross domestic product.

While the primary sector - mining and agriculture - lagged behind this overall growth rate, growth in the secondary sector and in manufacturing reached impressive figures of 5.5 percent and six percent respectively.

However, the rise in expenditure also led to a significant increase in imports with the result that the current account balance of payments fell from R6.2 billion in December 1987 to R2.5 billion at the end of last year.

Reserves
The Reserve Bank pointed out that a strengthening of the surplus on the current account and a markedly smaller outflow of non-reserve related capital in the fourth quarter helped arrest the decline in gold and foreign exchange holdings in December, January and February.

In January and February of this year, gold and foreign exchange reserves rose by R150 million from December's R6.7 billion.

Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock said in a separate article that fiscal and monetary policy had to recognise the existing short-term constraints.

"The mix of economic policy must be restrictive enough to bring about the required decline in the rate of increase of total demand in the economy - otherwise the desired scenario for 1989 will not be realised," Dr de Kock said.

This scenario provides for a GDP growth rate of two percent, an average inflation rate of 15 percent, a R4 billion surplus on the current account, the gradual rebuilding of gold and foreign reserves and the further repayment of foreign debt.
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Specialists refine draft Vat bill

The government had for some time been firmly committed to a better distribution of income and opportunity, not merely via the gradual process found in many countries, but also by more direct means, the Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis, said yesterday.

"Particularly in the fields of education, health and welfare, tremendous strides are being taken in rectifying the imbalances that have existed among the several population groups. Significant progress has also been made in narrowing the wage gap between the groups," he said when he opened the Gazankulu Legislative Assembly.

"The economic challenge facing South Africa was to attain a better balance in the distribution of growth and wealth between the developed sector of the economy and the other. "Redistribution to this end will be of no avail if the segment of the economy on which such a burden is placed, finds that the burden is too heavy to bear, while on the other hand the reallocation of resources will hold no advantage if it is not directed to the maximisation of economic development.

"If applied in this way it will also ultimately assist the recipient state to move nearer to the goal of economic independence."

It had to be recognised that the social infrastructure could scarcely be raised to a more acceptable degree of parity overnight because the wealth and job-creating ability of the modern sector, on which this process ultimately depended, should clearly not be torpedoed by intolerable levels of taxation.

"The very future of this country relies on the private sector as the generator of growth to provide for people's basic needs," Mr Du Plessis said.
An Integrated Economy Vital for SA?
Rents will do permanent damage
Hough to explain budget

TRANSGAAL Administrator Danie Hough has the tricky task today of explaining to the province's MPs the reasons for a sweeping range of cutbacks in TPA services coupled with salary increases averaging over 25%.

Hough is expected to unveil far-reaching rationalisation plans and plans to privatise provincial services when he opens the session of the Extended Public Committee on Provincial Affairs.

Some R3,744bn has been budgeted for the 1989/90 financial year. The allocation for the single largest service department, Hospital Services, will grow by some 14.9%, to R1,968bn. The constraints on the TAP's budget are reflected in cutbacks on pharmaceutical supplies (0.3%), surgical and "other supplies" (0.3%) and "provisions" (0.8%). Salaries, meanwhile, go up by 28.2%.

Similarly, the Chief Directorate of Works is budgeting for an increase of just R209,600 on a 1988/89, budget of R209,3m. Maintenance and repairs and plant, building and radio equipment, as well as land, buildings and engineering services, are all to be slashed, while the works' salaries, wages and allowances budget increases by 29.7%. Subsistence and transport go up by 25.7%.

Roads and Bridges also gets a tiny increase, (R139,000 more on a budget of R46m). The Community Development vote makes provision for an 11.9% hike in grants-in-aid, subsidies, financial assistance and subscriptions. Bridging assistance to local authorities is also set to rise by 18% to R151m.
The moment of truth

Since December the Reserve Bank has for one reason or another been nursing the money market through various shortages. Though it made a decisive move on Bank rate on February 22, from 14.5% to 16%, the through the floor.”

Another view is that fundamentals like the balance of payments and consumer credit demand still suggest further rises in prime later in the year.

Many see a rerun of the events of second-quarter 1988. Last April the shortage moved into surplus as government spending and repurchase agreements from the Bank brought liquidity into the market. But after April inflows, the shortage — and key Bank rate — moved upwards, followed by an increase in prime rate in May from 14% to 15% as well as a package of further restrictive measures. And further increases came later in the year.

If this is the Bank’s view, its strategy may well be to ensure best possible conditions for placing RSA stock to fund the Budget deficit now — before things get worse.

Events in the money market wash over into the capital market. Stable short rates may calm long rates, and market participants believe the authorities are doing their best to help by talking the market down.

Says a dealer: “Pressure has been taken off interest rates for now but once the Bank has sold its stock, rates will rise again.”

Bank by no means abandoned rates to market forces, continuing to feed money into the system either through repurchase agreements or open market operations.

Still active at the end of March, it put in a substantial sum via an estimated repurchase of R1bn gold coins and R500m securities.

The result was that rates eased at month-end, while the shortage fell from R3bn on March 28 to R1.5bn on March 30 and just over R1bn on Saturday (see Markets).

“It’s unheard of,” said a dealer. “At month-end both rates and the shortage are usually up.”

The Bank was taking no chances that a March-end up-tick would send the “wrong” signals to the market. The question is, what are the “right” signals. Surely, having reached traditionally liquid April with “seasonal shortages” and “traditionally tight month-ends” safely receding, there can be no immediate need to “stabilise” the market?

It would seem the moment of truth has arrived — and some fundamentals can now be expected to emerge.

One view is that the worst is over.

Says Econometrics’s Azar Jammie: “Interest rates traditionally lag overall economic activity. Many recent statistics suggest real demand has started slowing down. So prime should not rise beyond another percentage point — possibly in the second quarter. The only proviso is that gold doesn’t fall...
Higher investment

After six years of decline, capital spending rebounded in 1988. The latest Reserve Bank Quarterly Bulletin says gross domestic fixed investment (GDFI) totalled R24,73bn (at constant 1985 prices). This was up 6.4% from 1987 and follows falls of 2% (in 1982), 3.7% (1983), 1.4% (1984), 7.2% (1985), 17.9% (1986) and 2.8% (1987).

It's too early to celebrate a permanent turnaround, as circumstances were special — and much can go wrong.

But best of all, a 16% real increase in private capital spending accounts for the rebound, not a spurt of questionable government investment. And the private investment growth was broad-based: up 23.5% in non-residential buildings, 22% in machinery, 16% in transport equipment and 11.4% in residential buildings.

Capital formation by public corporations dropped 13%, the third straight annual fall (with cutbacks, including those at Eskom, more than balancing out such investments as Mossel Bay gas).

Investment by government enterprises (such as Sats) and general government fell 9% and 2.5% respectively.

The fixed capital stock — which grows if new investment outpaces depreciation allowances — edged up 4.2%, to R399bn. However, it shrank in some sectors, including manufacturing, agriculture, utilities and construction.

The story should be put in perspective. Firstly, though welcome, the capital spending increase was less than the 7% rise in GDE — so it doesn’t mean we’re back to the days of 1946-1971, when investment growth outpaced consumption growth (Economy March 24).

Secondly, the cutback in government investment isn’t part of a general reduction in the State’s role in the economy: government consumption spending continues to soar and crowd out investment. And thirdly, there’s little guarantee the rebound in capital spending will continue.

As the Bulletin notes: “The encouraging rise in aggregate real gross fixed capital formation could be attributed to ‘special’ inducements to invest — such as those arising from import replacement demand and fears of increases in the prices of imported capital equipment — as well as to pressures of rising degrees of capacity utilisation of existing production facilities and to the normal processes of replacement, renewal and renovation of existing capital goods.”

It continues: “The 1985 increase in total real GDFI was only the fourth such increase in a full calendar year in the past decade. However, it also started from a low base resulting from six years of sustained declines; the level of real GDFI was still 27% lower than in the peak year 1981.”

The Bank might have noted another factor...
'No real growth until South Africans learn to save more'

FINANCE STAFF

IT has become imperative that South Africans save more so that capital can be generated for the economic growth of the country, says Mr R B (Roy) Justus, general manager investments at Santam Insurance.

In his quarterly economic review he draws attention to the many uncertain factors prevailing at present and affecting decision-making. These include the question of an early election and the leadership of Government, expected tax reforms flowing from the Marx proposals and the uncertainty surrounding the abolition of prescribed assets. In the midst of these uncertainties he highlights the need for private individuals to save far more than is the case at present.

"The country as a whole has to make more effective use of its capital, and top priority should be given to encourage individuals to save. The current ratio of personal saving to personal disposable income is far too low and in sharp contrast with the economies of the rising nations in the Far East where savings are four or five times higher than in South Africa.

Real growth

"In South Africa we need a savings ratio of at least 6 to 7 percent of disposable income to ensure some measure of real growth. Even the 4.5 or 5 percent savings ratio which was achieved in the first half of the 1980s would be more acceptable than the present situation," said Mr Justus.

"It had now become essential, he said, that individuals and the country as a whole must learn they cannot have everything. Mr Justus acknowledged that the only people who could spend less and save were those who had enough to spend on semi-luxury items. The majority of the population only had enough money for the purchase of essentials such as food.

It is imperative that we persuade the relatively wealthy with discretionary disposable incomes to accept a realistic standard of living and save more. Incentives must also be introduced to encourage these people to save. These could include tax-free incentives — not the old post office and building society system which is falling away — but something superior. A way must also be found whereby the investor is assured of a real rate of return," said Mr Justus.

He acknowledged that with the current rate of inflation at an expected 15 percent or more, and tax at a marginal rate of 45 percent it was difficult to achieve an after-tax real rate of return from savings. Therefore, there had been a move towards the freeing of the capital market with the announcement in the Budget speech that the need for financial institutions to hold prescribed assets was to be abolished.

There was, however, still considerable confusion among this since subsequent to the Budget speech, the deputy registrar of financial institutions, Mr Piet Badenhorst, issued a statement which implied that there would still be some form of control over the investment of funds by certain types of institutions and that these controls had still to be negotiated. This of course was not necessarily a bad thing but at the moment it was creating uncertainty. "Uncertainty again inhibits decision-making all round," said Mr Justus.

Regarding the foreign exchange value of the rand, Mr Justus said that during the course of 1989, the rand was likely to fall further and could be priced between R2.75 and R3.00 to the dollar by the year end.
Business future bright
But sweeping economic changes not viable at present

By CONNIE MOLUSI

Bright prospects exist for businessmen and prospective investors in post-independence Namibia, according to a University of South Africa academic who has recently returned from a research visit to the territory.

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Path cleared for transfer of Mint

CAPE TOWN — Legislation controlling the affairs of the Reserve Bank has been materially amended to enable the legal transfer of the SA Mint and its operations to the Bank, in terms of the SA Reserve Bank Bill tabled in Parliament last week.

The changes give effect to recommendations by the De Kock Commission, and try to distance the Bank from the political administration.

Amendments abolish the office of alternate director and also stipulate that any director, officer or employee of a banking institution, mutual building society or building society will be prohibited from being appointed, elected or remaining as a director of the Bank.

MPs and members of a legislative assembly of a self-governing territory will also be prohibited from being appointed directors.

The amending Bill vests the Bank with the sole right to issue coins or to mint coins to be issued — through its control of the SA Mint — provided all coins in circulation within the country are legal tender, and may remain in circulation.

The amount of share capital of the Bank remains intact at R2m but provision is made for its subdivision and the allocation of a nominal value to individual shares.

A provision is inserted in the main Act requiring the Bank governor to submit an annual report to the Finance Minister outlining the implementation of monetary policy, which must also be submitted to Parliament.
The overriding reason for this is that over the past few years, the money markets have been in a state of crisis. The interest rates have been very high, and the prices of money have been very low. The central banks have been trying to stimulate the economy by reducing interest rates, but this has not been successful. The result is that the economy is in a state of recession, and the money markets are in a state of crisis.
IT WAS alarming that in spite of the vast increases in tax receipts, the deficit before borrowing remained large and relatively large amounts of loan funds were being used to help finance current expenditure, Volkskas said in its latest Economic Spotlight.

It said although the Minister of Finance had generally made a concerted effort to deal with government finance in the best interests of the economy, there were a number of points which were still a matter of concern.

It was important the expenditure figure should more or less correspond with the budgeted figure. Exceeding this by even a small amount could have a stimulatory effect on demand, instead of a moderately dampening effect.

Volkskas said it was also concerned that tax revenues were still increasing sharply, thus undermining the growth potential of the economy in various ways.

Also of concern was the interest burden on public debt which was rising fast. In the 1988/89 financial year, public debt costs rose by 36.6%, and this year provision had been made for another rise of 23.8%. — Sapa.
Economic problems ‘must be treated’

SA WOULD continue to decline as long as it only treated the symptoms of its economic problems, Saambou chairman Hendrik Sloet said yesterday.

He told an Afrikaanse Saksonkamer meeting in De Aar that the poor exchange rate of the country against other currencies should not serve as a sacrifice to retain the country’s competitiveness on foreign markets. The country should rather combat inflation, as a levelling-off in the inflation rate would, in time, lead to a better exchange rate. A lower inflation rate would enable the population as a whole to maintain a much higher standard of living.

It was a pity the economy did not follow the same course as the West in respect of inflation control. In spite of various studies on the causes of inflation and assorted reports, with proposals to address the problem, the result was still disappointing.

Under those circumstances one could hardly blame the consumer for suffering from the “buy now” syndrome. Even the most uninformed consumer believed it was better to buy a product on credit now than to pay 15% more for it within a year. That led to an overheated economy.

Sloet said interest rates were then raised to cool the economy. However, without the support of sufficient fiscal discipline, interest rates were a blunt instrument.

It was essential the country took a serious look at the contribution of personal savings and higher productivity towards combating inflation. Tax incentives should be applied to encourage the individual to save and drastic steps to that end were required now.

He suggested that taxation on personal income from interest be abolished. The loss of R300m for government should not be raised by way of alternative taxation, but rather from government expenditure.

The tax rebate applicable to pension fund contributions should be repealed and that pension income left untaxed. — Sapa.
Govt has poor track record on spending

By Sven Lünsche

The expected government expenditure overshoot in the current fiscal year is likely to place more emphasis on monetary measures to slow down the economy, writes Standard Bank in its latest Economic Review.

"For that reason, further — possibly sharp — increases in short-term interest rates loom as a distinct possibility if anything goes wrong, domestically or on the foreign trade front," the economists say.

They add that if the authorities were unwilling to tolerate further rises in interest rates, the imposition of a substantial loan or savings levy, or a further increase in the rate of GST by one or two percent would be the only way.

Detailing their estimates for government expenditure in the 1989/90 fiscal year, Standard Bank concludes that budgeted expenditure is once again likely to be overshot.

"The expenditure overrun is, however, not expected to be as large as the five percent recorded last year; an overrun of some R2 billion (or 3.5 percent) over and above the R1 billion already budgeted for unforeseen expenditure, is probably a fair estimate.

"This is significant, because it would amount to an increase in expenditure of 3.5 percent in real terms and yield an increase in the deficit before borrowing of about five percent of GDP, unless revenue too increases beyond projections, which appears unlikely," Standard Bank says.

The overrun on the expenditure side can largely be blamed on the 15 percent increase in the salary of civil servants, which was reflected as higher spending only in the first three months of the previous financial year.

"For this reason alone the 1989/90 salary bill will show a significant increase, of between 18 and 20 percent, on a year-on-year basis.

"In addition it is questionable whether further adjustments to civil service pay can be avoided — a mere R50 million was allowed for that purpose, particularly since a general election is planned for the second half of the year."

Other reasons given by Standard Bank for their expenditure forecast are that provincial budgets may have been underestimated and the innovation in the 1989/90 budget of the inclusion of a R1 billion general provision for unforeseen expenses and expenditure overruns.
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POLITICS

'Co-operation essential'

CAPE TOWN — The southern African region would suffer if co-operation between government and the private sector did not continue, President P W Botha said in Parliament yesterday.

Speaking in his Budget Vote, he said it was of utmost importance for the economic development of SA that the consultation between government and the private sector, which he initiated in 1978, continued on a sound basis.

The close co-operation between government and the private sector was evident from the various occasions on which he had consulted with individuals and at organised conferences.

"These conferences not only gave an opportunity for constructive discussions but bore positive results which were in the interests of the region."

Botha said many practical results had flowed from the Carlton Conference in 1979 — leading to the inception of the SBDC. Another example of co-operation was the key role played by the Development Bank in the Lesotho Highlands water scheme.

The Good Hope Conference in 1981 had led to large-scale job creation and training programmes as a result of decisions taken to involve the private sector in the development of the southern African region.

Even neighbouring states had shown great interest in these developments.

Botha said: "I have repeatedly said on visits to African countries that southern Africa needed greater co-operation to place itself on the road towards development." — Sapa.
Co-operation with private sector vital for regional growth

Parliamentary Staff

Effective security and co-operation with the private sector were cornerstones of political progress and economic development in South Africa and the sub-continent, the State President Mr PW Botha said.

Warning against disparaging remarks about the men and women who served the country by ensuring safety, and conditions for orderly government, he singled out references in some circles to what was thought of as a sinister power group of "securocrats".

The President said the "relative calm we have today did not come about on its own".

Expensive

"It is not the fruit of benevolence of our enemies. The fact that we are in a favourable negotiating position, internationally too, did not simply fall from the sky. It has been expensive."

The loyalty of people in the security services, and co-operation — including with the private sector — were vital for development in southern Africa.

Meetings with the private sector in the past, including the Carlton and Good Hope conferences, had borne fruit which had positive results in the region, said Mr Botha.

He told of a meeting with international bankers and businessmen in Switzerland last year where he described South Africa's stabilising role in southern Africa.

He said he told them that if South Africa's economy was able to reach its "natural potential", the whole region would benefit.

South Africa sought a subcontinent in which countries worked together for food production, trade, housing, education, training, health services and employment.

He asked the businessmen to tell their political leaders that an infusion of capital into South Africa would help towards peace and progress in the region as a whole.

Mr Botha devoted most of his address to the situation in Namibia. He made clear that Swapo was the aggressor, but said South Africa had not been "bullied into a false sense of security" and had built into the agreements precautionary measures to "deal with any problems which could arise".
to a diminutive R6m in the ensuing three months. This was mainly a result of renewed net inflows of foreign capital to public corporations and the private sector.” Also, non-residents were net buyers of JSE securities.

It adds: “The outflow of short-term capital of R2.4bn in third-quarter 1988 halved to R1.2bn in the fourth quarter. Large outflows of short-term capital in the second, third and early-fourth quarter — more particularly, those that resulted from switching from offshore to domestic sources of finance — were arrested following the increase in Bank rate and the general interest rate level from November 3. At the same time, the appreciation of the rand against major currencies brought about a reversal of speculative capital outflows, including leads and lags in foreign payments and receipts.”

The current account surplus totalled R2.94bn (1987: R6.15bn), with surpluses of R924m, R1.41bn and R894m in the first, third and fourth quarters and a deficit of R287m in the second. At seasonally adjusted annualised rates, the current account moved into R100m deficit in the first quarter and then rebounded to surpluses of R1.7bn, R4.6bn and R5.4bn in the next three.

Capital outflows, high money supply growth and high SA inflation keep the rand strongly under pressure. On a weighted average, it fell 13.1% in 1988 and another 3.1% in January-February this year. Against the dollar, the figures are 19% and 4.5%. Meanwhile, government grows and saving shrinks.

Central government revenue — after customs and tax transfers to Customs Union and TBVC states — totalled R45.29bn, up 21.1%. Despite the surge, central government debt continues to pile up, suggesting borrowing will be reduced only if spending is cut. Debt (excluding State corporation, TBVC and local government debt) rose 21.1% in the year, to R67.13bn at end-1988.

### CAPITAL OUTFLOWS

| Net capital movements (not related to reserves) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1987 | 1988 | | | |
| | I qr | II qr | III qr | IV qr | Year |
| Long-term capital | | | | | |
| Public authorities | -529 | -24 | -138 | 5 | -276 |
| Public corporations | 817 | -140 | -179 | -233 | 146 |
| Private sector: | | | | | |
| Net purchases of listed securities by non-residents | -1213 | -35 | 9 | 75 | 18 |
| Other capital | -773 | -68 | -307 | 9 | 106 |
| Total long-term capital | -1698 | -287 | -615 | -144 | -6 |
| Short-term capital including unrecorded transactions, but excluding reserve-related liabilities | -1371 | 475 | -1594 | -2330 | -1152 |
| Total capital movements excluding liabilities related to reserves | -3068 | -762 | -2209 | -2534 | -1158 |
| Change in liabilities related to reserves | -1167 | -13 | 1868 | 586 | -316 |

Source: Reserve Bank

Still suffering

SA continues to suffer from capital outflows, a collapsing currency, a rising tax burden, growing government debt, and low personal saving, says the latest Bulletin.

Last year’s net capital outflow (non-reserve-related) was R6.7bn, up from R3.1bn in 1987 and R6.1bn in 1986 — though rising local interest rates are helping to curb this.

“Net outflow of capital not related to reserves shrank substantially from R2.5bn in third-quarter 1988 to R1.2bn in the fourth quarter, despite major ‘lump sum’ redemptions of foreign debt in the standstill net as well as other capital outflows,” the Bulletin says. “The strengthened position of the capital account in fourth-quarter 1988 reflected improvements in movements of both long-term and short-term capital.


In fourth-quarter 1985, it was 0.5%.

On the other hand, gross domestic saving, relative to GDP, is moving up, from 20% in second-quarter 1988 to 21% in the third and 24.5% in the fourth. “The fourth-quarter increase reflected a further rise in company saving as well as a reversal (for the first time since fourth-quarter 1983) from net dissaving to net saving by general government. Between them, these more that offset a further decline in personal saving.”

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**State may overspend by R2-billion, says standard**

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M3 money supply growth continues

By Sven Lünsche

The broad measure of money supply, M3, continued to grow in February and March beyond the target set by the Reserve Bank earlier this year.

Figures released yesterday show that M3 rose at a seasonally adjusted rate of 27.35 percent in February, compared with February last year. Provisional estimates put the annual increase in March at 26.65 percent.

At the end of last month, M3 was recorded at R123.917 billion, well outside the "tunnel" range of R118.918 billion to R123.161 billion set by the Reserve Bank.

It should also be borne in mind that the target range was based on figures for the fourth quarter last year, when money supply was almost R10 billion above the previously stipulated target.

The figures have rekindled fears that domestic expenditure is still growing at faster rates than expected by the authorities.

Reserve Bank Governor Dr Gerhard de Kock said last week that while he did not expect another round of interest rate hikes in the near future, "we are not totally convinced that the economy is slowing down enough".

He indicated that new policy measures might be introduced to curb a further rise in spending, but not necessarily a change in monetary policy.

Dr de Kock added, however, that previous measures to curb growth must be given time to take effect, but added that there was still a substantial amount of credit demand for imports of machinery and capital equipment, which was boosting fixed investment.

Southern Life's economist Mike Daley confirms that gross domestic fixed investment (GDFI) could rise further following on last year's 6.4 percent increase.

"There is every indication that the private sector, which accounts for about 65 percent of total GDP, will further increase its fixed investment spending as it positions itself for what it sees as a solid year for aggregate demand growth and import-replacement and export opportunities," Mr Daley says.

He estimates that total private consumption expenditure could rise by about two percent this year, driven mainly by demand for semi-durables and services.

But the authorities will have to consider the options carefully as other statistics indicate that credit demand is slowing down.

Industry sources have stated that spending on both furniture and white goods has declined since the beginning of the year, while demand for cars has remained at high levels after last year's stock shortages.

But, most important, demand for mortgage bonds is also tapering off. Reserve Bank figures show that building society mortgages and general advances fell from R30,376 billion in January to R29,822 billion in February.
Economists say the Rand tipped to devalue by 15%.
Stals probe aims at control of spending

CAPE TOWN — The complex institutional structure of the SA public sector — consisting of about 200 different state departments — made budgeting, control over expenditure and estimates of revenue extremely difficult, said Finance director-general Chris Stals.

Addressing a seminar on SA’s economic prospects, organised by Stellenbosch University’s Business School, Stals said the crisis-crossed and overlapping regional, ethnic and group divisions in SA’s constitution further aggravated budgetary tasks.

For this reason his department had embarked on a study of “fiscal federalism” aimed at identifying more closely the financial relationships between all government bodies, with a view to exercising tighter control over expenditure.

Without an objective financial control system, the public sector could easily over-spend with the consequent over-taxing of the economy, Stals said.

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Measures such as national affordability, social return on capital, cost-benefit analyses, functional accountability and value-for-money auditing had to be built into the system.

So, too, had it become essential for restrictions to be imposed on the demands made on the budget by diverse components of the public sector.

Once the total cake had been divided and executive decisions on needs and priorities had been taken, it could only be futile, disruptive and counter-productive to try to add still more to expenditure programmes.

Stals said that for these reasons there was now a growing need to give attention to a form of “fiscal federalism” which identified the financial relationships between all government bodies in SA. A special study was being carried out on this score.

Against this background, Stals maintained that recent budgets — including the latest — had been framed around certain medium- and long-term objectives, with a view to imposing stricter financial disciplines and to meeting the longer-term growth targets of the total economy. Some of these were:

- In real terms, government expenditure must increase at a lower rate than total expenditure in the rest of the economy;
- The budget deficit should be reduced and should not exceed government’s capital investment outlays;
- The tax burden, especially on individuals, should not be increased further;
- The deficit before borrowing should not be financed in an inflationary manner.
LONDON — Britain's Anti-Apartheid Movement (AAM) and the End Loans to South Africa organisation (Eltsa) are stepping up the pressure on British banks not to renew loans to South Africa.

A new campaign targets Barclays, Standard Chartered and National Westminster, which gave loans to South Africa under a 1987 agreement. The agreement runs out over the next 12 months.

The AAM and Eltsa want banks to put the squeeze on South Africa by calling in the loans.

Eltsa says British bank loans have given South Africa an economic breathing space, allowing it to "regain the confidence to continue its policies of terrorism and oppression."
Government studies
‘fiscal federalism’

By Trevor Walker

CAPE TOWN — The South African government is involved in a special study of a ‘fiscal federalism’, the Director General of Finance, Dr Chris Stals, told a seminar held by the University of Stellenbosch Business School in Bellville on Friday.

Dr Stals told the seminar concerning economic prospects for the country over the next year: “The devolution of political power necessarily requires a devolution of financial management and decentralisation of the financial decision-making process.”

“Without some kind of objective financial control system the public sector can easily overspend, with a consequent overtaxing of the economy.”

Dr Stals said once the total cake had been divided on the basis of rational norms and standards and executive decisions on needs and priorities had been taken, it could only be disruptive and counter-productive to try to add still more to expenditure programmes.

“In real terms, government expenditure must increase at a lower rate than total expenditure in the rest of the economy.”

Professor Attie de Vries of the University of Stellenbosch said: “It would appear as if the South African business cycle is near, if not already at a peak. There are, as yet, no signs of any sharp decline in the level of economic activities.”

“Mixed signals are emanating from the economy, some indicating that the slowdown has already started, while in other sectors everything points to a continuation of a higher level of activity,” added Louis Geldenhuis, economist at stockbrokers George Huysamer.

“I think that cyclical forces and policy actions taken by the government thus far, are insufficient to cool the economy rapidly enough to generate a higher savings surplus and stabilise the rand.

“These are the two prerequisites in my opinion to ensure a balance of payments situation that can be handled, and reduce the upward pressure on interest rates. I am convinced that further restrictive steps will be forthcoming, because it will be dictated by the balance of payments situation.

“In the meantime, upward pressure on interest rates will remain, but because of forced action in due course, I think that the prime overdraft rate may not exceed 20 percent in this cycle. Any material easing of rates will however, not be before late this year.”

Mr Geldenhuis said not only had a relatively high rate of inflation been accommodated but he said he was afraid the official view, as expressed in the March Quarterly Bulletin by the Reserve Bank that “consumer prices will quicken further in ensuing months before probably moderating again later in 1987” might only be half true.

“Inflation is a slow, but sure process and I believe that we have a mix of circumstances at present that will unfortunately ensure that inflation will at best remain in the 15 to 16½ range for most of 1988 as well.”

Rudolf Gouws, chief economist of Rand Merchant Bank, said the world economic outlook held little joy for the gold price. Factors in the outlook for the gold price and other commodity prices showed that the overall position remained relatively poor.
NGK warned about ‘keeping voters happy’

By KAREN STANDER
Religion Reporter

It was not the job of the church to keep voters happy with false biblical utterances, Dr Dirk Hattingh, moderator of the Ned Gerf Kerk in the Western Cape, told a meeting of church members.

Dr Hattingh made an urgent call on political leaders not to draw decisions made by the church into the political arena and into the coming election battle.

He told a report-back meeting on the recent talks held between the NGK family at Vereeniging that political principles had to be tested against the scriptures.

“If we talk about corruption — and this is necessary in these times — we are not entering the domain of economics.

“It is naive to try and silence the church in this way.

“It is not the church’s task to become involved in party politics, nor to be answerable to political parties for its decisions.

“Nobody may ever expect the church to interpret the Bible in order to condone a political model which does not fulfil Christian-ethical norms.

False utterances

“It is also not the church’s responsibility to keep most voters satisfied by means of false biblical utterances.”

Professor Danie du Toit of the Stellenbosch University theological college said the word “group” was a red rag to black people.

It said to them that whites wanted to keep the best and they as a group would get less, a NGK dominee said.

As a group, blacks had experienced oppression and suffering.

The NGK delegation had been stunned at the reaction of the other churches during the Vereeniging meeting to the NGK document condemning “discriminating apartheid”.

To put the word “discriminating” before apartheid was a red rag to the other churches. They understood this as an attempt to condone apartheid “as if a good apartheid exists.”
Exports give the economy a big boost

At a high level even if volumes are dropping. The trade-weighted value of the rand dropped by 2.6% between February and March. However, while the current account seems to have strengthened considerably, some economists fear the capital account of the BoP is looking sick.

First National's Cees Bruggemans said:

"There can be no doubt that capital movements in March were strongly negative. The reserves remained virtually unchanged in spite of a strong current account and the inclusion of Krugerrands in the gold reserves."

GRETA STEYN

EXPORTS surged in March to push the current account into surplus in the first quarter of 1989 after fears it would slip into deficit earlier this year.

Last month's unexpectedly hefty trade surplus of R1.67bn came after a miserable R550m in February and R35bn in January. The strong improvement in the trade figures was the result of a 25% jump in exports, from R3.8bn in February to R5.13bn in March. The driving force behind the stronger performance was the "unclassified" category of exports, which surged by 40% from March - indicating possible arms exports. Unclassified exports accounted for R2.9bn of total exports.

Imports were slightly higher at R3.45bn compared with R3.35bn - but still significantly lower than November's record of R3.8bn.

A rough calculation showed the current account recorded a small surplus in the first quarter, based on a trade surplus of R2.76bn for the first three months of the year and estimated net service payments of about R2.4bn.

Estimates of the current account based on customs and excise figures might, however, be off the mark because Reserve Bank adjustments can make a substantial difference. But Trust Bank economist Nick Barnardt said if last year's experience was anything to go by, the trade figures would be revised upwards in the first quarter to yield a better surplus on the current account. Economists are now talking in terms of a R1.6bn surplus in the first quarter.

A tentative sign that a healthier current account could reduce upward pressure on interest rates was evident in the capital market yesterday. Long-term rates initially dropped three points on the news of the strong trade surplus before drifting back upwards as the gold price weakened.

Bureau for Economic Research economist Adriaan Mocke said a major factor behind the improved trade balance was the 8% decline in the average rand/dollar exchange rate since January.

The weaker exchange rate also has the effect of keeping the rand value of imports..."
GRET A STY N

FORWARD cover losses on the Reserve Bank's books could have been as high as R2bn in the first quarter of 1989 after last year's R8bn knock.

These losses inflate the money supply and increase government's debt burden. Losses are regarded as government debt because the Bank provides forward cover on Treasury's behalf. This debt is reflected in the Bank's balance sheet under "other assets".

The extent of the Bank's losses on its forward book is the only explanation for the excessive growth in the Bank's "other assets". These assets grew by 270% in the year to March 1989—a record. The previous year saw a decline in this component of the balance sheet.

In the three months to March this year, other assets jumped R2bn to R11.7bn.

The Bank says it wants to withdraw from the forward market, but has instead become more active. Through the provision of cheaper forward cover to companies using foreign trade finance, it is increasing its stake in the market, heightening the possibility of further losses.

In March last year, a breakdown of "other assets" showed Treasury owed the Reserve Bank only R2.55bn for the provision of forward cover—about 80% of total "other assets".
Improved economy needed to maintain education levels

Parliamentary Staff

If economic growth did not improve, the number of people receiving education was expected to grow at an annual rate of 3 percent more than the available resources for education would grow over the next few years, the Minister of National Education, Mr F W de Klerk, said yesterday.

Introducing his Budget Vote, he said this would mean a decline in the provision of resources for each person from a base which education already perceived as weak.

The modern economy demanded that the high standards and available opportunities already achieved be maintained, while deficits were gradually eliminated. This posed a tremendous challenge to education.

These circumstances could not be allowed to reduce the quality of education to a grey mediocrity.

He had no doubt the most important solution to the problem of financing education lay in stabilizing and strengthening the economy.

Only when this objective was achieved would it be possible to place education finance planning on a sound footing.

There would also have to be a “better and leaner” education system. — Sapa.
\textbf{R800m in net capital outflows for March}

Greta Steyn

THE capital account on the balance of payments (BoP) was strongly negative in March, with net capital outflows estimated at R800m in the month alone.

An exceptionally strong trade surplus in March failed to bolster SA's reserves, which suggested gains on the current account were wiped out by capital outflows.

A rough calculation shows the current account surplus for March - the trade balance less net service payments - was about R870m. However, next-to-nothing of this amount flowed into the reserves, which remained virtually static at R51bn.

First National economist Cees Bruggemans said: "The capital account was undoubtedly negative in March. The outflows might even be larger than the numbers suggest, depending on the extent to which Krugerrands bolstered the reserves."

Bruggemans suspected as much as R300m was added to the reserves in the form of Krugerrands, which indicated outflows could have been higher than R1bn in March. The Reserve Bank has declined to disclose how much gold it is holding in the form of coins, but has indicated it regards Krugerrand purchases as preferable to issuing foreign central bank credit facilities.

The March figures indicate that, for the first quarter, a positive current account was offset by a negative capital account, with the bulk of capital outflows occurring in March."
Dealing with reality on monetary policy

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In the real world, the situation is often different because governments, for reasons which are not concerned with economists, are either not prepared or not able to accept market consequences.

In other words, in certain conditions, large cuts in interest rates might not be sufficient to check an increasing demand for money and/or capital market securities of a particular country, while large increases in interest rates might not be sufficient to prevent non-resident security sales.

This will happen when expectations of exchange rate changes, exogenously prompted and speculative in nature, dominate expectations linked to purely technical changes in such markets.

For such reasons, countries which have scrambled exchange controls feel obliged to maintain large, cushioning foreign exchange reserves.

This is the old debate about whether or not there is such a thing as a balance of payments constraint. Liberals argue that in an open market system, no such constraint can exist because the market will always determine the interests of a firm. Currency can be bought or sold irrespective of quantity.

In the short run, the situation is often different because governments, for reasons which are not concerned with economists, are either not prepared or not able to accept market consequences.

Even in the long run, this frequently happens. Management may reject market outcomes on grounds linked either to the separation of the interests of a firm from those of its shareholders (contentions) or to assumptions of market failure.

For example, where the price of a share has fallen to a massive discount on its net value (SA 1979/1 and 1980/1), it could be argued that the company should be liquidated as this would best serve shareholders.

To reject such liquidation is to recognize either that the separation referred to exists or that the price determination in real world markets is more complex than naive neo-classical economic theory would have it.

So with exchange markets. Over-shooting and spillover effects are recognized phenomena requiring response on the part of monetary authorities especially where these may be expected to have disruptive social and political consequences.

Beyond these caveats, it is necessary to agree with Kantor and Barr in their criticism of SA monetary policy.

How can the credibility of policy be advanced when the actual performance of money diverges so dramatically from official indications and expectations?

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They could have gone further to say something about the relationship between the growth of money and credit. Too often these are confused as being the same thing. They are not, and the key to success in monetary policy is found in differentiating between them.

Briefly, changes in M3 are explained only in part by changes in DCE (domestic credit extension). They are explained also by changes in the net reserves (balance of payments) and that includes both the current and capital accounts. Thus, M3 can grow even if DCE declines, and conversely.

Last year M3 increased by R25 700m. It is because DCE rose by R22 600m that the BoP showed an overall deficit (net reserve change) of R3 060m. Although the current account was in surplus to the extent of R2 300m, this was offset by capital outflows amounting to approximately R6 800m.

Is there reason to be more optimistic about the capital account this year even if a current account surplus of R4 000m is earned as Minister Barend du Plessis prognosticated in his Budget speech? Rather than increase, the net reserves might suffer a further decline and that would bode ill for debt negotiations in 12 months' time.

To get the reserves up and SA's finances moving generally into better shape three things are essential:

1. Fiscal policy must be tightened to reinforce monetary policy (it would be a mistake to think that a 4.1% budgeted deficit before financing GDP is restrictive and the actual deficit percentage in 1988/90 is likely to be a lot higher).

2. Monetary policy must be tightened through deliberate efforts to reduce the increase in DCE below the increase in M3.

3. The BoP must be managed holistically, not with ad hoc inconsistency with respect to its component parts.

If DCE growth is cut down to 15% (last year 31.4%), a 17.5% increase in M3 (last year 27.5%) will allow for the kind of BoP current account surplus the Minister has indicated is necessary. This would not dump an unacceptably heavy recession on the country but it would necessitate a 5% higher interest rate in the short-term.

Without such an increase, or an unexpected and large increase in the gold price, a significant decline in the rand would be expected to affect BoP adjustment that now must be seen to be essential.

It would be the worst possible way forward because it would lead to a new surge of cost-push inflation.

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De Kock optimistic on SA’s debt position

By Roy Cokayne
Reserve Bank Governor
Dr Gerhard de Kock said yesterday that overseas perceptions and attitudes towards South Africa have undoubtedly improved and he was not too worried about the country's debt repayment commitments in 1990.

At a press conference he said that the repayment of $1.2 billion in 1989 as a whole was a worst case scenario and there "is a chance a portion of bond falling due outside the debt standstill will be rolled over."

Dr de Kock said there was no guarantee that this would happen, but there was no doubt that South Africa would make the repayment.

"Clearly developments politically in the past year have enabled the banks to act more favourably but this is not to say their attitude won’t change."

"If we have to run a large current account surplus, we will do so. It might mean a lower growth rate and tighter monetary and fiscal policy," he said.

Dr de Kock has just returned from an overseas visit during which he met representatives from international lending institutions and central banks.

He said it was by far the most encouraging overseas trip he had been on in many years.

"Overseas perceptions of the position in South Africa and the attitude towards South Africa have undoubtedly improved. But that is not to say they are good. They are just not as bad as they were," he said.

He said the Namibian settlement, the State President's visit to other African countries and overseas and Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha's visit to No 10 Downing Street had played a very positive role in improving perceptions.

Dr de Kock said the pressure on banks to reduce their exposure in South Africa was still enormous. Although the sanctions issue in the United States at the moment was not a high priority in Washington, it could always rise again at any time, he said.
R1.5bn jawbone?

Three weeks into the new fiscal year and already economists are guessing how much government spending will overshoot the Budget. If spending does soar, it's difficult to see how government will cut R1.5bn off its borrowing requirement, as finance policy executive Gerhard Clover last week said could happen in the wake of privatisation.

The latest Standard Bank Review predicts a spending overrun of R2bn on the R65bn budget, which already includes R1bn for unforeseen expenses.

The Review sees several potential trouble spots: the R1bn rainy-day fund "may well reduce discipline over Exchequer issues and encourage overspending" beyond R1bn, provincial subsidies may be underbudgeted, and just R50bn was allotted to new civil service pay increases (beyond January's), a questionable projection in an election year.

Standard doesn't expect revenue to total much beyond the budgeted rise of 16%. So that pushes borrowing up R2bn from the budgeted R4.7bn, unless tax rates are raised (which in turn undermines the long-term goal of shrinking government).

Clover was quoted as saying government could cut borrowing by R1.5bn-R1.9bn — bringing new issues down to R2.5bn-R2.9bn — by (i) using revenue from privatisation of Iscor and smaller enterprises and (ii) carrying over from 1988-1989 more than the R294bn budgeted. This was seen as an attempt to cut long interest rates, which have soared since the Budget.

But Standard economist Nico Czyzonka says institutions which buy shares in, say, Iscor, will have that much less to buy government bonds with. So it's not clear that long rates would fall even if privatisation revenues reduce the borrowing requirement, because there would be less demand for bonds.

"I think Clover is trying to make a little jawboning, to talk rates down. The aim is clear: to cut the cost of government borrowing."

Long bond rates fell about six points on Clover's statement, but rebounded — so the market can't think sharply reduced government borrowing will drive rates down.

Clover says people overreacted to his comments. "Obviously, if we receive more money, we have to borrow less — that's what I said. Of course, it assumes spending doesn't rise. If we don't spend more, we could in fact borrow only a very modest amount from the market, which indicates there would be no additional pressure on interest rates."

He adds: "I said our borrowing requirement will be smaller aper a, because of Iscor privatisation proceeds, so I don't see the likelihood of rates rising. Certainly while rates are above what we think they should be, we won't borrow on the long side — we'll borrow on the short end."

Nedbank's Edward Osborn agrees with Czyzonka that borrowing will be higher, not lower, than budgeted. "There could be a spending overrun of another R2bn, though that's a bit on the high side. That gives spending of R67bn. But I disagree that revenues won't be up. I think the Customs & Excise revenues are badly underestimated — especially import surcharges."

"In all, revenues could be greater by R1.5bn, maybe even R2bn. Revenue is budgeted at R55.1bn, so say it's R56.5bn. That still gives a R10.5bn deficit, R600m more than budgeted. So I can't see them reducing the debt issue by R1.5bn — they won't get that kind of money from privatisation."

Trust Bank's Nick Barnardt takes a different view, believing Clover underestimated the cut in government borrowing: "Privatisation will materialise before the end of the fiscal year, which will cut borrowing; I expect receipts of R1.5bn from Iscor alone. So instead of R4.4bn new stock issues, we're looking at R2.9bn. There's always a danger of government overspending, and higher fuel prices and higher-than-expected inflation could push expenditure up R500m over Budget. That would leave R3.4bn new issues of government stock."

He adds: "I think February-March proceeds exceed Budget estimates handsomely, so government will carry over fully R1.3bn more than expected to finance borrowing. This would bring new stock issues down to around R2.1bn. So I'm actually looking for a lower figure than Clover."

If government spends over Budget, it will continue a historical pattern (see graph). In 1987-1988, spending was budgeted to increase 16.5% and actually rose 18.7%. In 1988-1989, it was budgeted to rise 12.8% and rose 18.4%. If spending overshoots by R2.3bn this year, the 15% budgeted increase becomes 19%.
UNAUTHORISED BANKING

Reserve Bank’s hit list

Organisations and individuals, illegally accepting deposits from the public, have Registrar of Banks Chris de Swardt on their trail. Following warnings earlier this month to investors of R4.5m in Fingro Finance, that it was not a registered bank, de Swardt told the FM this week:

“We are investigating a number of other organisations and could soon issue similar warnings.”

Investigations are headed by Reserve Bank deputy GM banking supervision Henkie van Greuning (who reports to de Swardt), assisted by CAs on the Bank’s staff and other officials as needed.

Fingro, provisionally liquidated after failing to meet the Bank’s March 31 deadline to repay depositors, and Star Trek Financial Holdings, also under liquidation following Bank investigations, are the first victims of the clean-up campaign.

Though de Swardt is pursuing investigations with a will, he is not convinced they should be considered the “priority, given other responsibilities of the Registrar. Our main focus should be on registered institutions. I don’t wish this type of investigation to detract from our real responsibilities.”

However, reaction to revelations to the Harms Commission of Inquiry about Pretoria attorney Albert Vermaas’s Ciskei-registered operations forced his hand.

Vermaas had been accepting deposits for years before the Bank assumed responsibility for administering the Banks Act in 1987. The Bank had been investigating him for more than a year before the matter was made public, but was hampered by restricted investigative powers. It was then empowered only to ask for information.

But amendments to the Reserve Bank Act last July brought the power to inspect people and organisations suspected of carrying on banking business without a licence.

Reasonably or unreasonably, the public looks to the Bank for protection against investment rip-offs. Even though de Swardt believes these lie outside his responsibilities, the Bank’s team follows up reports from the public and screens the press for advertisements that indicate illegal deposit-taking.

It is surprising that so many investors are not alerted by the clear give-away sign that attracts the Bank’s attention — an unusually high rate of return. De Swardt urges investors who are in any doubt as to the standing of institutions offering attractive opportuni-

ties to contact the Bank’s bank and building societies supervision department before making investment decisions.

The Bank, as lender of last resort, effectively underpins registered banking operations, but has no obligation to non-registered. If things go wrong, investors can only join the queue with other creditors.

FISCAL POLICY

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Exports soared in March and the trade surplus tripled from February.

Improved export performance will be widely applauded if it continues. But economists warn against making too much of any sharp improvement in just one month, which could reflect volatile Customs & Excise figures more than a dramatic change in trade.

“We’re seeing exports that should have been in the January-February figures counted in March,” says Rand Merchant Bank economist Rudolf Gouws. “I’m not surprised by this, as January-February figures were too low. Monthly trade figures are very volatile, and three months’ figures give a better view.”

Exports surged to R5.13bn, from January’s R3.85bn and February’s R3.8bn. With imports steady, this pushed the surplus to R1.68bn, from a sluggish R535m in January and R545m in February.

But quarterly figures show exports the trade surplus both dipped
De Kock disputes reserves fraud report

The claim that fraud cases had accounted for half of last year's R1,2bn decline in the reserves was a meaningless statement, Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock said yesterday.

He told a Press conference that figures on foreign exchange fraud could not be used to analyse the balance of payments.

In a reference to Business Day's report that fraud cases had knocked the reserves by R650m in 1988, De Kock said the figure mentioned in the report was a "guessimate" of cases over a period of two to three years.

"It is wrong to assume the full amount affected the reserves over this period, as it depends on the nature of the case." The full amount transferred overseas may not have been illegal.

The figures referred to the total amounts involved in cases under police investigation and were not the amounts lost to the country through foreign exchange fraud.

"And even if it were true that R650m left the country last year due to foreign exchange fraud, it would be incorrect to say this explains the decline in the reserves. We might as well pick out the R1,3bn increase in vehicle imports and say this is the reason for the drop in the reserves."

There are hundreds of individual items which can be isolated in this way and fraud certainly was not the reason for pressure on the reserves last year.

Mandy Jean Woods reports
Reserve Bank Deputy Governor Japhie Jacobs was recorded on April 13 as saying that of the R650m in foreign exchange fraud being investigated by the Bank, R60m would affect the foreign exchange reserves.

Asked on two occasions during the interview if this represented a loss to the forex reserves, he said "Yes."

Asked, also on two occasions, if it was accurate to say that the R650m represented more than half the decline in forex reserves from December 1987 to December 1988 — from R6,14bn to R4,53bn — Jacobs replied "Yes."

The reserves' recovery, he said, had been helped by the rand's performance, with the rand's value rising dramatically from April 7.
Call for Cabinet business council

GOVERNMENT was preparing to remove obstacles to the efforts by business to promote economic growth — and aimed to do so by making quick decisions. Deputy Finance Minister Org Marais said yesterday.

He told the FCI Industry Ahead Conference in Randburg that a Cabinet committee on business matters should be formed with similar powers to those of the State Security Council. It could co-ordinate, facilitate and monitor decisions on the economy.

These decisions were now subject to consensus politics which took a long time to implement.

Strategy

The State Security Council had the President as its chairman and was served by a strong secretariat. This made it an excellent model as an effective structure. On the other hand, decisions on economic matters should not be made autocratically. But such a committee should have powers to remove obstacles in the economy, to facilitate the free working of the market.

Marais was commissioned by the Cabinet last year to do a study on business strategy — and he is soon to make proposals to it.

He said: “My point of departure is that government must remove any restrictions on the effective functioning of the free market. However, I believe there has to be a certain degree of government participation in industrial development, especially in the field of mineral beneficiation.”

Once obstacles were removed, the private sector would have the opportunity to boost economic growth to 8% instead of the expected 4%.

While government had a long-term economic strategy, no number of economic reports and strategies spawned by government could achieve what private enterprise could do in terms of economic growth. And economic strategy could not be seen in isolation and out of context with political and social strategy.

Marais said: “Just as we removed influx control, government wants to remove restrictions on business. While politics is about winning elections, let me assure you the long-term philosophy of government is to see that the restrictions in the way of economic growth be removed.”

The priorities of the Cabinet committee would be to co-ordinate, monitor and adapt where necessary government’s plan to “cut” back state spending, or spend revenue more efficiently and address the problems of inflation.

Finance Minister Barend du Plessis was “fighting like a madman to cut back government spending.”
De Kock confident about economy

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Maintaining economic growth...
Govt ends the fiscal year with spending spree

GOVERNMENT ended the fiscal year with a spending spree in March, and Exchequer issues for the month were 30% higher than in the same month last year.

Spending for the month was R7.2bn - almost 14% of total spending for the year. Earlier in the fiscal year, spending on average did not exceed R5bn.

The defence vote ended with a R460m overrun on its original budget of R423m.

Exchequer issues to defence were R1.2bn in March, far cry from defence spending in January and December of about R700m when the vote was still below budget.

Almost 82% of the improvement in conditions of service spending took place in March, at R682m, this was more than double the amount budgeted for the whole financial year.

On the revenue side, government ended the previous fiscal year with R125m more than it expected - too small an amount to make any difference to its borrowing requirement in the new fiscal year. Although the Exchequer balance at the end of March was a substantial R1.74bn, only about R430m will be carried over to this fiscal year.

Finance Minister Barend du Plessis has budgeted to use R1bn of this balance towards redemption of Treasury's debt to the Reserve Bank for forward cover losses. Another R350m will be transferred to the special defence account.
Bank has a dilemma...

Second US bank to roll over SA debt

Finance Staff

A second major US bank, Manufacturers Hanover, yesterday indicated it would extend the period in which South African debtors can repay their $230 million (R576 million) loans.

This followed last week's decision by Citicorp to roll over its South African debt, due next year, until 1997.

The move is regarded as being particularly significant because Manufacturers Hanover and JP Morgan are the only two leading US banks on the international technical committee renegotiating South Africa's R15 billion (US$5 billion) foreign debt.

South Africa's economic growth has been severely curtailed by the need to repay its foreign debt. The extension of repayment of the debt will give monetary and fiscal authorities greater flexibility.

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Money supply exceeds targets

HOPES of slower money supply growth were dashed when the Reserve Bank released the latest data yesterday.

February's growth from the same month last year was revised upwards to 27.8% from a preliminary 26.15%. In March, preliminary M-3 growth was put at 26.65%. In both months, money supply exceeded the Bank's targets, triggering speculation of another increase in Bank rate in the money and capital markets.

Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock said: "Spending is clearly still rising excessively and the demand for credit from both consumers and companies remains strong. This suggests the need for further policy action of some kind, though not necessarily a change in monetary policy."

He said the data indicated the Bank's tightening of monetary policy in February had been the right move in the face of fear of overkill. M-3, which comprises all deposits with banks, building societies and the post office, was a preliminary R23.6bn in March (seasonally adjusted). This figure is R2.7bn higher than the R21.8bn upper limit of the Bank's "tunnel" for growth of 14%-18% for the year.

The February revised figures show growth missing the target by R15m.

Money supply exceeds Bank targets

Growth in March was exceptionally strong, surging by more than R4bn from February, compared with R2.82bn between January and February.

Nedbank economist Ian Skinner described the growth as "disturbing." "The strong growth in March was underpinned by a spurt of government spending in the last month of the fiscal year and forward cover losses by the Reserve Bank when contracts were rolled," he said.

The strong growth in the money supply fuelled bearish sentiment in the money and capital markets. Rumours of the high growth had already hit the capital market on Friday, sparking a rise in rates (fall in bond prices) to 17.31% on Eskom's Loan 183 from 17.26% on Thursday. The yield on E166 closed at 17.33% yesterday.
World living standards put SA in the poorhouse

By MICHAEL CHESTER

RENEWED alarm over the chronic decline in the average standard of living in South Africa in the 1980s has been voiced by the National Productivity Institute in a penetrating new review of global trends.

Living standards dropped by an average of 1.7 percent a year between 1981 and 1987 — while most overseas countries recorded fresh advances.

A new NPI publication, "Productivity Focus," released this week, shows that living standards in Switzerland now stand no less than eight times higher than in South Africa when overall economic output is broken down to a head count of total population.

The yardstick used to measure the gap is gross domestic product per capita, with prices and exchange rates all fixed in 1980 terms. The formula aims to iron out distortions caused by inflation, count the toll of unemployment, and come down to true averages in comparisons.

On that basis, average living standards are in turn six times higher in both the United States and Germany and five times higher in Japan and Britain.

Starting from still lower levels in 1981, Taiwan and Korea have both overtaken South Africa.

The NPI studies also underscore the massive damage suffered by the South African economy as a result of the population explosion that steadily worsens an already critical unemployment dilemma.

When the researchers measure the patterns of gross domestic product on a head count of actual labour forces, they find South Africa made at least a little headway.

It was the size of the unemployment problem that wrecked progress and caused the overall average to topple downhill.

But even with the count confined strictly to workers with jobs, South Africa managed to push ahead by no more than an average 1.1 percent a year — compared with

6.5 percent in Korea, 4 percent in Taiwan, almost 3 percent in Japan and 2 percent or better in Germany and Britain.

And problems were compounded by inflation — especially when surges in wages intended to keep abreast of the cost of living index were not matched by improvements in productivity.

It emerges that while pay packets in the manufacturing sector in South Africa bounded more than 440 percent higher between 1975 and 1987, productivity advances dwindled behind at only 31 percent.

In the sharpest contrast of all, while pay packets in Japan swelled by no more than a modest 91 percent, the increases were more than matched by productivity gains of nearly 95 percent.

The repercussions on the labour cost of every product turned out was disastrous. In South Africa costs soared by 312 percent. In Japan, costs per unit actually declined — shaven down to almost 2 percent.

The NPI underlines the severity of the inevitable adverse impact on the competitiveness of South African products on the home and international markets.

Alarm is also voiced over the pattern of job creation in recent years. The study shows that the government sector increased its labour force by a stunning 306,000 employees between 1980 and 1987 — while the manufacturing sector slashed 67,000 jobs from its labour pool.

The researchers also deliver warning on temptations to juggle with weak exchange rates to try to find a competitive edge in export markets — rather than grasp the productivity nettle.

They note that while the rand stayed stable between 1975 and 1979, non-gold exports galloped ahead at 9.8 percent a year. When the rand began its slide, exports dropped 6.6 percent a year from 1980 to 1983.

The weak rand appeared to have helped exports since then, but the depreciation of the rand had in turn had a hand in increasing South Africa's foreign debt burden to more than 22 billion dollars — meaning more handicaps for the chances of economic growth.

And as living standards shrank, so did the level of personal savings vitally needed for new investment and expansion down from around 12 percent of disposable income at the start of the 1980s to a mere 3 percent in 1987.
Stals denies financial year-end spending spree

CAPE TOWN — It was not unusual for exchequer issues in March to be considerably higher than in other months of the year, Finance director-general Chris Stals said yesterday.

He was responding to reports that government ended the fiscal year with a spending spree. In March R7.9bn — almost 14% of total spending — was spent. Monthly spending for the rest of the year did not exceed R5bn.

Stals said: "This happens every year." All outstanding accounts — including for expenditure programmes that might have been undertaken earlier in the financial year — had to be paid before the end of the year.

Stals could not explain why almost 85% of improvement of conditions of service spending took place in March.

But Commission for Administration chief director Johan Raath said this was mainly as a result of departments submitting claims for the 15% salary increase granted to public employees from January 1.

After administrative procedures had been followed, most departments had submitted their first claims for the salary increases granted to their officials only in March.

Some spending was also owing to departments claiming for occupational specific salary improvements before the end of the financial year.

Although most occupational specific improvements were generally announced in November, departments tended to fund these themselves and claim the money back from the Improvement of Conditions of Service Vote before the financial year-end.
SA needs new economy — Relly

By Winnie Graham

The ebb and flow of political economies demanded deregulation and the creation of a new economy in which the maximum number of people were able to participate. Mr Gavin Relly, chairman of the Anglo American Corporation, said last night.

He was delivering the keynote address at the Matchmaker 1969 preview reception at the National Exhibition Centre in Johannesburg.

The fair, which remains open until Saturday, gives black entrepreneurs an opportunity to show the range of their products.

Mr Relly said the philosophy behind major companies seeking to make greater use of small business was "wise", but it was not one of philanthropy.

"It is based on sensible, rational decisions aimed at improving profitability and, in the process, expanding the free enterprise system and the economy of South Africa to the benefit of all South Africans."

If the country could release the energy and enterprise inherent in our people "to play their role individually through small companies", this would have an important impact on cost structure and South Africa's international competitiveness.

Small businesses had to realise, however, that if they were to interact successfully with larger ones they would have to service the needs of bigger businesses effectively, he said.

Only by adopting a professional approach would small businesses establish lasting relationships.

"We must also recognise that big business will need, at least initially, to assist small businesses by creating opportunities for them to tender for contracts, by simplifying tender and delivery procedures and by ensuring that prompt payment is made for goods and services," Mr Relly said.
Privatisation and poverty

While the nation's attention was riveted on the continuing conflict in Namibia, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr. Gene Louw, was indulging in one of his favorite pursuits - exercising politics from our health services.

Health services, he told a congress in Cape Town earlier this month, were "by no means excluded from the intensity of the revolutionary onslaught in South Africa today." He went on to say: "We regretfully learnt of the fact that the ANC members of the medical profession organise under the banner of 'Natural Health Systems' and 'Health for All' and are thus launching a strong medico-political health strategy in which extremist politics are inextricably bound with medical affairs."

Perhaps unwittingly, he has put his finger on one of the great emerging political conflicts of the South Africa of tomorrow - that between the masses, who receive inadequate and now rapidly degenerating health services, and the privileged beneficiaries of the existing system, some of whom have access to the best medical care.

It is such an obvious, legitimate target for revolutionary agitation that it is amazing Mr. Louw and the government he represents should be at all surprised by the fact that their political opponents should have taken it up.

Last year Dr H. G. V. Kuster, of the Department of National Health and Population Development, outlined the problem.

Health services in South Africa, he said, face a dilemma because of the "very noticeable disparity between the undisputed excellence of the hospital-centred health care offered in this country, versus the basic, yet essentially community-oriented primary health care service."

Translating this into layman's terms, Dr Kuster explained that over the past five years the infant mortality rate showed that three white infants out of every 1000 died, while between 94 and 124 black babies per 1000 died.

A study by the University of the Witwatersrand's respected Department of Community Health last year, found that per capita expenditure on health care varied from R116 for blacks, to R249 for coloured people and R451 for whites.

Every 1000 whites can count on the availability of 4.3 hospital beds. But every 1000 blacks have access to only 2.5 beds.

Heads of teaching hospitals have warned that the present exodus of brains and talent willsoon turn into a flood, that standards at teaching hospitals have fallen dramatically because of a lack of funds and because of "privatisation".

"Privatisation", indeed, has been dramatic. By 1987, there were 40,000 private hospital beds, as opposed to 81,000 beds for all races in all public hospitals throughout the country. But, sadly, the fees charged for "private" hospital beds are so high as to now exclude an ever increasing number of medical aid scheme members.

And almost half the "private" beds have been leased to the government because the government's own hospitals are overcrowded and understaffed and cannot cope!

Entire hospital wards have been closed all over the country because of a lack of staff and equipment. The new Groote Schuur hospital, splendent on its hillside, cannot come into full service.

Meanwhile, as the Second Carnegie Inquiry into Poverty and Development in Southern Africa reported earlier this year, one out of every seven black children in this country of cornucopian abundance died before the age of seven because of malnutrition.

All this is not surprising. South Africa, under the radical apartheid ideology which Mr. Louw's government upholds, has 18 separate health administrations and the country's taxpayers support 14 Ministers of Health. For example, the 14 Ministers, each with deputy minister and attendant bureaucrats and entourages, include the Minister of National Health and Population Development, Dr. Willie van Niekerk, three "own affairs" Ministers of Health in the three racially separated chambers of Parliament, six Ministers of Health in non-independent "homelands" and four Ministers in the "independent homelands".

Professor Walter Loening of Natal University, put it this way: "If the Devil himself had been set the task of evolving a health structure so complex in nature that it would confound the minds of the most skilled health administrators, he would not have come up with anything quite as bizarre as we have managed to create in this country."

And Mr. Louw is surprised, and apparently offended, that the "ANC" has taken up public health as an issue.

At the same time, the medical supremo, Dr. Willie van Niekerk, waffles on soothingly about "privatisation".

Privatisation of any sort cannot survive without profit. And while 13 million to 15 million South Africans - the latest authoritative estimate - live in conditions of appalling poverty and while the richest 20 percent of the population own 75 percent of the country's wealth, profit and therefore "privatisation" cannot be anything but sublimely inapt response to the public health crisis.
NOTICE 351 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 225, KEMPTON PARK EXTENSION TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government, Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

1. conditions (a) and (c) in Deed of Transfer T5041/1972 be removed; and

2. Kempton Park Town-planning Scheme 1987, be amended by the rezoning of ERF 225, Kempton Park Extension Township, to “Special” for the use of a petrol filling station or shops offices and professional suites, subject to certain conditions and which amendment scheme will be known as Kempton Park Amendment Scheme 166, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and Scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Director-General, Local Government Housing and Works: House of Assembly, Pretoria and the Town Clerk of Kempton Park.

(28 April 1989)

NOTICE 352 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTIONS 115, 163, 164, ELANDSKRAAL 469 JQ

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition One 3 in Deed of Transfer T29831/1976 be removed.

(28 April 1989)

NOTICE 353 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
REMAINDER OF ERF 1309, CARLETONVILLE EXTENSION 2 TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition C (p) in Deed of Transfer 15872/1959 be removed.

(28 April 1989)
Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the correction of the notice by the substitution of the existing Map 3, Annexure 349 (Sheet 4 of 11 sheets) with new amended Map 3 documentation.

(PB. 4-9-2-411-228)

(28 April 1989)

NOTICE 349 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 873, SELCOURT TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition (M) in Deed of Transfer T26478/1980 be removed.

(PB. 4-14-2-1220-18)

(28 April 1989)

NOTICE 350 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the applications mentioned in the Annexure have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works and are open for inspection at the 12th Floor, Merino Building, Pretorius Street, Pretoria, and at the offices of the relevant local authority.

Any objections, with full reasons therefor, should be lodged in writing with the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, at the above address or Private Bag X340, Pretoria, on or before 26 May 1989.

ANNEXURE
AMERSFOORT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION for the removal of the conditions of title of Portion 9 (Portion of Portion 1) of the farm Amersfoort 57 HS and Portion 10 (Portion of Portion 1) of the farm Schulpveld 60 HS in order to establish a township.

(PB 4-15-2-1-57-2)

AMERSFOORT TOWN COUNCIL for the removal of the conditions of title of Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the farm Amersfoort in order to establish a township.

(4-15-2-1-57-1)

JULIAN MARTIN MEYER for—
(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Portion 1 of Erf 134, Craighall Township, in order to permit the erf being used for medical and dental suites and purposes ancillary thereto with the consent of the local authority;
(2) the amendment of the Johannesburg Township Planning Scheme, 1979, by the rezoning of the erven from “Residential 1” to “Residential 1” permitting medical and dental suites with the consent of the council.

BYLAE
AMERSFOORT LANDBOU GENOOTSkap vir die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Gedeelte 9 (Gedeelde van Gedeelde 1) van die plaas Amersfoort 57 HS en Gedeelde 10 (Gedeelde van Gedeelde 1) van die plaas Schulpveld 60 HS ten einde ’n dorp te stig.

(PB 4-15-2-1-57-2)

AMERSFOORT DORPSRAAD vir die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Resterende Gedeelte van Gedeelte 1 van die plaas Amersfoort ten einde ’n dorp te stig.

(PB 4-15-2-1-57-1)

JULIAN MARTIN MEYER vir—
(a) die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Gedeelte 1 van Erf 134, Craighalldorp, ten einde dit munaal te maak dat die erf gebruik kan word vir mediese en tandheelkundige spreekkamers en aanverwande doeleindes met die vergunning van die plaaslike bestuur;
(b) die wysiging van die Johannesburg-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1979, deur die hersonering van die erf van “Residensiel 1” tot “Residensiel 1” met die toestemming dat mediese en tandheelkundige spreekkamers met die vergunning van die plaaslike bestuur.
Map 3 and the scheme clauses of the amendment scheme are being held by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk, Midrand, and is available for inspection at all reasonable times.

This amendment scheme shall be known as Halfway House and Clayville Amendment Scheme 264.

(28 April 1989)

NOTICE 346 OF 1989

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT (ACT No. 84 OF 1967)

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Administrator’s Notice No. 354, dated 22 March 1989 the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the correction of the notice by the substitution of the expression “in Deed of Transfer T5260/1988” for the expression “in Deed of Transfer T26016/1986”.

(28 April 1989)

NOTICE 347 OF 1989

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTIONS 1, 2, 3 OF ERF 913, PARKTOWN TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly approved that condition 4 in Deed of Transfer F9557/1973 and condition 5 in Deed of Transfer F2287/1966 be removed.

(28 April 1989)

NOTICE 348 OF 1989

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT (ACT No. 84 OF 1967)

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Administrator’s Notice No. 1850, dated 2 December 1987 the Minister of Local

Kaart 3 en die skemaklousules van die wysiging-skema word in bewaring gehou deur die Departements-hoof van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk, Midrand, en is beskikbaar vir inspeksie op alle redelike tye.

Hierdie wysiging staan bekend as Halfway House en Clayville-wysigingsskema 264.

(28 April 1989)

KENNISGEWING 346 VAN 1989

ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS (WET No. 84 VAN 1967)

KENNISGEWING VAN VERBETERING

Hierby word ooreenkomslik die bepalingen van artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademaal ‘n fout in Administrateurskennisgewing No. 354, gedateer 22 Maart 1989 ontstaan het, het die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur dat borgevende kennisgewing gewysig word deur die vervang van die uitdrukking “in Akte van Transport T26016/1986” met die uitdrukking “in Akte van Transport T5260/1988”.

(28 April 1989)

KENNISGEWING 347 VAN 1989

ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
GEDEELTES 1, 2 EN 3 VAN ERF 913, DORP PARKTOWN

Hierby word ooreenkomslik die bepalingen van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde 4 in Akte van Transport F9557/1973 en voorwaarde 5 in Akte van Transport F2287/1966 opgehef word.

(28 April 1989)

KENNISGEWING 348 VAN 1989

ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS (WET No. 84 VAN 1967)

KENNISGEWING VAN VERBETERING

Hierby word ooreenkomslik die bepalingen van artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademaal ‘n fout in Administrateurskennisgewing No. 1850, gedateer 2 Desember 1987 ontstaan het, het die Minister van Plaaslike
NOTICE 357 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 24, GREENSIDE TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government, Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

1. conditions (b); (c); (d); (e); (f); (g); (h); (i); (j); (k); (l) in Deed of Transfer T3387/1982 be removed; and

2. Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme 1979, be amended by the rezoning of Erf 24, Greenside, Township, to "Residential 1" with a density of "one dwelling house per 1250 m²" and which amendment scheme will be known as Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 2310, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Director-General, Local Government, Housing and Works: House of Assembly, Pretoria and the Town Clerk of Johannesburg.

(PB. 4-14-2-549-11)

NOTICE 358 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
RANDBURG AMENDMENT SCHEME 1029

It is hereby notified in terms of section 45 (2) of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1986 that the Minister has approved amendment of Local Government, Housing: House of Assembly Randburg Town-planning Scheme, 1976, by the rezoning of Erf 284, Ferndale to "Special" for public garage purposes or "Business 1" purposes and Erf 286, Ferndale to "Special" for public garage purposes or "Parking" purposes, both subject to certain conditions.

Map 3 and the scheme clauses of the amendment scheme are filed with the Director General, Local Government, Housing and Works: House of Assembly, Pretoria and the Town Clerk, Randburg and are open for inspection at all reasonable times.

This amendment is known as Randburg Amendment Scheme 1029.

(PB. 4-9-2-132H-1029)

KENNISGEWING 357 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIsing EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 24, DORP GREENSIDE

Hierby word ooreenkomsig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

1. voorwaardes (b); (c); (d); (e); (f); (g); (h); (i); (j); (k); (l) in Akte van Transport T3387/1982 opgehef word; en

2. Johannesburg-dorpsbeplanningskema 1979, ge-wysig word deur die hersoning van Erf 24, dorp Greenside tot "Residenciaal" met 'n digtheid van "een woonhuis per 1250 m²" welke wysigingskema bekend staan as Johannesburg-wysigingskema 2310, soos toepaslik aangedui op die toepaslike kaart 3 en skemaklousules wat ter insa ín die kantore van die Direkteur-generaal, Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke: Volksraad Pretoria en die Stadsklerk van Johannesburg.

(PB. 4-14-2-549-11)

KENNISGEWING 358 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIsing EN WERKE
RANDBURG-WYSIGINGSKEMA 1029

Hierby word ooreenkomsig die bepaling van artikel 45 (2) van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1986, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat Randburg-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1976, gewysig word deur die hersoning van erf 284, Ferndale tot "Speciaal" vir die doeleindes van 'n openbare garage of "Besigheid 1" doeleindes en Erf 286, Ferndale tot "Speciaal" vir openbare garage doeleindes of "Parkeering" doeleindes albei onderworpe aan sekere voorwaardes.

Kartaat 3 en die skemaklousules van die wysigingskema word in bewaring gehou deur die Direkteur-generaal, Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke: Volksraad, Pretoria en die Stadsklerk, Randburg en is beskikbaar vir inspeksie op alle redelike tye.

Hierdie wysiging staan bekend as Randburg-wysigingskema 1029.

(PB. 4-9-2-132H-1029)
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It is hereby notified in terms of section 2(1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1997, that the Minister of Local Government has approved that condition 1(d) in Deed of Transfer T424/1997 be removed.

(23 April 1999) (PB. 4.142.2-288:72)
NOTICE 359 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 1072, WATERKLOOF AND PORTION 1 OF ERF 781, BROOKLYN TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government, and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that condition 1 (b) in Deed of Transfer 8359/1960 be altered by the deletion of the following words: "Not more than one dwelling house and the necessary outbuildings and appurtenances shall be erected on the said Lot and the said Lot shall not be subdivided."

(PB. 4-14-2-1404-261).
(28 April 1989)

NOTICE 360 OF 1989
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
APPOINTMENT AS ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL

It is notified for general information that approval has been conveyed for the appointment of Mr Walter James Taylor, General Manager, Engineering and Telecommunications Operations as Acting Postmaster General during the period 24 to 28 April 1989.

(28 April 1989)

NOTICE 361 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT (ACT No. 84 OF 1967)
NOTICE OF CORRECTION

It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Administrator’s Notice No. 57 dated 25 January 1989 the correction of the notice has been approved by the substitution of the figures “188” for the figures “185” in the heading of the notice.

(PB. 4-14-2-17-11-7)
(28 April 1989)

NOTICE 362 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
POTGIETERSRUS AMENDMENT SCHEME 29

It is hereby notified in terms of section 45 (2) of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1986, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the amendment of Potgietersrus Town-planning Scheme, 1984, by the rezoning of Erf 417, Piet Potgietersrust to “Business” subject to certain conditions.

KENNISGEWING 359 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIsING EN WERKE
WET OP OEHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 1072, WATERKLOOF EN GEDEELTE 1 VAN ERF 781, DORP BROOKLYN

Hierby wordt ooreenkomsstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde 1 (b) in Akte van Transport 8359/1960 gewysig word deur die skrapping van die volgende woorde: "Not more than one dwelling house and the necessary outbuildings and appurtenances shall be erected on the said Lot and the said Lot shall not be subdivided."

(PB. 4-14-2-1404-261).
(28 April 1989)

KENNISGEWING 360 VAN 1989
DEPARTEMENT VAN POS- EN TELEKOMMUNIKASIEWESIE
AANSTELLING AS WAARNEMENDE POSMEESTER-GENERAAL

Daar word vir algemene inligting bekendgemaak dat goedkeuring verleen is vir die aanstelling van Mr Walter James Taylor, Hoofbestuurder, Ingenieurswese en Telekommunikasiebedryf as Waarnemende Postmeester-generaal gedurende die tydperk 24 tot 28 April 1989.

(28 April 1989)

KENNISGEWING 361 VAN 1989
WET OP OEHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS (WET No. 84 VAN 1967)
KENNISGEWING VAN VERBETERING

Hierby wordt ooreenkomsstig die bepaling van artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademaal 'n fout in Administrateurkennisgewing No. 57 gedateer 25 Januarie 1989 ontsaan het, is dit goedgekeur dat begoenoede kennisgewing gewysig word deur die vervanging van die syfers “188” met die syfers “185” in die opskrif van die kennisgewing.

(PB. 4-14-2-17-11-7)
(28 April 1989)

KENNISGEWING 362 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIsING EN WERKE
POTGIETERSRUS-WYSIGINGSKEMA 29

Hierby wordt ooreenkomsstig die bepaling van artikel 45 (2) van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1986, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat Potgietersrus-dorpsbeplanningkema, 1984, gewysig word deur die hersonering van Erf 417, Piet Potgietersrust, na “Besigheid” onderworpe aan seker voorwaardes.
Credit demand running at too high a level

Finance Staff and Sapa

Money supply and credit extension is still running at high levels and many economists and bankers feel that further action by the authorities will be necessary to curb spending even more.

The broad money supply M3 was running well above target both in January and February, while the same Reserve Bank figures showed that credit extension by banks, building societies and the Post Office jumped by an annual 20.4 percent in February.

Consumer spending on credit was still buoyant, with hire-purchase debt increasing by 29.4 percent to R270 million in February, but the latest rises are largely derived from corporate sector demand for investment expansion.

Trust Bank economist Nick Barnard said that the current economic situation could well mean that further steps may have to be taken. He states, however, that it was unlikely that interest rates will be allowed to rise because of the imminent election.

He felt that other measures with less political impact, such as tighter hire-purchase regulations or a loan levy on the corporate sector were more likely.

Mr Barnard said the rate of monetary growth remains extremely high reflecting a strong demand for credit in the first quarter.

He stated: “The chances of achieving the targeted growth range of 16 to 18 percent by the fourth quarter of the year are now remote and any lingering possibility of a reduction in the bank rate before the end of 1989 has been finally eliminated.”

He said, however, that the authorities would wait for the next set of money supply and balance of payments figures before deciding if any action needs to be taken.

First National Bank senior general manager, Jimmy McKenize, said that the latest money supply figures indicated that the chances were that the authorities would have to take further steps to cool down the economy.

He stated that if this pulled interest rates further, banks would move to protect their margins.

However, Standard Bank economist Nico Cypionka felt that the picture being painted by some other economist was too gloomy.

He told Sapa that the bank’s figures definitely indicated that a slowdown was already in progress. He said that the figures from the Reserve Bank were out of date and that those prepared by the banks themselves were only a few days old.

He said other indications that demand was slowing could be found in the fact that sales in appliances, white goods and furniture had shown a marked decline. Credit card use had also fallen and applications for mortgages were also down.

He also said he felt that if new measures had to be introduced, there would be no sense in dealing with matters such as hire-purchase. He said: “Rather move rates up or do nothing.”

Cypionka said that the high level of growth in the money supply was more due to forward cover losses rather than a continuing high level of demand from the consumer.

He said: “There is no doubt the economy is already slowing down, but whether it is fast enough, is another question.”
NOTICE 365 OF 1989

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTION I OF ERF 119, LOMBARDY EAST TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition 1 (1) in Deed of Transfer T46839/1983 be removed.

(PB. 4-14-2-786-7)

(28 April 1989)

NOTICE 366 OF 1989

MAIZE BOARD
SUMMER GRAIN SCHEME.—NET DELIVERY PRICES FOR MAIZE IN AREA A

It is hereby made known for general information that

(a) the net delivery prices for maize of the respective classes and grades specified in column 1 of the Table shall as from 1 May 1989 respectively be as specified in column 2, 3 or 4 of the Table;

(b) the said net delivery prices shall apply to maize of the said classes and grades sold to or through the Maize Board in Area A as defined in the regulations relating to the grading and packing of maize, which were made under section 89 of the Marketing Act, 1968 (Act No. 59 of 1968);

(c) the said net delivery prices shall apply to the said classes and grades of maize delivered at the premises of the buyer thereof, or at any other premises indicated by such buyer;

(d) the said net delivery prices shall, in the case of maize referred to in column 2 of the Table, be increased by an amount determined by the Maize Board for each new or good second-hand grain bag in which it is delivered and which contains a net mass of at least 65 kg but not more than 75 kg of maize: Provided that a grain bag containing more than 75 kg of maize shall for the purposes of this paragraph be deemed to contain 75 kg of maize:

(e) if maize referred to in column 4 of the Table is delivered in containers, the said net delivery prices shall not include the value of those containers: Provided that the producer and buyer concerned may by agreement determine the prices of such containers; and

(f) any fraction of a cent resulting from the calculation of the amount payable for a specified mass of maize shall be rounded off to the next full cent.

J. A. H. DAVER,
General Manager.

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Hierby word ooreenkomsig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Ophieffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde 1 (1) in Akte van Transport T46839/1983 opgehef word.

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MIELIERAAD
SOMERGRAANSKEMA.—NETTO LEWERINGSPRYSE VIR MIELIES IN GEBIED A

Hierby word vir algemene inligting bekend gemaak dat

(a) die netto leweringspryse vir mielies van die onderskeie klasse en grade in kolom 1 van die Tabel vermeld, vanaf 1 Mei 1989 onderskeidelik is soos in kolom 2, 3 of 4 van die Tabel vermeld;

(b) voormelde netto leweringspryse van toepassing is op mielies van genoemde klasse en grade wat in Gebied A soos omskryf in die regulasies met betrekking tot die gradering en verpakking van mielies, wat kragtens artikel 89 van die Bemarkingswet, 1968 (Wet No. 59 van 1968), uitgevaardig is, aan of deur bemiddeling van die Mielieraad verkoop word;

(c) voormelde netto leweringspryse van toepassing is op genoemde klasse en grade mielies wat gelever word by die perseel van die koper daarvan of by enige ander perseel deur so 'n koper aangedui;

(d) voormelde netto leweringspryse in die geval van mielies in kolom 2 van die Tabel bedoel, vermeerder moet word met 'n bedrag soos deur die Mielieraad bepaal vir elke nuwe of goeie tweedehandse graansak waarin dit gelever word en wat 'n netto massa van minstens 65 kg en hoogstens 75 kg mielies bevat: Met dien verstande dat 'n graansak wat 'n netto massa van meer as 75 kg mielies bevat, vir die doeleindes van hierdie paragraaf geag word 75 kg mielies te bevat;

(e) indien mielies in kolom 4 van die Tabel bedoel, in houers gelever word, voormelde netto leweringspryse nie ook die waarde van dié houers insluit nie: Met dien verstande dat die betrokkene produent en koper deur ooreenkoms die pryse vir sodanige houers kan bepaal; en

(f) enige breukdeel van 'n sent wat voortspruit uit die berekening van die bedrag wat vir 'n bepaalde massa mielies betaalbaar is, tot die volgende volle sent afgerond moet word.

J. A. H. DAVER,
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SA's development will surprise all

By CLIVE SAWYER
Tygerberg Bureau

SOUTH Africa's development over the next five years will surprise everyone, says the Deputy Minister of Finance, Dr Org Marais.

He told an Afrikaans Sake- kamer meeting in Bellville yesterday that in the general election much would be made of public anger about the economy.

"We are told we cannot control inflation, that the public is overtaxed and that government salaries are too high."...

Drought Cost

Major causes of economic decline since 1970 had included the lack of long-term risk capital and the fact that the economy was based on primary minerals.

The State had "buffered" the economy because of this lack of investments and had to borrow money to do this.

"The greatest drought of the century followed and farming subsidies cost the State millions of rands."

The gap between low and high income groups in South Africa was among the widest in the world.

"Gold will never return to 1981 prices and we will never again see the sort of capital inflow brought by the Free State gold fields."

But the State had decided to combat the economic crisis by privatisation and deregulation.

"One of the first examples of privatisation was the toll roads.

"In Britain Mrs Thatcher also made mistakes in the early stages of privatisation."

Fresh New Light

There was "a fresh new light for industrial development" but he urged businessmen to use the existing labour pool rather than to over-mechanise.

The government hoped in the long term to ease taxes to motivate the public.

"It would not be necessary to cut the size of the State because it had an important role in the future."

Mossgas would start producing in 1991. It had been criticised as an expensive risk, but so had Sasol.

"Sasol has paid off repeatedly during boycotts."
**Balance of Payments**

**A fighting chance**

Recent political developments in southern Africa have allowed international bankers some flexibility in dealing with SA. "If we don't shoot ourselves in the foot," says Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock, "this could have a dramatic effect on the capital account of our balance of payments (BoP)."

He was speaking at a press conference in Pretoria last week after his return from a two-week visit to bankers and international lending institutions in the US and Europe. He gave his audience of economists and journalists few details, but has become more optimistic about the BoP outlook between now and 1991. While international bankers are not prepared to increase their exposure to SA, he says, some bearer bonds could be rolled over, which would significantly cut projected capital outflows.

De Kock called the press conference to present a case study of SA's "growth-oriented BoP adjustment." He discovered that SA has become a source of intellectual curiosity in the outside world, even among those who would prefer to ignore its existence, because of its BoP performance.

Between end-1984 and end-1988, SA repaid US$6bn (see "Foreign debt treadmill") foreign debt, at a constant exchange rate, the equivalent of about 6.5% of exports during that period. The ratio of foreign interest payments to exports fell from 10.7% in 1985 to 6.5% in 1988, the ratio of foreign debt to exports from a peak of 171% in 1984 to 85% in 1988.

But after an initial real GDP decline of 1% in 1985 and an increase of only 0.5% in 1986, GDP rose by about 2% in 1987 and more than 3% in 1988.

At a time when there is renewed concern about the status of Third World debt and many economists and politicians argue the only solution is "forgiveness," SA's experience establishes that a BoP adjustment provides a reasonable alternative.

What SA has done is feasible for at least some developing countries with foreign debt or other capital outflow problems. Moreover, aid from the IMF, World Bank or BIS would ease the burden of adjustment.
GOVERNMENT had made a breakthrough with its borrowing programme by selling R1.7bn of new long-term stock on the private capital market, Reserve Bank Senior Deputy Governor Japie Jacobs said at the weekend.

The breakthrough followed talk after the Budget that government would never find buyers for its stock at the rates it wanted to pay.

Jacobs declined to disclose the rate at which government borrowed but said the Bank was not prepared to market stock while long-term rates were at levels of around 17.5%.

He said the borrowing requirement should not put upward pressure on rates in the capital market. "Government's claims on the capital market will be reduced by the use of R550m in Treasury Bills (TBs) to fund the deficit and the extra R500m saved from the last financial year."

Because of the high rates in the long-term market, government would make more use of money market funding and the size of the weekly TB tender would be increased.

The breakthrough in the borrowing programme follows talk after the abolition of prescribed assets that government would have to pay unacceptably high interest rates. The signal from Treasury was that it wanted to pay 17% for long-dated stock — but the institutions had indicated they would buy at 17.5%-18%.

While government's borrowing programme was in limbo, bearish sentiment dominated the secondary market and rates were expected to break 17.5%. However, this did not happen as long-term rates peaked at 17.4%.

Govt makes borrowing breakthrough

Honours that government had made a breakthrough with its borrowing hit the secondary market on Friday, causing rates on 2005 stock to touch a low of 17.29% from a 17.36% opening rate. However, gold dropped below $380 an ounce, sentiment turned bearish again and rates rebounded to a 17.37% close.

Analysts did not expect government's borrowing requirement to place any upward pressure on interest rates in the capital market. Its funding on the market is set to be reduced by at least R1.3bn through privatisation and it has already issued R1.5bn of stock. From a demand/supply point of view, government's borrowing would not exert pressure on rates, given a net budgeted requirement of R4.6bn and institutional cash inflows of about R3.2bn.

However, the weak gold price, inflation, continued excessive growth in money supply and the stagnant reserves are likely to keep sentiment bearish.
(2) whether it is the intention to allow Soviet officials to enter South Africa; if so, for what reasons?

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+The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

(1) I myself or the Deputy Minister did not hold any meetings with the Soviet Ambassador in Mozambique during the latter half of 1988. It is possible that the South African Trade Representative met with the Soviet Ambassador at social functions.

(2) Yes. In terms of the agreements reached on the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 435 and Cuban withdrawal from Angola.

Comdi: C J DERBY-LEWIS: Arising from the hon the Minister’s reply, would he mind telling us what apartheid has to do with the Cuban settlement as raised by the Russian representative recently in Cape Town?

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Absolutely nothing! [Interjections.]

Ciskei Ministers: meeting attended

*14. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

With reference to his reply to Question No 8 on 11 April 1989, (a) which senior Ciskei Ministers attended the meeting on 12 February 1989, (b) how many persons from East Peltom were present at this meeting, (c) at what time did the meeting (i) commence and (ii) finish and (d) what issues were discussed at it?

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+The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) Whether recommendations regarding the allocation of township land for Blacks in the PWV area were submitted to him; if so, (a) when and (b) from whom;

(2) whether he has received a consultants’ report on these recommendations; if so, who were the consultants;

(3) whether he has accepted all of these recommendations; if not, which recommendations did he (a) accept and (b) reject?

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In this way the local exchange market is broadened and its effectiveness promoted, since private bodies can themselves offer dollars for rand, with the result that the exchange rate of the rand reflects, more effectively, the balance between supply and demand. The South African Reserve Bank, at its own discretion, intervenes in this market in order to stabilise the exchange rate when the market is in disequilibrium.

(b) The fact that the proceeds must be sold in South Africa within the confines of the banking system, and within 7 days, as indicated, obliges the mining houses to treat these proceeds just as does any other receiver of foreign exchange. It necessarily imposes a responsibility on the Reserve Bank to ensure that this system operates within the parameters of the exchange control regulations.

Windmill Park: free settlement area

3. Mr H J COETZEE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) Whether the Free Settlement Board is investigating the possibility of establishing a free settlement area in Windmill Park, Boskburg; if so,

(2) whether the lawful residents of Windmill Park have applied to this board for a free settlement area status for their suburb; if so, (a) when and (b) what are the names of these applicants; if not, at whose request is the board investigating this possibility?

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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) Yes.

(2) The Act does not make provision for residents of an area to apply directly to the Free Settlement Board. In this case the Free Settlement Board has been requested in terms of the Act by the Minister’s Council of the House of Assembly.
Stals to be special economic adviser

CAPE TOWN – The administrative and general economic policy sections of the Department of Finance are to be split.

And steps were being taken to bring people from the private sector into the research section, Minister of Finance Dirent du Plessis said at the weekend.

He said a special economic adviser would be appointed to formulate and execute general economic policy.

The Director-General of Finance would be responsible for the administrative and executive functions of the department.

He said Director-General Dr Chris Stals would be appointed as the special economic adviser.

The appointment would take effect at the beginning of May.

The chief executive of policy in the department, Gerhard Groener, would become Director-General.

Dr Stals would remain chairman of the Standstill Co-ordinating Committee and of the Tax Advisory Committee.

Mr Du Plessis said negotiations were being conducted to strengthen the research section by contractual appointments from private companies, business schools and other professional institutions.

— Sapa.
Chamber urges big state sell-off

PRIVATISATION is advocated as the only way to curb government spending.

Witwatersrand Chamber of Commerce and Industry outgoing president Hennie Viljoen added in its annual report a state sell-off would also cut the growth in money supply. "Privatisation is an extremely important issue and one that is vital to the long-term prosperity of this country."

Viljoen said resilience of the economy had been amply demonstrated last year.

In spite of the October 1987 JSE crash confidence remained buoyant and companies continued to show vigorous growth.

He added GDP had risen by 5% and described this as "credible, when viewed in the light of the credit freeze by foreign banks and the excessive role played by government in the economy."

Viljoen was concerned political factors still influenced economic priorities. "Delaying a bank rate rise, as was done before the municipal elections in October, benefited only those who stood to be elected."
SA needs a higher growth rate

By AUDREY D’ANGELO
Financial Editor

SA must have a higher growth rate if chaos during the transition period to a non-racial democracy is to be avoided, Sampie Terreblanche, economic adviser to the Democratic Party, said yesterday.

And higher growth is possible only with a new government more acceptable to the international community.

Terreblanche, professor of economics at the University of Stellenbosch, pointed out at a meeting of the Seff/Cape Times Executive Breakfast Club that more democracy would mean increased public spending and a redistribution of wealth to uplift the coloured and black communities.

This could not be achieved in a declining economy, and SA was trapped in a Catch-22 situation.

Apartheid had to be abolished and black representation in Parliament institutionalized.

"If we do not do these two things, the growing international isolation will increase while the secular stagnation, the process of impoverishment, constitutional stalemate and group conflict will continue," Terreblanche warned.

"On the other hand we cannot—or can hardly afford to abolish apartheid and to institutionalize meaningful black participation in Parliament in a declining economy because it will create demands that can easily overstrain the tax capacity of the economy and lead to an economic collapse."

"To get out of this difficult dilemma we need an orderly and a negotiated transition."

"A first prerequisite is a new government that can initiate a credible and visible process of democratization."

"Such a process is our only chance to normalize SA's international relations and to create conditions conducive to a high and sustainable economic growth rate."

"But when I emphasize this growth-creating potential of a process of democratization we should not forget about the capacity of a democratization process—and growing black representation in Parliament—to generate additional demand for public spending on upliftment and redistribution."

Terreblanche said that "one of the main tasks of the negotiation process will be to strike a sound balance between the growth-creating potential of democracy on the one hand and its capacity to generate additional public spending on the other."

"Although these two trends may pull in opposite directions in the short term it can prove to be complementary over the long run."

Stressing that he was "in favour of a true free-market capitalism at the end of the road," Terreblanche said that on route to this he was "not in favour of a random and dogmatic application of so-called free market principles."

"I am convinced that an appropriate policy of social democracy has a far better chance to create the conditions necessary for both representative democracy and true free market capitalism at the end of the transitional period."

In answer to questions, Terreblanche said there was nothing new about redistribution of wealth.

When the National Party came to power in 1948 there was a poor white problem.

The Afrikaners had half the per capita income of the English speakers. It was the redistribution of wealth from the English speaking community that uplifted the Afrikaners—"I am proud to say that my university education was paid for by the English-speaking taxpayers."

But now "we are much poorer than 40 years ago. To bring about a redistribution of wealth in this kind of economy will not be easy."
NEWLY appointed Finance Director-General Gerhard Croeser is one of the main architects of the Budget.

It is his task to balance government’s books on a day-to-day basis and deal with issues ranging from social responsibility to bearish sentiment in the capital market.

It is a far cry from his original ambition to become an architect. But the 52-year-old Capetonian believes his four-year stint studying architecture at the University of Cape Town stands him in good stead.

“It taught me to think creatively,” he says, adding that the exposure to student politics was also useful.

Special interest

From UCT he went to Stellenbosch for a BCom degree and the start of a career in the public service spanning more than 30 years.

A special interest in the theory of public finance led to his completion of the IMF’s course on the subject in 1976.

Much of his career has been focused on the Budget, and he is aware of the credibility problems.

“Obviously, the most important task government faces this year is to exercise fiscal discipline and live within its means. But unforeseen expenditures do crop up — things over which we have no control, such as droughts and floods.

“With this in mind, the Department of Finance thought it made sense to add the R1bn contingency fund to the Budget.”

He smiles at suggestions that the R1bn fund is an “election sweetener” and reiterates that it was an attempt to overcome the usual problem of additional expenditure.

Where possible, the Department of Finance will ask government departments to finance additional spending by cutting back on other spending rather than overshooting their budgets.

The Department of Finance exercises control over which departments can dip into the contingency fund and how much they will get — but what happens to the extra money is ultimately a Cabinet decision.

Croeser believes the R1bn could succeed in placing a lid on extra spending, thereby going some way towards solving the credibility problem.

“But the problem of credibility has been exaggerated. SA’s markets have become over-speculative and rumours abound.”

Responsibility

When he is not watching the capital market or managing government’s cash-flow, Croeser can be found flying model aeroplanes, sailing dinghies or supporting Western Province in cricket and rugby.

© CROESER … “most important task government faces is to exercise fiscal discipline”

He has given up motor-rallying but still finds time to read the odd Frederick Forsyth novel.

Something he feels strongly about is social responsibility in a Third World country such as SA. “People tend to apply First World recipes to a country which is still developing.”

Croeser feels SA is a developing country and government has to provide certain services which would otherwise not be forthcoming, or which would be prohibitively expensive.

“This demand on government’s finances will make it difficult to accelerate the reduction of government’s share in the economy.

“The objective of slashing government spending as a percentage of GDP can only be realised gradually, bearing in mind that SA is a Third and not a First World country.”

Commitment

It is this onus on the State to provide services such as education and health that will continue to exert pressure on the State’s finances and stand in the way of dramatic cut-backs in the number of public servants employed.

But Croeser stressed the commitment to reducing the State’s share of the economy and getting the deficit down to 3% of GDP.

“A deficit of 3% of GDP is targeted since this more or less represents government’s capital spending. We have to reduce the deficit to this figure so that borrowing only goes towards financing capital spending and not current spending.”

GRETA STEYN
Trade unions concerned over persuasion
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PROCLAMATIONS
by the
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REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES IN CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL PARKS AND TRAINING CENTRES ESTABLISHED BY THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, LIMITED

Whereas I am of the opinion that circumstances exist under which the application of certain laws, and compliance with certain conditions, limitations and obligations under those laws, unduly impede economic development or the creation of job opportunities in certain areas. I hereby by virtue of section 1 of the Temporary Removal of Restrictions on Economic Activities Act, 1986 (Act 87 of 1986), from the date of publication of this Proclamation, with regard to the persons or classes of persons mentioned in Schedule 1 and on the conditions set out in the regulations contained in Schedule 2, suspend the laws, conditions, limitations and obligations mentioned in—

(a) Part 1 of Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4, with regard to the areas mentioned in Schedule 5;
(b) Part 2 of Schedule 3, with regard to the areas mentioned in Part 1 of Schedule 5;
(c) Part 3 of Schedule 3, with regard to the areas mentioned in Part 2 of Schedule 5;
(d) Part 4 of Schedule 3, with regard to the areas mentioned in Part 3 of Schedule 5;
(e) Part 5 of Schedule 3, with regard to the areas mentioned in Part 4 of Schedule 5;
(f) Part 6 of Schedule 3, with regard to the areas mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of Part 4 of Schedule 5;
(g) Part 7 of Schedule 3, with regard to the areas mentioned in paragraph (c) of Part 4 of Schedule 5;

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PROKLAMASIES
van die
Staatspresident van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika
No. R. 60, 1989

OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKING OP EKONOMIESE BEDRYWIGHEDE VAN SEKERE PERSONE IN BEPAALDE OMSTANDIGHEDE IN SEKERE NYWERHEIDSPARKE EN OPLEIDINGSENTRUMS WAT DEUR DIE KLEINSAKE-
ONTWIKKELINGSKORPORASIE BEPERK, GESTIG IS

Aangesien ek van oordeel is dat daar omstandighede bestaan waarin die toepassing van sekere wette, en die nakoming van sekere voorwaardes, beperkings en verpligtings kragtens daardie wette, ekonomiese vooruitgang of die skepping van werkgeleenthede in sekere gebiede onbehoorlik strem, skort ek hierby kragtens die bevoegdheid my verleen by artikel 1 van die Wet op die Tydelike Opeheffing van Beperkings op Ekonomiese Bedrywighede, 1986 (Wet 87 van 1986), vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasi, ten opsigte van die persone of klasse persone in Bylae 1 genoem en op die voorwaardes uiteengesit in die regulasies vervat in Bylae 2, die wette, voorwaardes, beperkings en verpligtinge op wat vermeld word in—

(a) Deel 1 van Bylae 3 en Deel 1 van Bylae 4, ten opsigte van die gebiede in Bylae 5 genoem;
(b) Deel 2 van Bylae 3, ten opsigte van die gebiede in Deel 1 van Bylae 5 genoem;
(c) Deel 3 van Bylae 3, ten opsigte van die gebiede in Deel 2 van Bylae 5 genoem;
(d) Deel 4 van Bylae 3, ten opsigte van die gebiede in Deel 3 van Bylae 5 genoem;
(e) Deel 5 van Bylae 3, ten opsigte van die gebiede in Deel 4 van Bylae 5 genoem;
(f) Deel 6 van Bylae 3, ten opsigte van die gebiede in paragraaf (a) en (b) van Deel 4 van Bylae 5 genoem;
(g) Deel 7 van Bylae 3, ten opsigte van die gebiede in paragraaf (a) van Deel 4 van Bylae 5 genoem;
Into the futures

Major banks and the Reserve Bank are expected to take over the Universal Exchange (Unex) project, which could develop a facility to serve all financial markets but shares — including futures, bonds, options, money instruments and commodities.

The Bank and members of the Clearing Bankers’ Association (CBA) are expected formally to take up all shares of Unex Corp soon after a CBA council meeting on May 18. Their priority will be to organise clearing and settlement services for the bond and futures markets. They will also study grander proposals for Unex, which is envisaged as a central exchange facility providing many financial markets with services, including trade execution, risk management, clearing and settlement. It would fund itself by charging a fee on each trade.

Standard Merchant Bank special-projects manager Burgert Oosthuizen, who helped develop Unex over the past year, explains: “CBA’s Sash (SA Settlement House) sub-committee plans to reconstitute as the Unex committee on May 12. Over the next three months it will study Unex’s short-term implementation.”

He says it will immediately investigate three things:

- Acquiring the JSE’s Gilt Clearing House system with a view to offering it under Unex management to the Bond Market Association (BMA);
- Acquiring the Safex Management System from Safcom — which is owned by the clearing members of the SA Futures Exchange (Safex) — and offering the system to Safex under Unex management or, alternatively, acquiring all Safcom shares not yet held by CBA members; and
- Obtaining a lease from the JSE to sub-let floor facilities in the annex, under Unex management, to BMA, Safex and other financial markets.

“The committee will simultaneously study long-term proposals, which could take until early-1990,” says Oosthuizen. “Bankers support the Unex concept, but don’t want to commit themselves to a multimillion rand investment without a detailed study.”

In December, the Unex project proposed both a R3.5m software package, designed for “front-end” (trading) and “back-end” (clearing and settlement) services, and computer hardware costing between R1m (to handle current volumes of bond and futures trading) and R30m (for volumes of all instruments based on a 10-year projection).

This month Oosthuizen will revise the proposal, including new cost estimates.

- In subscribing to shares in Unex Corp, CBA members and the Bank would assume, in whole or part, costs of the Unex project, estimated at R750 000. In distributing shares, they are expected to use the same formula as for their jointly owned cheque-clearing Automated Clearing Bureau. ■
Companies hit in bid to mop up liquidity

REACTION

Association of Chambers of Commerce
Chief Executive Officer Raymond Parsons: "While accepting that interim remedial measures may be necessary during the course of any fiscal year, short-spanned decisions as reflected in this package suggest a lack of coherence in the management of the country’s financial affairs. Such action is also very disruptive of business planning and will have a negative impact on business confidence.

"The lack of timely action earlier has made more radical steps inevitable, and it will be necessary to ensure that the economy does not now go from a situation of 'underkill' to one of 'overkill' in the months ahead. Assocom said it was concerned about:

"The inescapable fact remains that efforts to restrain overall private sector spending will have no meaningful or balanced impact unless they are accompanied by curbs on excessive public sector spending".

The South African Agricultural Union
President Mr Kobus Jooste said pointed out that interest was agriculture's single highest cost item and was having an adverse effect on farm profits. Many farmers with a normal debt burden simply could not handle the problem.

"The rise in rates combined with the flood of other recent price increases which also had an effect on the industry, has serious implications for the profitability, competitiveness and economic recovery in agriculture. — Sapa.

The Afrikaanse Handels Instituut
Executive director Dr Martin van den Berg: "If the measures had been postponed, the steps would have had to be introduced later would have been more painful for the recovery of the economy than those announced.

"He said that the package was as effective as possible, with the minimum amount of discomfort, and notwithstanding the serious implications for many AHU members, it must be accepted that higher short-term rates are an essential part of any control measures introduced in the light of current circumstances.

Mackenzie, general manager of First National Bank.
"Altogether, the Treasury expects to collect about R750 million from the levy. In order to find this money some firms will have to at least postpone planned spending on stocks and capital works. This could have a chain reaction on other firms and could trim demand throughout the economy.

"Many firms are also likely to delay bringing in imports, or switch to foreign finance. "Foreign financing is extremely attractive at the moment and the authorities are encouraging local firms to take advantage of it," said Mr Mackenzie.

"The Government obviously hopes that the resultant curb on imports and the increase in foreign borrowing will lead to an improvement in the balance of payments and to a firmer rand.

However, squeezing R750 million out of companies in eight weeks is just one side of the coin. It also means an increase of R750 million in the Government's coffers. As it is to be placed in the loan account, it means there will be a substantial reduction in Government borrowing this year. This will help to lessen inflationary pressures.

"At the same time it should reduce pressure on the bond market. This could lead to a significant drop in long-term interest rates in the months ahead.

"It is not yet clear how the new measures will affect the stock exchange. Many institutional investment managers were on holiday yesterday while others did not know about the measures until late in the day so market reaction was limited.

Brokers said that the market had been expecting an increase in interest rates and that share prices had already discounted this part of the package.

But the loan levy was unexpected. In theory it could reduce taxed profits this year by anything up to 20 percent. This sort of impact on distributable profits should have some repercussions in the share market.

Brokers also pointed out that if the Government succeeded in slowing down the economy it would diminish company prospects. A firmer rand could lessen the attractiveness of some of the rand hedge stocks.

But an improvement in the balance of payments could lead to a greater gold retention by the Reserve Bank — and it requires only a small increase in South Africa's gold holdings to have a significant effect on the overseas gold supply."
Mixed reactions to government’s economic curbs

By BRUCE WILLAN

The almost draconian measures reminiscent of 1984 announced by Finance Minister Barend du Plessis yesterday, to cool off the overheated economy have sparked off a mixed reaction from economists, businessmen and various organizations.

For businesses, the measures will be just as tough to swallow as for the consumer to adjust to the imminent rise in the bond rate and the tougher hire-purchase requirements introduced.

Added to this it is expected that all the banks will follow in raising the prime rate by one percent to 20%.

Both Volkskas and First National banks have already announced their increase effective from Monday when the package comes into force.

Although the 10% loan levy introduced on the tax payable by companies is to be calculated on last year’s profits, payable by the end of July this year, will remove about R750m from the system and place a heavy burden on the companies, but there is a positive side as well.

The levy will attract a market-related interest rate of 16% and a negotiable certificate will be issued.

This certificate will be tradeable and may be discounted.

However, Du Plessis indicated in a statement yesterday that the Reserve Bank will not be accepting these certificates at the discounting window to facilitate accommodation.

In a separate statement issued by the Governor of the Reserve Bank Gerhard de Kock, who said the Reserve Bank will provide virtually no accommodation through repurchase agreements, the placing of funds of the Corporation for Public Deposits or other forms of open market operations.

De Kock said that these methods will only be used to smooth out unduly large month-end or other seasonal fluctuations in money market conditions.

Accommodation through the discount window will be restricted to the rediscounting of Treasury bills, Land Bank bills and genuine liquid bankers’ acceptances.

But in exceptional circumstances, and only for short periods of time, will overnight loans be extended against security of liquid or non-liquid assets at new penalty rates.

Companies which experience severe liquidity problems will be able to sell the loan levy certificates.

The decision to base the levy on last year’s profits, says Du Plessis, is for the measures to become effective immediately instead of having to wait until the latter half of this year for the effect to begin.

Added to the interest, which will be earned on the levy, there is also the possibility that rates will go down before the levy is repayable and a capital profit can be made, which is not taxable.

Reacting to the restrictive measures, Assocom CEO Raymond Parsons said it was regrettable that it was necessary to introduce such measures a mere six weeks after the Budget.

While accepting that interim remedial measures may be necessary in the course of any fiscal year, short-spanned decisions as reflected in this package suggest a lack of coherence in the management of the country’s financial affairs.

"Such action is also very disruptive for business planning and will have a negative impact on business confidence," he said.

Standard Bank’s chief economist Nico Cypionka said that while he is in favour of the measures being taken now instead of later in the year, because there is a deterioration in the financial status of the country, such as the weakening gold price and reserves, some of the measures are a bit too drastic.

He says that some of the stricter HP measures applied to goods were not necessary because these sectors are already showing a decline in activity such as appliances.

Cypionka is of the opinion that interest rates alone should have been allowed to curb the consumer demand.

On the “special treatment” afforded to the agricultural sector, he queried the reasoning behind this as farmers are also businesses and farming was also a business.

He said that the package runs the risk of an overkill situation where counter-measures would then have to be taken to rectify it.

However, he indicated that if the objectives are met then there is the possibility that interest rates could be reduced before the election in September.

Southern Life economist Mike Daly supported Cypionka’s view and added that rates are far too volatile and this is not desirable.

The SA Agricultural Union (SAAU) has regretted the fact that interest rates increases were deemed necessary in the light of the recent increase.

SAAU president Kobus Jooste pointed out that interest rates were already unacceptably high for agriculture and that the pattern of rates over the past few years had had a negative effect on the industry.

Banking circles said that the measures appeared to be necessary and that it was better that they were taken now rather than more drastic measures later in the year.
Govt loan levy to reduce borrowing

Govt's 10% loan levy on companies will help solve its borrowing problems on the capital market.

The levy, announced on Friday, will raise R750m for Treasury at a time when it is battling to find buyers for its stock at the price it wants to pay. Most institutions are insisting on high rates on government stock, now that they no longer have to meet prescribed asset requirements.

Finance officials confirmed the revenue from the levy would go towards reducing the borrowing requirement.

By issuing negotiable levy certificates to companies, government has effectively created a new form of gilt-edged stock which will trade in the secondary market. Thus, companies with cash-flow problems can sell their certificates in the market to get most of the cash back.

With the extra R750m, government only has to raise a few hundred million rand more on the reluctant capital market. Its original borrowing requirement has also been reduced from a budgeted R4.4bn by R1.5bn in privatisation and R200m in savings from last year.

The Reserve Bank has managed to place

Govt loan levy to reduce borrowing

MIKE ROBERTSON reports from Cape Town that Finance Minister Barend du Plessis told a Press briefing the R750m would be "sterilised".

Du Plessis said: "That money won't be spent". But, he added the borrowing requirement would be reduced to R2bn.

Finance officials explained at the weekend that Du Plessis meant the extra revenue would not translate into extra spending of R750m, but would be used to reduce government's capital market borrowing.

Du Plessis said on Friday companies were highly liquid at present and were spending vast amounts on creating extra capacity and building up stocks in the expectation that consumer demand would be maintained at a high level.

Government at present had no instrument to mop up this liquidity and it had been decided to introduce the loan levy, he said.
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Economic and political future are 'one entity'

CAPE TOWN — The South African economy will not develop to anything like its full potential and the authorities will not get the economy right unless adequate progress is also made with constitutional and political reform, Dr Gerhard de Kock, Governor of the Reserve Bank told the Institute of Life and Pension Advisers yesterday.

Dr de Kock added that the close inter-relationship between politics and economics in South Africa made it imperative for the country to move forward on both these fronts simultaneously.

He warned that the political situation in which South Africa found itself in the world today, will continue to have adverse effects on the economy.

In the four years from 1985 to 1988 South Africa suffered a net outflow of about R25 billion, of which more than half represented foreign debt repayments.

This had left South Africa no alternative other than to maintain large surpluses on the current account of its balance of payments.

"In other words, political developments and perceptions forced SA to transform itself from a capital-importing to a capital-exporting country.

FALLING LIVING STANDARDS

However, if adequate progress is not made in political and constitutional reform, South Africa's relationships with the rest of the world are unlikely to improve to any significant extent. In such an event South Africa would probably remain a capital-exporting and debt-repaying country for years to come.

The resulting lower rate of real economic growth, the weaker external value of the rand and the higher inflation rate would mean that the average standard of living in South Africa will at best rise only slowly.

On the other hand, if progress is made on the political and constitutional fronts, with the resultant easing of the political strains in relationships with other countries, a marked improvement in real growth is bound to occur in South Africa's balance of payments.

The economy was entwined with its political future and it was fallacious to believe that irrespective of what happens on the political front, SA could achieve optimal economic growth, he said. — Sapa.
'Govt must think long term'

GOVERNMENT was not giving its long-term economic policies the attention they deserved, Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock said yesterday.

He said last week's batch of financial control measures were in line with government's short-term stabilisation policy and, as such, did not conflict with its long-term strategy to optimise growth.

But he suggested the authorities were too preoccupied with short-term economic measures, with the result that they gave inadequate attention to implementing their long-term strategy.

However, De Kock defended the introduction of higher interest rates and other restrictive measures last week on the grounds that it was essential to reduce downward pressure on the exchange rate and upward pressure on the inflation rate.

He said: "During 1988, the upturn in the economy became too vigorous. Real gross domestic expenditure, which had already increased by 4% in 1987, increased by another 7% in 1988 and at an annual rate of around 6% in the first quarter of 1989. "This brought about a substantial rise in output, employment and economic activity. "But it was made possible by an excessive increase in bank credit and in the money supply, and resulted in a reduction in the surplus on the current account of the BoP, an increased capital outflow, a new depreciation of the rand and new demand inflation."

De Kock said criticism of this policy, on the grounds that it showed "a doctrinaire obsession with excessive overheating and excess demand in the economy" and that the Treasury and Bank should rather have "reduced the propensity to import while raising the export content of the GDP", confused government's short- and long-term policies.

"Of course, measures should be taken to increase productivity and to improve SA's capital/output ratio. "But this is all part of the long-term economic strategy. In the short term, the Bank and the Treasury have to deal in realities."

De Kock said there was a need to improve the co-ordination of short- and long-term economic policies.
No economic growth without reform—De Kock

By AUDREY D’ANGELO
Financial Editor

SA cannot achieve high growth and lower inflation without continued political and constitutional reform, Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock said in Cape Town yesterday.

He also called for “improved and better co-ordinated short and long-term economic policies”.

Speaking at the annual convention of the Institute of Life and Pension Advisers (Ilpa), at the Cape Sun, De Kock stressed that SA’s economic future is inextricably entwined with its political future.

It would not be possible to “get the economy right” before proceeding with political reform. The country must “move forward on both these fronts simultaneously”.

Inflow of capital

SA needed an inflow of capital for a higher growth rate, and could not afford to turn its back on the world and retreat into a siege economy.

Sketching alternative scenarios, De Kock said that if relations with the rest of the world improved and there was a net capital inflow equal to about 4% of gross domestic product (GDP), a growth rate of between 4% and 5% could be achieved.

But if SA continued to experience a net outflow of capital equal to about 4% of GDP, as it had done in the past four years, the average rate of growth would be limited to about 2%.

De Kock said these estimates “illustrate the point that any progress on the political front that has the effect of reducing or reversing the net capital outflow will contribute greatly to a higher rate of real economic growth and the achievement of SA’s other economic ideals.”

Discussing the apparent conflict between short-term and long-term economic policies, De Kock said: “As illustrated once again by the short-term stabilization measures announced by the government and the Reserve Bank last week, SA does have a short-term economic strategy.

“It is also well known that the government has accepted a long-term economic strategy for SA, as drawn up by the Economic Advisory Council of the State President.”

The long-term strategy was fully reconcilable with SA’s system of private initiative and effective competition and was not to be confused with a socialist Master Plan of any kind.

It set out objectives, principles and policy instruments and expressed a clear preference for market-oriented methods of economic policy over direct controls.

“Among other things it provides for export promotion, import substitution and inward industrialization.”

It had, however, not been adequately publicized and was not as well understood in either the public or private sector as it should be.

Although its recommendations had been accepted by the government in principle there was concern in many circles that it was not yet being adequately implemented.

Short-term policy was basically stabilization policy, largely concerned with demand management and relying mainly on market-oriented policy measures. It was being used to reduce excess demand which was endangering the balance of payments.

“There are accordingly situations in which short-term economic stabilization policy might appear to conflict with the objectives of the long-term economic strategy.”

Stabilization policy

Critics who pointed this out were confusing short-term stabilization policy with long-term structural policy.

To achieve the objectives of long-term policy would take time.

Meanwhile, the Reserve Bank and the Treasury had to deal with the situation as it was and curb excessive money supply.

This, however, did not obviate the need to give more attention to “the co-ordinated and consistent application of the long-term economic strategy.”

“I have considerable sympathy with those who claim that the authorities in SA always seem to be so pre-occupied with short-term measures that they give inadequate attention to the implementation of the long-term strategy.”
Rand takes a beating as dollar marches on

Finance Staff
The United States dollar is on the march against the South African rand and other major currencies.

Late yesterday the US dollar was quoted at R2.6200 to R2.6215, which in terms of the old system of quoting the exchange rate is equivalent to R1 being worth about 38 US cents.

The rand’s current level is still quite a bit above its record low of 34.80 US cents on August 28 1985, which caused the South African government to close the stock exchange and foreign exchange markets for several days while it sought ways to bolster confidence in the currency and stop the flow of capital out of the country.

Dr Azar Jammine, chief economist of Econometrix, said the rand was not declining as rapidly as its performance against the US dollar was suggesting, because the US dollar was appreciating against all currencies.

He said the US dollar was currently at a critical point because it was approaching major resistance levels against the Japanese yen, West German mark and the British Pound.

These resistance levels were 1.35 to 1.36 for the Japanese yen, 1.65 to 1.67 to the British pound.

Late yesterday the West German mark was at 1.9160, the Japanese yen at 1.3482 while the rate for the British pound was 1.6630.

Dr Jammine said if the US dollar succeeded in breaking through these resistance levels, demand for dollars could be so enormous that central banks might not be able to keep a lid on the currency’s value.

‘Fearful prospect’

“This is a fearful prospect because it would lead to a worldwide rise in interest rates by countries wanting to protect their currencies and lead to a recession.

“Twice last year the US dollar tried to breach these levels but each time it failed because of concerted efforts by the central banks of the major industrialised countries,” he said.

Dr Jammine said an interest rate hike by countries to protect their currencies would follow the dollar’s rise through these resistance levels because most commodities were quoted in dollars and the dollar’s rise would raise inflationary fears.

“This could lead to a repeat of the worldwide stock market crash of October 1987, which was prompted by repetitive rounds of interest rate hikes while the US dollar remained firm,” he said.

Dr Jammine said the US dollar would continue to appreciate so long as the American Federal Reserve persisted with an extremely tight monetary policy to keep its domestic inflation under control and this was also the reason the gold price was weak.

“A tight monetary policy drives up interest rates, which in turn means the cost of holding gold is high. This tight monetary policy is geared to control inflation but gold is the primary hedge against inflation,” he said.

Dr Jammine pointed out that the price of gold had dropped materially against the US dollar and had remained reasonably constant against the West German mark and Swiss franc.

He said the rand was tracking the gold price and one should expect the rand to remain weak because of the underlying inflation rate in South Africa, which was far greater than that for the United States.

Dr Jammine said the long-term factor affecting the value of the rand was that too many rand notes were being printed so South Africa’s underlying inflation rate was higher than the main industrialised countries.

“So long as the South African money supply continues growing, the rand will weaken. A severe recession would halt the drop of the rand but have a negative effect at least in the short term on the country’s growth rate and thus on new employment opportunities,” he said.

However, a leading South African businessman, who declined to be named, doubts whether the dollar will be able to maintain its upward trend, saying that the US economy is fundamentally looking very fragile. “The dollar can just as well start declining very rapidly,” he warned.

Asked to comment on the current state of the equity market after last week’s austerity package, he said that he considers equity prices to be fully priced and he considers it unlikely that major financial institutions, of which he is head of one, will embark on a major investment spree on the JSE, despite the relatively large cash flows.

“It’s all a pie-in-the-sky to expect the equity market to suddenly take-off. No prudent financial institution will buy equities in large numbers at present. The negative factors currently outweigh the positive ones,” he said.
Economic system cannot cope

The South African economy is a mixed one combining statism, on the one hand, and crony capitalism, on the other, says the managing director of Job Creation, Ian Hetherington.

He told a Sapa seminar — "The Future and Black Business" — that statism was where the state monopolised large sectors of the economy and regulated whatever it did not own. Crony capitalism was the response by which a handful of legitimate businesses sought and received all manner of privileges and protection, thereby stifling competition and exploiting consumers.

The mixture was unable to provide jobs for all, as could be seen from the four million officially unemployed adults.

"Their choice is to make their way in what is euphemistically called the informal sector or perish. It is not a pleasant choice."

Moreover, the small black businessman had to face the impossible task of trying to comply with hundreds of laws and regulations or being branded a criminal for failing to do so.

Mr Hetherington warned that SA was now dangerously close to the Russian revolutionary's comment: "The law has no more civilising mission, its only purpose is to protect exploitation."

"For the majority of our population, the law has nothing to do with justice. It is a vehicle for harassment, corruption and exploitation."

Cash presented another problem for the small businessman.

While the "banks will cheerfully accept your deposits, they will look at you as if you are from outer space if you request an overdraft."

About 70 percent of small businessmen who attempted to sell to crony capitalists complained about slow payment.

While the informal sector did not exist in the official recorded economy, it was, however, thriving and expanding exponentially, Mr Hetherington said. — Sapa.
NOTICE 413 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3(6) of the above-mentioned Act that the applications mentioned in the Annexure have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works and are open for inspection at the 12th Floor, Mnicino Building, Pretorius Street, Pretoria, and at the offices of the relevant local authority.

Any objections, with full reasons therefor, should be lodged in writing with the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, at the above address or Private Bag X340, Pretoria, on or before 9 June 1989.

ANNEXURE

MOOIBOU (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED for the removal of the conditions of title of Portion 1 of Erf 1794, Waterkloof Ridge Township, in order to permit the erf being used for duet house development.

(PB 4-14-2-1406-32)

BESTER WONINGS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED for the removal of the conditions of title of Portion 19 of the farm Derdepoort 327 JR in order to establish a township on the portion.

(N 4-15-2-37-327-1)

NIKO VAN ROOYEN for the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 165, Waterkloof Township, in order to erect two dwelling units on the erf.

(PB 4-14-2-1404-270)

MOTBRO INDUSTRIAL PARK (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED for—

(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Remaining Extent of Portion 43 (portion of Portion 3), Sterkpoort 688 LS Township, in order to permit to portion being used for industrial purposes;

(2) the amendment of the Pietersburg Town-planning Scheme, 1981, by the rezoning of the erf from “Agricultural” to “Industrial”.

This application will be known as Pietersburg Amendment Scheme 117, with Reference Number PB 4-15-2-34-688-4.

MURRAY GEORGE RAYFIELD for the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 260, Wilkoppies Township, in order to relax the building line.

(PB 4-14-2-1460-24)

PETRUS WILHELMUS VENTER for—

(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 152, Graihall Park Township, in order to subdivide the erf and to erect a dwelling-house on the subdivided portion;

(2) the amendment of the Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme, 1979, by the rezoning of the erven from “Residential 1” with a density of “One dwelling per erf” to “Residential 1” with a density of “One dwelling 1 000 m²”.

This application will be known as Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 2513, with Reference Number PB 4-14-2-290-31.

COSTA MARKIDES, ANGELO MARKIDES AND KIMON MARKIDES for—

(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 143, Parkhill Gardens Township, in order to erect more than one dwelling-house on the erf and thus to subordinate the erf.

KENNISGEWING 413 VAN 1989

WET OP OEFFENING VAN BEERPINGS, 1967

Ingevolge artikel 3 (6) van bogenoemde Wet word hiermee kennis gegewe dat die aansoeke in die Blyae gemeld deur die Departementshoof van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, by bovemelde adresse van Privaatsak X340, Pretoria, ingediend word op of voor 9 Junie 1989.

BYLAE

MOOIBOU (EIENDOMS) BEPERK vir die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Gedeelte 1 van Erf 1/1794, dorp Waterkloof Rif, ten einde dit maatlik te maak dat die erf gebruik kan word vir 'n drietuisontwikkeling.

(PB 4-14-2-1406-32)

BESTER WOONS (EIENDOMS) BEPERK vir die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Gedeelte 19 van die plaas Derdepoort 327 JR ten einde 'n dorp te stig op die gedeelte.

(PB 4-15-2-37-327-1)

NIKO VAN ROOYEN vir die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Erf 165, dorp Waterkloof, ten einde twee woonenhede op die erf op te rig.

(PB 4-14-2-1404-270)

MOTBRO INDUSTRIAL PARK (EIENDOMS) BEPERK vir—

(1) die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van ReëvÃ©ënde Gedeelte van Gedeelte 3 (Gedeelte van Gedeelte 3), dorp Sterkpoort 688 LS, ten einde dit maatlik te maak dat die erf gebruik kan word vir industriële doeleindes;

(2) die wysiging van die Pietersburg-dorpsbeplanningkema, 1981, deur die hersongering van die erf van “Landbou” tot “Nwyerheid 2”.

Nog enig asok saal bekend staan as Pietersburg-wysigingskema 117, met verwysingnummer PB 4-15-2-34-688-4.

MURRAY GEORGE RAYFIELD vir die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Erf 260, Wilkoppies, ten einde die bouly te verslap.

(PB 4-14-2-1460-24)

PETRUS WILHELMUS VENTER vir—

(1) die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Erf 152, dorp Graihall Park, ten einde die erf onder te verdeel en om 'n tweede woonhuis op die onderverdeelde gedeelte op te rig;

(2) die wysiging van die Johannesburg-dorpsbeplanningkoma, 1979, deur die hersongering van die erf van “Residensiel 1” met 'n digtheid van “Een woonhuis per erf” tot “Residensiel 1” met 'n digtheid van “Een woonhuis per 1 000 m²”.

Die aansoek sal bekend staan as Johannesburg-wysigingskema 2513, met verwysingnummer PB 4-14-2-290-31.

COSTA MARKIDES, ANGELO MARKIDES EN KIMON MARKIDES vir—

(1) die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Erf 143, dorp Parkhill Gardens, ten einde dit maatlik te maak om meer as een woonhuis op die erf op te rig om sodoende die erf te kan onderverdeel;
Barend’s loan levy swipes at the ‘fat cats’

The government’s announcement of a 12.5% loan levy on companies has drawn fire from industry representatives who believe the new measure will have a severe impact on company budgets for the year ahead.

The levy is based on companies’ latest tax assessment — of last year’s tax payments — and is expected to raise around R750-million to the Treasury budget balance.

Technically, the levy is a loan by companies to the government which earns interest and will be repaid at some stage. But industry spokesmen are concerned about the impact the measure will have on business in terms of lost interest and opportunity costs. Potential profits stemming from the effective investment of money now being paid to the government will also be lost.

Some taxpaying companies anticipate a fall in share prices in anticipation of the effect the loan levy will have on company profits.

Stephen Meintjes, general manager of investments at A.A. Ltd., said the government’s move was a tight spot and was forced to take action. But he said that in a properly planned economy, measures like those announced last week would not have been necessary.

This sentiment was shared by the Association of Chambers of Commerce (Assocom) chief executive officer, Raymond Fairman. He is on record as saying: “While accepting that short-term offerings may be necessary during the course of any fiscal year, short-spanned decisions as reflected in this package suggest a lack of coherence in the management of the country’s financial affairs.

“Such action is also very disruptive to business planning and will have a negative impact on business confidence.”

Meintjes said: “There seems to be a trend towards taking a swipe at what the government perceives to be the fat cats.

The principal motivation for the measures was the high level of liquidity in the economy, and it appears that past companies which past tax last year are targeted as the holders of this liquidity.

By relieving organisations of their cash, the government hopes to reduce imports — primarily, plant and machinery. Some companies may attempt to find the cash, many companies will have to postpone future developments.

Meintjes points out that it is ironic that those companies which make the biggest tax payments last year are being harshed off. Organisations which put more effort into planning to reduce their tax bills, on the other hand, are better off.

This bitter pill we could have taken weeks ago

The reasons why Barend du Plessis chose last week rather than another day to discover the woes of our economy have more to do with voting patterns than economic ones. By HILARY JOFFE

Gerhard Schouwwey on policy

Low-income homesteads, many of them black, who took out bonds at the low 12.5 per cent rate would have seen their household finances steadily eroded. The monthly repayment on a R20 000 bond, for example, would have risen from R327 to R400 and that, very likely, on a monthly household income of less than R4 000.

Lower-income consumers will also be hit by the new hire-purchase restrictions, since for many this is the only way they can afford basics such as furnishing or refrigerators. The new HP measures impose higher initial deposits and shorter repayment periods on consumers.

The new measures may also affect investment negatively, and hence employment, since borrowed money will cost companies more, and within the next eight weeks they will have to pay a 10 per cent loan levy.

Changes in the import surcharge could affect investment too, since much machinery is imported. The surcharge has been reduced to 15 per cent, from 20 per cent on most capital goods, but Du Plessis warned consumers to stop spending and pointed to the fact that companies’ imports had risen very rapidly. Capital goods were about 34 per cent of imports.

Du Plessis’ stress on South Africa’s balance of payments problems was an admission, once again, of the pressure of financial sanctions. He referred to these directly in his budget speech in March. Last week Du Plessis pointed to the fact that although the current account of the balance of payments would probably show a surplus of about R1-billion for the first three months of the year, South Africa’s gold and foreign exchange reserves had houndly changed, indicating “a further large net outflow of capital in the first three months of this year.”

Since South Africa has no significant new loan coming in from overseas, and has had to repay its foreign loans since 1965, a surplus in the current account of the balance of payments (the surplus earned by exports over imports) is needed to repay foreign loans and compensate for outflows on the capital account of the balance of payments. About four per cent of gross domestic product, he leaves the country by way of capital outflows.

If the current account surplus is not enough to cover the capital account outflow, the country has no choice but to sell its gold and foreign exchange reserves.

JCI economist Rosie Rotherham says South Africa’s set reserve position has been improved since last year’s deficit of about R24 billion. While the gold and foreign exchange reserves are not currently at their highest level, a good surplus is expected to improve the position in a gross figure — about R62-billion. — Bethlehem says this must be set against the country’s total short-term liabilities (debts payable within one year).

Bethlehem points to the figures on South Africa’s gold holdings, which show a dramatic decline, from 40.3-million ounces in 1969 to 12-million in 1992 to only about 3.5-million now.

“The problem is that South Africa is a cash flow,” he says.

And the pressure of financial sanctions was highlighted this week, when Reserve Bank governor Gerhard de Kock came out with his strongest statement to date on the link between the economy and politics, suggesting that South Africa’s economic problems required political solutions.

He was reported as saying: “The truth is that political solution and South Africa finds itself in the world today has led, and will continue to have, adverse effects on the economy.”

He agreed that if South Africa could make progress in political reform, this could be in foreign capital, which would make possible an economic growth rate of four to five per cent.
Zim goodbye to socialism with new business code

By ANDREW MELDRUM, Harare

ZIMBABWE shifted from its socialist economic orientation this week with the announcement on Monday of a new code to attract foreign and domestic investment and reduce the country's raging unemployment.

The new investment code has been attacked as "Zimbabwe's Satanic Verses" by university students and trade unionists who see the move as a reversal of the Mugabe government's socialist principles. On the other hand the local business community complains that the code does not give them enough incentives.

Zimbabwe's economic helmsman, Finance Minister Bernard Chidzero, argued that the government "remained dedicated to the transformation of the social system so that the poorest can be included. The direction towards socialism is clear. There is no inherent contradiction between socialism and market forces." He said the new economic thrust is to encourage the investment needed for economic growth and increased employment.

The investment code itself, which guarantees new investors they will be able to remit from 50 to 100 percent of their after-tax profits in foreign currency, is not a shocking change and only brings Zimbabwe's policies in line with those in neighbouring majority-ruled countries. But, as Chidzero pointed out this week, the unveiling of the new investment guidelines "is not an event but the beginning of a process".

That process is a gradual liberalisation of Zimbabwe's highly closed and regulated economy, a process that could see Zimbabwe charting a new economic path somewhere between doctrinaire socialist planning and the wide-open monetarist policies pushed by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

"This is the first concrete sign of the government's intentions to move away from an economic policy imposed from the top down to a more market-oriented policy, responsive to both foreign and domestic investors," said an economist for a multi-national bank here. "It could be the start of Zimbabwe moving to an outward-looking yet self-determined economy that would be unique in Africa and spark international interest."

The new package also includes the signing of the World Bank's Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) as well as negotiations to sign the United States Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) agreement and similar British and West German bilateral investment codes. Another incentive is the creation of a one-stop investment centre which will approve investment proposals within 90 days, a major improvement from the 18-month or longer wait investors have faced.

Mugabe said the code will be followed by a relaxation of rigid wage and price controls and an announcement on that is expected soon. President Robert Mugabe said collective bargaining would be established for workers.

Further economic changes include a loosening of Zimbabwe's current tight restrictions on the movement of hard currency in and out of the country. This would be a gradual trade liberalisation expected to begin in 1990 and take about five to seven years. Another important measure to come is the reduction of the country's budget deficit, currently at Zim $1-billion (R1.2-billion) out of an overall government expenditure of $5-billion (R6-billion). At 10 percent of the current gross domestic product of $10-billion (R12-billion) the budget deficit is viewed by both local and foreign economists as unsustainably large.
(2) the amendment of the Kempton Park Town-
planning Scheme, 1987, by the rezoning of the erven
from "Residential 4" to "Business 2".

This application will be known as Kempton Park
Amendment Scheme 174, with Reference Number PB
4-14-2-665-60.

JOHN ERNEST WHILLIER for—

(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Erf
1806, Houghton Estate Township, in order to permit
the erf to be subdivided;

(2) the amendment of the Johannesburg Town-
planning Scheme, 1979, by the rezoning of the erf
from "Residential 1" permitting one dwelling per erf
to "Residential 1" permitting one dwelling per
1 500 m².

This application will be known as Johannesburg
Amendment Scheme 2568, with Reference Number PB
4-14-2-619-137.
(12 May 1989)

NOTICE 414 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERVEN 1, 2, 3, 4, AND 6 UPTO AND INCLUDING
15, DORELAN TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the
Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of
Local Government, Housing: House of Assembly, has
approved that—

(1) conditions 1.1, 1.2, 2.4, 2.6 and 2.7 in Deed of
Transport T49399/84 be removed; and

(2) Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme, 1979,
be amended by the rezoning of Erf 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6
up to and including 15, Dorelan Township, to "Business
1", subject to certain conditions and which
amendment scheme will be known as Johannesburg
Amendment Scheme 1319, as indicated on the rele-
vant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for
inspection at the offices of the Director-General:
Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria,
and the Town Clerk of Johannesburg.

(12 May 1989)

NOTICE 415 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT (ACT 84
OF 1967)

NOTICE OF CORRECTION:
It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the
Townplanning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that
whereas an error occurred in Administrator’s Notice
No. 1448 dated 14 December 1988, it has been ap-
proved that the notice be corrected by the substitution
of the words "Primrose Hill" for the word "Germiston"
in the heading of the notice.

(12 May 1989)

(2) die wysiging van die Kempton Park-
dorpsbepanningskema, 1987, deur die hersonering
van die erwe van "Residensiële 4" tot "Besigheid 2".

Die aansoek sal bekend staan as Kempton Park-
wysigingskema 174, met verwysingnummer PB 4-14-2-
665-60.

JOHN ERNEST WHILLIER vir—

(1) die wysiging, opskorting of opheffing van die
titelvoorwaardes van Erf 1806, dorp Houghton Es-
tate, ten einde dit moontlik te maak dat die erf on-
derverdeel kan word;

(2) die wysiging van die Johannesburg-
dorpsbepanningskema, 1979, deur die hersonering
van die erf van "Residensiële 1" met 'n digtheid van
een woonhuis per erf tot "Residensiële 1" met 'n
digtheid van een woonhuis per 1 500 m².

Die aansoek sal bekend staan as Johannesburg-
wysigingskema 2568, met verwysingnummer PB 4-14-2-
619-137.
(12 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 414 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUIsing EN WERKs
WET OP OPEHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERWE 1, 2, 3, 4 EN 6 TOT EN MET 15, DORP
DORELAN

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepalings van artikel
2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967,
bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur,
Behuising: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat—

(1) voorwaardes 1.1, 1.2, 2.4, 2.6 en 2.7 in Akte
van Transport T49399/84 opgehef word; en

(2) Johannesburg-dorpsbepanningskema, 1979,
geweig word deur die hersonering van Erwe 1, 2, 3,
4 en 6 tot en met 15, dorp Dorelan, tot "Besigheid 1"
onderworpe aan sekere voorwaardes welke
wysigingskema bekend staan as Johannesburg-
wysigingskema 1319 soos toepaslik aangedié op die
toepaslike Kaart 3 en skemaklousules wat ter insaai ë
in die kantone van die Direkteur-generaal: Plaaslike
Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria, en die
Stadsklerk van Johannesburg.

(12 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 415 VAN 1989
KENNISGEWING VAN VERBETERING: WET OP
OPEHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS (WET 84
VAN 1967)

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepalings van artikel
38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbepanning en Dorpe,
1965, bekendgemaak dat nademal 'n fout in
Administrateurskennisgewing No. 1448 gedateer 14
Desember 1988, ontsaan het, is dit goedgekeur het dat
bogenoemde kennisgewing gewysig word deur die ver-
vanging van die woord "Germiston" met die woorde
"Primrose Hill" in die opskrif van die kennisgewing.

(12 Mei 1989)
NOTICE 416 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 467, WATERKLOOF TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works has approved that condition (b) in Deed of Transfer 10390/1968 be altered by the omission of the following words "Not more than one dwellinghouse with the necessary outbuildings and appurtenances shall be erected on the said Lot, and the said lot shall not be subdivided".

(PB 4-14-2-1404-255)
(12 May 1989)

NOTICE 417 OF 1989

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTION 3 OF ERF 31, ALAN MANOR TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that condition (r) in Deed of Transfer F6442/1973 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-10-12)
(12 May 1989)

NOTICE 418 OF 1989

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 135, WITBANK TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that conditions (c) and (e) in Deed of Transfer T54170/1988 be removed and condition (6) be altered to read as follows: "The owner of the erf shall not have the right to open or allow or cause to be opened thereon any canteen, beerhall or other place for the sale of wines or spirituous liquors".

(PB 4-14-2-1470-21)
(12 May 1989)

KENNISGEWING 416 VAN 1989

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 467 DORP WATERKLOOF

Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde (b) in Akte van Transport 10390/1968 gewysig word deur die weglating van die volgende woorde "Not more than one dwellinghouse with the necessary outbuildings and appurtenances shall be erected on the said Lot, and the said lot shall not be subdivided".

(PB 4-14-2-1404-255)
(12 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 417 VAN 1989

ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKEBESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
GEDIETE 3 VAN ERF 31, DORP ALAN MANOR

Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde (r) in Akte van Transport F6442/1973 opgehef word.

(PB 4-14-2-10-12)
(12 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 418 VAN 1989

ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 135, DORP WITBANK

Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes (c) en (e) in Akte van Transport T54170/1988 opgehef word en voorwaarde (6) gewysig word om soos volg te lees: "The owner of the erf shall not have the right to open or allow or cause to be opened thereon any canteen, beerhall or other place for the sale of wines or spirituous liquor".

(PB 4-14-2-1470-21)
(12 Mei 1989)
NOTICE 419 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 21, NORTHAM TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that conditions B (m) and B (j) in Deed of Transfer T10589/1979 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-946-9)

(12 May 1989)

NOTICE 420 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
NOTICE OF CORRECTION
It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town Planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Administrator's Notice No. 186 dated 17 February 1988, the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the correction of the notice by the substitution of the word "Strathavon Extension 8" for the word "Strathavon".

(PB 4-9-2-116H-1079)

(12 May 1989)

NOTICE 421 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
MEYERTON AMENDMENT SCHEME 9
It is hereby notified in terms of section 45 (2) of the Town Planning and Townships Ordinance, 1986, that the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works: House of Assembly has approved the amendment of Meyerton Town Planning Scheme, 1986, by the rezoning of part of Erf 150, Meyerton Farms, to "Business 3"; part of Erf 150 to "S. A. R."; part of Erf 150 to "Public Garage" and part of Erf 150 to "Commercial" and part of Erf 150 to "Existing Public Roads" and part of Erf 151, Meyerton Farms, to "Business 3" and "Commercial"; part of Erf 151 to "Existing Public Road" and Erven 152, 153, 154 and 155, Meyerton Farms, to "Commercial".

Map 3 and the scheme clauses of the amendment scheme are filed with the Director-General of Local Government, Housing and Works: House of Assembly, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk, Meyerton, and are open for inspection at all reasonable items.

This amendment is known as Meyerton Amendment Scheme 9.

(PB 4-9-2-97H-9)

(12 May 1989)

KENNISGEWING 419 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 21, DORP NORTHAM
Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes B (m) en B (j) in Akte van Transport T10589/1979 opgehef word.

(PB 4-14-2-946-9)

(12 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 420 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIISING EN WERKE
KENNISGEWING VAN VERBETERING
Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1966, bekendgemaak dat nademaal 'n fout in Administrateur'skennisgewing No. 186, gedateer 17 Februari 1988, ontstaan het, het die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat bogenoemde kennisgewing gewysig word deur die vervanging van die woord "Strathavon" met die woord "Strathavon-uitbreiding 8".

(PB 4-9-2-116H-1079)

(12 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 421 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIISING EN WERKE
MEYERTON WYSIGINGSKEMA 9
Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 45 (2) van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1986, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat Meyerton-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1986, gewysig word deur die hersenyering van 'n deel van Erf 150, Meyerton Farms, tot "Besigheid 3", 'n deel van Erf 150 tot "S.A.S.", 'n deel van Erf 150 tot "Openbare Garage" en deel van Erf 150 tot "Kommersiel", en 'n deel van Erf 150 tot "Bestaande Openbare Paaiie"; 'n deel van Erf 151, Meyerton Farms, tot "Besigheid 3" en "Kommersiel"; 'n deel van Erf 151 tot "Bestaande Openbare Paaiie" en Erwe 152, 153, 154 en 155, Meyerton Farms, tot "Kommersiel".

Kaart 3 en die skemaklousules van dié wysigingskema word in bewaring gehou deur die Direktor-generaal van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke: Volksraad, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk, Meyerton, en is beskikbaar vir inspeksie op alle redelike tye.

Hierdie wysiging staan bekend as Meyerton wysigingskema 9.

(PB 4-9-2-97H-9)

(12 Mei 1989)
NOTICE 425 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
NOTICE OF CORRECTION

It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Administrator’s Notice No. 995, dated 24 August 1988, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works: House of Assembly has approved the correction of the notice by the substitution of the amended approved scheme clauses for the approved scheme clauses.

(PB 4-9-2-3H-2011)
(12 May 1989)

NOTICE 426 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
HOLDING 3, SIMARLO AGRICULTURAL HOLDING

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that condition (1) in Deed of Transfer T71937/87 be removed.

(PB 4-16-2-541-5)
(12 May 1989)

NOTICE 427 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
TZANEEN AMENDMENT SCHEME 32

It is hereby notified in terms of section 45 (2) of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1966, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved the amendment of Tzaneen Town-planning Scheme, 1980 by the rezoning of Erf 94, Tzaneen Extension, to “Special” for the purpose of offices, subject to certain conditions.

Map 3 and the scheme clauses of the amendment scheme are filed with the Director-General of Local Government, Housing and Works: House of Assembly, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk, Tzaneen, and are open for inspection at all reasonable times.

This amendment is known as Tzaneen Amendment Scheme 32.

(PB 4-9-2-71H-32)
(12 May 1989)

KENNISGEWING 425 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
KENNISGEWING VAN VERBETERING
Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademal ‘n fout in Administrateurskennisgewing No. 995, gedateer 24 Augustus 1988, ontstaan het, het die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat hogenoemde kennisgewing gewysig word deur die vervanging van die goedgekeurde skemaklousules met gewysigde goedgekeurde skemaklousules.

(PB 4-9-2-3H-2011)
(12 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 426 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
HOEWE 3, SIMARLO-LANDBOUHOEUSES

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde (1) in Akte van Transport T71937/87 opgehe het word.

(PB 4-16-2-541-5)
(12 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 427 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
TZANEEN-WYSIGINGSKEMA 32

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 45 (2) van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1986, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat Tzaneen-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1980, wy sig word deur die hersoning van Erf 94, Tzaneen Uitbreiding tot "Spesial" vir die doelendes van kantore, onderworpe aan sekere voorwaardes.

Kaart 3 en die skemaklousules van die wy sigskema word in bewaring gehou deur die Direkteur-generaal van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke Volksraad, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk, Tzaneen, en beskikbaar vir inspeksie op alle redelike tye.

Hierdie wysiging staan bekend as Tzaneen wysigingskema 32.

(PB 4-9-2-71H-32)
(12 Mei 1989)
NOTICE 428 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 271, ORKNEY TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that conditions B (g), B (h) and B (j) in Deed of Transfer T43184/1981 be removed.

(PB. 4-14-2-991-19)
(12 May 1989)

NOTICE 429 OF 1989
DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS
RESERVATION OF LAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF A PUBLIC ROAD

The Mining Commissioner for the Mining District of the Orange Free State has, in terms of section 179 (1) (b) of the Mining Rights Act, 1967 (Act No. 20 of 1967), reserved for the purposes of a public road a strip of proclaimed land on the farms Kaalvallei Diamond Mine 12, Administrative District of Venterburg, and Klippan 14, Administrative District of Welkom, Mining District of the Orange Free State, Province of the Orange Free State, as shown on a sketch plan copies of which have been filed under RMT R20/89 in the Mining Titles Office, Johannesburg, and in the office of the Mining Commissioner: OFS, Welkom.

(19/5/1/2689)
(12 May 1989)

NOTICE 430 OF 1989
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
AIR SERVICES ACT, 1949 (ACT NO. 51 OF 1949), AS AMENDED

Pursuant to the provisions of section 5 (a) and (b) of Act No. 51 of 1949, and regulation 5 of the Civil Air Services Regulations, 1964, it is hereby notified for general information that the applications, details of which appear in the Schedules hereto, will be heard by the National Transport Commission.

Representations in accordance with section 6 (1) of Act No. 51 of 1949 in support of, or in opposition to, an application, should reach the Director-General: Transport (Directorate Civil Aviation), Private Bag X193, Pretoria, 0001 and the applicant within 21 days of the date of publication hereof stating whether the party or parties making such representation intend to be present or represented at the hearing.

The Commission will cause notice of the time, date and place of the hearing to be given in writing to the applicant and all parties who have made representations as aforesaid and who desire to be present or represented at the hearing.

(32)
NOTICE 428 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 271, ORKNEY TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that conditions B (g), B (h) and B (j) in Deed of Transfer T43184/1981 be removed.

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The Commission will cause notice of the time, date and place of the hearing to be given in writing to the applicant and all parties who have made representations as aforesaid and who desire to be present or represented at the hearing.

(12 May 1989)
Map 3 and the scheme clauses of the amendment scheme are being held by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk, Rustenburg, and is available for inspection at all reasonable times.

This amendment scheme shall be known as Rustenburg Amendment Scheme 116.

(PB 4-9-2-31H-116) (12 May 1989)

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NOTICE 444 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT (ACT No. 84 OF 1967)

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Administrator’s Notice No. 1943 dated 15 February 1989 the correction of the notice has been approved by the insertion of the following after the word “Conditions”—“BK in Deeds of Transfer T26039/1973 and T35539/1970”.

(PB 4-14-2-2395-1) (12 May 1989)

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NOTICE 445 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT (ACT No. 84 OF 1967)

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Administrator’s Notice No. 1479 dated 21 December 1988 the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the correction of the notice by the substitution of the new approved scheme clauses for the approved scheme clauses.

(PB 4-14-2-1133-2) (12 May 1989)

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NOTICE 447 OF 1989
INVESTIGATION INTO THE MACHINE TOOLS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

It is hereby notified for general information that the Board of Trade and Industry intends to enquire into, to report upon, and to make such recommendations as it may consider necessary in respect of the economic performance, competitive ability and development potential of the Machine Tool Manufacturing Industry, with special reference to—

(a) national demand and supply, current trends and forecasts, international trends and trade and the influence thereof on availability;

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Kaart 3 en die skemaklousules van die wysigingskema word in bewaring gehou deur die Departementshoof van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk, Rustenburg, en is beskikbaar vir inspeksie op alle redelike tye.

Hierdie wysiging staan bekend as Rustenburg wysigingskema 116.

(PB 4-9-2-31H-116) (12 Mei 1989)

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KENNISGEWING 444 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS (WET No. 84 VAN 1967)

KENNISGEWING VAN VERBETERING

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepaling van artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademaal ’n fout in Administrateurskennisgewing No. 1943 gedateer 15 Februarie 1989 ontstaan het, en dat dit goedgekeur is dat bogenoemde kennisgewing gewysig word deur die volgende in te sit na die woord “Voorwaardes”—“BK in Aktes van Transport T26039/1973 en T35539/1970”.

(PB 4-14-2-2395-1) (12 Mei 1989)

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KENNISGEWING 445 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS (WET No. 84 VAN 1967)

KENNISGEWING VAN VERBETERING

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepaling van artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademaal ’n fout in Administrateurskennisgewing No. 1479 gedateer 21 Desember 1988 ontstaan het, het die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke: Volkraad goedgekeur het dat bogenoemde kennisgewing gewysig word deur die vervanging van die goedgekeurde skemaklousules met nuwe goedgekeurde skemaklousules.

(PB 4-14-2-1133-2) (12 Mei 1989)

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KENNISGEWING 447 VAN 1989
ONDESOEK NA DIE MASIJENGEREEDSKAPSPERVERVARDIGINGSBEDRYF

Hierby word vir algemene inligting bekendgemaak dat die Raad van Handel en Nywerheid van voorneemse om ondersoek in te stel na, verslag te doen oor en sodanige aanbevelings te doen as wat dit nodig ag in verband met ekonomiese prestasie, mededingendheid en ontwikkelingspotensiaal van die Masijengereedskapsvervaardigingsbedryf met besondere verwysing na—

(a) nasionale vraag en aanbod, huidige tendense en vooruitskattings asook internasionale neigings en handel en die invloed daarvan op beskikbaarheid;
SA growing poorer each year – report

The Star's Foreign News Service

GENEVA — The International Labour Organisation (ILO) says South Africans grow poorer every year because of the cost of maintaining apartheid.

"One bank survey finds a drop of 14 percent in per capita disposable income from its 1980 peak," the UN agency said.

The new ILO report said that "a leading academic put the cost of maintaining the apartheid system at R78 billion in lost economic growth and in the direct cost of implementing the government's race policies".

The ILO said many leading businessmen believed per capita gross national product would have been 50 percent higher without apartheid.

Even the authorities in South Africa conceded that unemployment levels were unacceptable.

"Given the present low level of economic growth — which is below the rate of population growth — the jobless total may swell to a frightening maximum of 45 percent of the economically active population."

The report will be debated at the annual ILO conference in Geneva next month.
CAPE TOWN — South Africa should prepare for substantial economic growth during 1989 — but also for punishing inflation.

This two-edged forecast was spelled out by Dr Ockie Stuart, Director of the Bureau for Economic Research at Stellenbosch University yesterday.

Interest rates would remain high and the rand could be expected to depreciate further, he said.

Dr Stuart's comments follow the BER's completion and analysis of its latest survey of key economic trends.

Dr Stuart said that in the opening months of this year exports increased sharply — "the March trade surplus was the highest in many months". However, a continuation of the trends currently at work will have a negative impact on reserves.

Dr Stuart said that most forecasters initially predicted low economic growth for 1989 — a conclusion arrived at on the basis of factors such as slow growth in manufacturing production towards the end of last year, the decline in the value of building plans, the slackening of demand for credit and a drop in real wholesale and retail sales.

However, conditions changed swiftly in the wake of the non-budgeted rise in public-sector salaries, increased government spending at the close of the fiscal year, the prospect of a bumper farm crop and a surge in capital spending.

Economic activity in 1988 as a whole was also more lively than most people expected.

"The buoyancy of the year is reflected in the fact that gross domestic expenditure achieved a high growth rate of over seven percent," Dr Stuart said.

At one stage in 1988, the BER's forecast for the rate of expansion of gross domestic product (GDP) was scaled down from an initial 3.5 percent to as low as 2.5 percent.

There had been some surprise at the Government's preliminary official estimate of 3.2 percent.

Inflation was expected to accelerate throughout the year, but peak in 1990, while long-term interest rates would remain at relatively high levels throughout the year.

Last year the average inflation rate declined from 14.2 percent in January to 12.5 percent in December, with an average rate of 12.9 percent.

For the current year the Bureau forecasts an average inflation rate of 15.5 percent, dropping to 14.5 percent for 1990.

The remuneration of employees is projected to increase by 17.5 percent — a percentage point higher than last year.

Income from property is expected to increase more rapidly, resulting in a 1989 personal current income growth of 15.3 percent, which is 2.4 percentage points higher than the previous year's growth rate.

Direct taxes are, however, projected to increase very rapidly this year, while consumer prices should increase at a faster pace.

The combined net result of these trends is a slow growth of 0.7 percent in real disposable income, which is half a percentage point lower than last year's figure.

As a result, private consumption expenditure was expected to increase by 1.9 percent in real terms, compared with the 4.8 percent recorded in 1988, the Bureau said. — Sapa
Hendrickse slates
R252-m shortfall

The amount allocated to coloured education by the central Government in the budget was about R252 million. Mr. Allan Hendrickse, the Minister of Education and Culture, said in the House of Representatives yesterday that "the country was "exhausted" to the point where the authorities of the impracticabilities they faced in satisfying community needs with the allocated funds.

He strongly objected to the National Party's attitude in dealing with the "obvious inadequacies" in the educational system for the coloured community. Instead of allowing his department to use a funded, white education college complex for the purposes for which it was erected, the complex had been handed over to the police or the army.

Unused school buildings

"How do you explain a lack of funds to build a school when across the road a school building is half empty or even empty, unutilised?"

Yet, my colleague in the House of Assembly (Mr. Piet Claas) argued that the policy not to open white government schools to all races, is based on sound conclusions. I ask myself how educationally and economically sound can such a policy ever be?" Mr. Hendrickse said last year. The allocations for universities and technical-staff salaries and contractual obligations, which his department were obliged to meet, were deducted from the budgeted R1.33 billion, a total of R143 million remained.

This had to cover postal expenditure, transport services, lodging allowances, study grants, provision and equipping of educational institutions, repair and maintenance of equipment and furnishings, travel and subsistence costs "and so on and so on".

The total needed for these latter items comes to about R356.3 million — in other words a shortfall of about R204.1 million.

For buildings and grounds, an additional R201 million had been provided to the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture.

This was hopelessly too little to meet the needs for new schools, replacement buildings and extensions, boarding hostels and school halls.

In addition, schools grounds had to be developed from this allocation.

"I ask myself the question, how can my department, with the best will in the world, beat the budget without affecting personnel expenditure? How can personnel expenses be cut without lessening personnel numbers?"

"Taking into account the feeling in the community against the recognised shortfall in the past, is it justified that posts which have been allocated according to the approved personnel provision scale be reduced?"

In his speech, Mr. Hendrickse also said that:

- His department was committed to expanding pre-primary education.
- The shortage of teachers in rural areas might mean that the department might have to attach specific conditions to bursaries to teaching students.
- The department was experiencing a severe shortage of qualified teachers of the natural sciences at secondary level, and had therefore entered into a contract with the University of Port Elizabeth to give in-service science training to unqualified teachers.

- Planning of campuses for technical colleges at Bethelsdorp and Athlone was at an advanced stage.
ECONOMIC POLICY

Going back to the Seventies

Finance Minister Barend du Plessis' latest package will spawn stagflation

There was a time when, if the Minister of Finance didn't know what to do, he did nothing. Now he increases taxes retrospectively, even if the latest impost be called a loan levy. It has become almost a knee-jerk reaction. But the fact that he has done something — regardless of whether it be right or wrong — earns him some gratitude from those who realise that prosperity is at stake. And that is unfortunate.

For the present package from the Ministry of Finance is not only inappropriate. It lacks immediate utility and ultimately will be economically deleterious.

Only six weeks after the Budget and we're back to boom and bust mentality in the Union Buildings. What an admission of policy failure! It is only a little over 12 months ago that the State President himself promised a gathering of businessmen in Cape Town that fiscal discipline would be applied. Then came the shock pay increase for civil servants and a rising tide of higher taxes, which inevitably spilled over into rising government spending.

It always does and it always will. If governments increase taxes, the chances are that they will not take long to spend more.

At the time, the Reserve Bank could have countered the inflationary impact by keeping the money supply at its target growth level. This would have meant higher interest rates. But Governor Gerhard de Kock, while touchingly admitting his culpability, decided to humour that element in the National Party which believed a rising cost of money would be politically inconvenient.

The plain fact is that, while an increase in interest rates was long overdue, the fiscal action announced by Pretoria last week was singularly inappropriate and will not mitigate further pressure for yet higher interest rates. If the Reserve Bank continues to allow market forces some influence on interest rates, then prime will be at 25% by year end or higher. And that is inevitable.

The one-and-a-half hours of a De Kock speak-in, to which the bankers were subjected last week, was of doubtful value. The governor's attempt at moral suasion was delivered with fluency and candour, but without the punctuation of his usual vitriol. He intended to be taken seriously. But who will accept an admonition to do less business from a governor who so often has cried mea culpa?

For all that, we sympathise with him; he has made it very clear over the years that monetary discipline begins in the Treasury, from whence its absence stands out like a sore thumb, especially in this latest package of financial measures.

What was needed last Friday from the Union Buildings was lower spending and lower taxes, not the other way around. The measures announced — the loan levy on companies, a tightening of hire purchase contract terms and an impost on imports — will no doubt reduce demand in the private sector. But that is not where the problem lies. It is public-sector demand that is the root cause of the economy overheating.

Nowhere in the world where taxes are increased can governments refrain from spending, thus curbing public-sector demand. Moreover, this spending tends to be current rather than capital based.

Over time, higher taxes will curb aggregate demand. But they will not also curb inflationary pressures while government spending and the money supply are out of control. The outcome will be stagflation — lower economic growth while the general price level continues to rise and government's share of output increases.

The ultimate outcome of these measures will, therefore, fly in the face of government's declared policy to privatise and reduce its share in the economy. Clearly, its motivation in this respect is simply to sell off public assets to the highest bidder so that it can continue to indulge its own profligacy. It has taken private-sector investment — the key to our prosperity — three years to begin recovering from the last recession. The loan levy and other increased imposts on business are going to inhibit, if not reverse, that recovery. There will, in time, be less capital formation and the productive capacity of capital assets will be reduced.

One socialist economist after another tells us that the way to reduce inflationary pressures is to raise productivity. But nowhere in the world has productivity been raised without rising investment. That is what brings about greater efficiencies in the productive process.

In the short term, it is economic madness to increase taxes and reduce supply when
What comes first?

If Pretoria put politics on the back-burner and embarked on bold economic reform, could SA prosper? Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock doesn't think so. In a provocative talk to the Institute of Life & Pension Advisers in Cape Town this week, he argued that political reform is a prerequisite for a sound economy — and strongly complained that government's policies make SA poorer.

"Continued political and constitutional reform and maintenance of law and order are preconditions for optimal real growth, low single-digit inflation, balance of payments equilibrium, a strong currency and, in general, economic prosperity and rising living standards," he said.

Though not completely convincing, his arguments highlight a crucial question: why is SA's economy suffering?

De Kock is clearly right in arguing bold economic reform won't work if it's in the wrong direction. He "utterly and completely" rejects a siege economy — controls, a larger government role — as the proper response to sanctions and low growth. "Economic theory, plain common sense and experience in other countries all indicate that, in the long run, economic isolation and a siege economy would mean lower economic growth, a weaker currency, higher inflation and a lower living standard."

But the siege economy isn't the only recommended solution. Ironically, others who want Pretoria to forget about politics and "get the economics right" are in the free-market school — far from dirigisme.

They "believe (our) economic problems are mainly, if not entirely, due to too much government interference, too many direct controls, excessive levels of government spending and general 'financial mismanagement.'" De Kock says. "They therefore believe the answer lies in abolishing all direct controls (including exchange control), reducing government spending and 'leaving everything to free markets' — if not à la Hayek, at least à la Milton Friedman.

"While members of this school are not necessarily against more rapid political reform, some seem to say that, independently of what happens on the political front, such a change-over to completely free-market policies would by itself give SA a high growth rate, low inflation rate, strong balance of payments, and so on.

De Kock is sympathetic. They are "to my way of thinking, much closer to the truth," he says. "Under more normal political conditions, government would do well to take their advice seriously. Indeed, even under present abnormal conditions, progress in the direction they favour would have many desirable effects."

But, he says, the free-market view "gives inadequate weight to the prevailing stresses and strains in SA's political relationships with the world. These unpleasant realities place a limit on the extent to which SA can move further down the free-market road. For the time being, we have to live with such necessary evils as exchange control and restrictions on foreign debt repayment."

But what exactly is De Kock arguing? To prove politics matters, he cites sanctions-induced capital outflows since 1985: "The real economic growth rate was lower than it would otherwise have been." He adds: "If adequate progress is not made in political and constitutional reform, relationships with the world are unlikely to improve to any significant extent. In that event, SA will probably remain a capital-exporting and debt-paying country for years to come... in such circumstances, the average living standard will at best rise slowly."

But De Kock is making an assumption: external sanctions are the main drag on economic growth. Free marketeers don't deny financial and trade sanctions hurt. By definition they do, because they're government interference in the economy (it's just a foreign government that's interfering). And De Kock is right that all else being equal, South Africans will live worse with sanctions than without them.

But must all else be equal? Could Pretoria not severely reduce the pain of external sanctions by undoing the damage of its own policies?

Granted, some of us can't roll over our foreign loans. And we can't export food to the US. And so the list of external sanctions goes.

But consider steps Pretoria could take that have nothing to do with foreigners (or forex and foreign debt): abolish company taxes, cut and simplify personal income tax, allow blacks to own land anywhere, stop arresting people for selling oranges on the street, stop debasing the rand, privatise, cut regulations — the list is endless.

All could be done without the "political reform" needed to end external sanctions. But living standards would surely soar, because local enterprise would blossom. For that matter, foreign capital would likely flow into a low-tax, booming SA.

Those who see salvation in free-market reform don't say political change is unwelcome, or would not help, or should be ignored forever. They simply say SA could prosper — overnight — if Pretoria abandoned destructive economic policies.
NEW LIFE FOR URANIUM

RICHARD ROLFE in LONDON

If there is any truth in the view that the moment of opportunity is at its greatest when a market is borned out, there must be something to be said for uranium, the forgotten metal.

In my case, it has been literally forgotten. At the beginning of last year, when I was preparing a report on the SA mining industry for a distinguished magazine, I was several weeks into my task before I realised I had done no research into uranium.

Not only had it slipped my mind, but it was not on the agenda of any of the numerous mining house executives I interviewed.

Since then, there have been faint stirrings of life. The London-based Uranium Institute, a think-tank for the nuclear industry, held its first conference in 10 years last September.

Examining the outlook for uranium mining, it estimated that between 1995 and 1998, supply and demand would fall into balance.

For most of the past decade, there has been over-capacity in uranium. Nuclear power has been under a cloud. There have been few new power stations worldwide to take up supplies from mines begun in the wake of the oil crisis of the 1970s.

Indeed, in the US, where the industry suffered a setback because of the Three Mile Island incident, no nuclear plant has been built since 1975. Some have been decommissioned and more than 100 plants intended to be built have been cancelled.

A uranium mine can take between five and seven years to come on stream in countries like Canada, the world’s biggest producer, or Australia, which has the biggest reserves.

Present uranium prices do not provide any incentive to open mines. On the spot market, uranium has collapsed to $10.50 a pound. That compares with $17 last year and a peak of $45 in 1979.

About 20% of US electricity output is still supplied by nuclear plants. The power stations require a renewed charge of uranium every 18 months or so, the main source of continuing demand.

They have been drawing a part of their requirement from inventories, weakening the spot price of uranium.

WASTE

A new opportunity for proponents of nuclear power has arisen out of the rising environmental concern among the industrialised nations. Carbon dioxide emissions from coal-fired power stations seem to be one of the main culprits in depletion of the world’s ozone layer, causing the greenhouse effect.

If this is to be reversed, there may have to be fewer or no coal-fired power stations in future and a corresponding increase in nuclear plants.

Nuclear power stations may devastate the environment if there is a disaster like the one at Chernobyl, and they cause problems of waste disposal. But nobody has ever accused them of emitting carbon dioxide.

For the environmentalists, it would be an irony if nuclear power, which they have always fought against, proved to be the most benign source of electricity — assuming optimum safety can be maintained.

RTZ is among mining groups which believes uranium will come back into demand in the 1990s. It controls Rossing in Namibia and large mines in Canada.

Chief executive Derek Birkin says mines are gradually being worked out, so that a new generation of uranium producers will be needed — and that will be merely to meet the recharge demand from power stations, not any new ones the future might bring.

Oliver Messenger of Shearson Lehman, who has completed an analysis of the market, says: “Whether we have it or not, the inevitable rise in global temperatures and the impact on local environment and agriculture will force us all to accept more nuclear plants.

BRITAIN’S consumer boom over the past few years has been fuelled by easy availability of credit.

The relatively easy availability of credit cards has been generally blamed for any excesses there have been, although most UK consumer borrowing is for mortgages.

Be that as it may, there is evidence that consumer attitudes to credit cards are changing rapidly. More and more financial institutions are trying to break into the market and challenge the established Visa (Barclaycard) and Access cards.

A poll of 1,000 people found that a remarkable 15% had stopped using one or more credit cards in the past 12 months.

It is no longer trendy to haul a deck of credit cards out of one’s wallet, telling a salesman to “pick a card”.

“Credit card caution” is the new watchword among consumers — not surprising when storecards, issued by retailing groups, charge interest rates of more than 30%.

Some shops believe consumers may have to save before buying items instead of lashing out with their plastic.

A separate poll of teenagers finds that 85% think credit cards are too easily available, and 94% would not go into debt unless it was essential.

Market researchers are calling these attitudes “the new puritanism”. The interesting thing is that it seems to be happening autonomously and before, not after, the expected move by banks to introduce annual fees on credit cards in the next year or so.

A major change in how contemporary Britons spend and view credit seems to be in the making.
IF it wasn’t so serious it would be very funny, if not downright ironic, they way the economy is being managed at present.

Finance Minister Barend du Plessis warns that South Africa runs the danger of becoming a “banana republic” if consumers do not stop spending and the banks do not stop granting credit.

He could have fooled many people who have long held the view that we already display several symptoms of a “banana republic”. These include a declining currency, a high inflation rate, a high level of public and private corruption and a general distrust of people in authority.

In fact, if international credit ratings are anything to go by, South Africa currently ranks as a “high-risk country” as far as investments are concerned, lodged between Ghana and Indonesia, according to The Economist magazine.

Can you blame foreign investors for not investing in a country with a high inflation rate (whatever it officially might be) and a currency seeminglessly on a permanent downward trend?

Spending

Barely two years ago Mr du Plessis, aided and abetted by the monetary authorities, urged the consumer to take up credit and to start spending in order to get the sluggish economy out of its Rubicon speech-induced nosedive.

Even respected and admired Dr Gerhard de Kock, governor of the Reserve Bank, commented on “the reluctance on the part of the consumer to take up credit and start spending”.

After several economic stimulatory packages, which included a loosening of monetary policy by means of a gradual reduction in the interest-rate pattern, massive salary increases for civil servants, the repayment of several loan levies and other measures to induce consumers to start spending again, consumers eventually responded. And respond with vigour they did.

Interests rates were reduced to artificially low levels, dropping at the end of 1987 to a low of 12.5 percent, which was below the inflation rate. Financial institutions embarked on a massive credit-enticement spree.

Homeowners were lured into taking up 100 percent bonds on houses (in some cases even more) and buying goods on the never-never while rates were kept down; artificially.

Growth

In 1988 consumption expenditure increased in real terms by as much as 7 percent while the growth in the money supply during the year was 25 percent, way above the target growth rates set between 14 and 16 percent at the beginning of the year.

During the first quarter of 1989 it was obvious that consumption expenditure was not reacting to the import surcharges announced during August 1988 and several increases in the prime overdraft rate and other important rates since April last year.

According to the latest figures consumption expenditure was still growing at an annualised rate of 6 percent, which was far too high considering the state of the country’s level of foreign exchange reserves. This problem was exacerbated by the declining gold price which further exposed the calamitous position South Africa was in.

Bonds

That these announcements were made barely four months before a general election underlines the severity of the situation. Homeowners who have bonds with building societies will, in the almost certain case of increased bond rates, make their first higher mortgage payment in July, barely weeks before they have to go to the polling booths.

Government is no longer wondering if consumers cannot (or will not) stop spending. But if the price of an imported product, like motor cars, television sets, video recorders or golf clubs, is continually rising at a rate much faster than the inflation rate due to the depreciating currency, why would they postpone purchases until later?

Consumers are voting with their hard-earned money.

What makes the situation even more ironic is that Government is now calling on consumers to cut down on spending while its record of profligacy in recent years as been appalling.

Not once this decade has Government expenditure come even close to the budgeted figure. On average, Government spending has overshot the budgeted figures by 5 percent a year during the 80s, with an overshoot of 8.8 percent in 1984/85 — the worst year.

Each year the public has had to listen to the litany of excuses why Government was not able to balance its books. Now it is expecting the public to reign in its spending. One wonders if they are going to set an example.

Meanwhile, Mr. Average Consumer is going to keep on spending his rapidly eroding money on imported goods until Government steps in once again with more hard-hitting austerity measures until they get the message.

And if you do not belong to one of several protected groups like civil servants or farmers, prepare for the worst possible scenario during 1990.
Vigorous economic growth needed

SA economy 'smothered'

By AUDREY D'ANGELO
Financial Editor

The SA economy is being smothered at a time when "vigorous economic growth is what we need more than anything else," says leading economist Jan Sadie of the University of Stellenbosch.

And United Building Society economist Hans Falkena forecasts in his Economic Monitor that domestic growth "looks set to slow materially in the second half of this year, yielding a growth rate of less than 2% for the year as a whole", while inflation will rise to above 10% by the end of the year.

Following last week's forecast by the Stellenbosch Bureau for Economic Research (BER) that SA is heading for tough times with "skyrocketing inflation", Sadie, a former director of the bureau, blames official monetary policy.

He says it aggravates inflation while tackling structural problems of the economy "with short stop-go measures".

Pointing out that the current monetary approach sees SA as over-consuming or living beyond its means, Sadie says this country is in fact under-producing and under-performing.

"The fashionable terminology is "cooling down the overheated economy" which in fact translates into "smothering an economy which shows some signs of healthy life," says Sadie.

The results of the latest research by the BER convey the sad message that the SA economy is not being allowed to manifest energetic activity let alone flourish."

The capital account of SA's balance of payments is "imposing a vice-like constraint" on the performance of the economy, he continues.

Blaming ideology for failing to allow a pragmatic or commonsense approach to SA's economy, Sadie says that "such a commonsense approach would treat excessive import content as the root of the Republic's economic problem, requiring direct intervention, while pursuing positive export stimulation."

"As long as dogma reigns supreme viewing the SA economy as an unrestrained, First World, high income organism it will remain in the doldrums."

"Politically as well as economically, this is an untenable situation."

Falkena forecasts "a further upward movement in the consumer price index" for the rest of 1989.

"He says that for the rest of this year "a further upward movement in the consumer price index is foreseen."

"This will result from the lagged effect of the rand depreciation, the increases in administered prices announced recently, the 1% GST rise announced in the March Budget and the higher petrol price."

"In addition, the inflationary impact of last year's inordinate increase in the money supply will be in evidence for at least the next 18 months."

"Thus an inflation rate of more than 15% is expected by the end of the year, with an average inflation rate of 15.5% for the year as a whole."

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New pattern of wealth foreseen

REMOVING racial barriers which prevented people entering the SA economy would create a massive redistribution of wealth, Idasa co-director Van Zyl Slabbert said at a weekend conference organised by the organisation.

Appealing for the "emotional unpacking" of the redistribution debate, he said debate about a future economy was in progress and would strongly affect a future constitution.

"If someone talks about the importance of the market there is no need to treat that person as a secret closet agent of 44 Main Street (Anglo American head office)."

Instead of redistribution per se, the debate should focus on "the degree of freedom people should be allowed to enjoy to pursue their economic interests". It was also unrealistic for free market economists to expect people who had grown up in SA's urban "slums and ghettos" to enthusiastically embrace capitalism.

Slabbert said while groups could negotiate a constitution, they could not negotiate an economy.

The conference organisers were criticised for having only free marketeers on their panel of speakers during a discussion of the economy.

Negotiation

Referring to the theme of the conference, Options for the Future, Slabbert said this assumed that there would be no "radical rupture". No options could be exercised in a situation of chronic or dramatic collapse.

Stressing that negotiation was not a "one-off affair", Slabbert said ANC leaders had acknowledged that there would never be a single ceremony where "the flag of one regime is lowered and that of another is hoisted".

There were many planned and unplanned forces for change which shifted over time, he said.
GDP slows dramatically

LOWER-than-expected GDP figures for the first quarter this year were released yesterday, as output growth slowed dramatically from last year's levels.

Central Statistical Services (CSS) said real GDP rose by only 1.6% (at an annual rate) from the fourth quarter of last year after reaching a high of 3.6% in the third quarter of 1988.

However, the slow growth in GDP is in sharp contrast to the rampant spending growth in the first quarter this year. Retail Gross Domestic Expenditure (GDE) rose at an annual rate of 6%, according to Reserve Bank figures — far outstripping the 1.6% growth in output.

When slow growth in output is accompanied by strong growth in spending, it is a signal that the demand for imports is still too strong. If spending is allowed to surge while production lags, the current account on the balance of payments could slip into deficit.

The monetary authorities responded last week to the danger of domestic demand exceeding output with a package of fiscal and monetary measures. However, any effort to curb spending can also be expected to depress growth. The lower growth rate in the first quarter already reflects the

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GDP slows

restractive measures taken last year.

CSS said the lower rate of growth reflected decreases in manufacturing and mining output. The electricity, gas and water sector also declined, while all other sectors recorded increases.

The rate of growth was lower than expected — according to a First National survey among economists, the average real increase in GDP forecast was about 2%. And the UBS, in its newsletter for the second quarter, predicted a growth rate of more than 5% for the first quarter.

Economists said the growth rate was too low, given that the population was growing at about 2.7% a year.
Joe Hlongwane, vice-president of National

Don't ignore force of black cash
Economy cooling down

By Sven Länsche

Gross domestic product figures in the first quarter this year indicate a dramatic slowdown in economic growth and raise fears that the recent austerity measures could lead to an "overkill" of consumer demand.

Central Statistical Services figures released yesterday show that the seasonally adjusted GDP at market prices increased by only 1.8 percent during the first quarter of 1989, compared with the fourth quarter of 1988.

And the GDP of the non-agricultural sector rose by only 0.7 percent, after dramatic decreases in the mining, electricity and manufacturing sectors.

According to a spokesman for the Reserve Bank, these figures match those compiled by the Bank, and indicate a significant "cooling-off" in economic growth.

This was particularly pertinent in the manufacturing sector, where the 0.7 percent decline was largely attributable to the decrease in demand, following last year's extensive package of restraining measures on consumer expenditure.

Nedbank's chief economist, Edward Osborn, adds that the slowdown in the manufacturing sector also presents a change of policy by many companies, who are scaling down production to mere capacity levels and are avoiding overtime work in line with this policy.

"This is particularly true for companies in the vehicle industry, which are no longer producing for stock but are adjusting production to customer demand," he said.

He is more optimistic on the outlook for the mining industry.

"Growth showed a significant seasonal aberration in January and February but was already showing an upward movement in March," he said.

In line with the improved outlook for agriculture in the 1989/90 season, the sector recorded 16.4 percent growth in the first quarter, admittedly off a very low base last year."
3½-year low for rand and big losses in gold shares

By Sven Lünsche

The rand has plunged to its lowest level against the US dollar in 3½ years in a day of hectic trading. It fell yesterday by 2.25 percent.

Gold was also a casualty of the booming dollar. In Hong Kong gold dropped by $2 to open at $375 today. In London yesterday, bullion fell by about $4 to close at $374.

The nervousness in the currency and metal markets spilled over to the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, where hectic trading saw gold shares in particular suffer heavy losses.

The crucial all-gold index dropped by 48 points to 1490, pushing down the overall index by 36 points to 2483. The industrial index was 21 points lower at 2322.

INTERVENTION

Fuelled by fears of American intervention in Panama, the surging US dollar swept to new two-year highs against most currencies, rising by 2.3 percent against the Deutsche mark and by just over 2 percent against the Japanese yen.

The rand’s decrease against the American currency was fuelled by the declining gold price.

At one stage, the rand had fallen to 37.4 US cents, before recovering slightly to a close of 37.5 US cents. On Friday the rand closed at 38.5 US cents.

Currency dealers said the Reserve Bank did not intervene in the markets, as the low gold price would not have supported any firm action.

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April: We ruffle feathers

CAPE TOWN — Feathers had been ruffled by innovative measures taken to ensure that everyone got the opportunity to improve the quality of their lives, Health Services and Welfare Minister Chris April said in his budget speech in the House of Representatives yesterday.

"We have the obligation to serve and I will not apologise for initiating changes that could precipitate faster improvement in the quality of life of people."

"All around us we are overwhelmed with poverty and the misery of despair. We see the symptoms of deprivation and denigration, alcohol and drug abuse, overcrowding and the violence of anger and frustration with all its attendant social ills."

"I have adopted as creed for my department that we should be service orientated and not power-hungry empire-builders. I am service crazy, not power crazy."

April said it should always be remembered that the situation in SA was unique because of socio-economic stratification on the basis of racially-enforced legisla-

tion and historical discrimination.

"Every country in the world has poor and ill people, but in our country we are disadvantage and have been deprived simply on the basis of the pigmentation of our skin, and that makes our poverty and ill-health even more unacceptable."

"Poverty," he said, "cannot be resolved without political justice."

"I feel strongly that we have much reason to thank the aged who kept the farms and factories going as well as the white house-
holds. These often illit-
erate "non-whites" had to be satisfied with meagre wages and little job security with no provision for pensions. Yet their contribu-
tion to the prosper-
ity of the country is immeasurable."

"I have already promised to do every-
thing in my power to eradicate the disparity in pensions. It is just a pity that welfare pensioners are also disadvantaged by those who propose sanctions."

He said since 1984, old age pensions had increased in number by 14.5% compared with a total financial increase of 144%, and he was extremely proud to have achieved these results in such a short period.

During the 1984/85 budget, an amount of R2,547m was provided for homes for the aged, while this financial year provided for R11,069m which would provide for care for 2,985 residents of 40 registered homes for the aged. An amount of R115m had been set aside for service centres.

April said a series of projects had been planned by the House of Representatives' Department of Health Services and Welfare to create greater public awareness of the importance of a healthy family unit, which was the cornerstone of society.

The registration and subsidising of child minding services was being investigated which would open new doors for child care.

The problem of juvenile delinquency was being researched by a senior depart-
ment official and the findings would soon be made available. — Sapa.
Govt reduces private debt by R100m

MIKE ROBERTSON

CAPE TOWN — Government had reduced the amount owing to private bodies and people, other than on bank facilities and stock issues, by almost R100m, Finance Minister Barend du Plessis said yesterday.

Du Plessis said in reply to a question from Harry Schwarz (DP Yeoville) that R1.5bn was owed at the end of last year. By the end of April this year the amount had been reduced to R1.4bn.

The biggest reduction had come in terms of the amount owing on bonds, which was reduced from R740m to R691m.

The indefinite treasury bonds debt was down to R478m (R484m), bonus conversions of bonds to R78m (R81m), indefinite period national defence bonds to R171m (R198m) and loan levies to R4.2m (R4.5m).
Black economic power needed for country's growth

THEO RAWANA

A growing, prosperous economy could not be sustained without black economic empowerment, JCI group economics consultant Ronald Bethlehem said in Johannesburg yesterday.

Addressing a Black Economic Empowerment conference, Bethlehem said sanctions would check the increasing black share of the total SA income.

If black economic empowerment was denied, frustration would be such that recurring cycles of unrest and sanctions would become unavoidable, damaging economic performance, he said.

There was an acute skilled manpower shortage in SA and "whites, coloureds and Indians together are not numerous enough to sustain a growing economy on their skills alone."

As blacks became participants in prosperity, their hostility to the established social and political order would logically decline, he added.

Bethlehem said black income, which accounted for about 20% of the total non-agricultural income in 1970, was around 30% in 1985 and indications were that it would exceed 33% by the end of the century, provided the growth of the economy was allowed to continue without interruption.

"The problem with sanctions is that it could check growth and, therefore, also check the increase in the black share of total income," he said.
Applicant:
Board of Trade and Industry, Private Bag X753, Pretoria, 0001.

(Note.—Monitors which are not suitable for use as television broadcast display monitors will not longer be classified under tariff heading 85.28, but rather under tariff heading 84.71, and, more specifically, under tariff subheading 8471.92, as, "input or output units, whether or not presented with the rest of a system and whether or not containing storage units in the same housing").

(Note.—This application is being dealt with as a matter of urgency and comments should reach the Board within two weeks of the date of this notice.)

General:
(i) Drawback of the duty on calcium carbonate masterbatch, classifyable under tariff subheading 3823.90.90, with a duty of 10 per cent ad valorem; and
(ii) polypropylene resin classifyable under tariff subheading 3902.10.10, with a duty of 20 per cent ad valorem or 93c per kg less 80 per cent ad valorem, for use in the manufacture of woven polypropylene bags and polypropylene cloth for packing purposes, exclusively for exportation. [BTI Ref. TS/2/7/21/1 (890159)]

Applicant:
Taiwan Golden Tree Plastics (Pty) Ltd, P.O. Box 7198, Bloemfontein, 9300.
List 14/89 was published under General Notice No. 406 of 12 May 1989.
(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 516 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTION 1 OF LOT 569 REMAINING EXTENT OF LOT 569 AND LOT 809, PARKTOWN, AND A PART OF PORTION 106 OF THE FARM BRAAMFONTEIN 53 1R
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, Administration: House of Assembly, has approved that—
(1) the conditions indicated hereunder be removed:
(a) Deed of Transfer T21469/79:
(i) In respect of Portion 1 of Lot 569, Parktown: Conditions 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, II and III.
(ii) In respect of Remaining Extent of Lot 569, Parktown: Conditions 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3.
(b) Certificate of Consolidated Title F7393/73:
In respect of Lot 809: Conditions (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and the following further conditions:
"outbuildings shall only be built simultaneously with and in conjunction with the dwelling house itself, and the dwelling house to be erected must be a complete house in accordance with the approved
NOTICE 480 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 611, GREENSIDE EXTENSION I TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition (g) in Deed of Transfer T18464/1987 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-1517-2)

(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 481 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 463, FLORIDA TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works: House of Assembly that —

(1) condition (b) in Deed of Transfer T7818/1986 be removed; and

(2) Roodepoort Town-planning Scheme, 1987, be amended by the rezoning of Erf 463, Florida Township, to “Business 4” subject to certain conditions; and which amendment scheme will be known as Roodepoort Amendment Scheme 157, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Roodepoort.

(PB 4-14-2-482-27)

(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 482 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
BETHAL AMENDMENT SCHEME 36

It is hereby notified in terms of section 45 (2) of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1986, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the amendment of Bethal Town-planning Scheme, 1980, by the rezoning of Portion 1 and the remainder of Erf 204, Bethal, to “Business 1”.

Map 3 and the scheme clauses of the amendment scheme are filed with the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk, Bethal, and are open for inspection at all reasonable times.

This amendment is known as Bethal Amendment Scheme 36.

(PB 4-9-2-71H-36)

(19 May 1989)

KENNISGEWING 480 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTAMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISEND,WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 611, DORP GREENSIDE-UITHOEIDING I

Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuisend, Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde (g) in Akte van Transport T18464/1987 opgeheef word.

(PB 4-14-2-1517-2)

(19 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 481 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTAMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISEND,WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 463, DORP FLORIDA

Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuisend: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat —

(1) voorwaardes (b) in Akte van Transport T7818/1986 opgeheef word; en

(2) Roodepoort-dorpsebeplanningskema, 1987, gewysig word deur die hersonering van Erf 463, dorp Florida, tot “Besigheid 4” onderworpe aan sekere voorwaardes; welke wysigingskema bekend staan as Roodepoort-wysigingskema 157, soos toepaslik aangedui op die toepaslike Kaart 3 en skemaklousules wat ter insae lê in die kantore van die Hoof van Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuisend en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Roodepoort.

(PB 4-14-2-482-27)

(19 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 482 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTAMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISEND,WERKE
BETHAL-WYSIGINGSKEMA 36

Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepaling van artikel 45 (2) van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplannings en Dorpe, 1986, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuisend: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat Bethal-dorpsebeplanningskema, 1980, gewysig word deur die hersonering van Gedeelte 1 en die restant van Erf 204, Bethal, tot “Besigheid 1”.

Kaart 3 en die skemaklousules van die wysigingskema word in bewaring gehou deur die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuisend: Volksraad, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk, Bethal, en is beskikbaar vir inspeksie op alle redelike tye.

Hierdie wysiging staan bekend as Bethal-wysigingskema 36.

(PB 4-9-2-71H-36)

(19 Mei 1989)
NOTICE 477 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
NOTICE OF CORRECTION
PRETORIA AMENDMENT SCHEME 2004
It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the
Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that
whereas an error occurred in Pretoria Amendment
Scheme 2004, the Minister of Local Government and
Housing: House of Assembly has approved the correction
of the scheme by the substitution of the existing
Map 3 and annexure with an amendment Map 3 and
annexure.

(PB 4-9-2-34-2004)
(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 478 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 1469, LYTTELTON MANOR EXTENSION 1
TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the
Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of
Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly
has approved that condition 1 (ii) in Deed of Transfer
T26487/1964 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-811-48)
(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 479 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTION 8 OF ERF 202, POTCHINDUSTRIA
TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the
Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of
Local Government, Housing and Works, has approved
that—

(1) condition D1 in Deed of Transfer T22079/85 be
removed; and
(2) Potchefstroom Town-planning Scheme, 1980,
be amended by the rezoning of Portion 8 of ERF 202,
Potchindustria Township, to “Industrial 2” with an
annexure for the consent use; and which amendment
scheme will be known as Potchefstroom Amendment
Scheme 1/242, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and
scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the
offices of the Director-General: Local Government,
Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of
Potchefstroom;
(3) Administrator’s Notice 1779 of 18 November
1987 be repealed.

(PB 4-14-2-1650-11)
(19 May 1989)
NOTICE 474 OF 1989

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

HOLDING 18, CARO NOME AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the
Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of
Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly,
has approved that condition B (d) (iv) in Deed of
Transfer T50250/1982 be removed.

(19 May 1989)

PB 4-16-2-112-3

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NOTICE 475 OF 1989

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

ERF 51, MORET TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the
Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of
Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly
has approved that—

(1) conditions B (8) and (9) in Deed of Transfer
T38640/1983 be removed; and

(2) Randburg Town-planning Scheme, 1976, be
amended by the rezoning of Erf 51, Moret Township,
to “Special” for the selling of motor vehicles or such
other purposes as the Council may permit; and which
amendment scheme will be known as Randburg
Amendment Scheme 1201, as indicated on the relevant
Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for
inspection at the offices of the Executive Director:
Community Services Branch, Pretoria, and the Town
Clerk of Randburg.

(19 May 1989)

PB 4-14-2-1901-3

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NOTICE 476 OF 1989

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

ERF 87, QUELLERINA TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the
Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of
Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly
has approved that condition (b) in Deed of Transfer
T38475/1987 be removed.

(19 May 1989)

PB 4-14-2-1094-3

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KENNISGEWING 474 VAN 1989

ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIISING EN WERKE

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967

HOEWE 18, CARO NOME-LANDBOUHOEWE

Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepalings van artikel
2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967,
bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur
en Behuising: Volksraad, goedgekeur dat voorwaarde
B (d) (iv) in Akte van Transport T50250/1982
opgehef word.

(19 Mei 1989)

PB 4-16-2-112-3

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KENNISGEWING 475 VAN 1989

ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIISING EN WERKE

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967

ERF 51, MORET-DORP

Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepalings van artikel
2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967,
bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur
en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur dat—

(1) voorwaardes B (8) en (9) in Akte van Transport
T38640/1983 opgehef word; en

(2) Randburg-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1976, gewys
word deur die hersiering van Erf 51, Moret-
dorp tot "Speciaal" vir die verkoop van motorvoertuie
of sodanige ander gebruikse as wat die Rand mag
gegoedkeur, gebruik word; welke wysigingskema bekend
staan as Randburg-wysigingskema 1201, soos
toepaslik aangedui op die toepaslike Kaart 3 en
skemakloksules wat ter insae in die kantonre van
de Uitvoerende Direkteur: Tak Gemeenskaps-
dienste, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Randburg.

(19 Mei 1989)

PB 4-14-2-1901-3

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KENNISGEWING 476 VAN 1989

ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIISING EN WERKE

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967

ERF 87, QUELLERINA-DORP

Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepalings van artikel
2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967,
bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur
en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voor-
waarde (b) in Akte van Transport T38475/1987
opgehef word.

(19 Mei 1989)

PB 4-14-2-1094-3
NOTICE 470 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 1703 LYTTELTON MANOR EXTENSION 3 TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works: House of Assembly, has approved that condition 2B (d) in Deed of Transfer T26828/80 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-2166-20)

(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 471 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 65, LYNNWOOD TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that condition C (e) in Deed of Transfer T11153/1970 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-2170-16)

(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 472 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTION 1 OF ERF 76, SENDERWOOD EXTENSION 1 TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition 2 (k) (iii) in Deed of Transfer T22659/1988 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-1227-18)

(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 473 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 278, POLLAK PARK EXTENSION 2 TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that condition (j) in Deed of Transfer T17975/1979 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-2269-4)

(19 May 1989)

KENNISGEWING 470 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 1703 DORP LYTTELTON MANOR UITBREIDING 3

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde 2B (d) in Akte van Transport T26828/80 opgehef word.

(PB 4-14-2-2166-20)

(19 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 471 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 65, DORP LYNNWOOD

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde C (e) in Akte van Transport T11153/1970 opgehef word.

(PB 4-14-2-2170-16)

(19 May 1989)

KENNISGEWING 472 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
GEDEELTE 1 VAN ERF 76 SENDERWOOD-UITBREIDING 1-DORP

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde 2 (k) (iii) in Akte van Transport T22659/1988 opgehef word.

(PB 4-14-2-1227-18)

(19 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 473 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 278, POLLAK PARK-UITBREIDING 2-DORP

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde (j) in Akte van Transport T17975/1979 opgehef word.

(PB 4-14-2-2269-4)

(19 Mei 1989)
This application will be known as Kempton Park Amendment Scheme 184, with reference number PB 4-14-2-665-63.

CRYPTOR INTERNATIONAL FORWARDERS CC for—

(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 3/2745, Kempton Park Township, in order to permit airfreight offices and warehouses on the erf;

(2) the amendment of the Kempton Park Town-planning Scheme, 1987, by the rezoning of the erven from “Residential 4" to “Special" for the above mentioned.

This application will be known as Kempton Park Amendment Scheme 188, with reference number PB 4-14-2-665-59.

ELAINE CAROLE PRESTON for—

(1) the amendment of the conditions of title of Lots 634 and 636, Highlands North Township, situated at 166 Atholl Street, Highlands North, in order to permit the existing house to be used for offices;

(2) the amendment of Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme, 1979, by the rezoning of the said lot from “Residential 1" to “Residential 1" including offices and subject to certain conditions.

This amendment scheme will be known as Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 2594.

(PB 4-14-2-606-10)

(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 468 OF 1989

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

PORTION 92 (A PORTION OF PORTION 11) OF THE FARM WITFONTEIN 301 JR

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that conditions 3 (c) and 4 in Deed of Transfer T31584/87 be removed.

(PB 4-15-2-37-301-6)

(19 May 1989)

KENNISGEWING 468 VAN 1989

ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD

DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIZING EN WERKE

WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967

GEDEELTE 92 (N GEDEELTE VAN GEDEELTE 11) VAN DIE PLAAS WITFONTEIN 301 JR

Hierby word ooreenkomsig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuizing: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde A (3) (c) (2) (3) (4) in Akte van Transport T31584/87 opgeheef word.

(9 Mei 1989)

(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 469 OF 1989

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

ERF 1415, NORTHCLIFF TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that conditions 3 (c) en 4 in Deed of Transfer T23278/88 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-953-7)

(19 May 1989)

KENNISGEWING 469 VAN 1989

ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD

DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIZING EN WERKE

WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967

ERF 1415, DORP NORTHCLIFF

Hierby word ooreenkomsig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuizing: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde 3 (c) en 4 in Akte van Transport T23278/88 opgeheef word.

(9 Mei 1989)

(19 Mei 1989)
(b) Full particulars of all improvements on the land hereby expropriated, which, in your opinion, affect the value of the land.

(c) Where applicable, you must furnish the following particulars:

(i) If, prior to the date of notice, the land was leased for business or agricultural purposes by unregistered lease, the name and address of the lessee, as well as the lease or a certified copy thereof, if it is in writing, or full particulars of the lease, if it is not in writing;

(ii) if, prior to the date of notice, the land was sold by you as owner, the name and address of the buyer, as well as the contract of purchase and sale or a certified copy thereof;

(iii) if it is land on which a building has been erected which is subject to a builder's lien by virtue of a written building contract, the name and address of the builder, as well as the building contract or a certified copy thereof; and

(iv) if it is land which was on the date of notice farmed by a share-cropper, the name and address of such share-cropper, as well as the share-cropper contract or a certified copy thereof, if it is in writing, or full particulars of the contract, if it is not in writing.

(d) The address to which you desire that further documents in connection with the expropriation be posted to you.

5. Furthermore, you are hereby requested to deliver or cause to be delivered to me within 60 days from the said date of notice, your title deed(s) of the expropriated property or, if it is not in your possession or under your control, written particulars of the name and address of the persons in whose possession or under whose control it is.

6. In view of the fact that the Board urgently requires the expropriated property for the purposes for which it was expropriated, the Board may cause the property to be taken into possession on 26 May 1989.

7. Further particulars in connection with the expropriation notice and the expropriation, are available on request.

Dated at Durban on this 9th day of May 1989.

Address: Private Bag X54313
DURBAN
4000.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE.

(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 467 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the applications mentioned in the Schedule have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works and are open for inspection at the 12th Floor, Merino Building, Pretorius Street, Pretoria, and at the offices of the relevant local authority.

Any objections, with full reasons therefor, should be lodged in writing with the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, at the above address or Private Bag X340, Pretoria, on or before 16 June 1989.

(b) Volledige besonderhede van alle verbeterings op die grond hierby onteens wat, na u oordeel, die waarde van die grond rank.

(c) Waar van toepassing moet u die volgende besonderhede verstrekk:

(i) Indien die grond voor die kennisgewingsdatum van sake- of landbouproduce deur huurder is by wyse van 'n onregestererde huurkontrakt, die naam en adres van die huurder, vergesel van die huurkontrakt of 'n gewaarmerkte akte daarvan, indien die kontrakt op skrif is of volledige besonderhede van die kontrakt, indien dit nie op skrif is nie;

(ii) Indien die grond voor die kennisgewingsdatum deur u as eienaars verkoop is, die naam en adres van die koper, tesame met die koopkontrakt of 'n gewaarmerkte akte daarvan;

(iii) Indien dit grond is waarop 'n gebou opgerig is wat onderworpe is aan 'n transversaal ten gunste van 'n bouer uit hoofde van 'n skriflike kontrakt, die naam en adres van die bou aanrander, sowel as die boukontrakt of 'n gewaarmerkte akte daarvan; en

(iv) Indien dit grond is wat op die kennisgewingsdatum deur 'n deeltags gewer bewerk is, die naam en adres van die deeltags gewer vergesel van die deeltagsweerkontrakt of 'n gewaarmerkte akte daarvan, indien kontrakt op skrif is of volledige besonderhede van die kontrakt, indien dit nie op skrif is nie.

(d) Die adres waarheen u verlang dat verdere stukke in verband met die ontekening aan u gemos kan word.

5. Verder word u hierby verzoek om binne 60 dae vanaf die voorgemelde kennisgewingsdatum aan my die titelbewys(e) van die ontekenings goed te lever of te laat lever of indien dit nie in u besit of onder u beheer is nie, skriflike besonderhede van die naam en adres van die persoon in wie se besit of onder wie se beheer dit is, te lever of te laat lever.

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7. Verdere besonderhede in verband met die kennis gewing van ontekening en die ontekening, is op aan vraag verkrygbaar by die onderstaande adres.

Gedateer te Durban op hiede 9de dag van Mei 1989.
Adres: Privaatsak X54313
DURBAN
4000.

STREEKVERTEENwoordiger

(19 Mei 1989)

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WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967

Ingevolge artikel 3 (6) van bogenoemde Wet word hiermee kennis gee dat aanseette in die Byl gemeld deur die Departementshoof van Plaaslike Bestuur, Be huising en Werke, ontvang is en ter insaai le by die 12de Verdieping, Merinkoebou, Pretoriastraat, Pretoria, in die kantore van die betrokkene plaaslike bestuur.

THE ECONOMY

Where does the buck stop?

State President-elect F W de Klerk told the nation on TV on Sunday that it’s not reasonable to blame government for the mess in which the economy finds itself. Apart from the fact that this vitiates the whole concept of government responsibility, is it fair?

The only way to decide is to look at specific forces that created our economic woes and try to apportion their causes:

- **Gold price.** One of our most serious problems: without doubt, the low gold price reflects falling international inflationary expectations and an era of real interest rates in most Western economies. Government has no influence over this;

- **A slowdown in world economic growth.** SA clearly has no control over the relatively slow world economic growth rate of the Eighties. But our performance has been worse than that of many others;

- **Capital outflow.** It is common cause that it is totally inappropriate for an economy at our stage of development to be an exporter of capital. Developing economies can grow best if they supplement their own capital resources from abroad. Government blames this problem on wicked foreign bankers, cowardly disinvetering US corporations and/or the international Marxist conspiracy. Others point out that, but for apartheid, there is no reason for the former eagerness of foreign bankers and industrialists to invest in SA to have ended. While the capital outflow started before P W’s notorious Rubicon speech, the subsequent stagnation of political reform undoubtedly worsened the situation. And a significant outflow reflects illegal transfers of funds by South Africans who have — understandably — no faith in this government’s ability to safeguard their individual wealth.

- **Excessive growth of money supply and credit.** Interest rates kept artificially low in vain attempts to buy votes and a total loss of control of money supply lie squarely at the authorities’ door. This year’s money supply targets were calculated by estimating how much money supply would grow and then making that the target: a more fatuous abnegation of responsibility, which was entirely politically motivated, would be difficult to imagine;

- **High inflation.** This is partly the result of the previous factor and, hence, a direct responsibility of government’s economic incompetence. It is also connected in a vicious circular cause-and-effect with the next factor;

- **An ever-weakening rand.** An inflation rate a good 10% higher than in our major trading partners guarantees a weak currency. So does international loss of confidence in political stability. Both are a direct consequence of Nationalist policies. A weak rand feeds back into the domestic inflation rate;

- **Excessive consumption, inadequate fixed investment.**

With negative real interest rates and hence inadequate returns to savers/investors, there is little incentive to invest. Conversely, inflationary expectations make it rational economic behaviour to spend money — and, indeed, gear up through borrowing — to buy goods (any goods) in advance of the next round of price increases. Again, direct results of government incompetence;

- **Excessive protection.** We protect too many industries which will never become internationally competitive. It is fallacious to argue that this is necessary to create employment opportunities. Because overprotected industries produce goods at higher cost than imports, they effectively reduce overall demand. However, this economic fallacy is not confined to the National Party, but shared by others who should know better, including much of the old PFP;

- **Over-regulation and interference with the market.** Progress on deregulation has been painfully slow. As far as agricultural marketing is concerned, it is virtually nonexistent. The consumer bears the cost of policies designed to keep prices of agricultural commodities higher than the market would set them. This is a direct consequence of government policy;

- **A large and costly public sector.** There has been a steady shift of resources from the (productive) private sector to the (unproductive) public sector. Public sector employment conditions are also out of line with those of the private sector. Government — or, at any rate, Chris Heunis — has a strange belief that political reform means steadily more complex — and hence expensive — structures, when in fact the reverse is true. These fallacies are directly responsible for excessive public sector deficit financing (which, to compound the problem, is largely absorbed in current consumption rather than capital formation) and a tax burden which even the minister of finance says is too high. These problems are a direct, inescapable result of government policy; and

- **Poor export performance.** There is a widely held view that SA manufacturers are fickle exporters. Rather than taking a long-term (five- to 10-year) view of export markets, many simply export current production which cannot be sold at home. Local manufacturers deny this, but, if it is a problem, it is clearly not one for which government can be blamed.

These, we believe, are the main reasons for our lamentable economic performance this decade. Some of them are indeed beyond government’s control; but most — we would say, the more important — are a direct result of either unacceptable Nationalist policies, or failure in implementation.

Government cannot evade the responsibility. The buck stops in Pretoria.
US$370/oz-$380/oz, the gold price is still above the lacklustre levels of late 1984 and 1985. It averaged just $299 in February 1985 and $317 during that year.

There are certainly some negative factors. One is that the world economy may still enter a slowdown. Another is that inflation is rising from a higher turning point: 12.3% in mid-1988 vs 10.1% in early 1984.

Bethlehem, the only economist to forecast prime rising as far as 22.5%, also sees the sharpest fall in the rand, to US$32c by the end of next year. He reckons that Pretoria will have to try to curb capital outflows to boost net reserves.

"They'll have to address the capital account," he argues. "It means we'll have to compete more vigorously and realistically for money — we need higher, real rates to stem the capital outflow. And we need to be prepared to let the exchange rate decline if that's what the market wants. In one day last week, the Reserve Bank was reported to have spent $100m in supporting the rand — it's insanity to waste scarce dollars to support the currency."

There is another worrying aspect. Government has not adhered to its austerity promises of February last year. Taxes have crept up as so-called reforms have been implemented, without any matching reductions in the steep gradations to top marginal rates that are high by the standards of our main trading partners. Spending on higher public servant remuneration has continued. Interest rates have been shielded from the disciplines of the marketplace.

In a nutshell, government has every reason to believe that its credibility has been further eroded. In that event, the level of austerity needed now to reduce inflationary expectations could be higher than it was before. If that be true — and we think it is — prime rate might have to be allowed to exceed the level that might have otherwise done the trick and curbed excessive demand — so we foresee another 25% prime.

Last week's rise in Bank rate (to 17%) and prime (to 20%) elicited screams. And those who have been hurt deserve some sympathy. But what's the alternative? Government could continue to keep rates artificially low, but only by printing more rand to accommodate the excess demand. We'd continue then with a money-driven mini-boom, ultimately corrected by higher inflation, a forex crisis and unsound investment — and then higher rates and a more painful crash would be inevitable later.

Or government could opt for direct controls — credit ceilings and so on. But those don't eliminate the pain; they just try to hide it (in fact, they magnify the pain by having bureaucrats, not the market, make decisions). Furthermore, by taking steps to keep rates artificially low, government continues to punish savers, the oft-overlooked victims of inflation.

So SA finds itself in the situation we've been warning about for the past year, as increasingly more ridiculously high money supply figures were published. The plain fact is that right now the economy is on the crest of an artificial boom based on artificially low interest rates. It's a boom that will inevitably lead to a bust unless the disciplines of the market are allowed to prevail.

The 12 economists agree that growth will slow in 1990, almost, but not quite, to a halt. And, as things stand today, they're probably right. Government has taken the first halting steps — by allowing interest rates to rise — to promote an orderly correction.

As we've argued before, the mini-boom doesn't have to go bust. In the long run, the way to get off the boom-bust roller coaster is to persuade Pretoria to stop artificially lowering rates by inflating the money supply and blaming the consequences on the depredations of foreign bankers, sanctions and divestment. This means keeping money supply growth to much lower levels — and letting the market set interest rates and the exchange rate.

That's fine for the future. But what can be done now to avert a recession as rates shoot up?

The best way is to slash government spending and taxes to leave more money in the hands of consumers and businessmen. High rates would reward savers and curb inflation. Tax cuts would make it easier for people to pay their bills, while boosting output to meet demand.

Government could, for example, slash or abolish all taxes on companies and mines (budgeted to total R12,2bn this year) and cut and simplify personal income tax — why not just two brackets, 15% and 35%? This would transform SA from an unspactacular, overtaxed country into an investment hot-spot.

To pay for it, Pretoria could abolish its socialist central-planning bodies, like Trade & Industry (R1,5bn), Minerals & Energy (R787m), Manpower (R216m), Public Works (R1,7bn) and Agriculture (R289m); and aid to Namibia, the TBVC states and homelands (R6,1bn); end bus subsidies (R368m); not spend the R1bn rainy-day fund; and cut all other appropriations by a flat 3%.

Of course that's too much for Pretoria to stomach psychologically in one hit. But by increasing interest rates last week it took a step in that direction and the more it takes, the greater its credibility.

We're regularly told that bold economic reform isn't politically possible. But it would be if government changed its focus from buying the votes of civil servants and farmers to attracting the consum-

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Further signs that the economy is cooling

THE rate of increase in total bank receivables has fallen in the past six months, another indication that the economy is cooling off, says Nedfin Bank.

First came the Central Statistical Service GDP figures. These showed that, on a seasonally adjusted basis, GDP grew at only 1.6% for the first quarter of the year compared with the 2.8% growth rate reflected for the fourth quarter of 1988.

Yesterday, release of dismal trade figures for April had a marked effect on the performance of the JSE.

Analysing the banks' BA9 returns, Nedfin finds that the rate of increase in instalment sale and lease agreements has declined from 8% in the September 1988 quarter to 5.2% for the March 1989 quarter.

Nedfin's MD Ron Rundle says: "There is no doubt whatsoever that the stringent monetary credit control measures introduced by the authorities are working. We can see it from the figures."

He says that although total credit granted by the country's banking sector stood at almost R28bn at March 31 — a record — the pace was slowing. During the past year the amount of additional credit granted by the banks by way of HP and lease agreements has climbed by R4.4bn, with lease agreements showing a 30.6% increase over the period and instalment sale growing by 28.1%.

"Although consumer credit demand started to drop off in the September quarter following the introduction of curbs by the authorities, corporate demand remained firm. However, by the end of the March quarter, corporate demand was starting to slow and we expect this decline to accelerate over the next six months."

Introductions

"Demand for capital expenditure items was particularly strong during the March quarter because businesses had anticipated that interest rates would begin to decline in the first part of the year, which encouraged industrialists to proceed with the purchase of plant and equipment."

"In addition, announcements of future price increases, particularly in the vehicle market, and the expectation of a lower value of the rand prompted, rather than postponed, many asset purchases." Another factor in this market which boosted corporate demand was the fact that high-tech equipment is replaced about every five years.

Over the next few months, Rundle anticipates, the demand for hard asset financing will decline slowly, except possibly in transport.

"It is estimated that 43% of heavy road vehicles are geriatric — that is, their 'in-service life' exceeds 10 years and replacements are long overdue."

He believes the stringent credit control measures introduced earlier this month are taking their toll in the consumer area.

The rise in credit used has been matched by a marked decline in the rate of savings. Savings grew by only 0.5% in the March quarter and by 12.8% over the past 12 months. The nation's savings with the banking system stood at R8.4bn at March 31, 1989.
HUNGER STRIKE 'COUNTER PRODUCTIVE'

HARARE — As two more whites joined hunger strike by long-term detainees at Chikurubi Maximum Security Prison, the British High Commission said yesterday the protest was counter-productive.

Civil servant Jack Lewis-Walker, 58, SA businessman Leslie Leslie and a Zimbabwean teenager, Joseph Mucha-chi, began refusing food two weeks ago. They were joined on Monday by British-born Ivor Harding, 35, and his son, Clive, 22.

Harding and his son are dual Zimbabwe-British citizens. Family friends said they were furious at the refusal of authorities to let them sign papers renouncing their Zimbabwean status.

A high commission spokesman said: "Until such time as their documentation is complete, we are not in a position to get involved.”

Lewis-Walker, arrested with the Hardings in September 1987, is a British citizen. President Robert Mugabe intervened several times to overrule Detainees' Review Tribunal findings that there were no grounds for suspecting he spied on the ANC for SA.

The Lewis-Walker family, angered at what they consider to be the indifference of the British government to his plight, has appealed for the withdrawal of the UK’s latest R40m aid offer to Zimbabwe and the 50-member British military advisory and training team.

Apartheid ‘antithesis of free market’

It was no coincidence that the great democracies of the Western world had grown simultaneously with the development of the free enterprise system of economics, Times Media (TML) MD Stephen Mulholland said last night.

Mulholland was speaking at the second graduation ceremony of 270 commerce students at Wits University.

He said there was a clear correlation between personal freedom and the degree to which the markets were permitted to operate in a society.

"There is a further correlation: the greater the role of the markets in a society, the higher the standard of living of ordinary people is,” he said.

He would be grateful if someone from the collectivist left could explain why East Germans and mainland Chinese were willing to die to cross into market-driven countries, Mulholland said.

Why did Taiwan’s 25-million people have $75bn in foreign exchange reserves while 1.1-billion mainland Chinese had only $14bn, Mulholland asked.

The justifiable anger of blacks against apartheid had blinded them to the fact that apartheid was the antithesis of a free enterprise system.

"You cannot have a free enterprise system with artificial barriers raised against some of the people." Blacks should strive for liberation from authoritarianism and collectivism, and for liberty to enter and compete fairly in the market system, Mulholland said.
Govt policies draw fire from Cape chamber

CAPE TOWN — Government was criticised by organised commerce yesterday for "persisting with policies and actions that are seriously undermining efforts by the business community to maximise efficiency and effectiveness in the marketplace".

Three significant issues were singled out by Cape Town Chamber of Commerce president Anthony Coombes in his outgoing address at the chamber's annual meeting:

☐ Government's inability to contain its spending within reasonable bounds;
☐ The increasing tendency by government to change the rules of business with "retrospective" legislative action; and
☐ Continuing and unwarranted criticism by Finance Minister Barend du Plessis of business efforts to minimise the tax burden by making use of legitimate tax avoidance schemes.

Coombes said business confidence was being demoralised and business people were losing faith over government's inability to contain its expenditure to within reasonable bounds.

"Despite the government's acceptance of the need to keep borrowing down to 3% of GDP, it has consistently failed to achieve this target. ... The exposure of wasteful and inappropriate expenditure by the Auditor-General, and criticism of the cost inefficiency of own affairs administration by the Administrator of the Cape, are pointers to areas of profligacy in state spending which this country can simply not afford."

Coombes called for an independent investigation into government expenditure in order to verify the need and efficiency of expenditure by the various departments and agencies.

It was incumbent on government not to add to business uncertainty, for whenever it did so it simply added to the cost structure — which meant higher prices for the man-in-the-street and reduced competitiveness in international markets.

Coombes took the Finance Minister to task for his continued criticism of tax avoidance schemes. Within a competitive business environment, it was just as incumbent on businessmen to minimise the cost to the business of taxation as it was on them to make every effort to contain costs in other areas.

"The fact that taxes in this country have risen to extremely high levels has increased the opportunity for achieving cost savings on taxation, and shareholders expect management to use every legitimate means open to them to maximise their returns."

"If the Minister is concerned at the incidence of tax avoidance he should realise that it is a symptom of the high tax burden. Instead of castigating taxpayers for avoiding tax liability, he should rather ease their tax burden," Coombes said.
CAPE TOWN — The average white had not become any poorer during the past 20 years, Deputy Finance Minister Org Marais said yesterday.

He said in second reading debate on the Budget the country had been through difficult times.

There were people who had suffered because of the economy and because of the drought, but the position of the average white person had been maintained.

Notwithstanding all the problems, the real income after tax of a member of a white household had risen by 5.5% between 1975 and 1988.

Marais said when one took sales tax into account, there had basically been no increase over that period, but neither had there been a decline. Since 1988, there had been an appreciable increase.

Direct subsidies to whites, such as government subsidies on education, amounted to 3.8% of GDP today — the same percentage as in 1980.

Referring to claims by a Natal professor that the inflation rate was running at 30%, he said that if living costs were in fact rising at that rate, this showed what a good monetary policy government was pursuing because the monetary supply would have, in fact, declined in real terms.

Marais said what worried him was that the production price index, or the wholesale price index, rose by only 13.2% in 1988.

Retail sales prices rose nominally by 22.5% and the real increase was 7.2%.

According to that figure, inflation was 15.3%.

If it had been 30%, retail costs would have risen by 37.5%.

In addition, the Chamber of Mines would then owe their workers a 30% increase. — Sapa.
(ii) Grensmerie met 'n maksimum hoogte van 1,8 meter, van materiaal ontwerp en afwerking gespesifieke en goedgekeur deur die Plaaslike Bestuur, mag opgerig word langs enige gedeelde grens, behalwe 'n straatgrens en sal onderhou word deur die eienaar op sy onkoste tot bevrediging van die Plaaslike Bestuur. Geen grensmerie, omheining of ander dergelike afskorting mag op enige straatgrens opgerig word nie.

WOORDBEPAALINGS

In die voorgenoemde titelvoorwaardes het die bewoording die betekenis wat aan hulle toegewys is:

(i) ‘Plaaslike Bestuur’ beteken DIE MUNISIPALE RAAD VAN SASOLBURG of sy opvolgers in Titel.

(ii) ‘Verdieping’ beteken enige vloerkvlak in 'n gebou wat bokant grondvloerkvlak voorkom en wat die minimum vryhoogte het wat die Plaaslike Bestuur se regulasie bepaal, met dien verstande dat ’n tussenvloerk bo-oor grondvloerkvlak nie as ’n verdieping gerek word nie.\\n
(19 Mei 1989)

NOTICE 503 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND LOCALS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
REZONING OF ERF 845, BOTHAVILLE.—AMENDMENT 2/1988 OF TOWN-PLANNING SCHEME.

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act 84 of 1967), that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the Town-planning Scheme of Bothaville be altered by the rezoning of Erf 845 from “Special Residential” to “General Business”.

(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 504 OF 1989
SOUTH AFRICAN RESERVE BANK
Statement of Assets and Liabilities on the 30th day of April 1989

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Ratio of gold reserve to liabilities to the public less foreign assets 62.8 per cent.
The gold reserves as at 30 April 1989 were valued at R882.96 per fine ounce, compared with the valuation price of R892.36 per fine ounce as at 31 March 1989.

Pretoria, 9 May 1989,

C. J. SWANEPOEL, General Manager

KENNISGEWING 503 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISing EN WERKe
WET OP OPEHFFING VAN BEPARKINGS, 1967
HERSONERING VAN ERF 845, BOTHAVILLE. — WYSIGING 2788 VAN DORPSAANLEGSKEMA
Hierby word ooreenkoms met die bepalings van artikel 2 van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967 (Wet 84 van 1967), soos gewysig, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: volksraad goedgekeur het dat die Dorpsaanlegskema van Bothaville gewysig word deur die hersonering ten opsigte van Erf 845 vanaf “Speciale Woon” na “Algemeen Besigheid”.
(19 Mei 1989)
NOTICE 513 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OFRESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(ACT No. 84 OF 1967)
ERF 1019, LANGENHOVENPARK, BAIN'S VLEI

The Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has in terms of the provisions of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), as amended, altered the conditions of title promulgated by Administrator's Proclamation No. 18 of 1984, pertaining to Erf 1019, Langenhovenpark, Bloemfontein by the removal of condition B.2 subject to the simultaneous registration of the following conditions against the said erf:

(i) Hierdie erf mag slegs gebruik word vir die oprigting van medium digtheid bewoning mits verskering van die plaaslike bestuur gegee word dat hulle die vermeerdering van die stormwater as gevolg daarvan so bevredigend sal kan hanteer dat dit nie tot nadeel van die gebied sal plaasvind nie.

(ii) Die dekking mag nie 25% oorskry nie waarby alle buitegeboue ingesluit is: Met dien verstande dat die oppervlaktes van alle bedekte staanplek vir motorvoertuie uitgesluit is en die hoogte van die geboue mag nie meer as enkeld-vertrekking wees nie.

(iii) Geen bewoning mag in enige gebou op hierdie erf gisked nie tensy bedekte en geplaveide parkeerplek gemaakte met die nodige bewegingsruimte voor en word vir die gebruik van die bewoner in die verhouding van minstens een parkeerplek vir elke woninghuis plus minstens een onbedekte besoekersparkeerplek vir elke twee woninghuis: Met dien verstande dat 'n verdere 20% van die oppervlakte van die erf as 'n oop terrein afgesonder ontwikkeld en instand gehou word tot bevrediging van die Plaaslike Bestuur.

(iv) Geen gebou op die erf mag gebruik word vir die doel waarvoor dit gebou is nie tensy die interne paie en parkeerarea op die erf sowel as die in- en uitgange tot bevrediging van die Plaaslike Bestuur gebou is nie, en bedoelde interne paie, parkeerarea en in- en uitgange moet tot bevrediging van die Plaaslike Bestuur deur die eienaars van die erf onderhoud word.

(19 May 1989)
NOTICE 501 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 4278, SASOLBURG

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), that the Minister of Local Government and Housing of the House of Assembly has approved that condition 2 (1) in Deed of Transfer T7878/1964 in respect of Erf 4278, Sasolburg, be removed.

(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 502 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 5032, SASOLBURG, DISTRICT OF PARYS

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), that the Minister of Local Government and Housing of the House of Assembly has approved that conditions 3 (a)–(f) and word-definitions in Deed of Transfer T12845/1987 in respect of Erf 5032, Sasolburg, be removed subject to the simultaneous registration of the following conditions against the said erf:

"TEN GUNSTE VAN DIE PLAASLIKE BESTUUR"

(a) Die Plaaslike Bestuur of sy gemagtigde verteenwoordiger is geregist op redelike toegang tot die erf vir die doel om vas te stel of daar voldoen word aan die eiendomsvoorwaardes.

(b) Geen serwituut van reg van weg of toegang oor die erf sal toegestaan word sonder die voorafgaande skriftelike toestemming van die Plaaslike Bestuur nie.

(c) Hierdie erf is onderhewig aan 'n serwituut van 2 meter wyd eweredig aan en langs enige een van sy grense soos deur die Plaaslike Bestuur uitgewys, uitgesonder die straatgrens, vir die aanlê en instandhouding van pylpyne, stormwaterafleidings en elektriese geleidinge bo of onder die oppervlakte van die erf. Die Plaaslike Bestuur besit die reg om alle materiaal vir hierdie doel tydelik op die erf te berg tot tyd en wyl die instellings/instandhouding voltooi is. Vir genoemde doeleindes is die Plaaslike Bestuur geregist op gratis toegang tot die erf te enige redelike tyd.

(d) Hierdie erf moet uitsluitlik vir doeleindes van professionele en/of algemene kantore gebruik word.

(c) Die totale oppervlakte van alle geboue op die erf, met uitsondering van bedekte parkeerareas, mag nie meer as 25% van die totale oppervlakte van die erf beslaan nie, op voorwaarde dat—

(i) addisionele bedakking, wat nie meer as 10% van die totale oppervlakte van die erf beslaan nie, deur die Plaaslike Bestuur toegelaat mag word vir die doeleindes van 'n bedakte parkeerarea; onderhewig daaraan dat die afwerking, materiaal en plaatsing van sodanige structure vooraf skriftelik deur die Plaaslike Bestuur goedgekeur word.
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ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 5088, SASOLBURG, DISTRICT OF PARYS

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition D 3 (a) in Deed of Transfer T2387/1988 in respect of Erf 5088, Sasolburg, District of Parys, be removed, subject to the simultaneous registration of the following condition against the said erf:

"Hierdie erf mag vir woondoelinge en/of kinder-versorgingsoord en/of kleuterskool gebruik word."

(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 499 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
SMALL-HOLDING 164, ESTOIRE, BLOEMSPRUIT

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition 2 (b) in Deed of Transfer T6881/1982 in respect of Small-holding 164, Estoire, Bloemspruit, District of Bloemfontein, be removed.

(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 500 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 2085 (EXTENSION 2), SASOLBURG

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition 3 (a) on page 6 in Deed of Transfer T10246/1988 in respect of Erf 2085, Sasolburg, be removed, subject to the simultaneous registration of the following condition against the said erf:

"Hierdie erf moet uitsluitlik vir woondoelinge gebruik word met dien verstande dat die erf ook as 'n gymnasium gebruik mag word onderworpe aan sodanige voorwaardes as wat die Plaaslike Bestuur mag neerêl."

(19 May 1989)
respect of Small-holding 8, situated on Subdivision 1 of the farm Dealsgift 2804, Bloemspruit, be removed, subject to the simultaneous registration of the following condition against the said small-holding:

"This plot shall be used for agricultural and residential purposes and for special business purposes as defined in the draft town-planning scheme."

(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 496 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 3157, SASOLBURG

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition 3 (b) in Deed of Transfer T3954/1976 in respect of Erf 3157, Sasolburg, be removed, subject to the simultaneous registration of the following condition against the said erf:

"n Dekking van 33½ % van die oppervlakte van die erf mag nie oorskry word nie."

"Hierdie erf is onderhewig aan 'n vloerruimte faktor van 1 (een)."

(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 497 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 13, SASOLBURG, DISTRICT OF PARYS

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that conditions 3 (a) (i) and (ii) and (d) in Deed of Transfer TS958/1978 in respect of Erf 13, Sasolburg, be removed, subject to the simultaneous registration of the following condition against the said erf:

"Hierdie erf moet uitsluitlik gebruik word vir die doel van oprigting daarop van 'n gebou of geboue bestem vir die gebruik van banke, finansiële en soortgelyke inrigtings, kantone van alle aard, spreekkamers vir professionele persone en besighede."

(19 May 1989)

KCRRNISGEGEING 496 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 3157, SASOLBURG

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967 (Wet 84 van 1967), soos gewysig, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat titelvoorwaardes 3 (b) in Transportakte T3954/1976 ten opsigte van Erf 3157, Sasolburg, opgehef word, onderworpe aan die gelykydige registrasie van die volgende voorwaarde teen genoemde erf:

"n Dekking van 33½ % van die oppervlakte van die erf mag nie oorskry word nie."

"Hierdie erf is onderhewig aan 'n vloerruimte faktor van 1 (een)."

(19 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEGEING 497 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 13, SASOLBURG, DISTRIK PARYS

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967 (Wet 84 van 1967), soos gewysig, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat titelvoorwaardes 3 (a) (i) en (ii) en (d) in Transportakte TS958/1978 ten opsigte van Erf 13, Sasolburg, opgehef word, onderworpe aan die gelykydige registrasie van die volgende voorwaarde teen genoemde erf:

"Hierdie erf moet uitsluitlik gebruik word vir die doel van oprigting daarop van 'n gebou of geboue bestem vir die gebruik van banke, finansiële en soortgelyke inrigtings, kantone van alle aard, spreekkamers vir professionele persone en besighede."

(19 Mei 1989)
NOTICE 493 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERVEN 145, 146 AND 148, CLARENS

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition (a) in Deeds of Transfer T1146/1987 and T1163/1987 in respect of Erven 145, 146 and 148, Claren, be removed.
(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 494 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 4157, BAYSWATER, BLOEMFONTEIN

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition (c) on page 3 in Deed of Transfer T7750/1987 in respect of Erf 4157, Bayswater, Bloemfontein, be removed, subject to the simultaneous registration of the following condition against the said erf:

"Ten gunste van die Stadsraad van die Munisipaliteit van Bloemfontein:

Hierdie erf sal nie deur die eerste koper of sy opvolgers in titel verkope word sonder die skriftelike toestemming van die Stadsraad nie tensy hy of sy opvolgers in titel binne 'n tydperk van twee jaar bereken vanaf die datum van eerste oordrag, voltooi geboeue ter waarde van minstens R55 000 met 'n minimum geboeue-oppervlakte van 160 m², buitegeboeue, uitgesluit, daarop opgerig het. By die berekening van die waarde van die geboeue word die koste van roloring- en elektriseringsinstallasies ingesluit maar die koste van buitegeboeue, omheinnings, hekke en ander toebehoor word uitgesluit."

(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 495 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
SMALL-HOLDING 8, SITUATED ON SUBDIVISION 1 OF THE FARM DEALESGIFT 2804, BLOEMSPRUIT

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that the restrictive condition in Deed of Transfer T13047/1983 in

KENNISGEWING 493 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUIISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERWE 145, 146 EN 148, CLARENS

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepalings van artikel 2 van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967 (Wet No. 84 van 1967), soos gewysig, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat titelvoorwaarde (a) in Transportakte T1146/1987 en T1163/1987 en ten opsighte van Erwe 145, 146 en 148, Claren, opgehef word.
(19 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 494 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUIISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 4157, BAYSWATER, BLOEMFONTEIN

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepalings van artikel 2 van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967 (Wet No. 84 van 1967), soos gewysig, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat titelvoorwaarde (c) in Transportakte T7750/1987 ten opsigtie van Erf 4157, Bayswater, Bloemfontein, opgehef word, onderworpe aan die gelyktydige registrasie van die volgende voorwaarde teen genoemde erf:

"Ten gunste van die Stadsraad van die Munisipaliteit van Bloemfontein:

Hierdie erf sal nie deur die eerste koper of sy opvolgers in titel verkope word sonder die skriftelike toestemming van die Stadsraad nie tensy hy of sy opvolgers in titel binne 'n tydperk van twee jaar bereken vanaf die datum van eerste oordrag, voltooi geboeue ter waarde van minstens R55 000 met 'n minimum geboeue-oppervlakte van 160 m², buitegeboeue, uitgesluit, daarop opgerig het. By die berekening van die waarde van die geboeue word die koste van roloring- en elektriseringsinstallasies ingesluit maar die koste van buitegeboeue, omheinnings, hekke en ander toebehoor word uitgesluit."

(19 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 495 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUIISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
HOEWE 8, GELEÉ OP ONDERVERDELING 1
VAN DIE PLAAS DEALESGIFT 2804, BLOEMSPRUIT

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepalings van artikel 2 van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967 (Wet No. 84 van 1967), soos gewysig, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat die beperkende titelvoor-
(b) Teen die onbeboude deel:
Hierdie erf mag nie sonder die skriflike toestemming van die Munisipale Raad deur die transportnemer of sy opvolgers in titel, oorgedra word nie, tensy die transportnemer of sy opvolgers in titel binne twee jaar vanaf die datum van eerste oordrag geboue met 'n waarde van R40 000 daarop opreg. By die berekening van die waarde van die geboue word die koste van riolerings- en elektrisiteitsinstallasies ingesluit, maar die koste van buitegeboue, omheining, hekke en ander toebehore word uitgesluit.”. (19 Mei 1989)

NOTICE 490 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 918, THEUNISSEN

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition A (1) in Certificate of Consolidated Title T 5473/1980 in respect of Erf 918, Theunissen, be removed.
(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 491 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 5030, RIEBEECKSTAD

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that conditions (a) on page 6 and (b) on page 7 in Deed of Transfer T1198/1984, is respect of Erf 5030, Riebeeckstad, be removed.
(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 492 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 9110, EXTENSION 24, WELKOM

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition B on page 3 in Deed of Transfer T7668/1986 in respect of Erf 9110, Extension 24, Welkom, be removed.
(19 May 1989)

KENNISGEWING 490 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIsING EN WERkE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 918, THEUNISSEN
Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967 (Wet No. 84 van 1967), soos gewysig, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat titelvoorwaarde A (1) in Sertifikaat van Verenigde Titel T 5473/1980 ten opsigte van Erf 918, Theunissen, opgehef word.
(19 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 491 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIsING EN WERkE
WET OP OPEFFING EN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 5030, RIEBEECKSTAD
Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967 (Wet No. 84 van 1967), soos gewysig, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat titelvoorwaardes (a) op Bladsy 6 en (b) op bladsy 7 in Transportakte T1198/1984 ten opsigte van Erf 5030, Riebeeckstad, opgehef word.
(19 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 492 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIsING EN WERkE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 9110, UITBREIDING 24, WELKOM
Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967 (Wet No. 84 van 1967), soos gewysig, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat titelvoorwaarde B op bladsy 3 in Transportakte T7668/1986 ten opsigte van Erf 9110, Uitbreiding 24, Welkom, opgehef word.
(19 Mei 1989)
(h) Erve 2138 en Subdivision 1 of Erf 2160, 19 York Street, Extension 2, Welkom; for the removal of conditions of title D and E on page 3 in Deed of Transfer T8033/1979 pertaining to Subdivision 1 of Erf 2160 in order to unite the said properties into one deed of transfer and to amend the deed of transfer to correspond with the relevant town-planning scheme and for the rezoning of Subdivision 1/2160 from “Reserved for Street” to “Institution” in order to consolidate the said properties.

(i) Erf 2554, corner of Oberon and Bardolph Streets, Bedelia, Welkom; for the removal of conditions of Title D (i), (ii) and (iii) on page 8 in Deed of Transfer T8238/1988 in order to enable the owner to use the said erf for residential purposes as well as for the rezoning from “Institution” to “Residential (Special)”.

(j) Subdivisions 2 and 3 of Erf 6890, Aalwynn Street, Jim Fouchepark, Welkom; for the removal of condition of Title D in totality in Deeds of Transfer T1941/1988 and T1942/1988 in order to enable the owner to consolidate the two properties for the erection of a dwelling-house.

(k) Erf 522, Bell Street, Senekal; for the removal of the condition of title that forbid the subdivision on page 2 in Deed of Transfer T11302/1988 in order to enable the owner to subdivide the said erf for residential purposes.

(l) Subdivision 1 (Slypsteenberg) of the farm Hope Valley 719, Bainsvlei, Bloemfontein; for the removal of conditions of title (a) and (b) on page 3 in Deed of Transfer T2158/1976 in order to enable the owner to subdivide the said small-holding for housing of White workers.

(m) Erven 22102 to 22125, 22127 to 22137, 22139 to 22141, 22143 to 22155, 22157 to 22170, 22177 to 22181 and 22185 to 22263, Fleurdal, Bloemfontein; for the removal of condition of establishment B.3 promulgated by Administrator’s Notice 203 of 1983 in order to delete the building clause.

(n) Subdivision 5 of Erf 959, Deneyesville; for the removal of the conditions of Title A III (a) to (d); B II (b) to (c); C II (a), (b) and (d) and (e) and the word definitions in Certificate of Consolidated Title T4213/1981 in order to enable the owner to erect a floating breakwater adjacent to his own property.

Head of the Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly.

(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 486 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERVEN 634–638, ALLANRIDGE

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that conditions E (a), (b), (c) and (d) in Deed of Transfer T2921/1987 in respect of Erven 634–638, Allanridge, be removed.

(19 May 1989)
NOTICE 487 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERVEN 1118, 1119, 1120, 1121 AND 1123, LANGENHOVENPARK, BLOEMFONTEIN

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that the conditions of the title promulgated by Administrator’s Notice 18 of 1984 be altered by the removal of conditions of title B1 (d) to (f), B3 and B4 in respect of Erven 1119 to 1121, Langenhovenpark, and conditions of title B5 in respect of Erf 1118, Langenhovenpark, and for the rezoning of Erf 1118, Langenhovenpark, from “Institution” to “Special Residential” and “Erven 1119, 1120, 1121 and 1123, Langenhovenpark, from “General Residential” to “Special Residential”.

(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 488 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 8602, EXTENSION 7, WELKOM

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition of establishment B.1 in respect of Erf 8602, Extension 7, Welkom, be removed.

(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 489 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 15, WESSELSBRON

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967) that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that conditions (a) and (b) in Deed of Transfer T8040/1987 in respect of Erf 15, Wesselsbron, be removed, subject to the simultaneous registration of the following conditions against the said erf:

“(a) Ten gunst van die Munisipale Raad van die Munisipaliteit van Wesselsbron:
Hierdie erf word slegs vir woningdoeleindes gebruik. Nie meer as twee houa fide-bediendes wat in diens is op die erf mag op die erf inwoon nie.

(19 May 1989)
NOTICE 485 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the aforementioned applications have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly and will lie for inspection at the office of the Regional Representative of the said Department (Fourth Floor, Febelike Building, Maitland Street, Bloemfontein).

Any person who wishes to object to the granting of the application, may communicate in writing with the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly at the above address or Private Bag X20524, Bloemfontein, 9300. Objections in duplicate, must reach this office not later than 16h00 on Friday, 23 June 1989.

(a) Erf 23751, Eric Louw Avenue, Sasolburg; for the alteration of the conditions of Title K (a) and K (a) (iii) page 12 in Certificate of Consolidated Title T10767/1984 to enable the owner to conduct an educational centre on the said property.

(b) Plot 26, 15 Main Avenue, Estoire, Local Area of Bloemspuit; for the removal of conditions of title 2 (a), (b) and (c) in Deed of Transfer T3786/1987 to enable the owner to subdivide the said property, in order to sell the subdivision for living purposes.

(c) Erf 5034, 24 Chris van Niekerk Street, Sasolburg; for the removal of conditions of title 2 (f), 2 (j) (i) (ii) and (iii), 2 (k), 3 (a) (f) and word definitions (i), (ii) and (iii) to enable the owner to erect professional and general offices on the said property.

(d) Erf 9808, 77 Falstaff Street, Bedelia, Welkom; for the removal of condition of Title C (d) in Deed of Transfer T744/1987 in order to enable the owner to subdivide the said erf.

(e) Certain portion known as Hillside 2594 of the farm Hope Valley 719, Bainsvlei, Bloemfontein; for the removal of conditions of title 1 and 2 on page 2 in Deed of Transfer T2158/1976 in order to enable the owner to subdivide the said small-holding for a store, general services and residential purposes.

(f) Erf 1186, corner of Palma and McLean Streets, Riebeeckstad; for the removal of conditions of title 22 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) on page 8 in Deed of Transfer T8468/1987 in order to enable the owner to use the said erf for office purposes as well as for the rezoning from “Residential (Special)” to “Business Type A”.

(g) Erf 415, 4 Martie Crescent, Naudeville, Welkom; for the removal of conditions of Title D (d), (n) and (o) in Deed of Transfer T3085/1981 in order to enable the owner to subdivide the said erf and to amend the deed of title to correspond with the town planning scheme.

KENNISGEWING 485 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD

DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASSLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967

Hierby word ingevolge artikel 3 (6) van die bogenoemde Wet bekendgemaak dat die ondergenoemde aanseeks deur die Hoof van die Departement van Plaasslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Administrasie: Volksraad ontvang is en ter insae lê by die Streekverteenwoordiger van genoemde Departement (Vierde Verdieping), Febelikegebou, Maitlandstraat, Bloemfontein en by die kantore van die betrokke Plaasslike Bestuur.

Enige persoon wat teen die toestaan van die aanseeks beswaar wil maak kan met die Hoof van die Departement van Plaasslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Administrasie: Volksraad, Privaatsak X20524, Bloemfontein, 9300, skriftelik in verbindtie met besware in tweeëvoud migt hierdie kantoor nie later nie as 16h00 op Vrydag, 23 Junie 1989 bereik.

(a) Erf 23751, Eric Louwweg, Sasolburg; vir die wysiging van Titelvoorwaardes K (a) en K (a) (iii) op bladsy 12 in Sertifikaat van Verenigde Titel T10767/1984 ten einde die eienaars in staat te stel om ‘n opvoedkundige centrum op die gemelde eiendom te kan bedryf.

(b) Plot 26, Hooflaan 15, Estoire, plaasslike gebied van Bloemspuit; vir die opheffing van Titelvoorwaardes 2 (a), (b) en (c) in Transportakte T3786/1987 ten einde die eienaars in staat te stel om die gemelde eiendom te kan onderverdeel, sodat die onderverdelings verkoop en vir woondoeleinde benut kan word.

(c) Erf 5034, Chris van Niekerkstraat 24, Sasolburg; vir die opheffing van Titelvoorwaardes 2 (f), 2 (j) (i) (ii) en (iii), 2 (k), 3 (a) (f) en woordbepaling (i), (ii) en (iii), ten einde die eienaars in staat te stel om professione le en algemene kantore op die gemelde eiendom te rig.

(d) Erf 9808, Falstaffstraat 77, Bedelia, Welkom; vir die opheffing van Titelvoorwaarde C (d) in die Transportakte T744/1987 ten einde die eienaars in staat te stel om die gemelde erf te kan onderverdeel.

(e) Sekere gedeelte bekend as Hillside 2594 van die plaas Hope Valley 719, Bainsvlei, Bloemfontein; vir die opheffing van die Titelvoorwaardes 1 en 2 op bladsy 2 van Transportakte T2158/1976 ten einde die eienaars in staat te stel om die gemelde hoeve te kan onderverdeel vir ‘n pakhuis, algemene dienste en woondoeleinde.

(f) Erf 1186, hoek van Palma- en McLeanstraat, Riebeeckstad; vir die opheffing van Titelvoorwaardes 22 (a), (b), (c), (d) en (e) op bladsy 8 van Transportakte T8468/1987 ten einde die eienaars in staat te stel om die gemelde erf te gebruik vir kantoor- en gewone doeleinde oor ‘n woning (Spesiaal) na “Besigheid Type A”.

(g) Erf 415, Martjie Ingel 4, Naudeville, Welkom; vir die opheffing van Titelvoorwaardes D (d), (n) en (o) in Transportakte T3085/1981 ten einde die eienaars in staat te stel om die gemelde erf te kan onderverdeel en die titelakte in ooreenstemming met die dorpsbeleidskema te bring.
NOTICE 483 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 751, VALHALLA TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restriction Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition (e) in Deed of Transfer T26390/1988 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-1340-15)

(19 May 1989)

NOTICE 484 OF 1989
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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 of 1967)

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the aforementioned applications have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing, and Works, Administration: House of Assembly and will lie for inspection at the office of the Regional Representative of the said Department (Fourth Floor, Fidelifi Building, Maitland Street, Bloemfontein) and the office of the relevant local authority.

Any person who wishes to object to the granting of the application, may communicate in writing with the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly at the above address or Private Bag X20524, Bloemfontein, 9300. Objections in duplicate must reach this office not later than 16h00 on Friday, 23 June 1989.

(a) Welkom (1488):

For the alteration of the Welkom Town-planning Scheme by the zoning of Subdivision 1 of the Remainder of Parker 2147 which is reserve for Public open spaces to “Residential (Special)”

(b) Bloemfontein (289):

For the alteration of the Bloemfontein Town-planning Scheme by the rezoning of Erven 3258 (B) and 3258 (C) from “Intermediate Residential” to “Special Business”.

(c) Bloemfontein (189):

For the alteration of the Bloemfontein Town-planning Scheme by the rezoning of proposed Subdivisions 2 to 6 of Erf 9566 from “Educational Purposes” to “Town Houses Residential”.

(d) Bloemfontein (489):

For the alteration of the Bloemfontein Town-planning Scheme by the rezoning of Erf 5023, Arboretum, from “Special Single Dwelling Residential” to “Town Houses Residential”.

Head of the Department: Department of Local Government of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly.

(19 May 1989)
Economists are increasingly critical of the severe austerity package introduced by the Department of Finance and the Reserve Bank, arguing that the measures could lead to an "overkill" rather than a mere "cooling down" of the economy.

Their criticism must be seen against the backdrop of an economy which slowed down significantly in the first quarter this year.

The seasonally adjusted gross domestic product at market prices increased by only 1.6 percent during the first quarter of 1989, compared with the last quarter of 1988, according to Central Statistical Services figures released this week.

And the GDP of the non-agricultural sector rose by only 0.7 percent, with mining, electricity and manufacturing showing decreases.

A Reserve Bank representative said the figures indicate a significant "cooling off" in economic growth — the overall growth figure was only maintained because of a 16.4 percent rise in agricultural output and three percent growth in the public sector.

The 0.7 percent decline in the manufacturing sector's output was largely attributed to the decrease in demand, following last year's extensive package of measures designed to restrain consumer spending.

And analysts expect the manufacturing sector to continue to be hard hit by the austerity measures resulting in negative growth by the end of the year.

While many mainstream economists are still suggesting that the austerity package — comprising new import surcharges, stricter hire-purchase financing conditions, higher interest rates and a loan levy — was essential given the constraints on South Africa's balance of payments, more and more criticism is being levelled at the thinking behind official policy, "which considers a healthy or reasonable economic growth rate a defect".

Stellenbosch University's Professor J.L. Sadie, in a recent publication by the Bureau of Economic Research, severely criticised official monetarist policy.

"The fashionable terminology is 'cooling down the overheated economy', which in fact translates into 'smothering an economy which shows some healthy signs of life'," he said.

An official policy which inhibited the economy would not enable the country to maintain an economic growth rate equalling the population growth rate of 2.5 percent, he warned.

"Yet South Africa will have to achieve growth rates of this order if it is to rein in the process of progressive impoverishment which has been observed during the past 14 years."

Sadie asked whether it was idéology which refused to allow a pragmatic or common-sense approach to South Africa's economy. "Such a common-sense approach would treat excessive import content as the root of the country's economic problem, requiring direct intervention while pursuing positive export stimulation.

"As long as dogma reigns supreme, viewing the South African economy as an uncontrolled, first world, mature, high-income organism, it will remain in the doldrums."

These comments are echoed by Paul Edwards, chairman of the Information Trust Corporation (ITC), who criticised the latest move by the minister of finance as 'knee-jerk' and possibly "overkill".

Edwards accepts the economy must be cooled, but he believes existing restrictions were only just beginning to bite, and the latest moves may throw the economy into reverse.

His main concern is the current situation could lead to a repetition of 1984/85, when a record number of bankruptcies of small businesses and individuals occurred because of the credit squeeze and sky-high interest rates.

"Consumers are being pushed to the limit. The tremendous increase in bank advances and reduced savings levels indicate that consumers are borrowing heavily in an attempt to maintain their standard of living."

Official statistics confirm that small businesses and individuals are bearing the brunt of restrictive measures adopted last year.

CSS figures show the number of summonses for debt for the three months up to January this year was 3.5 percent up on the previous three months and 11.1 percent up on the same months last year.

The number of liquidations in March soared to 121 from 81 in February and 99 in January. Individual sequestrations held steady at 150 in the first two months of this year, after declining rapidly from a peak of 316 in March last year.
Time for a 'Buy SA' campaign

The time was now opportune to launch a Buy South African campaign, the Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis, said yesterday.

In reply to the Second Reading debate in Parliament on the Budget he said that preparations for the campaign had been going on for some time.

Further details would be given by his colleague, the Minister of Information, Dr Stoffel van der Merwe.

The appropriate way to conduct it would not be for the state alone to spend millions of rands — manufacturers had to play a part.

Mr Du Plessis also said that with the falling gold price there was now a cash flow problem with available foreign exchange. There was nothing anyone could do about this except to be very careful with foreign exchange, to limit imports to the minimum and to export as much as possible.

He had no doubt that the Government would not exert pressure on the capital market.
Economists, politicians lash out at Nat Minister

ALL South Africans — including whites — are worse off today than before.

This is the sharp rejoinder that Deputy Minister of Finance Dr Org Marais has drawn from a cross-section of people for claiming that whites specifically were on average no worse off today than they were 20 years ago.

It has set the scene for an election in which money matters will be one of the major issues. And that added urgency to the debate about the future of the Nationalist Party, which has been the mainstay of the white community for decades.

It is even being likened to Dr LAPA Munnik's assertion in 1981 that the government could live on R20 a month — a claim which the government paid dearly at the election booth.

**Widespread criticism**

Criticism has come from economists, consumer bodies and from opposition politicians, who have pointed out that the government's policies have failed to deliver on its promises.

Dr Marais justified the claim by Parliament this week on the basis that the average woman was now only working, while the families were smaller, and there had been an increase in fringe benefits.

He also said black income on average was rising and in the process of rapidly outpacing incomes among the coloured community.

However, it flies in the face of the warning by Stellenbosch economist Professor Jan Sadie, in a statement from the University of Stellenbosch, that the country's continuing process of impoverishment during the past 14 years could not be stopped unless an economic growth rate of 2.5 percent was maintained.

He warned also that the 3.5 percent growth rate could not be maintained while government policy was inhibiting the economy. The policy of the monetary authorities had the effect of "soothering" the economy by treating a sound growth rate as though it was a problem, he said.

A spokesman for the authoritative bureau said that Dr Marais's claim was "something I can't believe". The bureau's analysis showed the contrary — that not only whites but all South Africans had become poorer over the years.

A point had also been reached where the average South African used to buy less meat, many who used to be able to buy large cars had become unable to do so, and the average family had become poorer over the years.

The average person was no longer able to buy what they used to buy, and they needed to support smaller families, the spokesman said.

Mr Harry Schwarz, the Democratic Party's spokesperson on finance, said that Dr Marais' statement was a lie, and the government was only trying to deflect attention from the plight of people around the country.

"There is nobody who is not feeling the pinches, from the average South African to the average white," he said. "Dr Marais is saying that for the first time in years, the government has managed to get the economy to grow, and that it is doing this by "soothering" the economy by the policy of the monetary authorities, which is keeping the economy in a recessionary state."

"This is a lie, and the government is only trying to deflect attention from the fact that the economy is in a recessionary state."
Economists defend inflation figures

By JACOB MOKANA

DESPITE sharp criticism from some quarters against what Central Statistical Services (CSS) consider to be the official rate of inflation, economists say there can be no doubt these figures represent the best that can be expected.

None of the seven economists approached said the official figures were out of touch with reality.

Dr Karl Posel, former professor of applied mathematics at Durban Westville University, alleged recently that the inflation rate was 31 percent, compared with the CSS rate of 13.5 percent.

One economist, however, criticised the CSS for not taking the trouble to promote the reliability and credibility of its inflation rate figures among ordinary citizens and participants in the financial markets.

Posel alleged the method by which the inflation rate was being determined was unscientific and unreliable. That is not true, say the economists.

"The methods of measuring the inflation rate meet international standards and the test sample is big. I am therefore completely satisfied with the figure offered as being the inflation rate, as measured by the CSS," says Rand Merchant Bank chief economist Rudolf Gouws.

Inflation rate soars as root cause is ignored

Apartheid driving SA down

By REVELATION NOTULA

SOUTH Africa has become one of the most expensive countries in the world to live in - and the situation is deteriorating daily.

"Worst off are those who live on or under the breadline, which includes the vast majority of blacks in this country. The average family requires a minimum of R850 a month to survive, but many black families earn less than half that amount.

"A former professor of applied mathematics, Dr Karl Posel, recently alleged that inflation in South Africa has been running at no less than 31 percent. Posel's finding, which contradicts the official 14 percent inflation rate, has found widespread support among senior economists. Ironically, employers tend to base the re-adjustment of their workers' salaries on the official figure, which many economists and analysts now believe to be false.

"The price of basic foodstuffs such as mealie-meal, bread and milk rose sharply this year. So did sugar, petrol, electricity, interest rates, bond repayments and hire purchase interest rates.

"The soaring cost of almost all consumer commodities, rampant inflation, unemployment and general economic misery have become a feature of everyday life in this country.

"What has gone wrong when only a decade ago Pretoria boasted that South Africans blacks were the best fed and best clothed in Africa, despite their political deprivation? What can be done to return South Africans to the good old days? There are many contributing factors, but apartheid has led to:

- Reluctance by international banks to make funds available to South African business;
- Sanctions, which have meant the reduction of the export market and a consequent shortage of foreign exchange;
- Disinvestment - particularly by some of the large American multi-nationals; and
- The collapsing value of the rand.

Economists predict that in two years time the rand will only be worth 25 US cents.

"If and when that happens, SA exports will be worthless in terms of international trade and it will be almost impossible for us to buy or import goods from Western countries.

"Our only solution lies in scrapping apartheid - and if this does not happen soon the country is headed for a major financial disaster!"
Civil servants’ pay hike to blame

Govt pushes up spending another 28%

GRETAT STEYN

HIGH government spending fuelled overspending in the economy this year and inflated the money supply.

The latest Government Gazette statement of spending and revenue showed spending in April was R0,41bn - 28% higher than the same month last year.

Finance director-general Gerhard Crosser said: “The civil servants’ salary increase is the main reason for April’s spending growth from last year.”

But, he warned against interpreting the 28% rise in spending in April as a signal that the new fiscal year was set for an overrun on the budgeted increase of 12%, as the first month of the fiscal year was subject to distortions.

Economists said government spending had placed additional liquidity into the hands of the private sector in the first four months of 1989 - driving domestic demand at a time when the economy should be slowing down.

In the first quarter of the calendar year, spending was about 30% higher than in 1988, mainly because of the civil servants’ pay rise. This liquidity inflow fuelled real gross domestic expenditure, which surged at an annual rate of 6% in the first quarter.

Finance Minister Harend du Plessis noted “relatively high seasonal government expenditure” as one of the reasons why another economic package had been necessary this month. Economists said it was unfortunate this seasonal surge in spending had come at the wrong point in the business cycle.

Govt spending bill. Barnardt also suspected that defence spending had been pushed up by the withdrawal from Namibia.

The Gazette statement showed defence spending was 60% up on last year, at R930m. Other high increases last year included education and training (30%), development aid (26.5%) and Administration: House of Assembly (13%).

GERALD RELLY reports from Pretoria that for finance spokesman Harry Schwarz said at a time when Du Plessis was appealing to the country to tighten its belt, state spending was spiraling to new heights.

He said: “Government must tell us why it is spending more money and faster than before.”
SA's foreign debt problem decreasing, says Du Plessis

CAPE TOWN — SA's foreign debt problem is steadily decreasing, Finance Minister Barend du Plessis says.

In the two months since the budget, loans totalling US$11bn, which were to have been paid in the next three years, had been converted into long-term debt.

Du Plessis told Parliament that, according to the latest Reserve Bank estimates, SA would have to meet foreign debt repayments of $1.8bn this year, $1.9bn next year, and $1bn in 1991.

In the past two months, Du Plessis said in his Budget that foreign debt repayments this year would total $1.7bn, $2.1bn next year and $1.5bn in 1991.

Du Plessis said many foreign creditors were making use of facilities to convert short-term debt within the net into long-term debt, to be paid over a 10-year period, outside the net.

At the end of March the Reserve Bank had given approval for the conversion of $3.5bn short-term debt in the net into long-term debt, which would be paid over a period up to 1993.

Negotiations to convert this debt had not been finalised.

Du Plessis said that, at the time of the standstill in 1985, foreign debt totalling $14bn had been caught in the net, with $10bn outside.

At the end of last year total SA foreign debt had decreased by $3bn, with $9bn within the net and $12bn outside.

These figures did not reveal the true picture of the repayment of debt as the net decrease in the value of the dollar against other currencies in the period had caused the dollar value of the debt to increase.

If the debt had been repaid at exchange rates pertaining in September 1985, SA's foreign debt would have fallen from $24bn to $18.5bn at the end of last year.

Du Plessis said the largest loan converted from short-term debt to long-term debt outside the net had amounted to $700m.

A further $300m had been converted from short-term debt in the net into financial rands and invested in SA.

He added that, although SA's foreign debt position was improving, "the wagon was not completely through the drift" and the country would still have to be careful with the economic policy it followed.
Chamber study on sanctions ‘invalid’

THE Chamber of Mines sanctions study, which found that more than 80% of black South Africans opposed sanctions and divestment, was invalidated by the fact that only inappropriate ‘either/or’ questions were asked, Community Agency for Social Enquiry (Case) director Mark Orkin said.

Orkin said — Case has done a large number of surveys on the subject — the findings of the chamber’s Gallup poll only served to confirm previous ones which had also excluded the intermediate option of conditional divestment.

The conditional option had achieved majority support among blacks in a 1967 Case survey. Conditional divestment had received 44% support in a poll conducted by Professor Lawrence Schlemmer. In 1984. This option also expressed sanctions policies of major union and church organisations.

Orkin said: “Denying respondents this choice forces their answers into categories to which they do not belong.”

He defined conditional divestment as meaning that foreign firms should not be allowed to operate in SA unless they met requirements such as good working conditions, union recognition and actively pressurised government to end apartheid.

Conditional sanctions were those of the comprehensive or selective variety which supporters believed should be lifted once certain steps — such as ending the emergency and unbanning organisations — had been met by government.

This distortion was worsened by the chamber survey’s use of “leading” introductory questions. These questions would put respondents into a frame of mind which would make supporting foreign businesses seem contradictory.

Financial bodies warn on official spending

RESTRICTIVE measures taken earlier this month to curb domestic spending and imports will succeed in cooling the economy only if government spending is held in check, financial institutions say.

They have welcomed the move of May 8 in slowing the pace of money supply growth and credit creation, but warn a slowdown hinges on government spending.

Standard Bank in its latest review says the package has the influence to damp the “probably unduly optimistic mood” which previously prevailed.

“This could be the package’s most important benefit, because a slowdown in nominal growth has far less painful consequences for the real economy if it is widely anticipated,” the review says.

However, the ultimate deciding factor over whether a recession later this year and in 1990 can be avoided, will be whether government spending can be checked, if the gold price recovers, and whether foreign capital inflows occur.

“If none of these happens, there would be little choice but to go for austerity and very low domestic expenditure next year.”

First National Bank (FNB) says in its April edition of SA Perspective that the general election promises continuing high government spending.

Realities

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These realities are likely to support a continuing buoyancy in most sectors of the economy, through to at least the third quarter, FNB says.

“While the interest-rate-sensitive sectors continue to give the impression of easing, especially the property market and furniture, it is as yet not a norm.”

Sanlam in its latest economic survey notes that a marked drop in car sales in comparison with a year ago and a noticeable deceleration in the growth rate of real retail sales are signs that the economy is “cooling down.” Other indicators of a slowing down were the drop in the volume of merchandise imports and a more sluggish rate of increase in manufacturing production.

However, the level of general economic activity remained high and owing to substantial wage and salary adjustments, the continued high inflation expectations and the sustained favourable state of consumer and business confidence, it was possible that expenditure would continue to grow at a rate that would place excessive demands on the balance of payments.

Sanlam said it believed the latest action could bring about the necessary cooling down of the economy — provided it was supported by strict discipline as regards government spending.

Given the low levels of foreign reserves, it is clear that on the whole, the balance of payments will continue to be a problem area.

Sanlam estimated that the current account would achieve a surplus of roughly R3bn this year, but most of these funds would have to be used for the repayment of foreign loans.

Govt ‘must cool it too’

SYLVIA DU PLESSIS and KAY TURVEY

GENEVA — More than five million new cases of AIDS may develop between 1990 and the year 2000, according to estimates published by the UN World Health Organisation (WHO).

The American Director of WHO’s Global Programme on AIDS Dr Jonathan Mann said the cumulative total of people infected with the HIV virus may increase to three or four times its present estimated total of between five and 10 million.

The current reported number of AIDS cases is 151 000, but WHO says the real figure is nearer 375 000.

These projections were based on the view that the AIDS pandemic has not plateaued or peaked, Mann said.

Most scientists agreed that a vaccine would not be available before the mid 1990s, and health and social services throughout the world would, therefore, need to strengthen their capabilities to respond to this projected increase in AIDS cases, he said.

Mann added WHO expected more than 700 000 new cases of AIDS to occur in the period from now to 1991, from people already infected with the virus.

Court gives lawful label to Mooi River toll road

MARTIZBURG — The operation of the Mooi River toll road between Caledon and Frere interchanges by Telcon has been declared lawful in a reserved judgment handed down in the Supreme Court last week by Mr Justice Combrink.

The judgment follows an application in March this year by the Public Carriers Association, Hulfrans, Cargo Carriers, Tanker Carriers and Mainline Carriers challenging the legality of the toll road and the operation of the Mooi River toll plaza and levy of tolls by Telcon.

Wimpey slated for Report sought on CoreGold plan
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Own Correspondents

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However Sanlam said they believed the latest action could bring about the necessary cooling down of the economy — provided it was supported by strict discipline as regards government spending.

Given the low levels of foreign reserves, it is clear that, on the whole, the balance of payments will continue to be a real problem area.

Sanlam estimated that the current account would achieve a surplus of roughly R4000 million this year, but most of these funds would have to be used for the repayment of foreign loans.
Finance Staff

The increase in the civil servants salary bill by an average 15 percent this year caused government spending to surge by 8 percent in the first month of its 1989/90 fiscal year.

The latest Government Gazette shows that spending in April was 28 percent at R6.41 billion compared with the same month last year. And over the first quarter of the 1989 calendar year, when the rise in public servants wages first took effect, government spending was about 30 percent higher than in the same period the previous year.

This contributed largely to the continued high rise in gross domestic expenditure (GDE) — Reserve Bank figures released recently showed that GDE was six percent up in the first quarter — and according to the monetary and fiscal authorities justified the recent economic austerity package.

The pay package also caused money supply figures to be inflated over the period.
Standard sees hopes of soft economic landing

By Derek Tomney

South Africa has serious balance of payments problems, but it does not have to endure a major recession to overcome the situation, says Standard Bank in its latest economic review.

In fact, a soft landing for the economy still seems a strong possibility, the bank contends.

It points out that in 1984 when SA was running a balance of payments deficit equal to two percent of gross domestic product (GDP), a recession was required to convert the deficit into a surplus.

But with SA already running a current account surplus of 1.5 percent of GDP, all that is required to cure the balance of payments headache is for the economy to produce a somewhat larger surplus than the one being realised.

The bank says that given present trends and provided government spending can be controlled, all the economy needs is a relatively modest further slowdown in domestic demand and import levels.

It says there is evidence such a slowdown is already under way and that the May 5 package will tend to accelerate it.

At the same time, activity in the real economy will be boosted by higher exports, which could grow by three percent this year after growing by 5.7 percent in 1988.

The increase in exports should help support domestic production, even while internal demand recedes.

It says the factors that will decide whether SA experiences a recession later this year and in 1990 will be:

- Whether government spending can be checked;
- What happens to the gold price;
- Whether foreign capital inflows occur.

If the gold price were to stabilise or rise in response to increased inflationary pressures overseas, or if SA were to be rewarded for accelerating political reform by an easing of sanctions, the outlook for 1990 would improve significantly.

Upward pressure on demand would also be eased if government spending were kept at budgeted levels.

But if none of these happens, the bank warns, SA would have to opt for austerity and lower domestic expenditure next year.
Call for long-term economic policy

DURBAN — SA needed a disciplined long-term economic macro-policy which would set targets for inflation, public sector spending and other issues, Frame Group chairman Merwyn King said yesterday.

He was speaking at the release of the Sedbank research document on monetary and fiscal discipline.

Because politicians worked in short periods they did not see business required a framework for long-term planning.

"They will learn, painfully, that sound economic policies will earn them political popularity and not the reverse."

King said government's economic measures in 1984 had forced business to go overseas to borrow cheaper funds and SA had not yet recovered from that period.

Own Correspondent

The consumer could not be blamed if he chose to buy at today's prices when he saw inflation pushing prices out of his reach.

Professor Gert de Wet, who led the research team, said bad government policy decisions had robbed SA of its economic shield and when political attacks began it had not been able to fend them off.

Government was now unable to meet its daily expenditure out of taxes but had to raise loans for this purpose. De Wet said clearly defined policy norms were needed to create the conditions in which the private sector could undertake meaningful long-term planning.
Credit demand seems to be slowing down.

MONEY supply growth for April showed tentative signs of moving nearer the target range, hinting at a slowdown in credit demand.

April's growth from the same month last year was 25.86%. Year-on-year growth for March was revised to 26.52% from a preliminary 26.65%.

Rand Merchant Bank economist Rudolf Gouws said there appeared to be a slowing in credit demand, although for technical reasons the figure looked worse in March.

The seasonally adjusted M3—which comprises all deposits with banks, building societies, and the post office—has moved from within the target range at R120bn in January to R121bn in February, then sharply to R125.5bn in March before falling back slightly to R126bn in April.

April's preliminary figure exceeds the R121.5bn upper limit of the "tunnel" region by R3.5bn.

However, economists warn a downward trend could only be confirmed over a period of a few months. In any slowdown, demand for credit first-tapers among consumers, and then was followed by the corporate sector.

However, it remained to be seen whether the growth slowed fast enough to cope with ongoing developments in the economy. A weaker rand could affect the Reserve Bank's forward-looking distortions and inflating money supply, he said.

Encouraged by money supply figures released by the Reserve Bank yesterday, capital market rates retreated from the day's highs.
Growth of money supply slows

By Sven Lünecke

The latest money supply figures, released by the Reserve Bank yesterday, confirm that credit demand has started to slow down.

The growth in the broadly defined M3 slowed to an estimated annual 25.85 percent in April, following growth of 26.52 percent in March and 27.35 percent in February.

The percentage change from the fourth quarter 1988 base is 24.16 percent, while growth in M1 in March was 19.17 percent and in M2, 33.73 percent, both slightly down on the previous month growth rate.

The seasonally adjusted M3 figure of R126 billion in April, however, is still some R2.3 billion above the upper limit of the target "tunnel" set by the Reserve Bank earlier this year.

Impact on expenditure

But economists expect that M3 growth could be contained within the targets when the effects of the May 5 austerity measures start to impact on expenditure.

Certainly in March there were still signs of strong credit demand.

Total extended domestic bank credit rose by over R2 billion to R32.75 billion, with hire-purchase advances rising by almost R400 million to R13.4 billion. Gross domestic spending is estimated to have risen at an annual rate of six percent in the first quarter.

Much of this can be attributed to the impact of the 15 percent rise in public servants' salaries this year, which also contributed to the substantial year-on-year 28 percent surge in government spending in April.

However, there is no doubt that the growth in credit demand is slowing down.

Rate of increase

The rate of increase in instalments and credit sales declined from eight percent in the last quarter last year to 5.2 percent in the first three months of 1989.

This trend is also apparent from the following developments, which are pointed out by Sanlam in its latest Economic Survey:

- A marked drop in car sales compared with a year ago.
- A noticeable deceleration in the growth rate of retail sales.
- A more sluggish rate of increase in manufacturing production.
- A drop in the volume of merchant imports.

The major pressure on credit demand is now expected to come mainly from the corporate sector, which cannot rein in its capital expenditure programmes on short notice.
Budget vote being referred to President

CAPE TOWN — The Constitutional Development budget vote, rejected by the House of Representatives this month, was passed by the President's Council yesterday.

The Council ruled that the version of the Appropriation Bill passed by the House of Assembly and the House of Delegates be presented to the State President for assent.

The House of Representatives had rejected the vote for Development Planning, amounting to more than R1 062 million, on the grounds that there had been no real constitutional development. — Sapa.
Marais 'out of touch with economic realities' in SA

CAPE TOWN — Deputy Finance Minister Org Marais is out of touch with harsh realities if he thinks South Africans are no worse off today than they were 20 years ago, says Stellenbosch University's Bureau for Economic Research director Ockie Stuart.

He says Marais's claim is invalidated by hard facts.

One way of showing how much worse off the average South African was today, was to look at the dramatic decline in real disposable income, a process which started in the 1970s and had continued unabated.

Real disposable income (RDI) was total individual income after tax and allowing for inflation.

From 1960 to 1969 RDI increased by 2.2% a year. From 1970 to 1979 it increased by only 1.5% a year and from 1980 to 1988 RDI actually decreased by 0.5% a year. This meant that from 1976 to 1988 RDI declined by 0.8% a year.

Stuart said these figures were based on Reserve Bank statistics.

Another accurate measurement of a country's wealth was its gross domestic product (GDP).

"GDP by definition reflects the wealth of a country. If it increases at a rate less than the population growth, this indicates a process of impoverishment."

Stuart said that from 1960 to 1969 the per capita GDP increased by 3.5% a year. From 1970 to 1979 it again showed an increase but this time only of 0.8% a year and from 1980 to 1988 it declined by 0.6% a year.

From 1982 to 1987 per capita GDP decreased by 1.5% a year.

Another measurement was the growth in direct taxation of individuals.

In the 1960s the annual growth in taxes was 12.2%. In the 1970s this increased to 16.2% and in the 1980s swelled to 22.5%.

Yet another way of illustrating how much worse off South Africans were today compared with 20 years ago was to compare local trends with what had happened in other countries.

Since 1983 prices in SA had risen 100%. In New Zealand they had increased by 44%, in Great Britain by 27%, in West Germany by 6% and in Japan by 5%.

One commentator said that to find price increases comparable to those experienced in this country one would have to go to the banana republics of South America.

"South Africans have grown so accustomed to rapidly rising prices that they have stopped asking why this is happening to them. However, they should ask questions because the high rate of inflation is keeping them poor and, if continued, could possibly bankrupt them."

In contrast to SA, Britain was becoming one of the cheapest countries in the world, according to a survey published to guide international companies on cost of living allowances for employees sent overseas.

The survey by Employment Conditions Abroad Ltd showed that between 1980 and 1988 the cost of purchasing a shopping basket of essential items had increased by about 60% in Great Britain as opposed to 92% in Western Europe as a whole.

In SA the cost of food had escalated by 1 000% in the past 17 years. Motoring costs were on a par and property and rent were not far behind. These figures were based on statistics supplied by the government's Department of Statistics.

According to the Automobile Association, it cost 7.3c/km to run the smallest car in 1972 while today it cost 50c/km.

While in 1972 there were at least a dozen cars that sold for less than R2 000, the cheapest car cost a little under R20 000 today. — Sapa.
JOS GERSON

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develop.
Economy now an election headache for Government

By Peter Fabricius, Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The Government is battling desperately to defend its handling of the deteriorating economy as the issue becomes the biggest election campaign headache.

It has made three moves this week in attempts to placate the man-in-the-street:

- The Minister of Transport Affairs, Mr Eli Louw, announced that charges would be cut on toll roads.
- The Deputy Minister of Finance, Dr Org Marais, tried to backtrack on his claim that whites were no worse off today than 20 years ago. He said yesterday that, if possible, the Government would try to give pensioners some help.
- The Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis, gave assurances that no further austerity measures would be imposed to cope with the falling rand and gold price.

National Party sources have acknowledged that last week’s statement by Dr Marais was a serious political blunder. He himself has admitted that the time might have been wrong to have made the statement.

Despite Dr Marais’ produced statistics to back his argument, it was considered insensitive in the face of hardships being suffered, especially by pensioners.

Dr Marais subsequently said that pensioners who did not enjoy perks had suffered a real decrease in income.

Dr Sampie Terreblanche, economic adviser to the Democratic Party, said in Cape Town yesterday that the Government was living in a “false paradise” if it believed it could cure the economic problems without addressing political issues.

Reacting to Dr Marais’s claims, Professor Terreblanche said people were not interested in the complex economics of the situation.

Dr Terreblanche said the simple truth was that apartheid was to blame for the economic ills.

Poverty had been shifted on to the shoulders of blacks since the National Party came to power.

The Government is also facing sharp criticism over its handling of road tolls.

On Tuesday, Mr Louw announced that charges on existing toll roads would be cut. This followed mounting resentment from commuters.

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The move was questioned by Democratic Party finance spokesman, Mr Harry Schwarz. He said it was “too much of a coincidence” that it was happening just at the start of the election campaign.

Mr du Plessis said no further restrictive “economic” measures would be imposed now to counter the effect of the falling rand and gold price.

Latest data showed that the growth in domestic demand was already faltering; the effects of the package of measures announced on May 5 had still to be felt.
Nine major reasons for public discontent

There are nine major reasons why consumers, taxpayers, pensioners and the public in general were angry with government, DP spokesman on finance Harry Schwarz said yesterday.

Speaking during the Income Tax Bill debate in Parliament, Schwarz said the chief grounds for anger from these groups were that they were:

☐ Furious at being told they were worse off than they were 20 years ago when so many were struggling to maintain reasonable standards;
☐ Overtaxed;
☐ Convinced that inadequate measures had been adopted to control inflation, which to a considerable extent was due to mismanagement of the economy last year;
☐ Unhappy about ideological expenditure on apartheid institutions that in any case would, in time, no longer exist;
☐ Angry about the duplication of services;
☐ Not satisfied their money was being used for purposes they regarded in all cases as being necessary;
☐ Confused about government's priorities for expenditure;
☐ Frustrated about the implementation of tax reform and ad hoc action in respect of new revenue, and
☐ Dissatisfied with the degree of inefficiency in administration.

Sapa reports that Schwarz said government should explain why it was now suddenly possible, in an election campaign, to cut prices at toll roads when such move had been impossible before.

Debating the Customs and Excise Bill, he said the DP could not support the legislation ratifying January's increase in the fuel levy.

The fuel levy was no longer being used to build roads, but had instead been used to finance the increase in public servants' salaries.

The substitute had been tolls including on existing roads, which was unacceptable, besides the high prices charged.

"Now, suddenly, in an election phase, (government) is miraculously able to reduce the tolls," Schwarz said.

He wanted to know why, if in the first place the tolls were too high, government had allowed the charges to be instituted.

The question now was from where the money, which would have been forthcoming from toll fees at their previous prices, was now going to be supplemented.
Business not confident, says Assocom

THE business mood had deteriorated during the past few weeks and had brought into question the ability of the authorities correctly to interpret the economic signals and act timely, Assocom said yesterday.

Pointing out that businessmen viewed the official announcement of the May 6 economic package with incredulity, Assocom said the announcement, coming a mere six weeks after the Budget, provided an unwelcome shock. It felt that if more restraint had been applied earlier, such measures would have made the business community more receptive to the adjustment now required.

On policy issues, Assocom said the urgency for government to bring its expenditure under control had never been greater. In the eyes of the private sector, credibility on that score was totally absent.

It saw the proposition that higher taxes were to be regarded as a policy for curbing excessive demand as addressing only part of the equation. Although it was an acceptable objective to reduce the deficit before borrowing along the lines proposed by government, the attainment of that objective, through over-taxation, was unacceptable.

With regard to revenue, Assocom noted that the inflation rate appeared to be under government's budget receipts from the sale of state-owned assets. It was, therefore, concerned the promise to use privatization proceeds for the redemption of government debt still stood.

Assocom said although the ravages of inflation had not yet been apparent, the rate at which interest rates must rise was still high. Inflation seemed to be an interest rate which would be difficult to correct.

The recently announced 10% compulsory loan levy would create serious cash flow problems and there was a need for effective consultation between the authorities and the private sector before adopting such measures.

Kaye Tuerwy reports that Assocom CE Raymond Parsons said a soft landing for the economy was still possible.

He said more restrictive measures were not necessarily or desirable providing there were no more "internal shocks", existing "imperfect" measures were adhered to and enough was done to contain government spending.

The recent low gold price and the drop in the value of the rand was no cause for panic. The situation was "uncomfortable but not fatal" to the economy as there were signs a downswing had begun. A process of adjustment was under way and existing measures would have to be given a chance to work.

The latest Assocom business confidence index, to be released next week, would show confidence had declined.

Parsons said a lower gold price and the subsequent depreciation of the rand had contributed to that situation: although there was a negative perception of the way in which the economic upswing during the past year had been handled, in spite of clear warnings from the private sector.

The failure to take timely action had left the economy more vulnerable to external fluctuations than would otherwise have been the case.

If the balance of payments situation had been addressed months ago, SA could have been in a far stronger position to handle foreign debt negotiations. - Sapa.
NOTICE 544 OF 1989
CORRECTION NOTICE
POTCHEFSTROOM AMENDMENT SCHEME 205
It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Potchefstroom Amendment Scheme 205 the Minister has approved the correction of the scheme by the substitution for Map 3 A and B of amended maps now showing the scheme number.

(PB 4-9-2-26H-205)
(26 May 1989)

NOTICE 545 OF 1989
CORRECTION NOTICE
BOKSBURG AMENDMENT SCHEME 586
It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Township Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Boksburg Amendment Scheme 586 the Minister has approved the correction of the scheme by the substitution for the scheme clauses of amended scheme clauses now showing the proviso number.

(PB 4-9-2-9-586)
(26 May 1989)

NOTICE 546 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 218, MEYERSPARK TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approve that condition (5) (d) in Deed of Transfer T12272/1965 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-868-16)
(26 May 1989)

NOTICE 547 OF 1989
CORRECTION NOTICE
PRETORIA AMENDMENT SCHEME 1173
It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Pretoria Amendment Scheme 1173 the Minister has approved the correction of the scheme by the substitution for the faulty sheets 1 and 2 of Map 3 of amended sheets.

(PB 4-9-2-3H-1173)
(26 May 1989)

KENNISGEWING 544 VAN 1989
VERBETERINGSKENNISGEWING
POTCHEFSTROOM-WYSIGINGSKEMA 205
Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepalings ingevolge artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademaal 'n fout in Potchefstroom-wysigingskema 205 ontstaan het, het die Minister goedgekeur dat die skema verbeter word deur die vervanging van Kaart 3 A en B met gewysigde kaarte wat nou die skemanommer aandui.

(PB 4-9-2-26H-205)
(26 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 545 VAN 1989
VERBETERINGSKENNISGEWING
BOKSBURG-WYSIGINGSKEMA 586
Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepalings ingevolge artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademaal 'n fout in Boksburg-wysigingskema 586 ontstaan het, het die Minister goedgekeur dat die skema verbeter word deur die vervanging van die skemaklousules met gewysigde skemaklousules wat nou die voorbehoudsbepalingnommer bevat.

(PB 4-9-2-8-586)
(26 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 546 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BERPERSINGS, 1967
ERF 218, DORP MEYERSPARK
Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde (5) (d) in Akte van Transport T12272/1965 opgehef word.

(PB 4-14-2-868-16)
(26 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 547 VAN 1989
VERBETERINGSKENNISGEWING
PRETORIA-WYSIGINGSKEMA 1173
Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepalings ingevolge artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademaal 'n fout in Pretoria-wysigingskema 1173 ontstaan het, het die Minister goedgekeur dat die skema verbeter word deur die vervanging van die foutiewe velle 1 en 2 van Kaart 3 met gewysigde velle.

(PB 4-9-2-3H-1173)
(26 Mei 1989)
SOCIALISM and the need to build an anti-government front under disciplined and centralised leadership were key themes at the annual congress of the National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) last weekend.

"The congress dealt with the need to rebuild community structures and to rebuild the mass democratic movement's strength in a more centralised form than exists at present," said a press statement. "The resolutions also stress the need to build working class alliances rather than loose alliances with other classes."

The political direction adopted by Numsa — among the most powerful unions in South Africa — is bound to shape debates within anti-apartheid circles about how best to revitalise extra-parliamentary opposition in the country.

Numsa's socialist menu

By EDDIE KOCH

Recently, the most popular strategy among affiliates of the United Democratic Front and many unions belonging to the Congress of South African Trade Unions has been to build a broad alliance of groups opposed to apartheid.

This kind of approach was displayed in the planning of the Anti-Apartheid Conference which, before it was banned in September last year, had been devised as a forum to rally workers, students, sportsmen, enlightened businessmen, dissident "homeland" leaders and clerics behind a fairly loosely arranged anti-government coalition.

The strategy of the 180,000-strong metalworkers' union, however, places a stronger emphasis on the need for working class organisations to lead the resistance to apartheid and to avoid relations with groups that might dilute the organisation's socialist principles.

"Numsa has committed itself to work toward the unifying of the working class in its struggle for a socialist South Africa," said the press release. "The congress very definitely stated its view that capitalism cannot offer solutions to the working class. For this reason the working class must take a decisive lead in the liberation struggle."
NOTICE 540 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERVEN 1452 AND 1453 SPRINGS EXTENSION TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) conditions (d); (e) and (f) in Deed of Transfer F12543/1965 be removed; and

(2) Springs Town-planning Scheme 1/1948, be amended by the rezoning of Erven 1452 and 1453, Springs Extension Township, to “Special” for offices, flats and a place of instruction, subject to certain conditions and which amendment scheme will be known as Springs Amendment Scheme 1/429, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Director-General, Local Government, Housing and Works: House of Assembly, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Springs.

(PB 4-14-2-2101-2)

(26 May 1989)

NOTICE 541 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the applications mentioned in the Schedule have been received by the Departmental Head: Local Government, Housing and Works and are open for inspection at the 12th Floor, Merino Building, Pretorius Street, Pretoria, and at the offices of the relevant local authority.

Any objections, with full reasons therefor, should be lodged in writing with the Departmental Head: Local Government, Housing and Works at the above address or Private Bag X340, Pretoria, on or before 23 June 1989.

SCHEDULE
GOLF MOTORS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED for—

(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 1693, Orkney Township, in order to permit the erf being used for business purposes;

(2) the amendment of the Orkney Town-planning Scheme, 1980, by the rezoning of the erven from “Residential 1” with a density of “One dwelling per erf” to “Business 4”.

This application will be known as Orkney Amendment Scheme 26, with reference number PB 4-14-2-991-21.

GODFREY ROBERT ARMANTAGE DUNKLEY for—

(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 689, Forest Town Township, in order to subdivide the erf;

(2) the amendment of the Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme, 1979, by the rezoning of the erven from “Residential 1” with a density of “One dwelling per erf” to “Residential 1” with a density of “One dwelling per 1 000 m²”.

KENNISGEWING 540 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERWE 1452 EN 1453, DORP SPRINGS-
UITBREIDING

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

(1) voorwaardes (d); (e) en (f) in Akte van Transport F12543/1965 opgehef word; en

(2) Springs-dorpsaanlegskema 1/1948, gewysig word deur die hersonering van Erwe 1452 en 1453, dorp Springs-uitbreiding, tot “Spesiaal” vir kantore, woonstelle en ‘n plek van onderrig, ondervorbe toekomende weskundiges kom bekend staan as Springs-wysigingskema 1/429, soos toepaslik aangedui op die toepaslike Kaart 3 en schemaklousules wat ter insig lê in die kantone van die Direkteur-generaal, Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke: Volksraad, Pretoria, en die Stadskierk van Springs.

(PB 4-14-2-2101-2)

(26 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 541 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967

Ingevolge artikel 3 (6) van bogenoemde Wet word hiermee kennis gegee dat aanweke in die Bylae gemeld deur die Departemenshoof: Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke ontgawe is en ter insig le by die 12de Verdieping, Merinogebou, Pretoriusstraat, Pretoria, en in die kantone van die betrokke plaaslike bestuur.


BYLAE

GOLF MOTORS (EIJENDOMS) BEPERK vir—

(1) die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Erf 1693, dorp Orkney, ten einde dit moontlik te maak dat die erf gebruik kan word vir besigheidsdoeleinde;

(2) die wysiging van die Orkney-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1980, deur die hersonering van die erf van “Residensieel 1” met ‘n digtheid van “Een woonhuis per erf” tot “Besigheid 4”.

Die aanvraag sal bekend staan as Orkney-wysigingskema 28, met verwysingsnummer PB 4-14-2-991-21.

GODFREY ROBERT ARMANTAGE DUNKLEY vir—

(1) die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Erf 689, dorp Forest Town, ten einde die erf onder te verdeel;

(2) die wysiging van die Johannesburg-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1979, deur die hersonering van die erf van “Residensieel 1” met ‘n digtheid van “Een woonhuis per erf” tot “Residensieel 1” met ‘n digtheid van “Een woonhuis per 1 000 m²”.
NOTICE 517 OF 1989

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 742, ELSPARK TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Director of Local Government, Housing and Works: House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) condition 8 in Deed of Transfer T20372/1987 be removed; and

(2) Elsburg Town-planning Scheme, 1973, be amended by the rezoning of Erf 742, Elspark Township, to “Special” for places for amusement and “General Business” and which amendment scheme will be known as Elsburg Amendment Scheme 35, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Executive Director: Community Services Branch, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Germiston.

(PB 4-14-2-1646-8)

(26 May 1989)

NOTICE 518 OF 1989

The City Council of Midrand hereby gives notice, in terms of section 6 (8) (a) of the Division of Land Ordinance, 1986 (Ordinance No. 20 of 1986), that an application to devide the land described hereunder has been received.

Further particulars of the application are open for inspection at the office of The Town Clerk: First Floor, Municipal Offices, Old Pretoria Road, Midrand.

Any person who wishes to object to the granting of the application or who whishes to make representations in regard thereto shall submit his objections or representations in writing and in duplicate to the Town Clerk at the above address of Private Bag X20, Halfway House, 1685, at any time within a period of 28 days from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Date of first publication: 26 May 1989.

Description of land: Portion 8 (a portion of Portion 1) of the farm Olifantsfontein 410 JR. District of Kempton Park, plus minus 168 ha in extent.

Number of portions: 141.
Agricultural: 140 size 1 ha in extent.
Public Open Space: 1.

(26 May 1989)

KENNISGEWING 517 VAN 1989

ADMINISTRASIE: VOLSRAAD
DEPARTEMEN VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 742, ELSPARKDORP

Hierby word ooreenkome gestel dat die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Direkteur van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke: Volsraad goedgekeur het dat—

(1) voorwaarde 8 in Akte van Transport T20372/1987 opgehef word; en

(2) Elsburg-dorpsaanlegskema, 1973, gewysig word deur die hersonering van Erf 742, Elsparkdorp, tot “Spesiaal” vir vermaaklikeplekke en “Algemeene Besigheid” welke wysigingskema bekend staan as Elsburg-wysigingskema 35, soos toepaslik aangedui op die toepaslike Kaart 3 en skemaklousules wat ter insae lê in die kantore van die Uitvoerende Direkteur: Tak Gemeenskapsdienste, Pretoria, en die Stadslerk van Germiston.

(PB 4-14-2-1646-8)

(26 Mei 1989)

KENNISGEWING 518 VAN 1989

Die Stadsraad van Midrand gee hiermee, ingevolge artikel 6 (8) (a) van die Ordonnansie op die Verdeling van Grond, 1986 (Ordonnansie No. 20 van 1986), kennis dat ‘n aanvoel ontvang is om die grond hieronder beskryf, te verdeel.

Verdere besonderhede van die aanvoel lê ter insae by die kantoor van die Stadslerk: Eerste Verdieping, Munisipale Kantoor, Ou Pretoria-pad, Midrand.

Enige persoon wat teen die toestaan van die aanvoel beswaar wil maak of vertoë in verband daarmee wil rig, moet sy besware of vertoë skriflik en in tweevooy by die Stadslerk by bovemelde adres of Privaatsak X20, Halfway House, 1685, te enige tyd binne ‘n tydperk van 28 dae vanaf die datum van die eerste publikasie van hierdie kennisgewing, indien.

Datum van eerste publikasie: 26 Mei 1989.
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(26 Mei 1989)
`South Africans no worse off than 20 years ago`

**Marais is right about SA prosperity — economist**

DEPUTY Finance Minister Org Marais's statement that South Africans are no worse off today than they were 20 years ago was "absolutely correct," Trust Bank economist Nick Barnard said yesterday.

To dispute Marais's assertion would be to display an inability to make accurate calculations and interpretations of basic economic data, Barnard said, drawing attention to the graph above.

Barnard objected to isolating periods of negative growth when arguing South Africans were worse off now compared with 1970.

"While there has been a decline in wealth during the eighties, comparisons with 1980 — an artificial boom year — give a distorted impression. Incomes in 1980 were boosted by spinoffs from the gold price surge."

The declines in the eighties which followed the boom years were mainly due to financial sanctions, drought, high tax and poor terms of trade. Nonetheless, the average South African is not worse off now than in 1970, as shown by real personal consumption per capita.

Real consumption was considerably higher now than in 1970 — and one had only to think of purchases of television sets and video cassette recorders as an example of greater consumption spending.

He said per capita income figures should also be analysed in the light of the poor financial position of farmers, which depresses the average.

"The real per capita income of the urban population is higher now than in 1970." He added that the situation might be better than official figures suggest.

"Rapid growth of the informal sector suggest incomes actually improved more than official statistics suggest."

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Binding Pretoria

Government will continue to destabilise the economy and undermine growth until discretionary monetary and fiscal policy is abandoned, argues Sentinel's latest Focus on Key Economic Issues.

The solution to government-induced crises? Pretoria University economist Geert de Wet — whose team put together the Sentinel report — suggests constitutional limits on government spending and money creation, including penalties.

"To control fiscal policy, the constitution should mandate balanced budgets year after year or, second best, a rule that says under no circumstances should loans be used to finance current expenditure," De Wet says. "If the rule is broken, a penalty, such as the automatic resignation of the government or the State President, should be considered.

"To control monetary policy, money could be decentralised and partially privatised. The Reserve Bank could continue to issue rands but may have to compete with other local currencies issued by private banks. For now, it's high time we move speedily to impose a strict monetary growth target on the Reserve Bank, since discretionary targets are simply not met."

The problem, of course: a government that loves unnecessary rules for the private sector hates necessary ones for itself.

Bankcorp CE Chris van Wyk, at the study's launch, scathingly attacked government's discretionary policies, reflecting growing disenchantment with politically inspired boom-bust interest rate cycles.

"Is it possible the political executive can still cling to the belief that direct intervention in rate movements will not in time exact a painful political price? August-October 1988 was a golden opportunity lost to timely monetary tightening. But then, of course, local elections were just around the corner. There appears to be a belief that artificially low lending rates — brought about by artificial reductions in rates or by preventing essential rate increases — can be beneficial at the ballot box.

"Evidence indicates, however, that such crude, ad hoc intervention boomerangs. We now have a situation where forex reserves are disconcertingly low and money supply growth still exceeds 25%, which compelled the authorities to impose further restrictive measures only two days after announcing a..."
Economic policy hinders long-term business planning

Finance Staff

The vagaries of the managed economic climate hinders business development, says Frame Group chief executive Mr Mervyn King.

Speaking at the release in Durban of a Senbank-sponsored report on discipline in national financial management, he called for visionary thinking of the likes of that of Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan in the early Eighties. Mr King said "ad hocery" had become the tool of politicians for handling problems as they arose.

"There can be no greater restraint or constraint on commerce than to plan long-term in an environment where the politicians' plans are short-term."

He urged fiscal discipline by Government to cut the deficit before borrowing to a level no greater than the expected rate of economic growth.

At the same time, Government spending, which had grown from a relatively constant 22 percent of GDP in the 1970's to 27.3 percent in 1988-89, should be "prescribed".

Mr King cited the latest round of demand clamps, imposed by the Minister of Finance this month, as strongly suggesting a lack of forward planning.

The Minister had threatened to "cut off the tail" of the consumer if he did not stop spending.

"I believe, because of the Government's lack of control of expenditure, that the taxpayer's and consumer's only tail is a tale of woe which, not being tangible, cannot be cut off," said Mr King.

Pointing out that leadership should be by example, the Frame chief said that on the same day the Minister of Finance urged austerity, the Minister of Transport Affairs announced that South African Airways was spending R640 million buying two new aircraft.

Pretoria academic Professor Geert de Wet said that the Government's approach to the economy had caused uncertainty in business, raising demand for goods and services while reducing supply.

The country was still suffering the hangover of the Government's harsh measures in August 1984.

Professor de Wet, who led the report research team and who is head of the Department of Economics at the University of Pretoria, said: "Our analysis strongly suggests that discretionary policy measures should be replaced by clearly defined policy norms to create the conditions in which the private sector can undertake meaningful long-term planning.

"These norms should include rules which would make any departure from them very difficult."

Clear-cut objectives

He said while further research was needed to better establish the nature of the norms and rules, it was clear that policy should be aimed at a small and balanced budget to cut excessive government spending and to reduce the tax burden.

"Fiscal policy should, moreover, have attainable, clear-cut and known long-term objectives."

While much concern existed about the budget deficit before borrowing, this actually was not the main issue, rather "the real problem lies with public expenditure."

"It seems that the Government simply cannot raise enough current revenue to meet its various commitments, to the extent that it has to make use of loans to an increasing extent in order to finance current expenditure."

Meanwhile the tax burden, particularly on individuals, increased constantly as more revenue was sought to finance State spending. Thus, people's savings were going towards meeting the Government's current expenditure commitments instead of capital projects.
eap 35% in April

April 30 by extensive issue of TBs and other stock. Says Trust Bank's Nick Barnard: "The authorities should use the Exchequer balance actively in managing the money market in the coming months. They don't want the market to become liquid too soon. Pressure will be eased only after there are clear signs that the economy has cooled off and the BoP is looking better."

As George Haynes's Louis Goldenhuys argues, one month's figures are just that, and no sure indicator of what will happen in the full year. While it is common cause that a major distorting factor in April was defence spending increasing 60% to R930m, there is also the question of civil servants' pay.

April 1988 was the first month of the so-called public-sector pay freeze. This April reflected a general pay increase, bonuses, notch increases and all the other idiosyncrasies that attach to civil servants' pay.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Turning tide

For more than a year, the authorities have been trying to coax the economy into a soft landing. Loth to risk a re-run of the previous recession, they applied pressure through a series of cautious Bank rate increases -- from 9.5% in March 1988 to 17% last month -- and a variety of restrictions, including import surcharges of up to 60%. But spending roared on into first-quarter 1989, when it grew an estimated annualised 6%.

Now, just as gold's slide (from US$359.00 in mid-April to under $360 on Monday) and the rand's collapse (from about US31c to under US36c in the period) are set to knock the stuffing out of the economy, the measures seem to have taken effect.

For the first time in a year, money supply has shown a monthly fall. Targeted money supply -- seasonally adjusted M3 -- fell from R125,79bn in March to a preliminary R125,05bn in April. The April figure is just R360m over the 14%-18% target for growth between fourth-quarter 1988-1989.

The fall brings annual growth down to 25.9% from March's 26.5% (itself revised down from 26.7%).

Rand Merchant Bank economist Rudo Gouws predicts money supply growth is likely to move into target in May and stay there for the rest of the year. May’s Bank rate increase and HP restrictions are not reflected in April money supply, so should help Gouws’s prediction come true.

This money supply downturn follows last week's first-quarter GDP figure -- seasonally adjusted annual growth of just 1.6%.

So the landing, long delayed by official reluctance to bring the electorate face-to-face with reality, seems to be taking place -- just when we're most vulnerable. Gold is the principal source of forex earnings and its fall usually hits confidence as well, which effects countless business decisions.

There is little comfort in Customs & Excise trade figures, which are just muddling along. Exports and the surplus dropped sharply in April from May, though both are still up from January-February. Imports have responded little to restrictions and are still climbing, though below November's R3,83bn high.

So fears for reserves remain.

It will be a while before the beneficial effects of slowing growth work through. Meanwhile, the ill fortunes of gold compound our problems.

The coincidence is reminiscent of August 1984, when a three percentage point increase in Bank rate to 21.75% coincided with the outbreak of unrest that triggered a crisis of confidence.

It is, of course, impossible to anticipate factors that lie outside the ambit of policy. And it's easy enough to look back on events and pinpoint the time when the authorities should have acted firmly to constrain spending growth. But it wasn't difficult to see at the time. Plenty (the FM included) urged government to let rates rise to cut demand for credit when growth showed its first signs
The burning issue

How did South Africa get into an economic mess? And how can we get out of it?
Strong muti to cure SA’s financial ills

The only way out of South Africa’s financial mire is through a strong dose of monetary and fiscal discipline.

Pretoria University academics have made an urgent call for discretionary policy measures to be replaced by defined policy norms. This would cause the right climate to enable the private sector to undertake meaningful long-term planning.

“These norms should include rules which would make any departure from them very difficult,” says Senbank’s Focus on Key Economic Issues.

Precise

The analysis, compiled by Tunkites’ Department of Economics, says that although more research is needed to establish precise norms and rules, general principles can be suggested.

“A small and balanced Budget would be necessary to curtail excessive Government expenditure and to reduce the tax burden on the private sector. Fiscal policy should moreover have ‘attainable’, clear-cut and known long-term objectives. Monetary discipline may be sought in the direction of strictly limited monetary growth targets and even some form of privatisation of money.”

The survey says SA’s monetary and fiscal policy has contributed to economic instability and even a declining long-term growth performance.

Government participation in economic activity is unavoidable, even in a market economy. However, the economic activities of the Government, especially its policies, should support and not disrupt the activities of the private sector.

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However, since then this goal has been replaced by the objective of maintaining a limited deficit before borrowing. In recent years this aim has been even more explicitly defined, for example, when the Government committed itself to strive for a deficit not exceeding 3% of the gross domestic product.

Device

“Furthermore, it seems as if fiscal policy has recently lost some of its importance as an anti-cyclical instrument, which had been the case until the mid-seventies. More emphasis is now being placed on the Budget as a device to address structural changes in the economy.”

In the 1960s and 1970s, monetary policy was solely pursued by direct control measures in an attempt to achieve monetary stability.

But since the beginning of this decade there has been a marked shift towards a more market-oriented approach. This is shown by the fact that interest rates and the exchange rate vary in accordance with changing market forces, albeit within discretionary limits.

Concern has been expressed about the Budget deficit, which has increased from about 2% in 1980 to more than 5% in 1987. But the academics say that this is not the most serious of SA’s fiscal problems.

The real problem lies with public expenditure, which went badly astray after 1981. All forms of public expenditure increased in relation to the gross domestic product, contrary to expressed policy aims.

“Even more alarming has been the continuous increase in current Government expenditure and its counterpart, the continuous decrease in Government capital expenditure, both expressed as percentages of the total expenditure by central Government. This has a harmful effect on inflation and long-term growth.”

The survey says one of the major negative fiscal developments has been the recent performance of general Government savings, which performed well until 1981.

The proportion of current State revenue used to finance capital expenditure has declined with “alarming rapidity” since then.

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The tax system has very harmful effects on investment and long-term growth as personal savings are increasingly used to pay taxes instead of being channelled into investment.

“Over-pressured savings are then used by the Government for current rather than capital expenditures.”

The undisciplined situation in monetary and fiscal policy culminated in the simultaneous violation of several relevant norms in the second half of 1983 and early in 1984.

Goals

The rise in domestic interest rates and low and falling rates abroad led the private and public sectors to borrow more abroad, setting in motion the forces that culminated in the debt crisis of 1985.

Monetary policy aimed at price stability has caused uncertainly and undermined aggregate supply and negatively affecting savings, investment, durable consumption and “especially the willingness to take business risks”.

The survey says: “Fiscal policy has not succeeded in achieving its long-term goals, but competes with the private sector for available savings and labour, mainly for current expenditure and to the neglect of social infrastructure and other capital formation.”
THE Reserve Bank will only be able to consider implementing its decision gradually to withdraw from the forward exchange market once the economy has slowed down considerably and interest rates are lower.

Reserve Bank Governor, Gerhard de Kock, said at the weekend that any steps now to phase out the Bank's role in the forward market would be too disruptive. He was asked to comment on reports that the Bank's losses on its forward book, for the account of the Treasury, now stood at R11bn. De Kock said that the supply of funds was working its way on R11bn.

"The rand would depreciate quickly and interest rates would rise to painfully high levels." But once the balance of payments had improved to such an extent that there was no upward pressure on interest rates from that source, steps could be taken to phase out cover.

Treasury owes the Bank R11bn for losses on the Bank's forward cover book due to the depreciation in the rand. De Kock said this R11bn was, strictly speaking, not a loss. "It should be seen as the price SA is paying for the availability of forward cover."

The main disadvantage of the Bank's role in the forward market was that the central bank was forced to pump liquidity into the banking system when the spot rand was weaker than the forward rates. This facilitated growth in the money supply. Economists said the forward "losses", through increasing the money supply, were fuelling inflation. Inflation was the price SA paid to keep interest rates down.
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"They typify the we-know-what-is-good-for-you thinking with which the NP has done so much harm over the years."

The way to beat inflation and rising prices was to cut government expenditure. As long as the government machine continued to grow SA would suffer low growth.

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FCI launches probe into govt spending

CAPE TOWN — The Federated Chamber of Industries (FCI) is to undertake a detailed investigation into public sector financing, with emphasis on government’s excessive expenditure. Organised industry sees this as the root cause of the country’s high tax levels.

The industry probe was announced by FCI vice-president Mike Getz yesterday after a meeting between an FCI delegation and Finance Minister Barend du Plessis. The meeting, apparently, was to inform Du Plessis of the proposed study and to seek government’s co-operation.

Awareness

Plans for the study were fully endorsed by delegates at the FCI executive council meeting in Cape Town last week.

Getz said the study would focus on the need for sound management processes in government and for a shared awareness of the issues involved.

A key concern was to ensure that economic imperatives were recognised and suitable disciplines applied at all tiers of departmental and political decision-making up to the highest level.

The FCI’s motivation for the investigation stems from its view that:
- Government’s excess expenditure over budget estimates during the past decade has averaged about 7%, indicating a serious lack of budgetary control.
- Preliminary research has indicated SA has become a high-tax country compared with its major trading partners. This element needed to be quantified more accurately as relatively high taxes inhibited the private sector’s ability to fund investment projects with retained earnings. They could also contribute to a loss of highly skilled manpower through emigration.
- The possibility could not be ruled out that the recently imposed surcharges were not merely aimed at protecting the balance of payments but also reflected a desire to strengthen the State Revenue Fund.

The FCI intends to incorporate commissioned research by outside experts, as well as the experience of its own secretariat and members in the study.

Getz said he expected it to help focus public awareness on the key determinants of future government spending patterns, with the aim that these would be better
Business mood is deteriorating.

SYLVIA DU PLESSIS

A NEGATIVE perception of the way the economy has been handled over the past year contributed to the recent deterioration in the business mood, Assocom said yesterday.

Its business confidence index (BCI) fell nearly one percentage point this month to 95.5 from 96.7 in April.

A lack of "timeous action", in spite of warnings from the private sector that early moves were needed to keep the economic upswing under control, led to a situation in which sterner steps became inevitable.

The failure to act had left the economy vulnerable to external fluctuations to a far greater extent than would otherwise have been the case.

The recent sharp decline in the gold price and the consequent depreciation of the rand against the dollar were also major contributors to the worsening in business sentiment.

A disturbing factor was the persistently high level of government spending.

"Although the government has recognised the problem, it still appears unable to exercise effective control over state spending," Assocom said.

While there was now more tangible evidence that an economic downswing had started, business confidence would not necessarily continue to fall in the months ahead. Perceptions depended on whether any further external shocks emerged and how the economy was handled.

"Although economic and business conditions are becoming more difficult, a 'soft landing' for the economy later in the year is still possible. But the margin for error remains small, given the constraints facing the economy," said Assocom.

Negative factors affecting the May BCI were the decline in the dollar price of gold in London and the rand/dollar exchange rate, the drop in the JSE overall share index and the rising rate of inflation.

In addition, interest rates increased, exports decreased, the number of new cars sold declined and expected retail sales, in real terms and seasonally-adjusted, declined, while the value of building plans passed (in real terms) and the volume of manufacturing production fell slightly.

Positive developments were the increase in merchandise imports, a slight decline in the number of insolvencies, a small rise in the number of new companies registered and improved total migration figures.
Business confidence goes into a decline

Finance Staff

Business confidence is declining rapidly in the wake of the fall in the gold price and the rand and the pessimistic outlook on the economy in months to come.

Assoccom's Business Confidence Index fell by almost one percentage point in May in what the association describes as a reaction to the more tangible evidence that a downswing has started.

Consumer durables, in particular - cars, furniture, jewellery and white goods - are already showing declining trends.

Some sectors such as exports, however, should gain to some extent from the weakness of the rand.

Among the factors identified by Assocom as contributing to the deterioration in the business mood, are the recent sharp decline in the gold price, the constant depreciation in the rand-dollar exchange rate and the negative perception of the way in which the economy has been handled over the past year.

Another negative factor is the increasing tendency of the authorities to change the rules of the game - in the sphere of tax, for example - often with retrospective effect.

Assocom says, however, that this does not mean that business confidence will continue to decline in the months ahead.

It depends upon whether any further external shocks emerge and how the economy is handled.

Although economic and business conditions are becoming more difficult, a soft landing for the economy later in the year is still possible, but the margin of error remains small, Assocom says.

The association says the persistently high level of government spending is emerging as a major element of low business confidence.

Although the Government has recognised the problem, Assocom says it still seems unable to exercise effective control over its spending.

Unless fiscal policy plays its rightful role in a stabilisation policy, a disproportionate share of the burden of adjustment will be borne by the private sector, Assocom warns.

In the wake of continuing overspending by the public sector, the Federated Chamber of Industries (FCI) said yesterday it would undertake a detailed study of South Africa's public finances.

The FCI said emphasis would be on government expenditure, which is accepted as being one of the root causes of inflation.

The study will also focus on proper management processes in Government.

The FCI said: "The purpose of the study will not be merely to point out deficiencies in regard to the public finances, but rather to use the factual evidence obtained to arrive at logical suggestions for a sound normative framework for public finances in South Africa."

Assocom's Business Confidence Index (1983 - 100)
Economy — 1989

June
Import and manufacturing trends show spending slowing down

Economy on way to soft landing

GRETASTEYN

THE economy has started its descent towards a soft landing as more signs emerge that the downswing is in place.

The latest trend on imports, manufacturing, retail trade and motor vehicle sales shows the rate of increase in spending is slowing down. This is confirmed by latest Reserve Bank statistics on the business cycle.

The Bank's coincident indicator, an index which shows the current level of economic activity, is no longer rising at a dizzy rate. The index rose by only 1.7% between October 1989 and January this year, compared with a much faster increase of 6.5% between July and October last year. The indicator stuck at 132.2 in December and January, the latest figures available.

The indicator is derived by combining the trend on statistics which show the current point in the business cycle. These statistics, such as retail sales, manufacturing production and GDP, are grouped together to form a new index, but separately they exhibit the same cyclical trends.

Even if this indicator does not yet show a decrease — figures for more recent months are not yet available — it does indicate some slowdown in the rate of spending growth.

An indicator showing the descent has probably already started is the ratio of imports to exports. In times of economic slackness, imports increase considerably more slowly than exports, and vice versa. Sanlam, drawing attention to the graph above, says in its latest Economic Survey: "By these standards the economy is already in the early stages of a downturn: the ratio of imports to exports should therefore decline further during the course of the year."

An area in which a slackening is apparent is manufacturing production. Latest GDP figures show the manufacturing sector registered a decline of 0.7% in the first quarter from the fourth quarter of last year, at seasonally adjusted annual rates. At constant prices, the contribution to GDP by the manufacturing sector was R7bn — down from R7.8bn in the third quarter last year and R7.9bn in the last quarter.

Retail sales shows spending has fallen back from the frantic levels seen a few months ago. Although retail sales are still at a high level, latest figures are a strong indication the top has been reached and a descent lies ahead.

CSS figures show real retail sales for May are expected to be 2.2% down from April. On a seasonally-adjusted basis, preliminary figures show a real decrease of 2.4% in the three months to May, compared with the previous three-month period.

The United says in its latest Economic Perspective that a rise in real spending in the second-half of the year is expected only from the government sector and foreign demand for SA exports.
SOUTH AFRICA is currently going through a tough economic period.

As is the case in most economic crises, the causes of this are numerous. Some are historical, others more contemporary.

The most important of them all is non-economic: It is the fundamental question of political uncertainty which shrouds the circumstances.

Besides that, for far too long there has been illusion among the South African authorities, both economic and political, that when it comes to the economy, they can bury their head in the sand for good.

The economic policy and its implications were therefore never really given serious attention.

Instead, they kept managing the economy on a short term, mostly ad hoc basis. Their repeated policy errors were more often than not covered up by the all-powerful gold revenues.

This time round, however, the trend in the gold price is not in their favour. And now the international sanctions against the country and the commitment to the foreign debt repayments have brought the matter to a head.

Home to roost

The economic measures have been thrown into a state of crisis. The international value of the rand keeps falling; its domestic value also continues to decline thanks to rising price levels; and taxes are increased in different pulses.

In a sense, the "mismangement chickens" have come home to roost.

Hard decisions have to be made. The tragedy of it is that the authorities show no signs of coming to grips with the problem.

Official pronouncements aside, the economic policy remains by and large ad hoc; there is little indication of any sustainable solution. In fact, the monetary authorities have changed their strategy nine times since January 1988.

The Minister of Finance has revamped his policy twice over the past three months. He has even introduced retrospective taxes on companies.

Such policies have far-reaching implications for the economy. They simply destabilise the situation and undermine the ability of economic agents to make productive decisions. If unchecked, their consequences is a creeping implosion.

Higher prices

And the people are feeling it in more ways than one. For consumers, the most immediate issue is the rand's instability. Prices keep going up mainly for two reasons.

Firstly, the foreign exchange value of the rand has been falling. This leads to higher than otherwise prices for all our imports. Being a developing economy, we have to import a great deal of our semi-finished and capital goods.

Of course, it would not matter if the value of the rand declined only once, however substantially. That would not be inflationary. It is the continuous decline in the price of our currency which engenders inflation rates stimuli into the economy.

Secondly, our domestic prices, thanks to the various Control Boards, are largely administered prices that go up even faster. For example, whereas food prices on average rose by 11,8 per cent from February 1988 to February 1989, the prices of meat, sugar and dairy products increased by 14,7 per cent, 29,3 per cent and 12,7 per cent respectively.

The Agriculture Boards are, of course, a breed of their own. They increase their prices regardless of whether they have a good or a bad year.

If they have a bad year, the consumer is asked to subsidise them to maintain their standard of living, and when they have a good harvest, we have to pay more so they can transport their excess produce, for example maize, to the overseas market.

(And most probably sell it at a loss.)

What is behind the constant price increases, rising inflation and other economic woes? The political uncertainty in South Africa is one factor, comments IRAJ ABEDIAN. The other is the government's fiscal mismanagement.

Not only consumers, but also the investors are affected by the mismanagement of the economy.

If it is not the retrospective taxes by the fiscal authorities, it is the repeated changes in the income rates by the Reserve Bank that throws them off balance. It adds to their uncertainties.

The result is the rising number of insolvencies. In 1983 alone, the total number of insolvent firms was 2491, over 200 firms per month.

Clearly, it is high time for the authorities to stop subjecting the economy to a continuous barrage of ad hoc measures.

(Iraj Abedian is a lecturer at the School of Economics, UCT)
"28.20.5 An applicant who can satisfy the Government Mining Engineer that he holds a University degree, recognised for the purpose by the Government Mining Engineer, shall be exempted from such part or subject of the examination as the Government Mining Engineer may determine and shall be accepted as a candidate provided that—

(a) he qualifies for acceptance as a candidate in terms of regulation 28.20.3 (a);
(b) that he has had at least one year practical experience in underground surveying acceptable to the Commission; and
(c) that he submits an application bearing uncancelled revenue stamps to the value specified in regulation 28.10 for the whole of the examination."

(2 June 1989)

NOTICE 566 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
TOWN COUNCIL OF BEDFORDVIEW
AMENDMENT TO LIBRARY BY-LAWS

It is hereby notified in terms of section 96 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939 (Ordinance No. 17 of 1939), that the Bedfordview Town Council resolved to further amend the Standard Library By-Laws adopted under Administrator's Notice 912 dated 23 November 1966.

The general purport of the amendment is to make provision for the reservation of books, special requests, inter-library loans and tariffs relating hereto.

Copies of the proposed amendments are open for inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, Civic Centre, Bedfordview, for a period of 14 days from the date of publication of the notice in the Government Gazette to wit 2 June 1989.

Anyone who desires to record his objection to the proposed amendments must do so in writing to the undersigned not later than Friday, 16 June 1989.

A. J. KRUGER,
Town Clerk.
Civic Centre
3 Hawley Road
P.O. Box 3
BEDFORDVIEW
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(Notice 52/1989)
(2 June 1989)

NOTICE 567 OF 1989
WESTERN CAPE REGIONAL SERVICES COUNCIL
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(ACT No. 84 OF 1967)

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above Act that the undermentioned application has been received by the Provincial Secretary and is open for inspection at Room 601, Property Centre, Dorp Street, Cape Town, and at the office of the Western Cape Regional Services Council, Room 1011, 44 Wale Street, Cape Town.

"28.20.5 'n Aplicant wat die hoewer is van 'n universiteitsgraad wat deur die Staatssmyningeneur erken word sal vrygestel word van daardie gedeelte of vakke van die eksamen soos deur die Staatssmyningeneur bepaal, en sal as 'n kandidaat aangeneem word mits—

(a) hy kwalifiseer vir aanname as 'n kandidaat ingevolge regulasie 28.20.3 (a);
(b) hy minstens een jaar praktiese ondervinding het van ondergrondse opmeting wat vir die kommissie aaneenlik is; en
(c) hy 'n aansoek indien met onafgestemde inkomstesels met 'n waarde soos aangegee in regulasie 28.10 vir die hele eksamen.'

(2 Junie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 566 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
LIEPRAKTEKLIK EKonomiese SUURKyk, BEHUISING EN WERK
STADSRAD VAN BEDFORDVIEW
WYSING VAN BIBLIEEUKVERORDENINGE:
Hierby word ingevolge die bepaling van artikel 96 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939 (Ordonnansie No. 17 van 1939), bekendgemaak dat die Stadsraad van Bedfordview 'n besluit geneem het om die Standaard Bibliotheekverordeninge soos afgekondig deur Administratiewekennisgewing 912 gedateer 23 November 1966, verder te wysig.

Die algemene strekking van hierdie wysiging is om voorsiening te maak vir die reservering van boeke, speciale versoekers, inter-biblioteekdienste en hef het van gelde in hierdie verband.

Afskrie van hierdie wysiging lê ter insaie by die kantoors van die Stadsklerk, Burgersentrum, Bedfordview, vir 'n tydperk van 14 dae vanaf die datum van publikasie hiervan in die Staatskoerant te wete vanaf 2 June 1989.


A. J. KRUGER,
Stadsklerk.
Burgersentrum
Hawleyweg 3
Postbus 3
BEDFORDVIEW
2008
(Notice 52/1989)
(2 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 567 VAN 1989
WES-KAAPSE STREEKDIENSSTERAAD
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)

Kragtens artikel 3 (6) van bostaande Wet word hiermee kennis gegee dat onderstaande aansoek deur die Provinsiale Sekretaris ontvang is en ter insaie lê by Kamer 601, Property Centre, Dorpstraat, Kaapstad, en in die kantoor van die Wes-Kaapse Streekdiensteraad, Kamer 1011, Waalstraat 44, Kaapstad.
Any objections, with full reasons therefor, should be lodged in writing with the Chief Executive Officer, Western Cape Regional Services Council, P.O. Box 1073, Cape Town, on or before 26 June 1989, quoting the above Act and the objectors’ erf number.

Applicant:
C. D. van Oudshoorn and Mrs A. S. van Oudshoorn.

Nature of application:
Removal of title conditions applicable to Erf 2347, Sunset Avenue, Hout Bay Township Extension 12, Hout Bay, Cape Division, to enable it to be subdivided into two portions.

C. H. MOCKE,
Chief Executive Officer.
44 Wale Street
CAPE TOWN
(Ref. 15/3/2/8/87)
(2 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 568 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISEND EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 949, HARTENBOS STRAND-DORPSUIT-BREIDING 1, HARTENBOS
Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel (2) (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde B (ii) (b) in Akte van Transport T49746/1986 opgehef word.
(2 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 569 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISEND EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 1858, PLETTENBERGBAAI-DORPSUIT-BREIDING 5
Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes F1 en 2 in Akte van Transport T38511/1988 opgehef word.
(2 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 569 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 949, HARTENBOS STRAND TOWNSHIP EXTENSION 1, HARTENBOS
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that condition B (iii) (b) in Deed of Transfer T49746/1986 be removed.
(2 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 569 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 1858, PLETTENBERG BAY TOWNSHIP EXTENSION 5
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that conditions F1 and 2 in Deed of Transfer T38511/1988 be removed.
(2 June 1989)
Churchmen set terms for easing of SA debt pressure

By HILARY JOFFE

PRO-SANCTIONS church leaders are going to use South Africa's debt crisis — which comes to a head next year — to pressureise the government to negotiate.

This was made clear this week in a letter four key church leaders wrote to South Africa's creditor banks.

The letter also makes it clear that the church leaders are, for the first time, asking for specific, and limited, conditions to be met before South Africa is relieved from its debt pressure.

In the letter, the Anglican Church's Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the NGK's Reverend Allan Boesak; former South African Council of Churches secretary-general Dr Beyers Naude and the SACC's current secretary-general Reverend Frank Chikane said the banks should refuse to reschedule South Africa's debt when the interim debt agreement ends in June next year, unless certain conditions were met.

The conditions are:
- The State of Emergency is ended.
- All political detainees and prisoners are released.
- All political organisations are unbanned.
- The Group Areas Act, Land Act, Separate Amenities Act and Population Registration Act and "all other flagrant racist legislation" are repealed.
- A process to negotiate a new constitution for a democratic non-racial and unitary South Africa is established.

The church leaders also urged the banks to end trade credits to South Africa, end their participation in gold swaps or gold loans and demand the separation of South African gold on the Zurich and London market, unless the conditions were met.

The four church leaders returned recently from the United States where they met President George Bush and addressed legislators and anti-apartheid groups.

In their letter, sent to all the banks on the team negotiating a new debt agreement, the churchmen said the debt rescheduling should be "linked to demands for a just political order in South Africa" rather than being decided only on technical criteria.

So far they have received replies from Britain's National Westminster Bank and Standard Chartered Bank. Both banks have expressed opposition to apartheid although they have not "categorically" committed themselves to the church leaders' proposals, the South African Council of Churches said.
Déjà vu

Watching the value of the rand and the dollar price of gold go crashing through support barriers has become a familiar experience. With the rand approaching its August 1985 low of US$33.25c last week and gold wedged precariously between US$366.00-365.00 after falling below $360, one has to wonder where it will all end.

Once again the rise of the dollar against all currencies triggered the sharp fall, but once again it is not the only reason. The rand has been falling against a trade-weighted basket of currencies (see graph), which shows that third currencies are declining more slowly against the dollar. So other factors besides dollar strength are at work.

Internal inflation, expectations of declining export revenue following the fall in the gold price and self-perpetuating loss of confidence in the rand’s value make the unit particularly vulnerable.

A similar pattern in 1984 saw the dollar peak at DM3.16 and gold hit a low of $303. The rand slid from over US$80c in March to start 1985 under US$50c. This 37.5% fall was not matched by the D-mark, which dropped only 19%, from US$39c to US$31.5c.

Though the rising dollar set the process in motion, the move revealed underlying problems, mainly related to excessive spending in the preceding period. Compounding the problem was SA businessmen’s relative inexperience of adverse currency movements, which left them with large uncovered foreign commitments. Because expectations fell so far short of reality, when the panic started, it gave extra impetus to the rand’s fall.

We have learnt from experience. Now, we are wary of currency movements, so the impact of leads and lags is not as dramatic as in 1984. Nevertheless, Sankorp chief economist Per Stjordom believes leads and lags, set in motion by the fall in the gold price and now building up in anticipation of a further decline in the rand, are important.

Another problem, assuming gigantic proportions, is the added cost to the Reserve Bank’s provision of forward cover. In the Finance Bill debate last week, Deputy Finance Minister Org Marais said the unofficial accumulated loss is now about R11bn. This is well up on the R3bn-R4bn estimate of last year, despite the Bank’s stated intention of phasing out of the market. Meanwhile, it continues to offer special deals to encourage businessmen to prefer offshore trade credit.

So losses will continue to mount.

The significance of this to the economy is that they represent an increase in the Bank’s claims against the Treasury and are an effective increase in Central Bank credit creation, which will continue to drive money supply growth. This, and the higher cost of inputs, will stimulate inflation further at a time when it is already rising dangerously.

So the outlook is unpromising.

There is, however, no alternative to letting the rand find its own level. The drop is a reflection of inflation which is debasing the currency (and ravaging living standards) and lack of confidence in the unit for economic as well as political reasons. As long as capital flows more quickly out than in, the rand will be fragile.

There are benefits to depreciation, of course. It will push up rand revenues of exporters, though Assocom foreign trade secretary Bess Robertson points out imported inputs and freight costs will also be up.

However, transport costs will affect mainly bulk exporters, says Safcoc CE Wim Holtes, like coal and iron ore. The impact on precious metals, the largest component of exports, will be limited. Eventually the current account should reflect an improved balance of trade. The declining rand is a means to what Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock calls a balance of payments adjustment.

This will come about as imports are priced out of our markets and demand for them slackens. On the export side, the benefit will be in rand revenues rather than foreign re-
1970-1989: nought for comfort

Deputy Finance Minister Org Marais is right. We’re no worse off than we were 20 years ago, as he told parliament a fortnight ago. The question that now needs asking: Is this anything to be proud of?

But first, consider why many businesspeople and economists hold such a low opinion of 1970's economic policies: Was the 1970’s GDP at 12%? Is the primary rate at 8-8.5% or 10%? Inflation rose from 5% in 1970 to 12% by 1980. Consumer prices have increased just under 10-fold since January 1970. Petrol prices have increased by 20-fold since 1970. Personal and corporate income tax revenue has increased by 24-fold, more than doubling in real terms.

New commercial vehicle sales — 95,000 in 1970, 127,400 last year — have not kept up with the 50% rise in population, so are falling per capita; and government consumption spending has risen from 12% of GDP to 16%.

But, as Trust Bank’s Nick Barnardt notes, you can’t just look at a few select statistics to undermine Marais’s claim. Disposable income (DI) figures show Marais is right.

“Yes, taxes and inflation have gone up,” says Barnardt. “But wages have too. Per capita real DI is slightly higher than in 1970. If you take into account the enormous growth of the informal sector, not incorporated in official statistics, the actual figure is probably higher than the graph suggests.”

Barnardt believes employed blacks’ DI has grown above average, because of rapidly rising black wages, but high black unemployment kept average growth down. He thinks the average white (to whom Marais specifically referred in parliament) has seen DI grow at the SA average.

But Barnardt agrees Marais was clever to choose 20 years for his comparison.

As Econometrix’s Azar Jammie says: “Marais is dead right if he compares 1970 to 1989. But so what? More relevant is what has happened in the past five years. Look at what the people now in power have achieved and you get a very different story.”

Real per capita DI is down about 13% since 1975, 15% since 1980 (its peak) and 6% since 1985.

“Lately, people have felt the economic noose getting tighter,” says Jammie. “It’s not just inflation. It’s higher taxes, lower wages and a process of impoverishment. All the while, government grows bigger and people have to borrow money to keep up their living standards. That’s why people are lashing out at Central Statistical Service for its inflation figures; they need to attack some government agency out of frustration. The fact that they’re statistically marginally better off than 20 years ago is irrelevant.”

Most distressing is that Pretoria seems pleased we’ve managed to run on the spot for two decades. Some Far East countries have transformed themselves through 20 years of growth, but South Africans are apparently supposed to applaud a government which has managed to keep incomes unchanged.

Forget about Marais’s insensitive comment, and consider a more pressing issue: what will happen over the next 20 years? Government is not short on suggestions on how to unshackle the economy to allow high growth. Will Marais and colleagues heed the calls? Or will we be told in another 20 years to be thankful our incomes haven’t fallen?”
Hitting where it hurts

After its painful fructification — which sometimes tended to emphasise division rather than unity — the Democratic Party (DP) has turned sharply on the Nats' soft underbelly. This is its progressive enfeeblement of the economy and its socialist bias masked too often in free-market rhetoric. If F W de Klerk's response is anything to go by, the DP's arrows have found their mark.

Only a week after Denis Worrall harried De Klerk about his economic views, which drew an angry response, Zach de Beer has accused De Klerk of "we-know-what-is-good-for-you" socialist economic measures aimed at "redistributing" taxes paid by ordinary folk — among them widows and pensioners living on fixed incomes — to rich farmers and luxury consumers buying fancy homes and cars.

Twenty percent of the farmers in this country produce 80% of agricultural output. That makes the most efficient farmers big businessmen and the rest unworthy of subsidies. There is no housing shortage for whites, who benefit most from housing subsidies. That makes them relatively well off. Nor are those buying on HP necessarily buying essentials.

After having had the courage to acknowledge only a few weeks ago that interest rates need to rise in the face of excess demand, De Klerk is now advocating some relief through additional subsidies. That is economically inconsistent.

Any protection for any sector will prolong the difficult — and in some cases painful — adjustment necessary to curb excess demand. De Klerk, it seems, acknowledges the need for amputating a limb, but wants to do so inch by inch. The more he offers subsidies to succour potential Nat voters, the more and the longer we will all suffer.

Government has created the excess demand in the economy which is fuelling inflation, making it difficult to repay foreign debt; it has encouraged the erosion of savings and is impoverishing the elderly who live on fixed incomes. It has done all this by taxing excessively, spending prolifically and keeping the cost of money (that is, interest rates) artificially cheap. It can't blame that on the panic of foreign bankers, the misguided notions of sanctoneers and the dismay of disinvestors.

If De Beer and Worrall do nothing else but point out the practical inconsistencies in the Nats' application of their so-called capitalism, they are bound to win increasing popular support. But of course they need also to give vigorous public expression to their own economic vision.
NOTICE 583 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
CORRECTION NOTICE
It hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Administrator's Notice 50, dated 18 January 1989, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works: House of Assembly has approved the correction of the notice by the substitution of the words "section 36 (1) of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance" for the words "section 45 (2) of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1986". (PB 4-9-2H-1871)

NOTICE 584 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
SANDTON AMENDMENT SCHEME 1055
It is hereby notified in terms of section 45 (2) of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1986, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the amendment of Sandton Town-planning Scheme, 1980, by the rezoning of Erf 178, Edenburg, to "Business 4" with an increased bulk of 0.5 and the Remaining Extent of Erf 180, Edenburg, to "Special" for a public garage; both subject to certain conditions.

Map 3 and the scheme clauses of the amendment scheme are filed with the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk, Sandton, and are open for inspection at all reasonable times.

This amendment is known as Sandton Amendment Scheme 1055. (PB 4-9-2-116H-1055)

NOTICE 585 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 581, TOWNSHIP OF WATERKLOOF
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition (a) in Deed of Transfer T35670/1988 be altered to read as follows: "The sale of all wines, malt or spirituous liquor is prohibited on the said lot". (PB 4-14-2-1404-257)

KENNISGEWING 583 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
VERBETERINGSKENNISGEWING
Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepaling van artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademaal 'n fout in Administrateurskennisgewing 50, gedateer 18 Januarie 1989, ontstaan het, het die Minister van die Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat bogenoemde kennisgewing word deur vervanging van die woorde "artikel 45 (2) van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1986" met die woorde "artikel 36 (1) van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe". (PB 4-9-2-2H-1871)

KENNISGEWING 584 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
SANDTON-WYSIGINGSKEMA 1055
Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepaling van artikel 45 (2) van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1986, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat Sandton-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1980, gewysig word deur die hersomering van Erf 178, Edenburg, tot "Besigheid 4" met 'n vergrote omvang van 0.5 en die Resterende Gedeelte van Erf 180, Edenburg, tot "Spesial" vir 'n openbare garage; albei onderworpe aan sekere voorwaardes.

Kaart 3 en die skemaaknoespies van die wysigingskema word in bewaring gehou deur die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk, Sandton, en is beskikbaar vir inspeksie op alle redelike tye.

Hierdie wysiging staan bekend as Sandton-wysigingskema 1055. (PB 4-9-2-116H-1055)

KENNISGEWING 585 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 581, DORP WATERKLOOF
Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde (a) in Akte van Transport T35670/1988 gewysig word om soos volg te lees: "The sale of all wines, malt or spirituous liquor is prohibited on the said lot". (PB 4-14-2-1404-257)
NOTICE 583 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
CORRECTION NOTICE
It hereby notified in terms of section 36 of the Town-
planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas
an error occurred in Administrator's Notice 50, dated
18 January 1989, the Minister of Local Government,
Housing and Works: House of Assembly has approved
the correction of the notice by the substitution of the
words “section 36 (1) of the Town-planning and
Townships Ordinance” for the words “section 45 (2)
of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1986”.

(PB 4-9-2H-1871)
(2 June 1989)

NOTICE 584 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
SANDTON AMENDMENT SCHEME 1055
It is hereby notified in terms of section 45 (2) of the
Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1986, that
the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House
of Assembly has approved the amendment of Sandton
Town-planning Scheme, 1980, by the rezoning of Erf
178, Edenburg, to “Business 4” with an increased bulk
of 0.5 and the Remaining Extent of Erf 180, Edenburg,
to “Special” for a public garage; both subject to certain
conditions.

Map 3 and the scheme clauses of the amendment
scheme are filed with the Minister of Local Government
and Housing: House of Assembly, Pretoria, and
the Town Clerk, Sandton, and are open for inspection
at all reasonable times.

This amendment is known as Sandton Amendment
Scheme 1055.

(PB 4-9-2-116H-1055)
(2 June 1989)

NOTICE 585 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 581, TOWNSHIP OF WATERKLOOF
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the
Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of
Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly
has approved that condition (a) in Deed of Transfer
T35670/1988 be altered to read as follows: “The sale of
all wines, malt or spirituous liquor is prohibited on the
said lot”.

(PB 4-14-2-1404-257)
(2 June 1989)
NOTICE 577 OF 1989
CORRECTION NOTICE

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act 84 of 1967)

It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the
Townplanning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that
whereas an error occurred in Administrator's Notice
330, dated 15 March 1989, the correction of the notice
has been approved by the substitution of the figures 188
for the figures 185.

(PB 4.14.2-1711-7)

(2 June 1989)

NOTICE 578 OF 1989
SOUTH AFRICAN RESERVE BANK
SECTION 12 (1) OF THE BANKS ACT, 1965
FINAL REGISTRATION—NBS BANK LIMITED

It is hereby notified for general information that NBS
Bank Limited was finally registered as a bank on 23

(8/3/3/3/1)

(2 June 1989)

NOTICE 579 OF 1989
CUTS AND EXCISE TARIFF APPLICATIONS.—LIST 17/89

The following applications concerning the Customs
and Excise Tariff have been received by the Board of
Trade and Industry. Any objections to or comments on
these representations must be submitted to the Board
of Trade and Industry, Private Bag X753, Pretoria,
0001, within six weeks of the date of this notice.

Increase in the duty on:

Yarn of nylon or other polyamides, measuring per
single yarn 1 000 dtex or more, not dyed, classifiable
under tariff subheading 5402.32.30, from 15 per cent
ad valorem to 30 per cent ad valorem.

[BTI Ref. T5/2/11/2/1 (890133)]

Applicant:
Natal Nylon Industries (Pty) Ltd, P.O. Box 411, Pie-
termaritzburg, 3200.

Reduction in the duty on:

Zinc concentrates, classifiable under tariff heading
2608.90, from 10 per cent ad valorem to free of duty.

[BTI Ref. T5/2/5/3/1 (890208)]

Applicant:
Zinc Corporation of South Africa Limited, P.O. Box

Rebate of the duty (in Schedule 3) on:

Hexanal, classifiable under tariff subheading
2905.19.90 at 10 per cent ad valorem, for the manufac-
ture of heksyl nitrate.

[BTI Ref. T5/2/6/2/1 (890027)]

Applicant:
Chemical Resources (Pty) Ltd, Private Bag X2,
Modderfontein, 1645.

KENNISGEWING 577 VAN 1989

VERBETERINGSKENNISGEBING

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPELRINGS, 1967
(WET 84 VAN 1967)

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaalings van artikel
38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorp-
sebeplanning, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademaal 'n fout in Admini-
strateurskennisgewing 330, gedateer 15 Maart 1989, ontstaan het, is
dit goedgekeur dat bougoedgekeurde kennisgewing gewysig word deur
die vervanging van die syfers 185 met die syfers 188.

(PB 4.14.2-1711-7)

(2 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 578 VAN 1989

SUID-AFRIKAANSE RESERWEBANK
ARTIKEL 12 (1) VAN DIE BANKWET, 1965
FINALE REGISTRASIE—NBS BANK BEPERK

Hierby word vir algemene inligting bekendgemaak dat
NBS Bank Beperk op 23 Mei 1989 finaal as 'n bank geregistreer is.

(8/3/3/3/1)

(2 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 579 VAN 1989

DOEANE- EN Akszynstariefaanseke,—
LYS 17/89

Onderstaande aansoekte betrefende die Doeane- en
Akszynstarief is deur die Raad van Handel en Nywer-
heid ontvang. Enige beswaar teen of kommentaar op
hierdie vertoe moet binne ses weke na die datum van
hierdie kennisgewing aan die Raad van Handel en
Nywerheid, Privaatsak X753, Pretoria, 0001, gegee
word.

Verhoging van die reg op:

Garing van nylon of ander poliamide, met 'n lesing
per enkelgaring van minstens 1 000 dtex, nie gekleur
die, indeelbaar by tariefspos 5402.32.30, van 15 per
cent ad valorem tot 30 percent ad valorem.

[RHN-verw. T5/2/11/2/1 (890133)]

Applicant:
Natal Nylon Industries (Pty) Ltd, Postbus 411, Pieter-
maritzburg, 3200.

Verlaging van die reg op:

Sinkskontrakte, indeelbaar by tariefspos 2608.90, van
ten 10 percent ad valorem tot vyf van reg.

[RHN-verw. T5/2/5/3/1 (890208)]

Applicant:
Zinc Corporation of South Africa Limited, P.O. Box

Korting van die reg (in Bylae 3) op

Heksanol, indeelbaar by tariefspos 2905.19.90
teen 10 percent ad valorem, vir die vervanging van
heksienitraat.

[RHN-verw. T5/2/6/2/1 (890027)]

Applicant:
Chemical Resources (Edms.) Bpk., Privaatsak X2,
Modderfontein, 1645.
NOTICE 574 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 4036, WALMER, PORT ELIZABETH

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition B (6) (f) in Certificate of Consolidated Title T7686/1985 be removed.

(2 June 1989)

NOTICE 575 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING, AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 4064, TABLE VIEW, MILNERTON

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that conditions (ii) A (b), (c), (d) and B (e) in Deed of Transfer T 43313/1981 be removed.

(2 June 1989)

NOTICE 576 OF 1989
SOUTH AFRICAN LAW COMMISSION

The South African Law Commission is conducting an investigation into the acquisition and loss of ownership of game and would like to receive, before 31 August 1989, reasoned suggestions in writing for the development, improvement, modernisation or reform of this facet of the law.

A working paper which contains the Commission’s tentative proposals and may serve as background information may be obtained free of charge from the Commission on request.

The Commission’s offices are on the Eighth Floor, Nederduits Gereformeerde Kerk Sinodale Sentrum, 228 Visagie Street, Pretoria. Correspondence should be addressed to:

The Secretary
South African Law Commission
Private Bag X668
0001 PRETORIA.

Inquiries: Mr J. H. Potgieter.
Telephone: (012) 322-6440.

(2 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 574 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 4036, WALMER, PORT ELIZABETH

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaakt dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde B (6) (f) in Sertifikaat van Verenigde Titel T7686/1985 opgehef word.

(2 Junie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 575 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 4064, TABLE VIEW, MILNERTON

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(2 Junie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 576 VAN 1989
SUId-afrikaanse regskommissie

Die Suid-Afrikaanse Regskommissie stel onderzoek in na die verkryging en verlies van eiendomsreg van wild en ontvang graag voor 31 Augustus 1989 gemotiveerde skriftelike voorstelle vir die ontwikkeling, verbetering, modernisering of hervorming van dié facet van dié reg.

'N Werkstuk wat die Kommissie se tentatiewe voorstelle bevat en wat as agtergrondinligting kan dien, is op aanvraag gratis by die Kommissie verkrygbaar.

Die Kommissie se kantore is op die Agte Verdieping, Nederduits Gereformeerde Kerk Sinodale Sentrum, Visagiestraat 228, Pretoria. Korrespondensie moet asseblief gerig word aan:

Die Sekretaris
Suid-Afrikaanse Regskommissie
Privatsak X668
0001 PRETORIA

Telefoon: (012) 322-6440.

(2 Junie 1989)
NOTICE 570 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 9818, NAHOON VALLEY TOWNSHIP EXTENSION 2, EAST LONDON

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that conditions 2 (4) (b) and (c) in Deed of Transfer T1824/1980 be removed.
(2 June 1989)

NOTICE 571 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
REMAINDER OF ERF 150, VREDENDAL

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that conditions E (a) and (c) in Deed of Transfer 7751/1969 be removed.
(2 June 1989)

NOTICE 572 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERVEN 7748 AND 7749, DENNEBURG TOWNSHIP, PAARL

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition B (c) in Deed of Transfer T64951/1988 and condition B (c) in Deed of Transfer T64950/1988 be removed.
(2 June 1989)

NOTICE 573 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 906, DE KELDERS, DIVISIONAL COUNCIL OF CALEDON

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that conditions E (c) and (e) in Deed of Transfer T19120/1988 be removed.
(2 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 570 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 9818, NAHOON VALLEY-DORPSUIT-BREIDING 2, OOS-LONDEN

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuisiging: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes 2 (4) (b) en (c) in Akte van Transport T1824/1980 opgehef word.
(2 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 571 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
RESTANT VAN ERF 150, VREDENDAL

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuisiging: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes E (a) en (c) in Akte van Transport 7751/1969 opgehef word.
(2 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 572 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERWE 7748 EN 7749, DORP DENNEBURG, PAARL

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuisiging: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde B (c) in Akte van Transport T64951/1988 en voorwaarde B (c) in Akte van Transport T64950/1988 opgehef word.
(2 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 573 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 906, DE KELDERS, AFDELINGSRAAD VAN CALEDON

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuisiging: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes E (c) en (e) in Akte van Transport T19120/1988 opgehef word.
(2 June 1989)
Black economic power seen as sign of hope, but not the answer

Patrick Laurence

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Time to make a noise!

People are angry. One can feel it!

It is there among people one meets in the street. It is there when one sees the housewife shopping in the supermarket or at the convenience shop. It comes from the consumer who is battling to make ends meet.

Stand in a queue to pay for a purchase and the snarls in front of you see the GST added to the price. Talk to a friend who has just paid income tax.

The politician who stops people in the street to find out what voters are thinking gets a bitter reaction. In years of public life, one has seldom experienced such an electric atmosphere on the street of the economy.

Punch drunk

In the past, one has sometimes felt that people are punch drunk and hardly projected to price increases. That is not the situation today. It is not inflation anymore, or even resentful acceptance; it is simple, straightforward anger.

The targets are those in authority who have managed the economy, a deputy minister who has to justify and explain a situation by comparing statistics as they were at carefully selected dates and somehow make the numbers add up. It is believed do not really care.

The name of Dr Org Marais was known to relatively few people, but in a matter of days has become the symbol of an attitude which does not work for those hit by the economic problems of day.

Whether his statistics are right or wrong is not the issue, but that he has to defend his government's record for attack, and at the same time an attack on other politicians. What is important is that he seems not to care about the plight of people and this is what has made them angry.

The people are used to excusing that the fault with the gold price, with the dollar, with those and with the politicians. They have heard all of them before, yet we think things can affect the economy, there is much more than those factors.

Know better

Why do we have to read a year later admiring those in authority that they perhaps have acted earlier or differently and been better? After all, it is those in authority should know better, that is why they have been put there, and they have teams of expert advisers to guide them.

The economic troubles have come at a bit of a time, so some people's leadership positions have been in situations which have cast shadows on them. It has not been restricted to politicians, a few public servants are either under investigation or have been suspended. There have been inquiries by such individuals, some in high places, which add to public anger. The economy makes worse, some of those who left office have done so with seemingly golden handshakes.

In power

The questions which require answers are: How South Africa get into this mess and how do we get out of it? One of the problems is that one political party has been in power for more than 40 years. At the present Official Opposition, the Conservative Party, attacks the government on its management, but at one of the reasons why it is not doing so is that South Africa's economic situation would deteriorate not only further but dramatically.

The CP is really an alternative on race issues only, an utterly unacceptable alternative to black, coloured and Indian South Africans, to the world at large and many hope's, to the majority of white South Africans.

The liberal opposition, while courageous and tough, is negligent in alternative economic policies, has not put it out of power. It has been kept out of power by race and security policies. Government as a whole urgently needs to correct this.

The second reason is that for years now economic policy has been influenced by elections. Almost every year, over a long period, there have been elections of one kind or another and, in an attempt to woo voters, policies have been tailored to please them rather than to deal effectively with economic issues. Elections are bad for economic management.

Overcompensate

Third, there has been inadequate co-ordination between fiscal and monetary policy. The two should work together, but often the one has had to overcompensate for failure of the other.

Fourth, there has been inadequate control over the money supply and what is often forgotten is that the effect of excess growth in the money supply is normally felt only 12 or 18 months after the event.

Fifth, there have been serious problems created by the drying up of foreign loans and a need to keep the current account of the balance of payments surplus, irrespective of the phase of the business cycle. But policy makers have failed timeously to adapt to a new situation, while lip service is paid to the policy of inward industrialisation incentives as a by-product of other policy objectives.

Failure to turn the economy around and accept the reality of a new situation has limited economic growth and when demand has grown it has been dampened to protect the balance of payments.

Sixth, we have had continuous excessive state expenditure, despite promises to restrain. The proportion of the gross domestic product absorbed by the State has remained unacceptably high.

Encourage, reward

Seventh, there has been a failure to adequately encourage and reward productivity. This has helped to keep inflation.

Eighth, there exists a duplication, triplication and more of State services, too many departments doing the same thing costs more. Fourteen departments each of Health and Education are an undesirable luxury.

Ninth is the issue of consumer exploitation. There is inadequate protection of the consumer, market conditions are inadequate to ensure proper competition and so keep down prices. Financial reports of companies in the consumer field keep appearing. Profits racing ahead of turnover. The same quantities sold with higher margins.

Tenth are the handling of administrated prices and the control boards. The authorities talk of market-related prices when there is only one price related to world conditions for maize, and that is fixed. Prices go up when there are shortages but when there are surpluses. Basic laws of economics are turned on their heads.

Eleventh are the bottlenecks of skilled labour which still occur at the same time as there is large unemployment of unskilled persons. This is the product of decades of past neglect in education and training, which are frequently of such a nature that they do not equip children to challenge in the world. Technical and vocational subjects have received insufficient stress.

The list can go on and on. But what do we about it now?

First and foremost, the authorities must cut public expenditure. Their confidence cannot be obtained without absolute fairness and openness on the nature and extent of our problems.

Then we need to control the money supply, coordinate fiscal and monetary policy.

Government must not only call on people living within their means, it must itself do the same. Expenditure must be cut.

Priorities for expenditure must be correctly assessed. Waste and duplication must be eliminated; opaqueness is expensive and causes friction. The price is too great to pay for a concept which is intangible.

We need to accept the reality of a country which cannot get foreign loans and to a greater extent encourage local industry both consumer and producer and for export. Inward industrialisation must become a reality instead of a buzzword.

Bureaucrats are now the fashion. Deregulation and privatisation are two others. Correctly implemented, the processes will help, just talk about how they mean nothing. Privatisation the wrong activity or let an enterprise fall into the hands and costs will go up. Deregulation will permit and encourage legitimate enterprises to create opportunities for exploitation.

Create wealth

Exploitation is an issue requiring urgent attention. If one dares utter the word, there is an outcry that one seeks undue intervention in the market.

The truth is that if the free enterprise system is to achieve complete acceptability, it must be seen not only to encourage entrepreneurship and create wealth, but also offer opportunity and protection, and that true competition exists to prevent exploitation.

There is feeling among consumers that prices are being put up by many businesses because there is no resistance to price increases. Inflation is expected to punish, not the cause. In increased profits are made not by good efficiency or turnover, but because margins are increased.

The published accounts of some companies need some explanation on this issue. The conclusion is not to be drawn.

Consumers need to stand up more for their rights and the government should be helping them. The time has come for people to let their voices be heard if they feel they are being exploited.

Not all businesses indulge in these practices. On the contrary, those who do not are the exception. But public opinion is a strong weapon and it must express itself. Not all landlords exploitable, but those who do. Public anger, will be exploited the elderly, should be exposed. Consumers must become more pro-active.

In the end, however, it is up to the government to take the right to inflation. Not alone, but in co-operation with the private business sector and the public. After all, the Reserve Bank owns the printing press, it prints the money. It puts it into circulation.

The authorities can control credit creation. The government decides on State expenditure and taxation and this is where the key to the problems lies.

So, while there is anger, this is not enough. Questions, call people to account. After all — this is our country — it is our economy, it is ourrand which is losing its value. It is we who are going through a tough time.
LONDON. — The South African Reserve Bank conceded last night it had made key errors in managing the economy and pledged itself to a supply-side approach to future economic growth.

Addressing an audience which included senior British banking and finance personalities, the deputy governor of the bank, Dr Jan Lombard, said growth had to be driven by productivity gains and not excess credit.

"What has to be accepted in no uncertain manner is that steady economic growth cannot be appropriately generated by short-term demand management techniques," he said.

"We cannot spend ourselves into prosperity. That is just not on."

Dr Lombard acknowledged the "distortions" caused by low nominal interest rates, double-digit inflation, over-valued exchange rates and excessive fiscal reliance on direct taxation of income and profits.

"In retrospect, the mix of monetary and fiscal policy was not tightened enough during 1988. Initially, too little was done too late to curb the excessive increase in the money supply and in total spending," he said.

The authorities were "too reluctant" to discourage the domestic economic upswing which two years earlier they thought might never recur in the difficult political climate.

Dr Lombard said the emphasis should now be on boosting productivity, which had slumped because of the "general slackening of economic discipline" which followed the "short-lived gold price bonanzas" of the inflation-ridden 70s and 80s.

On the positive side, Dr Lombard cited the heavy infrastructural investment in recent years by public sector corporations.

As this would not have to be greatly expanded in the next two years, available domestic savings could be diverted towards industrial productive capacity.

The long-term aim of the Reserve Bank remained a return to normal international, political and financial relations with the rest of the world.
A time of reckoning

The cataclysmic events in China, ethnic fission in the USSR, the triumph of Solidarity in Poland... to many, these events signal a sea-change in the structure of world communism. It is as if, all at once, there has been a confluence of historical forces which represents a fundamental repudiation of the tenets of the kind of society initiated by the thoughts and deeds of the great founding fathers: Marx, Lenin and Mao.

Many, indeed, believe that we are witnessing the death of collectivist theory — not a moment too soon, given the economic failures and wholesale bloodshed to which it gave birth. In this perspective, the murders by Stalin and Pol Pot were not aberrations of a humanist philosophy, but the inevitable consequence of what loosely — for it is a diverse entity — can be called Marxism.

It was Marx who said that communism was “complete humanism... the definitive resolution of the antagonism between man and nature, and between man and man... It is the solution to the riddle of history and knows itself to be the solution.” He also said: “All the houses, in our time, are marked with a mysterious red cross. The judge is history, the executioner is the proletariat.”

The contradiction is apparent — a definitive humanism that requires an executioner. Deeper within the theory, further contradiction glaringly presents itself. In effect, “the rich” would only further enrich themselves at the expense of the proletariat. Surplus capital would be arrogated to this purpose, never reinvested or even redistributed through, say, wage bargaining. Always and forever, capitalists were wicked; execution was justifiable.

And since there would always be those who betrayed the revolution there would be a never-ending source of targets for the rage of the collectivists when the communist system failed to bring paradise on earth. In our time they have gone under the name of kulaks, deviationists, economic saboteurs.

Against this, instead of inevitably failing, capitalism has in fact evolved into a far more sophisticated and intellectually credible system than it was when Marx was scribbling away in the British Museum a century ago. Its successes are everywhere to be seen — not least in the Far East, where the Chinese conservatives, their views formed and set in the Long March, see it as threatening their hegemony.

Some historians, like Paul Johnson, argue that a full implementation of the free-market philosophy, which is what tradi-
NOTICE 599 OF 1989

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act 84 of 1967)

This is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the undermentioned application have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly and will lie for inspection at the office of the Regional Representative of the said department (Fourth Floor, Fedife Building, Maitland Street, Bloemfontein) and the office of the relevant Local Authority.

Any person who wishes to object to the granting of the applications may communicate in writing with the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly at the above address or Private Bag X20524, Bloemfontein, 9300. Objections in duplicate, must reach this office not later than 16h00 on Friday, 7 July 1989.

(a) FICKSBURG (588): For the alteration of the Ficksburg Town-Planning Scheme by the rezoning of Portions A, B, C and D of Erf 99 and Portion a of Portion A, and Remainder of Portion A and Portion B of Erf 101, from “General Residential” to “General Business”.

(b) BLOEMFONTEIN (589): For the alteration of the Bloemfontein Town-Planning Scheme by the rezoning of Portion of Bloemfontein 654 (Hamilton Rifle Range Area) from “Undetermined Area” to “Public Buildings”.

Head of the Department,
Department of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly.
(9 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 599 VAN 1989

ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSFRAUD

DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERK

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(WET 84 VAN 1967)

Hierby word ingevolge artikel 3 (6) van die boegenoemde Wet bekendgemaak dat die ondergenoemde aansekte deur die Hoof van die Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Administrasie: Volksraad ontvang is en ter insaê lê by die Streekvereenwoordiger van genoemde departement (Vierde Verdieping, Fedifegebou, Maitlandstraat, Bloemfontein) en by die kantore van die betrokke Plaaslike Bestuur.

Enige persoon wat teen die toestaan van die aansoek beswaar wil maak, kan met die Hoof van die Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Administrasie: Volksraad of Privaatstak X20524, Bloemfontein, skriflik in verbindingsbome. Besware, in tweevoet, moet hierdie kantoor nie later nie as 16h00 op Vrydag, 7 Julie 1989, bereik.

(a) FICKSBURG (588): Vir die wysiging van die Ficksburg-Dorpsaanlegskema deur die hersonering van Dele A, B, C en D van Erf 99 en Deel a van Deel A, Restant van Deel A en Deel B van Erf 101. vanaf “Algemene Woon” na “Algemene Besigheid”.

(b) BLOEMFONTEIN (589): Vir die wysiging van die Bloemfontein-Dorpsaanlegskema deur die hersonering van Gedeelte van Bloemfontein 654 (Hamiltonskietbaangebied) vanaf “Onbepaalde Gebied” na “Openbare Geboue”.

Departementshoof,
Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad.
(9 Junie 1989)
NOTICE 597 OF 1989
DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER
LABOUR RELATIONS ACT, 1956

It is hereby notified for general information in terms of section 17 (8) of the Labour Relations Act, 1956, that the President of the Industrial Court, duly authorised thereto by the Minister of Manpower, has appointed Advocates Richard George Buchanan, Johannes Coenraad Froneman, Lionel Sidney Melusky SC, Christiaan Johannes Mouton, Izak Jacobus Smuts and Hendrik Johannes van der Linde as additional members of the Industrial Court for the purpose of performing such functions of the Court as the President may from time to time direct.

(9 June 1989)

NOTICE 598 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 OF 1967)

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the undermentioned applications have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly and will lie for inspection at the office of the Regional Representative of the said department (Fourth Floor, Fedlife Building, Maitland Street, Bloemfontein).

Any person who wishes to object to the granting of the application may communicate in writing with the head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly at the above address or Private Bag X20524, Bloemfontein, 9300. Objections in duplicate, must reach this office not later than 16h00, Friday 7 July 1989.

(a) Erf 5016, Steyn van der Spuy Street (Extension 5), Sasolburg: For the removal of condition of title 3 (d) and (f) in Deed of Transfer T2022/1971 in order to enable the owner to build onto his existing house.

(b) Erf 10278, Benouwer Street, Sasolburg: For the alteration of conditions of title B.2.2. (c) (iii) and B.3 (d) in Deed of Transfer T2010/1984 in order to enable the owner to utilise a portion of the rear space of the erf for storage purposes and also to extend certain sections of the existing building for retail purposes.

(c) Erf 689, 46 President Kruger Street, Vaalpark, Sasolburg: For the alteration of condition of title C.1 (a) on page 6 in Deed of Transfer T10749/1988 in order to enable the owner to use the said erf for the purposes of a creche and/or nursery school.

(d) Smallholding 47, Olds Road, Spitskop, Bainsvlei: For the removal of condition of title C on page 2 in Deed of Transfer T60621/1951 in order to enable the owner to subdivide the said smallholding for residential purposes.

(e) Erf 1408, Park Road, Riebeeckstad, Welkom: For the removal of condition of title 4 in Deed of Transfer T13155/1988 in order to enable the owner to subdivide the said erf for residential purposes.

KENNISGEWING 597 VAN 1989
DEPARTEMENT VAN MANNEKRAG
WET OP ARBEIDSVERHOUINGE, 1956

Hierby word ingevolge artikel 17 (8) van die Wet op Arbeidsverhoudinge, 1956, vir algemene inligting bekendgemaak dat die President van die Wyverheidshof, behoorlik daartoe gemagtig deur die Minister van Mannekrag, advokate Richard George Buchanan, Johannes Coenraad Froneman, Lionel Sidney Melusky SC, Christiaan Johannes Mouton, Izak Jacobus Smuts en Hendrik Johannes van der Linde as bykommende lede van die Wyverheidshof aangestel het met die doel om sodanige funksies van die Hof uit te oefen as wat die President van tyd tot tyd gelaas.

(9 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 598 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAALIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(Wet No. 84 VAN 1967)

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(d) Hoeve 47, Olds Road, Spitskop, Bainsvlei: Vir die opheffing van titelfoorwaarde C op bladsy 2 in Transportakte T60621/1951 ten einde die eienaar in staat te stel om die gemelde hoeve te kan onderverdeel vir woondoeleinde.

(e) Erf 1408, Parkweg, Riebeeckstad, Welkom: Vir die opheffing van titelfoorwaarde 4 in Transportakte T13155/1988 ten einde die eienaar in staat te stel om die gemelde erf te kan onderverdeel vir woondoeleinde.
If you think you're wealthier, think again

DEREK TOMNEY

FOREIGNERS must be viewing with some degree of incredulity the current debate in South Africa about whether whites are better off than they were 20 years ago.

Overseas the debate is not whether people are richer than they were then. That is an accepted fact. Rather the debate is about how much richer they have become and whether governments are doing enough to make their populations richer still - a subject which seems to get scant attention here.

As can be seen from the accompanying graph of the growth in real income a head since 1970, the inhabitants of a great many countries have enjoyed an overall increase in wealth in this period of 30 percent or more.

And these people inhabiting the world's new growth region, the "Pacific Rim", have fared even better.

In Korea real incomes have doubled, in Singapore by 184 percent, in Malaysia by 70 percent and in Japan by 68 percent.

Taiwan has also achieved similar remarkable growth. But comparable figures are not available, as the IMF year book, from which these figures have been gleaned, regards Taiwan as a non-country and does not give details about its brilliant economic performance.

In contrast, South Africa shows up as very much a non-runner in the income growth stakes.

According to the IMF figures (which are based on those supplied to it by the South African government) national income a head in this country has risen by just over 3 percent since 1970.

Chile worse

Only Chile has fared worse, but one must remember that for a while Chile was controlled by a Marxist government and then experienced an Army coup.

Meanwhile, the 3 percent rise in per capita income in South Africa since 1970 does not vindicate Dr Org Marais's claim that white living standards today are higher than they were in 1970.

Since then there has been a substantial increase in black wealth, however, as the overall increase has been only 3 percent, there is a strong inference that much of the increase in black living standards must have been at the expense of whites.

But figures apart, if Dr Marais's claim can be a subject for debate, then the differences in living standards between 1970 and now can be only marginally different.

South Africans of all races must feel fearful about how badly they have fared compared with the rest of the world.

Even a real increase since 1970 in income a head of 30 percent, as achieved by "slow-growing" Britain, would have a transformed everyone's living standards and prospects.

Virtually everyone in this country would have much more money to spend, taxes would have been much less but the Government would still have had much more money for spending on education, health and other necessary services.

Those South Africans who have moved to Perth, Sydney, Dallas and San Diego may well be more afraid of this country. But at least they have the consolation of being miserable in ever-increasing comfort.

As a former top South African and now a top American remarked on a trip here recently: "The big difference in working in the US is that when you get a pay rise it means something."

This brings us to the question as to why the South African economy has fared so badly since 1970 when it has so much going for it.

It possesses great mineral riches, a developed infrastructure, a skilled and adventurous entrepreneurial class and a rapidly growing domestic market. These are all factors that should have ensured major economic growth and a rapid rise in living standards.

There are a number of theories as to why the South African economy has not performed the way it should.

But blame must rest heavily on the Government, not least because if things had gone right it would have had no hesitation in taking the credit.

More specifically, its complete failure to control inflation undoubtedly played a major role in the country's poor economic growth.

The high inflation this country has experienced for a great many years has destroyed savings, sharply reduced new investment, curbing the country's competitiveness in world markets and frightened away foreign investors.

A large number of the American firms which have withdrawn from South Africa would still be here if they had believed that it would be profitable for them to stay.

But high inflation and the resultant collapse of the rand meant that they were sending less and less money here. In view of the flight these companies were facing from anti-apartheid groups overseas their withdrawal is understandable.

Severe sanctions

For the same reason new foreign investment has also been scarce.

Meanwhile, the Government's inability to control inflation reflects to a great extent its overall philosophy.

Excessive and arrogant, and comprised mainly of people with little experience of overseas attitudes, the Government does know that it will remain in power as long as the public service and the plateau around it are kept happy.

The importance of keeping the public service "sweet" is highlighted by a recent Central Statistical Services report. This shows that just over 600 000 whites are employed in the public service.

Other figures show that South Africa has 1.4 million white tax payers. Comparing these figures, and allowing for some duplication, one can argue that about at least a third of the whites in this country depend to a lesser or greater degree on the state for their livelihood.

Therefore, as far as the Government is concerned the public sector has to be rewarded even if this increases inflation and the rest of the population suffers.

To be fair to the present Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis, he is reported to have blanched when, at the IMF conference last year, he heard that in his absence the public service had been awarded a 15 percent pay rise.

However, just as the excessive spending by the post-war Labour Government in Britain destroyed the country's seedcorn and kept it poor for the next 20 years, so a similar situation exists in this country.

Severe sanctions

But not only can the Government be blamed for inflation, but it is also very much to blame for the situation which has given such a boost overseas to the activities of the anti-apartheid brigade which has led to fairly severe sanctions being imposed on this country.

The Government must also accept that it helped create the climate in which the ANC has flourished and which led to the unrest of the mid-1980s and mid-1990s.

Both the sanctions and the unrest severely damaged the economy.

However, the outlook is not completely bleak. South Africa's highly talented business community is working hard to give the economy another chance of rapid economic growth - and the Linden municipal election result this week suggests that even Afrikaners are starting to feel unhappy about their Government.
The financial screw tightens

Many selling up luxuries to pay for essentials

By MARK STANFIELD and RUSSELL MICHAELS

THOUSANDS of people have been given up trying to keep their heads above water as South Africa's financial nightmare worsens and they are losing their homes, cars and other treasured possessions as a result.

This month alone 28 Peninsula homeowners face eviction as building societies foreclose on mortgage defaulters who cannot afford monthly repayments which have already rocketed by almost 65 percent in 18 months.

Legal notices published in The Argus' classified section this month paint a thumbnail sketch of the consumer's crisis.

Building societies brought judgments against 28 Peninsula homeowners who could not meet their bond repayments. These people stand to lose the roof over their heads unless they meet the requirements of the recently announced government relief scheme or can find some way to repay their bond arrears.

Some, too embarrassed to want their names published, have resorted to selling their cars and other household items. Others said they could fight the "financial demon" no longer and had lost hope that things would get better. They had moved out of their hard-earned, partly-paid homes and have let them be auctioned so that finance houses can recoup their losses.

The picture becomes even gloomier when one glances at the Government Gazette printed at the end of May this year in which it was disclosed that 205 homes (46 of them in the Peninsula) were to be sold in execution after repossession by building societies and banks.

Mr Ted Doman, a Cape Town City Council spokesman, disclosed that rents had soared to R2.5 million by May and that R2.5 million was owed to the council by homeowners.

"The main cause is chronic unemployment," he said.

"So far, we have issued only 102 statutory notices to defaulters, but have not evicted anybody. Our policy is to be understanding under the circumstances and, wherever possible, come to some arrangement."

About 1 550 people in the Peninsula had not paid their council bonds for over five months and the majority of defaulters lived in the Mitchells Plain area, he said.

"Repossession of vehicles and costly household items have also increased alarmingly over the past months as consumers use their cash for food and other essentials."

Democratic Party finance spokesman Mr Harry Schwarz said repossessing prices had put new cars far beyond the reach of ordinary citizens who had no company help on which to fall back, and even the smallest cars had become a luxury.

"We need to take a harder look at the situation in regard to the high cost of cars in South Africa," he urged.

The exchange rate, production costs and high interest rates have caused prices to escalate dramatically.

The result has been an increased demand for used cars and, with it, an attendant shortage of stock and increased prices.

Home-loan rates have climbed rapidly from 12.5 percent in January last year to up to 20 percent from this month.

In many cases monthly repayments have risen by hundreds of rands and many people have found they can no longer afford them.

A spokesman for a major building developer said: "For example, a family earning between R1 500 and R1 800 - and a first-time buyer qualifying for a subsidy - could have bought a house for R30 000 when the bond was 12.5 percent.

"Now, a year later, the same buyer can afford nothing more than R41 300."

"Of course, people get increases in wages and salaries, but they are never as much as the bond rate and families earning in the region of R1 500 and R1 800 are out of the market this year."

Now, the government has stepped in. Mortgage bond holders who are in extreme difficulty because of rising interest rates are in line for a rescue package that will be backed by the government, building societies and banks.

Government assistance will be available to these bondholders who owe less than R60 000 on a house which is currently valued at less than R80 000 - provided the loan was granted before May this year.

Home-owners in this category who choose to take part in the assistance scheme will pay an interest rate of only 17 percent for three years "at the outset" - compared with the current bond-rate of between 19.5 and 20 percent.

The difference between 17 percent and the standard bond rate will be capitalised. Repayment of the deferred portion will be guaranteed by the government.

"It means that participants will carry on paying 17 percent even if the interest rates should fall below that level until the deferred portion guaranteed by the government has been repaid."
SETTING SOUTH AFRICA FREE

‘Take racism out of people’s lives’

Government raised GST by 9 cents, increased petrol tax by 9 cents,枞 reduced companies’ tax by 15 percent, imposed a 15 percent surcharge on imported capital goods.

Why the surcharge? Neither Pretoria nor the President explains why the Government raised GST on luxury goods. The Government doesn’t want it to be seen as a tax on luxury goods.

Sanctions

I thought I was supposed to oppose sanctions — which I do 100 percent and vehemently — because they hurt the people, not the economy. And these people out of work. But when you need sanctions, when we’ve got Pretoria...

I don’t want to just attack Pretoria, but an easy target. I want to attack a particularly dastardly trend of the Nationalists — the black economic exclusionism, the black economic exclusionism.

I don’t support a mixed economy. I don’t call a mixed economy a black economic exclusionism. It’s a fraud, a mixed economy.

I don’t think the economy could be any more mixed or mixed up — but it’s not only their economic views that I question. I really find disastrous the view of blacks.

Both the Government and its so-called liberal white opponents agree black problems are a problem. There are 10 million blacks in South Africa, and we don’t know what to do with them. The Government doesn’t know what to do with them. It should round blacks up and force them into hospitals, or force them into jails, or put them in jail.

The social democrats are concerned about how they’ll find the time in their busy schedules to look after blacks. Who will run the welfare programmes? Who will write all the money that’s lost?

Neither can imagine blacks who have achieved in the face of repression, blacks who are committed to enterprise, black businesses and education for their children. But, of course, these days they don’t talk about blacks. They talk about the Third World. This blatant racist terminology translates into “kaffir.”

If you hear them saying — this applies to both Government officials and white liberals — that there’s a problem with South Africa’s Third World, it means there’s a problem with blacks.

If they say you can’t build a Third World economy on a Third World base, they mean you can’t have a poor, white, rich economy when there are so many blacks around.

Listen carefully the next time a university professor or Government Minister gives a speech on TV about the “Affair.” They’re fighting for real free enterprise and democratic change to be just a different view of South Africa.

We don’t see 30 million blacks as a mob to be controlled as the Government does or as 30 million welfare cases (as the liberals do). We see South Africa’s 30 million blacks as 30 million entrepreneurs, consumers and workers — people to try to get in business and people who can transform South Africa into the world’s most prosperous nation.

IMAGINE THIS: Abolished Pretoria’s boards, commissions, ministries, controls, taxes and regulations. Through privatization, transferred wealth from Pretoria’s hands to the hands of the people.

Privatized blacks by turning over to them all of the Government’s housing, land and schools that should have never been in the State’s hands in the first place.

Remade to blacks the lost property regime and all the red tape.

I ET’S hope we have free enterprise after apartheid. But there’s apartheid and apartheid, and we haven’t had it during apartheid.

Indeed, apartheid has been nothing but a series of anti-competitive, bureaucratic, employers, and servant’s acts, but taxes, job reservations, 13 percent laws, district labour control boards, land ownership restrictions, crackdowns on private education and universities.

Today the National Party Government says it’s fighting to preserve free enterprise. But you can’t preserve what you don’t have.

In fact, it’s not clear what a socialist government would do different from Pretoria. Consider what’s already in place that a new group of socialist dictators could take over.

Press censorship.

Depression without trade.

Exchange control.

Import controls and surcharges.

Export subsidies.

Subsidies to domestic industries.

Huge purchase rules.

Higher duties.

Agricultural boards, price controls, central and local governments, central and local controls.

Nationalized roads, harbours, trains, airlines, electric energy, steel, petrochemicals, steel, coal, bauxite, schools, housing, transport, tourism, TV and radio.

Driving to restrict trade and subdivide industrial development, small businesses and rural development.

Maintenance wages.

Zoning laws.

Licensing laws.

Rigorous progressive income tax.

High GST and petrol prices.

A compliant Reserve Bank and government ministries to control or subdivide economic affairs, mineral affairs, trade, industry, technology, education, health, labour, public works, water and transportation.

The combination of bureaucracy, red tape and high taxes is subverting the economy and driving personal freedom.

Indeed, it’s the lack of capital, the lack of free enterprise, that has led South Africa into this mess.

Yet Pretoria continues to undermine the economy.

In fact, it’s not caused by the lack of free enterprise, but the lack of free enterprise, that has led South Africa into this mess.

If it’s not caused by the lack of free enterprise, then — indeed, it’s the lack of free enterprise, the lack of free enterprise, that has led South Africa into this mess.

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Share the Cow

Soak the Rich,

Seize the Land
SA unduly pessimistic about economy bank

SOUTH Africans were probably excessively pessimistic about short-term economic prospects, said Boland Bank's June economic review.

In spite of notable similarities between the current economic situation and the one that prevailed in 1984, the current situation differed in that it seemed to be more "shockproof".

"Economic growth is more evenly distributed, company debt ratios are generally more acceptable, the foreign debt situation is still in place and a larger degree of socio-political stability prevails," the bank said.

"Moreover, the agricultural outlook is more favourable, foreign perceptions are more positive and the gold price is still well above its 1983 average of $317/oz."

"Lastly, it said, the mere memory of the 1988 turn of events should convince policymakers to prevent a similar experience at all costs.

The success of the current restrictive policy approach and the resultant short-term course of the economy would be determined by government's sense of economic responsibility before the election.

Although the first signs of a deceleration in credit demand were evident, the revival of fixed investment outlays demanded a sustained strict policy approach to prevent further BoP and reserve problems.

Boland said the strong dollar enjoyed no real fundamental justification and strengthened expectations that gold would creep back to the $400 level by year-end.

"Meanwhile, a strong dollar not only poses a threat, but also holds some advantages for SA."

The decline in the R/$ exchange rate promoted SA's export effort, given that most SA exports were denominated in dollars.
JOHANNESBURG. — The Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut (AHI) and Assocom have expressed concern about the disruptive effect of military service on the economy.

The organisations were reacting to a speech by Human Sciences Research Council research chief Mr D. J. Botha in which he said South Africa's battered economy could no longer afford a two-year military training cycle and called for the period to be reduced to one year.

Mr Botha also called on the SADF to drastically rethink its system of annual camps after completion of initial two-year service and to compel school leavers to do military service before tertiary study to prevent skilled manpower from emigrating.

AHI chairman Mr Gerrie Steenkamp said the "immense disruption" of especially annual camps on the economy could not be argued away.

Assocom, AHI voice concern

"The feeling people have is that a great deal of time is wasted in the military and that servicemen could be utilised more productively," he said.

Forcing school leavers to do military service first would not solve anything.

"The fact is SA must be defended as a result of political problems. An acceptable and attainable solution for these problems will cut down the defence needs, but such a solution will not be found unless the underlying economic malaise is," he said.

Assocom manpower secretary, Mr Vincent Brett, said his organisation was not really concerned about the initial call-up period of two-year, but the subsequent annual camps.

He agreed with Mr Botha that less professional and technical workers would emigrate if military service and annual camps were reduced.

He agreed with Mr Steenkamp that forcing school leavers to first do military service would be "treating the symptoms" and pointed out military service was not the only reason skilled workers emigrated, but the "political situation" in general.

The chairman of the Committee of University Principals, Professor Peter Booyens, speaking in a personal capacity, said it would "make a great deal of sense to decrease military service to one year". The current system was costly and a serious interruption in the lives of young men.

He was not in favour of compulsory conscription for military purposes and preferred compulsory conscription for community service, with the added option of military service.
Capitulation-Sozialism battle is going on

Power Factor

Wallace is now

Voting with the

BY MICHAEL CHERSTER

BY COLLECTION

The struggle for power continues on a grand scale. The struggle for power is not just a matter of economics. It is a struggle for survival. Power Factor is the name given to the process by which power is accumulated and consolidated.

The struggle is not just between the rich and the poor. It is a struggle between all classes. The struggle is for control of the means of production. The struggle is for control of the means of communication. The struggle is for control of the means of education. The struggle is for control of the means of culture.

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RECPROCAL SANCTIONS

Up and at them, Reverends

The communist world is reacting to the beginning of its demise — which will no doubt be painful and protracted — in much the same way as it imposed itself on so much of the world: with the single-minded bloodlust of a collectivist elite.

The communists can seek neither solace nor justification in the restoration of liberty or prosperity. For not one communist or socialist state has been able to provide them in a measure comparable to their existence in the capitalist West (see P28).

Those responsible for the murders and maiming of thousands in Tiananmen Square — and others like them — are simply refusing to face the realities of their reprehensible suppression.

What is deafening amid this carnage is the silence of the Left. And in particular the silence of those who hold out the "agony" felt by voiceless blacks in this country and who advocate slow impoverishment by sanctions as a means of achieving redress.

The deaths at Sharpeville and in more recent years in Soweto and other black cities pale beside the deliberate, calculated and cruel subjugation of peaceful protesters in Tiananmen Square. The SA Police, whose actions we do not seek to justify, have done their worst when faced by a violent mob. The Chinese soldiers can plead no such provocation.

We do expect from clergymen in this country a condemnation of Red China at least as virulent as their protests at the institutionalised violence of apartheid.

In addition to that — a call for sanctions against that country and disinvestment from it as vociferous as they called for these measures against SA. We are prepared to publish them at length.

Anything less, according to their own logic, would be hypocritical and unchristian — if not a cardinal sin.

If international sanctions are a non-violent means of bringing about revolution, then surely Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Rev Allan Boesak would want to see them imposed against Red China.

Or is it too much for these men, both avowed socialists and supporters of liberation theology, to face the realities of collectivism, which is simply to keep the people as poor, miserable and oppressed as possible, while the collectivist visionaries indulge their own invariably violent rule?

Indeed, the Anglican Church itself, hell-bent on dubious Africanisation — via the national anthem and a new prayer book worthy of the banalities of the Cultural Revolution — might be expected to say where it now stands. Does it want sanctions against Red China or not?

And the same must apply to Tutu's and Boesak's American friends — Kennedy, Solarsh, Simon et al — who have used apartheid to further their own mean political ends at home, and to the detriment of ordinary people of all colours in this country.
1989 was running at an annual rate of 24%, against only 5% in State-regulated industry. The creation of five "special economic zones" and 14 open cities, mainly along the east coast, have made provinces such as Guangdong virtually independent in economic policies and they are seen as being to the rest of China what West Germany is to its eastern European neighbours.

But this "new China" is heavily dependent on foreign investment and know-how, and the question of how the aged leadership can cope with a China in which more than half the population is under the age of 25 presently produces no answers.

It is the same for the non-reformers in Europe — Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and East Germany. They pay lip-service to Moscow, but show no signs of taking glasnost on board. However, ferment simmers below the surface — increasingly stimulated by developments across their borders, possibly awaiting a break in economic tensions to provide the final push for an elderly set of diehards. Thus: how long can East Germany put up with growth of under 1%, even after $4bn in annual help from West Germany?

Within the Soviet sphere of influence but outside the European theatre, there are conflicting developments. Even though Cuba's economy is stagnating and remains propped up by $3bn a year in Soviet aid, Fidel Castro firmly turns his back on change. Ethiopia, the beneficiary of $6bn in Soviet military support in its long civil war with the Eritreans and Tigreans, has just seen an attempted coup against the regime in Addis Ababa, which refuses to sue for peace and has wreaked an awful revenge on the mutineers.

Vietnam is moving closer to rehabilitation, now out of Kampuchea in the interests of better relations with the West and China — in parallel with the USSR's withdrawal from Afghanistan. After inflation hitting 1000% last year and growth down to under 5% — the few people are fleeing for economic reasons more than anything else — Hanoi is talking to the International Monetary Fund and following the path of perestroika.

The great role model remains Gorbachev's Soviet Union, trying hard to balance decentralisation, economic revitalisation and modernisation without losing the Communist Party's dominant position. It is proving a desperate struggle. Glasnost, even within the Kremlin's confines, has swept through the empire of 15 republics, exposing deficiencies and denouncing the past epitomised by Stalin and Brezhnev.

At the same time, it has embodied bold steps for greater autonomy and recognition among the 100 ethnic groups no less than in the three Baltic republics whose brief period of independence was snuffed out when the Soviet-German non-aggression pact allowed Stalin's troops to march in in 1940. The Estonian, Lithuanian and Latvian delegates who beat communist candidates in the March elections for the Congress of People's Deputies were among the most vocal in the debates.

The Baltics have won the rights to their own national parliaments, recognition of languages, increased freedom of religion and even the flying of their old flags. Ambitions such as economic and legal self-rule have been denied them so far but they are being listened to and argued with.

Inter-ethnic battles have also surfaced, chiefly Muslim vs Christian in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia; and, most recently, the resentment of Sunni Muslims against the minority of Meskhetian Turks, Shias transported there by Stalin in 1944.

None of these crises and the death toll (more than 100 in Uzbekistan, 21 in Georgia, 37 in Azerbaijan) has been hidden and each has been dealt with combinations of tough measures to restore order — but also recognition of the problems involved.

Part of the problem is that glasnost has also exposed the unavoidable fact that perestroika has yet to work. Economic reforms, such as private enterprise for farmers and industrial co-operatives, profit accountability of state enterprises and other measures have yet to translate into growth though they have got off to an encouraging start. So far, 100,000 co-operatives have started up and their turnover is running at an annual rate of $27bn, against only $10bn last year.

Liberalisation of regulations on foreign investment has produced a surge in joint ventures: 365 agreements have been signed in the last two and a half years though only 50 are operating. Direct outside investment, however, has shot up from almost $2bn to a cumulative $800m and the new rules allowing foreign companies to own 100% of enterprises in the Soviet Union is forecast to bring more.

Growth, however, is stuck in a pedestrian range of 1%-2%, less than half the target set by Gorbachev in 1985 and the goods are still not reaching the shops. Market-style reforms such as lifting price controls to engender increased supplies are hobbled by the effect they would have on inflation and standards of living, while a realistic exchange rate for the rouble (even a convertible rouble) of about a quarter of its present $1.60 level would make exports more competitive — but this too is still in the theory stage. The Polish experience of legalising the black market in foreign exchange suggests the rouble might fall well below US$2c.

The Soviet Union's refund creditworthiness in the West is a cushion but its debt is rising and so is the cost of servicing it. Logically, as perestroika takes hold, ties to the West should intensify and political and economic freedoms merge. And if the communist centre cannot hold — what of the periphery?

Globally, the lie of communism, as it has been for the last 71 years, has been exposed. In this country, Chile, has Marxism won the day in wholly free and normal elections and, even there, the policies proved a disaster leading to a military coup in 1973. The theology of communism has failed to stand up to scrutiny in peaceful democracies where there was a choice — not even in Portugal or Spain at the end of their periods of fascism. In the shadow of the relative peace which has survived 44 years of East-West confrontation suggests that, without trouble, old-style communism cannot endure in a mutually interdependent world.

Nobody expects its deterioration to be swift. China has just confirmed that. But as the Nineties progress, more and more once-communist countries may be likely to echo the words of Gorbachev after this year's elections: "Well, there is nothing to be done about it, the master of the country has spoken."

WRONG RECKONING

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The centralists cling to power amid the economic wreckage of the past

The bloody, temporary, suppression of China’s pro-democracy protesters in the name of socialism has been accompanied by a peaceful cracking of totalitarian moulds in the Soviet Union, Poland and Hungary — at a pace and on a scale unthinkable before Mikhail Gorbachev launched his reforms four years ago.

In the Soviet Union millions have just heard or seen live radio and television coverage of the first debates of the 250-strong Congress of People’s Deputies of whom 150 were elected in individually contested but one-party polls. “Opposition” motions may have been voted down by party loyalists, but no cow was too sacred — not even the KGB or Soviet Army “atrocities” in Afghanistan — to avoid attack from a host of dissident voices.

Gorbachev, who had sat through a stream of personal criticism, closed the proceedings well satisfied, calling the fortnight-long session “the most significant event in the history of the Soviet State.”

Poland’s biggest step towards plurality, however, provided the most thunderous warning to the Communist Party of what follows freedom of choice. In the first contested elections for 50 years, Solidarity candidates swept the board in the 35% of Sejm (parliament) seats not reserved for the communists and their officially approved organisations, winning 160 out of a possible 161.

Following the lead of Soviet voters on Easter Sunday, Poles also invalidated all but two of 35 unopposed official candidates by simply crossing out their names so that returns fell below the 50% minimum of votes cast. PM Mieczyslaw Rakowski was the leading victim.

And in the new Senate, where all 100 seats were open, Solidarity won 92 and may well claim more in run-off elections for the rest where no candidate passed the 50% mark.

General Wojciech Jaruzelski and his embattled regime need all the help they can get. Appeals from the Warsaw government for Solidarity to join it in a coalition have proven the formerly outlawed organisation. Initially, Lech Walesa rejected the overtures. Solidarity members could take responsibility for Communist Party policies. But he seems to have had a change of heart, offering “co-operative opposition” and saying: “I cannot exclude the possibility of some of the Solidarity team joining the government.”

Hungary is next on the reformist list, poised to become the first Eastern bloc country to hold multi-party elections, possibly this year but certainly in 1990. Amid open-poll indications that the communists could lose power (World May 19). That would be an even bigger shock to the system than events in Poland.

For three decades, the West has waited for the communist world to implode under its inability to deliver the goods, either material or social, to 30% of the earth’s population. But, in spite of periodic convulsions, communism survived, even expanded, through ruthless use of force and suppression. While the reinterpretation of Marxist-Leninist theory and Mao Zedong’s own version of it, became the order of the day, reforms stumbled over the cardinal principle of centralism.

The real revolution in communist thinking started in 1978 in China when Deng Xiaoping, back in power after a military coup, overthrew Mao’s heirs, The Gang of Four, launched his economic modernisation and proclaimed “it is good to be wealthy.” He tore up the economic aspects of Marxist-Leninism — retaining the core of party control. But the spectacular success of opening up China’s economy inevitably brought with it the inflow of ideas for which the student protesters were killed in Tiananmen Square.

They wanted glasnost, more democracy and an end to the corruption which has ridden up on Deng’s reforms, not an end to socialism or the Communist Party. The threat of change and political reforms, however, meant loss of power to too many of the communist hierarchy. So, accused of seeking to overthrow socialism, the dissenters have been savagely crushed.

With the streets cowed into calm after as many as 7,000 dead and 10,000 wounded, China has started a massive purge which has revived horrific memories of the 1966-1976 Cultural Revolution, when a generation of its intelligentsia was consigned into years of oblivion and more than 1m people are estimated to have “disappeared.”

Where China goes from here seems more uncertain than it did even at the start of the democracy protests. Deng, not seen since the departure of Gorbachev at the end of his dramatically disrupted visit to end 30 years of hostility between the USSR and China, reappeared on television to congratulate senior army officers on their victory in defending the country against counter-revolutionaries and bourgeois liberalism.

It was ominously symbolic. Deng was accompanied by all the hardliners with security chief Qiao Shi, evidently promoted, wearing Mao-suits, reversing the switch to Western dress of recent years. Wholesale Western condemnation, even by Japan, China’s biggest economic partner, and the suspension of US arms sales, has been brushed aside — as has the USSR’s belated expression of “dismay” at the violence.

Beijing insists that the economic reforms will go on. China cannot afford to cut itself off as Mao did in 1966. Direct foreign investment in 4,000 joint ventures by the cream of Western corporations has been crucial to the recent success story and the near trebling of industrial output of the last 10 years.

Lured by Deng’s aim of raising per capita GNP of 1.1bn people from US$300 to $2,000 by the end of the century, direct investment has soared to $9bn (with another $15bn in projects planned) while loans are up to $27bn; and in the last five years, aid from all sources has risen more than 200% to over $1.5bn a year (in 1988 the World Bank approved $1bn-worth). Foreign trade has more than quintupled to exports of $45bn and imports worth $55bn during the Deng era, creating an economic dynamo to rival Korea or Taiwan in the densely populated coastal provinces.

China’s new class of export-based entrepreneurs now account for 44% of industrial output (according to US estimates) and this sector’s growth in the first three months of
1989 was running at an annual rate of 24%, against only 5% in State-regulated industry. The creation of five "special economic zones" in 1985 and 14 open cities, mainly along the east coast, have made provinces such as Guangdong virtually independent in economic policies — and they are seen as being to the rest of China what West Germany is to its eastern European neighbors.

But this "new China" is heavily dependent on foreign investment and know-how, and the question of how the aged leadership can cope with a China in which more than half the population is under the age of 25 presently produces no answers.

It is the same for the non-reformers in Europe — Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and East Germany. They pay lip-service to Moscow, but show no signs of taking glasnost on board. However, ferment simmers below the surface — increasingly straining the West's support for their survival across their borders, possibly awaiting a worsening of economic conditions to provide the final push for an elderly set of dictators. Thus: how long can East Germany put up with growth of under 1%, even after $4bn in annual help from West Germany?

Within the Soviet sphere of influence but outside the Western orbit, there are conflicting developments. Even though Cuba's economy is stagnating and remains propped up by $3bn a year in Soviet aid, Fidel Castro firmly turns his back on change. Ethiopia, the beneficiary of $6bn in Soviet military support in its long civil war with the Eritrean separatist Tigreans, has just seen an attempted coup against the regime in Addis Ababa, which refuses to see for peace and has wreaked an awful revenge on the mutineers.

Vietnam is moving closer to rehabilitation, now out of Kampuchea in the interests of better relations with the West and China — in parallel with the USSR's withdrawal from Afghanistan. After inflation hitting 10000% last year and growth down to under 5% — the boat people are fleeing for economic reasons more than anything else — Hanoi is talking to the International Monetary Fund and following the path of perestroika.

The credit-darling remains Gorbachev's Soviet Union, trying hard to balance decentralisation, economic revival and modernisation without losing the Communist Party's dominant position. It is proving a desperate struggle. Glasnost, even within the Kremlin's confines, has swept through the empire of 15 republics, exposing deficiencies and denouncing the past epitomised by Stalin and Brezhnev.

At the same time, it has emboldened bids for greater autonomy and recognition among the 100 ethnic groups no less than in the three Baltic republics whose brief period of independence was snuffed out when the Soviet-German non-aggression pact allowed Stalin's troops to march in in 1940. The Estonian, Lithuanian and Latvian delegates who beat communist candidates in the March elections for the Congress of People's Deputies were among the most vocal in the debates.

The Baltics have won the rights to their own national parties, recognition of languages, increased freedom of religion and even the flying of their old flags. Ambitions such as economic and legal self-rule have been denied to them so far but they are being listened to and argued with.

Inter-ethnic battles have also surfaced, chiefly Muslim vs Christian in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia; and, most recently, the resentment of Uzbekistan's Sunni Muslims against the minority of Meshkhtian Turks, Shias transported there by Stalin in 1944.

None of these crises and the death toll (more than 100 in Uzbekistan, 21 in Georgia, 37 in Azerbaijan) has been hidden and each has been met with a combination of tough measures to restore order — but also recognition of the problems involved.

Part of the problem is that glasnost has also exposed the unavoidable fact that perestroika has yet to work. Economic reforms, such as private enterprise for farmers and industrial co-operatives, profit accountability of State enterprises and other measures have yet to translate into growth though they have got off to an encouraging start. So far, 100 000 co-operatives have started up and their turnover is running at an annual rate of $27bn, against only $10bn last year.

Liberation of regulations on foreign investment has produced a surge in joint ventures: 365 agreements have been signed in the last two and a half years though only 50 are operating. Direct outside investment, however, has shot up from almost zero to a cumulative $800m and the new rules allowing foreign companies to own 100% of enterprises in the Soviet Union is forecast to bring more.

Growth, however, is stuck in a pedestrian range of 1%-2%, less than half the target set by Gorbachev in 1985 and the goods are still not reaching the shops. Market-style reforms such as lifting price controls to engender increased supplies are hobbled by the effect they would have on inflation and standards of living, while a realistic exchange rate for the rouble (even a convertible rouble) of about a quarter of its present $1.60 level would make exports more competitive — but this too is still in the theory stage. The Polish experience of legalising the black market in foreign exchange suggests the rouble might fall well below U.S. 25c.

The Soviet Union's refunded creditworthiness in the West is a cushion but its debt is rising and so is the cost of servicing. Logically, as perestroika takes hold, ties to the West should intensify and political and economic freedoms merge. And if the communist centre cannot hold — what will happen to peace?

Globally, the lie of communism, as it has been for the last 71 years, has been exposed. In only one country, Chile, has Marxism won the day in wholly free and normal elections and, even there, the policies proved a disaster leading to a military coup in 1973. The theology of communism has failed to stand up to scrutiny in peaceful democracies where there was a choice — not even in Portugal or Spain at the end of their periods of fascism. Acceleration of the relative peace which has survived 44 years of East-West confrontation suggests that, without trouble, old-style communism cannot endure in a mutually interdependent world.

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Making it a moral issue

Paul Johnson’s Ten Commandments

British historian Paul Johnson addressed a conference on business and ethics in Johannesburg this week. This article is excerpted from his speech.

The capitalist is a spiritual as well as a material being — and subject to moral discipline as much as anyone else. The moral neutrality of the system and the moral responsibility of those who operate it are reconciled by the fact that, in our societies, capitalism operates under a system of business law which capitalists must observe. Such obedience to the law is vital to the health of the system.

But if a society whose dynamic is capitalism is to have a firm moral basis, the men and women who operate its machinery must not be content with the negative virtue of mere legal observance. I propose to outline a positive code for those who practise free enterprise — what might be called the Ten Commandments for Capitalists.

Never let your business standards fall below your personal ones. Morality, like freedom, is indivisible. What the individual perceives to be wrong in private dealings, the corporate executive must likewise reject as impermissible.

We adopt in our private dealings a higher code of probity and honour than the law strictly requires and the same voluntary standards ought to apply to the conduct of a publicly quoted company. In the long run, unspoken but accepted codes of practice, based on moral as opposed to strictly legal imperatives, are in the interests not only of the public but of all businessmen and the spirit of capitalism itself.

The businessman must observe not merely the letter of the law but its spirit. This is good practical as well as good moral advice, for in the increasingly complex deals which are now mounted — I am thinking, for instance, of takeovers — there are large grey areas where the law is open to different interpretations. Businessmen who make a point of pushing on the legal frontier, though on legal advice, may find it proves mistaken and may become involved in inquiries which will ruin them long before they ever come to trial.

Be loyal. There are many layers of loyalty: to God, to religion, to one's country and family. But loyalty to one's firm and the best standard of one's trade are not the least valuable for such attachments. Of course there are conflicts of loyalties, and times when loyalty is misplaced. Difficult moral problems arise when loyalty to one's firm may place one in legal jeopardy or conflict with basic self-interest and duty to one's family. Everyone must resolve these in the light of his or her conscience.

Give employees equality of opportunity. We do not live in a perfectible world and never will, and history shows that attempts to create equality as such invariably end in failure and often in disaster. But equality of opportunity is quite a different matter. It is a viable, attainable human objective.

Genuine equality of opportunity is not attainable without vast and radical improvements in our education system. As technology and business sophistication advance, business training becomes more desirable at all levels. It is no use proclaiming a policy of equal opportunities if the training programmes which make it a reality are not available. And if they are not, it is no excuse to blame government.

Stress creativity. The business community should present itself to the world, and feel itself to be, the possessor of a collegiate spirit of fertility and invention, engaged in devising and realising the new, the useful and the affordable — a competitive community whose task is to create jobs, products and services which did not exist before. The stress on creativity is particularly important to counter the notion, deep-rooted in human minds and expressed in so much socialist theory, that the resources and goods of the world are somehow limited and that acquisition in one place must produce shortage in another. The unleashing of capitalist creativity is the best answer to the economies of shortage and the politics of envy.

Seek to excel. No product is ever as good, or as cheap, or as readily available as it might be; no service quite so dependable and comprehensive as human integrity can command. Needless to say, business must operate within the limits of what is possible at the time, and the balance sheet must be superimposed on the vision. There is no surer way to bankruptcy than not to recognise that the best is often the enemy of the good. It is the great social merit of capitalism, in my view, that it is continually transforming desirable luxuries into routine possessions, even essentials, and to ensure that what the rich enjoy today the poor will get tomorrow.

Businessmen have a plain moral duty to take account of the immediate and foreseeable consequences of their decisions. Whether a firm is siting a factory to create jobs or closing one down and ending them, the effects on the communities concerned must be an element in the decision-making process right from the start. This is awkward and contentious ground, for there are clearly limits to which any firm, however high-minded, can accept social responsibilities — indeed you might argue that its first social responsibility is efficiency and so survival. But the habit of thinking in terms of commercial cause and social effect should be instinctive in business psychology.

Business has a specific duty to the environment, beyond the call of legal obligation. In a capitalist society business occupies so important a place, wields so much political power and has so transforming an effect, that it cannot be seen as distinct from its environment. For business to damage its environment is a self-inflicted wound. To grasp this, I think, is the proper approach business should adopt to legislation designed to protect the environment from commercial operations.

Promote beauty. By this I do not mean that businesses should endow art galleries and finance operas and award literary prizes. It may do all these things, but they are optional. Obligation comes in when a firm performs positive acts in the way of its business. It erects buildings. It pushes products on to the market. All of them have a visual impact, sometimes an enormous one. The cumulative visual impact of business is always enormous; and here is one way in which the drive for excellence can take concrete form.

Some firms have always paid close attention to design; others not. I think it is true to say that, perhaps by coincidence, the most design-conscious firms have tended to be flourishing, profitable and long-lived. A concern for beauty — perhaps I should call it visual quality — is no longer an optional extra but a positive requirement if capitalism is to be given a moral face.

I do not think the free enterprise system, driven as it must be by the quest for profit, in order to service the capital which makes it all possible, will ever be totally acceptable to society, especially to the moralising classes — the clergy, the media, the intelligentsia, the teaching profession. Nor perhaps should it be. It is likely to function more efficiently and more honourably if it is constantly subjected to critical examination.

Again, I am not so sure it is desirable that capitalism should be wholly deprived of what might be called its buccaneering element. What is clear is that, to ensure its acceptability in democratic societies, equipped with parliaments and government agencies ever-anxious to impose restraints on free enterprise, those who operate the capitalist system should continuously strive to improve its standards of morality as well as its standards of efficiency. I believe that the two are complementary.
NOTICE 651 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTION 350 OF THE FARM ZWARTKOP 356 JR
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government: House of Assembly has approved that condition C Certificate of Consolidated Title 58023/1986 be removed.

(PB 4-15-2-37-356-12)
(16 June 1989)

NOTICE 652 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 1377 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SINOVILLE
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government: House of Assembly has approved that condition D (d) in Deed of Transfer T50443/1988 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-1235-19)
(16 June 1989)

NOTICE 653 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 99 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BOLTONIA
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) condition 3 (h) (a) in Deed of Transfer F13565/1970 be removed; and

(2) Krugersdorp Town-planning Scheme, 1980, be amended by the rezoning of Erf 99, Boltonia Township, to “Special” for the purposes of industrial and retail trade, subject to certain conditions which amendment scheme as known as Krugersdorp Amendment Scheme 133, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Krugersdorp.

(PB 4-14-2-174-1)
(16 June 1989)

NOTICE 654 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTION 27 (A PORTION OF PORTION 14) OF THE FARM BOTHASFONTEIN 408 JR
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works has approved that conditions A and C in Deed of Transfer T18525/1983 be removed.

(PB 4-15-2-37-408-1)
(16 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 651 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
GEDEELTE 350 VAN DIE PLAAS ZWARTKOP 356 JR
Hierby word ooreenkomslik die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde C in Sertifikaat van Gekonsolideerde Titel 58023/1986 opgehef word.

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ERF 99 IN DIE DORP BOLTONIA
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(1) voorwaarde 3 (h) (a) in Akte van Transport F13565/1970 opgehef word; en

(2) Krugersdorp-dorpwysingeksem, 1980, gewysig word deur die hersonering van Erf 99, in die dorp Boltonia, tot “Speciaal” vir die doeleindes van mynverhouding en kleinhandel, onderworpe aan sekere voorwaardes welke wysingeksem bekend staan as Krugersdorp-bakoeksem, 133, soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en skemakousses wat ter insig le in die kantoor van die Departementshoof, Departement Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Krugersdorp.

(PB 4-14-2-174-1)
(16 Junie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 654 VAN 1989
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Hierby word ooreenkomslik die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde A en C in Akte van Transport T18525/1983 opgehef word.

(PB 4-15-2-37-408-1)
(16 Junie 1989)
NOTICE 648 OF 1989
NOTICE OF CORRECTION:
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT
(Act No. 84 of 1967)

It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Administrator’s Notice 57 dated 25 January 1989, the correction of the notice has been approved by the substitution of the words “Remaining Extent of” for the words “Portion I of” in the heading of the notice.

(PB 4-14-2-648-6)

(16 June 1989)

NOTICE 649 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTION 1 AND THE REMAINING EXTENT OF
ERVEN 30, 55 AND 56, VEREENIGING

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restriction Act, 1967, that the Director of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that conditions (v) and (vi) in Deeds of Transfers T46928/1983 and T46929/1983 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-1368-13)

(16 June 1989)

NOTICE 650 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTION ACT, 1967
ERVEN 686, 693, 696 AND 708, GLENHARVIE
EXTENSION 2 TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works: House of Assembly has approved that Westonaria Town-planning Scheme, 1981, be amended by the rezoning of Erven 686 and 693, Glenharvie Extension 2, to “Business 2” and Erf 696, Glenharvie Extension 2 Township, to “Public Garage” and Erf 708, Glenharvie Extension 2, to “Parking” subject to certain conditions and which amendment scheme will be known as Westonaria Amendment Scheme 23, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Director-General Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Westonaria.

(PB 4-14-2-2840-1)

(16 June 1989)
Scheme 5 the Minister of Local Government and Housing, Administration: House of Assembly has approved the correction of the scheme by the replacement of the approved scheme clauses with an amended set scheme clauses.
(16 June 1989)

NOTICE 645 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 498 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MUCKLENEUK
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government, House of Assembly, has approved that condition (a) in Deed of Transfer T70757/1988 be altered by the deletion of the following words: "The said Lot shall be used for residential purposes only. Not more than one dwelling-house with the necessary outbuildings shall be erected on the said Lot, and the said Lot shall not be subdivided".
(16 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 645 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 498 IN DIE DORP MUCKLENEUK
Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde (a) in Akte van Transport T70757/1988 gewysig word deur die skrapping van die volgende woorde: "Die said Lot shall be used for residential purposes only. Not more than one dwelling-house with the necessary outbuildings and appurtenances shall be erected on the said Lot, and the said Lot shall not be subdivided".
(16 June 1989)

NOTICE 646 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 711 TOWNSHIP OF SELCOURT
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that:

1. condition (m) in Deed of Transfer T4200/1988 be removed; and

2. Springs Town-planning Scheme, 1948, be amended by the rezoning of Erf 711, Selcourt Township, to "Special Residential" with a density of "two dwellings per erf" and which amendment scheme will be known as Springs Amendment Scheme 1, 416, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Executive Director: Community Services Branch, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Springs.
(16 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 646 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DPTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 711, DORP SELCOURT
Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat:

1. voorwaarde (m) in Akte van Transport T4200/1988 opgehef word; en

2. Springs-dorpsbeplanningskema 1, 1948 gewysig word deur die hersiening van Erf 711 dorp Selcourt, tot "Speciale Woonwijk" met 'n dichtheid van "twee woninghuis per erf". welke wysigingskema bekend staan as Springs-wysigingskema 1, 416, sowel toepaslik aangedui op die toepaslike Kaart 3 en skemaklousules wat ter insyn le in die kantone van die Uitvoerende Direkteur: Tak Gemeenskapsdienste, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Springs.
(16 June 1989)

NOTICE 647 OF 1989
NOTICE OF CORRECTION:
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT
(Act No. 84 OF 1967)
It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Administrator's Notice 17 dated 11 January 1989, the correction of the notice has been approved by the substitution of the figures "16982" for the figures "10867".
(16 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 647 VAN 1989
KENNISGEWING VAN VERBETERING:
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)
Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepaling van artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademaal 'n fout in Administrateurskennisgewing 17 gedateer 11 Januarie 1989 ontstaan het, is dit goedgekeur dat bogenoemde kennisgewing gewysig word deur die vervanging van die syfers "10867" met die syfers "16982".
(16 June 1989)
### NOTICE 628 OF 1989
**ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**
**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS**
**REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967**
**ERF 3358, KIMBERLEY TOWNSHIP EXTENSION 20**

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly, has approved that conditions 15 (b) and (d) in the Township Title be removed.

(16 June 1989)

### NOTICE 629 OF 1989
**ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**
**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS**
**REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967**
**ERF 139, LORRAINE SUBDIVIDED ESTATE,** **PORT ELIZABETH**

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly, has approved that conditions B 1 (a), (b), 2 (c), 3 (e), C (h), (i), (j) and (k) in Deed of Transfer 20350/1965, be removed.

(16 June 1989)

### NOTICE 633 OF 1989
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FOR THE ERECTION OF A NEW ABATTOIR IN TERMS OF SECTION 12 (1) OF THE ABATTOIR INDUSTRY ACT, 1976 (ACT NO. 54 OF 1976)**

It is hereby made known in terms of section 12 (1) of the Abattoir Industry Act, 1976 (Act No. 54 of 1976), that Mr J. J. B. Z. Laubscher, P.O. Box 452, Kakamas, 8870, has in terms of section 11 of the said Act applied to the Minister of Agriculture for approval for the erection of a new abattoir on Lot 197, Kakamas.

If the application is granted, the abattoir will be used for the slaughter of live head of cattle, 15 calves, 45 sheep/goats, 15 pigs and four houses/mulles per day for supplying meat to the residents of Kakamas and vicinity.

Any person intending to submit representations or objections in regard to the above-mentioned application shall forward such representations or objections to the Chairman, Abattoir Commission, Private Bag X250, Pretoria, 0001, within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice and in the manner set out in the regulations published under the said Act.

Attention is invited to the provisions of regulation 11 (6) of the said regulations which require any person who submits objections to an application to the Minister to serve on the applicant concerned a copy of the document in which his objections are set out.

A.S. DU TOIT,
Chairman, Abattoir Commission.

Note.—The Regulations require that objections be affirmed under oath and submitted in triplicate.

(16 June 1989)

### KENNISGEWING 628 VAN 1989
**ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSAARD**
**DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIRING EN WERKE**
**WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPARKINGS, 1967**
**ERF 3358, KIMBERLEY-DORPSUITREIDING 20**

Hierby word ooreenkoms met die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes 15 (b) en (d) in die Dorpsstitel opgehef word.

(16 Junie 1989)

### KENNISGEWING 629 VAN 1989
**ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSAARD**
**DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIRING EN WERKE**
**WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPARKINGS, 1967**
**ERF 139, LORRAINE ONDERVERDEELDE LANDGOED, PORT ELIZABETH**

Hierby word ooreenkoms met die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes B 1 (a), (b), 2 (c), 3 (e), C (h), (i), (j) en (k) in Akte van Transport 20350/1965, opgehef word.

(16 Junie 1989)

### KENNISGEWING 633 VAN 1989
**KENNISGEWING VAN AANOSK OV GOEDKEURING VIR DIE OPRIGHTING VAN 'N NUWE ABATTOIR KRAGTENS ARTIKEL 12 (1) VAN DIE WET OP DIE ABATTOIRBEDRYF, 1976 (WET NO. 54 VAN 1976)**

Kennis geskied hiermee kragsartikel 12 (1) van die Wet op die Abattoirbedryf, 1976 (Wet No. 54 van 1976), dat mnr. J. J. B. Z. Laubscher, Posbus 452, Kakamas, 8870, krags artikel 11 van genoemde Wet by die Minister van Landbou aansoek gedoen het om goedkeuring vir die oprighting van 'n nuwe abattoir, Erf 197, Kakamas.

Indien die aansoek toegestaan word, sal die abattoir gebruik word vir die slag van wyd en skape/koeie, 15 varkes en vyf per dag om die voorvoer van vleis aan die inwoners van Kakamas en omgewing.

Iemand wat vertoe of besware in verband met bogenoemde aansoek wil rig, moet sodanige vertoe of besware aan die Voorsitter, Abattoirkommisie, Privaatsak X250, Pretoria, 0001, rig binne 'n tydperk van 30 dae vanaf datum van publikasie van hierdie kennisgewing en op die wyse uiteengesit in die regulasies kragtens genoemde Wet uitgaande.

Aandag word gevestig op die bepalings van regulasie 11 (6) van die genoemde regulasies wat vereis dat iemand wat vertoe of besware teen 'n aansoek aan die Minister voorlê, terselfdertyd 'n afskrif van die stuk waarin sy besware uiteengesit is op die betrokke applikant moet bestel.

A. S. DU TOIT,
namens Voorsitter: Abattoirkommissie.

L.W. — Die Regulasies vereis dat besware onder oed bevestig en in drievoud voorgele moet word.

(16 Junie 1989)
Why SA Coped Well

by John Stewart

FINANCE
It is hereby notified that the State President has assented to the following Act which is hereby published for general information:


The rate of increase in South Africa’s money supply is continuing to decline according to the latest figures released by the Reserve Bank.

The preliminary estimate for the increase in the broadly defined M3 in May was 24.19 percent compared with 25.38 percent in April.

The rate of increase has declined steadily from December’s 27.69 percent but still is only just inside the official growth target range of between 14 and 18 percent, which was set by the Reserve Bank in February.

In monetary terms, the increase in April in M3 was R124,57 million and in May R135,99 million.

Growth in the more narrowly defined M1 and M2 targets for April were 14.02 percent and 31.86 percent respectively.
Disappointment in store on pay rises

The latest money supply figures suggest that pay rises this Christmas, for the private sector at least, may not be as high as salary and wage earners expect or would like.

The figures show that the fight launched this year by the authorities to curb the money supply and so curb inflation has made an excellent start.

According to the Reserve Bank, the growth in the money supply came to a virtual halt in April and May.

In these two months M3 (the global money figure) grew by only 0.2 percent to R135.2 billion. In the same two months last year the money supply grew by almost 10 times this amount — by 19.4 percent to R101.4 billion.

The lack of growth in the money supply in April and May is the result of less money being borrowed from banks and other private sector financial institutions. According the Reserve Bank, private sector borrowing in April dropped by R1.4 billion.

This is not surprising. The extremely high cost of borrowing (currently 19.75 percent and much more in some cases) must deter fresh borrowing while encouraging the repayment of existing debt.

And as these high rates continue, one must expect a further cutback in borrowings — and a further increase in anti-inflationary pressures.

The practical effect of the levelling off in the growth in the money supply is that firms which increase their prices must expect to sell less of their products. To get away with a price increase there must be a corresponding increase in the money supply.

But if the money supply has stopped growing, as it apparently has, a price increase means that the public has to cut back on its purchases of that product.

So a price increase can no longer be relied upon to generate higher profits. In fact it could even lead to lower profits if the increase leads to a sharp drop in sales. Clearly, with the cost of imported goods and particularly petrol still rising, some companies could be heading for a rough patch this year.

If they find they are unable to pass on price rises in full, then their profits will be squeezed. In fact some manufacturers and retailers already seem to be facing this problem.

However, a little hardship would be justifiable if this process achieves its intended aim of stopping the continual increase in prices.

I recently asked a former top South African businessman, now a top American businessman, what was the difference between working in South Africa and in low-inflation US. His prompt reply was: "When you get a pay rise there it means something."

Perhaps, if the authorities continue to control the money supply and don't shoot themselves in the foot by overpaying the public service, pay rises in this country might come to mean something too.
Economy, not faith, tells churchmen where to squeeze

It's unlikely foreign bankers will refuse to reschedule South Africa's debts next year, despite pressure from church leaders and anti-apartheid activists. But the question for the financial authorities is what terms the banks will impose.

HILARY JOFFE reports

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

In a meeting with trade union representatives in Cape Town last week, Archbishop Desmond Tutu said he had announced that he had a mandate from God for his latest sanctions strategy.

Tutu and other church leaders have been calling on foreign bankers to impose conditions of "social justice" failing which they should refuse to reschedule South Africa's foreign debt next year.

It's likely, though, the church leader's strategy is more influenced by the state of South Africa's economy than questions of faith.

The debt situation is arguably one of the greatest pressures for reform — and will remain at centre stage until the Debt Standstill Committee chaired by Finance Director-General Chris Stals meets a committee of foreign bankers to re-negotiate South Africa's debt agreement early next year.

The agreement, negotiated in 1987, expires at the end of June 1990.

But church leaders or anti-apartheid activities have a hard time convincing foreign bankers not to reschedule South Africa's debts.

After all, the banks are primarily interested in getting their money. If, hypothetically, they suddenly called in the $9.1-billion (over R25-billion at current exchange rates) covered by the existing agreement between South Africa and its foreign creditors, the chances are they would have a better guarantee.

This was reflected earlier this month when the Swiss Protestant Federation for a tightening of the debt rescheduling timetable. A joint statement issued by the two parties following a meeting in Berne said they had agreed on the need to eliminate apartheid, even if it meant compromising on sanctions. But it added: "The Swiss banks showed understanding with regard to the churches' demands. However, they made the point that they took a hard line for the sake of the whole bank system.

"But even if it can be taken for granted — barring any very strong decisions by the government — that the banks will negotiate a Third Interim Agreement, what is in question is the terms they impose."

One issue in the negotiations would be what proportion of the debt South Africa had to commit itself to repay and over how long a period. Another would be the interest rate to be paid on outstanding debt — South Africa has since 1985 been paying interest at more than market.

South Africa's financial authorities have deferred allowing them to agree to reschedule their South African debts for 10 years. Such a move effectively takes their debt out of the next year, and as no longer included in next year's negotiations.

The largest of the banks to have gone this route is US bank Citicorp, which converted $666-million earlier this year.

The result is some $3.5-billion in loans (about R8-billion at current rates — almost a quarter of the sum "inside the net") has been forgiven.

The Financial Times reported last month that the exit vehicle allowed the foreign banks to charge up to 1.8 percent over money market rates.

It is likely that one of the things government and Reserve Bank representatives are doing on their various overseas trips is trying to persuade foreign bankers to take this option, giving South Africa some breathing space and cutting down on the uncertainty regarding next year's negotiations.

Meanwhile, the more immediate problem is whether South Africa will be able to pay what it has to over the next three years.

This week was highlighted with the release of the latest foreign trade figures by the Department of Customs and Excise. South Africa's trade surplus in May — R435-million — was 44 percent lower than in April.

In trade figures, showing the performance of exports and imports, are an indication of trends in the current account of South Africa's balance of payments. The May figures suggest it may be in deficit.

The debt repayments mean capital outflows, that is outflows on the capital account of the balance of payments. The current account surplus has to be large enough to compensate for the capital account outflows.

The Reserve Bank estimates debt repayments will total $1.3-billion this year and will peak at $1.9-billion next year. These figures include debt both "inside" and "outside" the net.

The amounts to be paid this year in rand on exchange rates at R2.50 to the dollar, it's R3.35-billion; at this year's exchange rate R1.75 over R4-billion.
Still riding the tiger

Loses in the Reserve Bank's gold and foreign exchange contingency reserve account now total about R1.3bn. The level reflects the relative strength of the rand: they stood at R2.7bn in March 1985, increased to R3.5bn in the following two years, fell to R2.6bn in March 1988 after rand appreciation, and took off sharply again to reach R11.2bn this March. They have now climbed nearly R2bn in only three months.

Losses are attributable mainly to the Bank's forward cover operation, despite its December announcement that it would resume a withdrawal from this market, to reduce and eventually eliminate losses.

The reason is that the Bank's commitments to sell dollars forward continually exceeded commitments to buy dollars forward. Its short position in dollars means that a decline in the dollar value of the rand generates losses.

So recent acceleration in these is the result of increasing momentum in the rand's decline, from US$52c at end-1987 to under US$35c last week, as well as deteriorating perceptions of its future.

Unlike dealers in the market, the Bank cannot protect itself by balancing its book. It is constrained by limited holdings of foreign currencies and also because it is reluctant to put more downward pressures on the unit.

The process is complicated by the Bank's undertaking, in December, to provide preferential forward cover rates to importers and exporters bringing new foreign trade credits into SA.

This was designed to counter a tendency among borrowers to switch from offshore credit to funds trapped in the debt standstill net, or purely local finance.

The significance of losses in the contingency reserve account, as Governor Gerhard de Kock points out, is that they represent "involuntary" creation of huge quantities of credit. Though charged to the account of the Government Treasury, they are in fact funded by growth in the money supply. This is because losses absorbed by the central bank are effectively "credits" to banks. And, as banks may lend a multiple of their cash or cash substitutes, these "credits" are high-powered money capable of generating still more money.

The Bank's dilemma is that, though SA can't afford this powerful inflationary input in an already inflationary environment, if it opts completely out of the market when the rand is depreciating, the move will not only put downward pressure on the rand but also upward pressure on interest rates.

Both events will have important economic and political consequences.

Another, unrelated, area of concern is capital flows induced by forward cover transactions (which are not the result of the Bank's participation in the market). They arise when the second leg of a forward cover transaction is rolled over. When a contract is liquidated, usually at the end of six months, a new forward cover contract is negotiated at prevailing currency and interest rates. The change in the rate generates a flow in or out.

When the dollar depreciates against other currencies, the flow is towards SA, thereby neutralising repayments, which is why repayments of $6bn foreign debt between the end of 1984 and the end of 1988 reduced $24bn to only $21bn instead of $18bn. When the dollar appreciates, there is an effective premature repayment of debt, a valuation adjustment of dollar liabilities, reflected as a capital outflow.

While capital flows relating to relative movements of the dollar and third currencies, lie beyond the control of SA's monetary authorities, the accumulation of forward cover losses is a matter of choice.

Announcing the attempt to resume phased withdrawal from the market, De Kock pointed out that a well-developed forward market functioning without daily support by the Bank would produce a realistic spot and forward rates, and realistic interest rates.

But there are always problems in facing reality, especially in a pre-election period. Moreover, in the context of SA's sharp reversals of economic fortunes, there is always the danger that belated actions may prove procyclical, adding impetus to prevailing trends rather than moderating them. So problems created by the authorities' failure to adjust interest rates quickly enough when credit demand started burgeoning last year could be compounded by additional increases now, if the cycle has already peaked.

Likewise, a falling rand feeds into the already powerful inflationary spiral.

So the authorities do not believe this is not the right moment for a purposeful withdrawal from the market. But there is never a right moment to introduce necessary reforms which have short-term adverse effects.

Which is why, despite attempts to discount, the Bank is likely to remain trapped astride the tiger.
GOVERNMENT FINANCES

Engaging overdrive

Exchequer revenues soared 38.6% in April-May, the first two months of the fiscal year. This creates a massive credibility gap, given that the official estimated increase in revenues for the year was 13.9%.

Explains First National's Coes Bruggemans: “The first two months of the fiscal year specifically reflect the extent to which revenue enhancements have been made. The Budget hopelessly underestimated the earning power of the structural changes to the tax system.” The enhancements, made on an ad hoc basis, include:

- Massive increases, and new, import surcharges, often applied indiscriminately;
- No real relief from bracket creep (“fiscal drag”) for personal taxpayers, in fact just the reverse, with even official estimates indicating that the haul from personal taxation will increase this fiscal year;
- The increase in GST;
- Bracket creep relating to all imposts (such as GST) calculated on a percentage basis, as the inflation rate surges ahead;
- Petrol price increases;
- Further phasing-in of fringe benefits tax;
- Healthy corporate profits, with no change in the company tax rate of 50%;
- Abolition — or reduction — of many corporate tax breaks;
- The retroactive minimum tax on companies (MTC); and
- Action against (some perfectly legitimate) tax avoidance schemes.

There is more to come from the retroactive 10% loan levy on companies. And while revenues roar ahead, spending proceeds with gusto. The April-May increase on a year ago was 30.3%, also massively ahead of the official estimate of 9%.

The net outcome after two months is a crude public-sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) of R4.5bn, against R3.8bn a year ago. This constitutes 44.7% of budgeted PSBR for the full fiscal year. The disgraceful figures have met appropriate responses.

Comments UBS' Hans Falkena: “State expenditure is clearly out of control. It is alarming that fiscal discipline is so poor. But what I find particularly worrying is that this confirms the increasing tendency of using capital to finance current expenditure. This has been happening for years, and is totally unsatisfactory.”

But the sharp increases in the first two months are likely to slow. Says Bruggemans: “The economy is likely to cool, slowing the increase in revenues. In contrast, spending momentum is as high as ever — if not at a record — and we may still see substantial increases as the fiscal year progresses, in the light of electioneering.”

From an economic viewpoint, September is an awful time for an election. Though revenues will slow, and spending hold momentum, tax hikes are politically unattractive. As Finance Minister Barend du Plessis has said: “We are already overtaxed.”

The macro-position is disheartening, as Falkena explains. “The rand continues to reflect our gold and foreign exchange weakness — at their lowest point in the Eighties. Inflation is increasing. The only thing government can do as an effective counter-measure is enforce fiscal discipline, and real positive interest rates.”

The landing may be harder than some thought. Many economists expect prime to rise a further percentage point, depending on the balance of payments.
It is hereby notified that the State President has assented to the following Act which is hereby published for general information:

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NOTICE 690 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
CORRECTION NOTICE
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT
(Act No. 84 of 1967)

It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Townplanning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Administrator's Notice 420 dated 12 May 1989, it has been approved that the notice be corrected by the substitution of the words "Strathaven Extension 8" for the words "Strathaven Extension 28".

(PB 4-9-2-116H-1079)
(23 June 1989)

NOTICE 691 OF 1989
CORRECTION NOTICE
HALFWAY HOUSE AND CLAYVILLE AMENDMENT SCHEME 281

It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Halfway House and Clayville Amendment Scheme 281 the Administrator has approved the correction of the scheme by the substitution of the faulty scheme clauses of amended scheme clauses.

(PB 4/9/2/149/281)
(23 June 1989)

NOTICE 692 OF 1989
CORRECTION NOTICE
BLOEMHOF AMENDMENT SCHEME 1

It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Bloemhof Amendment Scheme 1 the Administrator has approved the correction of the scheme by the substitution of the faulty scheme clauses of amended scheme clauses.

(PB 4/9/2/484/1)
(23 June 1989)

NOTICE 693 OF 1989
CORRECTION NOTICE
BOKSBURG AMENDMENT SCHEME 440

It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Boksburg Amendment Scheme 440 the Administrator has approved the correction of the scheme by the substitution for a faulty scheme clause of an amended one.

(PB 4/9/2/8440)
(23 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 690 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERK
VERBETERINGSKENNISGEWING
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)
Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademaal 'n fout in Administrateurskennisgewing 420 gedateer 12 Mei 1989, ontstaan het, goedkeuring verleen is dat bogenoemde kennisgewing gewysig word deur die vervanging van die woorde "Strathaven-uitbreiding 8" met die woorde "Strathaven-uitbreiding 28".

(PB 4-9-2-116H1-1079)
(23 Junie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 691 VAN 1989
VERBETERINGSKENNISGEWING
HALFWAY HOUSE EN CLAYVILLE-WYSIGINGSKEMA 281
Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademaal 'n fout in Halfway House en Clayville-wysigingskema 281 ontstaan het, het die Administrator goedkeur dat die skema verbeter word deur die vervanging van die foutiewe skemaklousule met gewysigde skemaklousule.

(PB 4/9/2/149/281)
(23 Junie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 692 VAN 1989
VERBETERINGSKENNISGEWING
BLOEMHOF-WYSIGINGSKEMA 1
Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademaal 'n fout in Bloemhof-wysigingskema 1 ontstaan het, het die Administrator goedkeur dat die skema verbeter word deur die vervanging van die foutiewe skemaklousule met gewysigde skemaklousule.

(PB 4/9/2/484/1)
(23 Junie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 693 VAN 1989
VERBETERINGSKENNISGEWING
BOKSBURG-WYSIGINGSKEMA 440
Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademaal 'n fout in Boksburg-wysigingskema 440 ontstaan het, het die Administrator goedkeur dat die skema verbeter word deur die vervanging van 'n foutiewe skemaklousule met 'n gewysigde een.

(PB 4/9/2/8440)
(23 Junie 1989)
NOTICE 688 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 521 IN LYNNWOOD TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government, House of Assembly, has approved that condition 3B (d) in Deed of Transfer T5787/1986 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-1789-10)

(23 June 1989)

NOTICE 689 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
JOHANNESBURG AMENDMENT SCHEME 1773

It is hereby notified in terms of section 36 (1) of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that the Director of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly has approved the amendment of Johannesburg Town-planning scheme, 1979, for rezoning mentioned in the Schedule.

Map 3 and the scheme clauses of the amendment scheme are filed with the Executive Director: Community Services Branch, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk, Johannesburg, and are open for inspection at all reasonable times.

This amendment is known as Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 1773.

(Pb 4-9-2-2H-1773)

SCHEDULE

1. Benrose Township
   (a) Erven 3, 32, 33, 60, 255, 258: By the cancellation of all existing reference to these erven in the Schedule and the substitution therefor of the details shown in Table N of the Schedule.
   (b) Erven 4 to 18, 23, 25 to 31, 34, 35, Remaining Extents of Erven 37, 42, 44, 46 and 47, Erven 38 to 41, 43, 45, 48, 49, 51 to 54, 58, 59, 65 to 68, 71 to 74, 189, 256, 257 and 259: By the amendment of Map 3 from Industrial 1 (Use Zone IX) to Industrial 3 (Use Zone XI) and by the inclusion of these erven in Table N of the Schedule.
   (c) By the addition of the letter “S” on the proposed amendment Map 3, A and B Series, on all the erven mentioned in (a) and (b) above, and the addition to Map 3, B Series, of the Height Zone 5 symbol, to include all the erven mentioned in (a) and (b) above, in this height zone.

2. Benrose Extension I Township
   (a) Erven 78, 79, remainder of Erf 165, Erven 192 and 193: By the amendment of Map 3 from Commercial I to Industrial 3.
   (b) Portion 3 of Erf 165: By the amendment of Map 3 from Commercial 1 to Business 1.

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Kennisewening 689 van 1989
Administrasie: Volksraad
Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Beheis en Werke

Johannesburg-Wysigingskema 1773
Hierby word ooreenkomsig die bepaling van artikel 36 (1) van die Orendomse op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorse 1965, bekendgemaak dat die Direkteur van Plaaslike Bestuur en Wysiging, Volksraad goedgekeur het dat Johannesburg-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1979, gewysig word vir hersonering soos in die Bylae aangeude.

Kaart 3 en die skemaklousies van die wysigingskema word in bewaring gehou deur die Uitvoerende Direkteur: Gemeenskapsdienste, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk, Johannesburg, en is beskikbaar vir inskpie op alle redelike tye.

Hierdie wysiging staan bekend as Johannesburg-wysigingskema 1773.

(Pb 4-9-2-211773)

Bylae

1. Benrose
   (a) Erve 3, 32, 33, 60, 255, 258: Deur alle bestaande verwysing na hierdie erwe in die Bylae te skrap en dit deur besonderhede soos dit in Tabel N van die Bylae by hierdie item aangedui word, te vervang.
   (b) Erve 4 tot 18, 23, 25 tot 31, 34, 35, Restervende Gedeelte van Erve 37, 42, 44, 46 en 47, Erve 38 tot 41, 43, 45, 48, 49, 51 tot 54, 58, 59, 65 tot 68, 71 tot 74, 189, 256, 257 en 259: Deur Kaart 3 van Nywerheids 1 (Hoogtesone 1X) na Nywerheids 3 (Hoogtesone XI) te wysig en deur hierdie erwe in Tabel N van die Bylae in te sulat onderworpe aan seker voorwaardes soos dit in Tabel N van die Bylae by hierdie item aangedui word.
   (c) Deur die toevoeging van die letter “S” op die voorgestelde gewysigde Kaart 3, A- en B-reks, op al die erwe wat in (a) en (b) hierbo genoem word en die toevoeging tot Kaart 3, B-reks, van die simbool vir Hoogtesone 5 om al die erwe wat in (a) en (b) hierbo genoem word by hierdie hoogtesone in te sulat.

2. Benrose-uitbreiding 1
   (a) Erve 78, 79, Restant van Erf 165, Erve 192, 193: Deur die wysiging van Kaart 3 van Kommersiel 1 naar Nywerheids 3.
   (b) Gedeelte van Erf 165: Deur die wysiging van Kaart 3 van Kommersiel 1 na Besigheid 1.
NOTICE 683 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

ERF 32. IN ASHLEA GARDENS TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2(1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) conditions (k), (m) and (n) in Deed of Transfer T42408/1988 be removed; and

(2) Pretoria Town-planning Scheme, 1974, be amended by the rezoning of Erf 32, Ashlea Gardens Township, to "Special" for office purposes subject to conditions which amendment scheme will be known as Pretoria Amendment Scheme 2153, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Pretoria.

(23 June 1989)

NOTICE 684 OF 1989

In terms of section 34A of Ordnance No. 25 of 1965, it is hereby announced that an amendment of the Sanneshof Interim Scheme, 1979 (Original Scheme), has been submitted to the Townships Board.

The amendment contains the following proposals:

The amendment of the zoning of the undermentioned erven from "Residential I" with a density of "one dwelling per 1 500 m²" and "Residential I" with a density of "one dwelling per erf" to "Residential I" with a density of "one dwelling per 800 m²":

1. Remainder of Erf 366, Portion 1 of Erf 366, Erven 367 to 381, Portion 1 of Erf 382, Portion 2 of Erf 382, Remainder of Erf 382 and Erven 382 to 391, Roosville Lextenmon 1.

2. Erven 1 to 30, 33 to 38, 41 to 48, 51 to 55, 57 to 60, 75 to 89, 92 to 94, 97 to 103, 107 to 135, 138 to 175, 201, 209, 210, 213 to 216, 255 to 261, 276 to 281, 284 to 293, 296, 299 to 312, 314 to 329, 334 to 337, 340 to 343, 345 to 362, 392, 399, 400 to 402, 405, 406, 407, 412, 413, 414, 417, 419, 420, 422, Portions 1 to 7, 10, 11, 14, 17, 19 to 35, 38, 41, 42, 46, 47, 49 to 56, 59, 62 to 70, 74 to 78, 80 to 82 and the Remainder of Erf 364, Roosville.

Particulars of the amendment are available at the office of the Head of Department, Local Government, Housing and Works, 12th Floor, Merino Building, Pretoria Street, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Sanneshof for a period of four weeks from the date of first publication in the Provincial Gazette, namely 21 June 1989.

Any objection to or representations in regard to the amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Head of Department, Local Government Housing and Works, Private Bag X340, Pretoria, within a period of four weeks from the above date.

(Reference: PB 4-9-2-103)

(23 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 683 VAN 1989

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BERPARKINGS, 1967

ERF 32 IN DIE DORP ASHLEA GARDENS

Hierby word ingevolge die beplings van artikel 2(1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

(1) voorwaardes (k), (m) en (n) in Akte van Transport T42408/1988 opgehef word; en

(2) Pretoria-dorpsbeplingskema, 1974, gewysig word deur die hersonering van Erf 32 in die dorp Ashlea Gardens, tot "Speciaal" vir kantoordoeleinde onderworpe van voorwaardes wat op die beplingskema bekend staan as Pretoria-wysingsskema 2153, sooos om "een woonhuis en 4 bedryfsnekke" tot "een woonhuis en 4 bedryfsnekke".

(23 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 684 VAN 1989

Ingevolge artikel 34A van Ordonnansie No. 25 van 1965 word hiermee bekendgemaak dat 'n wysiging van die Sanneshof Voorlopige Skema, 1979 (Oorspronklike Skema) aan die Dorperaad voorgelig is.

Die wysiging bevat die volgende voorstelle:

Die wysiging van die sonering van die ondergenoemde erwe van "Residentieel I" met 'n digtheid van "een woonhuis per 1 500 m²" en "Residentieel I" met 'n digtheid van "een woonhuis per erf" tot "Residentieel I" met 'n digtheid van "een woonhuis per 800 m²":

1. Restant van Erf 366, Gedeelte 1 van Erf 366, Erwe 367 to 381, Gedeelte 1 van Erf 382, Gedeelte 2 van Erf 382, Restant van Erf 382 en Erwe 382 tot 391, Roosville uitbieding 1.


Besporende van die wysiging is beskikbaar by die kantoor van die Hoof van die Departement Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, 12de Vieringsplein, Merinogebou, Pretoriusstraat, Pretoria, of die Stadsklerk van Sanneshof vir 'n tydperk van vier weke vanaf die datum van eerste kennisgewing in die Provinciale Koerant, naamlik 21 Junie 1989.

Enige beswaar of vertoë in verbond met die wyëiging moet skriftelik aan die Hoof van die Departement Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Privatadresse X340, Pretoria, binne 'n tydperk van vier weke vanaf die dag dat die bewyse ontvang is voorgelig word.

(Verwysing: PB 4-9-2-103)

(23 Junie 1989)
NOTICE 685 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

ERF 289 IN SAXONWOLD TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) conditions (b), (c), (d) and (i) in Deed of Transfer F839/1968 be removed; and

(2) Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme, 1979, be amended by the rezoning of Erf 289, Saxonwold Township, to “Residential I” with a density of “One dwelling-house per 1 500 m²” which amendment scheme will be known as Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 2312, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Johannesburg.

(PB 4-14-2-1207-39)

(23 June 1989)

Notice 686 of 1989

Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967

ErF 234 in Florida Township

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) condition (a) in Deed of Transfer 37814/1964 be removed; and

(2) Roodepoort Town-planning Scheme, 1987, be amended by the rezoning of Erf 234, Florida Township, to “Residential I” with a density of “One dwelling per 1 000 m²” which amendment scheme will be known as Roodepoort Amendment Scheme 208, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Roodepoort.

(PB 4-14-2-482-31)

(23 June 1989)

Notice 687 of 1989

Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967

ErF 190 in Pretoria Industrial Township

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government, House of Assembly, has approved that conditions A1 (c) and B1 (c) in Deed of Transfer T28513/1977 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-1073-6)

(23 June 1989)

Kennisgewing 685 Van 1989

Wet op Opheffing Van Beperkings, 1967

ERF 289 IN DIE DORP SAXONWOLD

Hierby word ingevolge die bepalling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

(1) voorwaardes (b), (c), (d) en (i) in Akte van Transport F839/1968 opgehef; en

(2) Johannesburg-dorpsbeplanningkema, 1979, gewysig word deur die hersenoring van Erf 289 in die dorp Saxonwold, tot “Residensiël I” met ‘n digtheid van “Een woonhuis per 1 500 m²” welke wysingskema bekend staan as Johannesburg-wysingskema 2312, soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en skemaklousules wat ter insae lê in die kantoor van die Departementshoof, Departement Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Johannesburg.

(PB 4-14-2-1207-39)

(23 June 1989)

Kennisgewing 686 Van 1989

Wet op Opheffing Van Beperkings, 1967

ERF 234 IN DIE DORP FLORIDA

Hierby word ingevolge die bepalling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

(1) voorwaarde (a) in Akte van Transport 37814/1964 opgehef word; en

(2) Roodepoort-dorpsbeplanningkema, 1987, gewysig word deur die herseroering van Erf 234 in die dorp Florida, tot “Residensiël I” met ‘n digtheid van “Een woonhuis per 1 000 m²” welke wysingskema bekend staan as Roodepoort-wysingskema 208, soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en skemaklousules wat ter insae lê in die kantoor van die Departementshoof, Departement Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Roodepoort.

(PB 4-14-2-482-31)

(23 June 1989)

Kennisgewing 687 Van 1989

Wet op Opheffing Van Beperkings, 1967

ERF 190 IN DIE DORP PRETORIA INDUSTRIAL

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes A1 (c) en B1 (c) in Akte van Transport T28513/1977 opgehef word.

(PB 4-14-2-1073-6)

(23 June 1989)
NOTICE 674 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 24, BISHOPSCOURT, CAPE TOWN

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly, has approved that conditions I (a) and (b), II (iv), (v), (vi) and (vii), IV 2, 3 and 5, VA to N, P and Q in Deed of Transfer T5028/1984 be removed.
(23 June 1989)

NOTICE 675 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 934, STRUIS BAY

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly, has approved that condition B (c) in Deed of Transfer T22002/1980 be removed.
(23 June 1989)

NOTICE 676 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 2258, PAARL TOWNSHIP EXTENSION 11

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly, has approved that conditions 5 (a), (b), (c) and (d) in Deed of Transfer 10471/1964 be removed.
(23 June 1989)

NOTICE 677 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 8649, DAL JOSAFAT INDUSTRIAL TOWNSHIP, PAARL

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly, has approved that condition 2 (9) in Deed of Transfer 17734/1957 be removed.
(23 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 674 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISEND EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 24, BISHOPSCOURT, KAAPSTAD
Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van PLAASLIKE BESTUUR en BEHUISING, VOLKSRAAD, goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde I (a) en (b), II (iv), (v), (vi) en (vii), IV 2, 3 en 5, VA tot N, P en Q in Akte van Transport T5028/1984 opgehef word.
(23 Junie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 675 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISEND EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 934, STRUISBAAI
Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van PLAASLIKE BESTUUR en BEHUISING, VOLKSRAAD, goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde B (c) in Akte van Transport T22002/1980 opgehef word.
(23 Junie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 676 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISEND EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 2258, PAARL-DORPSUITHREIDING 11
Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van PLAASLIKE BESTUUR en BEHUISING, VOLKSRAAD, goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde 5 (a), (b), (c) en (d) in Akte van Transport 10471/1964 opgehef word.
(23 Junie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 677 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISEND EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 8649, DAL JOSAFAT-NYWERHEIDSORPSGEBIED, PAARL
Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van PLAASLIKE BESTUUR en BEHUISING, VOLKSRAAD, goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde 2 (9) in Akte van Transport 17734/1957 opgehef word.
(23 Junie 1989)
NOTICE 668 OF 1989
DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER
LABOUR RELATIONS ACT, 1956

REGISTRATION AS A TRADE UNION

It is hereby notified for general information that the Free Independent Workers' Association has with effect from 11 May 1989 in terms of section 4 (7) of the Labour Relations Act, 1956, been registered as a trade union in respect of all persons employed in the Salt Mining Industry, as defined below, in the Magisterial District of Port Elizabeth.

"Salt Mining Industry" means the industry in which employers and their employees are associated for the purpose of searching for or winning, extracting, processing or refining salt, and includes those operations which are ancillary or incidental to the salt mining industry.

(23 June 1989)

NOTICE 672 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

ERF 739, VERNOM, CALEDON DIVISIONAL COUNCIL

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly, has approved that condition E (a) in Deed of Transfer T49476/1988 be amended by the deletion of the expression "nor save with the consent aforesaid, may the said property (or any lot if the property sold comprises more than one lot) be subdivided" and that condition E (d) in the said Deed of Transfer also be amended by the deletion of the expression "and only one dwelling together with such outbuildings as are ordinarily required for domestic purposes shall be erected on any one Lot".

(23 June 1989)

NOTICE 673 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

ERF 1469, MOUNTAINSIDE TOWNSHIP, GORDON'S BAY

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly, has approved that condition C (iii) (d) in Deed of Transfer T44229/1988 be removed.

(23 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 668 VAN 1989
DEPARTEMEIT VAN MANNEKRAG
WET OP ARBEIDSVERHOUINGE, 1956

REGISTRASIE AS 'N VAKVERENIGING
Hierby word vir algemene inligting bekendgemaak dat die Free Independent Workers' Association met ingang van 11 Mei 1989 ingevolge artikel 4 (7) van die Wet op Arbeidsverhoudinge, 1956, as 'n vakvereniging geregistreer is ten opsigte van alle persone in diens in die Soutmynbedryf, soos hieronder omskryf, in die landdrosdistrik Port Elizabeth.

"Soutmynbedryf" beteken die bedryf waarin werk- gewers en hul werknemers met mekaar geassosieer is met die doel om na sout te soek of dit te win, te ekstraqueer, te prosesseer of te afweek, en dit omvat die werksaamhede wat bykomstig is by of gepaard gaan met die soutmynbedryf.

(23 Junie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 672 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMEmEIT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967

ERF 739, VERNOM, AFDELINGSRaad VAN CALEDON

Hierby word ooreenkomsdié bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde E (a) in Akte van Transport T49476/1984 gewysig word deur die skrapping van die uitdrukking "nor save with the consent aforesaid, may the said property (or any lot if the property sold comprises more than one lot) be subdivided" en dat voorwaarde E (d) in die gesegde Akte van Transport ook gewysig word deur die skrapping van die uitdrukking "and only one dwelling together with such outbuildings as are ordinarily required for domestic purposes shall be erected on any one Lot".

(23 Junie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 673 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMEmEIT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967

ERF 1469, MOUNTAINSIDE-DORPSGEBIED, GORDONSBAAI

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde C (iii) (d) in Akte van Transport T44229/1988 opgehef word.

(23 Junie 1989)
Any person who wishes to object to the granting of the application, may communicate in writing with the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and works, Administration: House of Assembly, at the above address or Private Bag X20524, Bloemfontein, 9300. Objections, in duplicate, must reach this office not later than 16h00 on Friday, 21 July 1989.

(a) Hennenman (1889) (AV): For the alteration of the Hennenman Town-planning Scheme by the rezoning of Erven 161 and 166 from “Government Purposes” to “General Business”.

(b) Harrismith (2/89) (AV): For the alteration of the Harrismith Town-planning scheme by the rezoning of Portion 13 of Erf 76 from “Special Resident” to “General Business”.

(c) Welkom (2/89) (AV): For the alteration of the Welkom Town-planning Scheme by the rezoning of Subdivision I of Erf 9973, Extension 34, from “General Residential” to “Street”.

(d) Bainsvlei (2/89) (AV): For the alteration of the Bainsvlei Town-planning Scheme by the rezoning of Subdivision 1 of Plot 21, Spitskop Small Holdings 2671, from “Holdings” to “General Business”.

Head of the Department,
Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly.
(23 June 1989)

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KENNISGEWING 661 VAN 1989

ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad

DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIsING EN WERKE

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(WET NO. 84 VAN 1967)

ASOOK HERSONERING.—ERF 254, WELKOM
(AMENDMENT 18/1989)

The Minister of Local Government and Housing:
House of Assembly in terms of the Provisions of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), as amended, altered the conditions of title in Deed of Transfer T4962/1988 pertaining to Erf 254, Welkom, by the removal of conditions C (i) and (ii) and D (b) in the said deed of transfer, as well as for the rezoning from “Special Business” to “Business Type C.”.

(23 June 1989)

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KENNISGEWING 662 VAN 1989

ADMINISTRASIE: RAAD VAN VERTEENWOORDIGERS

DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIsING EN LANDBOU

KENNIS VAN ONTEENIENING

Aan:

Die persone aangedui in die onderstaande bylae, hul fielheem en alle belanghebbende parte,

1. Die eiendom hierna beskryf, waarvan nul die wete van die Ontwikkelingsraad ingestel by artikel 2 van die Wet op Ontwikkeling (Wet No. 3 van 1987), die geregistreerde eiener(s) is, word deur genoemde Ontwikkelingsraad benodig ten einde die oogmerke waarvoor die Raad ingestel is, te bereik.

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(f) Erf 941, 15 Van Soelen Street, Ficksburg; for the removal of condition of title 1 in Deed of Transfer T10019/1988 in order to establish a motor garage, panel beater and associated uses, on the said erf.

(g) Erven 1583, 1584 and R/1585, Loop Street, Hilton, Bloemfontein; for the removal of conditions of title 1A, 2A and 3 (a) in Deed of Transfer T7890/1988 in order to consolidate the said properties and to conduct the existing business on the said erven.

Head of the Department,
Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly.
(23 June 1989)

NOTICE 659 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 OF 1967)

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the mentioned applications have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly and will lie for inspection at the office of the Regional Representative of the said Department (Fourth Floor, Fedlife Building, Maitland Street, Bloemfontein) and the office of the relevant local Authority.

Any person who wishes to object to the granting of the application, may communicate in writing with the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly, at the above address of Private Bag X20524, Bloemfontein, 9300. Objections, in duplicate, must reach this office not later than 16h00 on Friday, 21 July 1989.

(a) Welkom (3/89): For the alteration of the Welkom Town-planning Scheme by the zoning of Subdivision 2 of Subdivision 2 of the Remainder of the farm Vooruitgang 52 to “Educational Private”.

(b) Bloemfontein (6/89): For the alteration of the Bloemfontein Town-planning Scheme by the rezoning of Erf 14781, Fichardtpark, from “Educational Purposes” to “Town Houses Residential”.

Head of the Department,
Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly.
(23 June 1989)

NOTICE 660 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 OF 1967)

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the mentioned applications have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly and will lie for inspection at the office of the Regional Representative of the said Department (Fourth Floor, Fedlife Building, Maitland Street, Bloemfontein) and the office of the relevant local Authority.

KENNISGEWING 659 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)

Hierby word ingevolge artikel 3 (6) van die bogenoemde Wet bekendgemaak dat die ondergenoemde aansoeke deur die Hoof van die Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Administrasie: Volksraad ontvang is en ter insae lê by die Dossierekenwoordiger van die Departement (Vierde Verdieping, Fedlifegebou, Maitlandstraat 49, Bloemfontein) en by die kantore van die betrokke Plaaslike Bestuur.

Enige persoon wat teen die toestaan van die aansoek beswaar wil maak, kan met die Hoof van die Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Administrasie: Volksraad, skriflik in verbindende tree, besware, in tweevoud, moet hierdie kantoor nie later nie as 16h00 op Vrydag, 21 Julie 1989, bereik.

(a) Welkom (3/89): Vir die wyziging van die Welkom-dorpsaanlegskema deur die sonering van Onderverdeling 2 van Onderverdeling 2 van die Restant van die plaas Vooruitgang 52 na “Opvoedkundig Privaat”.

(b) Bloemfontein (6/89): Vir die wyziging van die Bloemfontein-dorpsaanlegskema deur die hersonering van Erf 14781, Fichardtpark, vanaf “Opvoedkundige Doelindes” na “Meenthuiswoningen”.

Departementshoof,
(23 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 660 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)

Hierby word ingevolge artikel 3 (6) van bogenoemde Wet bekendgemaak dat die ondergenoemde aansoek deur die Hoof van die Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Administrasie: Volksraad ontvang is en ter insae lê by die Dossierekenwoordiger van die Departement (Vierde Verdieping, Fedlifegebou, Maitlandstraat, Bloemfontein) en by die kantore van die betrokke Plaaslike Bestuur.
Will 1990 be the year of the Big Depression?

IN just over six months it will be 1990, the year a prominent American economist has predicted will herald the start of a new worldwide depression.

He is Ravi Batra, an Indian-born American economist whose controversial book "The Great Depression of 1990" was a bestseller in the United States in 1987, months before the October stock market crash.

Batra is an economics professor at the Southern Methodist University and has long argued that the American economy, and ultimately the world economy, is set to enter a Great Depression starting in 1990 that will last several years.

Cycles

Like others who cling to the theory of long economic cycles, first espoused by the Russian economist Kondratieff, he says the stage is set for another Great Depression during which commodity prices will plunge, farmers' income will drop sharply and world trade will come to a standstill. Billions of people will find themselves unemployed.

The world, he says, will be characterised by turmoil and social unrest, food scarcities and trade wars as nations try to protect their markets.

Kondratieff discovered the phenomenon of long cycles of business activity, each lasting roughly between 50 and 55 years. These are sometimes called Kondratieff Waves. Using this theory he earlier this century accurately predicted not only the collapse of the thirties, but also the strong world economies during the sixties and early seventies.

Basing his theory on detailed analysis of commodity prices over more than 250 years, he illustrated that sharp peaks in prices were followed by collapses in 1818, 1873 and 1929.

Ever since the last Depression it has been widely debated whether the world could experience another great collapse. If Kondratieff's theory is true, the world economy should have had a collapse roughly between 1979 and 1994.

We all know that this did not happen and that the American economy is experiencing its longest post-World War 2 upswing.

Many analysts and economists were of the opinion that the stock market collapse in October 1987 heralded the onset of the next depression. But this scenario has not unfolded, and after a temporary hiccup in economic growth in the fourth quarter of 1987, the economy has shown remarkable resilience, recording steady, if not spectacular growth without an increase in inflation.

But lurking in the wings are still the US budget and trade deficits which have not been solved and are growing larger by the minute. America's huge debt is funded by the savings of the Western world, making it very vulnerable to a collapse in political confidence or economic recession in the US.

If the world has another depression, South Africa will not be able to escape its effects. Being a major exporter of commodities this country will inescapably suffer, perhaps not as badly as other major industrialised countries.

If one, like Batra, thinks that a depression is just around the corner, what should one's investment strategy be now?

Using the events of the last Great Depression as a yardstick it is clear that liquidity is going to be all important. Thousands of people had paper assets during the thirties but were unable to convert them into cash. People with high debt ratios were very quickly pulled under.

Tips

- Start gearing up for a depression now. Stop spending and start saving vigorously even realising some, if not all, of one's assets. This includes one's shares in the stock market and property, because, if the Depression is anything to go by, they will be worth half at the end of the slump.

- Have about 20 percent of your assets in the form of Krugerrands.

- Try to pay off your house as soon as possible or even consider moving to a smaller house.

- Start building up an emergency supply of food and other necessities. Have at enough-finned food to last one year. Stock up on goods like motor car tyres and oil to see you through a difficult patch.

- People (and there are many) who seriously think a great depression is possible should buy a small farm somewhere out of town, on which some form of subsistence farming can be practised.

Remember, thrift is always better than wealth.
Economy is in a nosedive — BER

By TREVOR WALKER, Business Staff

THE South African economy is in a nosedive, business confidence is plummeting and the outlook for the third quarter of 1989 is abysmal, the Bureau of Economic Research at Stellenbosch says.

But Dr Okkie Stuart, director of the Bureau said “at the touch of a button the country’s major trading partners could switch the economy to boom.

“South Africa has been forced to repay debt on a scale unprecedented in recent Western economic history, yet the mere reversal of current economic policy towards the country would see an economic boom of unprecedented proportions.”

The whole sub-continent stood to benefit from a vibrant South African economy that could play a pivotal role in the region.

South Africa had been forced to maintain a solid surplus on its trading balance with its major trading partners to repay recalled debt.

Yet the metals and minerals that these very same partners required were imported “as usual”.

He said the economy was very healthy in fundamental or academic terms, but the trading environment was peculiar to say the least.

The bureau had calculated an index to reflect the overall response from the businessmen that it surveyed and based on an index figure of 100 this index was expected to slump dramatically to 77 in the third quarter of 1989.

Dr Stuart said past surveys had led the bureau to believe that the level of truthfulness of its respondents was high and there was no reason to believe that the present overall gloomy forecast was in any way prejudiced.

The tempo of activity in the manufacturing sector had slowed down during the second quarter of this year.

Sales and production volumes were lower than expected in the previous survey and the index number, which reflected the volume of sales during the second quarter of 1989, decreased from 128 to 124 and was expected to fall to 118 in the third quarter.

Dr Stuart said interest rates had peaked, but he did not expect any significant fall until the second half of next year.
Chris Stals to succeed De Cock as governor.
Growth rate slows as financial curbs bite

By Sven Linsche

Financial curbs have succeeded in restricting growth in consumer expenditure, but have been partially undermined by a rise in Government spending.

The Reserve Bank's Quarterly Bulletin shows the growth rate declined from three percent in 1986 to 1.5 percent in the first quarter of this year.

But the rate of real gross domestic expenditure, after dropping in the last three quarters of 1988, grew at a rate of six percent in the first three months of this year.

"The return to a relatively rapid rise in real gross domestic expenditure in the first quarter of 1989 reflected essentially a spurt in real government consumption expenditure in the final quarter of the fiscal year 1988/89," the Reserve Bank says.

The surge in government spending was due mainly to a large rise in expenditure on goods and services, but can also be ascribed to a rise in outlays on salaries and wages.

The consumer, however, has been hard hit by the measures and the Reserve Bank sees the steady decline in consumer spending in the first quarter as indicative of an imminent longer-term cutback in household spending.

Real private consumption expenditure increased by only two percent over the quarter, with consumer durables taking the brunt of the cutback.

Real household spending on consumer durables, which had risen by 14.5 percent in the fourth quarter of 1988, declined by about two percent in the first quarter.

Spending on new vehicles fell by almost 15 percent, but there was little change in real outlays on furniture and household appliances.

The Reserve Bank says that after rising by seven percent in the fourth quarter of last year, spending on semi-durable goods rose only marginally in the first quarter of 1989.

The main area where the cutbacks took place were in clothing and footwear.

On the balance of payments, the bank says the surplus on the current account fell to its lowest level for nine months.

The annualised surplus for the quarter was R2.7 billion, compared with annualised surpluses of R4.6 billion and R5.6 billion in the last two quarters of 1988.

The bank says this shrinkage was as a result of a significant decline in the value of merchandise exports, a moderate decline in the value of net gold exports and continuing merchandise imports.

The outflow of non-reserve-related capital was significantly higher.

The outflow in the last three months of 1988 was R1 billion, but surged to R1.9 billion in the first quarter of this year.
Economy ‘in bad trouble’

By Trevor Walker
CAPE TOWN — The economy is in a nosedive, business confidence is plummeting and the outlook for the third quarter of 1989 is abysmal, says the Bureau of Economic Research (BER) at Stellenbosch.

But, says director Dr Okkie Stuart, “at the touch of a button the country’s major trading partners could switch the economy to boom”.

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The whole sub-continent stood to benefit from a vibrant South African economy that could play a pivotal role in the region, he said.

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Yet the metals and minerals that these very same partners required were imported “as usual.”

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Acclaim for SA's gentleman banker

Dr Gerhard de Kock, who announced his resignation as Governor of the Reserve Bank yesterday, emphasised that he was stepping down purely for personal reasons.

"Given the precarious state of the economy, it was best to establish clarity about the economic leadership of the country as soon as possible."

Rumours that he had resigned as a result of political pressure were dismissed as "highly insensitive" by a Department of Finance spokesman.

It is well known that Dr de Kock's health has deteriorated recently. He was unable to fulfil his duties for several weeks earlier this year.

Bankers and economists were unanimous in their praise for Dr de Kock, the chief architect of South Africa's move to more market-related monetary policies this decade.

In 1977 he was appointed chairman of the commission of inquiry into South Africa's monetary policies.

Dry sense of humour

In the first of several reports, it proposed dramatic and sometimes radical — for South Africa — changes in the management of the economy.

During more than eight years at the helm of the Reserve Bank — a post held for more than 17 years by his father — he gained a reputation as a gentleman's banker, with a dry sense of humour.

Last year he was named Central Banker of 1988 by an international banking magazine.

Dr de Kock said yesterday: "It is a pity I could not see out the full period of my second term as governor. I would have been just about 65 then, and that would be a good age to retire. Unfortunately my health has prevented this, and I deemed it my duty to resign at the end of October."
DP slashes Nat stance on state of economy

Political Reporter

The Democratic Party has accused Minister of Finance Mr. Barend du Plessis and deputy Mr. Org Marais of being "less than honest" in trying to portray the South African economy as relatively healthy.

The co-vice-chairman of the DP's national board, Mr. David Gant, said in a statement that the two men were using selected statistics to give the impression that the economy was performing well.

SERIOUS THREAT

Reacting to a Government document on the economy released this week, Mr. Gant said: "To refer to improved white ownership of homes, white ownership of cars, and white attendance at universities is irrelevant. It smacks of electioneering and avoids the fundamental issues."

The real test of a successful economy was its ability to create jobs and avoid inflation. The South African economy was failing dismally in these respects.

He said unemployment had become a serious threat to state security, and the growth rate was not even keeping pace with the population increase.

It is also less than honest to try and persuade South Africans that their personal economic fortunes are the direct result of sanctions, disinvestment, and the lack of foreign capital.

The economic rot set in long before the Rubicon was crossed, the falling gold price, and the jambokking of blacks pictured on television screens of the world.

"It was caused by reckless Government spending on propping up and enforcing apartheid, creating a grandiose and unproductive bureaucracy, and applying election-oriented fiscal policies."

He said the National Party had no right to ask to be returned to power on September 6. South Africans had the ability to generate substantial wealth, but could not do so under conditions of persistent Government intervention and incompetence.
As taxes rise, SA forgets how to save

By HILARY JOFFE

To grow at four percent a year, South Africa’s economy must generate savings equivalent to 19 percent of its gross domestic product, but net savings at present represents only 3.5 percent of GDP.

In the latest issue of United’s Economic Perspective, released this week, economist Hans Faulkena points to the adverse effect low savings have had on investment and therefore on job opportunities and economic growth.

With no capital coming in from outside, the country depends on domestic savings to finance investment. Savings ratios have fallen dramatically over the past two decades and much of what is saved has to cover the capital outflows from the country. Saving by individuals dropped from over seven percent of GDP in 1968 to one percent in 1988, according to Faulkena. One reason for this is the increasing tax burden on individuals — direct personal taxation rose from around five percent of GDP in 1968 to over seven percent in 1988. “As households were reluctant to accept a continuous lowering in their standards of living, personal saving levels were consequently eroded,” says Economic Perspective. But it has also been a result of high inflation coupled with low interest rates, which have meant there is little incentive to save. Even though interest rates have risen so that they exceed the rate of inflation, Faulkena says the outlook for personal saving remains bleak.

The government has moved from being a net saver to a net dissauser. Prior to 1982 it was generating savings — and then it has been using up a proportion of what is saved. There was an improvement last year — government dissaving dropped from a high of 2.2 percent of GDP in 1987 to 0.5 percent last year — but the government is still borrowing to finance current expenditure, for example on salaries and running costs. Faulkena forecasts government dissaving will once again rise this year.

While the savings rates of individuals and the government have fallen, corporate savings rates have risen. But this is not supposed to happen — companies are supposed to invest, not to save. According to Faulkena, the corporate finance balance, should ideally be negative to the extent of about two percent. This balance represents the difference between companies’ current income and total expenditure including investment. It has instead been positive since 1985, peaking at over 10 percent of GDP in the fourth quarter of 1988. Spending on semi-durable goods increased only marginally, with cutbacks particularly in clothing and footwear, after rising by seven percent in the fourth quarter of last year.

The review attributed this to:

- Tighter hire purchase regulations and higher interest rates.
- The increase in administered prices, higher import surcharges and accelerating inflation.
- Household concern about real after-tax income.
- Households stockpiling up with consumer goods in previous years and pre-emptive buying during 1988.
- Households’ heavy recourse to credit in 1988, the resultant deterioration of their debt-income ratios and the unsustainable weakening of their personal savings ratios.

State splurges as growth dips

The economic growth rate fell but spending rose in the first three months of this year, says the latest Reserve Bank Quarterly Review released this week.

The growth rate declined to 1.5 percent in the first quarter, from the average three percent recorded last year. But gross domestic spending grew by six percent in real terms, after falling during the last three quarters of 1988.

The spending increase was because of a spurt in government consumption expenditure in the final quarter of the fiscal year 1988/89, the review said. It also reflected building up of inventories.

Households, however, cut their spending, particularly on durable goods. Real household spending on consumer durables declined by about two percent in the first quarter of this year, after rising by 14.5 percent in 1987 but dropping slightly to nine percent last year, reflecting higher investment levels.

The low investment levels — particularly in the years 1985 to 1987 resulted from lack of long term confidence in the economy rather than lack of cash. Faulkena points out in contrast to the position of households, direct taxation on companies has fallen steadily since 1985/86. Corporate tax represented 5.4 percent of GDP last year — lower than the 5.7 percent two decades before.

Last year investment did improve. Fixed investment (in plant, machinery and buildings) by the private sector was positive for the first time since 1981, according to Reserve Bank statistics.

Significantly, a higher proportion of investment spending last year went on creating new production capacity, rather than just replacing old plants and machinery.

Whereas in 1986, 89 percent of gross domestic investment went to replacing existing capital stock, last year this fell to 81 percent, according to Faulkena.

However, investment spending is likely to fall again this year.

South Africa’s declining rate of real investment over the past eight years has resulted in lower growth and lower potential growth rates, Faulkena says. The capital stock is ageing so that firms are unable to take full advantage of the latest technology.

“This in turn limits growth in output and as a result, job creation also suffers,” he adds.
Pressure causes woes – Barend

South Africans were paying high taxes and high interest rates because of the international action against the country, said Finance Minister Mr Barend du Plessis.

Speaking at the NP federal congress, he said the congress had a good case if it complained about high taxes and interest rates.

The Government was committed to reducing tax rates and interest rates.

He said the situation had been caused by the world taking action to force an unacceptable system upon the country.

The country's economic problems started about 20 years ago with the arms embargo.

This was followed by the oil boycott, sanctions, the nuclear boycott and the refusal of foreign banks to renew loans.

Over four years, R25 billion had to be repaid in foreign loans, while the drought had cost an estimated R23 billion.
Business can be engine of reforms in Republic

If business can create normality with stability, there is no reason why we should not achieve growth rates far in excess of anything we have dared to talk about. Business has so much to offer. But it all goes back to our willingness to become the agents for change. While recognising the need to change, business has favoured incremental change by piecemeal reform as a safer and less painful process, both in relation to the conduct of its own business and in regard to political and constitutional reform.

It would be foolish to deny the considerable value of incremental change, but it is simply not adequate to reverse generations of discrimination and domination.

Just as economic adjustments are no longer adequate to deal with the future, so too political adjustments and concessions are no longer adequate. In my judgment, the "adequate progress" of change which the Governor of the Reserve Bank, Dr de Kock advocated recently, can be no less than a commitment to a non-racial democracy.

This is precisely where business has a unique responsibility and opportunity, which I cannot stress too much. It would be completely naive to believe that the introduction of a universal franchise would automatically result in foreign capital flooding into South Africa.

However, if business is to be seen to be setting an example by recognising the need for a transformation strategy, both in regard to its own affairs including industrial relations and in regard to political empowerment, the rest of the world, not least its bankers, would see this as a powerful indication that the changeover to a normal society need not lead to instability or turmoil.

This action would also send a message of hope to the thousands of outstanding young people, who would desperately like to be part of a non-racial South Africa, but are just not prepared to be part of an apartheid society with military service and other commitments to support a system they believe to be immoral and indefensible.

I wonder whether we have any conception of the growth that could be achieved in a normal society? Has anyone attempted to quantify the funds that could be released for training and housing the people of South Africa, if taxation could be applied to these purposes, rather than to defence and to financing the completely non-productive super-structures of apartheid?

Are we really inferior to the Japanese and others, who have achieved fantastic progress for themselves and their neighbours by a proper utilisation of their human resources? And we have the additional advantage of being the richest country in the world as far as minerals are concerned.
The thing about the phoney economic booms Pretoria engineers with easy money is that there always seems to be an end. The latest one, after a two-year run, is clearly fizzling.

South Africans are buying fewer cars, starting fewer businesses and planning fewer houses. In fact, almost every indicator is down. The slowdown may have started as long as a year ago, though as recently as May 5, Pretoria was still trying to raise interest rates to choke growth — much of it a false boom government itself prompted by keeping interest rates down earlier.

Standard Bank’s index of leading indicators peaked last June at 99.52 (1980=100). Bar a few one-month upturns, it’s been falling ever since. In May, it stood at 80.31.

The index of leading indicators used by Stellenbosch’s Bureau for Economic Research peaked in September at 95.7 (1980=100) and slipped to 91.4 by March, the latest month available.

“It looks like a slowdown but I’d like a couple more months before saying for sure,” says Romatex textile group economist Jon van Collier, who compiles the Stellenbosch index. “We believe we had a strong first quarter, though all final figures aren’t in. But April and May really slowed down.”

Though recession may be coming, it’s not here yet. There’s no official definition in SA, but, generally, economists say two quarters of falling GDP or six months of a falling index of leading indicators mean a recession.

Neither has happened yet. Van Collier takes a more subjective approach. “I don’t like rigid definitions. If the economy comes down sharply and you see it will be extended, that’s a recession.”

Economist’s Tony Twine believes the economy peaked between November and January. “Annualised M3 growth over the past three months is down to 10.8%. Demand for credit must be falling rapidly. Different areas of the economy have different turning points, but most turning points cluster around the last four months of last year.”

Some indicators haven’t turned, he says. “Fixed investment and transportation equipment sales are still growing. Heavy commercial vehicle year-to-date sales are 4.4% above last year and commercial building plans have shown strong growth in the past four months.” Also, imports continue to boom, hitting a record last month.

Rand Merchant Bank’s Rudolf Gouws believes the economy turned early this year. “Retail sales, manufacturing capacity utilisation and other indicators are down.” This, of course, is what Pretoria wants.

Like a mischievous big brother giving candy to a baby and then taking it away, the Reserve Bank pumps up the economy with a huge infusion of new rands. M0 — currency in circulation and reserves, the only money supply measure the Bank directly controls — soared 37.8% from May 1988 to last month. In the year before that, it jumped 23.6%. The reason is always politics: it’s easier to win elections when everything seems prosperous. Eventually it’s time to take the candy away, because unbridled money growth means unbridled inflation and a slumping rand.

Government economists would dismiss this as a natural part of the business cycle; consumers would call it a hangover, the natural result of any binge.

As early as November 1987, when real interest rates were negative, some economists suggested curbs as money supply spurted. In March 1988, the Bank finally nudged up interest rates. But it didn’t act decisively until a two-percentage-point rise a week after October’s local elections.

All the moves were too little, too late, so money supply kept rising. “The Bank acted too late to prevent most of the damage,” says Twine. “It should have allowed interest rates to rise much earlier, but held back. The political cost was seen as higher than the economic reward, which is always the case in SA. Interest rates are much higher now than they would have been.

“The May 5 package may have been slight overkill because the economy was slowing.

But it wasn’t a heavy overkill.”

Will this all mean a recession? Probably, because sharply curtailed money supply growth almost always leads to recession, unless government offsets the temporary negative effects by, say, slashing taxes or loosening business restrictions. But economists don’t expect a recession like the last one.

“I don’t think we’ll fall off a cliff like in 1984-1985,” says Van Collier. “It should be a fairly mild slowdown. There’s a reasonable chance of a soft landing.”

Gouws is more pessimistic. “It will be a pretty severe slowdown, but not like 1985. It will be very late 1990, if not early 1991, before there’s an upturn.”

### POINTING DOWN

**Economic Indicators**

- **peak month**
- **% change**
- **Money supply growth (M1)**
  - Jun 1988: -69.0% (Apr)
- **Reserves**
  - Jul 1987: -26.0% (Apr)
- **New companies**
  - Dec 1987: -15.4% (Mar)
- **Mining production**
  - Jan 1985: -14.1% (Feb)
- **Car sales**
  - Aug 1988: -7.5% (May)
- **Retail sales**
  - Dec 1988: -4.3% (Apr)
- **Wholesale sales**
  - Feb 1989: -3.2% (April)
- **Manufacturing production**
  - Nov 1988: -3.1% (Feb)
- **Bankruptcies**
  - Oct 1988: 16.1% (Feb)
- **Imports**
  - May 1989: 16.1% (Feb)

* Figure given is the percentage change from the recent peak month to the latest month for which statistics are available.

**Note:** Figures used to compute percentages are seasonally adjusted and expressed in 1980 prices.

**Source:** Romatex economist Jon van Collier.
**Org in wonderland**

It's to be hoped that Deputy Finance Minister Org Marais does not feel compelled to waste much more of his time, and taxpayers' money, justifying his claim that white South Africans are better off than they were 20 years ago. The press was this week invited to a "briefing" in Pretoria on "positive aspects of the economy" which turned out to be largely a litany of excuses for its defects.

It was apparently called as a matter of urgency (late on Monday for Tuesday at 9 am). A document prepared by Marais had not yet been translated into English. Despite the urgency, it contained little new. Starting with a re-run of standard excuses for poor economic performance — the drought, the gold price, sanctions, and so on — Marais went on to rehash 1988 statistics, most of which were first presented by Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock last November.

That the exercise was designed to substantiate Marais' claims on whites' welfare could be deduced from comparative international statistics presented, among them on car and home ownership. These showed that SA ranks third behind the US and West Germany on the first score and third behind the US and UK on the second. The catch is that the figures relate only to whites.

Clearly, figures relating to less than 15% of the population are irrelevant. And if white voters have the sense to ask why the comparison is not made with the most affluent 15% of populations of other countries surveyed, it will be of little help at the polls, either.

The scale of the problem confronting SA is revealed in provisional figures which show annualised first-quarter real growth in total expenditure of 6%. This must be reduced, said Marais, "if possible to a real 1% for

1989 as a whole, if the compulsory goal of a larger surplus on the current account is taken into consideration."

That must mean a decline in real spending for the rest of the year. How will Marais dress that up?
buildings to be built thereon shall be of a substantial character and constructed of brick or stone or other material to be approved by City Deed Limited, or its successors in title'; and

(2) Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme, 1979, be amended by the rezoning of Erf 251, The Hill Township, to "Residential I") with a density of "one dwelling per 500 m²"; and which amendment scheme will be known as Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 2221, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Executive Director: Community Services Branch, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Johannesburg.

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(30 June 1989)

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NOTICE 731 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERVEN 24 AND 25, MENLO PARK TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly, has approved that condition (b) in Deeds of Transfer T14978/1988 and T7626/1988 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-856-38)

(30 June 1989)

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NOTICE 732 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT
(Act No. 84 OF 1967)
CORRECTION NOTICE

It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Administrator's Notice No. 383 dated 5/4/89 the correction of the notice has been approved by the substitution of the letter C for the letter D.

(PB 4-16-2-582-10)

(30 June 1989)

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NOTICE 733 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 922 LYNWOOD TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that conditions C (i) (ii) and (iv) in Deed of Transfer T46091/1988 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-809-33)

(30 June 1989)

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KENNISGEWING 731 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUIsing EN WERK
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERWE 24 EN 25, DORP MENLO Park

Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Volksraad, goedgekeur dat voorwaarde (b) in Akte van Transport T14978/1988 en T7626/1988 opgeschel word.

(PB 4-14-2-856-38)

(30 June 1989)

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KENNISGEWING 732 VAN 1989
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DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUIsing EN WERK
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS,
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)
VERBETERINGSKENNISGEWING

Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepaling van artikel 38 van die Ordonansie op Dorpsheplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nadeel na die uit in Administrateurskennisgewing No. 383 gedaan is die betreffende koppeling van deur om die letter D te vervang met die letter C.

(PB 4-16-2-582-10)

(30 June 1989)

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(30 June 1989)
NOTICE 728 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 290, SAXONWOLD TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly, has approved that:

(1) conditions (b) (c) (d) and (i) in Deed of Transfer T1280/1961 be removed; and

(2) Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme, 1979, be amended by the rezoning of Erf 290, Saxonwold Township, to “Residential I”, with a density of “one dwelling per 1 500 m²”, height zone 0; which amendment scheme will be known as Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 2107, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Johannesburg.

(30 June 1989)

NOTICE 729 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTION 2 OF ERG 98, GROBLERSDAL TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly, has approved that:

(1) conditions (a), (b), (c), (d), (g) and (h) in Deed of Transfer T7700/1983 be removed; and

(2) Groblersdal Town-planning Scheme, 1981, be amended by the rezoning of Portion 2 of Erf 98, Groblersdal Township, to “Business I”, height zone 8; which amendment scheme will be known as Groblersdal Amendment Scheme 18, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Groblersdal.

(30 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 728 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 290, DORP SAXONWOLD

Hierby word ingevolge die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuisiging, Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat:

(1) voorwaardes (b) (c) (d) en (i) in Akte van Transport T1280/1961 opgehef word; en

(2) Johannesburg-dorpsbeplanningseksa, 1979, gewysig word deur die hersonering van Erf 290, dorp Saxonwold, tot “Residensie I”, met ‘n digtheid van “een woonhuis per 1 500 m²”, hoogtesone 0; welke wysigingseka bekend staan as Johannesburg-wysigingseka 2107, soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en skemaklousues wat ter insae lê in die kantoor van die Departementshove, Departement Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuisiging en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsdiener van Johannesburg.

(30 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 729 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTMET VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
GEDEELTE 2 VAN ERG 98, DORP GROBLERSDAL

Hierby word ingevolge die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuisiging, Volksraad goedgekeur het dat:

(1) voorwaardes (a), (b), (c), (d), (g) en (h) in Akte van Transport T7700/1983 opgehef word; en


(30 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 730 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMET VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 251, DORP THE HILL

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Direkteur van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuisiging, Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat:

(1) voorwaarde (2) in Akte van Transport T2580/1983 opgehef word en voorwaarde (1) in Akte van Transport T2580/1983 gewysig word om as...
Remarks:
This notice supersedes all previous notices in respect of Moreletapark Extension 8.
References No.:
P B 4-2-2-4569.
(30 J une 1989)

NOTICE 725 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967 ERF 459, KEMPTON PARK EXTENSION 2 TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly, has approved that condition C (m) in Deed of Transfer T32229/1988 be removed.
(PB 4-14-2-667-10)
(30 June 1989)

NOTICE 726 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967 ERF 1793, WATERKLOOF RIDGE TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly, has approved that—
(1) condition B (1) in Deed of Transfer T22345/SS be removed; and
(2) Pretoria Town-planning Scheme, 1974, be amended by the rezoning of ERF 1793, Waterkloof Ridge Township, to "Special" for a retirement village, subject to certain conditions; which amendment scheme will be known as Pretoria Amendment Scheme 2112, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Pretoria.
(PB 4-14-2-1406-28)
(30 June 1989)

NOTICE 727 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967 ERF 58, SPARTAN TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly, has approved that condition C (a) in Deed of Transfer T22262/1983 be removed.
(PB 4-14-2-1247-4)
(30 June 1989)
NOTICE 723 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the applications mentioned in the Schedule have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works and are open for inspection at the 12th Floor, Merino Building, Pretorius Street, Pretoria, and at the office of the relevant local authority.

Any objection, with full reasons therefor, should be lodged in writing with the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, at the above address or Private Bag X340, Pretoria, on or before 28 July 1989.

SCHEDULE

JOE DYER for the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 596, Brooklyn Township, in order to permit the erf to be used for Group housing.

(PB 4-14-2-206-103)

PHYLLIS DORFAN for the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 875, Selcourt Township, in order to add to condition 206 the following "that no side spaces be applicable to Erf 875, Springs".

(PB 4-14-2-1220-28)
NOTICE 704 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 45063, RONDEBOCHS, CAPE TOWN
Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the removal of condition BA (b) in Deed of Transfer T63774/1988.
(30 June 1989)

NOTICE 705 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERVEN 4147 AND 4148, TABLE VIEW, MILNERTON
Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the removal of conditions A (a) to (d) and B (e) in Deed of Transfer T48776/1984, conditions A (a) to (d) and B (e) in Deed of Transfer 10362/1968 and conditions A (a) to (d) and B (e) in Deed of Transfer T48776/1984.
(30 June 1989)

NOTICE 706 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERVEN 78 AND 79, BOESMANSRIIVERMOND
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that condition 1C (iv) in respect of Erf 78 and conditions 1C (ii), (iii) and (iv) in respect of Erf 79 in Deed of Transfer T21644/1988 be removed.
(30 June 1989)

NOTICE 707 OF 1989
DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER
LABOUR RELATIONS ACT, 1956
CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION OF AN EMPLOYERS’ ORGANISATION
I, David William James, Industrial Registrar, hereby notify, in terms of section 14 (2) of the Labour Relations Act, 1956, that I have cancelled the registration of the South African Plastic Recycling Association with effect from 19 June 1989.
D. W. JAMES,
Industrial Registrar.
(30 June 1989)

KENNISGEWING 704 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSORNAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISENG EN WERKE
WET OP OEPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 45063, RONDEBOSCH, KAAPSTAD
Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Oepheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde BA (b) in Akte van Transport T63774/1988 opgehef word.
(30 Junie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 705 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSORNAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISENG EN WERKE
WET OP OEPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERWE 4147 EN 4148, TABLE VIEW, MILNERTON
Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Oepheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes A (a) tot (d) en B (e) in Akte van Transport T48776/1984, voorwaardes A (a) tot (d) en B (e) in Akte van Transport 10362/1968 en voorwaardes A (a) tot (d) en B (e) in Akte van Transport T48776/1984 opgehef word.
(30 Junie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 706 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSORNAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISENG EN WERKE
WET OP OEPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERWE 78 EN 79, BOESMANSRIIVERMOND
Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Oepheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde 1C (iv) ten opsigte van Erf 78 en voorwaardes 1C (ii), (iii) en (iv) ten opsigte van Erf 79 in Transportakte T21644/1988 opgehef word.
(30 Junie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 707 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSORNAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN MANNEKRAG
WET OP ARBEIDSVERHOUDINGE, 1956
INTREKKING VAN REGISTRASIE VAN 'N WERKGEWERSORGANISASIE
Ek, David William James, Nywerheidsregisseur, maak hierby kragtens artikel 14 (2) van die Wet op Arbeidsverhoudinge, 1956, bekend dat ek die registrasie van die South African Plastic Recycling Association met ingang van 19 Junie 1989 ingetrek het.
D. W. JAMES,
Nywerheidsregisseur.
(30 Junie 1989)
GENERAL NOTICES

NOTICE 698 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 1505, PEARLRISE SUBDIVIDED ESTATE, SOMERSET WEST

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved the removal of conditions (iv) (a) to (d) and (vi) in Deed of Transfer T17616 of 1974.

(30 June 1989)

NOTICE 699 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 OF 1967)

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the undermentioned application(s) has/have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly and will lie for inspection at the office of the Regional Representative of the said Department (Fourth Floor, Fedlife Building, Maitland Street, Bloemfontein).

Any persons who wishes to object to the granting of the application, may communicate in writing with the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly, at the above address or Private Bag X20524, Bloemfontein, 9300. Objections, in duplicate, must reach this office not later than 1600 on Friday, 28 July 1989.

Erf 15595, Langenhoven Street, Sasolburg: for the alteration of condition of title B.3 (g) in Deed of transfer T12481/1988 in order to enable the owner to relax the building restriction, so that a number of residential units for retired persons may be erected on the said erf.

Head: Department Local Government, Housing and Works: Administration: House of Assembly.

(30 June 1989)

NOTICE 700 OF 1989
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
DIRECTORATE: INLAND REVENUE
APPOINTMENT AS COMMISSIONER FOR INLAND REVENUE

It is hereby notified for general information that the Minister of Finance has, on the recommendation of the Commission for Administration, approved the promotion of Johannes Willem Hattingh to the post of Commissioner for Inland Revenue with effect from 1 July 1989 vice Clive Edward Kingston who retires on pension on that date.

(30 June 1989)

ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

KENNISGEWING 698 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 1505, PEARLRISE ONDERVERDEELDE LANDGOED, SOMERSET-WES

Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes (iv) (a) tot (d) en (vi) in Transportakte T17616 van 1974 opgeheft word.

(30 Junie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 699 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)

Hierby word ingeval artikel 3 (6) van die begoenemde Wet bekend gemaak dat die ondergenoemde aanvraag(e) deur die Hoof van die Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Administrasie: Volksraad ontvang is en ter insig bly by die Streekvereenwoordiger van genoemde Departement (Vierdie Verdieping, Fedlifegebou, Maitlandstraat, Bloemfontein) en by die kantore van die betrokke Plaaslike Bestuur.

Enige persoon wat teen die toestaan van die aanvraag beswaar wil maak kan met die Hoof van die Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Administrasie: Volksraad, Privaat post X20524, Bloemfontein, 9300, skriflik in verbinding tree. Beswaar, in tweevoud, moet hierdie kantoor nie later nie as 1400 op Vrydag 28 Julie 1989 bereik.

Erf 15595, Langenhovenstraat, Sasolburg: vir die wysiging van titelforwaarde B.3 (g) in Transportakte T12481/1988 ten einde die eienaar in staat te stel om die boulyn te verslap, om 'n aantal woonenhede vir algemene doeleinden op die gemelde erf op te rig.


(30 Junie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 700 VAN 1989
DEPARTEMENT VAN FINANSIES
DIREKTORaat: BINNENLANDSE INKOMSTE
AANSTELLING AS KOMMISSARIS VAN BINNENLANDSE INKOMSTE

Hierby word vir algemene inligting bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Finansies, op aanbeveling van die Kommissie vir Administrasie, die bevordering van Johannes Willem Hattingh tot die pos van Kommissaris van Binnelandse Inkomste met ingang van 1 Julie 1989, in die plek van Clive Edward Kingston wat op daardie datum met pensioen aftree, goedgekeur het.

(30 Junie 1989)
SA’s high population growth could ‘bog down economy’

PRETORIA — SA’s economy could be bogged down by 8-million unemployed by the end of the century unless population growth was curbed, Council for Population Development chairman J P de Lange said yesterday.

In a statement he stressed SA’s population growth was amongst the world’s highest, doubling every 30 years with a baby born every 20 seconds.

At the current rate, the country’s natural resources would be overtaken in two decades.

This would result in total social disintegration, unemployment on a vast scale and unmanageable poverty.

Although progress had been made through the population development programme, growth was still far too high, he said.

Women in the rural areas and in the independent states and self-governing territories still had an average of more than six children each.

This would result in SA reaching its optimal population, 60-million, within the current generation’s lifetime.
Outgoing Reserve Bank Governor
Gerhard de Kock rejects speculation
that he might have been deposed by
political masters.

"I am going because I am very sick," I have cancer and
the prognosis is not good" is the tragically forthright reply
from the most likeable man in SA public life.

Dr De Kock has steered the SA economy through treach-
erous seas. The sail may be torn, the mast broken and we
might have taken in some water — but thanks largely to
the helmsman, the economic ship is afloat. A lesser man
might well have had us on the rocks.

The departure of Dr De Kock marks the
end of a dynasty at the Reserve Bank. His
father Mike de Kock was governor. Then his
uncle Theuns de Jongh signed SA's bank-
otees. Gerhard de Kock took over from Dr
De Jongh.

A former economics professor with a
Harvard PhD, Dr De Kock knows his theory
as few central bankers do.
The De Kock Commission report is a
landmark, even though events after 1984
precluded its full implementation.

The genial governor has done more than
anyone to set SA on a free-market path. In
the nick of time, he set the rand free to find
its own level and used interest rates to
counter the inflationary effects.

He chose growth over weak rand and high
inflation over sp-growth, lower inflation and a slightly stronger rand. In so doing he
did much to debase political turmoil in SA.

Dr De Kock is unusual among public
figures in being so warm, good-natured and
able to get along with people. His
calm and wit helped counter many a problem
for this country.

I asked him this week whether he had
been thwarted and frustrated by economi-
cally litterate politicians, as so many of us
suspect.

He replied: "A central banker has to
operate in a political framework. It has
been said I was not independent enough, but
only the head of the Federal Reserve in the
United States and of the Bundesbank in West Germany had greater autonomy than
I.'

"I had reasonable independence. Al-
though I had to face the realities of the
Government's policies, I criticised it — for
instance, in my annual statements of 1983
and 1984 when I criticised overspending."

Dr De Kock feels let down in so far as
there was seldom enough fiscal policy in the
mix. Controlling the economy was left
largely to the Reserve Bank, but he believes he faced up to the challenge by allowing
interest rates to rise.

"We were condemned for being too harsh
in pushing up prime rate to 16% in 1984. I
believe it caused incredible pain across the
economy, but at least we got the current
account out of deep deficit and into surplus
by 1985.

"If we had not achieved that in 1985 when
the townships were in upheaval and Cape
Manhattan started the run on SA, we should
have been lost. It is only because we had a
current account surplus that we were able to
arrange the debt repayment schedule that we
have.

"Since then, we have been running the
economy in surplus like developed
countries, such as Switzerland and Germany. "It's
been foreign to our nature, but we did it."

Dr De Kock is less happy about the ex-
currence of 1983.

"It was clear that the economic upswing
was too strong. We should have acted soon-
enough to curb it. But we really did run into

political obstacles. People were worried
about the farmers and small businesses. A
quick shock was required to stop the run
on rand.

"When Fikle du Preez was running for the
try-line, you had to catch him in the first
five yards or you could never catch him for
this country."

Will Chris Stals, his successor, be as much
of a free market man as he?

"I think he will have much the same
brace approach as I. He was a student of
mine and I am delighted at his selection. In
fact, I timed my resignation to avoid a lot
of speculation about my successor."

"I am a free-market man, but it is not an
ideological obsession. Experience taught
me that intervention does not work. We
tried credit ceilings, import controls, wage
freezes, etc, and they never worked.

"Only last year it was announced there
would be no public-sector pay increases, but
a few months later public servants were
given 15% and teachers 20%.

Dr De Kock agrees that capital outflows
are the biggest problem facing the econ-
omy.

He has stated that capital outflows since
1985 have run to R200-billion, only half of
that related to debt repayment. The ham-
morriage goes on.

Last year the outflow amounted to R6.5-
billion and in the first quarter of 1985 to
R19-billion.

"There are technical explanations, such
as the balance of payments position. The strength
of the dollar has also been a factor because it
causes losses on currency-cover, amounting
to $200-million a month."

"Exchange control contraventions run to
millions, not to billions. We all talk too
lightly about billions these days. I have to
remind people that a billion is a thousand
bloody million rand."

Gerhard de Kock, folksy, witty and wise,
a warm human being among insecure mat-
culate fronts, player of a tenor saxophone
in a boerseesse, driver of a mean golf ball,
humorist, economist, central banker... an
outstanding South African.
SACC appeals to NGK: force Govt to negotiate with leaders

By Carina de Grange, Religion Reporter

The annual national conference of the South African Council of Churches (SACC), in Bosmont last week, heeded the voice of its general secretary in more than one aspect.

Opening the conference, the Reverend Frank Chikane appealed to white South Africans to take a position on apartheid; he called on the white Ned Geref Kerk to change its attitude to apartheid; and he said the general international situation had become such that apartheid had become more untenable than ever before.

The conference subsequently appealed to the NGK "to be courageous and act courageously".

The NGK, it said, constituted the majority of the leadership of the ruling party in government and thus had a "major responsibility in ensuring that the present crisis in South Africa is not perpetuated".

It called on the NGK to "force the government into negotiations with the legitimate leaders of the oppressed people".

MESSAGE

Such prophetic witness and action could cost the church a large part of her membership but would remove the "inhuman and heretical regime of apartheid".

The conference sent an official message to white South Africans countrywide to reject apartheid.

It said hard times were ahead for white South Africans and the SACC would not be honest if it did not issue this warning.

Whites, the message said, were "prisoners of ignorance, fear and mistrust". This blocked the possibility of changing the attitude of whites.

"Apartheid cannot be reformed and will have to be destroyed. Such a reversal will inevitably create upheaval, but it can also be the catharsis which brings real change in attitudes, belief and the way of life."

The conference said Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's "new thinking" held much promise not only for international stability and peace, but also opened new opportunities for resolving regional conflicts. This introduced a new opportunity to end the apartheid system in South Africa.

It called on the leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union to help South Africa out of the logic of apartheid, but also called on Western powers "not to conceive and hammer into shape a package for South Africa without proper consultation with the oppressed people of the country".
UBS chief says economy must be slowed

The economy must be slowed to a growth rate not exceeding 3% to ensure an adequate surplus on the current account of the balance of payments, so that SA can meet its debt obligations, says UBS chairman Henk Hefer in his annual review.

He notes positive signs of a change in perceptions overseas that could result in the negotiation of a less onerous debt repayment schedule.

Monetary and fiscal policy is expected to remain stringent.

The rate of export growth is likely to decline as a result of an expected worldwide economic slowdown and sanctions, he says. The rand exchange rate is expected to remain under pressure and the rate of inflation to accelerate.

The abolition of prescribed investment requirements for insurance companies and pension funds could serve to underpin the JSE, while privatisation of some large public corporations is not expected to affect its performance to any noticeable extent.

"The above factors do not augur well for an improvement in the already alarmingly low savings ratio," says Hefer. It is therefore unlikely that retail-sector savings will improve and the group will continue to rely substantially on the corporate sector for its funding requirements.

"Life assurers continue to enjoy substantial fiscal and regulatory advantages and the disproportionate flow of funds to that industry is expected to continue," says Hefer.
De Kock links growth with political reform

ORATA STEYN

RESERVE Bank Governor Garhard de Kock yesterday reiterated that the ideals of optimal growth, low inflation, a strong currency and a rising standard of living would not be achieved in SA without adequate progress in the field of political and constitutional reform.

However, he said a headline on an interview with him in the Sunday Star, "The Nats have cost us R27bn" was incorrect because it implied that he had become involved in party politics.

He issued a statement saying: "Every economics and financial reporter knows that the net outflow of capital from SA during the past four-and-a-half years amounted to about R27bn. And it is common knowledge that unfavourable overseas perceptions of the intertwined political and economic developments in SA during this period were a major cause of this outflow."

In accordance with his policy for the past three years in the Reserve Bank, he did not comment on party politics.

However, he noted that twice in his career political circumstances had interfered with economic policies.
Government spending takes its largest leap in 10 years

Government's use of loans to fund current spending in the first quarter of this year seriously hampered the country's savings performance and helped finance an increase in government's share of GDP.

Government spending as a percentage of GDP jumped to 32.8% in the first quarter of this year, according to figures in the latest Quarterly Bulletin — compared with 29.6% in the first quarter of 1988 and 29.8% in the same period in 1987.

Compared with the preceding three quarters, the increase is even more pronounced, but it must be borne in mind that government spending is seasonally heavy in the first quarter.

The growth in government's share of GDP contradicts its own stated policy of reducing its stake in the economy. It was the result of massive spending in the first quarter — at 31.5% the increase was the highest in any quarter in the past 10 fiscal years.

Greta Steyn

Government also returned to a position of net dissaving — using loans to finance current spending — in the first quarter from a position of net saving in the fourth quarter of 1988. The bulletin notes the state's dissaving as the primary reason for a renewed worsening in the overall savings position of the country. Gross domestic saving as a percentage of GDP dropped to 22.7% from 24.7% in the final quarter of 1988.

The bulletin says: "Renewed slackening of the overall domestic savings performance — which the economy can ill afford if stepped-up domestic investment efforts are to be reconciled with the continuing need for financing an outflow of capital — resulted primarily from a return by general government from net saving in the fourth quarter of 1988... to net dissaving in the first quarter of 1989."

Economists say fixed investment is important because it raises the potential economic growth rate of the country. SA's investment effort depends solely on savings, because the country does not have access to foreign capital.
Sharp deterioration in consumer confidence

Consumer confidence has deteriorated sharply and white consumers, in particular, were worried about the short-term future of the SA economy, the Bureau for Economic Research at Stellenbosch University discloses in its latest quarterly analysis of consumer activity and trends in the retail, wholesale and motor trade.

Although white consumers have now become “very pessimistic” about the short-term future of the economy, they did not anticipate a substantial deterioration in their financial situation. Likewise, black consumers were also pessimistic about the economy but they actually anticipated an improvement in their finances.

The wholesale sector enjoyed “fairly vigorous sales” but anticipated much slower growth during the third quarter.

Sales volumes exceeded expectations. The demand for consumer goods was keener than for non-consumer goods and, according to respondents, the demand for consumer goods will continue to remain lively during the third quarter, while sales of non-consumer goods were not expected to improve compared with the third quarter of last year.

Although retailers reported second-quarter sales were well above those of a year ago, they have indicated that growth in sales was levelling off — particularly in the durables sector, with the majority reporting unsatisfactory business conditions.

The vast majority of retailers anticipated a quickening in the rate at which purchase prices were increasing — and they hold similar views in respect of selling prices.

“The implication of this is simply that the inflation rate may increase at a faster rate.”

Motor dealers have indicated that the demand for vehicles — especially used vehicles — was tapering off and confidence was lower than a quarter ago.

However, dealers in spare parts again enjoyed vigorous sales and were “brimming with confidence,” although this was expected to level off during the third quarter.

Most dealers placed fewer orders for new vehicles during the second quarter and indications were “that this is the start of a cyclical downturn,” the Bureau said. — Sapa
Confidence lowest since 1986

Consumers pessimistic on economy

SYLVIA DU PLESSIS

CONSUMER confidence has taken a nosedive from a relatively neutral position a few months ago, with white consumers in particular expressing concern about the near-term future of the economy.

This is the finding of the Stellenbosch University-based Bureau for Economic Research (BER) in its latest quarterly analysis of consumer activity and trends in the retail, wholesale and motor trades.

The BER said the confidence index of white consumers had tumbled 12% to 88—only marginally higher than the previous low of 81 in the first quarter of 1988.

Blacks, too, had lost confidence, but in their case the level was still “well above” the previous trough in the confidence cycle.

This deterioration in consumer confidence would negatively affect spending on durable goods in particular, and might boost savings, provided that the existing credit repayments allowed for it, the bureau said.

The survey showed nearly a quarter of white consumers—22.8%—expected a considerable deterioration in the economy.

Black consumers, canvassed a month earlier, had also been more pessimistic about economic prospects than before, but the BER said it suspected this index level would have been lower had the survey been conducted at the same time as that of white consumers.

In spite of expected slackening in the tempo of activity, white consumers did not expect a substantial deterioration in their financial situation.

Black consumers, on the other hand, expected an improvement, but this could be based on the buoyant economic conditions at the time of the poll, the bureau said.

In conclusion, the BER said consumer spending was expected to perform better during 1989 than originally thought because of an improved financial situation during the first half of the year in particular, and confidence levels that had remained high for longer than expected.

“Our analyses suggest—and the results of the latest surveys substantiate this—that consumer spending could run out of steam during the second half of this year.

“The durable goods sector in particular is likely to experience sluggish demand.”

The BER also expected this weaker consumer demand to spill over into the semi-durable goods sector next year, and forecast the possibility of a difficult 1990 for many retailers and manufacturers.

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'Interest rates could be reduced'

KAY TURVEY

OFFICIAL interest rates could be reduced before September, given the cooling in the economy shown in the latest Reserve Bank Quarterly Bulletin, says Seabank economist Johan du Pisani.

He believes the need for the austerity measures imposed on May 5 can now be called into question because of the slowdown in consumer spending.

Du Pisani stresses the thrust of the 6% first-quarter rise in gross domestic expenditure (GDE) came from government.

Analysing the composition of GDE, he says annualised and seasonally adjusted quarter-on-quarter real government expenditure was 41%, whereas the rest of GDE actually decreased by 0.7%.

Most economists believe interest rates have peaked and should decline early next year. However, Du Pisani has stuck his neck out and revised his forecasts in the light of these Reserve Bank figures.

He says the economic fundamentals are in place for rates possibly to come down ahead of the election.

Announcing the May 5 package, Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock said the measures were aimed at containing the further expansion of domestic spending.

At the time GDE was provisionally estimated to have risen by about 6% in the first quarter, as it did.

Du Pisani argues that as this spending has not come from the consumer there is a case for lowering interest rates, although more stringent hire purchase and surcharge measures, which are targeted at imports and serve to protect the trade balance, should remain.

Rates

Other economists believe it is too early to talk of reducing interest rates and do not foresee another 'Primrose prime'. The screws should remain in place to help rebuild reserves as the economy is still vulnerable and reserves weak, they say.

George Huysamer & Partners' Louis Geldenhuys says it would be dangerous to relax rates too soon. The public and private sectors both require the discipline.

Although consumer confidence has tumbled there is no reason to reduce rates, says Ockie Stuart of Stellenbosch University's Bureau for Economic Research.

Consumer spending, if measured against the final quarter of 1988, is still 4% up in the first quarter. Further, the strong rise in exports in this quarter could be expected to exert upward pressure on the economy after a time lag of a couple of months.
R500-million factory boost for George

By DAVID YUTAR
Staff Reporter

GEORGE, in the south eastern Cape, is to benefit from a huge foreign investment of between R460 million and R500 million in a new hi-tech factory.

The factory will be established by a company based in the Republic of China and Hong Kong, which plans to manufacture television tubes, and later produce computers and computer components.

Town Clerk Mr Carel du Plessis said negotiations had reached an advanced stage and the company would start operating "as soon as possible".

The only hitch is, apparently, the government surcharge of 15 percent on machinery and capital goods, but it is believed a final decision on this matter is imminent.

Mr du Plessis said the company would provide employment for about 600 people, but this would eventually be increased to 2 600.

Mr J de Jonge, chairman of the George Chamber of Commerce, said George was a national industrial growth point offering attractive incentives to manufacturers.

Other large companies had invested capital there: Table Top employed about 1 200 people, Interboard had invested about R30-million and planned to invest another R40-million and a diamond-cutting company had set up business there too.

It is believed the newcomer will be the first large foreign company to establish itself in George.

Mr de Jonge relected that George "will attract more and more manufacturing companies of a highly technical nature".

However, Mr de Jonge, who is also chairman of the Southern Cape Technical Institute, warned: "The city will have to do much more to educate prospective employees and train them to meet increasing demand for technical skills."

"The municipality recently set aside a three-hectare site for a new technical training institute."

"I am hoping the institute will be built within a year."

The institute will provide new and extended training facilities for a host of technical skills in areas such as electrical and mechanical engineering, he said.
LYNETTE ANNE WILLCOCK for—

(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 110, Oriel Township, in order to subdivide and to relax the building line;

(2) the amendment of the Bedfordview Town-planning Scheme 1, 1948, by the rezoning of the erven from “Special Residential” with a density of “One dwelling per erf” to “Special Residential” with a density of “One dwelling per 15 000 square feet”.

This application will be known as Bedfordview Amendment Scheme 459, with reference number PB 4-14-2-990-19.

(7 July 1989)

NOTICE 754 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

ERVEN 173 AND 174, KEMPTON PARK EXTENSION 1 TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) conditions (a) and (c) in Deeds of Transfer T434578/80 and T17962/84 be removed; and

(2) Kempton Park Town-planning Scheme, 1987, be amended by the rezoning of Erven 173 and 174, Kempton Park Extension 1 Township, to “Business 1” subject to certain conditions, which amendment scheme will be known as Kempton Park Amendment Scheme 84, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Kempton Park.

(PB 4-14-2-666-7)

NOTICE 756 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

ERF 112, FLORIDA HILLS TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) conditions B1 (a) and B1 (c) in Deed of Transfer F9496/1959 be removed; and

(2) Roodepoort Town-planning Scheme, 1987, be amended by the rezoning of Erf 112, Florida Hills Township, to “Special” for the purpose of a motor showroom and for the sale of new and used motor vehicles subject to certain conditions, which amendment scheme will be known as Roodepoort Amendment Scheme 211, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the office of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Roodepoort.

(PB 4-14-2-490-7)

LYNETTE ANNE WILLCOCK vir—

(1) die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Erf 110, dorpe Oriel, ten einde onder te verdeel en die boulyne te verslap;

(2) die wysiging van die Bedfordview-dorpsbeplanningskema 1, 1948, deur die herskoning van die erv van “Spesiaal Residensieel” met ’n digtheid van “Een woonhuis per erf” tot “Spesiaal Residensieel met ’n digtheid van “Een woonhuis per 15 000 vierkante voet”.

Die aanvraag sal bekend staan as Bedfordview-wysigingskema 459, met verwysingssommer PB 4-14-2-990-19.

(Kennisgewing 754 Van 1989)

KENNISGEWING 754 VAN 1989

WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS 1967

ERWE 173 EN 174, DORP KEMPTON PARK-UITBREIDING 1

Hierby word ingevolge die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

(1) voorwaardes (a) en (c) in Aktes van Transport T434578/80 en T17962/84 opgeheef word; en

(2) Roodepoort-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1987, gewysig word deur die herskoning van Erwe 173 en 174, dorp Kempton Park-uitbreiding 1, tot “Besigheid 1” onderworpe aan sekere voorwaardes, welke wysigingskema bekend staan as Roodepoort-wysigingskema 84, soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en skemaklousules wat ter insae lê in die kantoor van die Departementshoof, Departement Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Roodepoort.

(PB 4-14-2-666-7)

KENNISGEWING 756 VAN 1989

WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS 1967

ERF 112, DORP FLORIDA HILLS

Hierby word ingevolge die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

(1) voorwaardes B1 (a) en B1 (c) in Akte van Transport F9496/1959 opgeheef word; en

(2) Roodepoort-dorpsaanlegskema, 1987, gewysig word deur die herskoning van Erf 112, dorp Florida Hills, tot “Spesiaal” vir die doeleindes van ’n motor- en kontoorlokaal asook die verkoop van nuwe en gebruikte motorvoertuie onderworpe aan sekere voorwaardes, welke wysigingskema bekend staan as Roodepoort-wysigingskema 211 soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en skemaklousules wat ter insae lê in die kantoor van die Departementshoof, Departement Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Roodepoort.

(PB 4-14-2-490-7)
NOTICE 757 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTION I OF ERF 501, PARKTOWN NORTH TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) conditions (unnumbered) in Deed of Transfer T3083/1984 be removed; and

(2) Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme, 1979, be amended by the rezoning of Portion 1 of Erf 501, Parktown North Township, to “Residential 1” subject to certain conditions which amendment scheme will be known as Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 2086, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Johannesburg.

(PB 4-14-2-1012-9)

(7 July 1989)

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KENNISGEW 757 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
GEDEELTE I VAN ERF 501, DORP PARKTOWN NORTH

Hierby word ingevolge die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

(1) voorwaardes (ongenommerde) in Akte van Transport T3083/1984 opgehef word; en

(2) Johannesburg-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1979, gewysig word deur die hersonering van Gedeelte 1 van Erf 501, dorp Parktown North, tot “Residences 1” onderworpe aan sekere voorwaardes, welke wysigingskema bekend staan as Johannesburg-wysigingskema 2086 soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en skemaeklousules wat ter insae lé in die kantoer van die Departementshoof, Departement Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsdelkerk van Johannesburg.

(PB 4-14-2-1012-9)

(7 Julie 1989)

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NOTICE 758 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 2391, KEMPION PARK EXTENSION 8 TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) conditions C (a), C (c) and C (d) in Deed of Transfer 8837/1972 be removed; and

(2) Kempton Park Town-planning Scheme, 1987, be amended by the rezoning of Erf 2391, Kempton Park Extension 8 Township, to “Special” for the purposes of shops and offices which amendment scheme will be known as Kempton Park Amendment Scheme 139, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Kempton Park.

(PB 4-14-2-1553-2)

(7 July 1989)

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KENNISGEW 758 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 2391, DORP KEMPION PARK-
UITBREIDING 8

Hierby word ingevolge die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

(1) voorwaardes C (a), C (c) en C (d) in Akte van Transport 8837/1972 opgehef word; en

(2) Kempton Park-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1987, gewysig word deur die hersonering van Erf 2391, dorp Kempton Park-uitbreiding 8, tot “Spesial” vir die doeleindes van winkels en kantore, onderworpe aan sekere voorwaardes, welke wysigingskema bekend staan as Kempton Park-wysigingskema 139, soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en skemaeklousules wat ter insae lé in die kantoer van die Departementshoof, Departement Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsdelkerk van Kempton Park.

(PB 4-14-2-1553-2)

(7 Julie 1989)

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NOTICE 759 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERVEN 619 AND 620, WATERLOOF TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition (b) in Deed of Transfer 21754/1968 be altered by the removing of the words: “Not more than one dwelling house with the necessary outbuildings and appurtenances shall be erected on the said Lot and the said Lot shall not be subdivided”.

(PB 4-14-2-1404-262)

(7 July 1989)

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KENNISGEW 759 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERWE 619 EN 620, DORP WATERLOOF

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde (b) in Akte van Transport 21754/1968 gewysig word deur die opheffing van die woorde: “Not more than one dwelling house with the necessary outbuildings and appurtenances shall be erected on the said Lot and the said Lot shall not be subdivided”.

(PB 4-14-2-1404-262)

(7 Julie 1989)
NOTICE 760 OF 1989
ERF 348, ILOVO EXTENSION 3 TOWNSHIP
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that conditions B (b) to B (l) in Deed of Transfer T24140/1963 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-1889-1)

7 July 1989

KENNISGEWING 760 VAN 1989
ERF 348, DORP ILOVO-UITBREIDING 3
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes B (b) tot B (l) in Akte van Transport T24140/1963 opgeheef word.

(PB 4-14-2-1889-1)

7 July 1989

NOTICE 761 OF 1989
ERF 86, ORIEL TOWNSHIP
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition II in Deed of Transfer T19904/1988 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-990-21)

7 July 1989

KENNISGEWING 761 VAN 1989
ERF 86, DORP ORIEL
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde II in Akte van Transport T19904/1988 opgeheef word.

(PB 4-14-2-990-21)

7 July 1989

NOTICE 762 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
EVANDER AMENDMENT SCHEME 18
It is hereby notified in terms of section 36 (1) of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that the Minister has approved the amendment of Evander Town-planning Scheme, 1980, by the rezoning of Erf 1008, Evander, to Residential I with a density of one dwelling per 1 250 m².

Map 3 and the scheme clauses of the amendment scheme are filed with the Head of Department: Community Services Branch, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk, Evander, and are open for inspection at all reasonable times.

This amendment is known as Evander, Amendment Scheme 18.

(PB 4-9-2-154-18)

7 July 1989

KENNISGEWING 762 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
EVANDER-WYSIGINGSKEMA 18
Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 36 (1) van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat die Minister goedgekeur het dat Evander-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1980, gewysig word deur die hervorming van Erf 1008, Evander, tot Residensie I met 'n digtheid van een woonhuis per 1 250 m².

Kaart 3 en die skemaklousules van die wysigingskema word in bewaring gehou deur die Hoof van die Departement: Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk, Evander, en is beskikbaar vir inspekte op alle redelike tye.

Hierdie wysiging staan bekend as Evander-wysigingskema 18.

(PB 4-9-2-154-18)

7 July 1989

NOTICE 763 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
LOT 273, DOORNPOETTLE TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) condition (1) in Deed of Transfer T22196/1987 be removed and condition (2) in Deed of Transfer T22196/1987 be amended by the deletion of the words "canteen" and "restaurant"; and

(PB 4-9-2-154-18)

7 July 1989

KENNISGEWING 763 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS 1967
LOT 273, DORP DOORNPOETTLE
Hierby word ingevolge die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

(1) voorwaarde (1) in Akte van Transport T22196/1987 opgeheef word en voorwaarde (2) in Akte van Transport T22196/1987 gewysig word deur die skrapping van die woorde "canteen" en "restaurant"; en
NOTICE 764 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERVEN 1145 TO 1148, ROODEKOP TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) conditions B (b) and C (a) to (h) in Deed of Transfer T13219/1986; conditions B (b) and C (a) to (h) in Deed of Transfer T13220/1986; conditions B (1) to (6) in Deed of Transfer T13221/1986; conditions B (1) to (6) in Deed of Transfer T19735/1986 be removed; and

(2) Germiston Town-planning Scheme, 1985, be amended by the rezoning of Erven 1145 to 1148, Roodekop Township, to “Business 2” subject to certain conditions, which amendment scheme will be known as Germiston Amendment Scheme 206, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Germiston.

(7 July 1989)

NOTICE 765 OF 1989
FOCHVILLE AMENDMENT SCHEME 39

It is hereby notified in terms of section 36 (1) of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the amendment of Fochville, Town-planning Scheme, 1980, by the rezoning of Portion 6 of the farm Foch 149 IQ to “Commercial” subject to certain conditions.

Map 3 and the scheme clauses of the amendment scheme are filed with the Head of Department: Local Government and Housing, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk, Fochville, and are open for inspection at all reasonable times.

This amendment is known as Fochville Amendment Scheme 39.

(7 July 1989)

NOTICE 766 OF 1989
NYLSTROOM AMENDMENT SCHEME 31

It is hereby notified in terms of section 36 (1) of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the amendment of Nylstroom Town-planning scheme, 1963, by the rezoning of Remainder of Erf 272, Nylstroom, to “special” for the use of houses, business purposes and shops.

(7 July 1989)

KENNISGEWING 764 VAN 1989
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERWE 1145 TOT 1148, DORP ROODEKOP

Hierby word ingevolge die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

(1) voorwaardes B (b) en C (a) tot (h) in akte van Transport T13219/1986, voorwaardes B (b) en C (a) tot (h) in Akte van Transport T13220/1986, voorwaardes B (1) tot (6) in Akte van Transport T13221/1986; voorwaardes B (1) tot (6) in Akte van Transport T19735/1986 opgehef word; en

(2) Germiston-dorpsebeplanningkema, 1985, gewysig word deur die hersonering van Erwe 1145 tot 1148, dorp Roodekop, tot “Besigheid 2” onderworpe aan sekere voorwaardes, welke wisyngskema bekend staan as Germiston-wisyngskema 206, soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en skemaklouses wat ter insae lig in die kantoor van die Departementshoof, Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Germiston.

(7 July 1989)

KENNISGEWING 765 VAN 1989
FOCHVILLE WYSIGNGSKEMA 39

Hierby word ooreenkomsig met die bepaling van artikel 36 (1) van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat Fochville-dorpsebeplanningkema, 1980, gewysig word deur die hersonering van Gedeelte 6 van die plaas Foch 149 IQ tot “Komersiesel” onderworpe aan sekere voorwaardes.

Kaart 3 en die skemaklouses van die wisyngskema word in bewaring gehou deur die Departementshoof: Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk, Fochville, en is beskikbaar vir inspeksie op alle redelike tye.

Hierdie wisyning staan bekend as Fochville-wisyngskema 39.

(7 July 1989)
Map 3 and the scheme clauses of the amendment scheme are filed with the Head of Department: Local Government and Housing, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk, Nylstroom, and are open for inspection at all reasonable times.

This amendment is known as Nylstroom Amendment Scheme 31.

(PB 4-9-2-65-31) (7 July 1989)

NOTICE 767 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT (ACT NO. 84 OF 1967)
CORRECTION NOTICE
It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Townplanning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Administrator's Notice 123 dated 8 February 1989 the correction of the notice has been approved by the substitution of the expression "3 (h) and 3 (j)" for "3 (b) and 3 (i)" in paragraph 1.

(PB 4-14-2-974-6) (7 July 1989)

NOTICE 768 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 61, WATERKLOOF TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

1. condition (a) in Deed of Transfer T29570/1988 be altered by the deletion of the following expression: "Not more than one dwelling-house with the necessary outbuildings and appurtenances shall be erected on the said lot and the said lot shall not be subdivided"; and

2. Pretoria Town-planning Scheme, 1974, be amended by the rezoning of Erf 61, Waterkloof Township, to "Group housing", which amendment scheme will be known as Pretoria Amendment Scheme 2144, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Pretoria.

(PB 4-14-2-1404-256) (7 July 1989)

NOTICE 769 OF 1989
ERF 514, WITBANK EXTENSION 3 TOWNSHIP
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that conditions (d) (k) (i) (ii) (iii) and (l) in Deed of Transfer T21322/84 be removed.

(PB4-14-2-1473-5) (7 July 1989)

Kaart 3 en die skemaclousules van die wysigings-skaem word in bewaring gehou deur die Departements-hoof: Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Pretoria, en die Stadsklkier, Nylstroom, en is bekikbaar vir inspeksie op alle redelike tye.
Hierdie wysiging staan bekend as Nylstroom-wysigingskaem 31.

(PH 4-9-2-65-31) (7 Julie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 767 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS (WET No. 84 VAN 1967)
VERBERTERINGSKENNISGEWING
Hierby word ooreenkomsig die bepalings van artikel 16 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademal 'n fout in Administrateurskennisgewing 123 gedateer 8 Februarie 1989 ontstaan het, is dit goedgekeur dat hogenoemde kennisgewing gewysig word deur die uitdrukking "3 (b) en 3 (i)" te vervang met die uitdrukking "3 (h) en 3 (j)" in paragraaf 1.

(PB 4-14-2-974-6) (7 Julie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 768 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 61, DORP WATERKLOOF
Hierby word ingevoeg die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

1. voorwaarde (a) in Akte van Transport T29570/1988 gewysig word deur die opheffing van die volgende uitdrukking: "Not more than one dwelling-house with the necessary outbuildings and appurtenances shall be erected on the said lot and the said lot shall not be subdivided"; en


(PB 4-14-2-1404-256) (7 Julie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 769 VAN 1989
ERF 514, DORP WITBANKUITBREIDING 3
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
Hierby word ooreenkomsig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes (d) (k) (i) (ii) (iii) and (l) in Akte van Transport T21322/84 opgehef word.

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NOTICE 750 OF 1989
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION FOR ADMINISTRATION
COMPETITION BOARD
INVESTIGATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 10 (1) (b) OF THE MAINTENANCE AND PROMOTION OF COMPETITION ACT, 1979 (ACT NO. 96 OF 1979)

The Competition Board hereby makes known for general information that it is undertaking an investigation in terms of section 10 (1) (b) of the Maintenance and Promotion of Competition Act, 1979 (Act No. 96 of 1979), in order to ascertain—

(a) whether an acquisition involving Waltons Consolidated Investment Holdings Limited, Waltons Stationery Company Limited, Silveryar Stationery Company (Pty) Limited, CTP Holdings Limited, CNA Gallo Limited, Fincord Holdings Limited and Argus Holdings Limited has been, is being or is proposed to be made; and

(b) the nature and extent of the controlling interest (if any) held and acquired, being acquired or proposed to be acquired by the above-mentioned companies.

Any person may, within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice submit written representations regarding this investigation to the Director: Investigations, Competition Board, Private Bag X720, Pretoria, 0001.

(Reference RS/2/1/2/48)

(7 July 1989)

NOTICE 751 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT 1967
ERF 2542, WORCESTER TOWNSHIP EXTENSION 9, WORCESTER

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly, has approved the removal of conditions A (v) and B (5) in Certificate of Consolidated Title 11749 of 1958.

(7 July 1989)

NOTICE 752 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 11361, TABLE VIEW TOWNSHIP EXTENSION 6, MILNERTON

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly, has approved the removal of conditions B (1) (a) to (d) and (2) (e) in Deed of Transfer T57173 of 1988.

(7 July 1989)

2. Dat invoere in oorelg met die Sitrusraad plaats.
3. Dat die verpakking- en graderingstandaarde van toepassing op Suid-Afrikaanse vrugte nagekom word.

(7 Julie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 750 VAN 1989
KANTOOR VAN DIE KOMMISSIE VIR ADMINISTRASIE
RAAD OP MEDEILING
ONDERSOEK INGEVOLGE ARTIKEL 10 (1) (b) VAN DIE WET OP DIE HANDHAWING EN BEVORDERING VAN MEDEILING, 1979 (WET NO. 96 VAN 1979)

Die Raad op Mededinging maak hierby vir algemene inligting bekend dat hy 'n ondersoek onderneem ingevolge artikel 10 (1) (b) van die Wet op die Handhawing en Bevordering van Mededinging, 1979 (Wet No. 96 van 1979), ten einde te bepaal—

(a) of 'n verkrywing waarby Waltons Consolidated Investment Holdings Beperk, Waltons Stationery Maatskappy Beperk, CNA Gallo Beperk, CTP Holdings Beperk, Fincord Holdings Beperk en Argus Holdings Beperk betrokke is, plaasgevind het, aan die plaasvind is of voorgestel word; en

(b) wat die aard en omvang is van die beherende belang (indien enige) wat gehou en verkry is, verkry word of waarvan die verkrywing voorgestel word deur die bogenoemde maatskappy.

Enigiemand kan binne dertig (30) dae vanaf die datum van hierdie kennisgewing skriftelike vertoë aan die onderkoms, Raad op Mededinging, Privaatsak X720, Pretoria, 0001, verwerk.

(Verwysering RS/2/1/2/48)

KENNISGEWING 751 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 2542, WORCESTERDORPSUITBREIDING 9, WORCESTER

Hierby word ooreenkomsig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes A (v) en B (5) in Sertiliakaat van Verenigde Titel 11749 van 1958 opgehef word.

(7 Julie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 752 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKING, 1967
ERF 11361, TABLE VIEW-DORPSUITBREIDING 6, MILNERTON

Hierby word ooreenkomsig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes B (1) (a) tot (d) en (2) (e) in Transportakte T57173 van 1988 opgehef word.

(7 Julie 1989)
ECONOMIC POLICY

Nats still play the old tune

In the 1987 election manifesto, the National Party (NP) put the long-term goals of economic policy as the highest possible growth rate; maximum job creation; price stability; and balance of payments equilibrium — with genuflections toward private enterprise, privatisation and deregulation.

Success on every single one of those has been inadequate, despite (a) attempts to put much of the blame on wicked foreigners and (b) Org Marais’ fatuous comments on white living standards.

So what is the prescription of the 1989 manifesto, under the heading “A Dynamic Economy”? It’s worth quoting the “long-term goal” in full:

“The promotion of (a) a high real average economic growth rate together with low inflation in order to ensure the highest possible real income per person. The optimal application of the means of production through the promotion of free enterprise and effective competition within a market-oriented economic system with sustained fiscal discipline and the greatest possible financial stability.”

The changes are little more than semantic. Some would call the style more elegant; others, just more highfalutin. It’s probable that both the CP and the DP would be able to embrace these principles virtually word for word.

But, certainly, this year’s manifesto is much wider than its predecessor.

It specifies inflation as “our economy’s public enemy No One” and repeats the commitment to single-digit inflation. Job creation, conversely, has been relegated to little more than a footnote and the balance of payments is a term conspicuous by its absence. There are references to a “more streamlined and cost-effective civil service”; the establishment of an export culture; the promotion of SA’s tourism potential; the reduction of the public sector deficit before borrowing (PSBR) to 3% of GDP; and the need to curb population growth.

Other figures are few and far between, but there is a commitment (as part of the Five-Year Plan) to cut the top marginal personal tax rate from the present 45% at R80 000 income to 40% at R100 000 and the company tax rate from 50% to 40%.

Clearly this outlines a society that most businessmen and others who believe in the free market philosophy would find a lot more congenial than what Swapo envisages for an independent Namibia (see Current Affairs), which leans as far in the direction of socialism as it can without deterring local entrepreneurs and potential foreign investors.

It is ironic that the pledge of lower taxes and PSBR should be made on virtually the same day that the Reserve Bank Quarterly Bulletin disclosed that the State’s share of GDP is at its highest ever. But this underlines the basic weakness of the manifesto: an apparent inability to distinguish between the means and the end.

What we need to know is not that we should cut tax rates, or PSBR, or that we need a streamlined, cost-effective civil service. After all, precisely that was one of PW’s main promises 10 years ago — and kyk hoe lyk ons nou. What we need to know is how these objectives are to be reached.

For a party that has been in power for 41 years, it is not enough to say, “We’ll work that out after we take power.” Given the record of the Eighties (which surely not even the incorrigible Org Marais could quibble with), it’s obvious that major changes in implementation are needed if there’s to be any chance of attaining objectives which are really much the same as they were last time — and the time before that.

The NP clearly realises that it’s more vulnerable on the economic front than ever before. Not only the CP (as in 1987), but also, belatedly, the DP have rightly seized on the poor performance of the economy as an election issue. The economic section constitutes just over four pages in a 20-page manifesto this time, as against less than one page (out of six) in 1987.

But are we really offered anything new? Not really. That would require not just the broader approach that is embodied in the latest document, but also much more attention to specifics. And that is where the NP’s real problem lies.

For the specifics which will attract voters on the “left” of the NP are exactly those that will alienate those within the NP/CP margin. In economic policy, as elsewhere, the NP is facing the same dilemma as the old United Party: how to be all things to all people.

The NP seems to be hovering on the edge of writing off the rightwing radicals altogether, but unable to take the final plunge. Until it can make up its mind, it runs the risk of satisfying neither the Left nor the Right.

The one area in which it could stake a position on the high ground is deregulation, privatisation and trimming the civil service.

If it wishes to pursue any sort of reformist policies, it must eventually accept that the civil servants are a lost cause anyway. And the sooner the better.

Unless it dares to do that, a re-elected NP government is not likely to show any improvement in its dismal record of economic mismanagement. Don’t hold your breath waiting.
The rich get richer, but SA simply gets poorer

SOUTH Africa is rapidly getting poorer, according to the World Bank's latest classification of countries in terms of income. Figures released by the bank show that the value per head of the population of SA's gross national product in 1987 (the latest year for which figures are available) was R5 103 (about $1 890) compared to R6 318 in 1984.

In terms of the World Bank's classification, SA is now a lower-middle income country. It was previously regarded as part of the upper-middle income group. Today, South Africans are worse off than the residents of countries such as Brazil, Gabon and Hungary.

In 1984 South Africans could still thumb their noses at countries such as South Korea, Portugal, Argentina and Brazil but are now well behind these economies.

The World Bank report points out that SA has fallen behind because of an extremely low economic growth rate.

For example, South Korea's economy expanded by an average 6.4 percent between 1984 and 1987, while SA could only manage 0.6 percent.

Botswana is fast catching up because its economy, based primarily on diamonds, has expanded rapidly.

Botswana's GNP per head of the population is still behind that of South Africa at $1 050 (about R2 835) in 1987 but what is more important is that from 1986 to 1987 it grew by $210 (R567) compared to South Africa's $40 (R108).

A lack of savings is a key factor, says the bank. "Savings," the report states, "determines the rate at which productive capacity and hence incomes can grow."

This is especially important in South Africa's case, because foreign investors are withdrawing from the country. Who are the really rich guys?

According to the report, Switzerland leads the way followed by the US, Norway and the oil-rich United Arab Emirates.

Meanwhile, the UN has launched a new plan to help Africa's declining economies.

The executive secretary of the UN's Economic Commission for Africa, Adebayo Adeyemo, said in a statement in London that the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund's programmes in Africa had failed.

He described the past decade as a disaster for Africa's economies which could not be repeated.

The new programme calls for more credit as the tighter credit policies demanded by the IMF lead to higher inflation and cuts in production and new investment in Africa.
ATLANTIS is sinking — and I'm not talking about that mythological island. This one is about 35 minutes’ drive from Cape Town along the West Coast. Being home to thousands of so-called coloured people it came into existence in 1975.

It started as a dream. The government promised that it would be a mini paradise compared with the sprawling townships of the Cape Flats. There would be inexpensive houses for all, jobs, recreation facilities, a commuter train service and a host of other heart-warming offerings.

The majority of us had no choice but to accept going there, having been thrown out of inner city areas like District Six, Wynberg, Claremont and Green Point under the Group Areas Act. It was a coup for the government, but a grave mistake for those of us who took up their offer.

The things they promised us either didn't materialise or were left undone. Now we have one of the highest unemployment figures in the Western Cape. People are going hungry, losing their homes, falling victim to drugs and turning to crime.

Transport costs have shot through the roof. A single journey by bus to Cape Town is R4.40 and by taxi it is R4. Where is the commuter train service the government promised us? Small industry in Atlantis can only employ an iota of the population, which means that the majority have to seek work outside.

Many Atlantis residents are so deeply in arrears with their rent, water, and electricity that I'm sure it is causing the local authority a massive headache. And as for recreational facilities, they are almost nonexistent. On top of this we pay more for food and necessities here than is the case in nearby white areas like Bloubergstrand and Table View.

It is an understatement to say that there is great frustration and anger in our community. Violence, joblessness and drugs have merely aggravated the situation over the last two years. The young have formed gangs and are responsible for a number of rapes, lootings and murders.

Although the government is not responsible for all this, it must bear the blame for not carrying out its promises. It is still not doing enough to alleviate hardship.

Many parents, churches, community and cultural organisations, and the police are trying to stem this deteriorating situation, but they have neither the power nor the means to do it alone. They’re all swimming against the tide.

If only the ruling party could learn by this mistake, and others which stem from its apartheid policy, and honestly help to straighten things out, then there is still hope for peace. But, alas, over more than 40 years have they ever really cared about us, or listened to us?

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De Kock wants freer interest rates

RESERVE Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock yesterday called for official recognition that interest rates were not administered prices determined by Cabinet.

He added in a speech at the University of Durban Westville such recognition should be "the next forward step in stabilisation policy".

Interest rates should — at all times — be flexible and free to respond to market forces as influenced by official monetary policy.

In a reference to last year's pressure by politicians to keep a lid on interest rates, he said: "If government approves a target for M3, or any other monetary aggregate, it cannot at the same time impose a ceiling on interest rates."

The Bank worked within a broad framework of official economic and financial policy determined by government but, within that framework, it should be free to take action to control growth of the money supply and to accept the consequences of such action for interest rates and exchange rates.

GRETASTEYN

"I am pleased to acknowledge that there is already a much better appreciation of these realities of monetary policy than, say, a year ago, when political resistance to higher interest rates prevented monetary authorities from tightening monetary policy."

De Kock said proof of this was the increase in prime overdraft rate to 20% in May — a level that now appeared adequate for the job at hand.

Referring to the debate between monetarists and Keynesians, he said the real debate was not between conservative demand management and monetarism. It was between proponents of market-orientated economic policies and direct interventionists.

He appealed to everyone who believed in market-orientated policies to place more emphasis on the command economy — the direct interventionists."

The most important issue in monetary policy was to gain recognition from policy-makers that independent targets could not be set for money supply, interest and exchange rates.

He stressed that the Bank should be given the freedom to adjust Bank rate and its other conditions of accommodation to the banking sector as frequently and by as much as it finds necessary to keep the money supply growth within government-approved limits.

"Otherwise the Bank will not be able to exercise the necessary control over total demand in the economy and to make its full contribution to a reduction in the inflation rate, a sound balance of payments, a stronger rand, a rebuilding of gold and foreign exchange reserves, and eventually a higher average real growth rate," De Kock said.
R1bn ‘three-quarters gone’

UP TO three-quarters of the R1bn government set aside in the Budget for contingencies has been used up after just three months of the financial year.

And, Finance officials said government would risk losing all credibility among the business community if it considered any further election handouts.

"There is some leeway left for totally unexpected expenditure, but the rest of the fund has been committed," one official said.

Finance director-general Gerhard Cloete said the allocation of money in the contingency fund was decided at Cabinet level. He could not comment on how much of it had already been spent.

He added, however: "I am still quite confident we will be able to stick to the total expenditure outlined in the Budget, including the R1bn."

A total of R130m from the fund has been earmarked to pay for a once-off bonus for social pensioners, while R30m has been set aside to pay for improved housing subsidies for civil servants.

Other government handouts which could have been funded out of the contingency fund include R25m for Tissot watches for long-serving civil servants; the re-instatement of controversial pension bonuses for 9,000 civil servants; and the re-instatement of diesel subsidies for transporters of agricultural products.

Finance officials said the rest of the money from the fund that had been committed consisted of mere "mundane" amounts that had been earmarked for essential over-expenditures by departments.

This is understood to have included an increase in the vote for occupational specific salary adjustments for which just

R1bn fund

R50m was allocated in the budget.

While government has announced it is to pay off the maize board’s R460m debt, these payments will only be included in next year’s Budget.

Shortly after the Budget the Department of Finance asked all other departments to let it know what overruns they were expecting.

All estimates of potential overruns were sent to Cabinet, which allocated money from the contingency fund only for what it deemed to be unavoidable expenditure.

With the bulk of the fund committed, finance officials said there was no way Cabinet could consider a civil servants salary increase and still stick to its budget.

They said the last 15% pay hike added R40m to this year’s salary bill. A mere 5% increase, one official said, would wipe out the entire R1bn in the contingency fund.

Officials estimate that a 15% increase for teachers would require expenditure of R1bn and cannot be afforded if government is to stick to its Budget.
SOUTH Africans will be worse off, on average, at the end of 1990 than they were at the end of 1988, as domestic expenditure per capita will fall in both 1989 and 1990, says Standard Bank Review.

The Review says GDP growth — because of restrictive measures — must now fall again to below the rate of increase in population. That means incomes per head will decline still further in real terms.

"Such a situation undermines attempts to improve the prosperity of a growing population and is not conducive to the kind of economic, social and political adjustments that are so urgently required in this country."

Standard forecasts that, because the monetary authorities will have little room for rebuilding reserves in 1989 and 1990, domestic expenditure will have to be tightly constrained in 1990 and interest rates will therefore remain at relatively high levels. The prime overdraft rate is thus not expected to fall below 15% before the end of 1990.

LIZ ROUSE

That domestic economic activity is beginning to slow in response to restrictive measures is now certain. GDP growth of 1.5% on a seasonally adjusted basis was recorded in the first quarter of 1989. This was significantly less than the 2.8% annual growth recorded in the fourth quarter of 1988 and the 3.2% growth achieved for 1988 as a whole.

Decline

Such a slowdown will reduce pressures on the current account of the balance of payments, but it will also have important implications for long-term wellbeing, says Standard.

For although GDP growth of 0.3% in 1986, 2.1% in 1987 and 3.2% in 1988 are greater than the absolute decline in 1985, GDP growth exceeded population growth only in 1985.

Economic growth cannot be sustained at higher levels than those achieved in the recent past as long as SA is a capital exporter and must maintain a large surplus on the current account of the balance of payments to repay foreign debt.

This situation is unlikely to be reversed in the immediate future. However, if it were alleviated only partially then the restraints on domestic economic growth would diminish significantly.

Standard says the guarded optimism concerning SA in European financial and business circles is encouraging. If political obstacles could be eased, the rolling over of SA debt might become an attractive option to foreign investors looking for high returns.

On the other hand, in the absence of such an easing of the debt repayment position, it will be necessary to maintain strict control over domestic economic activity in 1990. Nevertheless, Standard believes a harsh recession can be avoided because current account surpluses have been maintained.

Standard says GDE is expected to rise in real terms by only 1.9% in 1989 and by 1.5% in 1990, which is also significantly less than population growth.
Businessmen starting to act on importance of black consumers

By Ann Crotty

The growing sense of socio-political awareness on the part of businessmen has little to do with altruism and lots to do with the realisation that blacks are an increasingly important segment of most consumer markets.

On the production side there is an awareness of the importance of blacks in the workforce and the need to avoid an antagonistic environment if production is to run smoothly and profitably.

On a wider front, hostility towards the socio-political situation has made trading with the international market a difficult task, both in terms of sourcing raw materials and selling locally produced goods.

The absence of foreign capital has also placed constraints on growth potential.

Only executives with a corporate death wish would dare to ignore developments on the socio-political and economic fronts.

Keeping tabs

But attempting to keep tabs on trends is far from easy. Few political analysts, let alone businessmen, would have predicted the recent meeting between PW Botha and Nelson Mandela, a meeting that seems bound to have some impact on sentiment both within SA and towards SA.

Like so many other developments, it may not have an enormous or immediate impact, but it helps form attitudes.

Sankorp chief Marinus Dalig accepts the need for businessmen to look beyond their own economic environment at socio-political issues, but stresses the need for executives to be flexible about strategic planning:

"The world is changing so fast it is impossible to make accurate predictions."

He questions the extent to which predictions made by chief executives five years ago have materialised and suggests that the most appropriate approach for businessmen should be "informed opportunism."

This requires businessmen to be well informed on a broad range of issues and "be able to act and react in a flexible manner and without delay."

As Mr Dalig sees it: "The better informed businessmen are, the better the quality of the decisions they make."

But he warns about the danger of making assumptions because of the extreme likelihood of these assumptions being on target: "Businessmen must always keep their minds open and not fall into the trap of believing their assumptions."

Having acknowledged these pitfalls, he says his own broad view about the future is optimistic. "Privatisation is a fact; deregulation will happen sooner or later; the informal sector will become increasingly important, but there will be a continuing need for big corporations so that large investments projects can be undertaken."

At Anglo Vaal Industries, Bill Keen, executive director of finance and planning, says AVT's strategic plans are based on the following assumptions: the industrial relations environment will remain positive; privatisation will continue at an increasing rate; there will be a continuation of the freeing of the economy to all population groups and a more market-related economy with reduced government intervention will be achieved.

Demographic trends

Jan Pickard of Piefiel stresses the importance of blacks in consumer markets and the need for awareness of demographic trends.

He highlights the need for greater participation of blacks in the economy: "It is not acceptable for blacks to be used as fronts for white businessmen. Greater real participation by blacks at ownership/control level will lead to far greater acceptance by the black community."

Next week's Mega-Trends conference will bring together speakers from a wide variety of social, political and economic backgrounds, including Aggrey Klaaste, editor of Sowetan, Dr CJ van der Merwe, Minister of Information, Frank le Roux, chief whip of the Conservative Party, Mark Orkin, director of the Community Agency for Social Inquiry and Bob Tucker, managing director of the Perm.

It will provide delegates with opinions on issues that are crucial to strategic planning.
Government spending on line with target

By Sven Linsehe

Government spending in the second quarter this year rose by a year-on-year 26.3 percent, a figure which Finance officials yesterday described as satisfactory and on line with expenditure targets for the 1989/90 fiscal year.

A statement in the latest Government Gazette shows that R16.395 billion was made available to government departments over the period, compared with R12.979 billion for the second quarter last year.

The total transfers for the second quarter represent 25.6 percent of the budgeted expenditure of R64.017 billion and 25.2 percent of the main budget if the R1 billion contingency provision is added.

Economists, however, said the annual increase was surprisingly high and could throw the budget out of line in months to come, unless expenditure was restrained dramatically.

They pointed out that while the figure was mathematically on target, expenditure in the last quarter of the fiscal year normally took up about 30 percent of the budgeted figure.

In the 1988/89 fiscal year, expenditure during the last three months soared by an annual 31.5 percent.

The release of the expenditure figure follows on data from the Reserve Bank recently, which showed that government spending in the first quarter of this year accounted for 33 percent of gross domestic product — its highest in almost 10 years.

Major reasons

Broadly, the Minister of Finance has budgeted only for a 15 percent increase in expenditure in 1989/90 and, following a number of tax proposals, a 16 percent increase in revenue.

Trust Bank's economist Nick Barnardt ascribed the higher than expected 26 percent rise in expenditure in the fiscal year's first quarter to three major reasons:

1. The military withdrawal from Namibia pushed up defence expenditure above the 21.2 percent increase targeted for the year.
2. The average 15 percent rise in the pay package for civil servants caused a substantial dent in the government's coffers as most civil servants were still under a salary and wage freeze last year. The public sector also increased its workforce by 15,000 to 744,293 over the last fiscal year, according to Central Statistical Services' figures released yesterday.
3. Higher interest rates have raised the government's bill on its debt repayments.

However, the Director General of Finance, Gerhard Croeser, said yesterday that it should be borne in mind that government spending was seasonally heavy over the period.

Mr Croeser was confident that that the government would stick to the total expenditure outlined in the Budget, including the R1 billion provision.

In a statement in the Government Gazette, reported by Sapa, he also endeavoured to explain the high increase.

"These transfers do not represent actual expenditure and although some departments' requirements may appear high, they are in fact in line with projected requirements and do not at this stage indicate overspending.

"It should be stressed that a year-on-year comparison of particular departmental votes is affected by one-off payments, transfers of functions between departments and the 1989 general increase in salaries," Mr Croeser stated.

Trust Bank's Mr Barnardt said that the high expenditure increase was probably matched by a similar rise in revenue.

He cited the recent one-off bonus for social pensioners and the improved housing subsidy for civil servants as a sign that government's coffers were in a healthy state following tax proposals last year.

Another indication of a surge in revenue is the fact that, according to the Reserve Bank's June statement of assets and liabilities, the government deposited about R2 billion at the Bank, the sum total of its borrowings and revenue over the month.
GOLD

Are the prospects brighter?

The decline in the dollar/gold price seemed, until recently, unstoppable, as the dollar surged to above the DM2 level. Now the dollar's rise has been aborted by strenuous central bank intervention and — more fundamentally — a sharp decline in US economic activity and an associated fall in interest rates (graph right).

How significant is this short-term reversal of the bear trend in dollar/gold (graph below)? A start to analysing this issue is to look at the gold price in D-marks and yen.

After a sharp fall in the D-mark price in September 1988, there is a flat trading zone for nine months, between DM700/oz and DM750/oz. The yen chart is even more encouraging, with the price over Y34000/oz in recent weeks, the highest level since September 1988.

Gold has arguably become absurdly oversold. A combination of "gold loans" and forward sales has loaded the market with no less than 200 t each, said George Milling-Stanley (Cons Gold senior gold analyst and editor of Gold 89) at a recent Financial Times conference on gold at Lugano. But, in recent months, such supply has decelerated.

(For a gold loan to come about, a commercial bank has to borrow bullion from a central bank and lend it at a rate, recently as low as 0.5%-1% to a gold producer planning to increase output. The producer sells the gold on the market, incurring the commitment to repay the gold out of future output.)

Urs Seller, senior vice-president of the Union Bank of Switzerland, cautioned that not only central banks but also commercial banks and some gold producers had become concerned at the volume of gold loans and the commercial risk involved. The cost of borrowing gold is rising, "as the risks are better understood." There will be failures, "and lenders will at some point reassess their lending criteria." So it is unlikely gold loan activity will continue at the same rate as over the past two years.

Also encouraging on the supply side is that much of the increase in output from Western countries, other than SA, has been derived from easily exploited deposits such as tailings and outcrops — particularly in Australia where an additional incentive to go for the short term has been a tax holiday for gold mines due to expire in 1991. However, communist bloc sales have fallen by 15%, offsetting a rise in Western mine output of 11%, says Milling-Stanley.

But, overall, supply and demand were in balance at a remarkably high level.

Bryan Parker, deputy manager of the World Gold Council, said in 1988 fabrication demand reached the record level of 1500 t, 25% up from 1987 and absorbing 80% of Western mine supply.

It is east Asia which has emerged as the mainstay of the gold market, Japan, and Taiwan in particular, and this offtake will be sustained, said Cons Gold consultant Timothy Green.

The Taiwanese Central Bank has recently announced a resumption of its extensive gold purchase programme undertaken to diversify vast currency reserves. In the first half of 1989, Japan imported a total of 154 t of gold in bullion, an increase of 5% over the same period last year. Even a sale of 127 t by the Belgian Central Bank (which considered it was over-invested in gold) was absorbed by the market because of east Asian demand.

Now American interest rates have peaked, the opportunity cost of holding gold has diminished in dollar terms, while Japanese interest rates have been and remain exceptionally low.

Could this encouraging picture be further enhanced by a revival of inflationary fears? It does not follow that a slow-down in the American economy means an end to potential inflation there, as the influence of a recession on inflation is generally a lagged one. It is likely the Fed would prefer to ignore a moderate uptick in inflation, arguing higher interest rates could achieve overkill in domestic terms and renewed upward impetus to the dollar.

Taking a broad line through these vast issues, it seems medium-term prospects for gold are modestly attractive.

ACCOUNTANCY —

About the audit?

The recent spate of accounting mega-mergers (see next story) has some businessmen worried, especially as an increasing number of accountants are hinged up with a new competitive fervour. Bigger firms will give them more resources with which to hone their competitive skills.

One issue that appears to have been sidelined by accountants' aggressive behaviour is the quality of audits. This is an ongoing international concern, in the aftermath of massive professional negligence lawsuits that peppered the Seventies and did the accounting profession enormous harm.

"We learnt a lot from that," says a top SA CA, "and we have recovered." But SA still awaits its first really big professional negligence case getting to court. One clear result of the new mega-mergers will be to increase competition. One consequence, which has already been documented in the US, is "low billing" for, example, offering the first years' audit free. It is not known if such marketing techniques are being used in SA.

The SA audit market differs from the world market mainly in that it shares with the rest of this economy a general lack of
MANDELA AND THE ECONOMY

The power of symbolism

There are some important economic considerations which could flow from the general conciliatory climate in southern Africa — a climate of change that has been given at least symbolic impetus by the meeting last week between President P W Botha and Nelson Mandela.

The SA economy — by far the dominant one of the region — is being enfeebled by two things. One is our government’s own uncertainty over how it should proceed constitutionally, and what impact this policy hiatus will have at the polls. Its frustration is being given expression through financial profligacy: when government doesn’t know what to do, it spends money and raises in as much in taxes as it can. It will go on doing so to strengthen its own political base, and because it deludes itself that by so doing it is somehow fostering constitutional reform. The detrimental impact on the economy is clearly a secondary issue, if one at all.

The Botha-Mandela meeting is clearly part of a political process in this region that not only has its own impetus, but may soon provide the elusive political focus that will enable government to see the need for more sensible and restrained fiscal and monetary policies. Simply put, Pretoria might then distinguish the economic and political wood from the trees.

The process of regional political enlightenment is itself partly rooted in a growing realisation of economic reality. In particular, the devastation and cost of prolonged wars in our northern neighbours and the slower — but equally sure — process of despoliation through collectivisation is bringing new pragmatism into regional relationships.

Hence negotiations are quite far advanced for peace in Angola; SWA-Namibia is moving towards democratic elections; Frelimo in Mozambique is taking sensible steps to foster a subsistence economy through the marketplace and to seek an accord with Renamo; and in Zambia (and to a lesser extent in Zimbabwe) there is a growing realisation that equality and prosperity are often irreconcilable goals.

Indeed, there is growing realisation that the socialist policies applied here and by our neighbours to the north — not always with the best of motives — have impoverished ordinary people. Experience, not only here but in Soviet Russia and China, has shown that collectivisation is the antithesis of freedom.

This pragmatism must have permeated into ANC thinking, however reluctantly and imperfectly. It could be one reason for the meeting between KwaZulu’s Mangosuthu Buthelezi and the ANC’s Oliver Tambo over the relentless violence in Natal between the Zulus and the UDF.

The other cause of our economic enfeeblement has been the capital boycott imposed by the often well-meaning but frustrated nations of the West. Because of it, government here does not see itself able at the same time to follow policies of maximum economic growth and repay within the next few years relatively modest foreign debts. So instead it reverts to inertia.

The capital boycott was imposed unexpectedly only four years ago when a deep economic recession was fostering township violence and President Botha was seen to be faltering on the road to political reform. It took one speech in Durban that proclaimed dramatically his political impotence to wipe more than 30% off the value of the rand in a matter of weeks.

Last week’s Tuynhuys meeting, given the process of regional pragmatism, could begin an economic process equally as unexpected that could start putting value back into the rand. There will have, of course, to be sustained progress — constitutionally, diplomatically and economically — to make it stick. But if the dollar and the dollar price of gold do not act irrationally, we would not be surprised to see the rand, especially the financial rand, begin shortly to respond to the good news.

If that happens, this economy — and indeed the southern African region in general — need not head into the recession that is otherwise inevitable next year if things are allowed to go on as they are. The zero economic growth of next year — and the year after — could in fact be positive as prices stabilise and investment increases.

Investors in the West know that this region is richly endowed and has enormous economic potential, as well as the institutions and financial structures to put these resources to good use. They also know that southern African governments have demonstrably been incapable of policies that will enable that wealth to be exploited properly. Once we begin to demonstrate that we are not as foolish as our actions of recent years have shown us to be, they could be as anxious to invest as they were given to flight only a few short years ago.

Political leverage worked dramatically and swiftly against our economy when Botha retreated into apartheid four years ago. It could work quite fast and profoundly in the other direction once we show ourselves capable of sensible coexistence and economic rectitude. At the least it will take the heat out of the foreign debt repayment negotiations.
The lesson hidden in the unchanging Reserve figures

The message to be decoded from the unchanging reserve holdings this month is that significant foreign financing has been secured, reports BRIAN GOLDB

Earlier in the year the authorities spoke of a $1.7-billion surplus on the current account of the balance of payments as being a worst-case scenario to cover capital outflows over 1989. They expected this to translate to R4-billion.

This has now been revised to R3.5-billion, despite the fact that the rand/dollar exchange rate is lower than initial estimates (a lower rand means the surplus in rand terms must be higher, as foreign commitments are primarily in dollars).

The reduction is thanks not only to the short-term foreign finance, but to reduced repayment commitments.

Thanks to roll-overs and conversion of around $4-billion of debt inside the standstill net, the expected worst-case outflow has dropped from $1.7-billion this year to $1.3-billion (the figures for 1990 and 1991 have dropped from $2.1-billion and $1.5-billion to $1.9-billion and $1-billion).

While this is certainly some relief and reduces the pressure for even tougher economic policies, South Africa is still in a tight spot.

Even this reduced R3.5-billion figure will not be easily reached, and it does not leave the authorities room to ease policy, in particular interest rates. They will certainly not be taking any chances. The first quarter current account surplus of R1.4-billion is R2.7-billion seasonally adjusted and annualised.

And on the reserve front, current monthly import levels of around R3.8-billion mean the reserves cover 1.4 months of imports. Economists say, to think of three months as being safe.
Corbank chiefs lash out at malpractice

Malpractice in the business, official and quasi-official sectors is a significant factor in the inability of the economy to attain the necessary annual growth rate in excess of 2.5 percent, say Corbank chairman Bob Aldworth and chief executive Laurie Korsten in the group's annual report.

They point out that the rampant greed of insider trading, unauthorised dealings in financial rands, the incidence of bribery and corruption, tax evasion and sharp business deals have become the accepted norm.

In addition they say, there is the corrupt appropriation of civic resources as well as the misuse of positions of authority. Other factors hampering the economy are:
- The high rate of inflation which seems to have turned upward again on a long-term increasing trend;
- Increasing government expenditure at a rate which makes it difficult to reduce the total tax burden in the near future;
- Long-term motivation to invest, take risks and work harder is seriously hampered by the heavy tax burden;
- Pressures for wage increases combined with low productivity reduce the country's competitiveness in international markets;
- The severe pressure on the balance of payments as a result of disinvestment, trade sanctions and embargoes.

Mr Korsten admits that the financial results for the Group were disappointing, but says that measures have been taken to improve Corbank's performance in coming years. He is confident that the Group has entered the new financial year in a stronger position than a year ago. — Sapa.
Privatisation key to State finances

THE new investment requirements to replace prescribed assets could lead to an acceleration of privatisation, says Senbank chief economist Johann du Pisani.

Dr Du Pisani writes in the Senbank Economic Review that Finance Minister Bar- end du Pisani's announcement earlier this year that prescribed assets would be abolished means a reliable source of funds for the Government has been diminished.

Options

He says the Government has several options to overcome the expected financing problem, such as raising loans on the capital market by offering higher interest rates, borrowing in the money market, increasing taxes or duties, raising funds by loan levies or reducing expenditure and selling assets.

He concludes, however, that the only escape route of consequence is privatisation because the other options are subject to restraints.

"If one considers the amounts the Government required in the past to finance its obligations, it is clear that raising loans on the capital markets could result in substantial upward pressure on capital market interest rates. Money market borrowing would tend to cause average real money market interest rates to rise. Higher taxes or duties are limited by political constraints and so is raising funds by means of loan levies."

Dr Du Pisani says the Government's income can be increased by the sale of assets, which need not be limited to selling shares in public corporations, such as Sascor, but could spread to departments like forestry, the Government Printer and the Government Garage.

Selling off assets not only provides additional income in the year of sale, but can permanently reduce current expenditure — provided that the proceeds are used to reduce Government debt.

At present, Government debt stands at almost R5 billion and interest payments represent about 15% of total State expenditure.

Decreased

"If all privatisable activities of the public sector are privatised, not only can a significant part of the Government debt be reduced, but a large portion of debt servicing can be decreased permanently."

"Furthermore, the current expenditure on services to be privatised may be shed, particularly if the privatised institutions are to finance the services by means of user charges and not by payments from the Government."
Revenue is running far over Budget

GOVERNMENT revenue so far this year is running well ahead of Budget as rising inflation and the withdrawal of many tax-free expenditures have swelled collections.

Latest Government Gazette figures show revenue for the first three months of the fiscal year from April to June at R11,59bn is 36.5% ahead of the comparative period last year.

Strong company profits, payable in June of this quarter and late payments from March, have contributed to the growth in the exchequer account.

In addition the economy has not slowed as dramatically as expected, while GST is a percentage point higher at 13%.

More efficient collections are also believed to have helped. Commissioner of Inland Revenue Hames Hattingh agrees better collections could be a factor.

Further, Hattingh says the withdrawal of many allowances, which were difficult to budget for, are likely to have increased revenue. In line with Margo's proposals the allowances for depreciation of hotels, ring fencing for farmers and leasing transactions have been withdrawn raising tax payable.

It is widely expected that revenue will exceed the budgeted 16% increase to R85bn for the year, although collections are likely to fall in about September as the economy cools.

Econometric's Azar Jammine says the loan levy imposed in May made a mockery of the Budget and would contribute an additional R750m to the exchequer.

Further, the impact of fiscal drag could well have been underestimated, he says. The Budget was based on an inflation rate of 13% for the year, yet in June the rate was already at 14.9% and is conservatively expected to hit 16% by the end of the year.

Rising inflation is likely to boost wage demand levels. It has been calculated that every 15% salary increase results in a 25% rise in tax revenue.

Another area, where the authorities could have under-budgeted, is revenue from the Import surcharge. Jammine points out this raised R1.6bn last year, although it was only imposed in August.
Spending outstrips last year's

Govt grip on purse strings must tighten

G RETA STEYN

STRICT discipline will have to be exercised over spending for the rest of the fiscal year if government is to avoid another overrun on its Budget.

Heavy spending in the first quarter puts tremendous pressure on government to rein in spending for the rest of the fiscal year.

Three months into the financial year, key departments such as Defence and Police are almost 40% above last year's spending. They will have to curtail the rate of increase dramatically if they are to meet their respective budget increases of 13.7% and 17.2%.

An analysis of government finance statistics shows the state has used up more of its Budget than it had by this time last year. In the first quarter of 1989/90, government spent 25.5% of its Budget compared with last year's 22.6% of total spending.

Defence has used up 24% of its R9,94bn budget compared with 19.6% last year. Police has used 30% of its R2,83bn budget (26% in 1988/89).

Heavy spending seasonally occurs in the first and last quarters of the fiscal year. The first quarter this year saw heavier spending than in 1988/89 so the last quarter of 1989/90 will have to see a dramatic scaling down of the traditional spending spree if government is to meet its targets and regain credibility.

On the graph, "budgeted" spending figures were arrived at by taking last year's monthly spending as a percentage of the year's total expenditure — and assuming spending should continue at roughly the same monthly rate in the current fiscal year.

For the first three months of 1989/90, these "budgeted" figures were exceeded — and unless government manages to hold back spending in the rest of the year, especially the final quarter, the Budget will be exceeded:

Economists say the first quarter's spending performance puts tremendous pressure on government to end the traditional splurge in the last three months of the fiscal year.

However, Finance director-general Gerhard Croeser noted last week the expenditure pattern fluctuated from year to year and warned that the latest figures should not be interpreted as a sign of overspending.

He also said last year was an exception because of the "freeze" on civil servants' salaries. He warned transfers between departments sometimes resulted in high percentage increases from the previous year.
Economy worst in free world

Political Correspondent

THE Nationalists had made more of a mess of the economy "than any government this side of the iron curtain", DP co-leader Dr Zach de Beer said last night.

Speaking at a public meeting in Hilton, Dr De Beer went on to qualify his statement, saying that Chile and Argentina had possibly done worse.

"It is necessary to emphasise that apartheid and economic decline are not two separate problems. They are aspects of the same problem."

"The Nats cannot solve the problem because the Nats are the problem," he said.

Dr De Beer said that people had for several years been concerned about the policy of apartheid and felt a "deep anxiety" about the economic condition in South Africa.

"Only now is it being widely understood that these two problems are in fact one; it is apartheid that is ruining our basically strong economic structure."

He noted that the governor of the Reserve Bank, Dr Gerhard de Kock, had noted on several occasions that South Africa would not solve its economic problems until the country made major political changes.

This week Anglo American chairman Mr Gavin Kelly endorsed this by stating that "without rapid constitutional change to satisfy the aspirations of all South Africans, South Africa cannot hope to have an economy strong enough to ensure optimal development".

In the circumstances it was not surprising that voters were "simply fed up".

Dr De Beer added: "Everywhere, one hears people say, 'I am finished with the Nats'."

(Photograph by A Johnson, 125 St George Street, Cape Town)
**Luxury imports must go, says agriculturalist**

Staff Reporter

UNNECESSARY imports of luxury and non-essential goods should be eliminated as a step towards preparing the South African economy for the challenges that lie ahead, the chairman of the Western Province Agricultural Union (WPAU), Mr FJ Malan, said yesterday.

Delivering the keynote address at the start of the WPAU's annual congress at the Cape Sun, Mr Malan called for "an urgent and radical restructuring" of the economy and a "very serious look" at the present approach to the "so-called 'free economy'".

"If we remember that the processing and refinement of primary products, which can be marketed competitively in international markets, will determine the welfare of communities in the future, it is clear that the South African economy, and by implication our agricultural industry as well, faces the greatest challenges in our history."

"It is clear that the economy of South Africa, which presently rests very strongly on our mineral resources, will have to undergo an urgent and radical restructuring to expand its existing base.

"I believe that positive steps will have to be taken to safeguard the balance of payments position against sudden declines in the gold price."

A "basic precaution", Mr Malan said, would be to stop capital leaving the country for buying luxury or non-essential consumer goods, particularly those from countries which do not permit imports of South African products."
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Capital outflow totals $11-bn

By Neil Behrmann

LONDON — Capital outflow from South Africa was a huge $11 billion (R25 billion) between 1985 and 1988, said Professor JA Lombard, deputy governor of the Reserve Bank in a speech here.

Of this amount only "one half constituted identifiable debt repayments," he said.

This remarkable figure confirms impressions of local and international bankers that many South African companies and individuals have managed to circumvent exchange control by transferring massive sums abroad.

Following this massive haemorrhage on the balance of payments and a 40 percent decline in the gold price from average levels of $613 in 1986, the performance of the South African economy has been a remarkable feat, said Professor Lombard.

GROWTH RATE

The average annual growth rate between the second quarter of 1986 and the fourth quarter of 1988 was 3.5 percent. Real gross national product per head of the population rose by an annual rate of one percent per year.

Despite further credit restrictions, high interest rates and further debt repayments, the Reserve Bank estimates that real growth will be two percent this year.

The current account of the balance of payments will achieve a surplus of $1.5 billion (R3.8 billion), forecasts the bank.

But inflation, which has remained high in the past few years will accelerate "temporarily" to 15 percent in 1989.
FOR THE PAST 18 MONTHS, THE ECONOMY HAS BEEN SAID TO BE OVERHEATING AND IN NEED OF DEFlationARY POLICY ACTION. THIS HAS BEEN DUTY IMPLEMENTED.

IT IS HARD TO RECONCILE AN OVERHEATING ECONOMY WITH A LOW RATE OF GROWTH AND MANY UNDERNOURISHED RESOURCES. BUT THE LOW GOLD PRICE AND Onerous FOREIGN DEBT REPAYMENTS ARE OFFERED AS EXPLANATIONS FOR OUR PRESENT PRETTY PICKLE.

LAST YEAR'S ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE IN PARTICULAR GAVE RISE TO FEARS OF OVERHEATING. SPENDING ROSE BY 7% AND IMPORTS BY 22%. THE CURRENT ACCOUNT OF THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS WAS SLIGHTLY IN DEFICIT IN THE FIRST QUARTER WHILE WE FACED A SIZEABLE FOREIGN DEBT REPAYMENT.

THESE NUMBERS GAVE RISE TO NIGHTMARES.

HEALTHY

However, it is not true that the economy has been overheating. There has been neither excessive demand nor a lack of domestic supply. We have not experienced excessive imports or poor export performance.

The numbers regarding the real economy and the current account were actually healthy throughout last year. They will probably remain healthy. Even taking into account foreign debt repayments, there seems little reason for concern.

The only reason things are relatively healthy is that non-gold exports received a large lift last year. International developments may have been unfavourable for gold, but the forces depressing it gave a major boost to traditional non-gold exports. World demand and prices for commodities remained buoyant.

Although the economy went into high gear last year, greatly accelerating domestic spending and especially import growth, it was all paid for by a better export performance, with room to spare after large repayments on foreign debt.

Three things detracted from an excellent performance, virtually drowning the good news and permitting us to hear only the steady drone of bad news.

First, few expected a lift-off in exports even though the import wave was already discernable. Second, a larger foreign debt repayment was expected than took place. Third, there was a large outflow of short-term capital, largely unexplained and apparently unconnected with the improving real economy.

In other words, perceptions were poor to start off with. They were reinforced by a perceptible decline in the foreign reserves, which was meant to make the economy living beyond its means. But in a direct visible sense this was not the case.

COMFORTABLE

The current account surplus last year was $1.3 billion — comfortable enough to cover foreign debt repayment of slightly below $1 billion. This good news, however, was offset by the large decline in the net foreign reserves. Capital outflows other than foreign debt repayments were apparently swamping the overall cash flow by a horrible margin. High growth in domestic spending, high imports, inadequate exports, and high foreign debt repayments were not the problem.

Perceptions about these were negative, but the true culprit was a poorly understood outflow of "other" capital. It was primarily this continuous "other" outflow that gave rise to package after package of policy measures trying to "cool things down" as the net foreign reserve remained locked in its noose.

Six months into 1989, the good and bad news have changed little. Exports are holding up for the same reasons as in 1988, in turn covering still-high import. The resulting current account surplus still comfortably accommodates foreign debt repayments.

SWAMPED

But the net foreign reserves apparently continue to plummet, dictating that "other" capital outflows remain huge, swamp the surplus cash on the current account.

Officially, imports are expected to come off the boil as the economy slows down. But as exports are expected to do as well, the surplus on current account may not improve much over last year.

If world market conditions were to remain buoyant for longer than expected, the export performance could be stronger than budgeted, helped by the weaker rand. However, imports may not fall much, if at all, if the trend of the first half is anything to go by.

But even if the current account were to be ahead of 1988's surplus, it would not seem to be enough by a long, long way to reverse the negative effects on the net foreign reserves. To this must be added the real problem that next year's foreign debt repayment is likely to be double that of this year, all but swallowing the likely current account surplus.

Since the beginning of last year, therefore, the authorities have faced a problem of short-term capital outflows that have been the main reason for the fall in net foreign reserves. Domestic action has been taken to slow imports and promote exports in an attempt to reduce the current account surplus. Although this has worked when the past few quarters are compared with the first quarter of 1988, it is not true on an annualised basis.

In spite of all the policy action, therefore, the authorities have had to accept a rundown in net foreign reserves, forcing the Reserve Bank to increase its foreign borrowings to stabilise the gross foreign reserves at about $2-billion as at October last year.

So what are we to expect over the next 18 months?

The magic word overkill is a good indication of policy intentions. The authorities have little incentive or inclination to kill the domestic economy to enlarge the current account surplus before all other options have been exhausted.

The key option must be to solve the main problem at its source. That means streamlining, and reversing the outflow of capital other than foreign debt repayments.

If that were to happen, the domestic economy could be allowed to continue on its course of the past three years, even if the foreign reserves are low and the Reserve Bank intends to eventually withdraw from the forward cover market.

DELICIOUS

The problem with the huge short-term capital outflows is that they are poorly understood. It is hoped that they will reverse as and when the dollar starts falling internationally.

For the time being, it makes sense for the Reserve Bank to keep on arranging bridging finance internationally to finance the short-term capital outflows and to maintain the gross foreign reserves and not to enforce a further adjustment domestically.

However, there is a limit to bridging finance when the timing of the dollar's demise and presumably the salvation of our capital account is uncertain.

A delicious gamble, if we were not on such a huge scale.
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Economy could grow 2% on back of export surge

Finance Staff

The recent surge in exports should see economic growth of two percent this year, predicts Southern Life's chief economist, Mike Daly.

In the group's latest Economic Comment, Mr Daly says that this should ensure the economy makes a "soft landing".

He adds that economic growth this year will also be guaranteed by a continued surge in government expenditure.

"Real gross domestic expenditure (GDE) in the first three months this year was unchanged on a year-by-year basis, but was up by a strong 6.2 percent on a seasonally adjusted annualised basis from the fourth quarter of last year.

"The main reason for this apparently strong growth rate was a massive 40 percent real increase in consumption expenditure by the government," Mr Daly says.

For the whole of 1989 he expects gross domestic expenditure to remain unchanged, (last year it rose seven percent), and the positive economic growth rate will largely be maintained as a result of the export boom.

Nevertheless, he adds that economic overkill in the wake of earlier monetary and fiscal measures was unlikely.

"Consumer expenditure is not due for a major decline as consumer confidence levels and current real disposable income growth are still in positive territory," Mr Daly writes, adding that for 1989 private consumption expenditure would probably increase by two percent.

However, individuals' real disposable income could be hit from another front, namely inflation, which he foresees at 16.5 in December.

"The impact of the latest mortgage rate increase and last week's petrol price increase will contribute to this rising inflationary scenario that will last until at least early next year," Mr Daly says.

He also suggests that interest rates have peaked and that a high plateau will be maintained until the fourth quarter when a declining trend will emerge.
APARTHEID AND THE ECONOMY

The value of action

The commanding height which Anglo American occupies in the SA economy makes the annual chairman's statement of more than cursory interest — particularly since Gavin Rely, following in the path of Harry Oppenheimer, addresses himself to the wider economic and political environment in which the corporation trades.

Among the points he raises this year are that:

☐ The total abolition of apartheid will not in itself prove a cure-all for our economic malaise. The dangerous rate of population growth; the entrenchment of racial elites, particularly in rural areas; the sheer cost of redressing historical imbalances of privilege — these problems are common to “developing” countries and will endure beyond the moment of political accord;

☐ The route to success — Clive Sunter’s High Road — must take in “a multi-party constitutional system and acceptance of the rule of law . . . regard for private property and staunch adherence to free enterprise, deregulation and privatisation, and to the principle that factors of production must be priced according to relative scarcity.”

Over the past three decades, the record of failure has built up not always because policy was inherently at fault. Rather, because “the cutting edge (of policy) has consistently been blunt or eroded by the perceived need of politicians to conciliate this group or that, in the staggeringly innocent belief that the economy can always be made to yield a little more, or suffer a little more, without permanent damage to its wealth-creating ability.”

The March Budget reflected an awareness of these limits — “Yet there is no guarantee that spending in politically more sensitive areas, such as the civil service, development aid and defence, will not again be pushed beyond Budget limits in the continued endeavour to placate the discontented through official patronage”; and

☐ Added to the mounting costs of redressing historical inequities, and the persuasive power of pressure groups on the Treasury, there remains the problem of SA’s international debt — which means that we “remain bound to repay capital on a scale that makes a mockery of the international community’s claim to have the welfare of Africa at heart, and its aim to bring about a material and sustained improvement in living standards.”

All this does not imply that apartheid is peripheral to “getting the economy right.” Indeed, “Without rapid constitutional change to accommodate the legitimate aspirations of all South Africans we cannot hope to have an economy strong enough to ensure optimal development . . . Progress on the political front is the prerequisite to realising our economic potential, and indeed to our survival as a player in the modern world.”

Rely finds hope in developments within the National Party; the proposed summit between Inkatha, the ANC, Cosatu and the UDF; greater “strategic thinking” among the extra-parliamentarians — and the potential for regeneration within opposition politics.

As importantly, he outlines the role of business in this process of renewal and wealth-generation. Clearly, Anglo — given its position and authority — has the right to make suggestions; it also has a duty to shareholders. These factors are reconciled without conflict in nonracial employment policies, the recruitment and training of blacks for management, academic support programmes to which the group lends financial support, and, of course, the pioneering Employee Shareholder Scheme.

The scheme — in which 133,000 Anglo employees now participate — “is not intended in any way to undermine our commitment to trade union rights and collective bargaining, and indeed it should be seen as an arrangement between shareholders and employees — not one between management and workers.”

In other words, group policy vis-à-vis race relations and black advancement is in no sense affirmative action — the implementation, one way or another, of racial quotas irrespective of merit. Instead it seeks to match company requirements to wider social wellbeing; and so to serve the best interests of stockholders and a nation finding its way out of the apartheid cul-de-sac and engaging in a critical examination of what a post-apartheid society should ideally be.

The premise, of course, is that capitalism offers more opportunities for overall human fulfillment than the short-term panaceas of socialism.

Anglo would promote the idea — but given the resistance by many blacks to the principles of free enterprise, it’s not easy to follow through.

The reaction of all too many would be to value any major corporation solely in terms of its break-up worth.

In this sense, pragmatic engagement in the realities of running a major corporation in a difficult and mistrustful society in transition offers a vision for business. And, if the message can be got across in time, to workers on the brink of inheriting a greater share of the political kingdom.

This perception, which underlies Rely’s statement, is not altogether new. But it is of paramount significance that Anglo — and those whose secular interests coincide with Anglo — thought the matter through, weighed up the possibilities, made key decisions, and is seeking to implement them in the most practical way possible.
increased to £181m from 1988's £173m.

This occurred at a time when Lloyd's experienced a record number of resignations internationally — 1742 from an overall membership of 33,532. However, 1,000 new names were elected, leaving a net loss of only 742. Total aggregate capacity remained "virtually unchanged," says Lloyd's general representative in SA Ronnie Napier, because nearly 4,000 existing names increased their capacity.

For South Africans, entry requirements have soared in the past 18 months as the rand's fall pushed up the cost of:
- An entrance fee of £2,300;
- An annual bank guarantee fee of £1,125 (1.5% of the required deposit of £75,000);
- An optional stop-loss premium of £2,500 a year;
- An estate protection plan policy at £250 a year;
- The cost of an interview with the Lloyd's Council in London; and
- A minimum asset requirement which will rise in 1990 from £200,000 to £250,000.

However, David Newton, an independent Lloyd's consultant in SA, points out profits, like costs, are affected by the lower rand. Moreover, the shortage of domestic investment opportunities is making South Africans look offshore. Lloyd's membership is one of the few avenues through which South Africans can operate legitimately in international markets — accumulating reserves in a foreign currency. Though profits have to be remitted to SA, the UK underwriting agent is allowed to build up prudent underwriting reserves as protection against possible future losses. These can be invested in the UK.

There is also a tax advantage. Profits are exempt from SA tax as membership is regarded as a trading activity overseas, taxable at source. The maximum tax rate in Britain is 40% compared to 45% in SA.

So, for South Africans, pros outweigh cons. For other investors, the choice is less clear.

Lloyd's 1986 underwriting account is expected to show record overall profits, though some syndicates performed poorly due to outstanding liabilities, mostly relating to asbestos and environmental pollution claims, catastrophes such as the Piper Alpha blow-out, and Hurricane Gilbert. The 1987 account should also be satisfactory.

Premium rates have since fallen sharply as competition revived, so the outlook for 1988 and 1989 accounts is less attractive.

There are special circumstances surrounding our experience:
- Credit sanctions had given SA no choice;
- "The painful adjustment would have been far more difficult to bring about if the white electorate had not been so preoccupied by the perceived threats to wellbeing and security posed by domestic unrest" and threats of sanctions; and
- Though SA is faced with large repayments of foreign debt, these and foreign interest payments combined amounted to 19% of total exports of goods and services in 1987. "This compares favourably with obligations of developing countries."

OFFSHORE BANKING

Off Africa

Mauritius has followed its West Indian island counterparts, creating an offshore banking haven in the Indian Ocean. Since legislation in December allowing offshore banks to operate, Mauritius has licensed one foreign bank — UK-based Barclays Bank Plc. Swiss-based Banque Privée Edmond de Rothschild and the Indian Bank of Baroda have applied.

Finance Minister Vishnu Lutchmenaraidoo will visit Britain this month to entice more banks to the island.

"There's enormous development in this part of the world. A lot of people will need funds," he says. "And it ties up with our drive to attract offshore companies and become the Indian Ocean's offshore centre."

According to the 1988 Banking Act, an offshore licence will be granted to an international bank, a locally incorporated fully owned subsidiary or a joint venture with a local bank. Costs include:
- A US$3,000 processing fee on application; and
- Annual licence fee of $20,000.

Banks must maintain capital of not less than Rs25m (US$1.6m) after accumulated losses, net free assets as negotiated with the Central Bank of Mauritius, and must also hold a percentage of deposits and other liabilities as liquid assets.

Benefits of Mauritius as a banking centre include proximity to Africa, political stability and time-zone location between Far Eastern and European financial markets.

Concessions include:
- Exemption from exchange control;
- Freedom to conduct banking and other financial business with non-residents;
- Exemption from minimum cash balances with any central bank;
- Exemption from credit, interest rate and some other restrictions applicable to domestic banks;
- Income tax rate at 5% (domestic banks are taxed at 35%);
- Opportunity to repatriate profits freely without any further tax or levy;
- Freedom to take deposits from non-residents without having to deduct Mauritian
Countdown to September 6

Some pre-election advice for Barend du Plessis

As economic claims and counter-claims proliferate in the election campaign, the FM Board of Economists tries to assess the true position, and where we may be heading. The members this time are JCT's Ronnie Bethlehem, Brian Kantor of UCT, and Standard Bank's André Hamersma. The chairman, as usual, is Assocuso's Raymond Parsons.

Parsons: How would you assess the current situation? Is the economy slowing down?

Bethlehem: There's no doubt the real economy is slowing down. The critical question is whether the financial economy is.

Hamersma: I agree. The financial sector tends to lag the real side a little. In some areas demand for credit remains buoyant, though one senses that some of it is distressed borrowing that may replace other borrowing.

Kantor: The economy is slowing down. The Reserve Bank called a peak towards the end of last year. Money supply growth is slowing on a monthly basis but note issue growth, which I watch closely, and M3, which the Reserve Bank watches. Monthly increases in M3 are down to about 16%.

As always, confidence is the driving force. It took a beating in May when the gold price fell and the rand/dollar exchange rate weakened. The last increase in interest rates distinctly dented confidence — but all these things could turn round again.

Parsons: Which sectors are feeling — or are likely to feel — the slowdown most?

Hamersma: The normal pattern: durable goods, motor cars, furniture and things like bricks, are coming down significantly. The investment cycle is not affected yet.

Kantor: Furniture is particularly badly hit because of the discriminatory nature of direct controls. It is a crying shame that HP controls imposed at the late stage of a boom always affect furniture particularly. Motor cars may not be as severely hit this time round because most sites are to the corporate sector, which is cash flush. New housing must slow down. I wish we didn't do such terrible things to particular sectors.

Some specific imports are also particularly affected by the high degree of discretion in the import control system. People best paths to Pretoria to ask for special concessions. It's all very unsatisfactory.

Bethlehem: I would emphasise inflationary expectations, which lead directly to expectations of what will happen to the exchange rate. People are behaving in extraordinary ways to secure motor vehicles in the future at prices they can determine now.

Hamersma: Such goods are becoming investments.

Kantor: Corporate motor car purchases are in fact classified as investments, though as consumption if bought by households.

Parsons: To what extent has the downsing affected fixed investment and employment?

Hamersma: Typically the investment cycle lags the downturn of the economy. Though growth is likely to be slower than last year, fixed investment should remain relatively tight range almost independently of assumptions about the gold price, because a better gold price will mean a more buoyant economy and higher demand for imports, so what is gained on the export side will be lost on the import side, and vice versa. The balance of trade will remain not overwhelmingly difficult, but not comfortable, so the outlook for interest rates is for only marginal declines. But if you believe the economy will slow down sharply, then the balance of trade will improve and interest rates will come off.

Bethlehem: If we define net reserves in a crude cash flow way as the difference between the monetary banking sector's gross reserves and short-term foreign liabilities, at the end of March, net reserves were a negative R930m, equivalent to US$335m. That's a bad starting point as you look forward to the June 1990 debt negotiations. I don't think the economy is slowing down fast enough for the balance of payments.

Domestic credit extension (DCE) is still growing significantly faster than M3 year-on-year, though I admit that month-on-month figures are different. DCE grew 30% in the year to May and money supply by 25%. The consequences of this for net reserves are severe. I assume a current account surplus of R2,5bn and with those rates of increase, according to my model, net reserves will decline by over R7bn. Relate this to Japie Jacobs's indication that we need a current account surplus of R4bn in 1989 and R6bn in 1990 to handle debt comfortably. We are moving far away from that.

Of course, the gold price is the joker in the pack.

Kantor: One has to look at more recent data than year-on-year to get the underlying trend, which in money supply growth and therefore credit creation growth is significantly down. That is what the authorities have been hoping to achieve, and to some extent are. Month-to-month smoothed growth in M3 in the past couple of months I calculate at about 16% annualised.

I don't think the Reserve Bank can be happy with the net reserve position, but it won't deteriorate much. We've had a significant decrease in the real exchange rate. The rand is well off its purchasing power parity again, maybe by up to 15%. That is driving exports up. The trend in rand exports is substantially up again after levelling off for a while. Imports are still rising strongly but should start levelling off. That should hold the fort for the next couple of years.
Parsons: What is the outlook for the external value of the rand?
Hammersma: In principle, the rand is a weak currency. Problems on the balance of payments and high inflation ensure that. How weak and against what currency is a different matter. If you talk about the dollar you must make a forecast about the dollar — which could fall further. Generally, the trade position has improved. But I'm concerned about the debt situation and possible capital flow problems. I am not optimistic that when debt is renegotiated we will get a much easier or better deal. Pressure on SA won't ease significantly.

Kantor: The 1985-1986 experience was awful. One doesn't expect anything like that again. But it is hard to see any trade-weighted improvement in the exchange rate. Even a slightly better gold price will bring a continued, if slower, decline against the dollar. Even if gold reaches $300 by the end of 1991 the rand could still be down to maybe US$3.60 by then. It will weaken to maintain the advantage exporters have and the disadvantage importers suffer. From indeed, that'll be the policy response until the next upswing, which is in a way is being delayed somewhat by the soft landing.

Bethlehem: Prospects for the rand need to be seen in terms of short-, medium- and long-term. Short-term prospect are dominated by what happens to gold and the dollar. The gold price has improved and the dollar has weakened. Medium-term comes the possibility of a second economic slowdown and the fact that the gold price is in secular decline. Against the background of lower inflation, which in turn is closely linked to the prospect of international disarmament and lower defence spending. The long-term determinant is the income differential between SA and its major trading partners, and it's difficult to be optimistic about that.

Kantor: The exchange rate is as much a question of perception as of effect. The capital account has been the main cause of rand depreciation, which in turn affects inflation, so it is not unidirectional. I'm not sure that the gold price is in secular decline. Declines in US defence expenditure in the late Seventies and what happened to gold then, contradict the military expenditure theory. We'll have to see how the US economy and economic management respond to a slowdown. One needs to be totally pessimistic that they'll play for the long haul and not encourage inflationary expectations over the next couple of years.

Parsons: Does the policy stance need to be tightened, relaxed, or stay the same?
Hammersma: There seems no need for tightening in the shorter term, but the instability which emanates from government spending is terribly disconcerting.

Bethlehem: What is the economic policy stance? I'm not sure. We recently had an announcement that there is to be a one-off across-the-board R60 payout to pensioners. There was a denial that this was intended to improve the electoral chances of the NP; but from an economic or political-economic point of view, government can't ignore September 6. It is obviously biasing policy in a manner that makes people feel comfortable and is not negative to its electoral chances.

Kantor: If you ask a Keynesian question you should get a Keynesian answer. If you look at fiscal policy over the past year, it is clear that revenue growth has been significantly faster than expenditure. This trend will continue for a while. Revenue growth peaks after the business cycle. A Keynesian must believe that is contractionary, though it didn't work that way last year. But fiscal policy alone doesn't tell the story. It all depends on how government spending is financed, whether it is expansionary or not.

Parsons: If the phone rang now and Barend du Plessis was on the other end saying he's about to go into a Cabinet meeting, what should he tell them, what would you say?

Kantor: He shouldn't hope to fine-tune on fiscal policy, and he doesn't. He'd like him to achieve his monetary policy target. If he does he will be doing well enough for the next year. He probably will, because money supply is edging down into the target range and may even fall below that range within 12 months. I wouldn't raise taxes and I certainly wouldn't encourage pump priming.

Bethlehem: Evidence is beginning to emerge of slippages in fiscal policy. We see high current government expenditure growth and pre-election concessions. This shifts the burden towards monetary policy.

Hammersma: One must establish a longer-term pattern on monetary and fiscal policy. Only then do you achieve credibility, and then policies become effective.

Bethlehem: As I have argued before, we need some medium-term financial strategy, like Margaret Thatcher's MTFS, though not necessarily having the same ingredients.

Kantor: The long-term trend in government spending growth is probably stable. Since 1980 there has been an average annualised monthly growth of 3% in real government spending, which is highly satisfactory given the demands government has to listen to.

Parsons: Could interest rates start coming down by September?
Hammersma: That seems a bit early. The economy will not have cooled down enough.

Kantor: It'll be hard to drop short-term interest rates before the election, much as the authorities would like to. After the election, if the economy has already slowed down, and the evidence for that is pretty clear, the requirement to raise interest rates will have passed. Long-term rates may well fall before the election.

Parsons: How high is the risk of "overkill"?
Hammersma: There is a risk, and we must live with it.

Kantor: It is always a risk and it is very dangerous. We had overkill in 1984. Confidence is very frail and problems that the whole economy plays and can be dissipated overnight. It can also recover overnight.

Hammersma: We cannot take chances. If we err, it must be on the conservative side, though nobody likes that.

Kantor: We saw in 1984 what happened with overkill. Gerhard de Kock will believe that he engineered the growth in reserves and enabled us to meet the capital outflows that followed the unrest, but I put the emphasis differently. Interest rate increases were excessive. Consumer demand, especially for durables, fell like a stone, and unrest followed, like night after day. That is the last thing you want. If you've got to err you must err on the side of softly, softly; but I don't know how do you do that either!

Bethlehem: There is also a danger of underkill, and it's as great a danger.

Parsons: What is the latest trend in government spending and is it making its contribution to stabilisation policy?
Bethlehem: Recent figures are a bit discouraging, but in a broader context, total
public-sector current and investment spending as a percentage of GDP was 36% in 1986, 35.4% in 1987, and 33.6% in 1988.

Hamersma: It is too high. Even a 3% annual rise is too high. Next year if we want to meet our commitments, overall economic growth must be below 3%. Government must make a contribution to that.

Kantor: 3% real growth is as low as we can realistically hope for. I would love to see a much reduced role for central government — though even that may not even bring down spending in the form of transfers and the like. Privatisation and deregulation will help, as will devaluation from Pretoria.

Parsons: Is there an economic case for a further increase in public-sector salaries?

Hamersma: Public servants must get competitive salaries. The problem is not increases in public servants' salaries, but that we have too many of them.

Bethlehem: Public-sector employment is too great. This is a big factor in the high percentage of government expenditure to GDP. Long-term, government must get that under. The bureaucracy is important but it mustn't get oversized. The objective must be to increase salaries to the people who deserve them but get the total wage bill down.

Kantor: There must be nominal increases otherwise they fall behind dramatically. Last year's freeze of nominal wages was a ridiculous piece of incomes policy. But what public-sector salaries really are we don't know. We only measure the cash wage. All the fringe benefits, pension contributions and like aren't measured. But we must eliminate layers of the Pretoria superstructure.

Parsons: What signal would it give if there were an announcement now that from October 1, or whenever, they would get another 10% or 15%?

Kantor: I'm sure that before the election there will be an announcement of a salary increase to be paid next year. Even 15% will at best keep pace with inflation.

Parsons: How worrying are trends in prices? What is your forecast for consumer price index (CPI) inflation this year?

Hamersma: The fight against inflation has been relegated to very low priority, so one cannot be optimistic. I am terribly concerned about the long-term negative effects of inflation. One of the new things in this election is that economic conditions, particularly inflation, have correctly become a significant issue. My inflation forecast for this year is 15% but rising: it could reach 17%.

Bethlehem: I am just as worried. The year-to-year increase by December will be 17%.

Kantor: I'm worried too but I don't think it will reach 17%; it will top at 16%. Import price inflation is running at about 15%, so there aren't the massive increases in import prices we had in 1983. The trend is up slightly and levelling off. I don't see it coming down very much over the next couple of years. We can't do anything about it unless the rand appreciates, and that's not on the cards. Unless we have a massive slowdown in our economy we won't get the kind of trade balances that would support an appreciating exchange rate and therefore lower inflation.

Parsons: What are your GDP forecasts?

Hamersma: 2.25% this year.

Bethlehem: 2.2%; but zero next year.

Kantor: About 2%, slowing to maybe 1% next year.

Parsons: Are we heading for a soft landing?

Bethlehem: Because of the buoyant credit extension; I see interest rates peaking only in the first quarter of next year. After the election, if the gold price doesn't recover we may have to face the crunch on the balance of payments of the external debt renegotiation. Then we could have a soft landing followed by a hard landing.

Kantor: There won't be a hard landing in the 1984-85 sense.

Hamersma: It won't be 1985 all over again but you can't have a recession without somebody getting hurt.

Bethlehem: No growth — or even 1% — in 1990 is a hard landing. The population is increasing by 2.5%, the black population by 3% and the urbanising black population by over 7% a year.

Kantor: It comes back to the gold price. If gold falls away after the election, confidence will be hurt and spending will drop.

Parsons: Given our circumstances, is there a constraint on our maximum growth potential? If so, what is it, and how can we lift the growth ceiling?

Hamersma: There is a ceiling in the short term. We cannot move out of it overnight, so we have to live with it. With the balance of payments constraint, the need to restructure our economy and the political changes that we are having, we are in a straitjacket for a couple of years. We must work hard now so that in three or four years' time the new visions will open.

Kantor: There is always a constraint: the availability of savings and the effectiveness with which you use them. SA faces a restricted supply of foreign savings. We have to restructure to use our own savings more effectively. Deregulation and privatisation can raise the ceiling. But there is nothing wrong with the structure of our economy that a little foreign capital couldn't cure.

We know what capital back: political change that will guarantee not only majority rule but sound management under majority rule. Two difficult objectives, and possibly contradictory.

— Kantor

PHILIP KRUGER
NOTICE 827 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
TOWNSHIPS ORDINANCE, 1969 (ORDINANCE No. 9 OF 1969)
PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF THE TOWN-PLANNING SCHEME FOR FOURIESBURG
By Abraham Adriaan Venter, Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly

It is hereby notified for general information in terms of section 23 (2) of the Townships Ordinance, 1969 (Ordinance No. 9 of 1969), that it is my intention to issue a proclamation whereby a town-planning scheme for Fouriesburg will be introduced in respect of all land situated within the area of jurisdiction of the Municipal Council of Fouriesburg.

Any owner or occupier of immovable property within the area to which the scheme will apply, who wishes to object to the proposed introduction of the scheme or who is desirous of being heard or of making representations with regard thereto, must communicate with me at the Regional Representative, Private Bag X20524, Bloemfontein, 9300, not later than 25 August 1989.

All objections must be lodged in duplicate.

A. A. VENTER,
Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly.
(21 July 1989)

NOTICE 828 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967 (ACT No. 84 OF 1967)

It is hereby notified in terms of sections 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the undermentioned applications have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly, at the above address or Private Bag X20524, Bloemfontein, 9300. Objections, in duplicate, must reach this office not later than 16:00 on Friday 25 August 1989.

Bethlehem (1889)

For the alteration of the Bethlehem Town-planning Scheme by the rezoning of Erf 4034 from “Municipal” to “General Industrial”.

Kestell (1888)

For the alteration of the Kestell Town-planning Scheme by the rezoning of a portion of portion of the farm Drifkuil 675 from “Not yet determined” to “Private open space”.

Head of the Department,
Department Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly.
(21 July 1989)
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NOTICE 823 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 1324, PLETtenberg Bay TOWNSHIP EXTENSION 5

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly has approved the amendment of condition F (2) in Deed of Transfer T35535/1976 by the deletion of the expression "The erection of flat, lean-to or monopitch roofs or of flat or corrugated iron as asbestos fencing is prohibited".

KENNISGEWING 823 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKES
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 1324, PLETtenBERGBAAI-
DORPSUITREIBING 5

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Volksraad, goedgekeur dat voorwaarde F (2) in Akte van Transport T35535/1976 gewysig word deur die skrapping van die uitdrukking "The erection of flat, lean-to or monopitch roofs or of flat or corrugated iron as asbestos fencing is prohibited".

(21 July 1989)
NOTICE 815 OF 1989

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 of 1967)
ALTERATION 1 OF 1988 OF THE TOWN-PLANNING SCHEME OF BOTHAVILLE.

The Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has in terms of the provisions of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), as amended, altered the Town-planning Scheme of Bothaville by the rezoning of Erf 125 from “Special Residential” to “Institution”.

(21 July 1989)

NOTICE 816 OF 1989

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
TOWNSHIPS ORDINANCE, 1969
(Ordinance No. 9 of 1969)
PROCLAMATION OF ALTERATION OF WRITTEN SCHEME, WELKOM (988)

By Abraham Adriaan Venter, Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by section 30 of the Townsships Ordinance, 1969 (Ordinance No. 9 of 1969), I hereby declare that Town-planning Scheme 1 of 1980 of the City Council of Welkom, approved by Proclamation No. 5 of 2 January 1981 filed with the Chairman of the Townships Board, Bloemfontein, and the Town Clerk, Welkom, is hereby amended as set out in the Schedule. This amendment shall be known as Amendment 9 of 1988 of the Town-planning Scheme of Welkom, 1 of 1980.

Given under my hand at Pretoria this 8th day of June 1989.

A. A. VENTER,
Minister of Local Government and Housing:
House of Assembly.

SCHEDULE
WRITTEN SCHEME

The establishment of the zoning of “Caravan park” with the following definitions between 6.7 “Café” and 6.8 “Cluster housing”:

6.7.1 “Caravan” shall mean a mobile, factory-manufactured unit intended for the temporary stay of persons in a caravan park and which is either pulled by a motor vehicle or the living quarters of which form an integral part of the vehicle, and no such unit, whether it is pulled or forms part of the vehicle, shall be deemed a dwelling unit as defined in the Scheme.

KENNISGEWING 815 VAN 1989

ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEEPERSING, 1967
(Wet No. 84 van 1967)
WYSIGING 1 VAN 1988 VAN DIE DORPS-
AANLEGSKEMA VAN BOTHAVILLE

Die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad het kragtens die bepaling van artikel 2 van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967 (Wet No. 84 van 1967), soos gewysig, die Dorpsaanlegskema van Bothaville gewysig deur die hersonering van Erf 125 vanaf “Spesiale woning” na “Inrigting”.

(21 Julie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 816 VAN 1989

ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIISING EN WERKE
ORDONNASIE OP DORPE, 1969
(ORDONNASIE No. 9 VAN 1969)
PROKLAMERING VAN WYSIGING VAN GESKREWE DORPSAANLEGSKEMA, WELKOM (988)

Deur Abraham Adriaan Venter, Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad.

Kragtens die bevoegdheid my verleen by artikel 30 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpe, 1969 (Ordonnansie No. 9 van 1969), verklaar ek hierby dat Dorpsaanlegskema 1 van 1980 van die Stadsraad van Welkom, goedgekeur deur Proklamacie No. 5 van 2 Januarie 1981, in bewaring gehou deur die Voorstitter van die Dorpe-raad, Bloemfontein, en die Stadskerk, Welkom, hierby gewysig word soos in die Bylae uiteengesit. Hierdie wysiging staan bekend as Wysiging 9 van 1988 van die Dorpsaanlegskema van Welkom, 1 van 1980.

Gegoe onder my hand te Pretoria op hede die 8ste dag van Junie 1989.

A. A. VENTER,
Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising:
Volksraad.

BYLAE
GESKREWE SKEMA

Die skepping van die sonering van karavaanpark met die volgende woordomtrekings tussen 6.20 “Kantoor” en 6.21 “Laaggebied”:

6.20.1 “Karavaan” beteken 'n mobiele, fabrieksgewaardigde eenheid bedoel vir die tydelike verblyf van persone in 'n karavaanpark en wat deur 'n motorvoertuig gesleept word of van die woonakkommodasie 'n integrale deel van die voertuig uitmaak, en geen sodanige eenheid, of dit gesleept, of 'n integrale deel van 'n voertuig is, sal geag word 'n wooneneheid te wees soos in die skema gedefinieer nie. (Caravan).
NOTICE 812 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 of 1967)
ALTERATION 27 OF 1988 OF THE TOWN-PLANNING SCHEME OF BLOEMFONTEIN

The Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has in terms of the provisions of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), as amended, altered the Town-planning Scheme of Bloemfontein by the rezoning of Subdivision 298 of Bloemfontein 654 from "Existing Public Open Space" to "Special Single Dwelling Residential".
(21 July 1989)

NOTICE 813 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 of 1967)
ALTERATION 1 OF 1988 OF THE TOWN-PLANNING SCHEME OF VREDE

The Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has in terms of the provisions of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), as amended, altered the Town-planning Scheme of Vrede by the rezoning of Erven 765 and 766 which is reserved for "Private open space" to "General Residential".
(21 July 1989)

NOTICE 814 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 of 1967)
ALTERATION 33 OF 1988 OF THE TOWN-PLANNING SCHEME OF BLOEMFONTEIN

The Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has in terms of the provisions of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), as amended, altered the Town-planning Scheme of Bloemfontein by rezoning of Erf 6147, Dan Pienaar, from "Municipal Purposes" to "Special Single Dwelling Residential".
(21 July 1989)

KENNISGEWING 812 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSAAR
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)
WYSIGING 27 VAN 1988 VAN DIE DORPSAANLEGSKEMA VAN BLOEMFONTEIN

Die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volkraad het kragtens die bepalings van artikel 2 van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967 (Wet No. 84 van 1967), soos gewysig, die Dorpsaanlegskema van Bloemfontein gewysig deur die hersonering van Onderverdeling 298 van Bloemfontein 654 vanaf "Openbare Oorruimte" na "Speciale Enkelwoning".
(21 Julie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 813 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSAAR
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)
WYSIGING 1 VAN 1988 VAN DIE DORPSAANLEGSKEMA VAN VREDE

Die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volkraad het kragtens die bepalings van artikel 2 van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967 (Wet No. 84 van 1967), soos gewysig, die Dorpsaanlegskema van Vrede gewysig deur die hersonering van Erwe 765 en 766 wat gereserveer is vir "Privaat oorruimte" na "Algemene woon".
(21 Julie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 814 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSAAR
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)
WYSIGING 33 VAN 1988 VAN DIE DORPSAANLEGSKEMA VAN BLOEMFONTEIN

Die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volkraad het kragtens die bepalings van artikel 2 van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967 (Wet No. 84 van 1967), soos gewysig, die Dorpsaanlegskema van Bloemfontein gewysig deur die hersonering van Erf 6147, Dan Pienaar, vanaf "Municipale Doeleindes" na "Speciale Enkelwoning".
(21 Julie 1989)
NOTICE 847 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 1934, HIGHLANDS NORTH EXTENSION 3 TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) conditions C (b) to C (g), D (a) to D (e) in Deed of Transfer 35471/1980 be removed; and

(2) Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme, 1979, Highlands North Extension 3 Township, to “Residential 1” including offices, with a density of “One dwelling per erf”, which amendment scheme will be known as Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 2207, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Johannesburg.

(PB 4-14-2-609-1)

(21 July 1989)

NOTICE 848 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 3873, BRYANSTON EXTENSION 3 TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition 213 in Deed of Transfer T58149/1988 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-210-11)

(21 July 1989)

NOTICE 849 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 1036, HORIZON EXTENSION 1 TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) condition (j) in Deed of Transfer T1890/1987 be removed; and

(2) Roodepoort Town-planning Scheme, 1987, be amended by the rezoning of ERF 1036, Horizon Extension 1 Township, to “Institution” subject to certain conditions, which amendment scheme will be known as Roodepoort Amendment Scheme 246, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Roodepoort.

(PB 4-14-2-618-2)

(21 July 1989)
**NOTICE 836 OF 1989**

**REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967** (ACT No. 84 OF 1967)

**CORRECTION NOTICE**

It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in General Notice 587, dated 2 June 1989, correction of the notice has been approved by the insertion of the figure “V” between the figures IV and VI.

(PB 4.14.2-831-1)

(21 July 1989)

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**NOTICE 837 OF 1989**

**REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967**

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the applications mentioned in the Schedule have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works and are open for inspection at the 12th Floor Merino Building, Pretorius Street, Pretoria, and at the office of the relevant local authority.

Any objection, with full reasons therefor, should be lodged in writing with the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works at the above address or Private Bag X340, Pretoria, on or before 18 August 1989.

**SCHEDULE**

**TOWN COUNCIL OF KRUGERSDORP**

(1) the amendment of the conditions of Establishment of Erf 509, Lewisham Extension 3 Township, in order to permit the erf to be used for a single dwelling-house;

(2) the amendment of the Krugersdorp Town-planning Scheme, 1980, by the rezoning of the erf from “Business 3” to “Residential 1” with a density of “One dwelling per erf”.

This application will be known as Krugersdorp Amendment Scheme 220, with reference number PB 4-14-2-2573-1.

**TOWN COUNCIL OF KRUGERSDORP**

(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Erven 1878-1880 and 1885-1887, Krugersdorp Township, in order to permit the erven to be used for business purposes;

(2) the amendment of the Krugersdorp Town-planning Scheme, 1980, by the rezoning of the erven from “Residential 1” with a density of “One dwelling per erf”.

This application will be known as Krugersdorp Amendment Scheme 198, with reference number PB 4-14-2-270-8.

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**KENNISGEWING 836 VAN 1989**

**WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967** (WET No. 84 VAN 1967)

**VERBETERINGSKENNISGEWING**

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepalings van artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nadenaam ’n fout in Algemene Kennisgewing 587, gedateer 2 Junie 1989, ontslaan het, is dit goedgekeur dat bogenoemde kennisgewing gewysig word deur die invoeging van die syfer “V” tussen die syfers IV en VI.

(PB 4.14.2-831-1)

(21 July 1989)

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**KENNISGEWING 837 VAN 1989**

**WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967**

Ingevolge artikel 3 (6) van bogenoemde Wet word hiermee kennis gegee dat aansoek in die Bylae vermeld deur die Departementshoof van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke ontvang is en ter insaai le by die 12de Verdieping Merinogebou, Pretoriustraat, Pretoria, en in die kantoor van die betrokke plaaslike bestuur.


**BYLAE**

**STADSRAAD VAN KRUGERSDORP vir—**

(1) die wysiging van die Stigtingsvoorwaardes van Erf 509, dorp Lewisham-uitbreiding 3, ten einde dit moontlik te maak dat die erf gebruik kan word vir ’n enkel woonhuis;

(2) die wysiging van die Krugersdorp-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1980, deur die hersonering van die erf van “Besigheid 3” tot “Residensieel 1” met ’n digtheid van “Een woonhuis per erf”.

Die aansoek sal bekend staan as Krugersdorp-wysigingskema 220, met verwysingsnommer PB 4-14-2-2573-1.

**STADSRAAD VAN KRUGERSDORP vir—**

(1) die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Erwe 1878-1880 en 1885-1887, dorp Krugersdorp, ten einde dit moontlik te maak dat die erwe gebruik kan word vir besigheidsoeleinders;

(2) die wysiging van die Krugersdorp-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1980, deur die hersonering van die erf van “Residensieel 1” met ’n digtheid van “Een woonhuis per erf” tot “Besigheid 1”.

Die aansoek sal bekend staan as Krugersdorp-wysigingskema 198, met verwysingsnommer PB 4-14-2-270-8.
PETER HÜTZ for—
(1) the removal of the conditions of title of portion 1 of Erf 6, Wierda Valley Township, in order to permit the erf to be used for office development;
(2) the amendment of the Sandton Town-planning Scheme, 1980, by the rezoning of the erven from “Residential 1” with a density of “One dwelling per erf” to “Business 4” including restaurants, places of instruction and a caretaker’s flat subject to certain conditions.

This application will be known as Sandton Amendment Scheme 1433, with reference number PB 4-14-2-1457-23.

DAVID BEHR for the removal of the conditions of title of Erven 252, 253, 254, Malvern Township, in order to permit the erven to be used for business purposes.

(PB 4-14-2-818-20)

(21 July 1989)

NOTICE 838 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 OF 1967)
ERF 23, MENLO PARK
CORRECTION NOTICE
It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Administrator’s Notice 282 which appeared in the Provincial Gazette dated 8 March 1989, the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly has approved the correction of the notice by the substitution of the approved Map 3 documents by amended approved Map 3 documents.

(PB 4-14-2-856-36)

(21 July 1989)

NOTICE 839 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 58, ORIEL TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—
(1) conditions (d), (k) and (l) in Deed of Transfer T38198/1987 be removed; and
(2) Bedfordview Town-planning Scheme 1, 1948, be amended by the rezoning of Erf 58, Oriel Township, to “Special Residential” with a density of “One dwelling per 20 000 ft²” which amendment scheme will be known as Bedfordview Amendment Scheme 1/455, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Bedfordview.

(PB 4-14-2-990-16)

(21 July 1989)

PETER HÜTZ vir—
(1) die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Gedeelte 1 van Erf 6, dorp Wierda Valley, ten einde dit moontlik te maak dat die erf gebruik kan word vir kantoorontwikkeling;
(2) die wysiging van die Sandton-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1980, deur die hersonering van die erf van “Residensieel 1” met ’n digtheid van “Een woonhuis per erf” tot “Besigheid 4” insluitend restaurante, plekke vir onderrig en ’n opsieterswoonstel onderworpe aan seker voorwaarde.

Die aansoek sal bekend staan as Sandton-wysigingskema 1433, met verwysingsnummer PB 4-14-2-1457-23.

DAVID BEHR vir die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Erf 252, 253, 254, dorp Malvern, ten einde dit moontlik te maak dat die erwe gebruik kan word vir besigheidsdoeleindes.

(PB 4-14-2-818-20)

(21 July 1989)

KENNISGEWING 838 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(WET NO. 84 VAN 1967)
ERF 23, MENLO PARK
VERBETERINGSKENNISGEWING
Hiermee word ingevolge die bepaling van artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nedaemal in fout voorgekom het in Administrateurskennisgewing 282 wat in die Provinciale Koerant gedateer 8 Maart 1989, verskyn het, het die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behouding, Administrasie: Volksraad goedgekeur dat bogenoemde kennisgewing reggestel word deur die goedgekeurde Kaart 3-dokumente te vervang met gewysigde goedgekeurde Kaart 3-dokumente.

(PB 4-14-2-856-36)

(21 July 1989)

KENNISGEWING 839 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 58, DORP ORIEL
Hierby word ingevolge die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behouding: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—
(1) voorwaardes (d), (k) en (l) in Akte van Transport T38198/1987 opgehef word; en
(2) Bedfordviewdorpsaanlegskema 1, 1948, gewysig word deur die hersonering van Erf 58, dorp Oriel, tot “Seswane Woon” met ’n digtheid van “Een woonhuis per 20 000 m²”, welke wysingskema bekend staan as Bedfordview-wysingskema 1/455, soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en skemaklouwes wat ter insie lê in die kantoor van die Departementshoof, Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behouding en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Bedfordview.

(PB 4-14-2-990-16)

(21 July 1989)
SA economy 'will be the most mixed by year 2000'

By Kalzer Nyatumba

Black and white South Africans were so interdependent economically that it was impossible to destroy one side without wrecking the country's economy, the executive director of the South African Institute of Race Relations, Mr John Kane-Berman, said in Johannesburg yesterday.

Addressing a conference on "SA Megatrends — The New South Africa", he said South Africa was going through a silent revolution engineered not by political elites, but by ordinary men and women.

This revolution, which saw more blacks becoming educated, apartheid laws being defied and blacks' economic clout increasing, had resulted in people of different races mixing freely in major centres of the country.

By the year 2000 South Africa would be the most integrated economy on this planet, because of the silent revolution.

Labour Party leader, the Rev Alan Hendricks, said his party's continued participation in the tripartite Parliament did not signal its acceptance of the present constitution.

He said urgent attention had to be given to scrapping the Group Areas, the Reservation of Separate Amenities and Race Classification Acts if negotiations were to take off.

The director of the University of the Witwatersrand's Centre for Policy Studies, Professor Lawrence Schlemmer, said the Government's policy of "own affairs" and "general affairs" could not be defended with any kind of intellectual integrity.

He said there was a great need for Government policy to take realities into account. In order to be effective public policy had to solve the problem it was aimed to address and should not be "semi-effective" or "ineffective rear-guard action."

Ms Frances Kendall, co-author of "South Africa — The Solution" and "Let the People Govern", said as South Africa searched for a new constitution it should consider the Swiss system in which the people themselves had a veto power over unpopular legislation.
ANC, SA bankers meet

By BARRY STREEK

THE deputy governor of the Reserve Bank, Dr Jan Lombard, and the head of the Development Bank, Dr Simon Brand, have attended a closed-doors conference about the South African economy with members of the African National Congress.

The two were among 25 South African economists and businessmen who met 19 members of the ANC, two Soviet Africa experts and 15 other academics from different countries in Lausanne, Switzerland, between July 8 and July 15.

The focus of the conference was current and post-apartheid economic policies.

Though all the participants attended in their private capacities, Dr Lombard and Dr Brand are both top figures in South Africa's financial establishment and both have close links with the government.

Among other South Africans attending the talks were the acting chairman of the National Manpower Commission, Dr Frans Barker, the managing director of the Standard Bank, Dr Conrad Strauss, the chief economist at Rand Merchant Bank, Mr Rudolf Gouws, and the managing director of the SA Perm, Mr Bob Tucker.

Among the ANC delegates were Mr Barney McKay, who was described as a "government consultant" from Zambia, Dr Manto Tshabula, head of the post-apartheid student group in Lusaka, and Mr Raymond Mokoena, of the ANC's Interior department in Lusaka.

The conference organisers were Professor Pieter le Roux of the Institute for Social Development at the University of the Western Cape and Professor Nicolas Jeaquier of Lausanne University.

Dr Lombard could not be contacted yesterday as he was out of his office, but a spokesman for Dr Brand confirmed that he had attended the conference.

The two Soviet participants were Mr Yevgeny Tarashin and Mr Vladimir Tikhomirov, both of the Institute of African Studies at the USSR Academy of Sciences.

No statement was issued after the conference, but the participants were reported to have agreed that the South African economy was in a crisis because of apartheid and there was urgent need for change.
voters will hold sway – De Beer

PATRICK LAURENCE

THE outcome of the September 6 general election may be decided by economic rather than ideological issues, according to Dr Zach de Beer, a co-leader of the Democratic Party.

He says that in the current election campaign he has been resoundingly applauded whenever he has focused on economic issues in general and, in particular, on the growing impoverishment of voters.

Getting steadily poorer

Dr de Beer cites six sets of figures in demonstrating statistically that South Africa is getting poorer under National Party rule and has been doing so steadily over the past decade or so. They are:

1 A slowing down in the annual average growth rate of the gross domestic product. There has been a decline from 6.7 percent in the period 1960-64 to 2.2 percent in over the period 1985-88.

2 A decrease in the percentage of economically active people in the formal economic sector, including small business (no one really knows what is happening in the informal sector). For the overall population, it has dropped from 78 percent in 1960 to 63 percent in 1985. Broken down racially, blacks are hardest hit.

3 A declining disposable income or spending money after taxation. It has fallen from 4 percent in the five years from 1960-64 to 0.7 percent in the years 1985-88.

4 A fall in personal savings expressed as a ratio of income. It dropped from 11.1 percent in 1960-64 to 3.9 percent in 1985-88.

5 An upwardly spiralling consumer price index, which serves as an important barometer of inflation. It has risen, seemingly inexorably, from 1.7 percent in 1960-64 to 16 percent in 1985-88.

6 An alarming decline in the value of the rand as a measure against the dollar (similar calculations can be made for sterling). In 1960-64 a dollar was worth less than a rand, 0.7; in 1985-88 it was worth considerably more, 2.2. Today, adds Dr de Beer, the exchange rate is about 2.8.

Dr de Beer leaves no doubt about his contention that Government mismanagement and myopia have brought the country to its present economic crisis.

Economic recovery

His six tables, as he calls them, in all but one case are derived from the findings of the Reserve Bank. The authority for the table not culled from Reserve Bank Quarterly Bulletins is Professor P H Spies, of the University of Stellenbosch. His data relate to the percentage of economically active people in the formal sector of the economy.

Dr de Beer records that, not only do audiences applaud his statistics, they do not baulk at his conclusion either: only the complete dismantling of apartheid and the restoration of South Africa as a respected member of the community of nations can put the country on the road to economic recovery.
Our hidden debt R55bn, says Wassenaar

FORMER Sanlam chairman Dr Andreas Wassenaar has entered the third round of his battle against bureaucratic bungling — this time with a blistering attack on hidden budgets, secrecy and corruption.

In his latest literary assault on the Government’s economic policies, titled Squandered Assets, the outspoken economist claims that today’s legislators and other proponents of public service handouts are creating an economically disastrous climate for tomorrow’s generations.

Among other claims:

• The “hidden national debt” built up in deficits through public pension funds and the underwriting of loans to homeland governments has reached a staggering R68-billion.

• Much of the country’s economic planning is done on an ad hoc basis in response to political pressures.

Perks

• Up to 50 percent of the State’s current expenditure is spent on pay and perks for public servants and public representatives.

• The State has borrowed nearly R60-billion in the last 11 years in order to finance current expenditure.

• The cost of the recently introduced pension schemes for town councillors is likely to be R6-million a year.

How to deal with the problem? Dr Wassenaar calls for the creation of a Taxpayers’ Guild comprising representatives from personal and corporate taxing bodies.

“The role of the guild would be to watch the watchdogs — parliamentarians — and to scrutinise all new legislation with a financial content — not a bad idea if one accepts Wassenaar’s characterisation of parliamentarians: “The super attraction of a political career is undoubtedly to get entry into a profession where you fix your own salary, where you decide on how much of it will be taxable and where you decide on your annual increases in salaries and pensions.”

Assault on Private Enterprise, Dr Wassenaar’s first book, was a scathing attack on the National Party’s socialistic policies and earned him the enmity of Prime Minister John Vorster.

Corruption

His second book, En Route to Fairyland, described State pension funds as a looming time-bomb and incurred the wrath of President Botha.

Squandered Assets contains elements of both his two previous books but extends the net to deal with the growth of secrecy in Government, the availability of information and the development of corruption in the life of the nation.

Dr Wassenaar said his opinions on the “pensions bandwagon” had made him distinctly unpopular in gov-
Money supply growth slows

By Sven Liiische

The rate of growth in the money supply is continuing to slow down, albeit at a very slow pace as credit demand showed a slight pick-up in June.

Figures released by the Reserve Bank yesterday show the growth in the broadly defined money supply measure, M3, is estimated at 24.56 percent for June after registering a seasonally adjusted 24.66 percent in May.

The growth rate in M3 was at 27.6 percent last December and has declined gradually to its current levels.

However, it still has some way to go before reaching the targeted level of 14 to 18 percent.

In seasonally adjusted terms M3 was at R192.5 million — almost R2 million outside the upper target limit of R127.8 million set by the Reserve Bank earlier this year.

The target ranges are for growth in M3 between the fourth quarters of 1988 and 1989.

Growth in the narrowly defined M1 in May was 16.98 percent and in M2 it was 29.92 percent.

The money supply figures indicate that expenditure in some quarters is still resilient — government spending surged in the first quarter of the current fiscal year — and that corporations in particular are still taking out loans ahead of expected tighter conditions.

However, consumers have tightened their belts considerably since the monetary and fiscal authorities introduced a series of restraining measures late last year and early in 1988.

In particular, expenditure on durable goods — cars, furniture, household appliances — and semi-durable goods, including clothing, footwear, household textiles has slowed down and could decline further in months to come.

Sanlam's economists expect that this process of adjustment will continue for some time.

"In fact, total domestic expenditure will have to decelerate to such an extent that the surpluses on the current account of the balance of payments needed for the repayment of our foreign debt and the strengthening of our foreign reserves can be assured," they say in the group's July edition of Economic Survey.

In view of this, it is essential that in the months ahead all citizens forgo excessive wage and salary demands and that they avoid credit purchases as far as possible, they say.

It is also important that the Government do everything in its power not to exceed budgeted expenditure.

"And, equally important: the government must resist the temptation to relax fiscal and monetary policy before the election in September. If not, it can only make the process of correction more lengthy and more severe," Sanlam says.
Economic growth linked to privatisation

By Jabulani Shikakhane

South Africa needs privatisation and deregulation to strengthen its market mechanism if it is to continue enjoying economic growth and remain a capital exporter.

The Bank of Lisbon International-Economic Focus says SA needs to improve the scope of entrepreneurial activity and facilitate a more efficient allocation of resources.

If developing countries are to make an improvement in current account positions, while maintaining adequate growth rates, they need to direct more resources to improving their balance of payments situations.

However, the Economic Focus warns that the greater the role of the public sector in the economy, the more difficult it can be to re-allocate resources.

Similarly, the relative size of the public sectors in debt-burdened countries influences the ease with which economic adjustments can take place.

South Africa's economic adjustments in recent years have been hindered by increased public-sector spending.

Government consumption expenditure rose to 19,8% of total gross domestic expenditure in 1998 from 14,9% percent in 1990.

The Government should have cut its spending, rather than penalising the private sector by means of a loan levy, the Economic Focus says.
'SA's economy needs business, big and small'

THEO RAWANA

SA NEEDS both big and small business to achieve a meaningful growth rate, Anglo American Corporation director Clem Sunter told a group of black businessmen at the JSE yesterday.

The businessmen, members of the Foundation of African Business and Consumer Services (Fabsoc), were attending a seminar hosted by brokers Andrew Forbes & Company.

Saying small business could be used to launch the Sanlams of SA, Sunter said in the development of the small entrepreneur, SA was different from Peru in that the small business here could be transformed into big business.

The JSE and the banks could help the development of the small business. "We need grassroots capital ventures to mobilise capital. We can use small business as a launch for the Sanlams of SA," Sunter said.

"The entrepreneurial flare of the taxi-man, teamed up with big business which will build minibuses and earn foreign capital, could make SA a winning nation," he said.

But, he said, for meaningful growth to be possible, SA should address the political dimension and have a sound educational system and the deregulation of the economy.

Andrew Forbes, director of Andrew Forbes & Company, invited the businessmen to use the stock exchange to harness the collective wealth of blacks, as this would buy them a stake in the economy. Afrikaners had been poor whites, but through pooling their financial resources, giants like Sanlam were born, he said.

Forbes then gave a lecture on how the exchange worked and emphasised the need to invest with companies that had good management.
CPI, money growth reveal economic woes

Inflation and money supply growth figures released yesterday are evidence of the SA economy's ill health.

Inflation continues to climb steeply while the money supply has again jumped out of the target range for growth of 14% to 18% set by the Reserve Bank.

Inflation — as measured by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from the same month last year — accelerated to 15.7% in June from 14.9% in May. Economists predicted yesterday that the rate could reach 17% by year-end.

The CPI reflects the cost of a basket of goods and services purchased by the average household. According to CSS statistics, the CPI advanced to 177.1 in June from 153,6 the same month in 1989 — an increase of 15.7%. On a month-on-month basis, the increase in the CPI between May and June this year was nearly one percentage point.

The trend on food prices kept the overall rate of inflation from rising faster. Excluding food, more than a fifth of the basket, the rest of the goods and services cost 17.2% more than in June last year.

The rate of increase in food prices, compared with last year, has generally been lower than that of other important categories — although this positive trend is now showing signs of turning around.

The food price index rose by 11.2% in the year to June 1989 — compared with 24.1% for transport and 15.4% for housing.

Old Mutual economist David Mohr described the latest figures as "just another step in the current upward phase". Among factors underpinning the upturn he noted the high petrol price, inflated by the additional tax on fuel introduced last year.

Econometrician economist Azar Jammine said: "The upturn in the inflation rate should come as no surprise. It was preceded by rapid growth in the money supply. If the rate at which you print money is faster than the growth in Gross Domestic Product, one must expect this to translate into a higher price level."

Yesterday's money supply growth figures showed the rate of increase in M-3 had slowed to 24.5% in June (preliminary) from 26.6% in May and 23.3% in April. May's preliminary data was revised upwards, out of the tunnel. M-3 measures all deposits with banks, building societies and the Post Office, ranging from current accounts to long-term deposits. It is used as an indicator of spending.

Economists said the figures showed a renewed pick-up in credit spending. Between May and June, M-3 (seasonally adjusted) rose by R2.3bn to R129.3bn, R1.7bn more than the upper tunnel limit of the target range. Annualised, growth between April and June is almost 27%.

Rand Merchant Bank economist Rudolf Gouws, while not calling for an increase in interest rates, warned that monetary policy could not be relaxed.
Increase gold production to reduce SA debt says Kantor

By AUDREY D'ANGELO

Financial Editor

SOUTH AFRICA should fix its exchange rate to the basket of European currencies when Europe becomes one market in 1992. Brian Kantor, professor of economics at the University of Cape Town, said last night.

And it should boost gold production now to reduce foreign debt as much as possible.

Kantor, speaking at a seminar organized by Investec, stressed the need to bring down the inflation rate.

He said SA needed a system of "reverse annuities" with payments increasing with time so that people in this country need not fear living too long.

He pointed out that one effect of inflation was that the share market gave a much better return than fixed investment. Even ignoring capital growth, it took 11 years for dividend income alone to overtake interest income from long-term investment.

Property shares had done even better. "Dividends from property shares have done spectacularly well!"

He thought property shares and investment were under-valued.

"In view of this, anyone expecting to live more than 11 years should invest their money in the equity market or property shares."

"The danger facing old South Africans is that they will live too long." "We need a system of reverse annuities."

It always failed to raise interest rates in the early stages of a boom, because politicians prevented the Reserve Bank from doing this.

"We haven't got a political fix. And I've given up on money supply targets. We always under-shoot in recessions and overshoot when times are good.

"We need a fix and I've got one. We should get back to fixed exchange rates and fix the rand to the European basket of currencies in 1992. We can trust to the Germans and others to manage their money supply properly.

"We should go in at an under-valued rate. This is better than going in over-valued."

Kantor said his second suggestion was to step up gold exports to reduce SA's foreign debt problem. Pointing out that revenue from gold sales amounted to "less than 1% of the take from sales tax", he said: "We should stop looking at our gold mining industry as a source of revenue."

Kantor said the government did not print money to finance its expenditure. It was willing and able to do this through taxation. "The government spends too much. But it also taxes too much."

He was in favour of getting rid of the Board of Trade, and of stopping trying to save foreign exchange by increasing local content. This interfered with efficiency and did not bring foreign currency into the country.

Inflation, was not as bad as it appeared through the year-on-year statistics, Kantor said. The smoothed, annualised, monthly increase showed a declining trend.

He expected inflation to peak towards the end of the year "but it won't go much above 10%.

The balance of payments (Bop) was the key. "The outlook for the Bop in dollars is difficult but not disastrous."

The price of gold by the end of 1991 depended on the way the US economy was managed — and I have not given up hope that the Americans will manage their economy and give us at least a medium gold price."

It was quite possible that the Americans would allow a slight rise in inflation, which would suddenly turn into a big rise. A great deal would depend on how tough Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, was and how much power he had..."
'Personal finances tighter'

CAPE TOWN — The SA economy's rate of expansion was expected to slow down further as the effect of government measures to damp expenditure was felt more strongly, Sanlam said in an economic survey yesterday.

There were already signs that the financial position of private consumers was becoming tighter and that both consumer and business confidence were on the decline.

In particular, expenditure on durable goods — cars, furniture and household appliances — and semi-durable goods (including clothing, footwear and household textiles) would slow down further.

The residential sector of the construction industry could also expect a continued deterioration in business conditions.

"It is clear that this process of adjustment will continue for some time yet," Sanlam said. "In fact, total domestic expenditure will have to decelerate to such an extent that the surpluses on the current account of the balance of payments needed for the repayment of our foreign debt and the strengthening of our foreign reserves can be assured."

In view of this, Sanlam said it was essential that in the months ahead "all citizens forego excessive wage and salary demands" and that they avoid credit purchases as far as possible.

It was also important that government did everything in its power not to exceed budgeted expenditure.

"And, equally important: government must resist the temptation to relax fiscal and monetary policy before the election in September. If not, it can only make the process of correction more lengthy and more severe. -- Sapa.
'RED LINKS A SNAG'

The NG Kerk says the ANC's communist links and its involvement in violence remain a serious stumbling block in the way of discussions on the organisation's future role in South Africa.

In the latest issue of its mouthpiece, "Die Kerkbode," the NG Kerk says there is considerable naivety among many of the South Africans who have held talks with the ANC, as well as the wishes of the ANC and "its fellow-traveller," the South African Communist Party.

"Die Kerkbode" said those holding such talks should be very certain that the price asked for peace was not too high.
SOUTH African trade unions prefer the very system from which the Soviet Union is trying to free itself, senior general manager, external relations of the Chamber of Mines, Mr Johan Liebenberg, said in Johannesburg yesterday.

He was addressing a function hosted by the SABC.

He said: "The irony is that quite a number of the major, newer unions are now fostering socialism but can only fulfill their role in a free market economy.

"From Zimbabwe and Mozambique, to China and the Soviet Union, the socialist promise has failed to materialise. The vigour of the free market is now being sought by all these countries to resuscitate 'seriously failing economies,'" he said."
We've made mistakes — Barend

Finance Minister Mr Barend du Plessis admitted in a television debate last night that the Government had made mistakes in running the country's economy and said if they had a chance to start over they would no doubt do it better.

"But if one takes into account what exceptionally difficult parameters within which we had to work ... foreign investors, economists and bankers have said it is a miracle that we have continued to exist under these pressures," Mr du Plessis said.

FOREIGN INVESTMENT

Business Day editor Mr Ken Owen and Die Patriot editor Mr ZB du Toit questioned Mr du Plessis on "Netwerk".

Mr du Plessis said the economy was not growing as it was equipped to do.

"Someone has cut off our oxygen supply and we are not getting the space to do what we want to do.

"But without a substantial influx of foreign investment the economy cannot develop properly."

He said this was a temporary international situation.

"We must work on our politics so we can open the doors again. But in the meantime we must make essential adjustments to our economy."

Responding to a question by Mr Owen on high inflation, Mr Du Plessis said anyone could halt inflation instantaneously but the economy would be killed at the same time.

"Therefore, we have given ourselves a four or five-year adjustment period during which we will gradually reduce State expenditure, but during that process it is unfortunately necessary to use capital for current expenditure," he said.

(Report by R. Udeman, 47 Bauer Street, Johannesburg)
CP economic policy is a recipe for disaster

Political Reporter

A Conservative Party government would lead to economic disaster, Mr Harry Schwarz, the Democratic Party's finance spokesman and Yeoville MP, said yesterday in reaction to the CP's economic policy as spelt out in its general election manifesto.

"Under a Conservative government South Africa would be plunged into poverty and despair. The cost of implementing its archaic apartheid policies is beyond the capability of the economy," Mr Schwarz said.

He added that the CP's economic policy was vague and termed mainly in generalities.

However, speeches by CP MPs revealed that the party was seeking economic benefits for whites only.

The reality was that the South African economy was an indivisible entity and that the deprivation and poverty of one section affected all South Africans, Mr Schwarz said.
INFLATION

Botha's baby

South Africans, who have seen the official inflation rate remain stubbornly in double digits since 1974, must have been surprised to hear that State President P W Botha has been cast in the role of the country's economic saviour by Budget Minister Kent Durr. Durr told the Cape NP congress at the weekend that Botha had rescued the country from hyper-inflation.

There is much evidence to suggest the contrary.

The latest Reserve Bank Quarterly Bulletin shows:
- Government departmental Exchequer issues rose from 22% of GDP in the fiscal year ending March 1982 to 27.4% in 1989 — and in the first quarter of the 1989 fiscal year it went to 32.8%;
- Current government expenditure went from R14.6bn in 1982 to nearly R54bn in 1988;
- Growth in the broad money supply aggregate M3 rose from 15.4% in 1982 to 27.6% in 1988 — and remains at 26.6% in the first quarter; and
- The consumer price index went from 59.8 in 1981 to 155.4 in 1988 — and reached 172.6 by April to rise to 177.7 in June according to Central Statistical Service figures released this week (see P39).

The sequence of events is clear, as is the role of politically malleable interest rates. As Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock pointed out in May last year, real interest rates have been abnormally low in SA in most years since the early Seventies with the exception of the 18 months between late 1983 and early 1985.

“Prime overdraft rates of the commercial banks and the home mortgage rate of the building societies have actually been negative in real terms in eight of the past 16 years,” he said, while the commercial banks' 12-month deposit rate was negative in 11 years.

Whatever the external factors that may or may not have contributed to inflation, there is no doubt that all these factors were under the control of the head of government in the period.

That SA does not have hyper-inflation is due to the untiring efforts of governor De Kock to introduce the concept of fiscal restraint to Cabinet ministers and positive real interest rates to South Africans and their parliamentary representatives.

And we haven't even mentioned what happened after the Rubicon speech . . .
NOTICE 901 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the applications mentioned in the Schedule have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works and are open for inspection at the 12th Floor, Merino Building, Pretorius Street, Pretoria, and at the offices of the relevant local authority.

Any objection, with full reasons therefor, should be lodged in writing with the Head of Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, at the above address or Private Bag X340, Pretoria, on or before 25 August 1989.

SCHEDULE

VERA HAZEL RAUFF for the removal of the conditions of title of Erven 1128 and 1129, Waterkloof Township, in order to subdivide the erven.

(PB 4-14-2-1404-272)

LUIGI LUCIANO Sella and ANNA SILVANA MORGAN for the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 119, Oriel Township, in order to permit the erf to be used for residential purposes.

(PB 4-14-2-990-26)

PONGOLA HEALTH COMMITTEE for the amendment of the conditions of establishment of Pongola Extension 1 Township in order to permit the scheme of Pongola (Pongola Town-planning Scheme, 1988) to function as a control document and to allow certain amendments to the scheme.

(PB 4-14-2-612-1)

HENDRIK PETRUS JANSEN VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN for the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 133, Witbank Township, in order to permit the erf to be used for business purposes.

(PB 4-14-2-1470-22)

T.J. INVESTMENTS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED for—

(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Erven 2 and 3, Peacehaven Township, in order to permit the erven to be used for office purposes;

(2) the amendment of the Vereeniging Town-planning Scheme 1, 1956, by the rezoning of the erven from “General Residential” to “Special” for offices and/or flats.

This application will be known as Vereeniging Amendment Scheme 410, with reference number PB 4-14-2-1017-4.

GOLLEL INVESTMENTS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED for the removal of the conditions of the title of Erf 251 in Iliondale Township in order to permit the erf to be used for Medium Density Housing.

(PB 4-14-2-633-5)

FIRST NATIONAL PROPERTY BROKERS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED for—

(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 743, Braynston Township, in order to permit the erf to be used for offices;

KENNISGEWING 901 VAN 1989

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967

Ingevolge artikel 3 (6) van bogenoemde Wet word hiermee kennis gegee dat aanvoeke in die Byde vermeld deur die Departementshoof van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke ontvang is en ter inske deur die 12de Verdieping, Merinogebou, Pretoriusstraat, Pretoria, en in die kantoor van die betrokke plaaslike bestuur.


BYLAE

VERA HAZEL RAUFF vir die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Erwe 1128 en 1129, dorp Waterkloof, ten einde die erwe onder te verdeel.

(PB 4-14-2-1404-272)

LUIGI LUCIANO Sella and ANNA SILVANA MORGAN vir die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Erf 119, dorp Oriel, ten einde dit moontlik te maak dat die erf gebruik kan word vir residensieel doeleindes.

(PB 4-14-2-990-26)

PONGOLA GESONDHEIDSKOMITEE vir die wyising van die stigtingsvoorwaardes van dorp Pongola-uitbreiding 1 ten einde dit moontlik te maak om die skema van Pongola (Pongola-dorpshaplaningskema, 1988) te kan laat funksioneer as beheerdokument en ten einde moontlike wyssings tot die skema moontlik te maak.

(PB 4-14-2-612-1)

HENDRIK PETRUS JANSEN VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN vir die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Erf 133, dorp Witbank, ten einde dit moontlik te maak dat die erf gebruik kan word vir besigheidsdoeleindes.

(PB 4-14-2-1470-22)

T. J. INVESTMENTS (EIENDOMS) BEPERK vir—

(1) die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Erwe 2 en 3, in die Dorp Peacehaven ten einde dit moontlik te maak dat die erwe gebruik kan word vir kantoor doeleindes;

(2) die wyising van die Vereeniging-dorpsaanlegskema 1, 1956, deur die hersonering van die erf van “Algemene woon” tot “Sesiaal vir kantore en/of woonstelle”.

Die aansoek sal bekend staan as Vereenigingwyssingskema 410, met verwysingsnummer PB 4-14-2-1017-4.

GOLLEL INVESTMENTS (EIENDOMS) BEPERK vir die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Erf 251 in die dorp Iliondale ten einde dit moontlik te maak dat die erf gebruik kan word vir Medium-Digtheid Behuising.

(PB 4-14-2-633-5)

FIRST NATIONAL PROPERTY BROKERS (EIENDOMS) BEPERK vir—

(1) die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Erf 743, dorp Bryanston, ten einde dit moontlik te maak dat die erf gebruik kan word vir kantore;
NOTICE 902 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(ACT No. 84 OF 1967)

CORRECTION NOTICE
It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Administrator’s Notice 1154 which appeared in the Provincial Gazette, dated 1988-05-10, the Minister of Local Government and Housing Administration: House of Assembly has approved the correction of the notice by the substitution of the existing scheme clauses of Amendment. Scheme III with new amended clauses.

(28 July 1989)

NOTICE 903 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERVEN 190 AND 191, SAXONWOLD TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition (h) in Deed of Transfer T21006/1988 be removed.

(28 July 1989)

NOTICE 904 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(ACT 84 OF 1967)

CORRECTION NOTICE
It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in Administrator’s Notice 471, dated 19 May 1989, the correction of the notice has been approved by the addition of the word “Glen” after the word “Lynnwood” in the heading of the notice.

(28 July 1989)

NOTICE 905 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 4479, JOHANNESBURG TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) conditions 1 to 4 in Deed of Transfer F11653/1964 be removed; and

(2) Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme, 1979, be amended by the rezoning of ERF 4479, Johannesburg Township, to “Institutional” subject to certain conditions, which amendment scheme will be known as Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 2330, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses are open for inspection at the offices of the Department: Department of Local Government and Works, Pretoria, and the Town

KENNISGEWING 902 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)

VERBETERINGSKennisGewiNG
Hiermee word ingevolge die bepalings van artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademal ‘n fout voorgekom het in Administrateurskennisgewing 1154 wat in die Provincial Koerant, gedateer 1988-05-10, verskyn het, het die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Administrasie: Volksraad goedgekeur dat bogenoemde kennisgewing regstel word deur die verwanging van die bestaande klousules van Wysingskema III met nuwe gewysigde klousules.

(28 Juli 1989)

KENNISGEWING 903 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERWE 190 EN 191, DORP SAXONWOLD
Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuisiging: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde (h) in Akte van Transport T21006/1988 opgehef word.

(28 Juli 1989)

KENNISGEWING 904 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(WET 84 VAN 1967)

VERBETERINGSKennisGewiNG
Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepalings van artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademal ‘n fout in Administrateurskennisgewing 471, gedateer 19 Mei 1989, ontstaan het, is dit goedgekeur dat bogenoemde kennisgewing gewysig word deur die byvoeging van die woord “Glen” na die woord “Lynnwood” in die opskrif van die kennisgewing.

(28 Juli 1989)

KENNISGEWING 905 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 4479, DORP JOHANNESBURG
Hierby word ingevolge die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuisiging, Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

(1) voorwaardes 1 tot 4 in Akte van Transport F11653/1964 opgehef word; en

(2) Johannesburg-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1979, gewysig word deur die hersonering van Erf 4479, dorp Johannesburg, tot “Inrigting” onderworpe aan sekere voorwaardes, welke wysigingskema bekend staan as Johannesburg-wysingskema 2330, soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en skemaklousules wat ter insae lê in die kantoor van die Departementshoof: Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuisiging en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Johannesburg.
NOTICE 910 OF 1987
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTION 192 (PORTION OF PORTION 169) OF THE FARM ZANDFONTEIN 42 IR

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that conditions 2 (c) and (d) and 3 (a) to (e) and (e) in Deed of Transfer T7501/1960 be removed.

(PB 4-15-2-21-42-14)

(28 July 1989)

NOTICE 911 OF 1989
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF APPLICATIONS.—LIST 5/89

A. The following applications to the Board of Trade and Industry during the period 1 May 1989 to 31 May 1989 have not been supported:

(a) Increase in the duty on:

(b) Rebate of the duty (in Schedule 3) on:
Methylthiophenylalanine for the manufacture of tablets used in the treatment of high blood pressure and hypertension (List 30/88, T.A.C. 126/88) (Report 2795).

B. The following applications for rebate of the duty in terms of item 470.03, considered by the Board of Trade and Industry during the period 1 May 1989 to 31 May 1989, have been supported:

1. Woven fabrics for the manufacture of blouses for export.
2. Materials used in the manufacture of clothing for export.
3. Frozen fish for further processing for export.
4. Polyurethane foam for the packaging of slate table tops for export.
5. Polyurethane film for the packaging of flooring components for export.
6. Woven fabrics and plastic hangers for the manufacture of clothing for export.
7. Woven fabrics for the manufacture of men’s shirts for export.
8. Sheep skins for the manufacture of clothing for export.
9. Gold, silver and copper links and welding paste for the manufacture of jewellery for export.
10. Woven fabrics for the manufacture of men’s jackets for export.
11. Woven fabrics for the manufacture of furniture for export.
12. Woolen fabrics for the manufacture of interlin-
NOTICE 843 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 81, BUCCLEUCH TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that conditions 3 (a) and 3 (b) in Deed of Transfer T23957/1988 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-217-29)
(21 July 1989)

NOTICE 844 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 733, WATERKLOOF TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition (a) in Deed of Transfer T34991/1978 be altered.

(PB 4-14-2-1404-265)
(21 July 1989)

NOTICE 845 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 273, ONTDEKKERSPARK TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition 2 (k) in Deed of Transfer F4639/1968 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-1802-2)
(21 July 1989)

NOTICE 846 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
REMAINDER OF ERF 162, HATFIELD TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that Pretoria Town-planning Scheme, 1974, be amended by the rezoning of the Remainder of Erf 162, Hatfield Township, to “General Business” subject to certain conditions, which amendment scheme will be known as Pretoria Amendment Scheme 2104, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Pretoria.

(PB 4-14-2-577-2)
(21 July 1989)

KENNISGEWING 843 VAN 1989
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 81, DORP BUCCLEUCH
Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes 3 (a) en 3 (b) in Akte van Transport T23957/1988 opgehef word.

(PB 4-14-2-217-29)
(21 Julie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 844 VAN 1989
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(PB 4-14-2-1404-265)
(21 Julie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 845 VAN 1989
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 273, DORP ONTDEKKERSPARK
Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde 2 (k) in Akte van Transport F4639/1968 opgehef word.

(PB 4-14-2-1802-2)
(21 Julie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 846 VAN 1989
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
RESTANT VAN ERF 162, DORP HATFIELD
Hierby word ingevolge die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Volksraad goedgekeur het dat Pretoria-dorpsbepalingskema, 1974, gewysig word deur die hersonering van die Restant van Erf 162, dorp Hatfield, tot “Algemene Besigheid” onderworpe aan sekere voorwaardes, welke wysingskema bekend staan as Pretoria-wysingskema 2104, soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en skemaklousies wat ter insae le in die kantoor van die Departementshof: Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Pretoria.

(PB 4-14-2-577-2)
(21 Julie 1989)
NOTICE 906 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 162, WATERKLOOF TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition (n) in Deed of Transfer T25180/1979 be altered by the deletion of the following words: "Not more than one dwelling-house with the necessary outbuildings and appurtenances shall be erected on the said lot and the said lot shall not be subdivided".

(28 July 1989)

NOTICE 907 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 370, ROBINDALE EXTENSION 1 TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition (k) in Deed of Transfer T46903/1979 be removed.

(28 July 1989)

NOTICE 908 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
LOT 1657, HOUGHTON ESTATE TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) conditions (a), (b), (c), (e) and (f) in Deed of Transfer T14184/1978 be removed; and

(2) Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme, 1979, be amended by the rezoning of Lot 1657, Houghton Estate Township, to "Residential 1" with a density of one dwelling per 1 500 m², which amendment scheme will be known as Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 2228, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Johannesburg.

(28 July 1989)

NOTICE 909 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 381, IRONSYDE TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Director of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition 4 (a) in Deed of Transfer T525777/1986 be removed.

(28 July 1989)

KENNISGEWING 906 VAN 1989
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 162, WATERKLOOF
Hierby word ooreenkoms met die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967 bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Beheuiling: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde (a) in Akte van Transport T25180/1979 gewys word deur die skrapping van die volgende woorde: "Not more than one dwelling-house with the necessary outbuildings and appurtenances shall be erected on the said lot and the said lot shall not be subdivided".

(28 Julie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 907 VAN 1989
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 370, DORP ROBINDALE-UITBREIDING 1
Hierby word ooreenkoms met die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967 bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Beheuiling: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde (k) in Akte van Transport T46903/1979 opgeënt word.

(28 Julie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 908 VAN 1989
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
LOT 1657, DORP HOUGHTON ESTATE
Hierby word ingevolge die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967 bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Beheuiling: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

(1) voorwaardes (b), (c), (e) en (f) in Akte van Transport T14184/1978 opgeënt word; en

(2) Johannesburg-dorpsebeplanning, 1979, word wywis met deur die herzonering van Lot 1657, dorp Houghton Estate, tot "Residensie 1" met digtheid van een woonhuis per 1 500 m², met wy conspicuous bekend staan as Johannesburg-wywisingskema 2228, soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en skemas kwes wat ter insaie lê in die kantoor van die Departementshoof: Departements Plaaslike Bestuur, Beheuiling en Werke, Pretoria, die Stadsanker van Johannesburg.

(28 Julie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 909 VAN 1989
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 381, DORP IRONSYDE
Hierby word ooreenkoms met die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967 bekendgemaak dat die Direkteur van Plaaslike Bestuur en Beheuiling: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes (a) in Akte van Transport T525777/1986 opgeënt word.

(28 Julie 1989)
NOTICE 910 OF 1987

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTION 192 (PORTION OF PORTION 169) OF THE FARM ZANDFOENIE 42 IR

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that conditions 2 (c) and (d) and 3 (a) to (e) and (e) in Deed of Transfer T7501/1960 be removed.

(PB 4-15-2-21-42-14)

(28 July 1989)

NOTICE 911 OF 1989

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF APPLICATIONS.—LIST 5/89

A. The following applications to the Board of Trade and Industry during the period 1 May 1989 to 31 May 1989 have not been supported:

(a) Increase in the duty on:

(b) Rebate of the duty (in Schedule 3) on:

B. The following applications for rebate of the duty in items 470.03, considered by the Board of Trade and Industry during the period 1 May 1989 to 31 May 1989, have been supported:
   1. Woven fabrics for the manufacture of blouses for export.
   2. Materials used in the manufacture of clothing for export.
   3. Frozen fish for further processing for export.
   4. Polyurethane foam for the packaging of slate table tops for export.
   5. Polyurethane film for the packaging of flooring components for export.
   6. Woven fabrics and plastic hangers for the manufacture of clothing for export.
   7. Woven fabrics for the manufacture of men’s shirts for export.
   8. Sheep skins for the manufacture of clothing for export.
   9. Gold, silver and copper links and welding paste for the manufacture of jewellery for export.
   10. Woven fabrics for the manufacture of men’s jackets for export.
   11. Woven fabrics for the manufacture of furniture for export.
   12. Woven fabrics for the manufacture of interlinings for export.
   13. Yams used in the manufacture of pantyhose, stockings and other hosiery for export.
   14. Woven fabrics for the manufacture of artificial flowers for export.
   15. Materials and components for the manufacture of clothing for export.

(PB 4-14-2-619-118)

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Uppalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Bestuur dat voor- wyse akte: Pretoria, en

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KENNISGEWING 910 VAN 1987

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
GEDEELTE 192 (GEDEELTE VAN GEDEELTE 169) VAN DIE PLAAS ZANDFOENIE 42 IR
Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voor- waardes 2 (c) en (d) en 3 (a) tot (c) en (e) in Akte van Transport T7501/1960 opgehef word.

(PB 4-15-2-21-42-14)

(28 Julie 1989)

KENNISGEWING 911 VAN 1989

DOEANE- EN AJSYNSTARIEFAANSOEKE.—LYS 5/89

A. Die volgende aansoek wat deur die Raad van Handel en Nywerheid gedurende die tydperk 1 Mei 1989 tot 31 Mei 1989 oorweg is, is nie gesteun nie:

(a) Verhoging van die reg op:

(b) Korting van die reg (in Bylae 3) op:
   Metiedehihydroxifenielanien gebruik by die vervaardiging van tablette vir die behandeling van hore bloeddruk en hypertonie (Lys 30/88, T.A.K. 126/88) (Verslag 2975).

B. Die volgende aansoek om korting van die reg kragsens item 470.03, wat gedurende die tydperk 1 Mei 1989 tot 31 Mei 1989 deur die Raad van Handel en Nywerheid oorweg is, is gesteun:
   1. Weefstowwe vir die vervaardiging van bloeo vir uitvoer.
   2. Materiaal gebruik by die vervaardiging, van klerasie vir uitvoer.
   3. Bevroevis vir verdere verwerving vir uitvoer.
   4. Poliureaanskim vir die verpakking van leklip- tafelblaasie vir uitvoer.
   5. Poliureaanskim vir die verpakking van vloerbedekkingskomponente vir uitvoer.
   6. Weefstowwe en plastiehangers vir die vervaardiging van klerasie vir uitvoer.
   7. Weefstowwe vir die vervaardiging van manshemde vir uitvoer.
   8. Skaapvelle vir die vervaardiging van klerasie vir uitvoer.
   9. Goue, silwer- en koperskakels en solderepasta vir die vervaardiging van juwelye vir uitvoer.
   10. Weefstowwe vir die vervaardiging van mansbaadjies vir uitvoer.
   11. Weefstowwe vir die vervaardiging van meubels vir uitvoer.
   12. Weefstowwe vir die vervaardiging van inbouw- voerings vir uitvoer.
   13. Gare gebruik by die vervaardiging van kous- broekies, kouse en ander kousie vir uitvoer.
   14. Weefstowwe vir die vervaardiging van kunst- blomme vir uitvoer.
   15. Weefstowwe en toebehore vir die vervaardiging van klerasie vir uitvoer.
It was not the National Party or the Democratic Party that was putting the focus of the election on the management of the economy, it was the electorate themselves, DP candidate for Helderberg, Mr D Gant, said last night.

Speaking at a meeting in Stellenbosch, he said white voters had already accepted the fact that blacks would have a major role in the country's political, social and economic developments.

The electorate, he added, were concerned with their future standards of living and general well-being more than the retention of any racially based special political privilege.

"They want to know whether there will be a viable economy, better housing opportunities, improved levels of education for the children and less unemployment, less inflation, less taxation.

"They are asking themselves who best can manage the economy in the transition period and thereafter.

"And it is in this respect that the Nationalist Government, on the basis of its past record of lack of fiscal discipline, reckless spending and largesse, has no right to ask to be returned to power on September 8."

Mr Gant said the NP's manifesto, far from providing the real medicine required to cure the economy, simply served to highlight its self-confessed incompetence and the economic ills that had flowed from it.

— Sapa. 5457 2-31-17849

(News by V. Lasson, 18/11 Churchsloot Street, Johannesburg.)
Challenge of 1992 for SA

ALTHOUGH the European shake-out in 1992 might not have much direct effect on the isolated South African investor, it cannot fail to affect the country.

John Parry writes in the Shareholders Association of South Africa newsletter that international attention is focused on 1992 when the common European market is due to come into being. Theoretically, it will result in a financial power greater than either Japan or North America.

But at the moment, it appears to be marked more by dissent than by unity as each nation manoeuvres for its own advantage.

The issues become complicated when national sovereignty, the free movement of labour, currencies, subsidies, taxation and other questions are discussed, and perhaps above all, how regulations can be enforced.

America and Japan are buying into Europe to get a slice of the cake before 1992, and multinationals are trying to expand through acquisitions, mergers and borrowing.

However, if a majority of European states vote for increased sanctions against SA, the entire European market would be officially closed to this country.

But it could also lead to an increase in demand for new materials, which are in short supply in Europe — notably minerals, metals, chemicals and farm products.
NHK ignores stiff law for open service

By Carina le Grange

The Parktown, Johannesburg-based Dutch congregation of the Nederduits Hervormde Kerk (NHK) yesterday hosted a multi-racial ecumenical church service, ignoring the controversial Article Three of the NHK constitution which states that only whites may belong to the church.

Dr J Lensink of the Dutch congregation - known as the Maranatha Church - later told The Star: “We have of course instructions to observe the rules of the church, but our view is more ecumenical. This is perhaps because of our bonds with the Hervormde Kerk in the Netherlands.”

He said the churches in the area were all closely linked with churches in Soweto.

About 400 people of several black churches as well as white and multi-racial churches packed the Maranatha Church for a service lasting more than 90 minutes — singing hymns in English, Dutch and Afrikaans.

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The service was organised as part of the ecumenical drive of the Jan Smuts Axis Group of Churches which holds multi-denominational services four times a year.

Belonging to the group are: Methodist, Roman Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian churches, the NGK and the Dutch congregation of the NHK.

But those who attended yesterday’s service were also from churches further away, including the black NHK, (black) NG Kerk in Afrika, coloured NG Sendingkerk and the Bakwena Lutheran church.

Three ministers preached short sermons in Afrikaans and English. They were the Rev Nick Mosupi of the Rand Initiative for Christian Reconciliation, the Rev Fanie Marais of the NGSK and candidate-minister Ms Annelize van der Ryst of the Presbyterian church.
The hidden billions wasted by apartheid

To a large extent, South Africa’s economic crisis is the result of 41 years of an apartheid system, which has impoverished the country. But even if apartheid is removed tomorrow, its legacy will be with us for decades. GEOFF EVERINGHAM reports:

For example, the segregated health and welfare system, which includes 18 departments, and the 19 segregated education departments lead to unnecessary duplication of resources.

This situation is highlighted in the health services in Johannesburg, where Baragwanath Hospital greatly over-occupies white wards are close in the white General Hospital.

Similarly, in education there is a surplus of white classrooms and teachers, which are being used because of apartheid laws.

Then there is the expenditure on the TBVC countries (financed through the World Bank) and the self-governing states (through Co-operation and Development), some of which goes to desirable projects for job creation and the like, and some of which has been expended on grandiose projects, such as the “international” airport in Johannes.

The tricameral system itself is wasteful in terms of the number of parliamentarians, although the actual expenditure is a very small proportion of the budget.

Secondly, there are the indirect costs of apartheid which are not easily measured.

It is clear that the effects of apartheid, lack of foreign capital and lack of business confidence have all contributed to a rate of economic growth below that of which the country is capable.

South Africa has been the victim of social engineering on a grand scale, based on political rather than economic considerations.

For example, it has been estimated that from 1960 to 1983 no less than 3.9 million people have been subjected to forced removals.

Whether this is due to the South African government or, as it is often been the case, to the local authorities by a homelands government, does not reduce the immorality and cost of the apartheid planning.

Poverty is as serious as the inefficiency of expenditure on education. The results of this policy have therefore been to plunge large numbers of South Africans with few skills for from their workplace.

ECONOMIC issues are clearly going to become a major issue in the September general election for a minority government.

For the past few years, the South African economy has been in a state of stagnation — a situation of stagnant growth and high inflation.

To a large extent, this is the result of 41 years of an apartheid system, which has impoverished the country.

The costs of apartheid can be divided into three categories: direct costs, indirect costs and social costs.

The direct costs are those that can be measured reasonably accurately: they relate to the direct expenditure on maintaining the apartheid system.

For example, a current budget of R16 billion, R11.2 billion is spent on the police and the defence force (mainly the defence force).

This represents 20 per cent of the budget and an increase of 23.5 per cent on the previous budget, which was overspent by R786 million.

It represents roughly R250 for every man, woman and child in South Africa.

While all countries maintain a police and defence force, clearly a large portion of South African expenditure is involved in maintaining the apartheid system.

There can be little doubt that in a post-apartheid society governed by the consent of all the people, such expenditure could be cut substantially.

Throughout the budget of state expenditure, there are other areas where apartheid imposes costs.

Poverty

Perhaps the best example of the cost of apartheid in the broad sense is to be found in the recent publication “Unequal Eating” by James Wilson and Mandelba Kang. This brings together a wealth of research conducted for the second Carnegie enquiry into poverty which was drawn together in a conference in 1974.

Finaly, it must be said that apartheid has brought with it enormous social costs, starting with the indignity endured by blacks at the receiving end of the system.

The costs of removing people from District Six, for example, can be measured in grim terms, but the cost in terms of the destruction of a community and the social impoverishment which follows can never be measured.

The tragedy of our situation is that even if apartheid is removed tomorrow, the legacy of 41 years of mismanagement and wasteful expenditure will be with us for decades.

(Professor Everingham is head of the Department of Accounting at the University of Cape Town.)
BUSINESS CONFIDENCE

Crossed lines
Both SA and the UK are looking for a “soft landing”. The governments are trying to wind down their economies to achieve this.

Last week’s release of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI)’s quarterly survey of industrial trends showed business confidence between June 21 and July 12 was at its lowest level for seven years. But, despite SA’s pressing problems, Assocom’s monthly Business Confidence Index (BCI) shows confidence in July increased 0.5 points from June to 96 (1983=100).

The BCI measures business confidence via the movements of 16 economic indicators, while the CBI covers the perceptions of 1,335 manufacturers.

The CBI shows a definite slow-down in the economy with a fall-off in demand and a slow-down in output especially in the capital goods sectors and smaller companies.

Assocom suggests the increase in business confidence, though modest, shows the economy is decelerating at a slower pace than generally anticipated and “is poised midway between boom and recession.”

So why, after an increase in interest rates and the introduction of various credit curbs, has business confidence in SA bounced up again?

Assocom says optimistic influences were:

- the upturn in imports and exports; an increase in motor vehicle sales; more registrations of new companies and an increase in the volume of manufacturing production.
- The improvement in the dollar price of gold and the perception that this had bottomed also influenced businesses positively.
- Bearish influences were: the continued rise in inflation and money supply; a fall in retail sales; an increase in unemployment and in the number of insolvencies; and a decrease in the value of building plans passed.

From the money supply figure, we can conclude the SA authorities are still battling to cool the economy — even after raising interest rates to curb spending and introducing import surcharges of up to 60%. The UK, on the other hand, may have been more successful in curbing demand which explains the relatively low spirits of the manufacturers surveyed.

Its landing, however, is likely to be softer and its period of fragility over sooner than SA’s. Unfortunately for SA, the increase in the BCI could be false confidence. While increases in exports and in manufacturing are constructive enough, not all the accompanying trends are equally helpful.

Without some major changes on the economic front (a gold price boom or an end to credit sanctions) there is little likelihood we can avoid a recession. And the longer the evil day is postponed, the more damaging it is likely to be.
SA bank debts a potent weapon in apartheid war

WASHINGTON — Anti-apartheid lawmakers and activists are pondering this dilemma as they seek new forms of sanctions to impose on South Africa: Where is the leverage and who has it?

The latest thinking in Washington is that the banks have it, and that it is within their power to force a speedy settlement in South Africa simply by doing what they did in 1986: call in their loans to South Africa immediately.

The whole debate on financial sanctions was generated this year by the high-profile visit by Washington of the church delegation led by Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

They pleaded specifically for financial sanctions, which they said would be very effective without being harmful to blacks.

Specifically, they called for a ban on all further extensions on South Africa's debt repayments.

Over a barrel

Archbishop Tutu subsequently sent Mr Terry Crawford-Browne, his international finance adviser, to the US to demonstrate how the international community has South Africa over a barrel with each time it comes to rescheduling of its debts.

Boiled down to its absolute essence, Mr Crawford-Browne's belief is that rather than default on its debts, which would cause a mad scramble to seize South African foreign assets and trade proceeds all over the world, Pretoria would be virtually anything to get terms.

Therefore, he has advised Congress, the US banks should be forced to make any debt rescheduling conditional on certain political actions by Pretoria.

Mr Crawford-Browne, in short, believes all this can be done by June next year, when South Africa's present debt agreement expires and has to be re-negotiated.

There are experts who disagree with Mr Crawford-Browne, however.

Mr Richard Newcomb, director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control in the Treasury, believes that rescheduling South Africa's debts has actually assisted foreign banks, including US banks, to keep their South African loans performing.

Payments of interest and principal under the interim arrangements continue to remove hard currency resources from South Africa's economy, consistent with the pressure intended by enactment of the 1986 sanctions, he says.

At the end of March this year, Mr Newcomb says, some $2.5 billion (about R7 billion) in unpaid principal remained outstanding to US financial institutions.

Were this amount to be simply defaulted on by the South African borrowers because US lending institutions were prevented by Congress from participating in further reschedulings, the benefit to the South African economy would be evident.

Equally evident would be the loss such defaults would entail for US financial institutions.

Mr Newcomb adds that if US banks were, in effect, to provide debt relief to South Africa, and subsidise those who purchased the claims at the discounted prices (as the loans were likely sold at fire-sale prices), they would lose all leverage in seeking repayment, without any corresponding damage to South African borrowers.

Between Mr Crawford-Browne and Mr Newcomb is a third view: force South Africa to a debt repayment level that would cause maximum strain to the economy in 1990/1991 without causing default and possible loss to US banks.

During these two years there are large repayments due outside of the debt covered by the standstill agreement, so this period should serve as a focal point for pressures.

This is the view of Mr John Linn, executive director of Canaccor, an inter-church group, who has spent years analysing the South African financial position and has held in-depth discussions with key bankers in the US and Europe.

Dr Lind suggests a minimum annual repayment of between $1.6 billion and $2 billion (R4.4 billion and R5.6 billion).

Any exit clauses which would provide a time extension should not be allowed.

The US should also end all credits for trade with South Africa and the US should act unilaterally to prevent South African gold entering the US, such as by way of jewellery.

Congressman Walter Fauntroy, who is spearheading legislative efforts to use rescheduling as a tool against apartheid, is apparently in favour of mounting an immediate repayment of all debts due next year, estimated at about $8 billion (about R24 billion).

This would obviously cause a default, but so what, he reasons.

The US taxpayer would possibly make up any shortfalls, but the US bank losses, and South Africa would be left to pick up the pieces.

Heavy weather

This week Mr Fauntroy met Congressman Howard Wolpe and other Congressional leaders to plot their South Africa strategy for later this year and early next year.

They are likely to produce a Bill which will seek to force the banks to make any further debt rescheduling for South Africa conditional on specific political reforms.

Such a Bill will run into opposition from the Bush administration, if Mr Newcomb's testimony is anything to go by.

In the mean time it is likely to make heavy weather in the Senate which, quite apart from tilting towards giving South Africa a chance to prove itself after the September elections, will probably be very sensitive to jeopardising the investments of three major US banks.

It is all very well to suggest the US taxpayer should pick up the tab of $2.1 billion (R7 billion), which is what the US banks stand to lose if South Africa is forced into a default — but it would prove a selective default aimed at just US banks.

South Africa would continue to negotiate with European banks in an effort to get more favourable rescheduling terms.

Mr Crawford-Browne may be right, and the US Government might not risk a default (the alternative in his scenario is total capitulation to the political demands), but it is very unlikely the Senate would want to take that chance with so much public money at stake.
of four cents (R0.04) on each cubic metre of water supplied or made available by the Government from or by means of any Government water work in the Vaal River from and including the Grootdraai Dam to the confluence of the Vaal and Orange Rivers to any person or body for eventual use for urban or industrial purposes: Provided that the charge will not apply to any such water supplied or made available free of charge by the Government from or by means of such Government water work.

2. The charge shall be recovered by the Director-General of Water Affairs simultaneously with any charge which I may levy in terms of section 66 of the said Act in respect of the supply or making available of such water.

3. Interest will be charged on any charges not paid by the due date at the interest rate applicable on that date in terms of section 26 (1) of the Exchequer and Audit Act, 1975 (Act No. 66 of 1975).

4. For the purpose of this notice, one cubic metre shall be equal to one kilolitre.

G. J. KOTZÉ,
Minister of Water Affairs.

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NOTICE 916 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 1542, PLETtenBERG BAY TOWNSHIP EXTENSION 5, PLETtenBERG BAY

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved the removal of conditions b, c and d contained in the endorsement, dated 12 August 1970 on page 6 of Deed of Transfer 2673/1970.

(4 August 1989)

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NOTICE 917 OF 1989—KENNISGewing 917 Van 1989

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF TRADE STATISTICS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA RELEASED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

Voorlopige Opgaaf van Handelstatistiek van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika Verskaf Deur die Kommissaris van Doeldele en Akse.

Remark. — The import and export figures reflected in this statement have been adjusted largely to bring them into line with the requirements for the compilation of the balance of payments.

Opmerking. — Die in- en uitvoerfigurens wat in hierdie opgawe verskyn is grotlike aangepas om dit in ooreenstemming te bring met die vereistes wat gestel word vir die opstel van die beïndigingsbalans.

N.B. The change-over to the Harmonized Tariff System with effect from 1 January 1988, altered the classification of certain commodities. When comparing the section totals for 1988 and later years with those of previous years the possible differences due to the change-over should therefore be taken into consideration.

L.W. Die oorskakeling na die Gekomunisierde Tariefstelsel met ingang van 1 Januarie 1988 het die indeling van sekere kommoditeite verander. Wanneer die stellingstotale vir 1988 en later jare dus met die van vorige jare vergelyk word, moet die maatsklike verskile as gevolg van die oorskakeling nie uit die oog verloor word nie.

PERIOD: JANUARY TO JUNE 1989 — TYDPERK: JANUARIE TOT JUNIE 1989

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KENNISGewing 916 Van 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPAReTement Van PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 1542, PLETtenBERGBAAl-DORPSUIT-BREIDING 5, PLETtenBERGBAAl

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepologies van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van PLAASLIKE BESTUUR EN BEHUISing: VolkSraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes b, e en d vervat in die endossemente, gedateer 12 Augustus 1970 op bladsy 6 van Transportakte 2673/1970 opgehef word.

(4 Augustus 1989)
NOTICE 942 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 528, PARKWOOD TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that—

(1) conditions (d), (e), (h) and (i) in Deed of Transfer T24909/1984 be removed and condition (b) in Deed of Transfer T24909/1984 be altered by the removal of the words “or any shop or other business place whatsoever”; and

(2) Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme, 1979 be amended by the rezoning of Erf 528, Parkwood Township, to “Residential I”, permitting offices with the consent of the Council and a second dwelling, subject to certain conditions, which amendment scheme will be known as Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 2175, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Johannesburg.

(4 August 1989)

NOTICE 943 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
HOLDING 9, DRUMBLADE AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that condition 6 (d) in Deed of Transfer T30654/1954 be removed.

(4 August 1989)

NOTICE 944 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the applications mentioned in the Annexure have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, and are open for inspection at the 12th Floor Merino Building, Pretorius Street, Pretoria, and at the office of the relevant local authority.

Any objection, with full reasons therefor, should be lodged in writing with the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works at the above address or Private Bag X340, Pretoria, on or before 1 September 1989.

ANNEXURE

BUNDORAN DEVELOPMENTS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED and BRYANT FAMILY TRUST for—

(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Portion 2 of Erf 4233, Bryanston Extension 34 Township, in order to permit the erf being used for offices;

(2) the amendment of the Sandton Town-Planning Scheme, 1980, by the rezoning of the erven from “Residential 3” to “Business 4” subject to conditions.

KENNISGEWING 942 VAN 1989

WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 528, DORP PARKWOOD

Hierby word ingeval die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuisings: Volksraad, goedkeur het dat—

(1) voorwaardes (d), (e), (h) en (i) in Akte van Transport T24909/1984 opgehef word en voorwaarde (b) in Akte van Transport T24909/1984 gewysig word deur die verwydering van die woorde “or any shop or other business place whatsoever”; en

(2) Johannesburg-dorpsbeplanningskemena, 1979, gewysig word deur die hersoning van Erf 528, dorp Parkwood, tot “Residensiële 1”, om kantore toe te laat met die toestemming van die Stadsraad en ’n tweede woonhuis, onderworpe aan sekere voorwaardes, welke wysigingskemena bekend staan as Johannesburg-wysigingskemena 2175, soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en skemaklousules wat ter insaie lê in die kantoor van die Departementshoof: Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuisings en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Johannesburg.

(4 August 1989)

KENNISGEWING 943 VAN 1989

WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
HOEWE 9, DRUMBLADE-LANDBOUHOEWEES

Hierby word poreenkomstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuisings: Volksraad, goedkeur het dat voorwaarde 6 (d) in Akte van Transport T30654/1954 opgehef word.

(4 August 1989)

KENNISGEWING 944 VAN 1989

WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967

Ingevolge artikel 3 (6) van bogenoemde Wet word hiermee kennis gegee dat die aanseke in die Bylde vermeld deur die Departementshoof van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuisings en Werke, ontvang is en ter insaie lê by die 12de Verdieping, Merinogebou, Pretoriusstraat, Pretoria, en in die kantoor van die betrokke plaaslike bestuur.

Enige beswaar, met volle redes daaroor, moet skriflik by die Departementshoof van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuisings en Werke, by bovermelde adres of Privaatsak X340, Pretoria, ingediend word op of voor 1 September 1989.

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BUNDORAN DEVELOPMENTS (EIENDOMS) BEPERK en BRYANT FAMILY TRUST vir—

(1) die opeffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Gedeelte 2 van Erf 4233, dorp Bryanston-uitbreiding 34, ten einde dit mooi en te maak dat die erf gebruik kan word vir kantore;

(2) die wysiging van die Sandton-dorpsbeplanningskemena, 1980, deur die hersoning van die erf van “Residensiële 3” tot “Besigheid 4” onderworpe aan voorwaardes.
NOTICE 923 OF 1989

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 of 1967)

ERF 501, BETHLEHEM

The Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has in terms of the provisions of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), as amended, altered the conditions of title in Deed of Transfer T2432/1943 pertaining to Erf 501, Bethlehem, by the removal of condition 2 in the said deed of transfer.

(4 August 1989)

NOTICE 924 OF 1989

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 of 1967)

ERF 24655, BLOEMFONTEIN

The Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has in terms of the provisions of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), as amended, altered the conditions of title in Certificate of Consolidated Title 9695/1984 pertaining to Erf 24655, Bloemfontein, by the removal of condition (a) in the said certificate.

(4 August 1989)

NOTICE 925 OF 1989


Notice is hereby give that the Judge President to the Natal Provincial Division of the Supreme Court of South Africa, has, in terms of section 43 (2) (b) of the Supreme Court Act, 1959 (Act No. 59 of 1959), amended Rule 2 of the rules regulating the conduct of the proceedings of the Natal Provincial Division and the Durban and Coast Local Division of the Supreme Court of South Africa, published under General Notice 454, dated 6 July 1984, by replacing the existing subrule (1) with the following:

(1) For the dispatch of civil and criminal business of the court there shall be four terms in the year as follows:

(a) from 1 February to 31 March, inclusive;
(b) from 15 April to 30 June, inclusive;
(c) from 1 August to 30 September, inclusive; and
(d) from 15 October to 15 December inclusive.

The rest of the year shall be recess, save that the Judge President may constitute such court or courts as to him seem desirable to sit during recess. Provided that during the period 24 December to 2 January, both dates inclusive, and on Good Friday, no court shall sit in either division.

J. A. HOWARD,
Judge President.

(4 August 1989)
NOTICE 920 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 of 1967)
SUBDIVISION 6 (OF I) OF THE FARM MULLERSRUST 352, SASOLBURG, DISTRICT OF PARYS

The Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has in terms of the provisions of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), as amended, altered the conditions of title in Deed of Transfer T7449/1986 pertaining to Subdivision 6 (of I) of the farm Mullersrust 352, Sasolburg, by the removal of conditions (ii) 1, 2 and 3 in the said deed of transfer; subject to the simultaneous registration of the following condition:

"Die eiendom word slegs vir woondoeleindes gebruik: Met dien verstande dat die eiendom ook aangewend kan word vir doeleindes van 'n kwekery."

(4 August 1989)

NOTICE 921 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 of 1967)
ERF 603, KOPPIES

The Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has in terms of the provisions of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), as amended, altered the conditions of title in Deed of Transfer T1000/1988 pertaining to ERF 603, Koppies, by the removal of condition 1 in the said deed of transfer; subject to the simultaneous registration of the following condition against the said erf:

"Dat die eiendom alleenlik gebruik word vir abattoir en aanverwante doeleindes en vir die vervaardiging en verwerking van vleisprodukte en vir doeleindes van 'n groothandelsbesigheid in vleis."

(4 August 1989)

NOTICE 922 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 of 1967)
PLOT 22, VRISCHGEGAAGD, KROONSTAD

The Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has in terms of the provisions of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), as amended, altered the conditions of title in Deed of Transfer T2275/1985 pertaining to Plot 22, Vrischgewaad, Kroonstad, by the removal of condition (a) in the said deed of transfer.

(4 August 1989)
NOTICE 918 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 OF 1967)
ERF 2938, VIRGINIA

The Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has in terms of the provisions of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), as amended, altered the conditions of title in Deed of Transfer T4204/1981 pertaining to Erf 2938, Virginia, by the removal of conditions C (b) and D (a) in the said deed of transfer; subject to the simultaneous registration of the following conditions against the said erf:

"The erf shall be used for the erection of a dwelling-house."

(4 August 1989)

NOTICE 919 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 OF 1967)
ERF 9, SASOLBURG, DISTRICT OF PARYS

The Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has in terms of the provisions of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), as amended, altered the conditions of title as contained in Schedule A to page 3 of Sectional Title Scheme Ankerhof SS 12/1987 pertaining to Erf 9, Sasolburg, by the removal of condition 3 (d) in the said Sectional Title Scheme; subject to the simultaneous registration of the following condition against the said erf:

"Die geboue wat op die erf opgerig word moet minstens 12,19 m vanaf enige van die grense van die erf geleë wees met dien verstaande dat met die goedkeuring van die Plaaslike Bestuur en onderworpe aan sodanige voorwaardes as wat die Plaaslike Bestuur mag neerle geboue nader as 12,19 m vanaf enige van die grense of op enige van die grense van die erf geleë mag wees."

(4 August 1989)

KENNISGEWING 918 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISing EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)
ERF 2938, VIRGINIA

Die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volkraad, het kragtens die bepalings van artikel 2 van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967 (Wet No. 84 van 1967), soos gewysig, die titelvoorwaardes in Transportakte T4204/1981 ten opsie van Erf 2938, Virginia, gewysig deur die opheffing van voorwaardes C (b) en D (a) in genoemde Transportakte; onderworpe aan die gelyktydig registrasie van die volgende voorwaarde:

"Die erf shall be used for the erection of a dwelling-house."

(4 August 1989)

KENNISGEWING 919 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISing EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)
ERF 9, SASOLBURG, DISTRIK PARYS

Die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volkraad, het kragtens die bepalings van artikel 2 van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967 (Wet No. 84 van 1967), soos gewysig die titelvoorwaardes soos vervat in Aanhangsel A tot veil 1 van die Deelitselfskema Ankerhof SS 12/1987 ten opsie van Erf 9, Sasolburg, gewysig deur die opheffing van voorwaarde 3 (d) in genoemde Deelitselfskema; onderworpe aan die gelyktydig registrasie van die volgende voorwaarde soos gestel deur die Munisipale Raad:

"Die geboue wat op die erf opgerig word moet minstens 12,19 m vanaf enige van die grense van die erf geleë wees met dien verstaande dat met die goedkeuring van die Plaaslike Bestuur en onderworpe aan sodanige voorwaardes as wat die Plaaslike Bestuur mag neerle geboue nader as 12,19 m vanaf enige van die grense of op enige van die grense van die erf geleë mag wees."

(4 August 1989)
Growth rate of 4 percent ‘vital’

IF South Africa achieves a sustained economic growth rate of 4 percent a year during the next decade, then by the year 2010 the end of mass poverty would be within clear sight.

This was said by Mr Jan Steyn, chairman of the Urban Foundation, last night.

Addressing the regional congress of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Natal, Mr Steyn warned that, if the economy continued in the 1980s to grow at a rate lower than the population growth of 2.5 percent a year, which it had done in the 1980s, improved incomes would be not be diffused adequately to benefit the population as a whole.

He said that the creation of an economy that offered greater fulfillment of popular aspirations would in turn boost the chances of a political solution in South Africa.

He said the principle obstacles in achieving a sustained 4 percent growth rate was the low investment rate and structural difficulties in directing investment to meet the country’s development needs.

“An improvement of our investment performance and its efficiency in creating jobs will depend on how fast attitudes change on two fronts: among whites, a greater acceptance of non-racial economic, social and political arrangements, and among blacks, a re-orientation of attitudes towards the free enterprise system.”

He said deracialising the system was an important step towards continued growth, which would stimulate investment in the country and change black attitudes.

Over the past five years countries around South Africa’s borders had been steadily liberalising their investment policies, which Dr Steyn said, pointed to an “uncoupling of black nationalism and socialism”.

He added: “In this respect, many black South Africans are lagging behind their neighbours, but the wider climate induces pressure for change.”

- Reuters reports from Kuala Lumpur that eight Commonwealth foreign ministers will meet next week to discuss fresh proposals for sanctions against South Africa.

This was revealed by Commonwealth secretary-general Mr Shri-dath Ramphal yesterday.

Mr Ramphal confirmed a British newspaper report this week that the ministers had commissioned independent researchers 18 months ago to recommend additional sanctions against Pretoria but declined to elaborate.

Mr Ramphal told reporters he would join the foreign ministers of Australia, Canada, Guyana, India, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe for discussions in Canberra from August 7 to 9.

The eight are responsible for guiding Commonwealth policy towards South Africa.

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Stable interest rates get vote over negative

By Ian Smith

The long-held belief in business that negative interest rates — below the level of inflation — are essential for South Africa's healthy economic growth is being questioned.

Increasingly, the argument of economists is that stability in interest rates — even at higher levels — is far more beneficial.

Old Mutual's economic research unit makes a strong case in Economic Monitor for the maintenance of positive interest rates.

With long-term interest rates on the upswing since the beginning of the year, the subject is important right now, says chief economist David Moth.

He says that although rates are likely to remain high for some time, the next trend in short-term money is likely to be downward.

For this reason it is appropriate to argue the case for maintaining positive real interest rates in the long run.

"Real short-term rates, as measured by the prime overdraft rate, have been positive since March 1986. It is our opinion that the monetary authorities should prevent rates from falling in the next downturn phase to below the rate of inflation."

Constraints

The ultimate aim of economic policy, says the Monitor, is to promote economic welfare within the constraints of SA's human, natural and financial resources.

"The achievement of the aim requires the maintenance of stability in respect of, among others, domestic price levels and the balance of payments which traditionally fall within the ambit of monetary policy."

With a small, open economy, SA is highly exposed to business cycle fluctuations in the world economy. These trends need compensatory short-term policy adjustments by the authorities.

"However, we believe these policy adjustments should take cognisance of the long-term aims of economic policy in that changes of policy to facilitate certain short-term adjustments should not, in the process, jeopardise the achievement of the long-term aims."

"Too much emphasis on the achievement of short-term objectives could foil the achievement of long-term goals."

The Monitor says it is often argued that positive real interest rates are detrimental to real economic growth and to job creation because times of very high interest rates are invariably followed by weak economic growth or even a full-scale recession.

The rapid growth of SA's labour force and high unemployment have highlighted the importance of economic growth, and this has increased opposition from several sources to the maintenance of positive rates in the short and long-term.

"However, we believe that the secular maintenance of positive real interest rates is beneficial to the long-term economic growth performance of the economy as it makes an important contribution to the achievement of the desired more stable economic environment within which economic decisions can be made with more confidence."

Detrimental

"In fact, sharp fluctuations in real (and nominal) interest rates, such as those experienced so far in the Eighties, are probably more detrimental to the maintenance of a sound long-term growth performance than is the maintenance of positive real interest rates."

Interest-rate fluctuations tend to exacerbate cyclical fluctuations in the economy. In the 12 years to 1972 the real prime overdraft rate was never negative and, in the midst of cyclical fluctuations, averaged 4.1% a year. In spite of this, real gross domestic product rose by an average of 5.4% a year and there were no serious recessions.

The lowest GDP increase in the 12 years was 2% in 1972.

The world recovery since 1982 supports the argument, with high real interest rates accompanied by strong economic growth.

Major industrialised nations like the US, the UK, Japan and West Germany all maintained positive real interest rates throughout this time and still recorded sound real economic growth. The real prime rate in the four countries averaged 5.5% between 1982 and 1988, and gross national product increased by an annual average of 3.5%.

"International and domestic experience indicates that the maintenance of positive real interest rates is totally compatible with a sound real economic growth performance."

"The feeling in certain circles that the maintenance of positive real interest rates is in the long run, detrimental to the achievement of the long-term growth objective appears, therefore, to be largely unfounded."

Nevertheless, there is little doubt that large changes in the level of real interest rates have some short-term effect on economic growth. This is illustrated by domestic experience since the mid-Seventies. The graph shows that periods of fast real economic growth (as in 1978-81, 1983-84 and in the latest upswing) were consistently preceded by sharp falls in real interest rates, often to very negative levels.

"On the whole, therefore, it appears that large fluctuations in real interest rates have a much greater bearing on economic growth than does the maintenance of positive real interest rates."

"We believe the sharp fluctuations in interest rates have resulted in serious recessionary conditions and a repetition of the whole process."

Economic growth and real interest rates

Source: Old Mutual
Promises aplenty, but little promise

POLITICIANS often use elections to exploit satisfaction or dissatisfaction with a range of issues.

The forthcoming general election is unusual in being fought largely on economic issues. One person who would say that the ideals of Harold Macmillan are being pitted against those of Ronald Reagan.

For those whose memories do not go back that far, Mr Macmillan approached his British electorate 30 years ago with the slogan, "You've never had it so good".

This seems to be the approach of the National Party campaign.

BURDEN

We are told that we are not poorer than 10 or even 20 years ago, that inflation and interest rates have peaked, and the tax burden will be reduced in time to come.

In contrast, the opposition parties tend to rely on a device used tellingly by Mr Reagan against Jimmy Carter — the misery index.

The misery index was defined as the sum of inflation, prime overdraft interest and unemployment rates. As all these rates had soared in the US by November 1981, Mr Carter did not stand much of a chance on that score.

Few political candidates offer much detail about their economic agenda. Mr Macmillan did not explain how he was going to keep everything well off, and Mr Reagan likewise did not really know how to halve the misery index — trust me, and all will be well.

In the event, Mr Reagan succeeded for all the wrong reasons: tax fiscal policy and stringent monetary policy. The structural damage done by these policies as embodied in the twin deficits, high real interest rates and a strong dollar is still vexing George Bush.

In the SA context, it may be right to say that inflation and interest rates and the tax burden must come down, but there is disagreement about the causes of these afflictions.

A higher growth rate would probably facilitate getting back to a more stable financial climate, in which domestic prices, interest rates and the rand would not have to change violently, while the Government's revenue base would grow sufficiently fast to make higher tax rates or new taxes unnecessary.

Reality, however, has taught the ruling party that it is extremely difficult in a changing world to maintain high growth if one does not have the right economic structure. Partially towards this end we have been deregulating, privatising and spreading education.

A winning nation that can earn its way in the world through an adequate export performance must have an efficient, competitive structure. At the same time we find that old ideas do not die easily.

HORIZON

SA remains distrustful of dependence on the outside world, so import substitution continues to be a high priority. Import intensity is to be further reduced through an active process of income redistribution.

By favouring the lower-income groups, the revolutionary climate is to be contained, and SA production with a lesser import intensity stimulated.

If the Government has failed in anything, it has been to communicate to the electorate the reality of SA's agenda in long term, meaning anywhere between 10 and 20 years, depending on efficiency of implementation.

Although the electorate may have sympathy for such Japanese-like planning, its temperament is more akin to that of a US financial investor whose time horizon does not go beyond the next quarter's results.

If such a state of affairs offers a tempting opportunity to those who ignore the structural realities, focusing claims on a short-term recovery to high economic growth.

Although such a short cut exists, it does not necessarily vest in the ideological riches on offer. Specifically, it does not reside in the current or intended level of government spending.

ISSUE

There are three approaches in the white Parliament on the question of ideological spending: the right wing advocates much duplication of government services, the centre some duplication, and the "left" no duplication at all.

What is at issue here is the cost of a domestic political structure which is merely a consumptive habit.

Far more important is the structure of productive production, its outward-oriented, world scale and competitive?

Focusing on government spending does not, in the first instance, address the external constraint on our economic growth.

A second tendency of all parties is to claim that the foreign debt is a crucial issue preventing us from making the economy grow. Somehow, therefore, external relations must be re-established so that we can resume foreign borrowing. Although that would allow higher economic growth rates in the short term, it is the last thing we should aspire to.

The external route does not lead to salvation.

The Australians increased their foreign debt tenfold this decade because they refused to address the long-term structural weaknesses in their society — mineral bound, inward-oriented, lacking world scale and class, and being plain lazy.

Instead, there is the Korean approach — flexible structure, world market-oriented, capable of adjusting to changing circumstances.

When foreign creditors balked at South Korea in 1982 when its foreign debt reached $10-million, it changed direction, pumped up exports, and without any slippage in economic growth reduced net foreign debt to $16-billion.

Ideological spending requiring so much duplication of effort is a waste. It differs little in its consumption effect from smoking or drinking. Changing such spending will not materially lift the economy's growth potential where it matters most in the short term — exports.

It would merely free some resources that would allow a faster implementation of the long-term agenda. Improving our external banking relationship is an important goal in that it would prevent further financial sanctions and ease rescheduling.

However, it should not be seen as a panacea, the way the Australians and before them the Latin Americans have treated it, because that can only be deadly in the long term.

BALANCE

Instead, the answers lie in the structure of our productive machinery. Here, the debate is nearly nonexistent. To what extent should we aim to be world class, outward or inward bound?

Where does the true social and economic balance lie in the long term and what efficiencies do they require?

In the short term, if inflation, interest rates, the rand and the tax burden are to be stabilised while the long-term agenda is being vigorously implemented, we will need to earn some extra petty cash — say, an extra R1-billion of export earnings every year.

Otherwise, the external constraint will strangle our best intentions and efforts.

For all parties, fighting an election campaign with denials and promises is one thing. Delivering the goods is another.
6% growth possible in
SA — DP

Political Staff

THE Democratic Party believed it would be able to achieve an average real growth rate of 6% a year. This growth rate would leave a surplus of about R15 billion instead of a deficit, according to Democratic Party (DP) finance spokesman Mr Ken Andrew. “It is a realistic option for South Africa, but only if we have a change of government.”

“We can be a winning nation,” Mr Andrew said. The DP would restore confidence in South Africa and implement economic policies, as contained in its manifesto, that would ensure strong and sustained economic growth.

Between 1981, the previous election, and 1988, South Africa’s real growth in GDP averaged 0.96% per year. The DP recognised that economic growth was critical for South Africa.

Mr Andrew said the Nationalist government was characterised by inefficiency and waste.

Resources frozen

The Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis, said in 1987 that billions of rands of scarce capital resources had been “sterilized” as a result of South Africa’s political problems.

DP economic proposals would cost about R15 billion. However, it would effect government savings of at least R9 billion. Its manifesto proposals could be financed by an average real growth rate of 2% in the gross domestic product.

One should consider the billions of rand of empty space in schools, hospitals and teacher training colleges, the hundreds of expensively trained white teachers being made redundant. On top of that there was expenditure on the homelands, decentralization and forced removals, which cost R8 billion a year.

Each year hundreds of race classification and group areas cases were investigated, costing billions.

“Debt servicing costs are now nearly R10 billion per year,” he said.

“By reducing debt and stabilising the value of the rand, the DP will reverse the trend.

“Defence spending could be substantially reduced, by R2.5 billion, without in any way endangering our security.”
GERHARD DE KOCK

Helping the invisible hand

De Kock's firm advocacy of free-market policies leaves an enduring legacy

Long ago, when Gerhard de Kock lectured at Pretoria University, he'd tell students before an examination that if they wanted to know whether they'd pass, they should go home and explain economic concepts to their mothers and girlfriends. If they (the mothers and girlfriends) understood, success was inevitable.

Maybe today feminists would take umbrage at this — though De Kock’s charm could also be formidable. But the general drift of what he said was sage. For De Kock was an intellectual who knew the value of the common touch and believed passionately in the persuasiveness of reason.

Because of that — and his foresight — he achieved for SA a revolution in philosophical thought by pointing out the economic consequences and absurdities of government’s desire to control all aspects of people’s lives. His role in breaking down apartheid was significant.

Had it not been for his influence — coupled with that of Owen Horwood — it is unlikely that the NP would have abandoned in the Seventies its long-standing preference for socialism and began to switch economic policies towards encouraging enterprise. Had the philosophies of the Sixties continued, SA would today be producing even less than it is and have even fewer capital resources with which to do it.

But the achievement — and it was his — that was probably more immediately important was the preservation of residual prosperity and avoidance of the social and economic chaos hyperinflation would have brought. Had he not in the mid-Eighties let interest rates reach unprecendented heights, SA would have been pushed by a profligate government into Latin American ruin.

De Kock did not himself negotiate the foreign debt repayment agreement after international banks refused to roll over our modest foreign loans.

But his prestige in world financial capitals was the catalyst that made possible the creditors’ committee with whom the authorities could negotiate.

Even had he not achieved all this, he would go down in history as a remarkably skilful and innovative central banker, as his father, Mike de Kock, had been. Our sophisticated banking laws and monetary controls owe much to his foresight and draftsmanship.

SA is a little less important in the world because of De Kock’s passing.

He studied at Harvard under economists who played a pivotal role in shaping contemporary economic thought and got to know them well. His scholarship and personality as an ambassador to and director of the International Monetary Fund (he represented a group of countries, including SA and New Zealand) brought international recognition.

His was a name too in that inner sanctum of central banking, the Bank of International Settlements (BIS) in Basle. This bank, of which SA was a founding shareholder, was formed to administer war reparations but has become the centre of progressive central banking wisdom.

That is where the capital and other regulatory requirements needed by the internationalisation of so many capital markets and securitisation of so many assets have their philosophical home.

For 30 years De Kock was a good friend to the FM, as he was to most SA economists who understand the importance of markets and the failure of collectivist solutions.

In the Seventies on Thursday afternoons over lunch at the Boulevard Hotel, not far from the north end of Church Square, De Kock, then a struggling star in the Bank’s market-hostile firmament, used to sit with successive editors and writers of the FM and analyse the deprivations of official policy.

While reason was his formidable ally, he was not above the arts of cajolery and used with cunning the weariness of garrulity to propagate his ideas. We all knew that and enjoyed it. But above all he was both consistent and persistent.

The following week, when Finance Minister Nico Diederichs was inevitably editorially mauled and Reserve Bank Governor Bob de Jongh pilloried, the influence of De Kock was not entirely absent — though the cutting edge of the rhetoric was ours alone. If he didn’t then have many friends in Church Square, De Kock did have them in Johannesburg’s Main Street.

In the dark days of the Sixties and early Seventies, the economy was riddled with controls. Businessmen and bankers relied on their ability as special pleaders, rather than competitive skills, to keep earnings rising.

These controls spanned interest rates (kept mostly negative), banks’ ability to lend, international capital transfers, who could deal in official securities and who could obtain banking licences. Manufacturers had liberal protection; most prices — especially the mortgage rate — were controlled and imports were severely curbed.

The buoyancy of the unexpected post-war boom had not yet run its course. This, as well as the relative self-sufficiency of the SA economy, kept growth at a fairly brisk pace, despite apartheid and all the other controls it fostered.

De Kock could see what lay ahead — unrelenting inflation — and was a firm advocate of the market’s allocating resources, of deregulation and competition.

He hardly ever missed an opportunity to take his magic lantern slides and address businessmen on economic freedom. They used to think him odd, but his articulate argument was entertaining if not beguiling.

A president of the Federated Chamber of Industries, an eminent industrialist more at home cap-in-hand in Pretoria than facing competition in Johannesburg, was once overheard murmuring: “This chap De Kock must be stopped. If he goes on saying things like

How FM cartoonists saw De Kock over the years

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following farms so as to include them in this area: Rykdom 276 IQ, Doornfontein 50 IQ, De Pan 51 IQ and Wildfontein 52 IQ to the south-western beacon of the last-named farm; thence northwards, eastwards, northwards and generally north-westwards along the boundaries of the following farms so as to include them in this area: The said farm Wildfontein 52 IQ, De Pan 51 IQ, Doornfontein 50 IQ, Doornfontein 47 IQ, Houkpol 43 IQ, Vooruitig 48 IQ, Houkpol 43 IQ, Platkip 40 IR, Viakfontein 37 IQ, Rietfontein 33 IQ, Vogelstruisfontein 34 IQ, Syferfontein 381 IQ, Leeupoort 357 IQ and Ofilantsheo 356 IQ to the north-western beacon of the last named farm, the place of beginning.".

J. A. VAN WYK,
Deputy Minister of Land Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

No. 1728 11 August 1989

STANDARDS ACT, 1982
STANDARDS MATTERS
AMENDMENT OF EXISTING STANDARD

The standard mentioned has been amended.

The holder of a permit to apply a standardization mark on the basis of the standard specification mentioned shall immediately commence to manufacture in accordance with the amended standard specification. The relevant standardization mark shall, from the date of publication of this notice cease to be applied to any commodity on the basis of the specification prior to amendment.

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(11 Augustus 1989)
The question facing a post-apartheid economy:

Will a post-apartheid economy deliver the goods?

The transition to a non-racist society involves reorganizing the economy so that it is based on the principles of equality and justice. This means that the economy will have to be fundamentally transformed to reflect the needs and aspirations of all South Africans. The new economy will need to provide equal opportunities for all, regardless of race, gender, or social status. It will also need to ensure that the economy is sustainable and that the environment is protected.

The new economy will need to be inclusive and equitable, ensuring that all South Africans have access to quality education, healthcare, and housing. It will also need to provide opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship, ensuring that everyone has a chance to participate in the economic activities of the country.

The new economy will need to be efficient and competitive, ensuring that South Africa can compete in the global market. It will also need to be innovative, ensuring that new technologies and methods are used to improve productivity and efficiency.

The new economy will need to be socially responsible, ensuring that the interests of the community are taken into account in all economic decisions. It will also need to be environmentally sustainable, ensuring that the health of the environment is protected and that the country's natural resources are used in a responsible manner.

The new economy will need to be transparent and accountable, ensuring that the activities of the economy are open to public scrutiny and that the decisions made are based on sound principles. It will also need to be inclusive, ensuring that all South Africans have a voice in the development and implementation of the new economy.
De Kock's last views — and his final regret

CAPE TOWN — There was now a better appreciation in SA that everyone would gain through economic cooperation and development in the sub-continent.

But “I’m just sorry I won’t be around to participate”, former Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock, said in his last interview.

SA had made mistakes in its policies towards the Frontline states, he said in an article in the latest issue of Leadership, which was released yesterday.

In the interview, granted shortly before his death, De Kock said the Reserve Bank had been frustrated at times by political obstacles, particularly regarding interest rates.

“In 1988 we ran into opposition to higher interest rates because the politicians felt this would affect farmers and unsubsidised home-owners.

“We had to do a lot of persuading to convince government to agree to an economic policy that had higher interest rates as an inevitable consequence.

“If government accepts targets for money supply, it cannot place a ceiling on interest rates.”

But my successor should find that there is a better understanding of this than there was a year or two ago.”

De Kock said SA could continue to export capital for years and it was not about to be brought to its knees.

“But don’t get me wrong; it would be a great tragedy if things did not improve.

“The political developments of 1985 were a great disappointment to me. We could argue about the effect of specific events on the gathering capital outflow, but the reality is that international perceptions deteriorated long before legal sanctions were imposed on this country.

“It was the verdict of the market that SA was gripped by a deep political crisis.

“Foreign commentators believed the country had become ungovernable and that the end was in sight. Those with this view were wrong, but until our political relations with the world improve we will have to maintain measures such as exchange controls with all their accompanying evils. I am not proud of this.

“But the fact remains that, if the SA economy is seriously damaged, there is no way in which Africa can develop. That penny appears to have dropped.”

De Kock also said: “We have achieved something — we have retained the grudging respect of some 400 banks around the world.”

Report by Barry Street, 122 St George’s St, Cape Town.
We can't have cake and eat it, say experts.

Decline in standard of living 'inevitable'

By Michael Chester

South Africans will pay the penalty for Government overspending and the waste of a bloated civil service by an inevitable slide in living standards in the year ahead, researchers have warned.

The root cause of current economic problems has been the chain reaction of excessive Government expenditure, says the Econometrix research think-tank.

Dr Azar Jammie, director of the unit, estimates that the number of public servants employed by central Government has soared by 57.4 percent since 1980. The public servant labour force running local government and the homelands had climbed by more than 29 percent.

The massive burden of an oversized civil service, Dr Jammie said, was a result of the multiple duplication of jobs in efforts to cope with a complex political fragmentation of administration.

To fund the multiple tiers of bureaucracy, the Government had impoverished everyone by ever-growing tax burdens.

Resorting to the printing presses to produce more and more bank notes had in turn worsened the inflation rate.

While spending on bureaucracy had mushroomed, new investment in projects to improve the capital structure and infrastructure had come under the axe — with obvious longer-term implications.

The overall result of the Government's spending binge was that economic growth had been strangled, inflation had been propelled into orbit and the tax burden grew heavier and heavier.

Cutting into savings

Until now, individuals had tried to protect their living standards by cutting into their savings or borrowing on loans or credit.

But with disposable incomes eroded by high taxation, savings down to nil and with high interest making the cost of credit prohibitive, it was inevitable that consumer demand had to take a severe knock and start a new bust phase in the economic cycle.

Unable to afford to borrow any more to compensate for high taxes, most South Africans would find it impossible to maintain living standards in the year ahead.

Yet while the tax burden on private individuals had more than doubled since 1980, the proportion of total tax revenue shouldered by big business had more than halved, Dr Jammie said.

Problems had also been compounded by the growth of trade unions and the damage of inflation stemming from the pursuit of wage increases that were not matched by increases in productivity or by economic conditions.

"There are no easy solutions and even political reform may not be the panacea to all our problems," Dr Jammie said.

"Until each member of the economy comes to see that he cannot have his cake and eat it, and that an unsympathetic approach to the country's economic problems is called for by everyone, we will all suffer."

"However, we need not all plunge to the depths of despair before coming to our senses. Much more frank discussion and inter-education is needed on a tripartite basis between the Government, business and labour."

See Page 10.
Don’t be dependent — Motlana

Black people should become involved in the mainstream economic, financial and industrial sectors to overcome the "dependency syndrome" of expecting financial aid from the international world, Soweto leader Dr Nthato Motlana told the Idasa conference.

"For years we have accused big business of hiding behind the skirts of the Government while enriching itself. I am referring to politically active people who say you don’t touch big business.

"It is time now for blacks to become involved in big business and to get an understanding of big business."

"I'm worried that when Tuynhuys is occupied by Thabo Mbeki in 2015 he will have problems in satisfying the expectations of blacks. Mbeki won't fill our stomachs. We are going to need big numbers of blacks in the forefront of big business in order to create wealth," Dr Motlana said.

The capitalism/socialism debate led to heated discussions at the "Securing the Future" conference.

Two Anglo American speakers, Mr Michael Spicer and Mr Adrian du Plessis, came under fire for the business community's relationship with the Government and its limited pressure on the Government to end apartheid.

Mr Spicer said while there was an urgent need for all people to share in and contribute to an expanding economy, anti-apartheid forces' policy of redistribution "favours the elite and not the people in whose name it is being conducted.

Mr Murphy Morobe, former publicity secretary of the restricted United Democratic Front, said a "redistribution mechanism will have to be worked out" to undo the "monumental injustices" of apartheid in society.

Responding to the viewpoint that the business community had limited influence on the Government, Stellenbosch economist Professor Samplie Terreblanche said "an unholy marriage" had developed between the two.

"A large section of the business community is giving legitimacy to the NP government which it no longer deserves."

(Report by S van der Merwe, of Sauer & Johannesburg)
Analyst confident despite decline in GDP growth rate

By Sven Linsche
Sanlam economist Johan Louw is confident that a soft landing for the economy will be achieved, although the growth rate of gross domestic product (GDP) declined to 0.7 percent in the second quarter, compared with the previous three months.

This is lowest growth rate in almost three years and is the third consecutive quarterly fall, Central Statistical Services (CSS) said yesterday.

The second-quarter figure came after rises of 2.8 percent and 1.6 percent in the fourth quarter of 1997 and the first quarter of this year.

Mr Louw said the economy should achieve annualised growth of 1.7 percent in the second half of the year, which would push the rate of growth for 1999 as a whole to two percent.

"The net foreign trade position should improve significantly in the months ahead as imports decline and exports receive a boost from a stronger international economy," Mr Louw said.

He expected farm products, in particular, to boost export performance.

The seasonally adjusted real GDP of the farm sector soared by 17.4 percent in the second quarter after a 16.4 percent growth rate in the first three months of the year.

Admittedly this came off a low base last year. But without the boost from the farm sector, overall economic growth would have probably declined for the first time since the first quarter of 1998.

Growth in the non-agricultural sector declined by 0.4 percent in the second quarter of 1999, against an increase of 0.7 percent in the previous quarter — the result of further declines in the real production by the mining industry, especially gold mines, and the manufacturing sector.

GDP for these sectors declined by 7.8 and 2.1 percent respectively, while secondary industries also showed a drop of 0.2 percent in the second quarter.

Tertiary industries had a 2.1 percent rise, continuing the steady trend of the last six quarters.
Voting by conscience

Overcrowded classrooms, dilapidated school buildings, a cutback in bursaries for student teachers — these are some of the fruits of five years of tricameralism, writes Randell Van den Heever, deputy president of the Cape Teachers Professional Association.

Disrepair

One of the fundamental tenets of the government’s reform policy was the undertaking to bring about equality in education.

Mr F W Botha made this pledge in May 1980, when he was still Prime Minister. But in 1989, the Minister of National Education and National Party leader Mr F W de Klerk, publicly admits that this goal cannot be realised.

In fact, all signs point to a distinct deterioration in the quality of education under the control of the House of Representatives:

- school buildings are in a state of disrepair;
- classes are overcrowded while white school buildings stand empty;
- bursaries to student teachers have become a periodic point of conflict;
- thousands of teachers are under threat of retrenchment;
- the subsidies of the University of the Western Cape and the Peninsula Technikon have been dramatically reduced;
- symbolic and historic institutions such as Zonnebloem are under threat of closure;
- attempts at contextualising school curricula to meet the demands of the people are supressed with religious fervour.

So much for the promises of equality. In education we are even more unequal now than before the introduction of the tricameral system.

As far as the legitimacy of the educational policies of the House of Representatives is concerned, it can be reported that there was never a time when the education administration and the constituency of teachers and parents that it serves has been so severely estranged from one another.

The crux of the crisis is that the Minister of Education in the House of Representatives, Rev Allan Hendriks, is clearly at odds with his role as Minister of Education on the one hand, and leader of a political party in the government’s tricameral reform programme on the other.

The Minister’s tendency to claim educational policy as the exclusive domain of his party, almost totally excluding the directorate of education, the organised teaching profession, and the democratic structures representing parents, has unleashed a new monster of totalitarianism in our midst.

His outright rejection of the recommendations of school committees and departmental selection committees on the appointment of principals and deputies at various schools, crisis upon crisis is being wreaked in towns upon towns.

And when these communities appeal to the Minister for an opportunity to state their case, they are often not even afforded the courtesy of a reply.

This gross insensitivity is compounded by the fact that the Minister is not prepared to brook any dissent from the body officially representing the viewpoint of teachers, the Cape Teachers’ Professional Association.

And in having to deal with the strongly principled CTFA leader Mr Franklin Sonn, the Minister is forced to stoop to still more questionable forms of intimidation in an attempt to crush the resistance to his “rule”.

For instance, the Minister recently launched a bitter personal and political attack on Mr Sonn at a Labour Party meeting, accusing him, among other things, of being “dishonourable”.

Therefore as far as my limited test of education administration is concerned, the tricameral system has neither “reformed” educational policy positively nor improved administrative functions in the department.

For teachers, therefore, there can be no justifiable reason to vote in the elections of September, 1989.

(Report by RP van den Heever, 58 Glenhaven Avenue, Glenhaven.)
As South Africa approaches the post-apartheid era, there will have to be a restructuring of the ownership of the corporate sector along with an end to paternalistic and "swart gevaar" attitudes which once called for the rolling back of the black tide.

This was the challenge handed out to the business community by Mr Murray Hofmeyr, chairman of Johannesburg Consolidated Investments when he gave the Andries van Riet address at the opening of the South African Property Owners Association conference in Johannesburg yesterday.

"If the reorganisation and survival of the market system is conducted without regard to black interests, the result will be an aggravation of political conflict," he said.

"We cannot escape the fact that blacks, comprise three-quarters of our total population and that their current entrepreneurial exclusion is a grave defect of our economy."

Calling for new ways at working with, rather than against, black ideological preferences, Mr Hofmeyr said this might have to mean the helping of blacks in the establishment of co-operative enterprises as a means of achieving greater black entrepreneurial participation.

Pointing out that big business had shown no evidence of responding cohesively to changing political circumstances, mainly because it has been "unable to reconcile its diverse political strains", the JCI chairman said:

"Business has looked to the Government to do the job and Government has failed because it is itself trapped in power conflict."

CAPITAL OUTFLOW.

Quoting the late Dr Gerhard de Kock, former Governor of the Reserve Bank, Mr Hofmeyr said the runaway growth in net capital outflow of R25 billion between 1985 and 1988 was the direct result of a marked deterioration in overseas perceptions of the political situation in South Africa.

And he referred to Dr de Kock's reminder that "the ideals of optimal growth, low inflation, a strong currency and a rising standard of living will not be achieved without adequate progress in the field of political and constitutional reform and a consequential easing of the stresses and strains in relations with other countries."

Referring to the "moment of truth" facing the country at the September elections, Mr Hofmeyr said: "In an extreme case, economic failure could produce a reaction under which could result in the present constitution being replaced by one that implies with white domination, forced removals, labour unrest and a breakdown in our external relations."
WILLIAM HOFMEYR, CEO CHAIRMAN

Economy's future
Ensure the market
How business can

"Amongst themselves they stand or fall in the eyes of the public. If we do not act, the public will judge us by the way we have handled the past and the way we intend to handle the future."

WILLIAM HOFMEYR, CEO CHAIRMAN
Still in wonderland

There is a fundamental flaw in the defence offered by Deputy Finance Minister Org Marais of the NP's economic performance. In a four-page advertisement, which appeared recently in several publications, Marais says: "... on balance SA's economic problems are less a result of specific, controllable events." Let us not even examine economic policy again, as we have repeatedly in recent weeks, but confine ourselves to what he identifies among "unrelated negative factors with far-reaching economic implications."

- Political disturbances from 1984-1987 which "aggravated uncertainty and precipitated a lack of business confidence;"
- A consequent "deterioration in the foreign perception of SA's political and economic prospects;"
- "Vicious foreign political hostility, the termination of foreign credit facilities, sanctions, boycotts and disinvestment and massive capital outflows;" and

"The deteriorating security position."

Strange that Marais considers these "unrelated." The causal link between racist policies and political unrest and economic isolation seems to escape him.

Since the NP came to power in 1948, critics have tried to explain the hazards of retreating to the 18th Century while the rest of the world moves towards the 21st. Now we are experiencing the consequences, the party can't or won't take responsibility for its actions.

People apparently incapable of understanding cause and effect won't understand that if you add two to two you get four. Hardly the best choices to formulate and implement economic policy.
**No end in sight to inflation havoc**

**R1 note of 1970 now worth less than 12c**

By Michael Chester

The R1 note of 1970 is now worth less than 12c, thanks to inflation's ravages.

The remorseless stripping away of the buying power of the rand has been officially documented by Central Statistical Services.

Shopping expeditions now cost more than eight times what they did less than 20 years ago.

The CCS lays out the extent of the devastation in an annual exercise to spell out the track record of the rand back to the start of the century.

Going back that far — when R1 was a 10-bob note — it shows that the cash in pockets or purses is today worth 3 percent of its value in 1910.

Into Mom and Dad's generation, compared with 1950, the rand has plunged in actual purchasing power to a mere 6c.

**Blow softened**

If the computers slip in up-dates to keep restoring the R1 back to a theoretical 100 cents from time to time, it may soften the blow a little.

The CCS did it to prop the rand back to where it stood at R1 again in 1970, for instance. And still its value by 1989 collapses to 12c.

Even compared with 1980, its buying power by today drops down to 33c.

Dr Azar Jammine, director of the Econometrix research unit, says there is no sign of an end to the havoc as inflation pounds away at the rand.

He forecasts that the consumer price index will accelerate to a yet worse average of 17.6 percent next year and stay wedged at around 16 percent a year, or worse, in 1991... and 1992, too.
ECONOMIC POLICY

Piercing the fallacy

There are two depressing and inescapable conclusions that have to be drawn from Budget Minister Kent Durr's debate on television with the DP's Harry Schwarz.

The first is that the Nats clearly have no intention of cutting government spending, despite the policy claims of the past. The second is that they do not understand supply-side economics — that lower taxes lead to lower prices, higher output and, therefore, higher government revenues from more taxpayers.

Consequently, once the election is over, we're going to have more of what we've had for the past 10 years — grand promises without the slightest possibility of their being implemented. If that applies to economics, what hope is there of material progress towards greater constitutional and social reform?

Durr is accusing Schwarz of advocating an immediate increased level of services without having the means to pay for them if taxes are also to be cut. He has demanded that Schwarz produce the figures to back up his claims. That, of itself, was rather disingenuous coming from a former deputy finance minister. Durr must know that unless the DP lapses into the use of econometrics — a peculiarly perverse form of sophistry — it is simply impossible to come up with precise figures.

If it were to have done so, it would have been justifiably open to an accusation of electioneering.

To illustrate the point, simply reverse the notion. If taxes are increased to pay for more public services, then, as most salaried people already pay more than 60% of their earnings in tax (income tax, GST and excises), prices will ultimately be higher, output less and government revenues from taxes lower — but by precisely how much, cannot be specifically calculated.

What we do know is that taxes in this country are well above that level at which government tax revenue is maximised. To increase them further will lead to a reduction in State services or a larger deficit before borrowing.

It is for this reason that Schwarz emphasised that increased services of a high priority would have to be implemented gradually over a period of years. The important measure is to see some progress — not necessarily to be able to calculate the ultimate outcome, if indeed there is one. For measures such as these require adaptation to emerging economic trends.

Clearly, Durr presented himself for an important television debate without adequate preparation and with trumped-up figures to illustrate what he intended to hold out as the absurdity of Schwarz's proposition. Such audacity can seek its justification only in ignorance.

Schwarz, a formidable advocate, had little trouble in exposing these figures for what they were — gross exaggerations that suited a party that is hell-bent on maintaining the economic status quo.

Of course, few ministers enhance their reputation by cutting departmental spending. The exceptions are those involved with finance. For it ought to be plain to them that if privatisation is to be implemented seriously — that is, not just to sell off State-controlled assets to finance official profligacy — then services will be transferred to the private sector and government's need to finance them correspondingly reduced.

To achieve this, government must want to reduce its interference in the lives of its citizens. From the tenor of Durr's argument, it seems that the Nats do not want to see less government. And it indicates that its privatisation programme must be viewed, economically, with the utmost suspicion. Selling the family silver to pay for today's bread is no lasting solution for hunger. The object of privatisation should be to enhance economic self-sufficiency, not to foster government's own financial expediency. Do the Nats really understand what it is all about?

The fact is that DP economic policy is not that much different from the objectives held out by successive Nat ministers in recent years. From what Durr said on television this week, our impression is that they have not been implemented largely because of a lack of understanding of the implications — despite many examples elsewhere in the world. Claims that the inertia is rooted in a lower gold price and the economic hostility of so many other countries are convenient red herrings.

The simple fact that came across so strongly from Durr's performance is that, while the Nats govern, this country will grow below its potential unless there is an increase in the gold price and an inflow of foreign capital. Neither of these is within the gift of the Nats. They will simply back up their bad politics (apartheid) with bad economics (inflation).

The DP has not had the opportunity to implement anything — and maybe it never will. But, although we have differed with Schwarz over his economic inconsistencies in the past, the basis of his argument on television enhances the economic credibility of his party. By defending a cut in taxes and advocating increased essential services, he has demonstrated that he — unlike Durr — understands supply-side economics.

If the Nats have convinced themselves that government spending cannot be cut and that they can live comfortably with a 15% rate of inflation, then they are condemning most people in this country to declining living standards for as long as they are in power. They will also have forfeited any pretence that they are able to lead.

Ordinary folk of any colour will respond to economic leadership. They will put up with short-term hardships if they know that down the road they will be assured of rising incomes and a stable country in which to live. They know that there is no trade-off between inflation and unemployment — an outdated notion that Deputy Finance Minister Org Marais still seeks to propagate. They will not respond to the despair inherent in Durr's performance.
NOTICE 1027 OF 1989
CORRECTION NOTICE
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(ACT No. 84 OF 1967)

It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in General Notice 649 dated 16 June 1989, the correction of the notice has been approved by the substitution of the figures “45621/1985” for the figures “46928/1983”.

(PB 4-14-2-1368-13)
(18 August 1989)

NOTICE 1028 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

ERF 475, WINDSOR, RANDBURG TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government: House of Assembly has approved that conditions (e), (d), (f) and (h) in Deed of Transfer T22188/1976 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-1467-16)
(18 August 1989)

NOTICE 1029 OF 1989
CORRECTION NOTICE
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(ACT No. 84 OF 1967)

It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in General Notice 480 dated 19 May 1989, the correction of the notice has been approved by the substitution of the wording “Extension” for the word “Extension 1”.

(PB 4-14-2-1517-2)
(18 August 1989)

NOTICE 1030 OF 1989
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF
APPLICATIONS.—LIST 25/89

The following applications concerning the Customs and Excise Tariff have been received by the Board of Trade and Industry. Any objections to or comments on these representations must be submitted to the Board of Trade and Industry, Private Bag X753, Pretoria, 0001, within six weeks of the date of this notice.

Increase in the duty on:

Fire alarms, classifiable under tariff subheading 8531.10.10, and parts of fire alarms, classifiable under tariff subheading 8531.90.10, from duty free to 20 per cent ad valorem.

[BTI Ref. T5/2/16/3/5 (890409)]

KENNISGEWING 1027 VAN 1989
VERBETERINGSKENNISGEWING
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepalings van artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademal 'n fout in Algemene Kennisgewing 649 gedateer 16 Junie 1989 ontstaan het, is dit goedgekeur dat bogenoemde kennisgewing gewysig word deur die vervanging van die syfers “46928/1983” met die syfers “45621/1985”.

(PB 4-14-2-1368-13)
(18 August 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1028 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967

ERF 475, WINDSOR, DORP RANDBURG

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Bepaling: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes (c), (d), (f) en (h) in Akte van Transport T22188/1976 opgehef word.

(PB 4-14-2-1467-16)
(18 August 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1029 VAN 1989
VERBETERINGSKENNISGEWING
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepalings van artikel 38 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat nademal 'n fout in Algemenekennisgewing 480 gedateer 19 Mei 1989 ontstaan het, is dit goedgekeur dat bogenoemde kennisgewing gewysig word deur die bewoording “Uitbreiding 1” te vervang met die bewoording “Uitbreiding” in die opskrif van die kennisgewing.

(PB 4-14-2-1517-2)
(18 August 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1030 VAN 1989
DOEANE- EN AKSYNSTARIEFAANSOEK.—
LYS 25/89

Onderstaande aansoeke betreffende die Doeane- en Akynstarief is deur die Raad van Handel en Nywerheid ontvang. Enige beswaar teen of kommentaar op hierdie vertoef moet binne ses weke na die datum van hierdie kennisgewing aan die Raad van Handel en Nywerheid, Privaatsak X753, Pretoria, 0001, gerig word.

Verhoring van die reg op:

Brandalarms, indeelbaar by tariefspos 8531.10.10, en onderdele van brandalarms, indeelbaar by tariefspos 8531.90.10, van vry van reg tot 20 persent ad valorem.

[RHN-verw. T5/2/16/3/5 (890409)]
NOTICE 1023 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 514, WITBANK EXTENSION 3 TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government: House of Assembly has approved that conditions (d), (k), (i), (ii), (iii) en (1) in Deed of Transfer T21322/84 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-1473-5)

(18 August 1989)

NOTICE 1024 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 350, CYRILDENE TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government: House of Assembly has approved that condition (k) in Deed of Transfer T14841/1975 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-301-10)

(18 August 1989)

NOTICE 1025 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTION 1 OF ERF 51, ALAN MANOR TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government: House of Assembly has approved that condition (r) in Deed of Transfer T466/1976 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-10-10)

(18 August 1989)

NOTICE 1026 OF 1989

CORRECTION NOTICE
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 of 1967)

It is hereby notified in terms of section 41 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1986, that whereas an error occurred in Administrator’s Notice 1182 which appeared in the Provincial Gazette dated 12 October 1988, the Minister of Local Government and Housing in the Ministers’ Council of the House of Assembly, has approved the correction of the notice by the substitution of the new Map 3 for the approved Map 3.

(PB 4-14-2-740-6)

(18 August 1989)
The TOWN COUNCIL OF WITBANK for the removal of the conditions of title of Erven 991 and 992, Witbank Extension Township, in order to permit the erven to be used for "Special" for light industrial services and commercial uses as well as a public garage.

(PB 4-14-2-1478-8)

The TOWN COUNCIL OF VEREENIGING for the removal of the conditions of title of Holdings 87 and 155, Dreamland Agricultural Holdings, in order to permit the holdings to be used for agricultural purposes.

(PB 4-16-2-155-1)

JOANNE KIM BERNIC for the removal of the conditions of title of Portion 13 of Erf 3510, Bryanston Extension 5 Township, in order to relax the building line.

(PB 4-14-2-212-3)

MAUREEN NISELOW for the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 161, Robindale Township, in order to erect a garage.

(PB 4-14-2-1138-6)

BUNDORAN DEVELOPMENTS (PROPRIETYARY) LIMITED and BRYANT FAMILY TRUST for—

(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Portions 2 and 3 Erf 4233, Bryanston Extension 34 Township, in order to permit the erf being used for offices;

(2) the amendment of the Sandton Town-Planning Scheme, 1980, by the rezoning of the erven from "Residential 3" to "Business 4" subject to conditions.

This application will be known as Sandton Amendment Scheme 1442 with reference number PB 4-14-2-213-1.

(18 August 1989)

 NOTICE 1022 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

ERF 195, CHAMDOR EXTENSION TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) conditions (c) to (i) in Deed of Transfer T3980/1985 be removed; and

(2) the Krugersdorp Town-planning Scheme, 1980, be amended by the rezoning of Erf 195, Chamdor Extension I Township, to "Special" for the purposes of a public garage, including a refreshment room, subject to certain conditions, which amendment scheme will be known as Krugersdorp Amendment Scheme 150, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Krugersdorp.

(PB 4-14-2-2347-13)

(18 August 1989)

Kennisgewing 1022 Van 1989

Wet Op Opheffing Van Beperkings, 1967

ERF 193, DORP CHAMDOR-UITBREIDING 1

Hierby word ingevolge die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet Op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

(1) voorwaardes (e) tot (i) in Akte van Transport T3980/1985 opgehef word; en

(2) die Krugersdorp-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1980, gewysig word deur die hersonering van Erf 193, dorp Chamdor-uitbreiding 1, tot "Spesiaal" vir die doel- einde van 'n openbare garage, insluitende 'n ververingsplek, onderworpe aan sekere voorwaardes, welke wysigingskema bekend staan as Krugersdorp-wysigingskema 150, soos aangedi op die betrokkene Kaart 3 en skemasoules wat ter insa lê in die kantoor van die Departementshooff: Departement van Plaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsclerk van Krugersdorp.

(PB 4-14-2-2347-13)

(18 August 1989)
NOTICE 1020 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER SUPPLY

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS IN TERMS OF SECTION 22 (1) OF THE AGRICULTURAL CREDIT ACT, 1966

Meeting of the undermentioned applicant and his creditors is hereby convened at the place and date mentioned hereunder for the purpose of enabling creditors to prove their claims against the applicant and of considering a proposal for compromise by the Agricultural Credit Board.

J. H. RADEMEYER,
Director: Directorate Financial Assistance, Department of Agriculture and Water Supply.

Application by/Aanvoer van

Frans Cornelis Hendriks (Sr.) of the farm Stillewoning van die plaas Stillewoning, P.O. Box/Postbus 387, Heilbron, 9650

Place of meeting/Plek van byeenkoms

Magistrate’s Office/Kantoor van die Landdrosts, Heilbron

Date and time/Datum en tyd

17 October/Oktober 1989 at/om 10:00.

(18 August 1989)/(18 August 1989)

NOTICE 1021 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the applications mentioned in this Schedule have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works and are open for inspection at the 12th Floor, Merino Building, Pretorius Street, Pretoria, and at the offices of the relevant local authority.

Any objection, with full reasons therefor, should be lodged in writing with the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, at the above address or Private Bag X340, Pretoria, on or before 15 September 1989.

SCHEDULE

KOULLA & COSTA INVESTMENTS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED for—

(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 47, Persida Township, in order to permit the erf to be used for a public garage and a eating house for blacks;

(2) the amendment of the Springs Town-planning Scheme 1, 1948, by the rezoning of the erven from “Special” for business to “Special” for business with above-mentioned.

This application will be known as Springs Amendment Scheme 1-492, with reference number PB 4-14-2-1770-1.

MAURICE IDOR CLEIN for—

(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 557, Berea Township, in order to permit the existing house to be used for offices as a primary right subject to certain conditions;

(2) the amendment of the Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme, 1979, by the rezoning of the erven from “Residential 1” with a density of “One dwelling per erf” to “Residential 4” including offices as a primary right subject to certain conditions.

This application will be known as Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 2627 with reference number PB 4-14-2-139-21.

KENNISGEWING 1021 VAN 1989
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BERPARKINGS, 1967

Ingevolge artikel 3 (6) van bogenoemde Wet word hiermee kennis gegee dat die aansoek in die Byl beperk en gedurende die bekendmaking van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke ontvang is en ter insaai by die 12de Verdieping, Merinogebou, Pretoriusrug, Pretoria, en die kantoor van die betrokke plaaslike bestuur.


BYLAE
KOULLA & COSTA INVESTMENTS (EINDOMS) BERPARKING vir—

(1) die opeffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Erf 47, dorp Persida, ten einde die monlik okk maak dat die erf gebruik kan word vir ’n openbare garage en ’n eet huis vir swartes;

(2) die wysiging van die Springs-dorpsaanlegskema 1, 1948, deur die hersonering van die erf van “Speciaal” vir kantore tot “Speciaal” vir besigheid met bo- genoemde.

Die aansoek sal bekend staan as Springs-opeffingskema 1-492, met verwysingssommer PB 4-14-2-1770-1.

MAURICE IDOR CLEIN vir—

(1) die opeffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Erf 557, dorp Berea, ten einde die bestaande huis vir kantore as ’n primêre reg toe te laat onderworpe aan seker voorwaardes;

(2) die wysiging van die Johannesburg-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1979, deur die hersonering van die erf van “Residentieel 1” met ’n digtheid van “Een woonhuis per erf” tot “Residentieel 4” inlui- tend kantore as ’n primêre reg onderworpe aan seker voorwaardes.

Die aansoek sal bekend staan as Johannesburg-opeffingskema 2627, met verwysingssommer PB 4-14-2-139-21.

KENNISGEWING VAN VERGADERING VAN SKULDEISERS KRAGTENS ARKTEL 22 (1) VAN DIE WET OP LANDBOUKREDIET, 1966

Hierby word ’n vergadering van ondergenoemde ook op die plek en datum hieronder genoem, belê, met die doel om skuldeisers in staat te stel om hul vorderings teen die applikant te bewys en ’n skikingsvoorstel van die Landboukredietraad te oorweeg.

J. H. RADEMEYER,
Direkteur: Direktaat Finansiële Bystand, Departement van Landbou en Watervoorsiening.

Application by/Aanvoer van

Magistrate’s Office/Kantoor van die Landdrosts, Heilbron

Date and time/Datum en tyd

17 Oktober/Oktober 1989 at/om 10:00.

(18 August 1989)/(18 August 1989)
(f) Die vloeroppervlakte beslaan deur alle geboue wat op die erf opgerig word, sal nie meer wees as 50 % in die totale oppervlakte van die erf in die geval van enkelverdieping en 40 % in die geval van dubbelverdieping nie.

(g) Die hoogte van geboue mag nie twee verdiepings oorsky nie."

(18 August 1989)

NOTICE 1012 QF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 OF 1967)

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the undermentioned applications have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly and will lie for inspection at the office of the Regional Representative of the said Department (Fourth Floor, Fedife Building, Maitland Street, Bloemfontein) and the office of the relevant local authority.

Any person who wishes to object to the granting of the application, may communicate in writing with the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly, at the above address or Private Bag X20524, Bloemfontein, 9300. Objections, in duplicate, must reach this office no later than 16:00 on Friday, 22 September 1989.

Bloemfontein (10/89) (AV): For the alteration of the Bloemfontein Town-planning Scheme by the rezoning of Erf 26249 from “Street (Pedestrian lane)” to “Special Single Dwelling Residential”.

Viljoenskroon (1/89) (AV): For the alteration of the Blikkiesdoring Town-planning Scheme by the rezoning of Erf 3874 and 783 from “General Residential” to “Special Residential”.

Head of the Department,
Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly.
(18 August 1989)

NOTICE 1014 OF 1989
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND LAND AFFAIRS
AGRÉMENT BOARD OF SOUTH AFRICA

(Approval of new building systems and products)

Notice is hereby given that the application for an agrément certificate, details of which appear in the Schedule hereto, has been withdrawn.

SCHEDULE

AGRÉMENT BOARD OF SOUTH AFRICA

Applicant: Engineering Design and Construction Co. (Pty) Ltd.

Subject: Renewal of Certificate 86/150 (Renewal) EDC Twinwall Building System.

The application, notice of acceptance of which was given under Notice 219 of 31 March 1989, has been withdrawn.

(18 August 1989)
Any person who wishes to object to the granting of the applications may communicate with writing with the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly, at the above address or Private Bag X20524, Bloemfontein, 9300. Objections, in duplicate, must reach this office not later than 16:00 on Friday, 15 September 1989.

(a) Erf 11074, 12 Donkin Street, Sasolburg—for the removal of condition of titel B 3 (b) in Deed of Transfer T220/1989 in order to enable the owner to erect an additional flat (granny flat) on the said erf.

(b) Subdivision 1 of the farm Groenevoud “A” No. 2004, Bainsvlei—for the removal of condition of title (c) on page 3 in Deed of Transfer T3058/1984 in order to enable the owner to subdivide the said small-holding for residential purposes.

(c) Small-holding 1, Denne Avenue, Bloemdal, Bainsvlei—for the removal of the conditions of the title "Subject", paragraph 2 on page 3, as well as conditions of the title (a) and (c) on page 3 in Deed of Transfer T8257/1981 in order to enable the owner to subdivide the said small-holding for a nursery.

(d) Erf 6451, 31 10th Street, Extension 8, Welkom—for the removal of conditions of title D (a) and (b) on page 7 and 8 in Deed of Transfer T9519/1981 in order to enable the owner to conduct a general dealers business for the sale in bulk of spices, herbs, sausages casings and butchery equipment as well as the repair of scales on the said erf.

(e) Erf 567, 18 Hospital Street, Heilbron—for the removal of condition of title on page 2 in Deed of Transfer T13454/1988 in order to subdivide the property for residential purposes.

(f) Erf 2039, 67 Second Avenue, Westdene, Bloemfontein—for the removal of condition of title 1 and 2 in Deed of Transfer T14083/1988 and for the rezoning of the said erf from “Special Single Residential” to “Special Business” in order to use the said erf for office purposes.

(g) Erf 4196, 20 Koning Willem Street, Bayswater, Bloemfontein—for the removal of condition of title (c) in Deed of Transfer T3229/1989 in order to subdivide the said erf for residential purposes.

(18 August 1989)

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NOTICE 1010 OF 1989

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

CLOSED PORTION OF PARK ERF 1289, VAAL-PARK, SASOLBURG, DISTRICT OF PARYS

The Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has in terms of the provisions of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), as amended, altered the conditions of

KENNISGEWING 1010 VAN 1989

ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD

DEPARTEMEN: PLAALIKE BESTUUR BEHUISENDEN WERKE

WET OP OPEHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967

GESLOTE GEDEELTE VAN PARKERF 1289, VAAL-PARK, SASOLBURG, DISTRIK PARYS

Die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad het kragtens die bepaling van artikel 2 van die Wet op Opeheffing van Beperkings, 1967 (Wet No. 84 van 1967), soos gewysig die titelvoorwaarde in
1.13 the training of traffic officers;
1.14 the prosecution of persons involved in collisions;
1.15 agreements with the ECOSA states and the self-governing territories; and
1.16 any other matter relating to traffic policing on which the Committee deems it desirable to report or which the Minister of Transport Affairs may desire the Committee to consider.

2. Professor A. J. Middleton, B.A. LL.D., has been appointed Chairman and only member of the Committee.

3. Any person, group or body desirous of making representations to the Committee on any matter within its terms of reference is invited to submit a memorandum (fivefold) on or before 31 October 1989 to the following address:

The Secretary
Committee of Inquiry into the Efficacy of Traffic Law Enforcement in the Republic of South Africa
Private Bag X147
PRETORIA 0001,

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS
No. 1751 18 August 1989

DECLARATION OF A DAM WITH A SAFETY RISK

By virtue of the powers delegated to me by the Minister of Water Affairs by Government Notice No. 906 of 19 May 1989, I, Theophiel Petrus Clotilda van Robbroeck, in my capacity as Deputy Director-General: Water Resource Development in the Department of Water Affairs, hereby declare in terms of section 9C (2) of the Water Act, 1956 (Act No. 54 of 1956), that the provisions of section 9C of the said Act are with effect from the date of publication hereof applicable to the Dalweiding Stormwater Control Dam situated on Portions 2, 3, 4, 35, 44 and 45 of Farm 527 and Portion 1 of Farm 602, District of Paarl, and of which the Municipality of Paarl is the owner.

T. P. C. VAN ROBBROECK,

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ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

KENNISGEWING 1009 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)

Hierby word ingevolge artikel 3 (6) van die bogenoemde Wet bekendgemaak dat die ondergenoemde aanoeke deur die Hoof van die Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Administrasie: Volksraad ontvange is en ter insa die by die Strekverdeelwoordig van genoemde Departement (Vierde Verdieping, Fidelifegebou, Maitlandstraat, Bloemfontein) en by die kantore van die betrokke Plaaslike Bestuur.
Sea change as Chris Stals sets sail...

A CHANGE of public servants, unlike a switch of politicians, would normally not lead to significantly different policies.

However, as the office of Governor of the Reserve Bank is central to our economic life, it is inexcusable that new brooms will sweep clean.

Gerhard de Kock’s appointment as Reserve Bank Governor earlier in the decade led to one of the most fundamental breaks with the past.

Intervention in the economy has long been a preserve of politicians, but while Dr De Kock was around its nature changed dramatically in the most important area — monetary policy.

Instead of retaining direct control over the extent of credit creation, Dr De Kock preferred to influence the users of credit indirectly through the price mechanism. That this method did not always operate smoothly was more due to political folly than inexcusable economic intentions.

EASY

Politicians always win interest rates to be lower in order to reap the political benefits of easy money.

They are replaced forcefully to take rates higher when the need arises.

Dr De Kock’s policy revolution was therefore mirrored by the ad hoc interventions of the political leadership.

Nonetheless, Dr De Kock’s economic philosophy was probably the thin edge of the wedge, an early forerunner of subsequent economic fashions such as privatisation and deregulation.

Possibly of even greater importance was his indirect influence on the changes in our political processes. There, too, the eventual thrust of policy was out of control and towards openness and integration, letting people get on with their lives rather than imprisoning them in an elaborate piece of artificial social engineering.

With the appointment of Chris Stals as Reserve Bank Governor, a new policy era is beginning. Like its predecessors, it could run for at least a decade. Understanding its medium-term objectives and operating style will be crucial pointers to the kind of business cycle management that lies ahead.

Dr Stals enjoys an important advantage over his two illustrious predecessors, whose policies were diametrically opposed and whose excesses are clear to the unblinded beholder.

Unlike his predecessors, he will have to discover first hand where excessive controls or interest-rate volatility lead. In addition, he holds the benefit of having been Director-General of the Treasury and South Africa’s senior foreign debt negotiator.

A more auspicious background is not easily found. Any selling enthusiast will know that the main destabilising forces he is likely to encounter in open sea are wind, current and a mutinous crew.

DOOM

The environment facing Dr Stals will be no different. Wind and sea conditions may be taken as external and internal economic conditions, and a Cabinet will persist in trying to prevent us from time to time oblige as the mutinous crew who want the captain to walk the plank.

Is it a story as old as the sea, so why should it now suddenly cease? An important contrast between the new and the old reign may be the relative importance placed on the external and internal conditions.

Although political pressure may eventually shape policy intentions and distort them beyond recognition, the individual style and preferences of the Governor will presumably stand central.

In this respect Dr De Kock may be best remembered for giving businessmen notice that they should be ready to “meet thy doom”. At other times he was fond of depicting the central bank’s role as having to take away the punch bowl when things started to live up.

Dr Stals is unlikely to resort to such colourful language, or be willing to take decisive action until that very moment, which hindsight inevitably ends up depicting as “too little, too late”.

WAYWARD

Economic instability may be as much caused by deteriorating external conditions, be it exports or financial sanctions, as by inappropriate domestic measures, whether by the Government, consumers or the market at worst by both.

When a country is facing excessively difficult external conditions, as South Africa increasingly is in the past two decades, it needs domestic waywardness as much as a hole in the head.

The unfavourable external condition is structural, political and long term in nature, and any constraints building up will take time and effort to be unilaterally. When one encounters such historical forces as a changed world environment, affecting our traditional exports and financial sanctions interrupting our established saving-investment pattern, it is clearly advisable for the domestic economy to behave itself.

CLEAN

It is difficult enough to remain a going concern with one set of relationships in serious trouble, without having it compounded by domestic delinquency.

But the story of the past 15 years is a tale of consumers debt to, and calls. The consumer remained willing to take share in a spending spree, as ever obligingly instigated by the Government’s own spending or at least by its favoured policies.

In democracies, the political cycle in mostly pork-barrel-driven, and in politically ideologically such as ours can give rise to undue concern for the consumer’s short-term wellbeing, with little thought about the long term.

Dr De Kock might have erred in this respect by playing along, as dictated by the art of the possible.

Although it is not obvious what was achieved in this way, the economic costs of “too little, too late” are by now fairly well understood.

Dr Stals, starting with a clean slate, gives the impression of being less willing to oblige consumer urges. His preferences presumably for fixed investment and export-driven growth, maintaining a healthy balance of payments and foreign debt relationship while stitting whisking away at inflation.

He is bound to encounter a more or less mutinous crew, who will want him to change direction or be less of a disciplinarian. Having observed in his predecessor’s reign that one might as well be hanged for a sheep as a lamb, he could at least initially opt to be less compromising.

TRUTH

That suggests real interest rates and less policy willingness to induce interest-rate volatility to obtain certain ends, with a strong domestic preoccupation to whistle money supply growth and an external deviation to obtaining a healthy cash flow.

The moment of truth for his predecessors came with external shocks, such as sanctions and financial sanctions, and domestic events, such as unrest and election campaigns.

May the new Governor be spared such trials and enjoy a serene reign — in all our interests.

Untag buses

UNTAG has taken delivery of seven HLC buses, worth R2.5 million, from Associated Automotive Distributors (AAD). They will carry Untag personnel from Windhoek to other bases.

The buses were constructed at AAD’s Blackheath plant, Cape Town. The bodies were supplied by Santini and Busaf. SA manufacture enabled AAD to meet urgent delivery requirements.

The 85-seat buses are fitted with air-conditioning.
Sanlam sees drop in GDP

GROWTH of real gross domestic product (GDP) will be about 2% this year and will drop in 1990, says Sanlam in its August Economic Survey.

This compares with growth of 3.3% in 1988.

Sanlam says that to prevent further severe imbalances in the economy, and consequently more restrictive measures, it is vital that not only the private but also the public sector keep expenditure within limits.

Although it is too early to make definite deductions about Government overspending of budgeted figures, Sanlam says figures for the first quarter are cause for concern.

As a percentage of GDP, Government spending rose to 32.8% in the first quarter of 1989 compared with 29.3% in the same period last year. This means that Government spending for the rest of the financial year will have to be well below the budgeted 15% increase.

"With indications that the economy is taking longer to cool down than expected, an over-relaxed fiscal policy would mean that monetary policy will have to be relied on more and for longer to limit total spending in the economy."

"In other words, interest rates will have to remain high for some time yet."

Sanlam says there are indications that the economy began to cool in the second quarter. It was particularly evident in retailing where real sales of durable household appliances levelled off.

Curbs

Although the restrictive economic measures introduced in May were necessary, Sanlam does not believe additional curbs are needed now. Interest rates must, however, remain high.

"Despite slower economic growth, total expenditure remains too high — a state of affairs which is reflected in too rapid a growth rate in the money supply and the continued high level of our import bill."

"Taking into account the uncertain state of the gold price, the unfavourable trend of the capital account of our balance of payments and the low level of gold and foreign currency reserves, it is clear that there can be no question of a drop in short-term interest rates now."
Govt income racing ahead of Budget

Own Correspondent

Johannesburg. — Government revenue is racing far ahead of Budget with fiscal drag and continued strong domestic demand swelling the coffers. Central Statistical Services (CSS) figures released at the weekend show Exchequer revenue in the first four months of the current fiscal year was 41.3% higher than the same period last year. Government has budgeted for an increase of 16% in revenue for the full financial year.

The massive increases in government revenue have helped swell the Exchequer's bank balance to a record R3.2bn — almost four times the amount it had at the Reserve Bank a year ago.

The tax windfall has raised fears that a repeat of the previous fiscal year's overspending is on the cards. In 1988/89, government spent R4.9bn extra revenue and ended the year with an 18% increase in spending instead of the budgeted 12.6%.

CSS figures for government expenditure indicate government is already spending at a faster rate than the previous fiscal year. After four months, it has already spent 34.8% of its R56bn Budget — compared with only 31.7% in the April-to-July period last year.

Democratic Party finance spokesman Harry Schwarz said: "Much of the extra revenue will probably be used for public service salary adjustments. An increase for teachers seems likely."

It would be prudent, however, to use extra revenue to reduce the need to borrow on the capital market.

"If government is using tax as a policy measure to cool domestic demand, it would make sense to use that extra income to reduce the deficit before borrowing. I expect this to happen to some extent, although part of the extra revenue will be spent," Schwarz said.

The revenue breakdown for the first four months is not yet available, but CSS figures for the period April-to-June show income tax (excluding gold mines) rose by 40.4% from the previous year.

Economists said this reflected fiscal drag and continued strength in the economy.

Schwarz said direct taxes should have been reduced in the Budget to compensate for the effects of inflation. The petrol levy, too, could be reduced.

CSS figures show income from the fuel levy was up 77.9% to R881.6m in the first three months of the fiscal year compared with last year.

Proof of a buoyant economy was evident from General Sales Tax receipts, which rose at a much higher rate than inflation (30.7%).

Surcharge receipts rose by 183.8%. Government has reaped R578.2m in import surcharges in the first three months of this fiscal year — mainly reflecting the raising of surcharges in August last year.
State spending on the increase

Both state spending and government revenue have shown dramatic increases in the first four months of the 1989/90 fiscal year, according to Central Statistical Services figures.

Higher tax income on all fronts in addition to the income from import surcharges have swelled the state's coffers by an annual 41.3 percent in the first four months of the fiscal year.

However, spending has virtually risen concurrently, and already almost 35 percent of budgeted expenditures of R6.5 billion have been used up. In the April to June period last year 31.7 percent of the budget had been spent.
Dubious deals under scrutiny

Reserve Bank purging big credit leak

THE Reserve Bank, in a crackdown on banks’ off-balance-sheet activities, wants a written undertaking from chief executives they will observe the spirit of the Banks Act and not just the letter of the law.

The size of the off-balance-sheet market, not reflected in official credit figures, is about R10bn — this is 8% of the total money supply.

Analysts expect the Bank’s purge to put upward pressure on money market interest rates as banks’ cost of funding will increase. This will be the result of finance moving back on balance sheets and requiring costly liquid assets and cash reserves.

Money supply and credit figures will also increase and a clearer picture of the actual level of credit extension emerge. Bankers were tight-lipped about the issue yesterday. They said it was sensitive and they were still seeking full clarification on the Reserve Bank’s intentions.

Registrar of Banks Chris de Swart could not be reached for comment.

Banks go off-balance-sheet to avoid costly cash and liquid asset requirements. It is not illegal is strictly regulated.

GRETA STEYN

The Bank’s sweep on off-balance-sheet financing is in line with the international trend away from these activities. Analysts believe the Banks Act, now being re-written, will eventually reflect the international banking practice.

The movement towards clamping down on off-balance-sheet finance now is being seen as the first step towards tightening up the Banks Act.

One of the potential problems caused by these activities is that the true level of credit extension, and money supply, is understated. Another problem is that some banks are not holding the correct amount of cash and liquid assets against their liabilities to the public.

The main concern appears to be the widespread use of repurchase agreements to reduce the size of a balance sheet. A bank can sell an asset or a liability under agreement to buy it back. Such a sale automatically reduces the balance sheet. The bank benefits through a lower cash and liquid asset reserve requirement.
NOTICE 1059 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 607, BLOUBERGSTRAND TOWNSHIP EXTENSION 1: WESTERN CAPE REGIONAL SERVICES COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the removal of conditions D.1, 2 and 3 in Deed of Transfer T23261/1983.
(25 August 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1059 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 607, BLOUBERGSTRAND-DORPSUIT-BREIDING 1: WES-KAAPSE STREETDIENSTRAAD
Hierby word ooreengekomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes D.1, 2 en 3 in Transportakte T23261/1983 opgehef word.
(25 August 1989)

NOTICE 1060 OF 1989 — KENNISGEWING 1060 VAN 1989
P.5.01A
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF TRADE STATISTICS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA RELEASED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR CUSTOMS AND EXCISE VOORLIGE OPGAWE VAN HANDELSSTATISTIEK VAN DIE REPUBLIEK VAN SUID-AFRIKA VRYGESTEL DEUR DIE KOMMISSARIS VAN DOEANNE EN AKSYNS

Remark. — The import and export figures reflected in this statement have been adjusted largely to bring them into line with the requirements for the compilation of the balance of payments.

Opmerking. — Die in- en uitvoersyfers wat in hierdie opgawe verskyn is grootskaals aangepas om dit in ooreenstemming te bring met die vereistes wat gestel word vir die opstel van die betalingstalans.

N.B. The change-over to the Harmonized Tariff System with effect from 1 January 1988, altered the classification of certain commodities. When comparing the section totals for 1988 and later years with those of previous years the possible differences due to the change-over should therefore be taken into consideration.

L.W. Die oorsakeling na die geharmoniseerde Tariefsysteem met ingang van 1 Januarie 1988 het die indeling van sekere komoditeite verander. Wanneer die afdelings totale vir 1988 en later jare met die van vorige jare vergelyk word, moet die moontlike verskille as gevolg van die oorsakeling nie uit die oog verloor word nie.

PERIOD: JANUARY TO JULY 1989 — TYDPERK: JANUARIE TOT JULIE 1989

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TABLE B: TOTALS IN MILLION RAND ACCORDING TO SECTIONS OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM
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<td>I. Live animals; animal products</td>
<td>167,3</td>
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<td>LW. Dierlike produkte</td>
<td>167,3</td>
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<td>II. Vegetable products</td>
<td>410,3</td>
<td>325,6</td>
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<td>Plantagewasse</td>
<td>410,3</td>
<td>325,6</td>
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<td>III. Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes</td>
<td>214,5</td>
<td>156,1</td>
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<td>Dierlike of plantagewasse fette en olies en spletprodukte; bereide etfallen; dierlike en plantagewasse was</td>
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<td>156,1</td>
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<td>IV. Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes</td>
<td>559,2</td>
<td>364,0</td>
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<td>Voorbereide voedsel; dranke, spiritus en asyn; tabak en vervaardigde tabaksvergelyke</td>
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<td>V. Mineral products</td>
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<td>Mynstof</td>
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<td>2 825,5</td>
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<td>1 118,0</td>
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<td>VIII. Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut)</td>
<td>133,3</td>
<td>114,2</td>
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<td>Ongeverfde hede en velle, leer, fursek en artikels daaraan; saal- en tuinmekaarware; reinariëks, handtasje en dergelike houers; artikels van dieregord (uitgesonderd vwoornman)</td>
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NOTICE 1055 OF 1989
REMOWAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
LOT 2036, HOUGHTON ESTATE TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the
Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of
Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly
has approved that—
(1) conditions E in Deed of Transfer T34992/1984
be removed; and
(2) Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme, 1979,
be amended by the rezoning of Lot 2036, Houghton
Estate Township, to “Residential I” with a density of
“one dwelling per 500 m²” subject to certain condi-
tions, which amendment scheme will be known as
Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 2383, as in-
dicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses
which are open for inspection at the offices of the
Head of Department, Department of Local Govern-
ment, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town
Clerk of Johannesburg.

(PB 4-14-2-619-128)
(25 August 1989)

NOTICE 1056 OF 1989
CORRECTION NOTICE
Notice 422 of 1989 which appeared in the Government
Gazette on 12 May 1989 regarding Edenvale
Amendment Scheme 129, is hereby repealed.

(PB 4-9-2-13H-129)
(25 August 1989)

NOTICE 1057 OF 1989
CORRECTION NOTICE
REMOWAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 OF 1967)
It is hereby notified in terms of section 36 (1) of the
Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that
whereas an error occurred in Notice 358 which
appeared in the Government Gazette, dated 28 April
1989, the Minister of Local Government and Housing
in the Ministers’ Council of the House of Assembly, has
approved the correction of the notice by the substi-
tution of the words “section 36 (1) of the Town-
planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965” for the words
“section 45 (2) of the Town-planning and Townships
Ordinance, 1965”.

(PB 4-9-2-132H-1029)
(25 August 1989)

NOTICE 1058 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967.
ERF 7430, LANCASTER SQUARE TOWNSHIP,
EAST LONDON
Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of
section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967,
that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the removal of condi-
tions 2A (a) to (d) and B (e) in Deed of Grant T2158
1985.
(25 August 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1055 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHIEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS 1967
LOT 2036, DORP HOUGHTON ESTATE
Hierby word ingevolge die bepaling van artikel 2 (1)
van die Wet op Ophieffing van Beperkings, 1967, be-
kendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en
Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—
(1) voorwaardes E in Akte van Transport
T34992/1984 opgehef word; en
(2) Johannesburg-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1979,
gewysig word deur die hersoening van Lot 2036,
dorp Houghton Estate, tot “Residenseel 1” met ‘n
digtheid van “een woonhuis per 500 m²” onder-
worpe aan sekere voorwaardes, welke
wysigingskema bekend staan as Johannesburg-
wysigingskema 2383, soos aangedui op die betrokke
Kaart 3 en skemaklousies wat ter insa e in die
kantoor van die Departementskantoor, Departement
Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria, en
die Stadsdierkantoor van Johannesburg.

(25 August 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1056 VAN 1989
VERBETERINGSKENNISGEWING
Kennisgewing 422 van 1989 wat op 12 Mei 1989 in die
Staatskoerant verskyn het in verband met Edenvale-
wysigingskema 129, word hiermee herroep.

(PB 4-9-2-13H-129)
(25 August 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1057 VAN 1989
VERBETERINGSKENNISGEWING
WET OP OPHIEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)
Hiermee word ingevolge die bepaling van artikel 36
(1) van die Ordonnansie op dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe,
1965, bekendgemaak dat nademaal ‘n fout voorgekom
het in Kennisgewing 358 wat in die Staatskoerant, geda-
teer 26 August 1989, verskyn het, het die Minister van
Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising in die Ministersraad van
die Volksraad, goedgekeur dat bogenoemde kennis-
gewing reggstell het deur die vervanging van die
woorde “artikel 45 (2) van die Ordonnansie op
dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965” met die woorde “ar-
tikel 36 (1) van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning
en Dorpe, 1965”.

(PB 4-9-2-132H-1029)
(25 August 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1058 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUIISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHIEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 7430, LANCASTER SQUARE-DORPS-GEBIED, OOS-LONDEN
Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel
2 (1) van die Wet op Ophieffing van Beperkings, 1967,
bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en
Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voor-
waardes 2A (a) tot (d) en B (e) in Akte van Toeken-
ning T2158/1985 opgehef word.
(25 August 1989)
**Fighting public enemy No 1**

Chris Stals inherits "unfinished business" and an adverse political climate

The election campaign is proving a learning curve for politicians. Where once they depended on traditional loyalties and strong sentiments about group identity to provide mass to parliament, they now have to persuade voters they can come to terms with them better than before.

As the Reserve Bank Governor, Chris Stals, "the electorate may get the message sooner or later, but this is more likely to come if they are in government." A newly appointed governor who has already several times in the fight against inflation a policy priority, this will be helpful, but it will not be a full part of the problem. The remaining part is educating the electorate which largely misunderstands the processes of inflation.

For instance, at a recent meeting of the South African Agricultural Union (to whom Stals later delivered a 'presidential' speech), it was observed that the two major problems facing agriculture — high inflation and high costs of interest — but the relationship between the two was not clarified and many members remained under the impression that high-interest rates create inflation.

"If you don't understand what's going on, you think that it's the Bank's major responsibility to stabilize inflation. Many people are organizations that think continuously about stabilizing growth. We, in the Bank, must worry about inflation and the value of the currency."

He believes that the objectives are not in conflict — "especially not in the longer rates, so they don't realize our 20% prime rate. It is a stage being eroded by the rising rates of inflation."

Because of misunderstandings about the causes and effects of inflation, Stals feels obliged to stress that making inflation a policy does not mean neglecting other issues. "If you pay attention to inflation, you automatically address other issues, like the balance of payments and the low rate of savings." As to growth, which many would argue should be the priority in a time of political volatility, he says, "It is not the Bank's major responsibility at this juncture. Many other people and organizations rightly think continuously about stabilizing growth. We, in the Bank, must worry about inflation and the value of the currency."

He says the best way to fight inflation is to allow markets to allocate resources. However, he adds the sort of rider ("but analysts must be orderly and disciplined") that some forecasts create doubts about the course of his

**future actions.** He concludes: "I am not dogmatically about markets, and this has led people to think that I am not that much of a free market man."

However, though he describes himself as "pragmatic," often a coder for intervention, "we are in a realm of different policies may prove preferable, because he argues, the interest rate differences are now about the banks lending rates during the Seventies."

"I know how difficult it is to apply direct controls and how inefficient they can be," he says.

He points out, for the record, that in recent years excess in the Bank's policy has not come from too much government from the private sector, "After we decided that the short-term stability, there were a lot of support for controls. The rate of Dr. Koek and I had to work very hard to get the confidence."

"The authorities were reduced, on that occasion, by the success of the foreign debt negotiations and exporters in finding new markets which improved the inflows on the trade account and relieved much of the anxiety about outflows on the capital account."

This defined some of the measures such as the introduction of a fixed exchange rate.

However, the record of the authorities in the past 18 months in implementing monetary policy has been mixed. Governor Gerhard de Koek was respected for his understanding of economic issues, and known for his frankness in public policy. But he was clearly set out to implement policy, something which continued to raise the issue of the independence of the Central Bank.

The much the same goes as his predecessor, Stals says that the autonomy of the Bank is important. It is clear that the Bank is free to make decisions on money supply, interest rates and the availability of bank credit, but "the ultimate responsibility for economic policy..." is "We move to think we can get autonomy through an Act of Parliament. It has to come through negotiation with the Cabinet because an Act is as good as the government wants it to be. Sure, it would have to have the Act behind you, but it is not a matter of the Act can change it."

He does not agree there would be a political advantage for government in dismissing itself completely from the Bank and any unpopular decisions it is obliged to take. "If the end, the voters will say to government, it is your responsibility."

He defines the government's spending record in the past two years. "Growth in current expenditure of the public sector has grown at a much slower rate than expenditure in the private sector — though, it has increased to a slower rate. The major problems, he says, came in 1984/85 when growth expenditure was declined while government expenditure conference between" as a result slow growth in private-sector spending.

However, he is satisfied that the slowdown was in demand is enough to ensure SA will access its long-term obligations to foreign creditors in terms of the interim agreement on repayments. The country's good fortune has had to do with fortunate conditions, he writes, but it is "an economic miracle."

**The pressures.** He says, "I am not mainly from political sources and therefore need a political solution." As he notes in the economy, however, Stals's role is crucial in both the short and long term. His early appointment to the position will be anticipated with great interest.
Growth in money supply continues to decelerate. Preliminary July figures released by the Reserve Bank show annual growth of 22.73% to R129.2bn in the broad money supply aggregate M3. This represents an absolute decline since June of half a percentage point. That month it grew 24.6% to R129.9bn.

The seasonally adjusted figure for July was R130.2bn compared with the upper target level of R129.4bn, while in June it was R129.6bn compared with R127.8bn. So growth remains well above the target range of 14%-18%.

In July, at an annual rate, growth in seasonally adjusted M3 amounted to a mere 6.1% compared with 30.9% in June, and 23.7% in May. As month-to-month growth is volatile, this figure is not significant in itself.

However, economists describe the trend, which reflects interest rate increases and other restrictive measures, as encouraging. But given the lag between money supply growth and inflation, estimated at up to two years, it will be some time before the deceleration works through to the CPI (see “Turn about”).

Percentage 12-month changes in other money supply ranges in June were:
- 23.13% in M1A to R23.5bn;
- 12.65% in M1 to R43.5bn; and
- 29.73% in M2 to R102.6bn.

Preliminary figures also show a percentage change in M3 at an annual rate, seasonally adjusted, from the base of the current target year of 19.9% in July to R130.2bn (June: 21.9% to R129.6bn).

Credit extended to the private sector by all monetary institutions grew strongly in June to R128.9bn from R125.2bn in May. Much of the impetus came from HP credit, up from R13.8bn in May to R14.3bn in June. However, the last month in any quarter shows relatively large increases in bank balance sheets. So this is not necessarily indicative of future growth.

Net claims on the government sector fell to R3.6bn from R4.9bn. Total domestic credit extension was R132.5bn (R130bn), up 18%.

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**Slower growth**

Target ranges for growth in M3

- **Rbn**
  - Upper limit: 18%
  - Lower limit: 14%

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Source: Reserve Bank

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ECONOMIC POLICY

Getting it half-right — maybe

It's a relief that Barend du Plessis now admits his amazing statement, that we could happily live with 15% inflation, was just electioneering claptrap. It is also reassuring that there is no gulf between him and Chris Stals, who says on almost every opportunity that inflation has become Public Enemy No 1.

One must also sympathise with Stals when he says that other things, especially the balance of payments, have pushed the anti-inflation battle into the background in the past three years, but that now the priority has changed.

But even this smacks of ex-post justification. Undergraduates are indeed taught that allowing a currency to depreciate cures a balance of payments imbalance by making imports cheaper and exports more rewarding, but in the real world it is not that simple — especially for an economy whose export prices are broadly beyond its own control.

It is quite possible to argue that, if SA needed to maximise dollar earnings in the past three years, we should have adopted a policy of maximising gold production in volume terms, by keeping mining costs down — that is, by combating inflation far more vigorously.

And no preoccupation with the balance of payments excuses the politically motivated loss of control of money supply and disastrous policy of negative interest rates.

In this context, it is less heartening to note that Stals thinks interest rates have peaked. If interest rates are not to be allowed to rise further, it's far from clear how inflation is to be fought. The fact is that, for many borrowers and lenders, though admittedly not for those (like homebuyers) who cannot offset interest charges against tax, interest rates are still significantly negative.

Moreover, Stals also says (rightly) that it is imperative to bring money creation under control, within the target range. How this can be done without allowing interest rates to fluctuate is not clear — unless we accept the prospect of direct or discriminatory controls.

The sort of thing we can do without is exemplified by the 60% import surcharge, which is selective, discriminatory and distorting. When imposed, Du Plessis said it would be most successful if it raised no revenue at all, just choked imports.

Now we learn that, on top of the R1.6bn it raised last fiscal year, it brought in R578m in the first four months of this year and, for the full year, is likely to earn much more than the budgeted R1.3bn. The distortions in spending patterns and shift of resources from the private to the public sector that this entails is no way to fight inflation in SA.
NOTICE 1052 OF 1989
ERF 690, WATERKLOOF TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) conditions (a), (c) and (f) in Deed of Transfer T267/10/1980 be removed; and

(2) Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme, 1979, be amended by the rezoning of ERF 492, Saxonwold Township, to "Residential 3" subject to certain conditions, which amendment scheme will be known as Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 1821, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the head of Department, Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Johannesburg.

(25 August 1989)

NOTICE 1053 OF 1989
ERF 492, SAXONWOLD TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) condition B (f) in Deed of Transfer T24480/1975 be removed; and

(2) Germiston Town-planning Scheme, 1985, be amended by the rezoning of ERF 1152, Roodekop Township, to "Business 2" subject to certain conditions, which amendment scheme will be known as Germiston Amendment Scheme 201, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department, Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Germiston.

(25 August 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1052 VAN 1989
WET OP OEFFENING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 690, DORP WATERKLOOF

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Oefening van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volkraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde (b) in Akte van Transport 5006/1943 gewysig word deur die oefening van die volgende woorde: "Not more than one dwellinghouse with the necessary outbuildings and appurtenances shall be erected on the said lot and the said lot shall not be subdivided".

(25 August 1989)

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(25 August 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1054 VAN 1989
WET OP OEFFENING VAN BEPERKINGS 1967
ERF 1152, DORP ROODEKOP

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(25 August 1989)
Economic power ‘limited in value’

BLACK economic empowerment is an integral element in black political empowerment and South Africa would not have a worthwhile future unless the two were pursued together.

This was said by the British Ambassador to South Africa, Sir Robin Renwick, during a seminar attended by over 500 businessmen, held in Johannesburg yesterday.

He said economic empowerment was no substitute for black political empowerment because it was of limited value to “the ruled”. Renwick said white South Africans should not be surprised at the prevalence of socialist ideas among black intellectuals because “socialism has always appealed to the downtrodden”.

Speaker after speaker emphasised a need for blacks to participate actively in the country’s economy, against the background of political and legal constraints they were faced with.

Mr George Negota of the Black Management Forum said privatisation and deregulation had opened loopholes whereby white people infiltrated the black people’s business. He
Interest rates to stay high

OWN CORRESPONDENT
Johannesburg.—Interest rates are going to stay high, according to economists interpreting yesterday’s major policy statement by the new Reserve Bank governor, Dr Chris Stals.

He said he would aim to keep interest rates above the rate of inflation.

“Positive real rates of interest are essential,” he told the bank’s annual meeting.

Any pressure for interest rates to decline at this stage had to be resisted, he said, because “the rising rate of inflation is now eroding the level of real rates of interest in South Africa”.

Economists interpreted his address as a signal that interest rates would remain at current levels at least until next year.

He also declared war on inflation, saying it was now opportune to launch a serious attack spearheaded by restrictive monetary and fiscal policies.

He emphasised the need for sustained financial discipline and the maintenance of positive real rates of interest. The bank would avoid abusing “the modern money printing presses” — the central bank’s accommodation of the banks’ credit needs.

Dr Stals said: “An anti-inflationary monetary policy requires strict financial discipline.”

Serious attack on inflation needed — Page 13
Tighten your belts for a further year

By Peter Fabricius and Magnus Heystek

The country is facing tight economic conditions following the sweeping plan to bring inflation under control, announced by Reserve Bank governor Dr Chris Stals yesterday.

This is the assessment of political party spokesmen of the tough speech made by the new governor at the Reserve Bank's annual general meeting.

Democratic Party finance spokesman Mr Harry Schwarz said Dr Stals's first major policy speech had signalled the continuation of high interest rates, a tough credit squeeze and a drop in living standards.

"The effect on the man in the street is that in the short term he will feel the pinch, but in the long term it will be to his benefit."

Mr Schwarz said it was clear from Dr Stals's speech that the Government would have to reassess seriously its spending priorities after the election.

Mr Johann Heyns, the NP's finance spokesman, said from Dr Stals's speech it was evident a slow-down in the economy was still the business priority. This would affect liquidity and the credit squeeze would continue.

But he thought the "responsible" man in the street would accept the need for disciplinary steps as being the only way to bring prosperity in the future.

Dr Stals said in his address that the time was now opportune for launching a strong attack on inflation.

Privatisation, deregulation

The attack must be on a wide-scale, spearheaded by restrictive monetary, fiscal policies. Increases in Government expenditure must be strictly controlled; the deficit before borrowings must be reduced; the role of the public sector in the total economy must be reduced while the efficiency of the public sector should be improved through privatisation and deregulation, he said.

The speech also signalled that interest rates were unlikely to drop from present high levels until the inflation rate showed definite signs of declining.

Economists now expect the prime overdraft rate as well as all other interest rates, including mortgage rates, to start declining in the first quarter of next year.

But there was no trade off between inflation and economic growth, Dr Stals added, saying that the balance of payments could, in the long term, only be protected by holding the domestic rate of inflation more or less in line with the rate of inflation in the economies of SA's major trading partners.

Commenting further, Mr Schwarz said the Government would have to decide whether it could afford to continue spending money on ideological goals such as the massively costly duplication of services.

He added that the Government deserved praise for being prepared to exercise discipline at this time and not trying to "pull a few strings" just before the election.
Stals: Serious attack on inflation needed

Own Correspondent

Johannesburg. — Reserve Bank Governor Chris Stals has declared war on inflation, saying it is now opportune to launch a serious attack spearheaded by restrictive monetary and fiscal policies.

In his first major policy statement since taking over the helm of the Bank three weeks ago, Stals outlined a vital shift in emphasis. The focus of monetary policy, which had been on balance of payments adjustment and growth, now switched to the battle against inflation.

Economists interpreted his address at the Bank's annual meeting yesterday as a signal that interest rates would remain at current levels at least until next year and possibly until mid-1990.

He stressed the need for sustained financial discipline and the maintenance of positive real rates of interest. The Bank would avoid abusing "the modern money printing presses" — the central bank's accommodation of the banks' credit needs.

On interest rates, he said: "We should aim to maintain rates at an appropriate margin above the current rate of inflation. Positive real rates of interest are essential."

Any pressure for interest rates to decline at this stage had to be resisted, because "the rising rate of inflation is now eroding the level of real rates of interest in SA."

Stals said: "An anti-inflationary monetary policy requires strict financial discipline, not only in times of expanding demand, but also in the recession phases of the business cycle. There is an essential need for interest rates to be durably positive in real or inflation-adjusted terms."

The time was over when inflation could be accepted as a consequence of balance of payments adjustment coupled with economic growth. In the longer term, there was no sustainable trade-off between inflation and growth.

It was no longer acceptable to accommodate price increases through large increases in Reserve Bank credit and the money supply.

"As far as monetary policy is concerned, it is imperative that increases in the money supply should as soon as possible be brought within the declared target range of 14%-18%; positive real interest rates should be maintained; and the country's foreign reserves should be strengthened to afford the authorities more freedom of action in the management of the exchange rate of the rand."

On the fiscal policy side, increases in government spending had to be strictly controlled; the deficit before borrowing had to be cut; the role of the public sector in the economy had to be reduced and the efficiency of public sector expenditure should be improved through privatisation and deregulation.

Another reason why fiscal and monetary policy had to remain tight was the "urgent need" to replenish SA's total gold and foreign exchange reserves.

"The advantages to be gained from a higher level of foreign reserves are obvious. It will make the management of the economy, and in particular of the foreign exchange rate, more effective. These advantages make an investment in additional foreign reserves a logical option for the country at this stage."

The economy was in a consolidation phase, and factors such as inflation, foreign reserves and money supply growth needed further consolidation before any relaxation in policy could be considered.

"The Reserve Bank is therefore of the opinion that the consolidation phase in the economy should continue for the rest of 1989 and, if necessary, at least throughout the first half of 1990."
The Hits and Misses of Companies Listed in 1987

Barry Segal

How accurate are profit forecasts? Year of the Black Monday stock market crash.

Examines the record of the companies listed in 1987.
FINANCE Minister Barend du Plessis has "fully endorsed" Reserve Bank Governor Chris Stals's war on inflation, and the tough monetary and fiscal policies to be used.

Du Plessis said yesterday he would put the full weight of the Finance Department behind Stals, who said yesterday bringing down the inflation rate would be achieved "by taking as much money as possible out of the system, and putting as little as possible back".

Treasury's bank account, the Exchequer, has emerged as the primary weapon to synchronise monetary and fiscal policy. Exchequer balances with the Bank now reflect a record R18bn-plus surplus, although about R13bn of this is in transit to allocated accounts.

This has been amassed by substantial mopping-up operations since March. The draining of liquidity has exerted upward pressure on interest rates, and given Stals a great platform to start an all-out attack on inflation.

"On the monetary front we will continue with a very restrictive policy," Stals said.

Naming inflation as the No 1 economic problem in his maiden speech on Tuesday, Stals said it was not possible to spell out the details of the attack in fine print. "There is no magic formula or equation...to cut inflation rapidly. But we are watching key economic indicators on an hourly basis. The battle will be managed in a proactive, day-to-day manner."

This "live" approach to curtail inflation would be accompanied by recommendations to Du Plessis to synchronise action by the Bank and the Finance Ministry.

As Stals said, the causes of the high inflation rate are complicated. But in a nutshell, aggregate demand for goods and services has outstripped the flow of goods and services produced in the economy. Prices have been bid up by consumers, corporations and government.

The situation has been aggravated by excess money creation, administered prices and the depreciating rand. Stals has set a three-year timeframe to contain the inflation rate, now running at an average of three times the average Western industrial country.

In order of priority, Stals said the key economic indicators to be watched would be money supply and bank credit creation. Other indicators included changes in gold and foreign exchange reserves, and trends in interest rates — implying a more managed approach to stabilising the value of the rand.

By following the recommendations of the De Kock Commission, which stress working within the principles of a free economy, there will nevertheless be preparedness to make adjustments.

While Stals says the Bank will be pursuing a "very" restrictive monetary policy, this does not imply interest rates will necessarily increase further.

Some private sector economists argue that with gross domestic expenditure running at a real 1%, added to other fundamentals, the scope for a cut in interest rates cannot be ruled out.

On the fiscal front, the need to "take as much money out of the system as possible" has ruled out a cut in tax, or any other impost, for the meantime.

The insistence on a restrictive policy, and the need to exercise military-type discipline, has not been lost on the Finance Department. The significance is that Stals will be exerting further pressure on government to curtail spending.

"We are aware of applications for additional expenditures since the start of the fiscal year. Along with the Minister, we will be doing all we can to stem such flows of extra money into the economy."

This implies that government spending, which was spot on estimates on a pro rata basis for the first four months of the fiscal year, could be contained for the year as a whole — putting radical downward pressure on the inflation rate.
High forecasts

A representative group of senior financial executives from big corporations takes a cautiously optimistic economic outlook for the coming year, according to data collated by the University of Cape Town (UCT)'s Graduate School of Business.

The 47 executives attended a course on advanced financial management presented at the school last week by Haifa University's business department chairman, Nahum Biger. The school's Liston Meintjes, who helped with the course, estimates the executives represent corporations with a combined asset value of R250bn, so comprises one of the highest-powered groups of businessmen ever assembled on the campus.

Average figures for replies to five questions were:

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In order of importance, the factors that contributed to the forecasts for the rand/dollar rate for September 1990 were: inflation rate differentials; politics; the gold price; interest rates; balance of payments; and the US economy.

Meintjes says he was surprised only by the finrand forecasts. It is clear the executives do not regard it as a currency, but as a political instrument.

Gold price predictions for a year's time varied from a low of US$350 to a high of $450 and inflation rate predictions varied between 14% and 30%.

He adds that, in many cases, the executives noted their forecasts were conditional on the outcome of next week's election in particular and on "a high in-built political influence" in general.
Sinking slowly

A comparison of economic performance with that of other developing countries shows some interesting trends. Trust Bank's latest Econovision tabulates GDP growth in 10 countries, including SA, using an index with the base year of 1960.

In the period to 1988, SA’s GDP per capita increased 15%, ahead of Malawi (30%) and Kenya (20%). However, it lagged Botswana (65%), South Korea (48%), Taiwan (45%), Portugal (200%), Brazil (170%), Israel (120%) and Mexico (70%).

As in Mexico, Malawi and Kenya, real GDP per capita has fallen in SA since 1984 (see graph), though it continued to move up in other countries. "The relative decline explains why the World Bank reclassified SA from the higher-middle income group of countries to the lower-middle income group earlier this year," says Econovision.

"The most obvious explanation for this decline is international economic isolation, especially in the past five years" — when there has been a net capital outflow of nearly R30bn. And "financial and trade sanctions since 1984-1985 (resulted) in the average South African’s real income being 15% lower in 1989 than it could have been."

For the ordinary South African, the effect is compounded by artificial prosperity earlier in the decade when "expenditure and prosperity levels were kept artificially high by the accumulation of foreign debt — the external reflection of the domestic build-up of government debt and consumer credit."

Econovision points out also that changes in international growth patterns have made it more difficult for countries to prosper if they are burdened with excessive State interference, by rules and regulations limiting economic activity and initiative and by inadequate educational and training systems and a subsequent shortage of skilled labour. . . .

"SA’s economic retrogression, together with countries such as the Soviet Union, is mainly a symptom of this international economic restructuring and a lack of timely adaptation."

One fundamental flaw is that, "until the mid-Seventies, three-quarters of the labour force was prevented from progressing beyond certain occupational levels, denied the right of urban property and home ownership, prohibited from building up capital and effectively barred from applying initiative, starting up enterprises and doing business on a formal or informal level. The single greatest problem was the large-scale neglect of black education and training."

However, Econovision says, many of these restrictions have been lifted or eased and "there is every reason to believe the productivity and welfare of the labour force and, indeed, of the country as a whole, will progressively improve as the principles of economic freedom and justice find increasing expression in practice. . . . Turning the clock back would eventually doom SA to a bottomless pit of mass poverty."

We agree with the conclusion but doubt whether there has been meaningful progress in implementation of principles of economic freedom and justice. Unfortunately, both economic and political reform have been depressingly stop-start processes. If we had an eternity to wait, perhaps we could afford Econovision’s optimism.
Pocket-book election

It's typical of the arrogance of this government that Finance Minister Barend du Plessis will debate economic policy on TV with an amiable lightweight from the CP, but "hasn't the time" for a similar discussion with the DP's Harry Schwarz. Schwarz arguably knows as much about economics as Du Plessis and his CP adversary, Caspar Uys, put together — and is certainly a much tougher debater than either.

It's also farcical, because the one thing the CP cannot do is attack the NP by blaming our economic problems on apartheid. Arguing from the Right, it has an even greater interest than government in blaming them on extraneous forces like the wicked Marxists and international bankers, which, as we have pointed out before, simply begs the question.

Of course we've suffered from the loss of foreign credit and investment. International bankers' loss of confidence in SA started even before the Rubicon speech, but it did not come like a hailstorm out of a blue sky and is not something about which this government can shrug its shoulders.

On the contrary, our Balance of Payments problems are a direct marketplace evaluation of NP apartheid policies, reached not on wishy-washy, do-gooder sentiment, but in a straightforward commercial assessment. It is cloud-cuckoo-land for government to claim credit for how it's handled this problem but seek to evade responsibility for the way its policies created the problem in the first place.

It must be repeated that the flight of foreign capital and debt standstill in no way made 15% inflation either necessary or inevitable. Indeed, shortsighted, politically motivated, muddleheaded, domestic economic policies have simply reinforced external pressures and done the ANC's work for it by damaging the fabric of society. And that's without even raising issues like the motor vehicle local content programme, import surcharges, countless millions thrown into the bottomless pit of decentralisation, and so on. Nor the tardiness with which accepted policies like privatisation and deregulation, or the recommendations of the Margo Commission, are implemented.

In any event, a government which claims the credit for everything that goes well but denies responsibility for anything that goes wrong, has no moral standing.

At long overdue last, the NP is being attacked where it is most vulnerable — the progressive relative impoverishment of SA. The men in its smoke-filled back offices must be blessing the latest defiance campaign, which has allowed the tears and the batons to be brought out again as the NP election campaign seemed to be flagging, to show the stemming that only under the NP umbrella are they safe.

But it may be more difficult to tar the DP with the soft-on-security brush this time, both because talking to the ANC and Kenneth Kaunda has become respectable and because the DP has enlisted some heavyweights of impeccable military backgrounds. The principle of negotiation is no longer an issue; it's only a question of how and with whom.

In economic policy as with constitutional reform, the NP is — after 41 years — again asking for a blank cheque. The economic travail of the past four years was a necessary precursor of the next phase of growth. State spending will be held in check. Money supply will be brought under control.

Is any of this credible? Why should it be? Is there any reason to think the NP will be any more decisive on September 7 than on September 5? Let the gullible just wait for the next across-the-board handout to civil servants.

The plain truth is that a government must be judged on what it has done. And this government must not be allowed to wriggle out of its appalling economic record. Its mismanagement must be brought home to it next Wednesday.

And given that the economic policies of the CP could only lead to accelerated impoverishment, that only leaves one option. The FM by no means endorses every detail of DP policies, whether economic or constitutional, but it is unquestionable that they are far closer to reality and commonsense than those of the ideologues on the near or far Right.

The plan that failed

It is a year since government introduced its package to reduce excess demand in the economy. There has not been much perceptible impact — and indeed the Reserve Bank intimates, in its quarterly review, that interest rates may yet become the focus of more attention in this respect.

By Finance Minister Barend du Plessis' own standards, the surcharge on imports has been a failure. The FM asked him at the time of imposition how much revenue he expected to gain from it. His reply was along the lines that if it were successful, there would be no additional revenue.

Well, it has raised a substantial amount and the latest trade figures show that it has not had the desired restraining effect on imports. Not only has it been ineffectual, the surcharge has done a great deal of harm. It has added to inflationary pressures and so ratcheted up prices that its removal is unlikely to see a corresponding decline. In short, it has entrenched more inflation into the system.

The FM warned at the time that what amounted to an increase in tax was no way to curb inflation. It would simply constrain supply and intensify demand.

The only sensible thing to do now is scrap it, as Asscom has suggested, and concentrate upon getting growth in the money supply down to acceptable levels. That, in turn, will mean that the Reserve Bank ceases to subsidise the importation of trade finance by providing forward cover too cheaply. And it may mean further rises in interest rates.

The unmitigated failure of this package does not stand to the credit of a party fighting an election on how well it claims to have managed the economy. It highlights the Nats' economic illiteracy — and of those who vote for them.
ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Getting the wheels down

While private consumption expenditure peaked when it rose an annualised 5.5% in the third quarter of 1988, consumption by general government was steady in the fourth quarter and rose "very strongly" in the first quarter of 1989.

In the first quarter, Reserve Bank Governor Chris Stals says in his (muted) annual address to shareholders this week, the rapid rise in real government expenditure was "the principal factor accounting for the temporary resurgence of aggregate real gross domestic demand. The increase of more than 3.5% (in) real government consumption expenditure from the second quarter of 1988 to the second quarter of 1989 stands in contrast to the mild decline in aggregate real GDE during that period."

How does this square with Barend du Plessis' claims that government spending is being held back?

Stals points out that in the second quarter, government expenditure fell significantly.

It is essential that this continues. As Stals has already pointed out (FM August 25), high government expenditure in 1984-1985, while GDE was declining, was unfortunate and should not be repeated.

Not surprisingly, the summing up of the economic outlook in the Bank's annual report released this week is cautious. "Output and spending trends in the first half of 1989 were still compatible in general terms with the broad projection for 1989 that underlay the monetary authorities' adoption of a target rate of growth for M3 of 14%-18%." By mid-August, "little uncertainty remained that domestic spending and production activity were cooling down."

However, there are serious reservations. "In the light of certain untoward balance of payments developments - notably the sharp further drop in the dollar price of gold in the first half of 1989 - doubts could still be entertained whether spending and output were in fact slowing down at an appropriate speed and to the requisite extent."

The point is reiterated: "By the early third quarter, doubts could still be entertained whether the landing in prospect might not turn out to be too soft or too long-drawn out from the point of view of a comfortable handling of the balance of payments and foreign reserve situation."

Stals speaks also of the need to confront inflation.

In 1985-1987 inflation was not regarded as a priority because of pressing short-term problems and "indeed, some inflation was perceived as forming part of the unavoidable adjustment process which the economy had to undergo" - a debatable point. In 1988, however, the authorities "recognised the emerging danger of a new escalation in inflation... With a new phase of economic consolidation under way, the main emphasis of monetary policy has been switched to the curtailment of inflation."

Stals declares himself determined to bring down growth in money supply to the target range of 14%-18%.

"Positive real rates of interest should be maintained and the foreign reserves strengthened to afford the authorities more freedom of action in the management of the rand."

The report discusses unusual flows on both capital and current account since the imposition of financial sanctions in 1985. Despite the 1986-1988 upswing, it says, the current account has stayed in surplus, except for a fleeting dip "into a marginal deficit in the first quarter of 1988."

It compares the "cumulative current account surplus from the beginning of the upswing in the second quarter of 1986 to the end of 1988 (which) amounted to 3% of the concurrent GDP" with a 2% of GDP surplus in the expansion of 1978-1981 and a 1.6% deficit in the mini-boom of 1983-1984.

The quarterly average surplus (seasonally adjusted annual rate) of R2,3bn in 1989 represents a significant shrinkage from previous surpluses of R5,9bn, R7,2bn, R6,2bn and R2,9bn since 1985. However, if (as the report thinks likely) the upswing technically came to an end in late 1988 or early 1989, we can expect the surplus to strengthen as import demand declines.

When this will happen remains problematic, to judge from the soaring revenue from the import surcharge. Certain, exports have been booming. In 1988 they were 7.5% higher than in 1987 and in the first half of 1989 "strengthened further at a seasonally adjusted but annualised rate of 16%, from their average level in 1988. The rand value of merchandise exports - incorporating the effect of exchange rate depreciation on export volumes as well on the rand equivalent of foreign export proceeds - rose by 25% in 1988 and at a seasonally adjusted and annualised rate of 25.5% in the first half of 1989 from its average level in 1988."

However, despite the unusual success in keeping the current account surplus relatively high through a period of economic expansion, the balance of payments is under pressure. Unexpectedly heavy outflows of capital in the four quarters to 1989 exceeded current account surpluses of a seasonally adjusted annualised R5bn in the second half of 1988, and R2,3bn in the first half of 1989.

In 1988, net outflow of capital not related to reserves totalled R6,5bn. "Thereby 1988 became the first year since 1985 in which the outflow of non-reserve related capital exceeded the surplus on the current account."

In the first half of this year, the outflow reached R2,9bn.

Long-term outflows, R1,1bn in 1988, were at the same level in the first half of 1989. This was due to maturities of bearer bonds and notes, rather than any fundamental economic impetus, says a Bank spokesman.

Heavy outflows also resulted from non-
Beach incident was a mistake — Minister

By GRAHAM LINSCHOT

WITH astonishing candour, Finance Minister Barend du Plessis conceded it had been a mistake to chase people of colour off the beaches.

In a television debate on Network last night between Mr Du Plessis and Democratic Party co-leader Dr Zac de Beer, Dr De Beer said South Africa would never regain the benefits of the international finance system while it operated according to race-based legislation.

"When you chase brown people off the beaches with sjamboks and dogs, that is apartheid."

During the debate on South Africa's economic policy, Mr Du Plessis agreed with Dr De Beer that the country's economic ills had to be solved by creating one harmonious nation and said the NP was not prepared to repeat the mistakes of the past — "and it's a mistake to chase those people off those beaches".

However, the Minister of Finance said it was simplistic to ascribe all the country's economic ailments to apartheid. He said simplistic solutions should be resisted. The one-man-one-vote offered by the DP had not worked elsewhere in Africa.

Free enterprise

Mr Du Plessis accused the DP of not being prepared to categorically guarantee free enterprise and private ownership, citing co-leader Mr Wynand Malan and economic adviser Professor Samplre Terreblanche.

Dr De Beer vehemently denied this. The accusations were improper, he said, and he did not believe his colleagues had said anything of the kind while they were members of the DP.

Mr Du Plessis said he was unaware they had renounced their views but, if they had, he accepted Dr De Beer's integrity.

Dr De Beer said people were being hurt by inflation and rising taxation. The growth rate had declined steadily, there was a capital outflow and productivity was low. All of these were apartheid-related.

Mr Du Plessis maintained that South Africa had been expected to implode as a result of the economic forces ranged against it. These forces had been overcome and the country had 41 years of Nationalist rule to thank for it.

This was a heavyweight bout in an election where the economy was an issue as never before. The scoreboard will be read on September 7.

- Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Pik Botha (NP, Westdene) and Dr Denis Worrall (DP, Berea) will appear on Network tonight to debate South Africa's foreign policy.

(Comment by G Linschot, 85 Field Street, Durban)

More deaths because of the MDM — Kotze

By CLIVE SAWYER

Tygerberg Bureau

FIGURES he could not disclose showed there had been an increase in violent deaths because of the Mass Democratic Movement protests, the Minister of Environment Affairs, Mr Gert Kotze, told a Bellville meeting.

Addressing an audience of 40 last night, Mr Kotze said certain elements had tried to create the perception of a united front against the government, but it was led by the African National Congress.

"The MDM is the public arm of the ANC — we are not dealing with an innocent little group of protesters," Mr Kotze said.

Those who had invented the defiance campaign had lost control of it.

The Democratic Party could not get away from its "PFP image" of being soft on security, he said.

Acting-President F W de Klerk had "captured the imagination of South Africa, the outside world and black leaders" in the past 14 days.

"The NP had never been shy to experiment in the past and had admitted its mistakes, Mr Kotze said.

"Now the Conservative Party wants to re-do our experiments. The laboratory will explode."

The Deputy-Minister of Transport and NP candidate for Kommetjie, Mr Myburgh Streicher, said the treacherous system was working and the NP needed a mandate to adapt structures to ensure no group dominated another.

It was unpatriotic for opposition parties to claim South Africa was bankrupt, Mr Streicher said.

(Report by C Sawyer, 122 St George's St, Cape Town)
Consumers in a free market

Sudha R Shenoy

Sudha R Shenoy teaches economics at the University of Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia. She is a native of India who studied at the London School of Economics and the University of Virginia in the US. A devoted free marketeer and economic historian, she was the keynote speaker at last week’s “Consumer Power in a Free Market” conference held in Sandton.

FM: Some politicians here are calling for a minister of consumer affairs and there is a lot of sentiment for the government to tighten consumer regulations. Is this the right path to take?

Shenoy: No. All government intervention is either unnecessary or vicious. Consumer violations are either fraud or breach of contract. Reform the legal system to allow easy access to the courts. Extend the system of small claims courts so consumers don’t need lawyers to take a business to court. Raise the maximum amount of money a customer can win in taking a business to court.

There’s no need for any specific statutes to protect consumers. The notion that consumers constitute a special interest is nonsense. Consumer legislation merely creates careers for bureaucrats who administer the legislation.

Are there any places with no consumer legislation?

Hong Kong is the only example. It’s the last remnant of 19th Century government. It has no consumer legislation, no minimum wage laws and no legislation of many other types that restrict free enterprise, and it has boomed.

What started the worldwide trend of governments imposing consumer legislation and other regulations that interfere in the market?

Much of the developed world was like Hong Kong up to 1914 and it’s been downhill all the way since 1918. The idea that you had to legislate the economy began in the UK after World War 1.

The British leftwing theorists were looking for order, a design; they wanted to know who’s in charge. But markets are like languages; no one designed them and no one’s in charge.

It was the first generation that had lost its faith and it had to find a secular cause. Much of the intervention is misplaced religious faith. If they had had a church to go to, we’d be better off.

What about things such as control boards, a special curse here in SA? When did they start?

Control boards started in the Thirties after a big drop in commodity prices. We had a set of extremely unusual circumstances: two world wars and an intervening period marked by the Depression. One legacy of that period is control boards, which many countries still maintain.

Inflation is regarded as the consumer’s biggest enemy. Some businesses, such as the Pick ‘n Pay supermarket chain, one of the conference’s sponsors, trumpet themselves as the consumer’s friend by saying that they’re leading the fight against inflation. Is this just PR or is there anything businesses can do to slow inflation?

Increases in the supply of money printed by the government are the sole cause of inflation. Businesses that say they can curb inflation are just jumping on the bandwagon. There’s nothing they can do unless they want empty shelves (the result of artificially low prices wiping out their stock).

If pushing for more consumer laws is not the way to go, what should consumers do?

Keep putting pressure on government to repeal laws, not pass more laws. Politicians should be judged on how many laws they repeal, not on how many they pass. There’s now a legislation repeal group in the House of Lords. Make sure the politicians know we don’t want a minister of consumer affairs; we just want common law enforced.

Is there a role for organised consumer groups?

Education. There’s always a need for more information. Why are they wasting their time on trying to ban skin lighteners (an issue that arose during the conference) when they should be out there educating people?
New bankman presents tougher policy

Just three weeks after taking office, the new governor of the Reserve Bank, Dr Chris Stals, has indicated he has the determination to get the economy back on course, even if this means offending National Party officials.

A week before the election he has made it clear that there will be no easing in the current tough economic restrictions at least until mid-1990.

At the same time he is taking the government to task, pushing it to implement fiscal discipline as soon as possible.

The late Dr Gerhard de Kock had the will to fight government interference in determining monetary policy, but often failed in the face of political pressures.

But Stals may, with the backing of Finance Minister Barend du Plessis, succeed in getting his own way more often than not.

In his first address as governor and in the Reserve Bank’s annual economic statement released this week he tried to get the message across.

Stals unambiguously declared war on inflation and emphasized that the government urgently needed to set its own house in order.

“Increases in government expenditure must be strictly controlled, the deficit before borrowing must be reduced to eliminate dis-saving by gov-

The head of the Reserve Bank has declared war on inflation and he won’t be easing economic restrictions — even on the eve of the general elections.

By KURT JENSEN

...ment, and the total role of the public sector in the economy must be reduced, while the efficiency of the public sector should be improved by privatisation and deregulation.”

In line with the emphasis on combating inflation, Stals held out little hope for a relaxation of the strict monetary controls now in force.

“It can no longer be regarded as appropriate to continue to accommodate price increases through Reserve Bank credit,” he said.

“There is a very real danger that any further willingness to accept inflation as a consequence of external adjustment and the pursuance of growth beyond the restricted capacity of the economy can only be harmful for sustainable economic growth.”

Stals cited three major monetary policy instruments needed to lower inflation:

- Increases in the money supply should as soon as possible be brought within the declared target range of 14 to 18 percent;
- Positive real rates of interest should be maintained; and
- Foreign reserves should be strengthened to give the authorities more freedom of action in the management of the exchange rate of the rand.

Supplementary measures to prevent cost factors from exerting upward inflationary pressures should also be applied, Stals said.

These were responsible wage restraints and more efficient markets for commodities, services and financial instruments.

Stals said an uncomfortably low level of foreign reserves, plus the high inflation rate, meant the present consolidation phase should continue for the rest of the year and, if necessary, through the first half of 1990.

His speech was supported by the Reserve Bank’s 1989 annual economic report which offered little cheer for those hoping for an easing in current restrictions.

The report said measures aimed at cooling the economy and providing it with a “soft landing” were working, but added that there were a number of problem areas which militated against any premature relaxation of the current restrictive policy stance.

It even hinted that further restrictive measures might be necessary, a suggestion which would clearly have Stals’ support.
Good and bad in Budget

THE 1989 Budget speech by Finance Minister Barend du Plessis brought good and bad news to life assureds.

"The trustee approach — whereby the investment income minus expenses formula promoted by the industry was accepted — was good news.

"The bad news was that the Government was not prepared to reduce the tax on assurance companies, limiting the expense deduction to 55% and imposing a rate of 45% instead of a lower, more representative rate.

"Tebo Hartwig, chief actuary of Old Mutual says: "We are still working on the finer details of the trustee formula."

"Preliminary surveys suggest that the new formula will produce slightly less tax than the old one.

"However, seeing that the old basis was increased to an excessively high level in 1987, the marginal reduction is of little comfort.

"Assuming the Government adheres to the statement that it accepts the trustee principle, this implies that the tax rate must be reduced from 45% to a lower rate and that full expenses must be allowed as a deduction."

One of the consequences of the new formula is that only two-thirds of dividend income will be taxed, consistent with the basis applying to individual taxpayers."
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- The foreign reserves are low and trade still not sufficient to meet the large capital outflows and replenish them.
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In this respect structural policy and short-term monetary stabilisation policy seem for the time being destined to travel the same road.

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The road to hell on earth

By David Carte

Clem Sunter and his colleagues are the prophets of our age. They analyze present trends, project them and (some hope) frighten us into action.

This book reached the store shelves a year ago, written by David Pelly, chairman of Anglo American Corporation, and John Booth, chairman of Standard Group, made possible by the sponsorship of an environment group, whose members compete with each other in the seeks of survival.

S stun us with the years of exploitation and neglect, the resources of the earth, the beauty of our land and the high and low rates of interest.

The low road was a wasteland through the century. The 1960s, the 1970s, the 1980s, the 1990s, the 2000s. The 21st century. The future is uncertain. The authors predict that the world will face the same problems it encountered in the past.

The financial community is still trying to fix the system, to improve the economy, to find new ways to make money.

Options

Mr. Sunter's first book, the World and South Africa in the 21st Century, was a bestseller at $25.00 a copy. It has been translated into 10 languages and is now available in most bookstores.

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Roots

It is surprising, given the title, that Mr. Sunter does not address economic problems for gold and commodities for oil and other basic needs. He does not deal with the impact of economic growth in South Africa.

Disasters

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The book contains much that we know. Most readers will know that global warming, climate change, population growth, economic growth, technological innovation, and economic growth are the most severe environmental problems of our age.

Bryan Lussey

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BER sees inflation rate at 17 percent by end of year

Finance Staff

Inflation is beginning to lengthen its stride as the economy heads towards the last quarter with the Bureau for Economic Research (BER) of the University of Stellenbosch estimating a rate of 17 percent by year-end.

The bureau notes that in July the inflation rate for the high-income group of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was already above 17 percent. The group is made up of people earning more than R20 000 a year.

It says short-term interest rates are not likely to fall within the next six months, despite the improvement in the balance of payments, mainly because of the low level of foreign currency reserves.

Reserve Bank governor Dr Chris Stals said at the annual meeting of the bank last week the UK, US and West Germany now had relatively high real rates of interest.

South Africa would not be able to draw much needed foreign finance, or even retain existing credit facilities, should real rates of interest remain below those abroad.

Dr Stals said that as it was, rising inflation was now eroding the level of real rates of interest in South Africa.

"Thus any pressure for nominal rates to decline at this stage will therefore have to be resisted."

Philip Kiltroe, money market manager at Personal Trust, said last week: "We can only advise investors to keep funds short for the next month or so to enable them to ride the rates up before fixing around the peak."

An alternative would be to invest in products linked to the prime rate, which would ensure that the investor's return did not lag behind the market.

He said it was still prudent to place a percentage of funds into gilts to obtain a high running yield and possible capital gain in years to come.

The Reserve Bank in its annual economic report said a two-way relationship existed between exchange rate movements and differences in inflation rates in South Africa and its principal international trading partners.

In 1988, the SA inflation rate, as measured by changes in the CPI, was still nearly four times as high as the weighted average inflation rate in SA's seven most important trading partners, after having been more than nine times as high in 1986.

The Bank said the price of imported goods in the first half of this year had risen 16.7 percent as calculated on a yearly basis.
Call for a fixed rand

Business Day Reporter

SA POLITICIANS should be put back on the hook of a fixed rand, Cape Town University's Professor Brian Kantor told the Stocks and Stocks AGM this week.

Calling for the rand to be linked to a "basket" of the currencies that will comprise the 1992 single market, he said: "This would impose tough disciplinary control over politicians."

A firmly linked rand would mean that South African exporters would have to be competitive to stay alive.

If the politicians did not impose discipline on the economy they would have to face a formal devaluation, he said.

Brian 79898
BUSINESS exists to create wealth in the broadest sense and, in SA, this is the most socially responsible duty it can perform. In particular, by paying fair wages, employing workers on merit, running skills enrichment programmes and promoting black advancement, business can greatly enhance the process of economic empowerment.

Business provides the main environment and support in SA where blacks and whites meet on a daily basis. The future competitiveness and profitability of business in SA requires that it win the acceptance of the whole workforce of the need for a truly non-racial work environment. The challenge will only be met with careful, sustained interaction and leadership over a long time. Observers demanding quick results will only be rewarded with symbolic or self-indulgent public gestures which will seriously retard progress.

The business community has long expressed its unequivocal opposition to apartheid and, together with others, helped secure a major breakthrough, including the recognition of black trade unions and the abolition of the Separate Institutions Act. In line with the Labour Relations Amendment Act, business has demonstrated that joint labour-business initiatives have a greater impact on government willingness to reform than direct labour action alone.

Social responsibility spending is another area in which business contributes to the process of change. An estimated R400m is donated each year to a wide range of projects and initiatives aimed at improving health, education, welfare, and development needs of communities across the country. Some of the more innovative projects which business has supported in recent years include the redevelopment of District Six and the inland Black schools. By strategic spending of this kind, business plays a unique role in supporting initiatives which are helping transform SA society.

Business has also promoted more informed and meaningful political debate within the country, both through its own efforts (for example, the Associate study of constitution models for SA and the PCI Business Charter) and its extensive funding of conferences, research and academic study.

Business has also been the central source of funds for the major number of institutes and projects which promote dialogue and reconciliation between the races.

The contribution made by Transnational Corporations (TNCs) in particular is vital, as they constitute an important avenue for international influence. The presence of TNCs in SA allows other concerned agencies, including foreign governments and trade unions, to influence developments more directly. The various Codes of Conduct and the Stockahler principles are excellent examples of this.

In the search for instruments to promote economic growth -- a challenge which unites the whole of the African continent -- the presence of TNCs is increasingly being recognised as a force for economic development, political stability and good governance. As TNCs have demonstrated, the equity investment provided by foreign corporations is far more effective at promoting growth and economic development than institutional debt. Encouraged by the international community, countries across Africa are actively seeking investment by TNCs -- what is needed is to encourage them to invest in SA.

If the international community wishes to facilitate the process of change and speed the emergence of a democratic, non-racial political order in SA, it is imperative that it reconsider the sanctions and disinvestment strategy. These policies have failed to deliver any of the desired results because they are inappropriate instruments for securing change in the very fluid political circumstances of present-day SA.

Strategies for change which are driven by anger and impatience are finally wasted, as the failure of efforts to make the black townships in SA unviable reversed the tragic advances made in 1993 and 1994. Events in SA demonstrate that the country’s problems are not amenable to instant, clinical resolution.

The opportunities do exist for the international community to exert positive influence for change, but this can only be achieved by appropriate forms of direct and ongoing interaction with the chief actors, black and white.

The SA government is one such actor. By adopting a more measured approach, combining pressure and regard and setting goals which the international community will realistically achieve, the international community can play a part in securing meaningful advance in the short term and real power-sharing in the longer term.

The international community must also help facilitate change through consistent constructive interaction with key opinion formers in all sectors of the community. By sending moral and material support to the activities of the wide range of groups, and particularly the many different black groups, which are working to improve the political, economic, physical and social circumstances of the black South Africa, the international community can help to make black leaders more effective agents for their own liberation.

Investment in the development of the country and its people will provide a further avenue for effective foreign aid and investment.

In addition to the direct benefit foreign aid provides to the human suffering, it will also help address white fears of the consequences of change and greatly enhance the dynamic economic forces which are working to transform SA society.

Unless the economy can grow at a rate faster than the growth of population growth (3.5% per annum), the country faces an increasingly impoverished future. There are already severe shortfalls in the provision of housing, education, health and welfare facilities for blacks. No government will ever be able to make up this backlog and provide for the needs of the growing population unless it can draw on the resources of an expanding economy. The sense of need is such that the savings in state spending following the abolition of apartheid will not be anywhere near sufficient to match demand as is sometimes suggested.

The economy must grow at a rate of at least 5% per annum if it is to provide employment for the 300,000 work seekers who enter the job market each year.

Without economic growth, the racial gap will continue to increase and the black population will bear the brunt of unemployment and declining consumer spending. The effect on the informal sector will be devastating, as without increasing demand powered by an expanding wage bill of the formal sector, meaningful informal sector activity will be impossible.

In urging the international community to abandon sanctions, we are not asking that it also abandon or compromise its opposition to apartheid. What is proposed is a change of strategy not of principle -- a change which represents the best and only hope the world has of helping secure a peaceful, progressive and democratic future for all the people of southern Africa.

The submission was endorsed by the Afrikaans Handelsinstituut, Assocom, Chamber of Mines, Fedmark, Matabeleland Black Taxi Association and the United Municipalities of SA.
Link rand to Europe

Kantor

Finance Staff
Professor Brian Kantor, UCT economist, proposed last week at the annual meeting of Stocks and Stocks that South Africa should link the rand to the European basket of currencies when the Common Market occurs in 1992.

"This would be a dramatic move and it would impose tough disciplinary control over politicians," he said.

A firmly linked rand would mean that exporters would have to be competitive to stay alive. If the politicians did not impose discipline on the economy as and when it was necessary, they would have to face the dreadfully emotional decision of a formal devaluation, he said.

"In the days of fixed exchange rates politicians who were careless with the economy had the constant threat of a politically damaging devaluation hanging over them."

"The floating rand has let them off that particular hook. We should hang them back on."
Tucker calls for end to economic imbalances

By Frank Jean

Every South African — not only the central government of the day — will have to work towards ending the economic imbalances of our society.

This was the message which Mr Bob Tucker, managing director of the Firm Building Society, took to the opening session of the annual convention of the Institute of Estate Agents in Johannesburg.

Pointing out the challenge ahead for the real estate industry, Mr Tucker reminded delegates that the 80 percent of the population which was not represented in Parliament was also denied the opportunity of building up capital through property ownership.

"How relevant is your business to the realities of this country now?" asked the Firm managing director.

"You should remember that only 15 percent of the current lending performance is going to the black population."

And he urged the lending institutions to become more aware of what he termed this "recipe for disaster."

Mr Tucker pointed out that the crises of today were not about today but they were the big issues of tomorrow — issues "on the basis of integration, not segregation." He referred to the fact that in one area of the country there was one water tap for 760 people and that the average South African spends four hours a day fetching water.

Twenty percent of the country's black commuters also spend more than three hours a day commuting.

"Little wonder we need a vigorous process of transformation in our own attitudes and in our daily lives," said Mr Tucker.
NOTICE 1119 OF 1989
DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER

THE HSRC/NTR INVESTIGATION INTO SKILLS TRAINING IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Comments and representations are invited on the findings and recommendations contained in the report of the Human Sciences Research Council and the National Training Board into skills training in the RSA.

Such comments or representations should be lodged in writing and in duplicate within eight weeks of the publication of this notice, as follows:

(i) One copy to the Director-General: Manpower, Private Bag X117, Pretoria, 0001;
(ii) one copy to the Chairman: National Training Board, Private Bag X117, Pretoria, 0001.

Notes:
1. The Report is obtainable in English and Afrikaans from the Publications Section, Human Sciences Research Council, Lower Ground Floor, HSRC Building (Private Bag X41), Pretoria, 0001 [Telephone (012) 202-2715], at R35.00 (GST excluded) per copy.

An Executive Summary of the Report is also available at R5.00 (GST excluded) per copy.

2. The corresponding number of the paragraph in the report to which the comments refer must be clearly indicated in each case.

(8 September 1989)

NOTICE 1120 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 59, ALRODE TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) conditions B (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) in Deed of Transfer T23411/1980 be removed; and

(2) the Alberton Town-planning Scheme, 1979, be amended by the rezoning of ERF 59, Alrode Township, to “Business 1” subject to conditions; which amendment scheme will be known as Alberton Amendment Scheme 376, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of the Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Alberton.

(PB 4-14-2-37-7)

(8 September 1989)

NOTICE 1121 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 2459, THREE RIVERS EXTENSION 1 TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition c (b) in Deed of Transfer T28443/1981 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-1302-9)

(8 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1119 VAN 1989
DEPARTEMENT VAN MANNEKRAG

DIE RGN/NOR-ONDERSOEK NA VAARDIGHEIDSOPLEIDING IN DIE REPUBLIEK VAN SUID-AFRIKA

Kommentaar en vertoë word afgewag oor die bevindinge en aanbevelings soos vervat in die verslag van die Raad vir Geesteswetenskaplike Navorsing en die Nasionale Opleidingsraad na vaardigheidsopleiding in die RSA.

Sodanige kommentaar of vertoë moet binne acht weke na die datum van publikasie van hierdie kennisgewing skriftelik en in duplikaat ingediend word, soos volg:

(i) Een afskrif aan die Direkteur-generaal: Mannekrag, Privaatsak X117, Pretoria, 0001;
(ii) een afskrif aan die Voorsitter: Nasionale Opleidingsraad, Privaatsak X117, Pretoria, 0001.

Nota:
1. Die Verslag is in Afrikaans en Engels verkrygbaar by die Publikasie-afdeling, Raad vir Geesteswetenskaplike Navorsing, Læger-grondloër, RGN-gebou (Privaatsak X41), Pretoria, 0001 [Telefoon (012) 202-2715], teen R35,00 (AVBuitgesluit) per eksemplaar.

'n Bestuursopsonming van die Verslag is ook beskikbaar teen R5,00 (AVBuitgesluit) per eksemplaar.

2. Die nommer van die toepaslike paragraaf in die verslag waarop die kommentaar betrekking het, moet telkens duidelik aangedui word.

(8 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1120 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 59, DORP ALRODE

Hierby word ingevolge die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

(1) voorwaardes (a), (b), (c), (d) en (e) in Akte van Transport T23411/1980 opgehef word; en

(2) die Alberton-dorpbeplanningskema, 1979, gewysig word deur die hersomering van Erf 59, dorp Alrode, tot “Besigheid 1” onderworpe aan voorwaardes; welke wysigingskema bekend staan as Alberton-wysigingskema 376, soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en schemaklousules wat ter insaë in die kantoor van die Departementshoof: Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Alberton.

(PB 4-14-2-37-7)

(8 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1121 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 2459, DORP THREE RIVERS-UITBREIDING 1

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepalinge van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde c (b) in Akte van Transport T28443/1981 opgehef word.

(PB 4-14-2-1302-9)

(8 September 1989)
and outspan and to grazing for the cattle of travelers, that the said land shall be further subject to such stipulations as have been established or may hereafter be established by the Legislature and finally the owners shall be liable to the prompt payment of an annual tax as provided in Law Number 4 of 1899 or in any amendment thereof.

(PB 4-15-2-1-57-1)

(8 September 1989)

NOTICE 1108 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTION 91 (A PORTION OF PORTION 11)
OF THE FARM WITFONSE 301 JR

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government, House of Assembly, has approved that conditions A5–A8 in Deed of Transfer T84939/88 be removed.

(PB 4-15-2-37-301-2)

(8 September 1989)

NOTICE 1109 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 OF 1967)
CORRECTION NOTICE

It is hereby notified in terms of section 41 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, that whereas an error occurred in Notice 1001 which appeared in the Government Gazette, dated 11 Augustus 1989, the Minister of Local Government and Housing in the Ministers' Council of the House of Assembly, has approved the correction of the notice by the substitution of the expression "Erf 2773" for the expression "Erf 2772".

(PB 4-14-2-665-56)

(8 September 1989)

NOTICE 1110 OF 1989—KENNISGEWING 1110 VAN 1989
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTEMENT VAN POS- EN TEKOMMUNIKASIEWESE
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE: JULY 1989
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Totaal
ANNA JOHANNA VAN DE MERWE FOR—

(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 751,
Bethal Extension 2 Township, in order to subdi-
vide the erf;

(2) the amendment of the Bethal Town-planning
Scheme, 1980, by the rezoning of the erven from
"Residential 1" with a density of "One
dwelling per erf" to "Residential 1" with a density of "One
dwelling per 1 000 m²".

This application will be known as Bethal Amend-
ment Scheme 40, with reference number PB 4-14-2-
142-1.

DAVID JOHN HARDWICKE MATTERSON
for—

(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Portion 1
of Erf Wierda Valley Township, in order to per-
mit the erf to be used for offices;

(2) the amendment of the Sanclon Town-planning
Scheme, 1980, by the rezoning of the erven from
"Residential 1" with a density of "One
dwelling per erf" to "Business 4" including restaurants,
plazas of instruction and a caretaker's flat to cer-
in certain conditions.

This application will be known as Sanclon Amend-
ment Scheme 1457, with reference number PB 4-14-2-
1457-24.

(8 September 1989)

NOTICE 1106 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

ERF 83, BEVERLEY GARDENS TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the
Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of
Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly
has approved that condition B (i) and B (j) in Deed of
Transfer T31573/1988 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-2766-6)

(8 September 1989)

NOTICE 1107 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967:

REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 1 OF THE
FARM AMERSFOORT TOWN AND TOWN-
LANDS 57 HS

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the
Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of
Local Government: House of Assembly has approved
that the condition in Deed of Transfer Gown Grant
325/1908 which reads as follows:

"The grant shall also be subject to all rights and
servitudes which now affect or at any time hereafter
may be found to affect the title to the land hereby
transferred or to be binding on the Government in
respect of the said land as at the date hereof and is
made on the conditions that all roads already made
over this land by lawful authority shall remain free
and unobstructed, that the land shall be subject to

KENNISGEWING 1106 VAN 1989

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967

ERF 83, DORP BEVERLEY GARDENS

Hierby word oreenkomstig die bepalings van artikel
2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperekings, 1967,
bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaasklike Bestuur
en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voor-
waarde B (i) en B (j) in Akte van Transport
T31573/1988 opgehef word.

(PB 4-14-2-2766-6)

(8 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1107 VAN 1989

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967:

RESTEERENDE GEDEELTE VAN GEDEELTE 1
VAN DIE PLAAS AMERSFOORT TOWN AND
TOWNLANDS 57 HS

Hierby word oreenkomstig die bepalings van artikel
2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperekings, 1967,
bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaasklike Bestuur
en Behuising goedgekeur het dat die voorwaarde in
Kroongrondbrief 325/1908 wat soos volg lees:

"The grant shall also be subject to all rights and
servitudes which now affect or at any time hereafter
may be found to affect the title to the land hereby
transferred or to be binding on the Government in
respect of the said land as at the date hereof and is
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Welkom (20/89): For the alteration of the Welkom Town-planning Scheme by the rezoning of Erven 7098 and 7099, Extension 10 from “Public Open Space” to “Special Residential”.

Welkom (29/89): For the alteration of the Welkom Town-planning Scheme by the rezoning of Erf 5000 Riebeekstad from “Industry General” to “Business Type C”.

Bothaville (18/89): For the alteration of the Bothaville Town-planning Scheme by the rezoning of Portion H3 of the farm Botharnia 9 which is reserved for “Public open Spaces” to “General Business”.

Head of the Department,
Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly.
(8 September 1989)

NOTICE 1105 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the applications mentioned in the Schedule have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works and are open for inspection at the 12th Floor Merino Building, Pretorius Street, Pretoria, and at the office of the relevant local authority.

Any objection, with full reasons therefor, should be lodged in writing with the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works at the above address of Private Bag X340, Pretoria, on or before 6 October 1989.

SCHEDULE

MARK V.S.A. (PTY) LTD for—
(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 2/78749, Kempton Park Township, in order to permit the erf being used for airfreight offices and warehouses;
(2) the amendment of the Kempton Park Town-planning Scheme, 1987, by the rezoning of the erf from “Residential 4” to “Special” for airfreight offices and warehouses.

This application will be known as Kempton Park Amendment Scheme 186 with reference number PB 4-14-2-665-65.

Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Company Limited for the removal of the conditions of title of Remaining Extent of Portion 71 of the farm Zevenfontein 407 JR in order to establish the Township of Dainfern Extension 1.

(PB 4-15-2-21-407-1)

ONE FIVE THREE JAN SMUTS INVESTMENTS CC for—
(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 267, Parkwood Township, in order to permit the existing house be used for offices and a related showroom;
(2) the amendment of the Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme, 1979, by the rezoning of the erf from “Residential 1” with a density of “One dwelling per erf” to “Residential 1” including offices and related showrooms as a primary right, subject to certain conditions.

This application will be known as Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 2689, with reference number PB 4-14-2-1015-66.

Welkom (20/89): Vir die wysiging van die Welkom-dorpsaanlegskema deur die hersonering van Erwe 7098 en 7099, Uitbreiding 10 vanaf “Openbare Oopruimte” na “Spesiale Woon”.

Welkom (29/89): Vir die wysiging van die Welkom-dorpsaanlegskema deur die hersonering van Erf 5000 Riebeekstad vanaf “Nwyerheid: Algemeen” na “Besigheid Type C”.

Bothaville (18/89): Vir die wysiging van die Bothaville-dorpsaanlegskema deur die hersonering van Gee-deelt H3 van die plaas Botharnia 9 wat gereserveer is vir “Privaat Oop Ruimtes” na “Algemene Besigheid”.

Departementshoof,
(8 September 1989)

Kennisgewing 1105 van 1989

Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967

Ingevolge artikel 3 (6) van bogenoemde Wetword hiermee Kennis gegee dat aansoeke in die Bylae vermeld deur die Departementshoof van Plaaslike Bestuur, Beheuwing en Werke ontvang is en ter insaie le by die 12de Verdieping Merinogebou, Pretoriusstraat, Pretoria, en in die kantoor van die betrokke plaaslike bestuur.


Bylae

Mark v.s.a. (EDMS.) BPK. vir—
(1) die opheffing van die titelfooraarwaardes van Erf 2/2749, Kempton Park, ten einde dit moontlik te maak dat die erf gebruik kan word vir lugvragkantore en store;
(2) die wysiging van die Kempton Park-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1987, deur die hersonering van die erf van “Residensiel 4” tot “Spesiaal” vir lugvragkantore en store.

Die aansoek sal bekend staan as Kempton Park-wysigsingskema 186 met verwysingssummer PB 4-14-2-665-65.

Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Company Limited vir die opheffing van die titelfooraarwaardes van Resterende Gedeelte van Gedeelte 71 van die plaas Zevenfontein 407 JR ten einde die dorp Dainfern-uitbreiding 1 te stig.

(PB 4-15-2-21-407-1)

One Five Three Jan Smuts Investments CC vir—
(1) die opheffing van die titelfooraarwaardes van Gedeelte 1 van Erf 267, dorp Parkwood, ten einde dit moontlik te maak dat die bestaande huis gebruik kan word vir kantore en ’n aanverwante vertoonkamer;
(2) die wysiging van die Johannesburg-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1979, deur die hersonering van die erf van “Residensiel 1” met ’n digtheid van “Een woonhuis per erf” tot “Residensiel 1” insluitend kantore en aanverwante vertoonkamers as ’n primêre reg onderworpe aan seker voorwaardes.

Die aansoek sal bekend staan as Johannesburg-wysigsingskema 2689, met verwysingssummer PB 4-14-2-1015-66.
NOTICE 1102 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 of 1967)

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the undermentioned applications have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly, at the above address or Private Bag X20524, Bloemfontein, 9300. Objections, in duplicate, must reach this office not later than 16:00 on Friday, 6 October 1989.

Welkom (23/89): For the alteration of the Welkom Town-planning Scheme by the rezoning of Erf 1145, 1146 and 1147 Naudeville Extension 2 from "Residential (Special)" to "Business Special (Undefined)".

Welkom (24/89): For the alteration of the Welkom Town-planning Scheme by the rezoning of Erf 900 to 911 Naudeville, Extension 2 from "Residential (Special)" to "Institutions".

Welkom (28/89): For the alteration of the Welkom Town-planning Scheme by the inclusion of Subdivision 3 of Subdivision 2 of the Remainder of the farm Vooruitgang 52 by the zoning thereof for "Government Purposes".

Welkom (21/89): For the alteration of the Welkom Town-planning Scheme by the rezoning of Subdivision 1 of Subdivision 2 of Erf 693 from "Business Type C" to "Government Purposes".

Ladybrand (389): For the alteration of the Ladybrand Town-planning Scheme by the rezoning of Erf 301, 302, 321, 322, 318, 319, 320, 349, 350, 351, 352, 385, 386 and closed streets from "Not yet determined and streets" to "Special Residential Purposes (one house per erf)".

Welkom (22/89): For the alteration of the Welkom Town-planning Scheme by the rezoning of Erf 2158 from "Public Open Space" to "Special Residential".

KENNISGEWING 1102 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUIsing EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)

Hierby word ingevolge artikel 3 (6) van die begeneemde Wet bekendgemaak dat die ondergenoemde aanseke deur die Hoof van die Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Administrasie: Volksraad ontvang is en ter insae lê by die Strykveriteit van die genoemde departement (Vierde Verdieping, Fedelifegebou, Maitlandstraat, Bloemfontein) en by die kantore van die betrokke plaaslike bestuur.

Enige persoon wat teen die toestaan van die aanseke beswaar wil maak, kan met die Hoof van die Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Administrasie: Volksraad van Privaatsak X20524, Bloemfontein, 9300, skriflik in verbinding tree. Beseware, in tweekou, moet hierdie kantoor nie later nie as 16:00 op Vrydag, 6 Oktober 1989, bereik.

Welkom (23/89): Vir die wysiging van die Welkom-dorpsaanlegskema deur die hersorning van Erf 1145, 1146 en 1147 Naudeville Uitbreiding 2 vanaf "Woon (Spesiaal)" na "Spesiale Besigheid (Ongedefineer)".

Welkom (24/89): Vir die wysiging van die Welkom-dorpsaanlegskema deur die hersorning van Erf 900 tot 911 Naudeville, Uitbreiding 2 vanaf "Woon (Spesiaal)" na "Inrigtings".

Welkom (28/89): Vir die wysiging van die Welkom-dorpsaanlegskema deur die insluiting van Onderverdeling 3 van Onderverdeling 2 van die Rest van die plaas Vooruitgang 52 deur die sonering daarvan as "Regeringsdoeleinde".

Welkom (21/89): Vir die wysiging van die Welkom-dorpsaanlegskema deur die hersorning van Onderverdeling 1 van Onderverdeling 2 van Erf 693 vanaf "Besigheid Type C" na "Regeringsdoeleinde".

Ladybrand (389): Vir die wysiging van die Ladybrand-dorpsaanlegskema deur die hersorning van Erf 301, 302, 321, 322, 318, 319, 320, 349, 350, 351, 352, 385, 386 en geslote strate vanaf "Onbepaal en strate" na "Spesiale woon (een woonhuis per erf)".

Welkom (22/89): Vir die wysiging van die Welkom-dorpsaanlegskema deur die hersorning van Erf 2158 vanaf "Openbare Oop Ruimte" na "Spesiale Woon".
36.0 Calls to ships and aircraft:

36.1 Radiotelephone calls to ships over:
   (a) VHF .................................................. R 2.55
   (b) MF .................................................. R 4.05
   (c) HF .................................................. R 7.50

36.2 Radiotelephone calls to and from South African/South-West African fishing-boats fishing off the coast:
   .................................................. R 1.95

36.3 Calls to ships at sea via the INMARSAT systems:
   All ships .................................................. R 90.00

36.4 Radiotelephone calls to aircraft:
   All aircraft .................................................. R 7.50

36.5 Inland extension:
   A minimum charge of 42c for a call with a chargeable time of up to three minutes and 14c for each additional minute is added to the call charge prescribed at items 36.1, 36.2 and 36.4 for switching such calls over the inland trunkline network.

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36.6 Opruope na skepe en vliegtuie:

36.1 Radiotelefoonoproepe na skepe oor:
   (a) VHF .................................................. R 2.55
   (b) MF .................................................. R 4.05
   (c) HF .................................................. R 7.50

36.2 Radiotelefoonoproepe van en na Suid-Afrikaanse/Suider-Afrikaanse visserbote wat langs die kus visvang:
   .................................................. R 1.95

36.3 Opruope na skepe ter see via die INMARSAT-stelsel:
   Alle skepe .................................................. R 90.00

36.4 Radiotelefoonoproepe na vliegtuie:
   Alle vliegtuie .................................................. R 7.50

36.5 Binneelandse verlenging:
   In Minimum koste van 42c vir 'n oproep met 'n gesprekduur van tot drie minute en 14c vir iedere bykomende minuut word by die kostes voorgeskryf by items 36.1, 36.2 en 36.4 gevoeg vir die skakeling van sodanige oproepe oor die binneelandse hooflyn-net.

(8 September 1989)
The delegation of powers contained in item (i) in the case of section 3 (2) as published under Government Notice No. 960 of 19 May 1989 is hereby repealed.

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contemplated in this section.

G. J. KOTZÉ,
Minister of Water Affairs.

G. J. KOTZÉ,
Minister van Waterwese.

GENERAL NOTICES

NOTICE 1098 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
REMAINDER OF ERF 8720, EAST LONDON

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2(1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, House of Assembly, has approved the removal of condition B(2) in Deed of Transfer T3170 of 1987.

(8 September 1989)

NOTICE 1100 OF 1989
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
AMENDMENT OF THE TARIFF FOR TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

It is hereby made known, in terms of section 2B (3A) of the Post Office Act, 1958 (Act No. 44 of 1958), that the Postmaster General, acting under section 2B (1) (e) of the said Act and with the approval of the Minister of Home Affairs and of Communications, has amended the Tariff for Telecommunication Services as set out in the under-mentioned Schedule.

SCHEDULE

1.0 In this Schedule the expression "the Tariff" means the Tariff for Telecommunication Services promulgated under Government Notice No. 1192 of 1 July 1977, as amended.

2.0 The Tariff is hereby further amended as follows:

2.1 Substitute the following for the existing item 36.0.

Die oordrag van bevoegdhede vervat in item (i) met betrekking tot artikel 3 (2) soos gepubliseer by Goewermentskennisgewing No. 966 van 19 Mei 1989 word hierby herroep.

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G. J. KOTZÉ,
Minister van Waterwese.

ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

KENNISGEWING 1098 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPAARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISENG EN WERKE
WET OP OHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
RESTANT VAN ERF 8720, OOS-LONDEn

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepalings van artikel 2(1) van die Wet of Oheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde B(2) in Transportakte T3170 van 1987 opgeheb word.

(8 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1100 VAN 1989
DEPAARTEMENT VAN POS- EN TELEKOMMUNIKASIEWESE
WYSIGING VAN DIE TARIEFLYS VIR TELE- KOMMUNIKASIEDIENSTE

Hiermee word ingevolge artikel 2B (3A) van die Postwet, 1958 (Wet No. 44 van 1958), bekend gemaak dat die Postmeester-generaal, handelende kragtens artikel 2B (1) (e) van genoemde Wet en met die goedkeuring van die Minister van Binnelandse Sake en van Kommunikasie, die Tariefs vir Telekommunikasiedienste ge- wysig het soos in diéonderstaande Bylae uiteengesit is.

BYLAE

1.0 In hierdie Bylae beteken die uitdrukking "die Tarieflys" die Tariefs vir die Telekommunikasiedienste afgekondig by Goewermentskennisgewing No. 1192 van 1 Julie 1977 soos gewysig:

2.0 Die Tarieflys word hiermee soos volg verder gewysig:

2.1 Vervang die bestaande item 36.0 deur die volgende.
Yesteryear's men give way

A DISCONTINUITY is a major break with the past. South Africa would face such a discontinuity in its economic life if it were to try to reverse the financial excesses of the past decade.

Discontinuities are easier to identify with hindsight than to anticipate because we generally expect the future to be much like the past.

Sometimes, an individual leader has achieved a fundamental break with the past, but such about-turns are the exception than the rule. More often such distinct changes in direction follow a change of personnel, with a new team free to shed much of the conceptual baggage of its predecessors.

RABID

Among modern US presidents, Richard Nixon effected probably the most notable break from the past in switching US policy on China from a rabid anti-communist stance to an embrace.

In contrast, Mikhail Gorbachev provides a dramatic example of leadership discontinuity as generations swap power.

In most political dispensations, a new generation of leadership seldom breaks completely with the past. Generally, only a change of parties and, therefore, of ideology can bring such a change in time of peace.

Promised new action is usually more of the old ideology and approach dressed up in new slogans. Now that we have another general election behind us, certain realities are not about to change, except for incredible luck or hard work over a long time. Economic growth in the next 10 years is unlikely to exceed that of the past decade.

This is because structural realities will take time to be changed. We are not talking of plastic surgery but a fundamental rearrangement of the economy's bone structure.

When it comes to the share of the public sector in the economy, there is a greater degree of choice. However, here it is political convictions that will set the scene.

Rapid social upliftment costs money, and a slow-growing economy simply does not broaden the revenue base quickly enough to prevent a further increase in the tax burden.

DESPAIR

Privatisation may ease the Government's cash flow over the next decade, but falling faster growth, a serious social agenda will probably require still greater redistribution of income than we have had already. This is often seen as a reason for despair.

Any rise in the tax burden is automatically equated with an increase in waste rather than an investment in a social system.

It would, of course, make more economic sense to put our scarce investment capital into immediately productive use because that could maximise the growth rate in the short term.

But our unhappy past dictates that political goodwill will be bought at short notice by investing heavily in housing and other social goods which only in the very long run may make a contribution to enhancing our growth potential.

What is important after one has finished arguing the economic and political pros and cons of the Government's spending agenda is the manner in which it is financed.

One can identify waste in the public sector, but as long as it is funded responsibly, its relevance is no more or less than private resources being directed to pay for smoking or drinking.

Once we have settled who is to be privileged to do the consuming, the more important issue is the manner in which such resources are allocated. Financial mismanagement can lead to Latin American conditions.

Therefore, the new team should not be judged solely on its spending behaviour, given the presence of an ambitious social agenda. The focus should be on the financing behaviour to detect any possible breaks with the past.

Britain was ready for Thatcherite economic policies because the preceding epoch had slowly transformed British economic life into a no-win situation.

SOF

The reality in SA of the past decade has been that it was easy to be financially irresponsible because all soft options had not yet been fully exploited.

Eventually, however, financial mismanagement is no longer a soft option. It starts to hurt of its own accord.

When the new Reserve Bank Governor defines his job as reversing the trend, and preventing a rise in inflation to Latin American levels of 30% to 40%, a discontinuity is possible.

Of course, many Latin American countries have had new central bank governors with these same sentiments, only to have them defeated by the structural and political rigidities of their societies.

It may be wise to assume that we, too, are plagued with rigidities bound to defeat the best of intentions.

However, unlike some banana republics, we have known decades in which we enjoyed First World financial stability.

Our public service and political leadership has surely not changed so fundamentally from those earlier times that that culture has been entirely destroyed.

We are comparable with a British, in which the pendulum of policy foolishness had reached outer limits and where the system was willing to have a leader who would change direction.

RESPONSIBLE

The economic dimension stands central to Gorbachevism, Thatcherism and Reaganomics. In our context, the agenda is not so much to change the ideology of the system towards the market, which was yesteryear's issue, as to regain responsible financial management.

That means money-supply control and much less deficit financing by the Government, which appears to be the agenda of the new economic and political team.

It could herald a discontinuity of major proportions that should not be underestimated merely because it looks inconceivable on the performances of predecessors.
Rampant inflation will keep interest rates high

By Magnus Heystek
Finance Editor

South Africans can brace themselves for a period of high interest rates — particularly real interest rates — until inflation shows signs of cooling off.

This was the message from economists, businessmen and central bankers at a seminar on financial markets hosted by stockbrokers Frankel, Kruger, Vinderine at Sabi Sabi over the weekend.

Economist Mike Brown of the sponsoring firm underlined the need for real interest rates to be maintained.

Citing World Bank studies, he said real interest rates — positive after allowing for inflation — were conducive to lower inflation and more stable economic growth.

Agreeing with Dr Chris Stals and Dr Japie Jacobs, respectively Governor and senior Deputy-Governor of the Reserve Bank, who were speakers at the conference, Mr Brown stressed the need for real interest rates levels in the downsizing phase.

He said overseas studies showed a strong correlation between real interest rates and high economic growth rates.

Using a policy of real interest rates, coupled with strict monetary and fiscal discipline, the downsizing period represented an excellent chance to wage an anti-inflation campaign, he said.

According to a prominent businessman, who declined to be identified, there could no longer be a trade-off between economic growth and a high inflation.

“The dismal performance of the economy in this decade is a testimony to the fact,” he said.

But good news for investors and businessmen who feared an abrupt slowdown in growth was that all indicators pointed to a relatively “soft landing” next year.

Mr Brown said this contrasted with the propensity of the economy over the last two decades to overheat in times of upturn, necessitating harsh measures to cool it down again.

“Somewhat surprisingly, present trends point to a relatively smooth slowdown in the economy.

“The ‘train smash’ nature of previous downsizing may now be superseded by a bumpy ride as the ‘train negotiates the points’, but forward progress in real growth will continue to be made,” he said.

Among the reasons for the gradual cooling down, Mr Brown listed:

- Retail sales and total consumer expenditure were levelling off, rather than showing the sharp reversals of the past. The influence of the informal sector could be one of the reasons.
- Another was that employment was holding up far better in a slowing economy than in the past.
- The decision by the authorities to use a number of fiscal and monetary measures to slow down the economy.
- A good agricultural season was boosting growth during a period of consolidation.

Mr Brown, in what he called the 3-2-1 growth scenario, said the economy would record a two percent growth rate this year, after growing at more than three percent in 1988. In 1989, the economy would slow down — brought on by the need to make further debt repayments in July — but would still record a positive growth rate of around one percent for the year as a whole.

Mr Brown and other speakers, including Dr Stals, underlined the need for SA to achieve a massive surplus on the current account on the balance of payments next year in order to meet foreign debt repayments.

Monetary and fiscal policy would be geared towards achieving a surplus of at least R5 billion on the current account because a similar amount of foreign debt fell due next year.

With the outlook still bleak for the possible inflow of capital, SA could not afford a deficit on the current account.

Any shortfall would have to be financed from foreign exchange reserves — already at very low levels — and it would also cause undue downward pressure on the foreign value of the rand.

Central to Mr Brown’s forecast was that the gold price would start recovering to levels of $400, due to what he called increased central bank purchasing and the removal of forward sales, a factor that had depressed the price last year and for most of this year.

This factor, together with the persistent under-supply in the gold market, would “push up the gold price as current holders of gold will require higher gold prices in order to be persuaded to sell into the market and balance the supply/demand equation.”
SA's low labour productivity retards growth

SA's "notoriously low" labour productivity is retarding economic growth, Senbank says in its latest Focus on key economic issues.

"The huge supply of labour is simply not making its potential contribution towards creating a higher growth scenario." Indirectly, the low productivity contributed towards structural inflation and induced the business sector to turn to more capital-intensive methods of production.

This was a very unfortunate development, since capital was also becoming an increasingly scarce factor of production. It was generally accepted that low labour productivity was not necessarily the fault of labour itself.

"The country's economic system, the larger social system and prevailing management practices may all contribute towards it. Yet...the fact remains that low labour productivity retards economic growth."

Inefficient allocation of resources between the private and the public sectors also tended to retard growth. Government was claiming an increasing share of scarce resources.

Productivity was knocked because more skilled labour moved to the less productive environment of government with no reduction in its average remuneration.

The political reform experiments in SA tended to cause more administration and less productive expenditure.
Barend: VAT comes in next year

Govt outlines new plan for SA economy

CAPE TOWN — Government’s new economic plan would be unveiled by January, Finance Minister Barend Du Plessis said yesterday.

The plan was a bid to direct state resources towards the same end as those of the private sector and would also take into account programmes to give incentives to export.

In a wide ranging interview with Business Day, Du Plessis said the aim of the new programme would be to ensure the optimum utilisation of scarce resources and the highest possible growth rate and maximum employment in circumstances of price stability. But this did not imply a controlled economy, he added.

In spite of reports that the introduction of value added tax (VAT) could be delayed, Du Plessis said: “VAT will come in during the course of the next financial year.”

He also said the Cabinet would meet to decide what to do with the more than R2bn in privatisation receipts which were expected but he preferred that they be used to pay off existing state debts.

“Our first priority is to pay off existing state debts. By the time the proceeds of privatisation reach the Treasury, we will have satisfied our loan requirements for the year.”

Although government revenue was subject to seasonal fluctuations, he said, at the moment it looked as if it would be substantially higher than he had predicted in the Budget.

He said government had a contractual obligation not to increase personal income tax, company tax and the deficit before borrowing.

The NP, by promising to reduce all three in its election manifesto, had placed a contractual ceiling on them.

Du Plessis said he was not in a position to give a commitment that personal taxation would be reduced in the next Budget. He added, however, that: “The taxpayers can be assured that we regard our tax commitments as a contract which we will honour.

“Within the next five years there will definitely be a lowering of income tax.”

Du Plessis said there was every indication that SA would achieve the 2% growth rate he had predicted in his Budget speech. He believed the deficit before borrowing could be lower than the 4.1% of GDP he predicted in the Budget.

In addition, government did not need a single cent of privatisation receipts to meet its borrowing requirements.

Du Plessis had said in his Budget speech that without new capital inflow, foreign debt repayments could be a high as R1.5bn this year.

He said in yesterday’s interview: “We have had some rollovers here and there, but at the moment I have no reason to...

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Govt outlines plan

believe they will greatly deviate from what I said in the Budget.”

SA’s present debt standstill agreement ended on June 30 next year and it was very important for SA to clinch realistic agreements that would enable it to meet both international and domestic commitments, he said.

So far government had been able to keep state spending scrupulously within its R1bn contingency reserve. “In our present circumstances and with the present techniques of budgeting, it is literally impossible not to have the flexibility of a contingency reserve.”

“But I am finding this fiscal year that there is a much better understanding of the purposes of the reserve among my colleagues and I am confident that the President and my colleagues are giving me their best possible support, he said.”
NOTICE 1146 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 2432, JEFFREYS BAY TOWNSHIP
EXTENSION 16, JEFFREYS BAY

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved the removal of conditions B 3 and 4 in Deed of Transfer T37617 of 1989.
(15 September 1989)

NOTICE 1147 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 3390, DURBANVILLE TOWNSHIP
EXTENSION 22, DURBANVILLE

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved the removal of condition D7 (d) in Deed of Transfer T65406/1988.
(15 September 1989)

NOTICE 1148 OF 1989
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
AIR SERVICES ACT, 1949 (ACT No. 51 OF 1949), AS AMENDED

Pursuant to the provisions of section 5 (a) and (b) of Act No. 51 of 1949 and regulation 5 of the Civil Air Services Regulations, 1964, it is hereby notified for general information that the applications, details of which appear in the Schedules hereto, will be heard by the National Transport Commission.

Representations in accordance with section 6 (1) of Act No. 51 of 1949 in support of, or in opposition to, an application, should reach the Director-General: Transport (Directorate Civil Aviation), Private Bag X193, Pretoria, 0001, and the applicant within 21 days of the date of publication hereof stating whether the party or parties making such representation intend to be present or represented at the hearing.

The Commission will cause notice of the time, date and place of the hearing to be given in writing to the applicant and all parties who have made representations as aforesaid and who desire to be present or represented at the hearing.

KENNISGEWING 1146 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 2432, JEFFREYSBAAI-DORPSUITBREIDING 16, JEFFREYSBAAI.

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes B 3 en 4 in Transportakte T37617 van 1989 opgehef word.
(15 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1147 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 3390, DURBANVILLE-DORPSUITBREIDING 22, DURBANVILLE

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde D7 (d) in Transportakte T65406/1988 opgehef word.
(15 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1148 VAN 1989
DEPARTEMENT VAN VERVERGERS
WET OP LUGDIENSTE, 1949 (WET NO. 51 VAN 1949); SOOS GEWYSIG

Hierby word ingevolge die bepaling van artikel 5 (a) en (b) van Wet No. 51 van 1949 en regulasie 5 van die Regulasies vir Burgerlugdienste, 1964, vir algemene inligting bekendgemaak dat die Nasionale Vervoerkommissie die aansoeke waarvan besonderhede in die Bylaes hieronder verskyn, sal aanhoor.

Vertoë inhegvolge artikel 6 (1) van Wet No. 51 van 1949 ter ondersteuning of bestyding van 'n aansoek moet die Direkteur-generaal: Vervoer (Direktorat Burgerlugvaart), Privaatsak X193, Pretoria, 0001, en die aansoeke binne 21 dae na die datum van publikasie hiervan bereik en daarin moet gemeld word of die persoon of persone wat aldus vertoë rig, van plan is om die vervigings by te woon of, om daar verteenwoordig te word.

Die Kommissie sal reël dat kennis van die datum, tyd en plek van die vervigings skriflik gegee word aan die aansoeker en al die persone wat aldus vertoë gery het en wat verlang om aldus verteenwoordig of teenwoordig te wees.
NOTICE 1143 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 55, ALAN MANOR TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that condition B (m) in Deed of Transfer 3281/83 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-10-8)

(15 September 1989)

NOTICE 1144 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 400, SAXONWOLD TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that—

(1) conditions (b), (c), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i) in Deed of Transfer F14992/1966 be removed and conditions (d) be altered to read as follows: "That the Transferee shall not have the right to open or allow or cause to be opened thereon a place purely for the sale of wines, beer and spirituous liquors";

(2) the Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme, 1979, be amended by the rezoning of Erf 400, Saxonwold Township, to "Residential 1" with a density of "One dwelling per 1 500 m²"; which amendment scheme will be known as Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 2431, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Johannesburg. 

(PB 4-14-2-1207-41)

(15 September 1989)

NOTICE 1145 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER SUPPLY

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS IN TERMS OF SECTION 22 (1) OF THE AGRICULTURAL CREDIT ACT, 1966

Meeting of the undermentioned applicant and his creditors is hereby convened at the place and date mentioned hereunder for the purpose of enabling creditors to prove their claims against the applicant and of considering a proposal for compromise by the Agricultural Credit Board.

J. H. RADEMEYER,
Director: Directorate Financial Assistance, Department of Agriculture and Water Supply.

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(15 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1143 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 55, DORP ALAN MANOR

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekend gemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde B (m) in Akte van Transport T281/83 opgehef.

(PB 4-14-2-10-8)

(15 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1144 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS 1967
ERF 400, DORP SAXONWOLD

Hierby word ingevolge die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekend gemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat—

(1) voorwaardes (b), (c), (e), (f), (g), (h), en (i) in Akte van Transport F14992/1966 opgehef en voorwaarde (d) gewysig word om soos volg te lê: "That the transferee shall not have the right to open or allow or cause to be opened thereon a place purely for the sale of wines, beer and spirituous liquors";

(2) die Johannesburg-dorpseplanningskema, 1979, gewysig word deur die persongery van Erf 400, Dorp Saxonwold, tot "Residensië 1"; met 'n digtheid van "Een woonhuis per 1 500 m²"; welke wysigingskema bekend staan as Johannesburg-wysigingskema 2431; soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en schemaklousule wat ter insaê lê in die kantoor van die Departementshoof, Departement Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria en die Stadsklerk van Johannesburg.

(PB 4-14-2-1207-41)

(15 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1145 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN LANDBOU EN WATERVERSORGING

KENNISGEWING VAN VERGADERING VAN SKULDEISERS KRAGTENS ARTIKEL 22 (1) VAN DIE WET OP LANDBOUKREDIET, 1966

Hierby word 'n vergadering van ondernemende applicant en sy skuldeisers op die plek en datum hieronder genoem, bele, met die doel om skuldeisers in staat te stel om hul vorderings teen die applicant te bewys en 'n skikkingsoorkoer van die Landboukredietaad te oorweg.

J. H. RADEMEYER,
Directeur: Direktoraat Finansiële Bystand, Departement van Landbou en Waterversorging.

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(15 September 1989)
NOTICE 1140 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 981, BEZUIDENHOUT VALLEY TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

1. condition (a) in Deed of Transfer T13958/1983 be removed to read as follows: “That no bottle store will be allowed on the said plot”; and

2. the Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme, 1979, be amended by the rezoning of ERF 981, Bezuidenhout Valley Township, to “Business 1” subject to certain conditions; which amendment scheme will be known as Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 1586, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Johannesburg.

(PB 4-14-2-144-2)
(15 September 1989)

NOTICE 1141 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 674, CRAIGHALL PARK TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

1. condition (c) in Deed of Transfer T38130/1958 be removed; and

2. the Craighall Park Town-planning Scheme, 1979, be amended by the rezoning of ERF 674, Craighall Park Township, to “Residential 1” with a density of “one dwelling per 1 000 m2”; which amendment scheme will be known as the Craighall Park Amendment Scheme 2303, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Johannesburg.

(PB 4-14-2-290-27)
(15 September 1989)

NOTICE 1142 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
HOEWE 81, POMONA ESTATE TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that condition 6 in Deed of Transfer T40894/1980 be altered to read as follows “Except with the written consent of the Administrator only one dwelling house and outbuildings and the necessary buildings for any farming operations may be erected on the holding”.

(PB 4-14-2-476-20)
(15 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1140 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 981, DORP BEZUIDENHOUT VALLEY

Hierby word ingevolge die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekend gemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

1. voorwaardes (a) in Akte van Transport T13958/1983 gewysig word om soos volg te lees: “That no bottle store will be allowed on the said plot”; en

2. die Johannesburg-dorpshoofdakregelwerk, 1979, gewysig word deur die hersonering van ERF 981, dorp Bezuidenhout Valley, tot “Besigheid 1”, onderworpe aan sekere voorwaardes; welke wysigingskema bekend staan as Johannesburg-wysigingskema 1586, soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en skemaklousules wat ter insa le in die kantoor van die Departementshoof: Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Johannes-

(PB 4-14-2-144-2)
(15 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1141 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 674, DORP CRAIGHALL PARK

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1. voorwaarde (c) in Akte van Transport T38130/1958 opgehef word; en

2. die Craighall Park-dorpshoofdakregelwerk, 1979, gewysig word deur die hersonering van ERF 674, dorp Craighall Park, tot “Residensiële 1” met ‘n digtheid van “Een woonhuis per 1 000 m2; welke wysigingskema bekend staan as Craighall Park-wysigingskema 2303, soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en skemaklousules wat ter insa le in die kantoor van die Departementshoof: Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Johannes-

(PB 4-14-2-290-27)
(15 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1142 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
HOEWE 81, DORP POMONA ESTATE

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekend gemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad, goedgekeur het dat voor-

waarde 6 in Akte van Transport T40894/1980 gewysig word om soos volg te lè: “Except with the written consent of the Administrator only one dwelling house and outbuildings and the necessary buildings for any farming operations may be erected on the holdings”.

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(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Erven 314, 315, 316 and 317 in Parkwood Township in order to permit the erven to be used for business purposes.

(2) the amendment of the Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme 1979, by the rezoning of the erf from “Residential 1” with a density of “One dwelling per erf” to “Business 4 subject to certain conditions”.

This application will be known as Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 2687, with reference number PB 4-14-2-1015-15.

SIMON WOLFE EISENBERG for the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 140 Fairmount Extension 2 Township in order to relax the building line and to erect a second dwelling on the erf.

JESAJA JEREMIA JOHANNES VAN ROOYEN for the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 628 Birchleigh Township in order to relax the building line.

TRUSTEES FOR THE LESLIE MUSLIM EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE for the removal of the conditions of title of Portion 26 of the farm Brakfontein 310-IK Township in order to establish a township.

JAN MACHUIJS GERHARDUS JANSE VAN VUUREN for the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 17 Rowhill Township in order to erect a dwelling house on the side border of Extension 17 Rowhill and by the addition of clause 20 (b) on condition that no side space will be applicable to erf 17 Rowhill.

NOTICE 1138 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT
(Act No. 84 Of 1967)
CORRECTION NOTICE

It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Townplanning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in General Notice 471 dated 19 May 1989, the correction of the notice has been approved by the substitution of the letters C C (e) for the letters C (e).

(15 September 1989)

NOTICE 1139 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT
(Act No. 84 Of 1967)
CORRECTION NOTICE

It is hereby notified in terms of section 38 of the Townplanning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that whereas an error occurred in General Notice 909 dated 28 July 1989, the correction of the notice has approved by the substitution of the figures “52577” for the figures “525777”.

(15 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1138 VAN 1989
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 38 van die Onderramse op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekend gemaak dat nademaal ‘n fout in Algemaene Kennisgewing 471 gedateer 19 Mei 1989 ontstaan het, is dit goedgeskeur dat ongereet kennisgewing gewysig word deur letters C C (e) te vervang met die letters C (e).

(15 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1139 VAN 1989
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS
(WET No. 84 VAN 1967)

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 38 van die Onderramse op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekend gemaak dat nademaal ‘n fout in Algemeene kennisgewing 909 gedateer 28 Julie 1989 ontstaan het, is dit goedgeskeur dat ongereet kennisgewing gewysig word deur die vervanging van die syfers “525777” met die syfers “52577”.

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### NOTICE 1137 OF 1989

**REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967**

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the applications mentioned in the Schedule have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works and are open for inspection at the 12th Floor, Merino Building, Pretorius Street, Pretoria, and at the office of the relevant local authority.

Any objection, with full reasons therefor, should be lodged in writing with the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, at the above address or Private Bag X340, Pretoria, or on or before 13 October 1989.

**SCHEDULE**

**DELBRA BELEGINGS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED for—**

(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Remaining Extent of Erf 14 of Constantia Park Township in order to permit the erf to be used for residential purposes, offices, professional rooms, and ancillary purposes.

(2) the amendment of the Pretoria Town-planning Scheme 1974, by the rezoning of the erven from "Special Residential" to "Special" for above-mentioned.

This application will be known as Pretoria Amendment Scheme 2191, with reference number PB 4-14-2-888-8.

**HILDA VIVIAN EPSTEIN for—**

(1) the removal of the conditions of title of Erf 2090 in Houghton Estate Township in order to subdivide the erf.

(2) the amendment of the Johannesburg Town-planning Scheme 1979, by the rezoning of the erf from "Residential 1" with a density of "One dwelling per erf" to "Residential 1" with a density of "One dwelling per 1 500 m²".

This application will be known as Johannesburg Amendment Scheme 2696, with reference number PB 4-14-2-619-150.

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### KENNISGEWING 1137 VAN 1989

**WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967**

Ingevolge artikel 3 (6) van bogenoemde Wet word hiermee kennis gegee dat aansoek in die Bylae vermeld deur die Departementshoof van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, ontvang is en ter inname lê by die 12de Verving, Merinogebou, Pretoriusrusstraat, Pretoria, en in die Kantoor van die betrokke plaaslike bestuur.

Enige beswaar, met volle redes daarvoor moet skriftelik by die Departementshoof van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, by bovermelde adres of Private Bag X340, Pretoria ingediend word op of voor 13 Oktober 1989.

**BYLAE**

**DELBRA BELEGINGS (EINDOMS) BEPERK vir—**

(1) die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van Reste rende Gedeelte van erf 14 in die Dorp Constantia Park ten einde dit mointlik te maak dat die erf gebruik kan word vir woongedeelde, kantore, professionele kamers en aanwante gebruikte.

(2) die wysiging van die Pretoria Dorpsbeplanningskema 1974 deur die hersonering van die erf van "Spesiale woning" tot "Spesiaal" vir bogenoemde.

Die aansoek sal bekend staan as Pretoria wysigingskema 2191, met verwysing nommer PB 4-14-2-888-8.

**HILDA VIVIAN EPSTEIN vir—**

(1) die opheffing van die titelvoorwaardes van erf 2090 in die Dorp Houghton Estate, ten einde die erf onder te verdeel.

(2) die wysiging van die Johannesburg Dorpsbeplanningskema 1979 deur die hersonering van die erf van "Residensiel 1" met 'n digtheid van "Een woonhuis per erf" tot "Residensiel 1" met 'n digtheid van "Een woonhuis per 1 500 m²".

Die aansoek sal bekend staan as Johannesburg wysigingskema 2696, met verwysing nommer PB 4-14-2-619-150.
(j) An applicant to whom an allocation has been made in terms of this determination and who fails to pay for this within six (6) months after the formal approval of an application by the Regional Director: Eastern Cape in accordance with the instructions of paragraph (2) (f) shall lose any claim to the allocation or any portion thereof for which no payment was made in accordance with the said paragraph.

J. A. VAN WYK,
Deputy Minister of Water Affairs.

GENERAL NOTICES

NOTICE 1124 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 Of 1967)
ERF 4284, EXTENSION 4, SASOLBURG

The Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has in terms of the provisions of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), as amended, altered the condition of title in Deed of Transfer T9446/1981 pertaining to Erf 4284, Extension 4, Sasolburg by the removal of condition 3 (a) in the said deed of transfer; subject to the simultaneous registration of the following condition:

"Hierdie erf mag uitsluitlik vir woondoeleinders gebruik word: Met dien verstande dat die erf ook vir doeleindes van 'n mediese praktyk gebruik mag word onderworpe aan sodanige voorwaardes as wat die Plaaslike Bestuur mag neerle." (15 September 1989)

NOTICE 1125 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
(Act No. 84 Of 1967)

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the undermentioned applications have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly and will lie for inspection at the office of the Regional Representative of the said Department (Fourth Floor, Fedlife Building, Maitland Street, Bloemfontein).

Any person who wishes to object to the granting of the application, may communicate in writing with the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration: House of Assembly, at the above address or Private Bag X20524, Bloemfontein, 9300. Objections in duplicate, must reach this office not later than 16:00 on Friday, 13 October 1989.

(j) 'n Aanvorderaar aan wie 'n toekenning ingevolge hierdie bepaling gemaak is en wat versuim om binne ses (6) maande na formele goedkeuring van 'n aanvraag deur die Streekdirectuur: Oos-Kaap ooreenkomstig die voorskrifte van paragraaf (2) (f) daarvoer te betaal, verloor alle aanspraak op die toekenning of op enige gedeelte daarvan waarvoor nie ooreenkomstig genoemde paragraaf betaal is nie.

J. A. VAN WYK,
Adjunk-minister van Waterwese.

ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

KENNISGEWING 1124 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUIISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BERPARKINGS, 1967
(Wet No. 84 VAN 1967)
ERF 4284, UITBREIDING 4, SASOLBURG

Die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad het kragtens die bepaling van artikel 2 van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967 (Wet No. 84 van 1967), soos gewysig die titelvoorwaarde in Transportakte T9446/1981 ten opsigte van Erf 4284, Uitbreiding 4, Sasolburg, gewysig deur die opheffing van voorwaarde 3 (a) in genoemde Transportakte; onderworpe aan die gelyktydige registrasie van die volgende voorwaarde:

"Hierdie erf mag uitsluitlik vir woondoeleinders gebruik word: Met dien verstande dat die erf ook vir doeleindes van 'n mediese praktyk gebruik mag word onderworpe aan sodanige voorwaardes as wat die Plaaslike Bestuur mag neerle." (15 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1125 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUIISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BERPARKINGS, 1967
(Wet No. 84 VAN 1967)

Hierby word ingevoeg artikel 3 (6) van die bogenoemde Wet bekendgemaak dat die ondergenoemde aanvraag(e) deur die Hoof van die Department van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Administrasie: Volksraad ontvang is en ter insue lê by die Streekvereenwoordiger van genoemde Department (Vierde Verdieping, Fedlifegebou, Maitlandstraat, Bloemfontein) en by die kantoor van die betrokke Plaaslike Bestuur.

Enige persoon wat teen die toestaan van die aanvraag beswaar wil maak kan met die Hoof van die Department van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Administrasie: Volksraad, Privaatvak X20524, Bloemfontein, skriftelik in verbinding tree. Besware in tweevoud, moet hierdie kantoor nie later nie as 16:00 op Vrydag, 13 Oktober 1989, bereik.
All interested persons are called upon to lodge any comments or representations in writing within a period of 21 days from the date of publication of this notice with the Chief Executive, Privatisation and Deregulation, P.O. Box 57711, Arcadia, 0007.

Explanatory note

During 1985 the President’s Council investigated regulations, standards, licensing obligations and conditions as well as cumbersome administrative procedures that may hamper the economy in general and the small business sector in particular. Further investigation and consultation culminated in the publication for general comment of the Draft Businesses Act under General Notice 228 of 7 April 1989.

The proposed Draft Act will probably, with certain adjustments, be submitted to parliament next year. This measure can at the earliest then only be put into operation at the beginning of 1991. As an interim measure, a Proclamation based on the Draft Businesses Act can be promulgated in terms of the Temporary Removal of Restrictions on Economic Activities Act. The Draft Act itself will in the normal course of events be submitted to Parliament.

The proposed Proclamation suspends the requirement of a trading licence for substantially all businesses except, in the interests of public health, those involved in the preparation and processing of food.

A thorough reduction of administrative work will be achieved, while costs and time will also be saved for both local authorities and businesses.

Although a trading licence will no longer be required for other businesses, all businesses will still have to comply with all other applicable rules and regulations. Thus the laws imposing building standards or other measures to protect public safety will continue to be generally applicable. It is only the required trading licence which is being dispensed with.

Where legislation requires another type of licence apart from a trading licence for a business (for example a liquor licence) the position remains unchanged. Such licences are not affected by the Proclamation at all.

The Proclamation also suspends the already limited remaining control in the retail trade over business hours during the week and on Saturdays. Although this will promote greater flexibility, it is not anticipated that it will introduce excessive changes in practice. The existing control over business hours on Sundays and religious holidays stays the same.

ADDENDUM

PROCLAMATION

by the

State President of the Republic of South Africa

No. 19, 1989

REMOVAL OF CERTAIN LICENSING AND SHOP HOURS RESTRICTIONS ON ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Whereas I am of the opinion that circumstances exist under which the application of certain laws, and compliance with certain conditions, limitations and obligations under those laws, unduly impede economic development, competition in the economic field, or the creation of new business opportunities, and this is contrary to the national interest:

'In Beroep word op alle belanghebbende persone gedoen om enige kommentaar of vertoë binne 'n tydperk van 21 dae vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie kennisgewing skriftelik by die Uitvoerende Hoof, Privatisering en Deregulering, Postbus 57711, Arcadia, 0007, in te dien.

Verduidelikende nota

Die Presidentsraad het in 1985 ondersoek gedoen na regulasies, standaarde, licensieringsverpligtinge en administratiewe omsluitinge wat stremsel kan inwerk op die ekonomie in algemene, en op die klein-sake sektor in die besonder. Verdere ondersoek en oorlegpleging het gelei tot die publikasie vir algemene kommentaar van die Konsepwetsontwerp op Besig- hede, by Algemene Kennisgewing 228 van 7 April 1989.

Die voorgestelde Wetsontwerp sal waarskynlik met seker aanpassinge, aanstaande jaar aan die Parlement voorgê word. Op die vraagstuk sou die maatstaf dan egter eers aan die begin van 1991 in werkking gestel kon word. 'n Proklamasië gebaser op die Konsepwetsontwerp op Besigheede kan ingevolge die Wet op die Tydelike Opheffing van Beperkings op Ekonomiese Bedrywighede as 'n tussentydelike maatstaf uitgevaardig word. Die Konsepwetsontwerp self sal steeds in die normale gang van sake aan die Parlement voorgê word.

Die voorgestelde Proklamasië het die vereiste van 'n handelslisensie op vir wesenlik alle besigheede behalwe besigheede wat met voedselvoorbeídrukings en -verwerking gemoeid is, ter wille van die openbare gesondheid.

'Deurtastende vermindering van administratiewe werk sal deur die Proklamasië bewerkstellig word, terwyl dit ook koste en tyd vir beide plaslike owerehede en ondernemings sal bespaar.

Alhoewel 'n handelslisensie nêreleg nêre vereiste vir ander besigheede sal wees nie, sal alle besigheede steeds aan alle ander toepaslike reëls en voorskrifte gebonde wees. So bly die wette wat buostaandee of ander maatreëls opleê om openbare veiligheid te beskerm, in die algemeen toepaslik. Dit is slegs die vereiste handelslisensie wat nie nêreleg vereis sal word nie.

Waar gegewe is ook 'n ander type lisensie buiten 'n handelslisensie vir 'n besigheid vereis (soos 'n dranklisensie) dit die posisie onverander. Sulke lisensies word hoogs aangenaam nie deur die Proklamasië geraak nie.

Die Proklamasië het voorts die beperkte oorblywende beheer in die kleinhandel oor sake-ure gedurende die week en op Saterdae op. Alhoewel dit beslis groter buigsaamheid sal bevorder, word nie verwag dat dit in praktyk 'n noemenswaardige verandering sal meebreng nie. Die bestaande beheer oor sake-ure op Saterdae en godsdiensdige feesdage bly onveranderd.

ADDENDUM

PROKLAMASIE

van die

Staatspresident van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika

No. 19, 1989

OPHEFFING VAN SEKERE LISENSIERINGS- EN WINKELUREBEPERKINGS OP EKonomiese Bedrywighede

Aangesien ek van oordeel is dat daar omstandighede bestaan waarin die toepassing van sekere wette, en die nakoming van sekere voorwaardes, beperkings en verpligtinge kragtens daardie wette, ekonomiese ontwikkeling, mededinging op ekonomiese terrein, of die
INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM INDUSTRY

It is hereby notified for general information that the Board of Trade and Industry, in pursuance of a request from the South African Tourism Board, intends to inquire into and report upon the development of the South African Tourism industry and to make such recommendations as it may consider necessary with reference to the promotion of the South African Tourism industry, in order to allow the industry to realise its full foreign exchange earnings potential. Particular attention will be given to those factors inhibiting foreign tourism to South Africa and measures that could encourage such tourism.

Interested parties are invited to submit their representations in this regard in writing to the Chief Executive, Board of Trade and Industry, Private Bag X753, Pretoria, 0001, within six weeks of the date of publication of this notice.

Enquiries: Mr J. Heukelman, Tel. (012) 322-8244 extension 313.

(15 September 1989)

NOTICE 1151 OF 1989
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION FOR ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE FOR PRIVATISATION AND Deregulation
TEMPORARY REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES ACT, 1986

The accompanying proposed proclamation in terms of section 1(1) of the Temporary Removal of Restrictions on Economic Activities Act, 1986 (Act No. 87 of 1986), is hereby published for general information and comment.

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KENNISGEWING 1151 VAN 1989
KANTOOR VAN DIE KOMMISSIE VIR ADMINISTRASIE
KANTOOR VIR PRIVATISERING EN Deregulering

WET OP DIE TYDELIKE OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS OP EKONOMIESSE BEDRYWIGHEDE, 1986

Die bygaande voorgesteller proklamasie kragtens artikel 1(1) van die Wet op die Tydelike Opheffing van Beperkings op Ekonomiese Bedrywighede, 1986 (Wet No. 87 van 1986), word hierby vir algemene opinie en kommentaar gepubliseer.

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NOTICE 1150 OF 1989

INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM INDUSTRY

It is hereby notified for general information that the Board of Trade and Industry, in pursuance of a request from the South African Tourism Board, intends to inquire into and report upon the development of the South African Tourism industry and to make such recommendations as it may consider necessary with reference to the promotion of the South African Tourism industry, in order to allow the industry to realise its full foreign exchange earning potential. Particular attention will be given to those factors inhibiting foreign tourism to South Africa and measures that could encourage such tourism.

Interested parties are invited to submit their representations in this regard in writing to the Chief Executive, Board of Trade and Industry, Private Bag X753, Pretoria, 0001, within six weeks of the date of publication of this notice.

Enquiries: Mr J. Heukelman, Tel. (012) 322-8244 extension 313.

(15 September 1989)

NOTICE 1151 OF 1989

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION FOR ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE FOR PRIVATISATION AND DEREGULATION

TEMPORARY REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES ACT, 1986

The accompanying proposed proclamation in terms of section 1 (1) of the Temporary Removal of Restrictions on Economic Activities Act, 1986 (Act No. 87 of 1986), is hereby published for general information and comment.
All interested persons are called upon to lodge any comments or representations in writing within a period of 21 days from the date of publication of this notice with the Chief Executive, Privatisation and Deregulation, P.O. Box 55711, Arcadia, 0007.

Explanatory note

During 1985 the President's Council investigated regulations, standards, licensing obligations and conditions as well as cumbersome administrative procedures that may hamper the economy in general and the small business sector in particular. Further investigation and consultation culminated in the publication for general comment of the Draft Businesses Act under General Notice 228 of 7 April 1989.

The proposed Draft Act will probably, with certain adjustments, be submitted to parliament next year. This measure can at the earliest then only be put into operation at the beginning of 1991. As an interim measure, a Proclamation based on the Draft Businesses Act can be promulgated in terms of the Temporary Removal of Restrictions on Economic Activities Act. The Draft Act itself will in the normal course of events be submitted to Parliament.

The proposed Proclamation suspends the requirement of a trading licence for substantially all businesses except, in the interests of public health, those involved in the preparation and processing of food.

A thorough reduction of administrative work will be achieved, while costs and time will also be saved for both local authorities and businesses.

Although a trading licence will no longer be required for other businesses, all businesses will still have to comply with all other applicable rules and regulations. Thus the laws imposing building standards or other measures to protect public safety will continue to be generally applicable. It is only the required trading licence which is being dispensed with.

Where legislation requires another type of licence apart from a trading licence for a business (for example a liquor licence) the position remains unchanged. Such licences are not affected by the Proclamation at all.

The Proclamation also suspends the already limited remaining control in the retail trade over business hours during the week and on Saturdays. Although this will promote greater flexibility, it is not anticipated that it will introduce excessive changes in practice. The existing control over business hours on Sundays and religious holidays stays the same.

ADDENDUM

PROCLAMATION

by the

State President of the Republic of South Africa

No. 1, 1989

REMOVAL OF CERTAIN LICENSING AND SHOP HOURS RESTRICTIONS ON ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Whereas I am of the opinion that circumstances exist under which the application of certain laws, and compliance with certain conditions, limitations and obligations under those laws, unduly impede economic development, competition in the economic field, or the ere-

'n Beroep word op alle belanghebbende persone gedoen om enige kommentaar of vertoe binne 'n tydperk van 21 dae vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie kennisgewing skriftlik by die Uitvoerende Hoof, Privatisering en Deregulering, Postbus 55711, Arcadia, 0007, in te dien.

Verduidelikende nota

Die Presidentsraad het in 1985 ondersoek gedoen na regulasies, standaarde, lisensieringsverplichtinge en administratiewe omslagte integrale wat stremend kan inwerk op die ekonomie in die algemeen en op die klein-sake-sektor in die besonder. Verder ondersoek en oorlegpleging het die gelei tot die publikasie vir algemene kommentaar van die Konseptwetsontwerp op Besighede, by Algemene Kennisgewing 228 van 7 April 1989.

Die voorgestelde Wetsontwerp sal waarskynlik met sekere aanpassings, aanstaande jaar aan die Parlement voorgelê word. Op die vroegste sou die maatreël dan egter eers aan die begin van 1991 in werking gestel kan word. 'n Proklamasie gebaseer op die Konseptwetsontwerp op Besighede kan ingevolge die Wet op die Tydelike Ophoëning van Beperkings opEkonomiese Bedrywigheid as 'n tussentydse maatreël uitgevaardig word. Die Konseptwetsontwerp self sal steeds in die normale gang van sake aan die Parlement voorgelê word.

Die voorgestelde Proklamasie het die vereiste van 'n handelslisensie op vir wesentlik alle besighede behalwe besighede wat met voedselvorderbreidering en -verwerking geneem is, ter wille van die openbare gesondheid.

'n Deurstandige vermindering van administratiewe werk sal seer die Proklamasie bewerkstellig word, terwyl dit ook koste en tyd vir beide plaaslike onderwysers en ondernemings sal bespaar.

Alhoewel 'n handelslisensie nie langer 'n vereiste vir ander besighede sal wees nie, sal alle besighede steeds aan alle ander toepaslike reëls en voorskrifte gebonde wees. So bly die wette wat boodstandaard of ander maatreëls oplep om openbare veiligheid te bekeren, in die algemeen toepaslik. Dit is slegs die vereiste handelslisensie wat nie langer vereis sal word nie.

Waar geweging ook 'n ander tipe lisensie buiten 'n handelslisensie vir 'n besigheid vereis (soos 'n drankli-

sensie) bly die posisie onveranderd. Sulke lisensies word hoegenaamd nie deur die Proklamasie geraak nie.

Die Proklamasie het voorts die beperkte oorlywendige beheer in die kleinhandel oor sake-ure gedurende die week en op Saterdae op. Alhoewel dit beslis groter buigsaamheid sal bewoer, word nie verwag dat dit in praktyk 'n noemenswaardige verandering sal meebreng nie. Die bestaande beheer oor sake-ure op Sondae en godsdiensige feesdae bly onveranderd.

ADDENDUM

PROKLAMASIE

van die

Staatspresident van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika

No. 1, 1989

OPHEFFING VAN SEKERE LISSENSIERINGS- EN WINKELREBEPERKINGS OP EKONOMIESE BEDRYWIGHEDE

Aangesien ek van oordeel is dat daar omstandighede bestaan waarin die toepassing van sekere wette, en die nakoming van sekere voorwaardes, beperkings en verplichtinge kragtens daardie wette, ekonomiese ontwikkeling, mededinging op ekonomiese terrein, of die
The time for rhetoric is past

A dangerous confusion seems to have crept into government’s broad economic philosophy. As Gerhard de Kock pointed out years ago, political reform and economic reform are two sides of a coin; you can’t have one without the other.

That was originally intended to underline the urgency of economic reform. But recently — especially in some of the pre-poll TV electioneering — the argument has been subtly twisted. The linkage is still inescapable but has become negative. We mustn’t be too impatient with the slow pace of economic reform, we are told, because look how difficult we (that is, government) are finding it to introduce political reform. And until we get the political side right, we can’t do much about the economy.

This may sound a plausible excuse for inaction, but it’s really not good enough. There is, after all, no mystery about what economic reforms are needed. Many of them are already nominally government policy. True, they may not be the sort of reform that would be acceptable to an ANC-dominated government, but there’s no indication that’s the ultimate dispensation this government has in mind.

And whatever implications the result of the general election may have for political reform, one thing is generally accepted: Finance Minister Barend du Plessis has become a major power broker within the NP, and will have a far stronger position in F W’s first Cabinet than in P W’s last.

There is thus no excuse for not pressing ahead with the economic reforms we all know are necessary. Money supply growth must be cut back sharply, a sensible policy of positive real interest rates must be followed, distorting illogicalities — like import surcharges — must go, more of the Margo Commission tax reforms must be implemented, State spending must be curbed and there must be a conscious effort to step up the pace of privatisation and deregulation. It’s a familiar litany but that does not invalidate it.

At least this week brings a major step forward in the Iscor flotation, but the timing of that has nothing to do with the election. There is in any event a vast difference between selling off a semi-autonomous corporation, that has for years behaved in much the same way as a private-sector company, and tackling bodies like the Post Office and some of Sats’ fiefs. Nor is hiving off refuse collection and the management of swimming pools more than peripheral progress.

It may be a problem that Dawie de Villiers is in charge of both the civil service and privatisation. But that’s easily solved, given the Cabinet changes F W will have to make.

If F W is to capitalise on the considerable initial fund of goodwill he’s built up, he can waste no time in getting the negotiation process under way. But now the election rhetoric has faded we must also stop blaming our economic tribulations solely on those wicked foreign bankers. Du Plessis must move just as fast to overcome the ways we have contributed to our economic impoverishment.
Parsons takes stand against more sanctions

The chief executive of Assocorn, Mr Raymond Parsons, has told British businessmen that recent events in South Africa and Southern Africa have created a unique window of opportunity for confidence and development in the region.

Addressing a special meeting of the Confederation of British Industry in London, he said a combination of internal and external factors surrounding the recent general election in South Africa had underlined the importance of economic and business involvement in what would be a decisive few years for South Africa.

Reform in South Africa in the post-election phase would best be achieved if it was done from a basis of economic strength, he said.

Referring to recent calls for additional sanctions against South Africa, Mr Parsons said it was important for foreign audiences to understand the realities of the foreign debt situation. If unduly pressed, South Africa would decide unilaterally the terms of repayment.

In addition, the adoption of financial sanctions would entail severe risks for the status and security of Third World debt and the international banking system.

It would be far better, he said, if those outside South Africa who were in favour of sanctions and disinvestment revised their strategy to concentrate more on rewarding rather than on punishing South Africa for taking the window of opportunity which had now presented itself.—Sapa.
GENERAL NOTICES

NOTICE 1153 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 650, HARTENBOSSTRAND TOWNSHIP EXTENSION 1

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the removal of conditions C (iii) (a) and (b) in Deed of Transfer T11652/1979.
(22 September 1989)

NOTICE 1154 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967 (ACT No. 84 OF 1967)
ALTERATION 14 OF 1988 OF TOWN-PLANNING SCHEME OF BLOEMFONTEIN

The Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has in terms of the provisions of section 2 of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967 (Act No. 84 of 1967), as amended, altered the Town-planning Scheme of Bloemfontein by the zoning of Subdivision 299 of the Remainder of Bloemfontein 654, which is reserved for “Public Open Space” to “Special Single Dwelling Residential”.
(22 September 1989)

NOTICE 1156 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 171, HELENA HEIGHTS TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET WEST

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the removal of conditions E.1 (d), (e), (f) and 2 (j) in Deed of Transfer T31335 of 1982.
(22 September 1989)

ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

KENNISGEWING 1153 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 650, HARTENBOSSTRAND-DORPSUITBREIDING 1

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes C (iii) (a) en (b) in Akte van Transport T11652/1979 opgehef word.
(22 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1154 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967 (WET No. 84 VAN 1967)

WYSIGING 14 VAN 1988 VAN DORPSAANLEGSKEMA VAN BLOEMFONTEIN

Die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad het kragtens die bepaling van artikel 2 van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967 (Wet No. 84 van 1967), soos gewysig, die Dorpsaanlegskema van Bloemfontein gewysig deur die sonering van Onderverdeling 299 van die Restant van Bloemfontein 654 wat vir “Oorruimtes” gereserveer is na “Speciale Enkelonwoning”.
(22 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1156 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 171, HELENA HEIGHTS-DORPSGEBIED, SOMERSET-WES

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes E.1 (d), (e), (f) en 2 (j) in Transportakte T31335 van 1982 opgehef word.
(22 September 1989)
NOTICE 1157 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 587, PLETTEMBERG BAY
Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the removal of condition (iv) (5) (b) in Deed of Transfer T32001 of 1980.
(22 September 1989)

NOTICE 1158 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 2411, HARTENBOS STRAND TOWNSHIP EXTENSION 4, HARTENBOS
Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the removal of condition B.7 in Deed of Transfer T10586 of 1988.
(22 September 1989)

NOTICE 1159 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERVEN 2395, 2396, 2400 TO 2407, 2409, 2410 AND 2412, HARTENBOS STRAND TOWNSHIP EXTENSION 4, HARTENBOS
Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the removal of condition 25 in the township title of Hartenbos Strand Township Extension 4 in respect of Erven 2395, 2396, 2400 to 2407, 2409, 2410 and 2412 only and the substitution of the figure "20 m" for "31,48 m" in condition 29 in respect of Erven 2395, 2396 and 2400 to 2407 only.
(22 September 1989)

NOTICE 1160 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 1190, OTTERY
Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the removal of conditions B 2 and 3 in Deed of Transfer T37395 of 1988.
(22 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1157 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 587, PLETTEMBERGBAAI
Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volkraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde (iv) 5 (b) in Transportakte T32001 van 1980 opgehef word.
(22 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1158 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 2411, HARTENBOS STRAND-DORPSUITBREIDING 4, HARTENBOS
Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volkraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde B.7 in Transportakte T10586 van 1988 opgehef word.
(22 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1159 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERWE 2395, 2396, 2400 TOT 2407, 2409, 2410 EN 2412, HARTENBOSSTRAND - DORPSUITBREIDING 4, HARTENBOS
Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volkraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde 25 in die dorpsititel van Hartenbosstrand-dorpsuitbreiding 4 slegs ten opsigte van Erwe 2395, 2396, 2400 tot 2407, 2409, 2410 en 2412 opgehef word en dat die figuur "31,48 m" in voorwaarde 29 deur "20 m" vervang word slegs ten opsigte van Erwe 2395, 2396 en 2400 tot 2407.
(22 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1160 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRaad
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 1190, OTTERY
Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volkraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes B 2 en 3 in Transportakte T37395 van 1988 opgehef word.
(22 September 1989)
NOTICE 1161 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERVEN 997, 998 AND 999, AMSTERDAMHOEK,
PORT ELIZABETH

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the removal of conditions IV B, VI B and VIII B in Deed of Transfer 2913 of 1940.
(22 September 1989)

NOTICE 1162 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 30, BISHOPS COURT, CAPE TOWN

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the removal of conditions F (a) K (b) 2, (c) 5, (e) and 18 in Deed of Transfer T11959 of 1988.
(22 September 1989)

NOTICE 1163 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 2052, ORANJEZICHT, CAPE TOWN

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the removal of condition C.A.1. (a) (2) in Deed of Transfer T35061 of 1985.
(22 September 1989)

NOTICE 1164 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 1850, SEDGEFIELD TOWNSHIP EXTEN-
SION 4, SEDGEFIELD

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the removal of condition D.6 in Deed of Transfer T69562 of 1988.
(22 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1161 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUIISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERWE 997, 998 EN 999, AMSTERDAMHOEK,
PORT ELIZABETH

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes IV B, VI B en VIII B in Transportakte 2913 van 1940 opgehef word.
(22 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1162 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUIISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 30, BISHOPS COURT, KAAPSTAD

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes F (a) K (b) 2, (c) 5, (e) en 18 in Transportakte T11959 van 1988 opgehef word.
(22 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1163 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUIISING EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 2052, ORANJEZICHT, KAAPSTAD

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde C.A.1. (a) (2) in Transportakte T35061 van 1985 opgehef word.
(22 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1164 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD
DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUIising EN WERKE
WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 1850, SEDGEFIELD-DORPSUITBREIDING
4, SEDGEFIELD

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde D.6 in Transportakte T69562 van 1988 opgehef word.
(22 September 1989)
NOTICE 1171 OF 1989

SOUTH AFRICAN RESERVE BANK

Statement of Assets and Liabilities on the 31st day of August 1989

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| **Total**                        | **R28 197 987 856,67** |

The gold reserves as at 31 August 1989 were valued at R899,94 per fine ounce, compared with the valuation price of R886,11 per fine ounce as at 31 July 1989.

C. J. SWANEPOEL, General Manager.

KENNISGEWING 1171 VAN 1989

SUID-AFRIKAANSE RESERWEBANK

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Die goudreserves soos op 31 Augustus 1989 is teen R899,94 per fyn ons gewaardeer, vergelyk met die waardasiepys van R886,11 per fyn ons soos op 31 Julie 1989.

C. J. SWANEPOEL, Hoofbestuurder.

NOTICE 1172 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

It is hereby notified in terms of section 3 (6) of the above-mentioned Act that the applications mentioned in the Schedule have been received by the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works and are open for inspection at the 12th Floor, Merino Building, Pretoria Street, Pretoria, and at the office of the relevant local authority.

Any objection, with full reasons therefor, should be lodged in writing with the Head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works at the above address or Private Bag X340, Pretoria, on or before 20 October 1989.

KENNISGEWING 1172 VAN 1989

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967

Ingevolge artikel 3 (6) van bogenoemde Wet word hiermee kennis gegee dat aansoeke in die Bylae vermeld deur die Departementshoof van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke ontvang is en ter insa e lê by die 12de Verdieping Merinogebou, Pretoriustraat, Pretoria, en in die kantoor van die betrokke plaaslike bestuur.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WITBANK for the removal of the conditions of title of Portion 7 of the farm Jouberstrust 310 JS, in order to permit the portion to be used for "Special" for light-service industry and commercial use as well as a public garage.

(PB 4-15-2-52-310-1)

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WITBANK for the removal of the conditions of title of Portion 136 (portion of Portion 37), Klipfontein 322 JS Township, in order to use the property for residential purposes and the incorporation in the Township of Reyno Ridge Extension 4.

(GIRANDOLE INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD for the removal of the conditions of title of Erven 41 and 43, Spartan Township, in order to permit the erven being used for certain wholesale and retail business purposes as well as the cancellation of the building line restriction.

(SIEGFRIED RICHARD GRÜNING for the removal of the conditions of title of Portion 9 of Erf 60, Kelvin Township, in order to permit the portion to comply with the Town-planning Scheme of Sandton.

(KENNISGEWING 1173 VAN 1989

WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967

ERF 136, DORP WATERKLOOF

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde A in Akte van Transport T09661/1987 gewysig word deur die skrapping van die uitspreek "The said erf shall be used for residential purposes only. Not more than one dwelling-house with the necessary outbuildings and oppurtunities shall be erected on the said Erf and the said erf shall not be subdivided".

(KENNISGEWING 1174 VAN 1989

WET OP OPEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967

ERF 168, DORP BEDFORDVIEW-UITBREIDING 43

Hierby word ooreenkomstig die bepaling van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opeffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde (1) en (m) in Akte van Transport F2986/1958 opgehef word.
NOTICE 1175 OF 1989
CORRECTION NOTICE
POTGIETERSRUS AMENDMENT SCHEME 11
It is hereby notified in terms of section 41 of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1986, that whereas an error occurred in Administrator’s Notice 684 which appeared in the Provincial Gazette dated 8 June 1988, the Minister of Local Government and Housing in the Ministers’ Council of the House of Assembly, has approved the correction of the notice by the substitution of the new approved Map 3 documents for the approved Map 3 documents.

(PB 4-9-2-27H-11)

(22 September 1989)

NOTICE 1176 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 1 OF THE FARM AMERSFOORT 57 HS
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that unnumbered- condition in Crown Grant 325/1908 which reads as follows: “This grant shall be subject to all conditions and stipulations contained in the Town Lands Ordinance, 1904, and in any amendment thereof and shall also be subject to all rights and servitudes which now affect or at any time hereafter may be found to affect the title to the land hereby transferred or to be binding on the Government in respect of the said land as at the date hereof and is made on the conditions that all roads already made over this land by lawful authority shall remain free and unobstructed, that the land shall be subject to an outlet and to grazing for the cattle of travellers, that the said land shall be further subject to such stipulations as have been established or may hereafter be established by the Legislature and finally the owners shall be liable to the prompt payment of an annual tax as provided in Law No. 4 of 1989 or in any amendment thereof.“, be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-8056-1)

(22 September 1989)

NOTICE 1177 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 191, MORNINGSIDE EXTENSION 17 TOWNSHIP
It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that condition D (n) in Deed of Transfer 18536/1973 be removed.

(PB 4-14-2-2371-1)

(22 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1175 VAN 1989
VERBETERINGSKENNISGEWING
POTGIETERSRUS-WYSIGINGSKEMA 11
Hiermee word ingeval die bepaling van artikel 41 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1986, bekendgemaak dat nademal 'n fout voorgekom het in Administratorskennisgewing 684 wat in die Provinciale Koerant, gedateer 8 Junie 1988, verskyn het, het die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising in die Ministersraad van die Volksraad, goedgekeur dat bogenoemde kennisgewing reggestel word deur die vervanging van die goedgekeurde Kaart 3-dokumente met nuwe goedgekeurde Kaart 3-dokumente

(PB 4-9-2-27H-11)

(22 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1176 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
RESTERENDE GEDUREEDE VAN GEDUREEDE 1 VAN DIE PLAAS AMERSFOORT 57 HS
Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat ongenoemde voorwaarde in Grondbrief 325/1908 wat soos volg luit: “This grant shall be subject to all conditions and stipulations contained in the Town Lands Ordinance, 1904, and in any amendment thereof and shall also be subject to all rights and servitudes which now affect or at any time hereafter may be found to affect the title to the land hereby transferred or to be binding on the Government in respect of the said land as at the date hereof and is made on the conditions that all roads already made over this land by lawful authority shall remain free and unobstructed, that the land shall be subject to an outlet and to grazing for the cattle of travellers, that the said land shall be further subject to such stipulations as have been established or may hereafter be established by the Legislature and finally the owners shall be liable to the prompt payment of an annual tax as provided in Law No. 4 of 1989 or in any amendment thereof.”, opgehef word.

(PB 4-14-2-8056-1)

(22 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1177 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 191, DORP MORNINGSIDE-UITBREIDING 17
Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekend gemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde D (n) in Akte van Transport 18536/1973 opgehef word.

(PB 4-14-2-2371-1)

(22 September 1989)
NOTICE 1178 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTION 83 OF THE FARM DE KUPDRIFT
295 IQ

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly, has approved that conditions A, C and E in Certificate of Consolidated Title T25474/1982 be removed.

(PB 4-15-2-15-295-1)

(22 September 1989)

NOTICE 1179 OF 1989
RENSBURG AMENDMENT SCHEME 1

It is hereby notified in terms of section 36 (1) of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1965, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the amendment of the Rensburg Town-planning Scheme, 1980, by the rezoning of Portion 115, Houtpoort 392 IR, to “Agricultural” for the purposes of an equestrian centre, a shop for the sale of sweets, refreshments and accessories necessary for the practice of the equestrian activities, a dog kennel and dormitories subject to certain conditions.

Map 3 and the scheme clauses of the amendment scheme are filed with the Head of Department: Local Government and Housing, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk, Heidelberg, and are open for inspection at all reasonable times.

This amendment is known as Rensburg Amendment Scheme 1.

(PB 4-9-2-66H-1)

(22 September 1989)

NOTICE 1180 OF 1989
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTION 1 OF ERF 149, VEREENIGING TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) conditions (h) in Deed of Transfer T12996/1962 be removed; and

(2) the Vereeniging Town-planning Scheme, 1956, be amended by the rezoning of Portion 1 of Erf 149, Vereeniging Township, to “Special” for the erection of medical consulting rooms, pharmacy and related medical services, subject to the conditions of the local authority, which amendment scheme will be known as the Vereeniging Amendment Scheme 1/373, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Vereeniging.

(PB 4-14-2-1368-27)

(22 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1178 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
GEDEELTE 83 VAN DIE PLAAS DE KUPDRIFT
295 IQ

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes A, C en E in Sertifikaat van Vereenigde Titel T25474/1982 opgehef word.

(PB 4-15-2-15-295-1)

(22 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1179 VAN 1989
RENSBURG-WYSIGINGSKEMA 1

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 36 (1) van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1965, bekendgemaak dat die Minister: Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat die Rensburg-dorpsbeplanningkema, 1965, gewysig word deur die hersonering van Gedeelte 115, Houtpoort 392 IR, as "Landbou" vir die doeleindes van 'n ruiterkussentrum, 'n winkel vir die verkoop van snoepye, verpersings en toebehore wat noodsaklik is vir die beoefening van die ruiterkunsaktiwiteite, 'n honderd en stakelokale onderwors en seker voorwaarde.

Kaart 3 en die skemaklousuies van die wysigingskema word in bewaring gehou deur die Departementshoof: Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk, Heidelberg, en is beskikbaar vir inspeksie op alle redelike tye.

Hierdie wysiging staan bekend as Rensburg-wysigingskema 1.

(PB 4-9-2-66H-1)

(22 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1180 VAN 1989
WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
GEDEELTE 1 VAN ERF 149, DORP VEREENIGING

Hierby word ingevoeg die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

(1) voorwaardes (h) in Akte van Transport T12996/1962 opgehef word; en

(2) die Vereeniging-dorpsaanlegskema; 1956, gewysig word deur die hersonering van Gedeelte 1 van Erf 149, dorp Vereeniging, tot “Speciaal” vir mediese spreekkamers, aptek en aanverwante mediedienste, onderworpe aan die voorwaardes van die plaaslike bestuur; welke wysigingskema bekend staan as die Vereeniging-wysigingskema 1/373, soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en skemaklousuies wat ter insa in die kantoor van die Departementshoof: Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Vereeniging.

(PB 4-14-2-1368-27)

(22 September 1989)
South Africa has survived sanctions since 1985. But has its economy been restructured to ensure growth in the long term? By HILARY JACOBY

DUTCH Africa's economy has enjoyed real growth in the 1983-85 era of financial sanctions. But in the past, some nations have complained that the economy has been restricted and will look bleak in the future. The same firms may well be sceptical.

Lukas has played a part in enabling sanctions to achieve their goals. As it's clear that there is a consensus that the economy is not growing as it should, the question is how much more can be done.

And, as the Washington-based Investment Analysts, who argue that a country's economy is being constrained, gives the following statement: 'The Challenge of Sanctions', which was presented to the United Nations on 16 October in Geneva. It points out that the sanctions have been successful in achieving their goals.

The sanctions have achieved their goals. They have put pressure on SA's economy and have contributed to its decline.

The sanctions have also had a negative impact on the country's exports, which have declined significantly. The sanctions have also affected the country's tourism industry, which has seen a decline in tourists.

How business blew the sanctions fight

It was not the pretense of the sanctions that led to the current economic situation in South Africa. It was the fact that the sanctions were ineffective. The sanctions were imposed in the hope that they would lead to political change in South Africa. However, the sanctions were not effective and the situation in South Africa remained unchanged.

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Vigorous economy that won’t lie down

THE threat of recession hangs heavily in the air. It won’t happen immediately, but in 1989 — if not voluntarily, then by inducement. The intensity, duration and spread of the coming downturn in domestic activity are likely to be less severe than the total onslaught of 1984-86. It will probably be deferred from the recession of 1982. It could mainly be a consumer recession, which would be unusual.

Of course, few businesses will be entirely unaffected by such a downturn. Most companies will notice it. Opinions may vary as to whether the policy foundation for an eventual recession, defined as two or more successive quarters of decline in economic activity, has already been put in place.

According to a preponderant view, one cannot expect to drastically raise interest rates, tighten regulations covering financial transactions and increase the tax burden without there being a major negative impact on the economy somewhere along the way.

There is, however, a generalized view that growth in the economy is being moderated by a number of factors.

To the extent that the government is attempting to control inflation, it may be argued that the economy is losing steam. The government has been trying to reduce the budget deficit, which has been a major factor in the country’s economic problems.

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It is argued that the economy is losing steam because the government has been trying to reduce the budget deficit, which has been a major factor in the country’s economic problems.

However, it is also argued that the government has been trying to reduce the budget deficit, which has been a major factor in the country’s economic problems.

Most analysts say recent fixed investment spending has been mainly for replacement and it will be easier to grow from a base of 1989. Such fashionable opinion is not broad enough when one questions businesses directly. They claim that more than 50% of their fixed investment has been geared to new capacity, at the expense of replacement.

The phenomenon is reflected in the national accounts, where the replacement content of capital formation has been reduced. Fixed investment spending is taken on the nature of debottlenecking and prolonging plant life instead of replacing it. Modernisation can be achieved along many other lines.

But that does not explain lingering willingness to continue increasing real fixed investment outlays in spite of looming recession.

So it is real, or only going to end shortly, or there is a combination of strategic and political replacement, helped along by still good cash flows and stock exchange fundamentals, leading to investment-led growth.

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CEES BRUGGMANS

reviews the local and world scene

strong growth abroad, abundant confidence and liquidity among consumers and businesses, and the corporate sector mean still harder brakes are required to restrain the South African economy.

BECAUSE of balance of payments constraints and inflationary tendencies, the authorities have signalled for some months that they want the economy to slow down.

Cees Bruggmans finds that something like this may also apply to our current economic expansion. We all got so thoroughly cleaned out in the maxi-recession of 1984-86 that whatever excesses existed were removed.

The subsequent three-year recovery, although anemic (or because of it), never developed to what our businesses we’ve been experiencing in the past three recessions. If there is a weak party, it is the overtaxed and financially overburdened salaried individual.

But perhaps contrary to expectations, the economy is not as weak as many economists thought it would be, especially given the depth of the 1984-86 downturn most visibly.

They therefore remain sensitive to any action expected to lead to a repeat of that experience. Although consumer memories are not short, time takes its toll, and we currently have an environment of low expectations and shifting fortunes.

Growing employment levels and real wage increases make winners out of some groups who do not bear the full brunt of tax and interest-rate changes. In the business sector, too, optimism is more likely than pessimism.

The future, resistance to economic braking, becomes considerable.

VIVIDLY

What possibly distinguishes analysts most from businesses and consumers is that they remember the optimism of the 1984-86 downturn most vividly.

The quality of sentiment among consumers, businesses and foreign trade partners is arguably as important. If their confidence levels are robust, for whatever reason, it will take a very strong upturn to stave off a recession as the past eight years are bearing out internationally.

The economic good news then tends to turn into a relay race, different sectors and participants at times carrying the baton, their interplay prolonging it far beyond what the statistical averages would call a normal business cycle.

ROBUST

But sectorally, they are unlikely to be alone because there are the exporters and the farmers as well. It is simply fact is, but our economy is not as weak as many economists thought it would be, especially given the depth of the 1984-86 downturn most visibly.

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The Exchequer balance rose to another record of R8.6bn after the first five months of the fiscal year to end-August.

The balance, which is lower than government's overall cash balances with the Reserve Bank, increased by R1.6bn from a month before.

Exchequer figures for the first five months of the fiscal year show that spending and revenue are almost spot on. Revenue of R22.8bn for the first five months is 41.4% of the total budgeted for the year (pro rata for five months would be 41.7%).

Spending of R26.8bn for the first five months was 40.5% pro rata — again below the 41.7% pro rata for the year. With August's spending (R5.2bn) and revenue (R3.8bn) almost matching, the crude public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) for the first five months was R3.8bn — substantially less than the R10bn forecasted for the year as a whole.

Year-on-year increases for revenue and spending fell back markedly for the months of August. Revenue increased 12% in August on August a year ago, while spending increased 17.6%.

For the first five months on a year ago, revenue collections increased 35%, against 14% forecast for the year as a whole.
Interest rates may not fall before 1990

Higher-than-expected growth in the money supply aggregates for August have reduced the possibility of interest rates coming down before mid-1990.

Figures released on Friday show the broadly defined money supply, M3, rose by a preliminary 24.2% last month. This disappointingly high growth has led some economists to raise the possibility of a hike in interest rates if gold and the dollar should move adversely to SA's interests.

But Reserve Bank senior deputy governor Japie Jacobs said the growth in M3 did not necessarily imply a change of monetary policy, although existing measures would have to continue longer.

Seasonally adjusted total M3 money stock at R135.5bn is way out of the upper target of R130bn and the likelihood of meeting the year-end target limit is remote.

An unpleasant surprise is the sharp upward revision of former months' figures which previously had created expectations of a slowdown in bank credit.

The growth in M3 was revised upwards to 26.7% from 25.5% in June and to 23.2% from 22.7% in July. Jacobs attributed these revisions to errors in the compilation over the past three months caused by a bank submitting incorrect figures.
Capital market profits to be frozen

Funds raised on the capital market, which are in excess of what is required to finance the deficit before borrowing in this year's Budget, will be frozen in a stabilisation fund, Finance Minister Barend du Plessis announced at the weekend.

The move, which conforms with official policy of monetary and financial discipline, is viewed by economists as an encouraging sign that government will not squander the Treasury's huge cash balances.

Treasury has already borrowed sufficient money to finance the deficit before borrowing, which will be smaller than anticipated in the Budget because of higher than budgeted revenue and the current cooling of the economy, Du Plessis said.

Marketing of government stock is to continue to maintain financial discipline aimed at strengthening the balance of payments (BoP) and promoting price and exchange rate stability.

These additional funds raised will go into the stabilisation fund and will help counter the liquidity created by the Reserve Bank's huge forward cover losses and which have also contributed to the disturbing money supply growth.

Losses

Du Plessis said the additional amount to be borrowed could also be applied to repaying some of the losses on the Reserve Bank's forward cover foreign exchange book — which Treasury underwrites.

Figures of Reserve Bank assets show these losses have risen by 83% so far this year from R9,36bn in January to R17,1bn in August.

These losses are accepted by the Reserve Bank to encourage off-shore trade financing as a means to protect the BoP.

Du Plessis said that although government spending in the current financial year remained within budget limits, the withdrawal of funds from the market by way of loans would entail additional interest charges, which could not have been anticipated in the original budget. Essentially shorter term rates will be kept higher as a result.

A reduced rate of inflation, together with a stronger BoP, is a pre-requisite for a future lowering of interest rates, he said.

George Huyseman, economist Louis Geldenhuys, said the reduction of Exchequer debt owing to the Reserve Bank would provide confidence that government was not going to spend the additional funds.

The move also created optimism that funds raised through privatisation and the current IACOR flotation would be prudently used.
Durr tells of sense of urgency in gov't

CAPE TOWN - Government was determined to get fundamentals right, from which sustained and healthy economic growth could take place, Trade, Industry and Tourism Minister Kent Durr said yesterday.

He told the export conference that he could "already feel the sense of urgency rippling through the new government."

It was clear that the means to wealth creation and economic growth lay in the promotion of industries and the broadening of SA's industrial base, realising import substitution, developing exports and through a process of inward industrialisation providing more and a greater variety of products for the local market.

Successful SA

It was of no avail for the politicians to blame inadequate economic circumstances for business to shield behind a poor, political environment.

"The challenge to us all is to follow policies of inclusion to find a better, more just, fairer and more stable and successful SA." Durr said that in the past partially unsuccessful policy implementation had at times led to barriers, resentment and misunderstanding.

In the current spirit of the "new South Africa" two-way communication and cooperation had to be central to a strategy to ensure success.

"We must pull in the same direction to enable SA to fulffil its export potential more quickly and more efficiently." He said he committed himself to continued formal and informal consultation with industry.
Pegging the rand to commodities basket would cut inflation

South Africa earns more than 40% of its foreign exchange income through the sale of gold bullion. Include the platinum group and base metals, and the figure is close to 60%. Last year exports accounted for 28% of GDP. Clearly, the price of internationally traded commodities is critical to SA’s terms of trade. But what is the economic implication of this fact?

We all intuitively appreciate that a stronger gold and commodity price is good for the exchange rate. But is it merely through the mechanism of reserves and surpluses, or is it fundamental to a gold or commodity standard? I believe that SA, by virtue of its economic makeup, is effectively a gold or at least commodity standard country, and the sooner this fact is acknowledged the sooner the structures and benefits of a commodity reserve currency will transpire.

Under a gold or commodity standard, the central bank supports the nominal price of a reserve commodity. The absolute price level is determined through the relative price of the reserve commodity. Although changes in the ratio of money to its commodity backing or shifts in velocity can influence the price, the overall system possesses a “nominal anchor” in the fixed price of the reserve commodity.

In contrast, the price level and inflation under non-commodity backed money, better known as fiat money, is a function of the quantity of such currency. Through the equation of exchange, the value of money in terms of goods and services is determined.

Under a commodity standard, the price level and inflation are not subject to the whims of government policy. Some further implications of a commodity standard are worth noting. For one, changes in conditions of gold production (e.g. new gold discoveries, new mining technology) lead to changes in the price level. Increased production will lead to an increase in the price level. Holding the technology of gold production fixed (and therefore supply), with an increased national income will, under a commodity standard, actually force the price level down. (In fact, this deflationary tendency is often raised as an objection to a gold standard.) Another implication of a gold standard is that when its price increases, the general price level will increase proportionately. And a stronger gold price, we will have a stronger currency able to afford greater imports.

What do these observations imply for SA? For one thing, a monetary/fiscal policy for a country such as SA, which ignores the international value of a commodity, is bound to cause complications. In SA, we have the unique problem of rising mining costs and lacklustre international commodity prices. Under these conditions, the rand per kilogram price has been forced to adjust in order to keep all but the most marginal mines viable. This accounting trick has come about through devaluation of the currency. The correct policy would have been to let the rand per kilogram price reflect the commodity’s recent downward trend. The impact on the economy has been inflation, as a monetary phenomenon through imports and via cost-push forces, such as unions. It promotes severe economic distortions.

We know from trade theory that the real marginal product of a given factor is the same across national boundaries. Moreover, under relative conditions of free trade, the price of input factors (in terms of output) is the same in every country. Given SA’s endowments and capital/labour trade-offs, one would expect us to export labour intensive and raw material intensive commodities... as we do, but trying to obtain even greater exports by devaluing (through inflation) the rand, will ultimately have a cost. In particular, it distorts resource allocation away from the country’s secondary and tertiary sectors.

This is occurring at a time when, in fact, these areas have been acknowledged as critical for the future. By exporting less but at a more efficient scale, we may in fact be able to afford greater imports. Using the currency as an accounting device, in order to subsidise the unprofitable aspects of the mining sector, results in inflation as well as inefficiencies to the entire system.

Given the nature of our economy, the rand should be pegged to a basket of commodities, weighted according to our exports. Inflation would be stopped dead in its tracks, and resource allocation distortions would in time be corrected. If the net result is, perhaps, a 20% reduction in gold exports... well, so be it. There is no such thing as a free lunch, anyway.

In addition to the primary sector leading to an inflationary bias, we also have unusual conditions in the financial sector, in particular with how the banks are regulated. Under the SA Reserve Bank system, a variety of assets qualify as liquid assets, all of which may be used to satisfy reserve requirements. These include:
- Cash;
- Treasury bills;
- BAs of other financial institutions;
- Public sector debt instruments — (up to three years in length).

The reserve requirements for these assets vary: 10% for cash and will soon be reduced to 5%. For shorter term debt instruments it is 20%. For the total asset pool of a given bank, 8% must be kept in cash.

The implication of such a system, compared to one in which only cash or near monies may be used as assets to expand liabilities, are quite serious. BAs, actually created by financial institutions, can be used to expand the monetary base and the supply of credit. If two banks create BAs and discount them to each other, the monetary base can expand.

Finally, the discount window at the Reserve Bank provides ready access to financial institutions in need of funds to satisfy such requirements. The net result is that the main tool of monetary policy — open market operations — is ineffectual. The analogy would be if the Reserve Bank attempted open market operations by having it buy $100 and in their R10 notes, to be replaced with half as many R20 notes.

It should be noted that SA reserve requirements are low by the standard of many other countries. This means that a little money goes a long way in creating credit, making the monetary base quite unstable.

To reform our system, only cash reserves and treasury bills should be allowed to expand liabilities and create credit. Under the current system, monetary policy must be unwavering and steadfast in its credit creation rules. Attempting, for example, short period adjustment procedures to mop up excess liquidity or create a short burst of easy-money for counter-cyclical purposes is very difficult.

Correcting these inflationary biases would go a long way to stabilising the price level. Indeed, monetary policy would be more effective, as well as realistic.

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CAPE TOWN — Although there are signs that the downturn has gained momentum in the past few months, it has not yet cooled sufficiently to correct imbalances, says Sanlam.

It says in a survey that growth in total real domestic production of goods and services rose at a slower rate than in previous quarters.

The decline was widespread, but particularly marked in the non-agricultural sectors.

"Although this more sluggish growth occurred fairly widely in consumption expenditure — in particular in durable consumption spending — and was evident in capital expenditure, we believe total demand is still too high and that no relaxation in the existing restrictive measures should be considered soon," Sanlam says.

"The authorities' recent announcements that a strict monetary and fiscal policy would be maintained for some considerable time, are therefore welcomed."

Sanlam estimates that the current account of the balance of payments for 1989 will show a surplus of about R3.5 billion (R2.2 billion in 1988), provided gold and the rand/dollar exchange rate continue to fluctuate at current levels for the rest of the year.

Sanlam says inflation will be determined by movements in food prices in general and meat prices in particular.

"At this stage we expect the rate of inflation will vary between 15 percent and 16 percent in the next six to nine months and for the year as a whole it will average about 15 percent."

It says that in the past few weeks both the Reserve Bank Governor and the Minister of Finance have committed themselves to bringing down inflation.

The survey says that apart from a restrictive monetary and fiscal policy, this will involve steps such as wage restraint and an attempt to improve competitive markets.

"The success of these efforts will depend largely on the Government's firmness in curbing public expenditure more efficiently than before."

"Only then will the public be convinced of the Government's real determination to lower the inflation rate."

Sanlam does not expect a downward adjustment in short-term interest rates before early next year.

Nor does it envisage any substantial changes in long-term interest rates in the immediate future.

Sanlam says that in comparison with the rest of the world, SA's foreign debt is not particularly high.

But it places heavy demands on the country and considerable amounts have to be repaid in 1990 and 1991 in particular.

It is vital that South Africa should do everything in its power to increase net saving and it is essential that real interest rates be maintained, it says. — Sapa.
Market indicators reflect confidence

GROWING confidence in the new style and substance of the government's economic management are reflected in a number of market indicators.

"For the first time in decades there are clear signs that the government is pulling together fiscal and monetary policy," says Leon Krynauw of stockbrokers Theron De Witt Morgan.

Standard Bank chief economist Nico Czyplonka is less sanguine: "With the government's track record on continually over-spending on the budget, we will have to see how the rest of the fiscal year pans out beyond the five-month figures."

The five-month figures show that the actual out-turn of government spending and revenue budgets continue to match estimates on a pro rata basis.

"The outcome," says Czyplonka, "may be more favourable than expected because of strong increases in revenue, which may slow as the economy cools."

Market experts said yesterday there appeared to have been a clear break in the 30-year-bear trend in long dated bonds, reflecting increasing market confidence in the authorities' determination to control government spending, strengthen the balance of payments, restore exchange rate stability and beat down inflation.

"One of the main reasons for the new confidence," says Krynauw, "is that the outlook for inflation is good, which implies a belief that the government will get its house in order.

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"This is reflected in the very high Exchequer balances and the discipline evident in government spending."

"Government," says Nedcor chief economist Edward Oshorn, "is sitting on a mountain of cash, and there is no indication that its mopping-up operations will cease for some time."

Krynauw adds: "Short-term money market rates are moving sideways, fixed deposit rates at banks are moving up, capital market rates are coming off - all indicating that the government is exerting continuing pressure in those markets.

"The government is issuing more bonds than needed to finance its deficit before borrowing, showing its preparedness to support monetary policy."

"This pulling together of monetary and fiscal policy is something which has not been evident for a long time. In the past, strictly implemented monetary policy has been undermined by slack fiscal policy, particularly continual government over-spending."

Meanwhile, Reserve Bank deputy governor Japie Jacobs has confirmed that the government's resurrected stabilisation fund has been taking in funds since September 1.

Jacobs will not put a figure on how much will be put into the fund, but the effect of the policy will be to take further money out of the system and sterilise it. This will help bring money supply growth under control.
White consumers losing confidence

By AUDREY D'ANGELO
Financial Editor

WHITE consumers are steadily losing confidence in the outlook for the economy in the short term. But black consumers are becoming more confident.

These are the findings of the latest report from the Stellenbosch Bureau for Economic Research (BER). However, BER director Ockie Stuart said he thought black perceptions were based on the fact that most of those taking part in the survey were "employed in the manufacturing industries, which were buoyant at that time." The report says wholesalers experienced keen demand in the third quarter but expect it to drop off now.

Retailers expect prices to rise more rapidly in the fourth quarter, and say business conditions have deteriorated and will worsen.

Motor dealers expect demand for new vehicles to slacken, but sales of spare parts to rise.

An apparent contradiction in the report is that white consumers expect to be better off in the coming year, in spite of the worsening of the economy.

But, pointing out that the report also shows that these people consider this a bad time to buy high-priced goods, the BER says: "It appears as if the expected improvement in consumer finances could be a function of cutbacks on spending rather than an expectation of higher incomes."

The consumer survey was carried out for BER by Market Research Africa, and is based on home visits to people in different income groups during July and August.

Wholesalers reported that the volume of sales in the third quarter exceeded those a year ago.

But "these buoyant conditions — which are expected to continue throughout the fourth quarter — are mainly due to a keen demand for non-consumer goods. In particular, the demand for raw materials, machinery and equipment was keen in the agricultural sector."

"The demand for building materials and hardware was actually weaker than a year ago."

Sales of certain consumer goods, particularly in the non-durable sector, were also good.

"As a result of the keen demand, the net majority of the respondents placed more orders than a year ago — but they expect to place fewer orders during the fourth quarter. The implication is that demand will, in their view, slacken towards year-end."

And some wholesalers found their stock level already too high in relation to anticipated demand. "This was particularly noticeable in the building and hardware sector — underscoring once more that conditions in the building sector are sluggish."

The report continues: "The furniture and electrical appliances sectors were particularly unhappy regarding business conditions. As far as the future is concerned, our respondents said that business conditions would deteriorate over a wide front during the fourth quarter."
Economic growth reported

RECENT figures show renewed buoyancy in the economy, says Standard Bank's September economic review.

Gross domestic product growth is down, "but domestic demand staged a significant rally in several areas". Retail sales volume rose, new vehicle sales remained strong and real estate transactions soared well above the peaks of last year, says the review.

It says the downturn in manufacturing production was reversed in the second quarter, reflecting growing confidence among businessmen, industrialists and consumers.

Stringent monetary policy is likely to have an uneven impact, with individuals suffering more than companies which finance spending from internal cash flows, says the review.

It adds that current high interest rates could, perversely, result in increased credit demand in the form of "distress borrowing".

Sectors like the motor industry remain strong in the face of expected price hikes. Also, high investment spending results largely from the time lag between investment decisions and their implementation, says the review.

However, "restrictive economic policies are in fact having the desired effect".

The review says that furniture and appliance sales remain weak and private new car sales have almost disappeared. It adds brick sales have fallen sharply, indicating reduced housing construction.

"Even in cash-driven areas such as groceries, retailers report a decline," says the review, which adds that this suggests consumers are down-buying and buying smaller quantities.
US perceptions of SA, much better.
West urged to act on inflation, savings and use of resources

WASHINGTON — Michel Camdessus, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, yesterday dished out economic policy guidelines which South African authorities would do well to heed.

Referring to the world's industrial countries, he contended that they could consolidate their recent strong performances and extend these gains if they acted firmly on three fronts:

● They must bring inflation down further, so that it ceases to be a threat to stable growth.
● They must raise national savings rates.
● They must use resources more efficiently.

While there is a general perception that inflation in industrial countries has been controlled, Mr Camdessus warned that price pressures had re-emerged.

"One of the important lessons of our experience over the past two decades is that governments must confront inflationary pressures decisively and at an early stage."

He said budget deficits remained large in many countries, absorbing resources that should be used to finance productive investment.

"Fiscal deficits place a heavy burden on monetary policy, causing an unduly high level of real interest rates. This hinders investment, aggravates the debt problem and jeopardizes growth prospects in both industrial and developing countries."

Mr Camdessus urged governments to reduce their fiscal imbalances promptly.

"This task is particularly urgent in the US, where the private savings rate is now very low."

New challenges

"Low national savings rates in many countries are worrisome, when we consider the new challenges that the industrial countries must confront over the next few decades. A progressive ageing of populations will most likely be accompanied by a substantial drop in private savings and a steep increase in the demands placed on national health and pension systems."

He stressed that fiscal consolidation was the essential first step in any credible policy to improve the long-term performance of saving and investment.

"With sound fiscal and monetary policies, governments will have the resources and the environment of stability and confidence that are essential for sustained growth."

"But even with the best macroeconomic policies, growth will be disappointing if we do not use resources efficiently."

"This means we must simplify the complex network of controls and restrictions so that they do not distort private decisions, limit competition and undermine the incentive to work, save and invest."

While welcoming the initiative on debt reduction, Mr Camdessus stressed that debt reduction was not a cure-all.

He said a special effort was required to assist sub-Saharan Africa.

"There will be no easy solutions, no miracle cures. We need a long-lasting commitment by all participants to produce major and sustained progress."

"Fortunately, there has recently been progress and more hopeful signs," he said.
NOTICE 1209 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTION 8 OF LOT 181, EDENBURG TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing; House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) the only condition in Deed of Transfer T28874/1978 be removed; and

(2) Sandton Town-planning Scheme 1980, be amended by the rezoning of Portion 8 of Lot 181 Edenburg Township, to “Business 4”; which amendment scheme will be known as Sandton Amendment Scheme 1210, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Sandton.

(PB 4-14-2-395-4)

(29 September 1989)

NOTICE 1210 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
ERF 133, WALTLOO TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing; House of Assembly has approved that condition B (h) in Deed of Transfer T4664/1985 be removed.

(PB-4-14-2-1401-4)

(29 September 1989)

NOTICE 1211 OF 1989

DELMAS AMENDMENT SCHEME 11

It is hereby notified in terms of section 39 (1) of the Town-planning and Townships Ordinance, 1986, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing; House of Assembly has approved the amendment of the Delmas Town-planning Scheme, 1986, by the rezoning of a part of Erf 798, Delmas Extension 5, to “Residential 1” with a density of “One dwelling per erf” subject to certain conditions.

Map 3 and the scheme clauses of the amendment scheme are filed with the Head of Department: Local Government and Housing, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Delmas and are open for inspection at all reasonable times.

This amendment is known as Delmas Amendment Scheme 11.

(PB 4-9-2-53H-11)

(29 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1209 VAN 1989

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS 1967
GEDEELTE 8 VAN LOT 181, DORP EDENBURG

Hierby word ingevolge die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

(1) die enigste voorwaarde in Akte van Transport T28874/1978 opgehef word; en

(2) die Sandton-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1980, gewysig word deur die hersonering van Gedeelte 8 van Lot 181, dorp Edenburg, tot “Besigheid 4”; welke wysigingskema bekend staan as Sandton-wysigingskema 1210 soos aangedui op die betrokke Kaart 3 en skemakloesules wat ter inste de in die kantoor van die Departementshoof: Departement Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Sandton.

(PB 4-14-2-395-4)

(29 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1210 VAN 1989

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 133, DORP WALTLOO

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaarde B (h) in Akte van Transport T4664/1985 opgehef word.

(PB-4-14-2-1401-4)

(29 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1211 VAN 1989

DELMAS-WYSIGINGSKEMA 11

Hierby word ooreenkomsstig die bepalings van artikel 39 (1) van die Ordonnansie op Dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1986, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat die Delmas-dorpsbeplanningskema, 1986, gewysig word deur die hersonering van ‘n deel van Erf 798, Delmas-uitbreiding 5, na “Residensiel 1" met ‘n digtheid van Een woonhuis per erf” onderworpe aan sekere voorwaardes.

Kaart 3 en die skemakloesules van die wysigingskema word in bewaring gehou deur die Departementshoof Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Delmas en is beskikbaar vir inspeksie op alle redelike tye.

Hierdie wysiging staan bekend as Delmas-wysigingskema 11.

(PB 4-9-2-53H-11)

(29 September 1989)
NOTICE 1207 OF 1989

HOUTVELD IRRIGATION DISTRICT. — VOTERS’ ROLL

The voters’ roll for the Houtveld Irrigation District, District of Caledon, Cape Province, as prepared by the Minister of Agriculture and Water Supply in terms of section 83 of the Water Act, 1956 (Act No. 54 of 1956), is published below.

Mr H. R. Aab, Senior Engineer, Winter Rainfall Region, of the Department of Agriculture and Water Supply, has, in terms of section 84 of the said Act, been appointed retiring officer for the election of members of the Irrigation Board for the Houtveld Irrigation District. A nomination meeting for the election of three such members will be held at 10:00 on 16 October 1989 in the Eerstehoop Church Hall.

Persons whose names appear on the voters’ roll are entitled to vote in person only and representatives of registered companies must produce proof that they are either directors or shareholders of such companies and that they are authorised to represent such companies.

In cases where owners have a joint vote, they must designate, in writing, one of their number to vote on their behalf.

The voters’ roll will be revised before nominations are made.

HOUTVELD IRRIGATION DISTRICT/HOUTVELD-BESPROEIINGSDISTRIK

VOTERS’ ROLL/KIESERSLYS

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(29 September 1989)

NOTICE 1208 OF 1989

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967
PORTIONS 9 AND 14 OF LOT 181, EDBENBURG TOWNSHIP

It is hereby notified in terms of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved that—

(1) condition B in Deed of Transfer T22414/1965 and condition C in Deed of Transfer T22776/1984 be removed; and

(2) the Sandton Town-planning Scheme, 1980, be amended by the rezoning of Portions 9 and 14 of Lot 181, Edbenburg Township, to “Business 4”, which amendment scheme will be known as Sandton Amendment Scheme 1213, as indicated on the relevant Map 3 and scheme clauses which are open for inspection at the offices of the Head of Department: Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Pretoria, and the Town Clerk of Sandton.

(29 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1208 VAN 1989

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BERPARKINGS, 1967
GEDEELTES 9 EN 14 VAN LOT 181, DORP EDBENBURG

Hierby word ingevoeg die bepaling van artikels 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beparkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat—

(1) voorwaarde B in Akte van Transport T22414/1965 en voorwaarde C in Akte van Transport T22776/1984 opgehef word;

(2) die Sandton-dorpseplanning skema, 1980, gevu-

sig word deur die persoon of Gedeeltes 9 en 14 van Lot 181, dorp Edbenburg, tot “Besigheid 4”; welske wysigingskema bekend staan as Sand-

ton-wysigingskema 1213, soos aangedui op die bestrook Kaart 3 en skemaakteuse wat ter insae lê in die kantoor van die Departementshoof: Department Plaaslike van Bestuur, Behuising van Werke, Pretoria, en die Stadsklerk van Sandton.

(PB 4-14-2-395-3)

(29 September 1989)
NOTICE 1198 OF 1989
SALE OF GOODS.—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, DURBAN

It is hereby notified for general information that a public sale of unenterted, abandoned and forfeited goods will be held at the State Warehouse, New Pier, Durban, at 09:00 on 18 October 1989. Lists of goods to be sold will be supplied on application to the Controller of Customs and Excise, Private Bag X54305, Durban, 4000.

(29 September 1989)

NOTICE 1199 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

ERF 1548, BRAEMAR TOWNSHIP, GREEN POINT, CAPE TOWN

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the removal of conditions (B) (2) 3 and (B) (3) (ii) in Certificate of Consolidated Title 9405/1969, on condition that the development on the portions be limited to four single dwelling units only.

(29 September 1989)

NOTICE 1203 OF 1989
ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

TOWNSHIPS ORDINANCE, 1969
(ORDINANCE No. 9 OF 1969)

DECLARATION OF TOWNSHIP.—HARRISMITH EXTENSION 28

Under the powers vested in me by section 14 of the Townships Ordinance, 1969 (Ordinance No. 9 of 1969), I, Louis van der Watt, Ministerial Representative

KENNISGEWING 1198 VAN 1989
VEILING VAN GOEDERE.—DOEANE EN AKSYNS, DURBAN

Hierby word vir algemene inligting bekendgemaak dat 'n openbare veiling van ongeklede, onopgesigte en verbeurdverklaarde goedere om 09:00 op 18 Oktober 1989 by die Staatspakhuis, Nuwe Pier, Durban, gehou sal word. Opgawes van die goedere wat verkoop sal word kan op aanvraag by die Kontroleur van Doeane en Aksyns, Privaatsak X54305, Durban, 4000, verkry word.

(29 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1199 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD

DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967
ERF 1548, BRAEMAR-DORPSGEBIED, GROENPUNT, KAAPSTAD

Hierby word ooreenkomsdig die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuisiging: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes (B) (2) 3 en (B) (3) (ii) in Sertifikaat van Verenigde Titel 9405/1969 opgehef word, op voorwaarde dat die ontwikkeling op die gedeeltes tot vier enkelwooneenhede beperk word.

(29 September 1989)

KENNISGEWING 1203 VAN 1989
ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD

DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE

ORDONNANSIE OP DORPE, 1969
(ORDONNANSIE No. 9 VAN 1969)

VERKLARING VAN DORP.—HARRISMITH-UITBREIDING 28

Kragtens die bevoegdheid my verleen by artikel 14 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpe, 1969 (Ordonnansie No. 9 van 1969), verklaar ek, Louis van der Watt,
1.10 "Trailer" or "caravan" means a vehicle which is not self-propelled and which is designed or adapted to be drawn by a motor vehicle, but does not include a side-car attached to a motor cycle.

2. CLASSIFICATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

CLASS I: LIGHT VEHICLES:
Light vehicles are motor vehicles, other than heavy vehicles as defined hereunder, and include motor cycles, motor tricycles, motor cars and light delivery vehicles.

CLASS II: MEDIUM HEAVY VEHICLES:
Medium heavy vehicles are heavy vehicles, with up to three axles.

CLASS III: LARGE HEAVY VEHICLES:
Large heavy vehicles are heavy vehicles, with four or five axles.

CLASS IV: EXTRA LARGE HEAVY VEHICLES:
Extra large heavy vehicles are heavy vehicles with six or more axles.

3. AMOUNTS OF TOLL.

3.1 The amount of toll payable per motor vehicle at the Dalpark Plaza on the toll road between the cross roads Heidelberg Road (P6–2) (K109) and M45 Ergo Road (M45) is as follows:

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\text{CLASS I: R0,80},
\text{CLASS II: R2,10},
\text{CLASS III: R2,60},
\text{CLASS IV: R3,40}.
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3.2 An additional levy of R50 shall be payable by all abnormal vehicles requiring an escort or other special arrangements.

4. The toll road shall be open to all traffic for 24 hours a day.

5. The date upon which the said amounts of toll shall become payable at the Dalpark Toll Plaza shall be 2 December 1989 at 14:00.

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**GENERAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE 1197 OF 1989**

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967

ERF 7430, LANCASTER SQUARE TOWNSHIP, EAST LONDON

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Removal of Restrictions Act, 1967, that the Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has approved the removal of conditions B. A (a) to (d) and B (e) in Deed of Transfer T1806/1989.

(29 September 1989)

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**ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS**

**KENNISGEWING 1197 VAN 1989**

ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD

DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKES

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967

ERF 7430, LANCASTER SQUARE-DORPGEBIED, OOS-LONDEN

Hierby word ooreenkoms met die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Opheffing van Beperkings, 1967, bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising: Volksraad goedgekeur het dat voorwaardes B. A (a) tot (d) en B (e) in Transportakte T1806/1989 opgehef word.

(29 September 1989)
capitalism. Do they back it?

WORKERS MAY UNDERSTAND

A STAGE OF INSTRUCTION AND ENDING
In search of factor X

There are those who believe the economy has achieved its soft landing. The year-on-year inflation rate is showing signs of stabilizing; the surplus on the current account of the balance of payments is building up again; the rand has not done too badly against a surging dollar, which says something about levels of confidence in the community as well as perceptions outside it; and money supply growth is dropping back.

On the other hand, there are those who believe the landing is not in sight and it is unlikely to be soft. Monthly inflation is high; the current account may look encouraging but the gold price is unreliable, while commodity prices are unlikely to stay as favourable as they have been in the past 18 months; imports have not declined significantly and money supply growth has not slowed at quite the rate we thought (see "Now you see it . . .").

There is a third possibility. "That the landing is in sight but the field ahead is rough," says Standard Bank chief economist Nico Czyponika, "The challenge will be to bring the plane down without damaging anything irrevocably."

In a transition from expansion to contraction, he says, there are always conflicting indicators. Signs of growth now include:

- The industrial index is rising determinedly towards 3000 after having breached 2500 twice this year.
- Increasing volume of real estate transactions, despite high interest rates, with the index about to touch 400 after dipping below 300 earlier in the year.
- A sharp rebound in building plans passed. Plans for non-residential property particularly show tremendous buoyancy while even housing plans have recovered almost half the impetus lost since the peak in mid-1988; and
- While there is some slowing in car sales it is largely because of supply interractions due to strikes and not lack of demand.

On the other hand:
- Used-car sales, which reflect individual as opposed to company purchases, have plummeted since late 1988.
- The trend in retail sales is down despite a recent blip.
- Earnings are down; and
- Volume of manufacturing output is down.

Not only do the indicators point in different directions but their significance is open to various interpretations.

Credit extension, for instance, is volatile and no clear trend is emerging. In an analysis of bank and building society quarterly returns, First National Bank says: "Expectations of a decline in the demand for credit, as expressed in the previous report, materialised but not to the extent experienced during the same period of last year. The growth rate of advances declined by 39.6% during the second quarter of 1988 but only by 17.1% during the second quarter of 1989" (despite a far higher level of interest rates).

Credit extension is growing at about 25%, lower than last year's 40%, but still high.

If the outlook for inflation and the balance of payments looks reasonable, despite the extent of credit creation, the latter could be considered a harbinger of growth, following the turn in the cycle.

But, if inflation and reserves look discouraging, we can expect more official action to restrict demand - to bring about the turn in the cycle.

If economic activity is not slowing enough after an increase in interest rates of about 60% and several retractionary packages last year and this - then why not? Czyponika believes an unknown factor is at work, helping to dissipate negative sentiment and generate confidence, which is keeping growth going.

Perhaps this factor X has grown from more positive perceptions about the political options.

Czyponika says: "As in 1984 the economy started to slow before political problems started, it's now responding sluggishly to fairly harsh contractionary policies."

The reason, he believes, is an unidentified, unquantifiable change in attitude. If this change means we are underestimating the difficulties ahead or falsely optimistic about the consequences of inadequate action, we are on course to disaster. It must be hoped, however, it may spell a new determination to get to grips with our problems - social, political and economic.

We have been in a state of manic paralysis for long enough and desperately need to prove we can be sane and active.

What is to be done now? In terms of economic policy, the key to success is consistency, says Czyponika. Nothing is worse for inflation and growth prospects than recurring and intensifying boom-bust cycles. So consistently positive interest rates along with consistent application of other policies is the best way to promote a stable climate.

He predicts that for "technical reasons," no major decisions will be made before February. "It is too late to achieve anything lasting this year."

Let's hope, then, the problems are prepared to remain in limbo while policymakers prepare to show what they can do.
Economy really is cooling down

Soft landing is expected

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THERE'S good news for most households and businesses: the cooling down process in the economy is progressing satisfactorily and a soft landing is now generally expected.

The latest quarterly bulletin of the SA Reserve Bank points to another heartening fact which will also serve to diminish South Africa's daily fixation with the London gold price: as an earner of foreign exchange, gold's share has dropped fairly dramatically from 45 percent to current levels around 28 percent. This makes the economy far less vulnerable to price movements.

But despite these two positive aspects, the Reserve Bank cautions about several developments within the economy that can have a detrimental long-term effect, if not handled correctly.

Inflation, as measured by all major price indices (ie those for the prices of imported and domestically produced goods, production prices and consumer prices), accelerated markedly and disturbingly on a short-term basis in the first half of the year. A worry is that this sharp increase came on the back of already high levels in the final two quarters of 1988.

Disguised

"The extent of this acceleration tends to be concealed by the generally more widespread practice of quoting percentage price increases in the various price indices only on a 12-month or year-on-year basis," says the Bulletin.

The Bank also sounds a note of caution about the seemingly uncontrollable growth in the money supply. It writes: "Far too little progress has been made in slowing down ... the increases in the money supply. Recently revised monetary statistics show M3 as at month-ends from May through July 1989 again to have been well above the upper limits of the target range."

As far as the Bank is concerned, the economy is responding adequately to the cumulative impact of measures of more restrictive monetary, fiscal and credit policy which commenced from late 1987.

According to several leading economic indicators, such as real gross domestic production and gross domestic expenditure in the second quarter of this year, further evidence was provided of the "cyclical cooling down of the economy and of it having moved into the early stages of a consolidation phase".

Similar impressions of a loss of momentum could be gained from a variety of cyclically sensitive indicators like composite coincident indicators, real manufacturing production, retail and wholesale trade figures, motor car sales and levels of unemployment.

New company registrations, after levelling out through most of 1988, declined materially during the second quarter of 1989.

Exports

The remarkable, but as the Reserve Bank calls it "highly gratifying" strength of merchandise export performance during the second quarter of 1989 was matched by a similarly strong rise in the volume and value of merchandise imports.

Together with a sharp drop in the dollar price of gold, this high level of imports resulted in a further contraction of the surpluses on the current account on the balance of payments. As a result of this, the annualised current account surplus in the first half of 1989 of R2.3 billion fell far short of the surplus recorded during the same time during 1988.

Another worrying aspect is the low level of foreign exchange and gold reserves. Large outflows on the capital account, have further diminished the already low levels of foreign reserves, which now amount to less than two months of imports.

Debt repayment...

But despite these low levels, known and obligatory debt repayments during the remainder of the year will be significantly smaller than during the first half of the year.

Despite the declining role of gold as an earner of foreign exchange, the South African economy still reaps, albeit at a reduced level, under the effect of sharp declines in the US dollar price of gold.

The accelerated decline in the gold price from more than $412 per ounce at the beginning of 1989 to less than $380 an ounce early in the fourth week of May, had a depressing effect on the real value added by the gold mining industry and by all primary sectors.

The decline in the gold price obviously also contributed to the narrowing of the current account on the balance of payments and therefore to the weakening of the exchange rate and forex levels.