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Indians in fear of racist attacks

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

Thirty Indian families in Welkom's all-white residential areas are living in fear of right-wing harassment.

A frightened businessman, who wished to remain anonymous, told The Star that in the past two weeks there had been an upsurge in harassment of Indians.

Two days before Christmas, Afrikaner Weerstandsbevewing (AWB) stickers were plastered on the doors of six Indian homes. Every time the stickers were removed they were replaced, he said.

At about 2 am on New Year's Day, right-wingers threw fishing 'sinks' at the windows of four family homes.

'I'm afraid it's going to get worse.'

Most of the families were afraid to take up the issue because they were contravening the Group Areas Act, he said.

'Families have reported the racial incidents to the police, but we are in a tight spot. It may mean that we will be evicted from our premises. Since most of us are businessmen, it means we could lose our livelihood. On the other hand, we cannot remain silent if our lives are in danger.'

MURMURINGS

Two years ago, when Indian families moved to Welkom, there were murmurings among members of the white community, but never serious enough to warrant attacks on the families, he said.

'There were complaints about different races living next to each other. I can live with complaints, but harassment is altogether a different issue.'

He said that previously they had lived on isolated farms.

'However, in the past six months, a number of us have moved to town. I think we are more conspicuous and this may be the reason for the attacks.'

Another victim of two right-wing attacks said: 'I don't know what to do. There are a few of us living here and we're scared stiff.'

'A week ago AWB stickers were plastered on my front door. My neighbour, who is white, tore them down. We get along with our white neighbours but obviously some people want to stir trouble.'

In another attack, on New Year's Day, three of his windows were broken when fishing 'sinks' were thrown at them.

Free State police comment could not be obtained last night.
Estate agents seek abolition of group areas

THE SA Institute of Estate Agents is to ask government to abolish the Group Areas Act.

Executive director Jan van der Merwe said yesterday the organisation’s executive committee would invite government representatives to a meeting “shortly”. He declined to give details.

The institute’s policy was to serve the public, and it sought to promote the free enterprise system and the rights of all.

Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel said government would consider the institute’s request for a meeting.

JH Isaacs Property Management (Tvl), which collects rent on 30 000 properties each month, would like to see the Act scrapped “as soon as possible”, MD Peter Holling said yesterday.

Roper MD Ronnie Sebast said his company was instructed by clients whether or not to open their flats to everyone, but fear of having a licence revoked was a major factor preventing landlords from doing this.

Meanwhile, Actstop plans an all-out campaign against the Act this year.

Actstop Mayfair committee chairman Cassim Saloojee said yesterday the organisation, which monitors and opposes forced relocations under the Act, hoped to spearhead a “fierce” campaign which would allow people to live “normal lives on a non-discriminatory basis”.

DP co-leader Deidre Worrall said the Group Areas Act and other discriminatory legislation had to go. “Seen against the pace of change in Eastern Europe, SA cannot continue at an ox-wagon rate,” she said yesterday.
‘Hitmen’ hired to patrol flats, says Actstop

By Shirley Woodgate, Minsterpal Reporter

Men living in single-sex hostels in Johannesburg and probably employed by private security firms, are being hired as hit squads to patrol "troublesome" blocks of flats in the city, Actstop warned yesterday.

A spokesman for the organisation said it appeared incidents where tenants had been beaten up if they did not comply with landlords' demands, involved paid vigilantes from hostels run by Transvaal Provincial Administration.

Disturbing indications were that the Inkatha/Fitva Democratic Front dispute which has been raging in Natal was being introduced in Johannesburg, he said.

"It appears these hostel vigilantes are becoming the third force in this city and the hit squad has already been in action in Mabbill Gardens, Manhattan and Sunnyside Mansions in the last two months and now Olivebank Mansions on the corner of Gold and Jeppe streets, where tenants and their landlords Mr Baby Naidoo are locked in dispute.

Terrorised

"Tenants reported they had been terrorised for four hours on Thursday night by thugs who had knocked down doors and had beaten residents with hammers, crowbars, and "kloofkop," he said.

Fearing a repeat of last week's attack, residents were forming a "defence committee" to protect tenants' lives.

Mrs Naidoo refused to comment and referred calls to her lawyer whom she failed to name.

Police liaison officer Colonel Frank Maierbeke called an Actstop and the affected tenants to lay a charge as the matter was "imminent for the Security Police.

Mr A Hartwig, senior provincial administration officer, said about 18-500 single iron were housed in the George Good hostel in Blyscope (3180), Webster 1311, Denver 3121 and Master Builders Association hostels.

Most of the men hired the premises individually but some were paid for by the businesses which employed them.

The hostels were policed by the TPA security force based at Julich and this only applied to areas where there was internal double or fighting, Mr Hartwig said.
TED removes desks from Jhb Girls' High

Education director and consultant to the board of trustees Mr Grant Nuppen confirmed that the equipment had been leased. He said there was nothing sinister about the TED removing equipment as this had been agreed on.

Mr Nuppen said the school would open its doors to 250 pupils in standards 6, 7 and 8.

He said none of the 12 teachers had been teaching at the school previously. As pupils were still registering it was difficult to say how many of them had stayed on from last year.

Mr Nuppen said it was hoped the premises would also be used by organizations serving the community living near the school.
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kruis, die beginpunt.

No. 5, 1990
VERKLARING VAN ‘n GROEPSGEBIED KRA-
TENS DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE
ZATRON, DISTRIK ZATRON, PROVINSIE
DIE ORANJE-VRYSTAAT

Kragtens artikel 23 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede,
1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby dat die
gebied omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, vanaf die daun
van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasié, ‘n gebied is van
okkupasie en grondbesit deur lede van die Gekleurde
groep.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seel van die Republiek
van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad, op hede die Elde dag
desemper Eenduisend Negehonderd Nege-en-tag-
tig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.
Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:
H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE

GEKLEURDE GROEP

Die gebied soos voorgestel deur Proklamasiékaart
LG 369/1989 in sy geheel, synde ‘n gedeelte van die
Restant van die plaas Verlies Fontein 354, administrat-
tiewe distrik Zastron.

No. 6, 1990
WYSIGING VAN PROKLAMASIE NO. 189 VAN
1969 EN DIE GEDURELTELE INTREKKING
VAN PROKLAMASIE NO. 190 VAN 1969 INGE-
VOLGE DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966,
TE DEVLAND, DISTRIK JOHANNESBURG,
PROVINSIE TRANSVAAL

Kragtens artikel 33 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede,
1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966)—

A. wysig ek Proklamasié No. 189 van 1969 deur die
gebied omskryf in die Bylae van hierdie Prokl-
amasié uit te sluit uit die gebied omskryf in die
Bylae van daardie Proklamasié; en

B. word Proklamasié No. 190 van 1969 ingetrek, vir
sover die betrekking het op die gebied omskryf
in die Bylae van hierdie Proklamasié.

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to the south-western beacon of Erf 2; thence north-
wards along the boundaries of the said Erf 2 and Erf
5279, so as to include them in this area, to the point
where the eastward prolongation of the northern boun-
dary of the last-mentioned erf intersects the middle
of the said New Street; thence northwards along the mid-
dle of the last-mentioned street to the point where the
middle of New Street intersects the middle of Hill
Street, the point of beginning.

No. 5, 1990
DECLARATION OF A GROUP AREA UNDER
THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT ZATRON,
DISTRICT OF ZA TRON, PROVINCE OF THE
ORANGE FREE STATE

Under section 23 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act
No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that the area defined
in the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date of pub-
lication of this Proclamation, be an area for occupa-
tion and ownership by members of the Coloured group.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic
of South Africa at Cape Town this Eleventh day of
December, One thousand Nine hundred and Eighty-
nine.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

COLOURED GROUP

The area depicted on Proclamation Diagram SG
369/1989 in its entirety, being a portion of the Remain-
der of the farm Verlies Fontein 354, Administrative
District of Zastron.

No. 6, 1990
AMENDMENT OF PROCLAMATION No. 189 OF
1969 AND THE PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL OF
PROCLAMATION No. 190 OF 1969 IN TERMS OF
THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT DEVLAND,
DISTRICT OF JOHANNESBURG, PROVINCE OF
THE TRANSVAAL

Under section 33 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act
No. 36 of 1966), I hereby—

A. amend Proclamation No. 189 of 1969 to exclude
the area defined in the Schedule to this Procla-
mation from the area defined in the Schedule to
that Proclamation; and

B. withdraw Proclamation No. 190 of 1969 in so far
as it applies to the area defined in the Schedule
to this Proclamation.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic
of South Africa at Cape Town this Eleventh day of
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F. W. DE KLERK,
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BYLAE

'n Sekere stuk grond syned 'n proklamasiegebied oor gedeeltes van die plase Goudkoppie 317 IQ, Misgund 322 IQ en Olifantsvlei 316 IQ in die provinsie Transvaal, soos getoon op Landmeter-generaldiaagram A 3806/89.

No. 7, 1990

INSTELLING VAN 'N VRYHANDELSGEBIED KRAYTENS DIE BEPALINGS VAN ARTIKEL 19 (1) VAN DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE SWARTRUGGENS (RODEON), DISTRIK VENTERSDORP, PROVINSIE TRANSVAAL

Kragtens artikel 19 (1) van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby dat, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, die bepalings van artikels 26 (1), 27, 35, 37 en 40 van die genoemde Wet nie van toepassing is nie ten opsigte van enige gebou, grond of perseel in die gebied omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, onderwouer aan die voorwaarde dat die gebou, grond of perseel slegs vir handels-, kommersiële, professionele of godsdiensige en opvoedkundige doelendes gegee is en of gebruik mag word ingevoeg 'n dorp aan die opskrywing wat kragtens die een of ander wet in die gebied in werking of bindend is.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seel van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad, op hede die Elfde dag van Desember Eenduisend Negehonderd Nege-en-tag-tig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

Op laas van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE

VRYHANDELSGEBIED: SWARTRUGGENS (RODEON)

Begin by die noordwestelike baken van Erf 524 in die dorp Rodeon (Algemene Plan A 2133/22); daarvandaan ooswaarts en suidoostwaarts met die grense van die volgende ewer langs sodat hulle by hierdie gebied ingesluit word: Genoemde Erf 524 en Erwe 523, 526, 527 en 530, tot by die suidoostelike baken van laasgenoemde erf; daarvandaan in 'n reguit lyn oor Jan van Riebeeksstraat tot by Baken E op Kaart A 1953/53 van die Restant van Erf 493, groot 1 529 vierkante meter; daarvandaan ooswaarts met die grense van die volgende eiendomme langs sodat hulle by hierdie gebied ingesluit word: Genoemde Restant van Erf 493, Gedeelte 9 van genoemde Erf 493 (Kaart A 1950/53) en Gedeelte 10 van laasgenoemde erf (Kaart A 1951/53), tot by die noordwestelike baken van genoemde Erf 8 van laasgenoemde erf (Kaart A 1949/53); dan daarvandaan suidoostwaarts met die noordoostelike grens van die genoemde Gedeelte 8 van genoemde Erf 493 langs tot by punt b op genoemde Kaart A 1949/53 langs van genoemde Gedeelte 8 van laasgenoemde Erf; daarvandaan suidoostwaarts met die middel van die Elandsrivier langs tot by punt c op Kaart A 1948/53 van Gedeelte 7 van genoemde Erf 493; daarvandaan algemene weswaarts met die grense van die volgende eiendomme langs sodat hulle by hierdie

SCHEDULE

A certain area of land, being a proclamation area over portions of the farms Goudkoppie 317 IQ, Misgund 322 IQ and Olifantsvlei 316 IQ in the Province of the Transvaal, as shown on Surveyor-General Diagram A 3806/89.

No. 7, 1990

ESTABLISHMENT OF A FREE TRADING AREA IN TERMS OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 19 (1) OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT SWARTRUGGENS (RODEON), DISTRICT VENTERSDORP, PROVINCE OF THE TRANSVAAL

Under section 19 (1) of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, the provisions of sections 26 (1), 27, 35, 37 and 40 of the said Act shall not be applicable in respect of any building, land or premises in the area defined in the Schedule hereto, subject to the condition that such building, land or premises may only be occupied or used for trading, commercial, professional or religious and educational purposes in terms of a town-planning scheme which is in operation or binding under any law in that area.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Eleventh day of December, One thousand Nine hundred and Eighty-nine.

F. W. DE KLERK,
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By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
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SCHEDULE

FREE TRADING AREA: SWARTRUGGENS (RODEON)

Beginning at the north-western beacon of Erf 524 in the Township of Rodeon (General Plan A 2133/22); thence eastwards and southwards along the boundaries of the following erven, so as to include them in this area: The said Erf 524 and Erwe 523, 526, 527 and 530, to the south-eastern beacon of the last-mentioned erf; thence in a straight line across Jan van Riebeek Street to Beacon E on Diagram A 1953/53 of the Remainder of Erf 493, in extent 1 529 square metres; thence eastwards along the boundaries of the following properties, so as to include them in this area: The said Remainder of Erf 493, Portion 9 of the said Erf 493 (Diagram A 1950/53) and Portion 10 of the last-mentioned erf (Diagram A 1951/53), to the north-easternmost beacon of the last-mentioned property; thence in a straight line across Portion 6 of the said Erf 493 (Diagram A 1947/53) to the north-western beacon of Portion 8 of the last-mentioned erf (Diagram A 1949/53); thence south-eastwards along the north-eastern boundary of the said Portion 8 of the said Erf 493 to point b on the said Diagram A 1949/53 of the said Portion 8 of the last-mentioned erf; thence southwards along the middle of the Elands River, to point C on Diagram A 1948/53 of Portion 7 of the said Erf 493; thence generally westwards along the boundaries of the following properties, so as to include them in this area:
Actstop to launch mass action

Fifty-two Hillbrow residents were this week evicted from Heathgate residential block and had their belongings dumped on the pavement. Actstop, the organisation for the so-called illegal tenants living in “white” areas, resolved at a meeting this week to intensify the fight against the exploitation of “illegals”.

Pic: Tladi Khuele
Low-cost homes plan ‘malicious’

By Helen Grange

The Boksburg Town Council is to decide this week whether to press on with a plan to create low-cost, predominantly black housing in the free settlement area of Windmill Park.

In a move to kill the prospect of the newly-declared suburb becoming an upper middle-class area, the council’s Conservative Party caucus proposed at a recent meeting to buy as much land as possible to build low-cost houses, and possibly a men’s hostel to accommodate black municipal employees and families.

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Homes in March

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“I have already had several phone calls from Indians living there. They must accept blacks into their fold in the spirit of Government reform.”

Asked if the council move was not a forced attempt to mould the area into a black township, Mr Ferreira replied: “The Government forced a free settlement area on us.”

Tremendous demand

The council’s move has met with a volley of criticism from the recently-formed Windmill Park management committee and an estate agent operating in the area.

“The plan is motivated by malice, and the intention is to create a slum to discredite the concept of free settlement areas,” said Mr Mametjie Ford of Ford Estate Agents.

He said any plans for development by the council would have to be approved by the Windmill Park management committee.

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Doubts surface over black rights to buy property

Johannesburg set to become free trade area

Municipal Reporter

The whole of Johannesburg is expected soon to become a free trade area after a decision by the city's management committee, but doubts were raised yesterday whether the decision would legally entitle blacks to buy property in white group areas.

On Monday night the committee, acting on a Government request, decided to ask for council approval at next week's meeting for blacks to trade or own business premises anywhere in the city.

Since February 1988, Johannesburg's CBD bounded by Noord Street and the motorways has been open to all races for trading, commercial, professional, educational and religious purposes.

If approved by the council, this would be extended to the entire municipal trading area.

And, said the management committee chairman, Mr Jan Burger, "quite a number of residential" areas were now being considered for free settlement status.

The latest move puts Johannesburg ahead of every other municipality in South Africa, said National Party chief whip Mr Hein Kruger.

However, Democratic Party city councillor Mr Clive Gilbert accused the ruling National Party of ignorance of the law, challenging Mr Kruger to withdraw his claim that this meant blacks could own property in white group areas.

Estate agent Mr Gilbert said free trade areas allowed blacks to rent but not buy business property and he personally had handled numerous cases where offers to purchase by blacks had been lost.

"All this means is the scrapping of the permit system and the need to do business shielded by nominees."

Residential areas

Democratic Party council leader Mr Ian Davidson welcomed the move, saying it was an indictment of the National Party council that the initiative had come from the Government.

"It is to be hoped on council initiative the next move will be to desegregate all residential areas throughout the city," he said.

Mr Burger did not expect a rush for business premises as many blacks had been trading in white areas since the turn of the century.

Mr Kruger said the most immediate outcome would be to cut red tape, but since the main pressure was on the CBD, prices were unlikely to rise substantially in the satellite areas.

The Conservative Party in the city council said it was opposed to the opening of trading areas.

The Central Business District Association welcomed the move, but chairman Mr Nigel Mandy cautioned that it would be necessary to introduce some transitional arrangements in "black" areas within council jurisdiction.

This should merely be a move to provide interim protection for disadvantaged black businessmen who had been restricted to their own areas.

"We do not want to wipe out much of the entrepreneurial class that has been built up under adverse conditions," he said.

He predicted the latest decision would lead to the scrapping of apartheid in residential areas.

"There is some merit in the controversial free settlement areas as the transitional process leading to the opening of all residential areas, with Lenasia and Soweto remaining largely Indian and black towns."

"Then we need to see an end to the Separate Amenities Act where the only criterion will be to keep the place clean, finally getting away from race," Mr Mandy said.

Generally, moves to desegregate had reflected realities as they had been introduced when desegregation was already a fait accompli, Mr Mandy said.
Tukkies row over mixed residences

A group of students at the University of Pretoria were yesterday prevented from distributing pamphlets protesting against the opening of Tukkie residences to all races. The pamphlets were being handed to new students and their parents by members of the Anti-Opposition Committee (AOC) during orientation week. When a member of the Student Representative Council objected, the university's director of campus security demanded that students stop distributing the pamphlets. The AOC and the Anti-Opposition Front (ASF) have both expressed strong opposition to the opening of multiracial residences, which they say will make white students suffer. The pamphlet said that multiracial residences would lead to your son or daughter sharing toilets, showers, swimming pools, etc., with non-whites. "Your son or daughter will be forced to have social contact with non-whites," it added. It further stated that after University of the Witwatersrand residences were opened to all races, academic standards dropped drastically and non-whites were discriminated against on an academic level. "Multiracial residences mean racial clashes." The ASF has requested the university administration to hold a ballot on the issue among students living in residences. Sapa.
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Opening of city trading is welcomed

NEIL YORKE SMITH

REPRESENTATIVES of black and white business groups have welcomed the move to open Johannesburg as a free trade area.

However, the move was long overdue and should be viewed as only a small step towards general freedom in deciding where to trade and live, they said.

Anglo director and president of the new SA Chamber of Business, Les Boyd, said yesterday he welcomed the move as yet another step towards the complete normalisation of our society.

Boyd said it was unlikely any dramatic changes would immediately result.

“Business is not an overnight phenomenon, rather it tends to develop and evolve,” he said.

“I see the move as the kind of evolutionary change which is needed to optimise business development in this country.”

Top black businessman and Nafoc founder Richard Maponya also welcomed the move. “Trade should be free for any entrepreneur wherever he can make a profit,” he said.

Maponya said it had taken a long time to make the decision. “Before, we were living under abnormal conditions where one trading party was protected and the other prejudiced.”

“I believe the move will contribute to the spirit of the new SA of which the state president has spoken,” he added.

“It is right that people of all colours should at least have a hope that they will also have a slice of the economic cake,” Maponya said.

Johannesburg CBD Association founder-chairman Nigel Mandy said the opening of facilities was always welcome.

“I stress, though, that this depends on how other things are relaxed,” he added.

“The opening of free trade areas does not in any way detract from the group areas problem, where blacks have to ‘trek’ back to Soweto every night to live,” Mandy said.

African Business Publications MD Sy Kutemane said it made little sense to open some areas but not go all the way.

“Also, other constraints besides non-free trading areas have restricted black businessmen,” he said.

“These include problems which have become entrenched like lack of capital and reduced competitiveness which resulted from apartheid business laws,” he added.

“Blacks do not need the hassles of petty laws and prejudices when many problems could be solved by government’s throwing everything open to trade and residence,” he said.
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No. 9, 1990
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F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE
KLEURLINGGROEPSGEBIED

Begin by die noordelike baken van Gedeelte 8 (Kaart 1212/94) van die plaa Missund 322 IQ; daarvandaan suid-ooswaarts met die noordelike grense van die volgende gedeeltes langs sodat hulle by hierdie gebied omskryf word: Gedeelde 8 en Restant van Gedeelte 80, groot 2,2167 ha (Kaart A 14/42), tot by die oostelike baken van genoemde Gedeelte 80; daarvandaan verder suid-ooswaarts met die noordoostelike grens van Gedeelte 119 langs tot by die suidelike baken van Restant van Gedeelte 5, groot 201,6212 ha (Kaart 1045/94); daarvandaan suidwaarts oor genoemde Gedeelte 119 (Kaart A 4065/46) en Gedeelte 118 (Kaart A 4067/46) tot by die noordoostelike baken van Restant van Gedeelte 38, groot 7,7648 ha (Kaart 688/97); daarvandaan suidwaarts met die oostelike grense van genoemde Restant van Gedeelte 38 en Gedeelte 173 (Kaart A 7625/86) langs tot by die suidelike baken van laas-gegene Gedeelte; daarvandaan in 'n reg uit lyn oor Gedeelte 62 (Kaart A 1502/11) en Gedeelte 46 (Kaart 298/98) tot by die noordelike baken van Gedeelte 169 (Kaart A 7569/86); daarvandaan suidwaarts met die westelike grens van die volgende gedeeltes langs sodat hulle uit hierdie gebied uitgesluit word: Gedeelde 169 en Gedeelte 167 (Kaart A 7657/86), Gedeelte 162 (Kaart A 7652/86), Gedeelte 168 (Kaart A 7658/86), Gedeelte 166 (Kaart A 7665/86) en Gedeelte 164 (Kaart A 7654/86), tot by die westelike baken van laas-gegene Gedeelde; daarvandaan algemeen weswaarts met die noordelike grens van die Nasionale Pad aangedui met bakens L152, L151, L150, L149, L148, L147, L146, L145 en L144, tot by baken
graard Street, Lot 359, in a straight line across a lane Lots 352 and 351, in a straight line across Moodie Street and Kings Way, Lots 340 and 339, in a straight line across a lane, Lots 326, 325, 324 and 323, in a straight line across Alexandra Street, and Lots 322, 321, 370, 319 and 318 to the northermost beacon of the last-mentioned lot, the point of beginning.

No. 9, 1990

Under section 33 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966) I hereby amend Proclamation No. 189 of 1969 to exclude the area defined in the Schedule to this Proclamation from the area defined in the Schedule to that Proclamation; and

under section 23 of the said Act I hereby declare that the area defined in the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation be an area for occupation and ownership by members of the Coloured Group.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Eleventh day of December, One thousand Nine hundred and Eighty-nine.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE
COLOURED GROUP AREA

Beginning at the northermost beacon of Portion 8 (Diagram 1212/94) of the farm Missund 322 IQ; thence southwards along the north-eastern boundaries of the following portions so as to include them in this area:

The said Portion 8 and Remainder of Portion 80, in extent 2,2167 ha (Diagram A 14/42), to the easternmost beacon of the said Portion 80; thence further southwards along the north-eastern boundary of Portion 119 to the southernmost beacon of Remainder of Portion 5, in extent 201,6212 ha (Diagram 1045/94); thence southwards across the said Portion 119 (Diagram A 4065/46) and Portion 118 (Diagram A 4066/46), to the north-eastern beacon of Remainder of Portion 58, in extent 7,7648 ha (Diagram 688/97); thence southwards along the eastern boundaries of the said Remainder of Portion 38 and Portion 173 (Diagram A 7636/86), to the southernmost beacon of the last-mentioned portion, thence in a straight line across Portion 62 (Diagram A 1592/11) and Portion 46 (Diagram 298/98), to the northermost beacon of Portion 169 (Diagram A 7659/86); thence southwards along the western boundaries of the following portions so as to exclude them from this area: The said Portion 169 and Portion 167 (Diagram A 7657/86), Portion 162 (Diagram A 7652/86), Portion 168 (Diagram A 7658/86), Portion 166 (Diagram A 7656/86) and Portion 164 (Diagram A 7654/86), to the westernmost beacon of the last-mentioned portion; thence generally westwards along the northern boundary of the National Road marked with...
Open trading proposal welcomed

Returning the stolen rights to citizens of Jo’burg

Johannesburg’s Management Committee is to be congratulated on its recent proposal that the entire municipal area should become an open trading area.

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Group Areas proclamation of the 1950’s included virtually all significant business and industrial premises in the “white” group areas, where ownership or occupation by persons of other race groups was prohibited.

Fortunately this unjust restriction is now in the process of being overcome by free market pressures in a society whose diverse peoples are all bound together in a symbiotic relationship.

From the late 1970’s onwards the process of boxing, stretching and widening previously rigid laws gained momentum, particularly in Johannesburg’s central business district and a number of other urban centers.

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Right-wing objections to relaxation of discriminatory measures may be classified under several headings, viz.

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In a situation where such a district is hindered for historical reasons, a good case could be made for protecting black entrepreneurs in the townships from the immediate blasts of strong white and Indian competition during a transitional period.

This is a matter for the communities of Soweto and the other black townships to decide for themselves, but the case for opening white areas is in my view, unanswerable.

That this is the edge of the wedge for removal of residential restrictions.

But the authorities are coming to realise that, especially in the large cities, residential restrictions are eroding under irresistible demographic pressures.

That is a separate issue, which will probably be addressed by the incremental proclamation of free settlement areas as a result of the appeal of the Act. Eventually the creation and maintenance of ethnic or cultural enclaves must come to be done through natural social processes, not by discriminatory laws.

It is right and proper at Johannesburg should take the lead in this matter. If other more conservative local governments hesitate to face up to emerging realities, they will seem themselves to be increasing human conflict and economic stagnation.
Reforms fail to axe the root of apartheid

The gradual legal transformation of Johannesburg into a desegregated society has had little impact on the city’s residents and workers — who in reality, have long ignored petty apartheid, writes HELEN ORANGE.

This is the view of organisations representing the city’s black residents, who claim that past changes to the city’s by-laws have only had “pinprick” effects on their lives.

In addition, the city council’s pronouncements last year that Johannesburg’s public amenities were open to all races have in some cases still not been put into practice. The use of public buses by blacks have occasionally sparked racial incidents, according to Johannesburg’s acting Director of Transport, Mr Gert Tighy. This was because the legal machinery to enforce the council’s directive had not yet been put in motion.

The Local Road Transportation Board was still to hear applications by the Johannesburg Transport Department and Hutco to desegregate bus routes, and the buses would be “legally” opened within the first week of February.

He added, however, that some 4,000 to 5,000 blacks were already using white buses daily and a handful of whites, mainly students, were travelling on the lower tariff black buses.

But, “in view of the situation which had developed over the years”, no sudden rush was expected when desegregation was officially implemented.

While swimming pools and recreation centres have been declared opened for months in the city, regular patrons to these amenities have experienced no dramatic changes.

Apart from the absence of any rush by blacks into swimming pools and recreation centres, many of these facilities have allowed admittance by all races for years.

For the victims of lingering apartheid laws in Johannesburg, only the scrapping of the Group Areas Act will alleviate daily hardships.

The city council’s latest reform move — a decision to open the whole of Johannesburg to free trade — has met with tentative approval.

“This step has no bearing on the vast majority of black people living in the inner city areas. Most of these people cannot afford businesses at all, particularly with exploitative rentals and other costs”, said Mr Tighy.

“These changes are relatively insignificant as long as the Government refuses to abolish the Group Areas Act,” said Mr Cas Coovadia, publicity secretary of Actstop, an organisation representing city tenants.
Stolen rights to citizens of Jo'burg

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If all goes well this recommendation should be approved by the full City Council next Tuesday, after which the Government's permission under Section 18 of the Group Areas Act should be a mere formality.

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Let us pose a simple test: assuming that both are worthy and well-behaved people, which would be more acceptable: a Portuguese-speaking Roman Catholic recent immigrant, or an Afrikaans-speaking Dutch Reformed Church member who happens to be coloured? And what are the implications of the presence of many black persons in the economic life of this city?

That persons of other groups should concentrate on building up the economies of their own separate areas.

But many activities require multi-racial participation, and are best situated in areas which are presently regarded as white.

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PROKЛАMASIES

van die

Staatspresident van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika

No. 8, 1990

WYSIGING VAN PROKЛАMASIE No. 242 VAN 1970 EN DIE VERKLARING VAN 'N GROEPSGEBIED INGEVOLGE DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE DEVON, DISTRIK NIGEL, PROVINSE TRANSVAAL

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H. J. KRIEL,
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BYLAE

INDIËGROEPSGEBIED

Begin by die noordelikste baken van Lot 318 in die dorp Devon (Algemene Plan A 2061/07); daarvandaan suidooswaarts met die noordoostelike grens van genoemde dorp langs, sodat dit by hierdie gebied ingesluit word, tot by die suidoostelike baken van Lot 373; daarvandaan algemeen weswaarts, noordweswaarts en noordwaarts met die grense van die volgende eien-
domme langs sodat hulle by hierdie gebied ingesluit word: Genoemde Lot 373, in 'n reguit lyn oor Hal-
straat, Lot 370, in 'n reguit lyn oor 'n Steeg, Lot 365, in

SCHEDULE

INDIAN GROUP AREA

Beginning at the northernmost beacon of Lot 318 in the township of Devon (General Plan A 2061/07); thence south-eastswards along the north-eastern bound-
dary of the said township, so as to include it in this area, to the south-eastern beacon of Lot 373; thence generally westwards, north-westwards and northwards along the boundaries of the following properties, so as to include them in this area: The said Lot 373, in a straight line across Hal Street, Lot 370, in a straight line across a Lane, Lot 365, in a straight line across Sonder-
Sandton may seek ‘open’ status

THE Sandton Town Council’s management committee has resolved to conduct a referendum of registered voters in the area on whether or not to apply for the Group Areas Act to be amended to exclude Sandton.

This is according to Mr Peter Jardine, chairman of the Democratic Party (DP) in the Sandton Town Council.

Mr Jardine, who is also chairman of the council’s Section 59 Investigation Committee into Free Settlement Areas, said that if the outcome of the referendum is positive, the management committee will petition the State President to have the Group Areas Act amended.

Mr Jardine estimated that about 89 percent of the area’s registered voters would vote in favour of scrapping the Group Areas Act.

But he said: “If the outcome of the referendum is positive but the petition to the State President is unsuccessful, the management committee will instruct the Section 59 Investigation Committee to hold discussions with the Marlboro Gardens management committee, neighbouring municipalities, the Minister of Constitutional Development and the Administrator of the Transvaal.

“The point of these would be to examine and report back on the practical implications of whether or not to apply for the entire municipal area to be declared a free settlement area.”

Mr Jardine said the council was totally opposed to:

*i The Group Areas Act.*

*ii The fragmentation of Sandton into a number of free settlement areas with an attendant multiplicity of management committees.*

*iii The current franchise provisions of Local Government Affairs in the Free Settlement Areas Act.*

“The legal advice obtained and the statements of government ministers and officials indicate that there is nothing to prevent an entire municipality from applying to be a free settlement area,” Mr Jardine said.

Mr Peter Jardine to hold referendum.
‘But she’s my wife’ — Areas Act offender

JOHANNESBURG. — A Verwoerdburg couple have been found guilty of contravening the Group Areas Act — the first “mixed” couple to be charged under the Act. Russel Kim Reynke, 43, of 283 Theuns van Niekerk Street, Wierda Park, Verwoerdburg, was last week found guilty of allowing co-accused Minah Reynke, 26, to occupy a house in a white group area in contravention of the Group Areas Act. Mrs Reynke, his wife, is classified "coloured".

The couple had pleaded guilty. They were both warned and discharged.

Married

When asked by Pretoria magistrate, Mr A C G Stander, why he had allowed Mrs Reynke to stay in his house while he knew it was illegal, Mr Reynke answered: "She's my wife."

The Reynkes were married on November 30, 1989 — the date when they moved into the Wierda Park house. They have no children.

Mr Stander said the fact that the couple were married made the case different from any other tried before by the courts.

He said the court took into account that Mr Reynke was in the process of selling his Wierda Park house and the couple planned to move to Cape Town within the next month. The court also noted that they were vacating the house to avoid committing the same offence.

He stressed, however, that the court viewed the offence in a serious light and that Mr Reynke should arrange legal accommodation for his wife until they left Wierda Park.

Earlier, Mr Reynke, who gave his occupation as "consultant", had pleaded in mitigation of sentence that he had put the house up for sale and would move to Cape Town in about a month.

Mr Paul Louw prosecuted, and the Reynkes conducted their own defence.

Group areas will have to go — Suzman

THE State President’s intention may be to allow the Group Areas Act to erode as more free settlement areas become defined — "but this can only lead to the creation of overcrowded ghettos and tenants subjected to rack-renting landlords", according to Mrs Helen Suzman.

In her final lecture in a series of five, "highlights of a political career", at the University of Cape Town summer school last night, the veteran politician, now retired, said the only satisfactory way to deal with the Group Areas Act was "to scrap it entirely".

She believed the “death knell” of the Separate Amenities Act had already sounded.

Mrs Suzman said South Africa could only hope to take its place among the community of Western nations with the extension of the vote on the common roll to all adult South Africans, the restoration of the rule of law, and by scrapping laws that allowed detention without trial.

"HARD SLOG"

She said her years in parliament had been worthwhile, despite "the hard slog during the 13 years alone, the abuse which I have endured over the years, the frustration and the boredom and now my ultimate rejection by radicals, black and white, as a person belonging to that endangered species — the white South African liberal".

Mrs Suzman disclosed she had dealt with the "really nasty threatening phone calls in the dark watches of the night" by blowing a very shrill whistle hard down the receiver.

Recommending the "whistle treatment" to anyone "suffering the attention of the heavy breathers", she remarked: "I’ve knocked out a few eardrums that way."
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Bid to Re-Creat
Indian trader ready to return
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Apartheid under fire in Transvaal

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The two major Transvaal cities, Johannesburg and Pretoria, have taken far-reaching decisions which will lead to the partial scrapping of apartheid in their municipal areas.

In Johannesburg a recommendation by the 'management committees' that the entire city be declared a free trade area was approved at yesterday's council meeting. Only the four Conservative Party members opposed the move.

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In Pretoria the council voted by 22 votes to 19 after a heated debate yesterday to open the municipal bus service, all municipal libraries, the city hall and the Skilpad Hall, the Hillcrest swimming pool and angling facilities at the Rietvlei dam to all races.

Recommendation

The Pretoria council decided to recommend to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning that the major part of the central business district and a number of suburban areas be investigated as free-trade areas and that it had no objection to the principle of establishing a free-settlement area on a "regional" basis inside or outside its area of jurisdiction.

Johannesburg deputy management committee chairman Mrs Marietta Marx said: "We are moving towards a discrimination-free city. But it is not in our hands to abolish the Group Areas Act. It would be wonderful to stand up and say it had been scrapped," she added.

Mrs Marx said her ideal was freedom of choice for everyone in South Africa. The Group Areas Act was a problem, but part of the committee's aim was to look at group interests on a non-discriminatory basis.

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Earlier in the debate Democratic Party council leader Mr Ian Davidson recalled that the Democrats had been dubbed "screaming liberals" when they urged the scrapping of apartheid.

Urging the scrapping of the Group Areas Act, he said all that was really being obtained was an exemption from the Act.

"But we still have the contorted logic which is that a black can work anywhere but not live there," he said.
Single tax base for Jo'burg - Actstop

ACTSTOP has called for the re-unification of all Johannesburg suburbs into one city, with one tax base and one democratically elected local authority.

This was among the resolutions taken at the organisation's annual general meeting at the weekend.

Actstop was started three years ago to fight for black tenants' rights in 'white areas' and against their exploitation.

Actstop challenged the Government to provide adequate and affordable accommodation for all and to scrap the Land, Group Areas and Squating Acts "which are responsible for over seven million South Africans being homeless".

"We call on the Government to declare a moratorium on evictions," publicity secretary Mr Cas Ceyvadia said.

"The lack of legal protection for black tenants against exploitation by unscrupulous landlords has resulted in the recent spate of evictions which exacerbate rather than solve tensions between tenants and landlords," he said.

"The Johannesburg City Council has in the past two months broken its own health regulations. It suspended water supplies and created a health hazard. It still refuses to enter into contracts with so-called illegal tenants. We condemn its racist refusal to contract black tenants," he said.

The meeting also slammed the decision of the Rent Board to "decontrol scores of buildings" sometimes without application from landlords and following proper procedures. They called for the dissolution of the Rent Board and for a new one to be democratically elected.
Vote on group areas

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Chairman of the Section 59 Council Committee dealing with Free Settlement Areas, Mr Peter Jardine said the referendum was a matter of urgency. A date will be set and registered voters in Sandton will have to vote "Yes" or "No" for an open Sandton. The council wants approval for an amendment to the Group Areas Act to exclude the entire municipal area of Sandton.
Move is intrusion — CP

Trade and race bars to fall in Jo’burg, Pretoria

By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

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“The ideal is a free society where people can function on a competitive basis.”

Earlier in the debate, the Democratic Party council leader, Mr Ian Davidson, recalled that his party had been dubbed “screaming liberals” when it had urged the scrapping of apartheid.

Urging the scrapping of the Group Areas Act, he said all that was really being obtained was an exemption from the Act.

Mr Jacques Theron, leader of the CP, labelled the move an “intrusion by Government into municipal affairs, a purely political decision”.

The chairman of Pretoria’s management committee, Mr James Leach, called on all Pretoria residents “to approach the opening of facilities with great responsibility.”
Vryheid opens the curtains on trading

DURBAN — Vryheid Town Council has decided that its central business district should be opened to all races, and application will be made to the Group Areas Board as soon as possible.

The decision of the nine-member council was opposed only by Mr Eben Kruger, who stood for the Conservative Party in the municipal election.

The decision was taken on the recommendation of the finance committee and had the support of the chambers of commerce and industry and Afrikaanse Sakekamer.

The council will talk next Tuesday with representatives of the House of Delegates about the development of the proposed Indian residential area.

Vryheid has been closed for a long time to Indian residential occupation in terms of a 1927 law, but it was repealed a few years ago and the council then approved the development of an Indian suburb.
to vote on free settlement area

By Louise Burgers

The Sandton Town Council will hold a referendum within three months to determine whether its voters want the Group Areas Act repealed in their entire municipal area.

Mr Peter Jardine, chairman of the Section 59 committee dealing with Free Settlement Areas, said at the council monthly meeting on Monday night that the referendum was a matter of urgency and would be held as soon as possible.

The council requires a mandate from its voters to petition the State President for an amendment to the Group Areas Act to exclude the entire municipal area from the provisions of the Act.

A date will be set for the poll and registered voters in Sandton will have to vote "yes" or "no" for an open area.

R50 000 has been set aside for the referendum. The Democratic Party is expected to campaign vigorously for a "yes" vote.

The motion tabled before the Sandton Town Council stated that it opposed the Group Areas Act; the fragmentation of Sandton into a number of free settlement areas with an attendant multiplicity of management committees; and the current franchise provisions of the Local Government Affairs in Free Settlement Areas Act.

AMENDMENTS REJECTED

The recommendations dealing with the referendum were carried by 18 votes. Independent councillor, Mrs Elizabeth Clogg and DP councillor, Mrs Hazel Egdes-Schochet abstained. Two amendments proposed by them were rejected.

Mrs Clogg believed the referendum was unnecessary and suggested the council petition the State President directly.

The chairman of the management committee, Mr Perry Oertel, said residents wanted to be consulted and a mandate from voters would place the council in a stronger position to negotiate.

According to the Section 59 committee report on free settlement areas also released on Monday, all residential areas and public facilities should be open to all races throughout the country, and the council should continue to demand and exert all possible pressure to have the Group Areas Act repealed.

The committee considered the Free Settlement Areas Act and the Local Government Affairs in Free Settlement Areas Act "inherently unacceptable legislation" — only necessary because of the existence of the Group Areas Act.

The two acts were also considered to be "bad legislation" as they were extremely vague in many aspects and totally silent on relevant aspects in other instances, the report stated.

The committee was of the opinion that it was possible to use the free settlement areas legislation to achieve an open residential area for an entire municipality, provided amendments or regulations were made to provide for an acceptable form of franchise and a workable management system.

Legal advice obtained by the council indicated there was nothing to prevent an entire municipality from applying to become a free settlement area.

There would have to be a common voters roll for the election of a single city or town council. Apart from those on the municipal voters' role, people who owned or permanently occupied property in the municipal area and the corporate vote, should be accommodated.
PRETORIA. — The City Council here last night took major steps towards the total abolition of apartheid in the capital city — overriding caustic and heated Conservative Party opposition to open a number of municipal facilities to all races.

Initial reports after the meeting indicated that most municipal facilities would be opened to all.

Reports before the council noted that investigations were still under way into the segregation/integration scenario in a wide number of services, as well as extensions to the central city free trading area.

After the meeting, the chairman of the management committee, Mr James Leach, appealed to "all residents of Pretoria to approach the opening of facilities in our city with great responsibility".

This followed a heated debate in which the CP opposition warned of certain disaster and described the latest moves as "the thin end of the wedge".

The CP threatened to do everything legally in its power to overturn the proposal.

Meanwhile, in Johannesburg, the City Council is to ask the Constitution-

al Development and Planning Department to declare the whole of Johannes-

burg a free trade area.

This recommendation, made by the management committee last week, was approved by all DP and NP councillors at the monthly council meeting last night.

The four CP councillors opposed the recommendation on the grounds that white business would be threatened.

A motion proposed by CP councillor Mr Hendrik Claassen, that referen-
dums should be held among the cur-
rent legal residents before any free settlement recommendations were made, was ridiculed by both DP and NP councillors.

In proposing the motion, Mr Claassen cited statistics of Aids among blacks and the number of Aids-related deaths.

All Johannesburg's buses will be opened to all races within the next 10 days, Johannesburg City Council's Acting Transport director Mr Gert Tighy said yesterday.

The applications by Puteo and Joh-

nburg City Council to the Road Board for permits to carry passengers of all races went ahead without a hitch, he said. — Sapa, Own Corre-

spondent
JOHANNESBURG and Pretoria have taken far-reaching decisions which will lead to the partial scrapping of apartheid in their municipal areas.

In Johannesburg a recommendation by the management committee that the entire city be declared a free trade area was approved at Tuesday night's council meeting. Only the four Conservative Party members opposed the move.

It was announced that the Lenasia and South West management committees also decided to accept free trade areas.

Abolish

In Pretoria on the same night, the council voted by 22 votes to 19 to open the municipal bus service, all municipal libraries, the City Hall and Skips Hall, the Hillcrest swimming pool and angling facilities at the Rietvlei Dam to all races.

The city council also decided to recommend to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning that most of the city's central business district as well as a number of suburban areas be investigated as free trade areas. It said it did not object to the principle of establishing a free settlement area on a "regional" basis inside or outside its area of jurisdiction.

Johannesburg deputy management committee chairman Mrs Marietta Marx said: "We are moving towards a discrimination-free city. But it is not in our hands to abolish the Group Areas Act. It would be wonderful to stand up and say it had been scrapped," she added.

Marx said her ideal was freedom of choice for everyone in South Africa.

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Resistance

In a heated debate, during which each of the 19 CP councillors spoke out against the new steps, CP council leader Mr Paul Fouche warned that his party would "call the Afrikaner volk to passive resistance".

Fouche said thousands of CP supporters would turn up at a special city council meeting he had requested - expected to be held on February 15.

Brigadier Jackson van Zyl (CP) warned that white bus drivers would resign in great numbers.
Board may declare 33 more areas open to all

By Shirley Woogate, Municipal Reporter

The Massive area known as "Cosmo City", about 3 km north west of Randburg; Mayfair in Johannesburg; and Dieploot in Midrand are among 33 applications being considered as free-settlement areas following the declaration by the Free Settlement Board of the first four desegregated suburbs late last year.

A further two applications — for Ironsye between Sebokeng and de Deur, and 200 ha of the Farm Waterval north of Megawatt Park adjoining Sunninghill — are at an advanced stage and public meetings will be held this month to allow final input from residents.

Applications still in the pipeline include Zuurbekom (Westonaria), Mooikloof (Pretoria), Fishers Haven (Krynaua) and Ottery/Wetton (Cape Town).

Others revealed by the board are Cato Crest and Zeekoeivle-
Pretoria CBD decision cautiously welcomed

PRETORIA — Organised commerce in Pretoria has welcomed the opening up of the CBD as a free trading area, although care, it was stressed, would have to be taken in its implementation.

Pretoria Chamber of Commerce CE Alec de Beer said the move was in line with the free trade principle enshrined in the constitution.

It would be important, too, in improving SA’s tarnished image abroad as Pretoria was seen as a representative of the entire country.

However, he added the opening would not bring overnight changes. For one thing, rentals in the CBD were high, which would discourage a flood of new traders.

Pretoria Sakekamer chairman Japie Jacobs said the Sakekamer supported the decision, providing it led to a stimulation of trade in the CBD.

The CP has challenged the NP to hold a referendum among Pretoria whites to test whether the council’s decision had the support of the majority.

CP leader in the council Paul Fouche said in a statement the NP-controlled council had robbed whites in the city of an important part of their community life.

Meeting

Fouche said the CP planned to organise a public meeting in the Pretoria City Hall on February 15 at which voters could speak out against the council’s decision.

DP planning deputy spokesman Tony Leon said in Cape Town it was encouraging that the Pretoria City Council had put its head in the “desegregation waters”, Sapa reports.

However it was critical that they dealt with the remaining areas of segregation in the city — sports and recreation facilities.

Political scientist Willem Kleynhans said the majority of Pretoria’s whites were in shock following the council’s decision.

Kleynhans, who attended most of the heated 18-hour debate which preceded the council decision, said racial friction was almost certain to result.

However, he praised the council for its decision, which, sooner or later, would have to be taken.

If an election were held now the NP would sweep the board except for several eastern suburbs seats and the NP would almost certainly lose control of the city at the next municipal elections, he said.

Permission

Open buses would be the main source of friction. Already bus drivers had threatened to resign and other had asserted that blacks would set foot in their buses.

The current R17m a year loss on the service would probably worsen with many whites using their cars.

Durban mayor Derrick Watson is to take immediate steps to have the entire city declared a free trade area, Sapa reports.

Watson said it was “jolly well time” that Durban followed Johannesburg and Pretoria in opening its greater city area to traders of all races.

Durban took the lead four years ago by declaring the central business district a free trade area, but black businessmen wishing to establish themselves outside the CBD had to still apply to the Group Areas Board for permission to trade.

The Port Elizabeth City Council applied to government in 1985 for all the city’s business areas to be declared free trade areas. But government only allowed certain areas within the city’s municipal area to be opened, Administration director Carl Fischer said yesterday.

The Queenstown town council on Thursday night unanimously agreed that the town should be declared a free trade area.
Group areas doubts stymie home loans

EDITH BULBRING

Attempts by would-be home-owners — regardless of their race — to secure bonds in Johannesburg's integrated inner city suburbs are being frustrated as banks and building societies decline to grant home loans.

Although none of the institutions has a publicly stated policy against granting bonds in grey areas, they concede the status of these areas does not guarantee security for their investments.

Two prospective homebuyers in the Troyeville area recently had their bond application turned down by Standard Bank, although their financial situation was found to be satisfactory.

The official reason given was that Standard Bank could not grant a loan on the property as assessed. Unofficially, they were told the area was considered a "slum" locality.

The Community Development Act of 1966 declared areas like Jeppe, Troyeville and Fairview urban renewal areas, effectively freezing all development for 10 years while plans for rebuilding were considered. They have since been deproclaimed.

Standard Bank divisional GM of home loans Terry Power said the question that needed to be answered before loans were granted in any area was whether they represented good security. The bank would be reluctant to grant a loan if there was a question mark over the status of an area.

The environment, the property, the undesirable element and the crime rate in the area needed to be assessed. In addition, the bank needed to be satisfied that there was a ready market for houses in the area and that it would get its money back if the house was sold.

Confidence

The same homebuyers approached the United building society to be told the United did not grant bonds in Troyeville at all. When asked how United policy applied in other grey areas such as Benoni/Kwetlala Valley, Bellevue and Yeoville, they were told bonds were granted there on a "selective" basis. The uncertainty surrounding grey areas pending government clarity was the reason given by United for the reluctance to grant bonds.

United MD Mike de Blanche said there was a lack of confidence in grey areas. Property values were affected because of the legal uncertainty, he said. The United had a precautionary attitude to granting home loans in grey areas, but this did not mean bonds were never granted.

Allied Group MD Kevin de Villiers said the Allied did not "red-line" any areas. However, in areas of uncertainty, like grey areas, it was difficult to put a value on property. As long as there was this uncertainty, the Allied was forced to exercise caution.

First National Bank communications chief Brent Chalmers said FNB was careful about home loans in unofficially declared grey areas. It had to assess whether it could sell the property if need be, and would not give a 100% loan in "shaky" areas.

NBS head office assistant GM: mortgage lending Trevor Olivier said certain financial institutions had suffered losses or faced potential losses because of the greying of certain areas.

If properties in grey areas degenerated, or the general area deteriorated, this would affect their decision to grant a bond, he said.

TrustBank spokesman Louis de Villiers said its bonds were granted on the merit of the qualifying customer, and were subject to the evaluation of the property and/or the building plans. The location of the house was not necessarily taken into consideration.
Free trade unrelated to Acts, says Burger

The proclamation of the whole of Johannesburg as a free trade area was totally unrelated to any moves under the Group Areas and Separate Amenities Acts, said management committee chairman Mr. Jan Burger.

"They are entirely separate issues and one has nothing to do with the other. This council can only act on the two latter Acts if requested to do so by the central Government," he said.

The management committee's decision to act on free trade areas was preceded by representations by black businessmen who claimed the opening of the CBD in 1986 was "not much use to them in practice," he said.

"Their point was that they were not generally looking to go into upmarket establishments in expensive areas such as the CBD.

"What they were interested in was the corner-canteen type business concentrated along suburban Putco routes such as in Booisens or Ophirton.

"The object is to allow them to trade but not live there and suburbs where they have the right to trade does not have to be within a free settlement area.

"There is confusion about whether traders may live on their business premises. But this does not follow at all. In fact the existing ordinance lays down that a place of business cannot be used as a residence and the council can take action against transgressions," said Mr. Burger.
Indian traders this week reacted to city council plans to declare the whole of Johannesburg a free trade area by announcing they would immediately try to revive the once-popular shopping strip along 14th Street in Pageview.

Right-wing whites living in the area reacted by staging a protest in the street, which is set to become the scene of a bitter struggle between the two groups, one believing it has a historical right to the area, the other claiming it is a white group area, writes Municipal Reporter Shirley Woodgate.

Mr Otto Hamman, spokesman for the white residents, says:

We reject plans to recreate the 14th Street shops and believe the present Indian tenants are illegally in this area which is a whites-only suburb under the Group Areas Act.

We accept that races should be separate, but blacks were allowed to move into Doornfontein, Mayfair and Hillbrow 10 years ago and we were hounded out to Vrededorp, Pageview and Jan Hofmeyr.

Now they want to uproot us again by allowing the Indians to move into this place.

Minister Mr Roelf Meyer (the Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and National Education) has given us undertakings and if he does not stick to them he must take the consequences. Last Sunday Indians tried to move into 17th Street and we put them out without violence. Feelings are running high and I am being forced to curb the antagonism.

We now insist that our councillor Mr Jan van Blerk stops avoiding us and calls a public meeting to thrash out our problems.

Traders Mr Rashid Bulbulia and Mohamed Nana say:

We are not invading a white area but maintaining historic links with land demarcated for Malays before the turn of the century by President Paul Kruger.

Pageview was traditionally a mixed suburb with more "blacks" residing between 17th and 28th streets than anywhere else. It was only in 1934 when the Government started removing people under the Slums Act and in 1956 when they pushed out "blacks" under the Group Areas Act that the situation changed.

Finally in 1976 the traders were unwillingly pushed into the Oriental Plaza and the 14th Street shops were demolished. In 1982, after 15 000 people of colour had been moved, the first 200 whites moved in.

A revival of the colourful shopping strip would improve the quality of life in the area and create activity.

We accept that, some people prefer to live with their own kind but this should be a free choice and not regulated by law.
Abolish own affairs health system – MP

The only hospital for coloureds in the Transvaal had been told to cut its patient intake by 10 percent, Minister of the Budget in the House of Representatives Mr Miley Richards said yesterday.

Calling for the abolition of the “own affairs” health system, he said the hospital already had a 110 percent bed occupancy while white hospitals in the Johannesburg area stood almost empty.

The cuts were being asked for in an attempt to trim the Coronationville Hospital’s budget.

“Who is going to decide who will not be treated — a desk clerk?” Mr Richards asked.

“How are you going to implement this apartheid ideology which is outmoded and outdated? Nobody comes there as a coloured patient. He comes there as a sick person.

“We cannot go on in this fashion. We certainly have enough hospitals if only they are shared fairly among the people of our country.”

Mr Richards also said there was something wrong about the large number of people entering hospitals. There was no primary health care for coloureds in South Africa — “so you either go to hospital or you die”, he said. — Sapa.
New all-race town planned

A MULTIRACIAL township, Cosmo City, could be established northwest of Johannesburg, on the R512 between Randburg and Lanseria, if a recent application to the Free Settlement Board is approved.

The application was lodged by Pretoria developer Bester Homes, which said it owned all but one of the 17 properties involved.

The outstanding property is owned by Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder.

Van Tonder said he was in favour of the development of a township, which was already "imminent", but he would oppose the application for a free settlement area, since he "cannot see the sense of it".

"We've already submitted plans for a township in the area, comprising 7 000 stands ranging from 500m² to 2 000m².

"The area can carry a township of this size, and there is a need for residential property in this range. We would just have to put in the infra-structure, but this would not present any problems," he said.

The proposed township covers 1 000ha, with the Lion Park on its northern boundary. It was first mooted in 1988, but was shelved in the face of opposition from local residents.

Property owners in the Diepsloot area, a few kilometres to the northeast of the proposed Cosmo City, have welcomed the application, which they believe will take pressure off them for the development of the much contested Norweto township.

Atmosphere

"The Free Settlement Board seems to have shelved the Diepsloot issue. When I spoke to them in September last year they said it had been put on ice," said Diepsloot Residents' & Landowners' Association chairman Stuart Aitchison.

Meanwhile, Rabie Properties is believed to have let its options lapse on 23 properties in the Diepsloot area, and to resist any continued threat to Diepsloot's rural atmosphere, Inanda Country Base is buying up large tracts of surrounding land.

"We could see properties in the area being subdivided to 4ha plots, but most of the residents are determined to maintain a green belt," said Aitchison.

"Cosmo City is a far more logical development. It's on the planned route of the PWV3, which will probably go through, whereas Diepsloot is on the PWV5, which remains open to question."

However, a final decision on the development of the whole area would seem to depend on the findings of the Witwatersrand Development Guide Plan, which is being revised by the TPA.

A reshuffling of boundaries is taking place among towns in the northwestern suburbs. Chartwell and Farmall have established an independent local area committee, while the farming area to the north of the R25 generally recognized as a natural boundary — have applied to form a rural council.
Group Areas cases delayed

By Celeste Louw

Two separate cases of contravention of the Group Areas Act, were yesterday postponed to February 26 by a Johannesburg magistrate.

Mr Petrus Knop, Mr Mohamed Mongera and Forturf (Pty) Ltd, are charged with allowing "non-whites" to live in Mayfair West.

Mr Clive Keppeler, Mr Ismail Mayet and the company 115 Properties are charged with a similar offence.

None of the accused were asked to plead.

The court heard that more alleged offenders will be brought to court this week. All cases will be postponed to February 26.
Proposed free settlement areas 'make no sense'

By Shirley Weidgate, Municipal Reporter

The news today of a proposed free settlement area covering a vast section of Johannesburg’s eastern suburbs has stunned the affected MPs and city councillors.

Houghton Democratic Party MP Mr Tony Leon said he had been informed by the Free Settlement Board that Belvedere, Yeoville, Berea, Doornfontein, New Doornfontein, Judith's Paarl, Lenasia, Bertrams, portions surrounding Joubert Park, a portion of Houghton Estate up to its boundaries with Kilmarney golf course, Oaklands, Norwood and Orange Grove had been advertised for comment and investigation.

He said: “Inexplicably, Hillbrow proper, which is widely believed to be 40 percent black, has been excluded. A section of Joubert Park between End and Twist Streets has also been excluded from the proposed free settlement area.”

Describing the proposal as “nothing more or less than racial roulette”, he said the “distorted dog’s leg” which had been drawn up on a map made no sense from a socio-economic, racial harmony or demographic point of view.

“The parcel of land which the board has put together shows reckless disregard for community interests, particularly in Houghton Estate, which has simply been sliced in half, despite the fact that many Indians are happily living in the part which will remain white,” Mr Leon said.

“NOT EXCITED”

“This proposal has been drawn up in defiance of all the Government’s latest reform moves, and I invite residents to write to me at the Houses of Parliament, Box 15, Cape Town 8000.”

Johannesburg City Council’s management committee deputy chairman, Mrs Mariette Marx, said the application had not come from the council but the Free Settlement Board.

“Personally I am not excited about free settlement areas, but this move is probably aimed at legalising a de facto situation and could solve many problems, including those of exploitation of tenants by unscrupulous landlords.

“We all know the Group Areas Act should be looked at, but it will be part of the negotiating process.”

“In the interim, free settlement areas allow people of all races to live legally in areas of their choice, including the upper-income suburbs like Houghton Estate. Contrary to common belief, Hillbrow proper is not 40 percent black and has probably been excluded to accommodate the elderly whites living there,” Mrs Marx said.

Mr Hein Kruger, chairman of the Free Settlement Board, has indicated that he will accept comment from the public up to April 2.

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Bookies’ Bet

Open areas, closed minds

There seems to be no end to the illogical and devious ways of Nationalist politics and bureaucracy. Latest breathtaking example is the announcement of a proposed free settlement area covering a huge section of Johannesburg's eastern suburbs, a plan which Democratic Party MP Mr Tony Leon accurately assesses as making no sense in socio-economic, racial harmony or demographic terms.

This arbitrary move by the Free Settlement Board is part of the messy piecemeal dismantling of apartheid which creates more problems, anxiety and heartache than it dispels. For example, if the proposal goes through, many Indian families living in Houghton Estate — to be split in two on the racial map — would suddenly find themselves in the part reserved for whites.

Equally incomprehensible is the exclusion of Hillbrow from the plan. It is more than three months since the Minister of Planning, Mr Hernus Kriel, said that investigations into the desirability of making Hillbrow a free settlement area were under way and implied that a decision would soon be forthcoming.

Since then, all that has materialised has been contradictory statements from various levels of the Nat party. Meanwhile, the unhappy suburb remains in a "grey" limbo with overwhelming population pressures.

Not that declaring Hillbrow open would be a cure-all; in fact it would probably have the opposite effect of increasing the problems of overcrowding, rent exploitation, slum conditions and crime. Relief could come only from declaring the whole of Johannesburg a free settlement area or, best of all, freeing the entire country of race restrictions.

In other words, the Group Areas Act must go. But that is an issue which the Government has apparently succeeded in placing on the back burner pending the negotiations on South Africa's future.

Surely it makes excellent sense to suggest that in the meantime — as a contribution to the developing conciliatory climate — provocative and unnecessary action in terms of controversial legislation should be avoided.
DP aghast at board's plan

By JACQUES MAGUILO

THE DEMOCRATIC Party has reacted strongly to the decision by the Free Settlement Board to investigate the desegregation of selected suburbs in Johannesburg.

Houghton DP MP Tony Leon says: "This kind of racial thinking has no place in a new SA," adding that a mini debate on the subject will take place in Parliament on Tuesday.

The DP is to call for amendments to the concept of free settlement areas so as to include entire cities instead of suburbs.

In Johannesburg, DP city council leader Ian Davidson will propose a motion that the Government stops all investigations by the board until there is clarity on the Group Areas Act.

He says: "The social structure breaks down if single suburbs are opened up." He adds that the minimum the DP will settle for is "the opening of the whole of Johannesburg."

Former Houghton MP Helen Stransman said yesterday: "The answer is to scrap the Group Areas Act in its entirety and not to create more overcrowded ghettos."

Areas that will be investigated by the board include Belville, Doornfontein, New Deonraafstein, Yeoville, Berea, Judith's Pearl, Longmeadow, Bertrams, part of Joubert Park, a portion of Houghton Estate — up to its boundaries with Killarney Golf Course, Oaklands, Norwood and Orange Grove. Hillbrow is not included.

Mr Leon says: "By excluding Hillbrow, the board is acting in woeful ignorance."
Boksburg developers await go-ahead

By Helen Grange

More than two months after the Government declared Windmill Park in Boksburg a free settlement area, developers are still waiting for the suburb to be proclaimed in a government gazette.

A property agent, Mr. Mannetjies Ford, said in an interview that he had sold all the plots in Windmill Park, but could not transfer them into the names of the Indian, coloured and black buyers who had purchased the land until it was proclaimed.

Developers were also anxiously waiting for the proclamation to start building houses, he said.

Mr. Ford said the plots and existing houses had been sold to "upmarket" individuals in business. There were no first-time homeowners moving in.

According to businessman Mr. Clemens Padiachy, president of Windmill Park Indian Homeowners Association, there had not been a rush for the land because it was too expensive.

He said the whole purpose of free settlement areas was being defeated because property being sold was out of reach of the first-time homeowner. Properties were being sold for up to R150 000.

"These prices mean that only a certain economic class of person can live in the area — making it inaccessible to most working people," said Mr. Padiachy.

At least one white property owner in Windmill Park (who wished to remain unnamed) said he was struggling to sell "because of earlier Boksburg city council threats to turn the suburb into a working-class slum".

"Ever since the council proposed buying large tracts of land to erect low-cost housing and hostels for its black employees, we have been unable to find buyers," he said.

Mr. Ford however said the council had long since abandoned the plan.

Accused lied, hobo trial told

By Marguerite Moody Wednesday

Plight of unwanted children

provides much of this training
SIT TIGHT!

That's an MP's advice as confusion grows over free settlement areas

By DAVID JACKSON
PROPERTY owners are feeling the jitters as uncertainty mounts over the future of free settlement areas.

Confusion mounted this week as the Johannesburg City Council turned its back on the latest Free Settlement Board investigation.

And Democratic Party MP for Houghton, Mr Tony Leon, said he had already received telegrams from home owners anxious to know what they should do.

Excessive

His advice to them was: "Sit tight. We have to see what actually happens."

"We must discourage any panic selling or speculative buying because there is no finality to these proposals."

Part of Houghton Estate, one of Johannesburg's wealthiest northern suburbs, is on the list of potential free settlement areas being investigated by the board. Interested parties have until April 2 to make representations.

And, while Houghton, with property prices ranging from R50 000 to R40 million, is unlikely to be affected by panic property speculation, concern is rising through other suburbs under the Free Settlement Board microscope.

Board chairman Mr Hein Kruger last week announced an inquiry into Bellevue, Yeoville, Berea, Doornfontein, New Doornfontein, Judith's Park and a portion of Houghton.

"But there is the inherent risk that, if standards are not maintained and proper controls not instigated in terms of density, sanitation and so on, you could have overcrowding leading to possible slum conditions — and then prices would come down."

The confusion is compounded by the glaring contradictions thrown up in the latest package of free settlement proposals.

Mr Leon said that, in Houghton, "they have taken exactly half of one northern suburb and excluded the rest from consideration. There are probably 40 other suburbs that one could say are upper-income suburbs that have been excluded from the compass of the proposals."

"Obviously it will say to well-to-do coloureds, Indian

and blacks that they can buy in an upper-income area — but that upper-income area consists of about 200 homes on which no subdivision is allowed below 2 000 square meters.

"It will be a token gesture in the extreme. It's quite ridiculous from any point of view of community interest and is not going to alleviate any of the problems which group areas have created," he added.

Ugly grey areas such as Hillbrow and Mayfair-West have been excluded from the probe as has Fagersfontein, which has been trying to have itself declared a free settlement area.

Hillbrow's flatland is already about 50 percent black. In residential terms, Johannesburg's central business district is almost totally black. It too is not on the list.

Not a single one of Johannesburg's southern suburbs has been included.

Toothless

Critics of the scheme say this — as well as the omission of Hillbrow — reflects the violent opposition from some NP councillors who have opposed free settlement.

The existing four free settlement areas have a pattern of residential occupation. They include Zone 9 in Cape Town (the old District Six), and Windmill Park on the east Rand, which was almost entirely Indian and became totally Indian after being declared a free settlement area.

But the new proposals, if carried through, would open up pockets of grey areas throughout the whole of Johannesburg.

Mr Leon said free settlement proposals should be more than toothless advisory bodies. Free settlement punishments people for choosing an integrated neighbourhood. It says, in effect, if you want integration you can have it, but there are negative consequences attached.

"It is a leap in the dark because we don't know exactly how these management committees are going to function or how the city council which retains simultaneous control over these free settlement areas together with this management committee — is going to fit in."

"We don't know whether the administrator who is empowered to set up a management committee will in fact do so in respect of these areas or not. The whole thing is left to speculation."

Serious

The DP said the next step, as a matter of urgency, was to pressurise the Free Settlement Board to declare a moratorium on any investigation into any part of Johannesburg and to petition the Government to have Johannesburg effectively exempted from the Group Areas Act.

The Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Mr H. Kriel, said in Parliament this week there was nothing in the Free Settlement Areas Act to stop anyone applying for four cities to become free settlement areas.

The Free Settlement Areas Board would consider such an application in the light of all the relevant socio-economic concerns, he said.

The Government would "seriously consider" any board recommendation that was "in the interests of the community", he added.
OPEN ISSUES AND NOW IT'S
replaced by mixed local governments. Cape Town and Johannesburg may be the first to be exempted from the strictures of the Group Areas Act. The Cape Town city council has already stated this as its goal, and majority opinion in the Johannesburg council is said to favour a similar step.

The Government has cleared the way for "open" cities...
- It will keep the Group Areas Act on the books - but use the system of free settlement areas as a tool to end residential segregation on a city-by-city basis.
- In a major concession this week, the Government said it would "look at" its Local Government in Free Settlement Areas Act, which keeps city voters on separate rolls.

Genuine

This law would have to be amended to open the way for mixed local governments.

Mr Horace Kret, the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, who is in charge of group areas legislation, said in Parliament this week the Government would "consider sympathetically" applications by entire cities to be declared "open" through the FSA.

Yesterday Mr Kret told the Sunday Times: "I stand by this..." But, he said, the Government would require reliable evidence that a request for "open" cities was not simply a "political move" by the local authorities, but the genuine desire of the majority of a city's inhabitants.

While the Government would not prescribe how citizens should express their desires, this could result in councils holding referenda, such as the one planned in Sandton.

Abolish

Mr Kret said areas of suburbs within cities might wish to retain an ethnic character - and the FSA would allow this.

"The FSA must be used circumspectly, but it offers many possibilities to dynamically change living patterns in SA over time," he said.

He said the implication of the National Party's five-year plan - announced last year - was that "eventually the Group Areas Act will have to disappear".

But it would have to be replaced with a "suitable alternative".

He said there were "already thoughts on the go" about this, but he would not elaborate - indeed giving an assurance that changes would be negotiated with all population groups.

Mr Kret and the Government have made it plain they will stick to the FSA as a means of desegregating urban areas.

He said the Government was trying to "create space" and that councils and other organisations which rejected the FSA were "painting themselves into an ideological corner with their scrap-everything approach".

Behind the scenes, cabinet members and officials have been quietly urging the use of the FSA laws to achieve urban desegregation.

"We can use the FSA to eventually abolish the Group Areas Act," one Cabinet member said recently.

Several Ministers have recently told private-sector lobbyists working for the abolition of group areas that they want to bear as wide a range of practical proposals as possible.
Dental expert to visit ‘chocolate tooth kids’

A community dentistry specialist from the Department of National Health is to visit the coalfields south of Witbank this week to investigate the discolouration of children’s teeth.

On Friday The Star reported that hundreds of black children living on collieries or farms in the area had serious tooth discolouration.

The children are referred to by their classmates as the “chocolate tooth kids”.

The Department of National Health’s senior community dentistry specialist, Dr P J van Wyk, said the discolouration could be fluorosis — caused by too much fluoride in drinking water.

An excess of fluoride is sometimes found near collieries, fertiliser plants and steel mills, he said.

“However, it could be a number of other things as well. We’ll be taking water samples during our investigation.”

Dr van Wyk said little could be done to reverse the damage caused by excessive fluoride.
"Declare whole city an open area"

By Louise Burgers

The entire Johannesburg metropolitan area, which includes surrounding towns, should be declared "open" for town planning reasons to prevent a total imbalance occurring, the chairman of town planning for Johannesburg, Mr Eddy Magid, said yesterday.

Mr Magid was commenting on the announcement by the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Mr Heinrich Kriel, that the Government was examining the issue of local government in "open cities".

"I cannot support Johannesburg, either fragmented or in its entirety, being considered a free settlement area. My motivation does not involve political considerations in any shape or form as it is based on practical planning for the city and its surrounding satellite towns."

Mr Magid is the only independent on the National Party-controlled management committee in the Johannesburg City Council.

The greater metropolitan area includes Johannesburg, Randburg, Sandton, Bedfordview, Germiston, Alberton, Soweto and Roodepoort.

"If they are going to consider the city Johannesburg as an open area, the metropolitan area should be considered for planning reasons."

"Johannesburg is not an island. I believe it will be a grave mistake to consider the city Johannesburg as a free settlement area in isolation."

"Johannesburg is an integral part of the metropolitan area and from a planning point of view, if Johannesburg alone is considered a free settlement area, it will undoubtedly attract many thousands of people from surrounding towns and cause a population imbalance and upset the Lutz study. (Land Use and Transport Structure Plan)."
Free settlement confusion

NP caucus divided over open Jo’burg

By Louise Burgers, Municipal Reporter

The National Party caucus in the Johannesburg City Council is divided over the issue of desegregated cities because of the confusion surrounding free-settlement areas — and directives from Pretoria.

Some NP councillors are also unhappy that the responsibility for open areas has been forced on them.

Management committee chairman Mr Jan Burger said certain individuals in his caucus were opposed to the whole of Johannesburg becoming an open area.

Loopholes

Mr Burger said he was unhappy over the entire free settlement areas issue because of the fragmentation of Johannesburg, the confusion over separate management committees for each open suburb and the loopholes in the Act.

"The thing I don't like and my entire caucus does not like, is little pockets of free settlement areas all over Johannesburg. The Act should be amended to make things clearer. There are too many loopholes.

"I don't know if opening up the whole of Johannesburg will solve matters. Things are very confusing now. The Minister (Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs Mr Hendrik Kriel) did not qualify things."

Mr Burger said his caucus would be meeting to discuss the situation.

Deputy chairman Mrs Marietta Marx said she had said on many occasions that free settlement areas were a temporary solution to legalising the de facto situation in mixed areas in the city. "I have said in council that I would like to see a Johannesburg free of racial discrimination. But it is not within the council's terms of reference to decide which areas should be open. We can only make recommendations. "I would like to see an orderly set-up where people are happy, and there may be ways and means of achieving this. But the decisions rest with Parliament."

NP councillor Mr Eddy Venter has hit out at the Government, saying it has placed the "burden" of open areas on the shoulders of city councillors.

"The Government must take responsibility and must suggest open areas."

Democratic Party leader in the council, Mr Ian Davidson, supports the concept of open cities and said his party would be advancing the issue.

Conservative Party leader in the council, Mr Jacques Theron, said although open cities was a much more logical concept than patchwork open suburbs, the CP was opposed to any form of residential integration.
Accommodation crisis at Wits

By Winnie Graham

Hundreds of students at the University of the Witwatersrand are desperately in need of accommodation, yet just a stone's throw away a 12-storey block at the Johannesburg College of Education (JCE) is standing empty — "awaiting renovation".

The shortage of beds at Wits has become so critical that the university has sent out an SOS to staff willing to accommodate students and to nearby residents to make rooms available.

WAITING LISTS

With about 23 percent of Wits's 18 000 student body black, most of the accommodation is needed for black students.

With fewer students attending JCE, it has placed some hostel space at the disposal of Wits students — but the Government's "own affairs" policy prevents blacks being accommodated there.

Mrs Peta Stevens, the student affairs and accommodation officer, said this week that the long waiting lists for entry to both the traditional university residences, offering three meals a day, and a further 500 wanting space at the university's flats, had prompted her to approach "virtually every block of flats in the area" in search of extra beds. There simply was no accommodation available for students.

"I have been in touch with nearly every estate agent as well," she added. "We could easily do with six more residences, or at least a couple of blocks of flats."

The new Barnato Hall for men and women students had a waiting list of 500. Jubilee Hall had about 100 on the waiting list, and Sunnyside, too, had an enormous list of people wanting accommodation. The men's residences were as full.

"At least 40 percent in our residences are first-year students," she added. "Older white students usually manage to find flats which they can share quite cheaply. Finding a place for our black students is a major problem."

"If JCE were to offer me a 'res' without restriction, I could fill it tomorrow."

A spokesman for JCE said the college's two 12-storey hostel blocks, built in the 1970s, were in the process of being refurbished. One was now reoccupied, but accommodation in the other would not be available for a year. Each could hold 270 students.

The refurbishing was necessary because the blocks had not been repainted or repaired for a long time.

"We help Wits whenever we can, but it is not our decision not to take black students," he said.
The ‘new SA’ means nothing to these people

Remarkable changes have taken place in South African politics recently. But for eight families in a small Johannesburg suburb little has changed. They are facing criminal convictions for living in an area reserved for whites.

SHELLMAZ BULUFA report

The Samuels family moved into Homestead Park in western Johannesburg out of desperation — 30 years of desperation.

For two decades the family waited to be given a township house, said businessman Mr Fred Samuel (40).

"In 1960 I applied for a house in Lenasia. I also applied for houses in every area from Lenasia to Eldorado. I had no luck. I could not wait any longer. I wanted my family to live in a decent home."

The Samuels moved to Homestead Park, they lived in Fordburg, in a house described by Mr Samuel as "older than Johannesburg itself."

The house in Fordburg was condemned by the Department of Health who said it was not fit for human habitation.

"We had to share a communal toilet with 30 other people. We had no bathroom and my family and I had to bathe in a sink-bath in our kitchen."

The Samuels were the first Indian family to move into Homestead Park — and the first in the suburb to be prosecuted under the Group Areas Act.

"My family and I came to live here out of desperation. We could not find accommodation anywhere," said Mr Samuel, whose case next comes to court on March 27.

Another Homestead Park resident being prosecuted under the Act is attorney Mr Yusuf Wadoo.

NIGHTMARE

"My family and I live in a small house in Central Johannesburg all our lives. My two children had to sleep in the lounge. Our worst nightmare was when the children were on a school tour. There was no room for them to study," he said.

The Wadrozys found accommodation in Aasebelle West Rand but, because of transport problems, moved back to their old home in Johannesburg.

"There was no bus services running to Johannesburg. My wife was always late for work and my children were late for school. It was an aggravation we could not take. We had to move back to our previous cramped quarters," he said.

Two years ago, the Wadrozys moved to Homestead Park — a move that solved their transport and accommodation problems and an area they described as an example to the rest of the country where people of all races could live in harmony.

"At a parents’ meeting last week where white families were present, only two out of 70 families opposed a decision that schools in the area be open to all races, Mr Wadoo said.

"If people are prepared to live in peace and harmony with each other then why is the Government so adamant about creating tension? Why can’t the Government just leave us alone?"

The Samuels and the Wadrozys are among eight families from Homestead Park summoned under the Group Areas Act. The maximum penalty is two years in jail, or a fine of R4000.
Race row erupts over Benoni suburb

By Helen Grange

A racial controversy has erupted in Benoni's suburb of New Modder, where large groups of Indians have purchased property illegally — despite objections by whites and complaints by coloureds and blacks.

While the Benoni town council has asked the Government to keep New Modder white, coloureds and blacks from surrounding areas have announced their interest in buying in the area, and expressed anger over the preference given to Indians.

NO LAND AVAILABLE

Mr Jack Rabe, MP for Boksburg's Reiger Park, said this week the area should be available to anyone who wanted to live there, regardless of colour or race.

Mr Lucky Mahlangu, former mayor of Vosloorus, also entered the feud, saying that black people were interested in buying houses in the old mining settlement.

Mr Rabe said there were sufficient residential areas for Indians in and around Benoni, while there was no land available for coloureds.

“A lot of our people live in Reiger Park but work in Benoni. They would like to live closer to their work and under better circumstances. Reiger Park is full to overflowing. More than 20 people have approached me to buy houses in New Modder," said Mr Rabe.

Interest had also been shown in an undeveloped piece of land bordering New Modder. The matter would be discussed in the next few days with Mr Johan Lemmer, MP for Benoni, Mr Rabe said.

Mr Mahlangu said blacks were urgently looking for land in the Benoni area and would apply for permits to live in New Modder.

AREA NOT PROCLAIMED

“It is not a proclaimed area and we would like to buy there. Why should the Indians, who already have more than enough residential areas around Benoni, get preference in New Modder?” he said.

Applications for permits for Indians who have already bought houses are currently being considered, but none have been issued yet.

White residents wanting to sell have been offered between R48 000 and R215 000 for the old houses.

Pensioners and lower income group families wanting to stay have stated the younger generation for selling their houses.
Chinese families to settle in Boksburg

By Helen Grange

Negotiations are under way to accommodate up to 300 Hong Kong Chinese immigrants and their families in the free settlement area of Windmill Park – the controversial mixed suburb of CP-controlled Boksburg.

Estate agent Mr Mannetjes Ford told The Star yesterday he had been in contact with South Africa's immigration officer in Hong Kong, Mr Raymond Chong, about housing and providing a large tract of industrial land for the immigrants.

And Boksburg town council, once in the news for its outburst over a Chinese restaurant in the town, has placed a tentative stamp of approval on the plan.

Mr Bayers de Klerk, Boksburg's mayor, said this week it was unlikely the council would reject the settlement of Chinese in the area. "I have nothing against Chinese people. We have many Chinese businessmen in Boksburg," he said.

Mr Ford said he was getting a letter of recommendation from the Boksburg town clerk.

There was a 35ha industrial site at Windmill Park extensions two and three available as well as scores of stands in the residential suburb itself.

Benoni town council is also negotiating for the immigrants and has already mapped out the land available for them.

DELIGHTED

"They are looking for land among the community and far from black townships, and we have marked various areas we think would be suitable. We would be delighted to have them," said Mr Trendy Conradi, Benoni town clerk.

There are three other municipalities interested in settling the immigrants – and land in Midrand, Sandton and possibly Randburg is being considered.

According to First International Contacts (FIC), the company in charge of the project, Mr Henry Lubbe, acting town clerk for Midrand, said yesterday he had no official knowledge of negotiations, but that there was plenty of land available in the area.

The free settlement area of Countryview had been sold out but another phase was now being developed and would become available soon.

FIC, a spokesman said, planned to resettle an initial 300 families, and if the project was successful, more would be brought to South Africa.

The Hong Kong families are expected to bring at least R1 million each to South Africa and would have considerable expertise as far as the establishment of small factories is concerned.

Last week, the Springs town council rejected applications to accommodate the families in the area, but the council is re-examining the applications.
Jo'burg DP to petition board on open areas

THE DP in Johannesburg will make representations to the Free Settlement Areas Board on April 2 objecting to the declaration of certain Johannesburg suburbs.

It will also petition Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hermus Kriel for Johannesburg to become an open city.

The areas under investigation by the Board are Bellevue, Yeoville, Berea, Doornfontein, New Doornfontein, Judiths Paarl, Lorenzville, Bertrams, portions surrounding Joubert Park, a portion of Houghton estate up to its boundaries at Killarney golf course, Oaklands, Norwood and Orange Grove.

The DP launched the petition at the weekend by getting objectors to sign the petition at various regional shopping centres. A public meeting will be held tomorrow night and the campaign will end with a rally at the end of March.

Johannesburg city council DP leader Ian Davidson said the party would also canvass signatures for a petition to be presented to Kriel. He said no date was finalised for the representation as the DP hoped to liaise with other councils in the Witwatersrand to make a joint representation for the opening of the metropolitan region.
The Minister of Housing, the Environment, and Community Development

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the recent developments in the area of [insert specific location or issue]. Over the past few months, I have witnessed a significant increase in [insert issue or concern, e.g., pollution, traffic congestion, etc.], which is causing considerable inconvenience to the residents and businesses in the area.

Specifically, I would like to bring to your attention the following concerns:

1. [Insert concern 1, e.g., increased traffic congestion during peak hours]
2. [Insert concern 2, e.g., lack of proper waste management facilities]
3. [Insert concern 3, e.g., inadequate public transportation services]

I am writing to urge your office to take immediate action to address these issues. I believe that it is crucial to implement effective solutions that will improve the quality of life for all residents in the area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
[Your Contact Information]
Magistrate rules Group Areas Act is still in force
THEO RAWANA

AN APPLICATION by three alleged transgressors of the Group Areas Act challenging the validity of the Act in the Supreme Court was dismissed in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

At least 11 other Group Areas cases due for hearing were bound by magistrate H Verhoef's ruling that the case would be heard in the Magistrate's Court.

Clive Kepppler, 46, of Bryanston; his company One One Five Frosespine (Pty) Ltd and Ismael Mayet, of Mayfair West, are charged with contravening the Act.

Kepler and the company allegedly allowed Mayet to live in an area from which "people of the coloured group are disqualified".

The defence contested the validity of the proclamation on grounds that it was about to be overtaken or changed.

Defence attorney Trevor Bailey argued that the Magistrate's Court had no jurisdiction since it was not competent to review a proclamation.

The magistrate rejected the argument and said the law must be applied as it stands.

The case was postponed to May and all the other cases would be heard on that day.

Earlier yesterday about 60 people, including a doctor, lawyers, clerical workers and businessmen, staged a protest against the Group Areas Act outside the court.

Actstop secretary Nassim Pahad said his organisation had written an open letter to all foreign embassies, highlighting the fact that "apartheid remains not only intact, but is painfully in force despite the recent liberalisations of President de Klerk".

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19 Group Areas illegals stage protest

By Joe Openshaw

Homestead Park and Mayfair householders charged with living illegally in a white area staged a placard protest against the Group Areas Act outside the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The 19 householders included a doctor, lawyers, clerical workers and businessmen.

Mr Nassim Pahad, secretary of Actstop, said the protest had been organised by his organisation, the Black Sash, the Federation of Transvaal Women and the Five Freedoms Forum.

He said an open letter had been sent to all embassies appealing to them to adhere to the fundamentals of internationally recognised human rights in judging the achievements of President de Klerk and his administration.

The letter said apartheid was "still painfully in force".

"Prosecutions against blacks in terms of the Group Areas Act are taking place on an unprecedented scale," the letter continues.

"An estimated 100,000 people are living illegally in Johannesburg.

"In the light of talk of creating a 'new South Africa' and overwhelming evidence that residential segregation is unworkable, one would have imagined that President de Klerk would have thrown out the notion of segregated housing," says the letter.
Water supply cut to Indian couple

By Therese Anders, Highveld Bureau

The water supply was cut off within 24 hours of a young Indian couple moving into a white residential area of the small Conservative Party-controlled town of Amersfoort in the Eastern Transvaal.

Salesman Mr Ismail Bemath and his wife, Rukeya, who is six months pregnant, have been able to cope only through the kindness of an Afrikaans-speaking woman who has allowed them to fill buckets of water at her house.

"We can never thank our new friends enough because we know she is risking the ire of some of her community," said Mr Bemath.

"But the council is treating us worse than animals. We are even frightened to put the lights on at night in case they come to harass us more."

Their home was bought recently for a bargain R30 000 by local Indian community leader Mr Solly Moola. To circumvent the Group Areas Act, the deal was done through a close corporation.

Mr Moola said the Indian community lived in hopelessly overcrowded conditions, but the white end of town had 30 empty houses and many others for sale.

DECIDED

Said Mr Moola: "I decided to buy and leave the house empty while I waited out the Group Areas Act."

"Because I am chairman of the Indian management committee, Mr Bemath came to tell me that he couldn't go on living any longer in crowded conditions — three families in one house — now that his wife was about to have a baby."

"He asked me to let him stay in my house. I agreed, and made application through the House of Delegates for a permit. I am waiting for a reply."

The Bemaths moved in on March 3 and the next day the water was cut off.

Later, the Bemaths were visited by the police, who said the council had complained that they were contravening the Group Areas Act.

Amersfoort town clerk Mr Jan Sick has denied that the Bemaths' water was cut off because they are Indian. He said it was cut off when the previous owner moved out. The Bemaths had not applied for it to be reconnected.

"If they have a permit under the Group Areas Act, their case will be put to the council."

Free areas ‘bad’

Sowetan reporter

THE idea of a Free Settlement Area is unworkable, harmful for economic development, stalls growth and is simply a bad idea, the Urban Foundation said yesterday.

The proposal for a Free Settlement area – which stretches from Oaklands north of Johannesburg, south through Houghton to Berea then east across Yeoville, south to Judiths Paarl and ultimately to Doornfontein – excludes...
Court overturns rule on 'whites only' lake

PRETORIA. — A decision by the Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg Town Council to reserve the lake and tennis court for whites only was set aside by the Supreme Court, Pretoria, yesterday.

Mr Justice S W McCreath said the council decision was grossly unreasonable and the only conclusion that could be drawn was that the reintroduction of petty apartheid had been mainly for political reasons.

He said the majority of council members supported an existing political philosophy and wanted to express it without considering whether it would be in the interests of all the residents.

The judge said the council had clearly not considered other measures to relieve congestion at the lake.

The application was brought by former chairman of the Reiger Park Management Committee Mr Buchanan Jantjes, Boksburg-based Colgate Palmolive (Pty) and a Boksburg businessman, Mr Roy Mountjoy, against the Boksburg Town Council and the mayor, Mr Beyers de Klerk.

In his judgment, Mr Justice McCreath said a local authority had to exercise its powers in the interests of all residents of the municipal area and should not act so unreasonably that its decision proved to be in bad faith.

If conditions at the Boksburg lake were such that they required urgent action, the council should have referred the matter to its committee on public safety, which it had not done.

The judge concluded that the conditions at the lake were clearly not as chaotic as they were made out to be.

The Boksburg Town Council maintained that these conditions and not any political philosophy had been behind the decision.

Mr Justice McCreath's decision was hailed by Mr Brian Curran, national director of Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR), as innovative and brave.

Sapa
Tvl black councils face a bleak future

Political Reporter
Black local authorities have been plunged into a crisis following the resignation of almost 10 percent of the Transvaal's 962 councillors last month.

And United Municipalities of South Africa president Mr Tom Boya revealed on Friday that plans were in the pipeline to discuss with the ANC the continued existence of black local authorities.

He had also called a special meeting of Transvaal councillors to decide whether "we should continue in the present political climate".

Intimidation

The ANC's unbanning on February 2 has given new impetus to extra-parliamentary organisations' protracted campaign against unrepresentative apartheid structures, particularly local authorities and homeland governments.

Transvaal MEC for local government Mr Olaus van Zyl confirmed on Friday that 61 black councillors had resigned in March as the result of severe intimidation, violence and pressure.

He denied, however, that the system of black local authorities was crumbling, saying a relatively small number of councillors had resigned.

Tokoza (East Rand), Tsakane (Brakpan), Botleng (Delmas), Leboang (Leandra), kwaGuqa (Witbank) and Bela-Bela (Warmbaths) had no quorums. In addition, Mr van Zyl said, two townships near Waterval Boven and Hendrina — had been functioning without councils since the 1988 municipal elections.

Two others — Munsieville (Krugersdorp) and Wadela (Carletonville) — were being administered by appointed councillors.

United Democratic Front assistant publicity secretary Mr Murphy Morobe said the system was "heading for the conclusion of its crumbling" and had been destined to fall since its inception.

"With the new political direction, it's about time the remaining black councils crumbled."

Reacting to Mr van Zyl's call for the use of political avenues, and not intimidation, to voice opposition, Mr Morobe said: "That's nonsense. Mr van Zyl knows only too well how deep the resentment goes. The people have all along voiced their opposition through political channels, as demonstrated by the low percentage polls in elections."
The Democratic Party has received 4,000 letters from people in Johannesburg in support of the open-city concept and in protest against forced settlement areas.

The letters have been taken to Pretoria and handed to Free Settlement Board officials.

The DP had sent an open letter to residents living in the north-eastern suburbs, urging them to voice objections and support the open-city concept, which is called for in the Group Areas Act.

The objections to forced settlement areas were that they would distort property prices, hamper the right of people to associate freely, and cause overcrowding and urban decay.
SAP 'learn new thought patterns'

By David Braun
The Star Bureau
WASHINGTON — The South African Police are being re-orientated by psychological programmes to be able to work with the African National Congress as a legal organisation rather than a banned enemy.

US Assistant Secretary of State Mr Hank Cohen told foreign journalists in Washington on Monday that Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok had recently described the programmes to him.

The programmes, now under way in the police force, were designed to reconstruct the psychological outlook of the security forces, so that in effect the police were being taught to work with the ANC and other organisations which had been legalised, he said.

Mr Cohen said a good effort was being made to synchronise the work of the police and other security forces with Government policy.

No comment was available from police at the time of going to press.

However, a Law and Order Ministry spokesman, Captain Peet Bothma, said yesterday that Mr Vlok's statement on the subject had "not been interpreted correctly" in the original newspaper report.

Captain Bothma said: "As stated before, the South African Police have an on-going programme to better the relationship between police and the public — irrespective of the organisations to which people might belong."

"The effort is being made to make the relationship between the public and police more relevant and starts at the basic training process in the police college."

AWB men's bail extended

Two AWB members alleged to have contravened the Internal Security Act had their bail of R5 000 extended by a Johannesburg magistrate yesterday.

Mr Hendrik Binneman (41) and Mr Cornelius van Zyl (38), both of Randburg, also face charges of illegal possession of firearms, ammunition and teargas, and conspiracy to sabotage the Regina Mundi Church in Soweto.

They were not asked to plead. The hearing was postponed to April 16. — Staff Reporter.

Few traders hit by Klerksdorp boycott

By Stan Hlophe

Few white Klerksdorp traders have been affected by a consumer boycott in the town, launched by various community organisations to force the desegregation of municipal facilities and the release of detainees.

Supermarket managers and shop owners interviewed by The Star yesterday said they had experienced normal month-end sales and forecast high turnovers during the Easter weekend.

The boycott, which started on March 26, was launched by Cosatu and community organisations.

Mr John Imrie, Edgars store manager, said he recorded record sales at the weekend. A manageress said her dress shop had been affected as black customers were intimidated from buying.

The manager of the OK Bazaars said that although a number of black customers had come to buy most were afraid because they had been seen friends or relatives being forced to "eat the items they bought."
Apartheid leads to boycott aimed at white businesses

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG: A consumer boycott of white-owned businesses, aimed at forcing the desegregation of facilities and the release of detainees, has been launched in the Western Transvaal towns of Klerksdorp, Stilfontein and Orkney.

A spokesman for the National Union of Mineworkers said the boycott, launched on Monday last week by Cosatu, the Jouberton Civic Association, the Jouberton Youth Congress and other community organisations, had been "highly effective".

Business sources said shops catering for the black trade appeared to have been hit by the action. Checkers and Pick n Pay in Klerksdorp said turnover had been unaffected, but stressed that their outlets were used mainly by whites.

According to Mr Tsediso Motsopane, secretary of the Jouberton Civic Association, the boycott aims to secure the release of about 20 people detained on and before Sharpeville Day (March 21).

The NUM said there had been further detentions since then, linked to the boycott.

The Klerksdorp Town Council, which was dominated by the National Party, had refused to desegregate municipal facilities, he added.
New Modder area for Indian occupation

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration is to allow Indians to occupy the New Modder area in Benoni, East Rand, due to the declining interest among white people in living there. (LFS) (LFS)

In a statement, MEC for physical planning and land use, Willie Woods, said the decision to grant permits to 60 Indians, in accordance with the Group Areas Act, was taken by the Transvaal executive committee on Monday.

"The decision was not taken haphazardly and each application will be considered strictly on merit," Woods said.

He said diminishing interest among whites in New Modder had resulted in the suspension of the Benoni municipality's bus service and closure of the primary school.

Interest among Indians in the area, caused by the overpopulation of Actonville and the proclamation of Rynoord as an Indian group area, had risen and led the executive committee to approve Indians' applications to obtain and occupy properties in the area.

Benoni municipality commercial manager Johan Vlok said the municipality's bus service was suspended four months ago for economic reasons.
Economic activity ‘hampered by Act’

THE Group Areas Act — apart from its "inherent evil" — was seriously hampering economic activity, Law Review Project executive officer Prof Louise Tager said yesterday. She welcomed the opening of all land-zoned businesses in Johannesburg to all races, saying this would create new business opportunities.

"If local authorities around the country took the same decision they would soon come to experience not only the goodwill of the people but the growth of the economy in their areas," she said.

Deregulation was based on the principle that there should be appropriate legislation, rather than over-regulation or no regulation at all.

Appropriate laws, Tager said, were those necessary for public health and safety and ones that were simple, respected and complied with.

Deregulation was an essential ingredient for the creation of a free economy where more jobs were created as growth and development were allowed to increase.

Speaking about union opposition to deregulation and privatisation, Tager said it stemmed from the concern that labour legislation, especially industrial council agreements, would become the target of deregulation.

Unions had to be involved in deregulation in these areas.

"Given the international experience that deregulation and privatisation create a favourable climate for job creation in the long run, the unions would themselves benefit in the form of increased membership from the very system they are opposing," she said.
Owners warned on slum devaluation

PROPERTY owners should assess their interests in residential and commercial areas which are most vulnerable to "ghetto-isation" and value decline following deregulation.

Writing in Property Prices in Post Apartheid SA published by Real Estate Surveys, Erwin and Antoinette Rode said the phenomenon of grey areas was fundamental and unavoidable.

Therefore the Group Areas Act should be scrapped or the local option, where large municipalities were simultaneously deregulated, should be implemented.

Grey areas would eventually have to be declared open and most other white suburbs were not in danger of "invasion".

"All the negative factors arising from a total abolition of the Group Areas Act will apply in a more severe form to slow, incremental deregulation," the authors said.

They urged the abolition of rent control because it allowed the poor to occupy areas in a manner inconsistent with free market forces and discouraged constant refurbishment, aiding slum formation.

Areas susceptible to invasion were:
- Older precincts close to the metropolitan core and already prone to urban decay;
- Areas where a large proportion of accommodation was rented rather than owned; and
- Areas close to the social infrastructure of black people's residential areas.

They cited figures provided by the United Building Society (UBS) which showed the valuation of flats in seven grey zones around Johannesburg had declined by 24.1% on average between 1984 and 1986.

As no general index for flat prices was available for comparison, this was contrasted with the UBS's index for smaller houses in Johannesburg showing an increase of 9.1% in valuation in 1984, a decline of 6.2% and 0.9% in 1985 and 1986 and increases of 2.4% and 16%, in 1987 and the first half of 1988 respectively.

Invasion usually had an initial, if not permanent, negative effect on the residential environment and therefore on prices.

The negative effect was permanent if "slumification" took place, they said.

The "slumification" of a residential area would also drag down the values of commercial properties in that area.

"A number of coastal holiday resorts in the SA metropolitan areas are exposed to instant value depreciation through invasion by buses during the peak holiday season," the said.
R4-bn is needed for Tvl health, says MP

By Claire Robertson
Pretoria Bureau

The Transvaal needs double the R2 billion budgeted for health services this year to meet minimum needs, according to National Party MP Dr J J Vilonel.

Speaking at yesterday’s meeting of Transvaal MP’s and members of the provincial administration in Pretoria, Dr Vilonel (Langlaagte) said it was obvious there would be a shortfall this year.

This view found official support in the report of MEC for health services, Mr Fanie Ferreira, when he said “there is a strong possibility that extra funds will have to be requested”.

Last year the province was caught R242 million short to meet minimum needs — even after extra funds were granted.

The Transvaal has asked for only 0.8 percent more this year for health services.

Dr Vilonel said there was “scant comfort” in Mr Ferreira’s saying that the “large numbers of nurses and physicians leaving the service” could mean savings on salaries.

Transvaal hospitals are understaffed by about 18 percent, according to Mr Ferreira’s report.

Dr Vilonel suggested a redistribution of funds — from the national Budget down — to meet health needs. “I say the minimum needed is R4 billion,” he said.

He suggested tax concessions as an inducement for grants for the building of hospitals.

Mr Brian Goodall (MP for Edenvale) said hospitals should be used by all races in order to use resources efficiently. Edenvale Hospital was only 59 percent full, he said, and opening it to other races would both meet a need and increase the viability of the hospital.
Administrators are taking over in several townships

Administrators are to be appointed in three towns formerly adminis-
tered by local authorities.

MEC for the Transvaal Olaus van Zyl this week announced that adminis-
trators would be appointed in Bela-Bela, near Warmbaths; Lebohang, near
Leandru; and Tsakane near Brakpan.

Administrators have already been ap-
pointed at KwaGqwa, near Witbank;
Tokoza, near Alberton; and Botleng
near Delmas.

The appointed administrators, who
will have the same authority, rights,
powers and duties of local authorities,
will hold positions until March 31 next
year, or until by-elections can be held.

Van Zyl said that during the past few
weeks some black local authorities re-
ceived so many resignations from coun-
cillors there were no quorums.

He said the Executive Committee
considered on Monday whether electi-
ones should be held or whether admin-
trators should be appointed. It was felt
that administrators should be appointed
until by-elections could be held.

At KwaGqwa, S Riba, a former
mayor, has been appointed as chairman
of the Committee of Administrators.
Other members are the five remaining
councillors – TS Lifes, MA Rampe,
SZ Malaza, S Mbele and JS Lubam-
bo.

At Tokoza, GHP Muller is the chair-
man of the Committee of Administra-
tors, which consists of the remaining
four councillors – FA Masando, SM
Mdakane, BJ Madi and LF Maabane.

At Botleng, MJ van Wyk, former
town councillor of Bronkhorstspuit for
17 years, has been appointed chairman
of the committee of administrators.

Van Zyl said the Executive Commit-
tee viewed democratically-chosen re-
presentatives as vitally important and
by-elections would be held as soon as
possible.
Opposition to proposed opening of country areas

EDYTH BULBRING

The proposed declaration of Mooikloof near Pretoria and Cosmo City near Randburg as free settlement areas has been strongly opposed by residents of the country areas.

Free Settlement Areas Board chairman Hein Kruger said on Friday residents had voiced objections to the proposals at a hearing last week.

He said the main concern of residents, who owned huge properties in the areas' vicinity, was that low-cost housing would be built, spoiling the area. They were also concerned that townships housing more than 20,000 people would be developed.

However, developers who owned land felt there was no demand from the white market and had chosen to aim for an open market, Kruger said.

Meanwhile, last Monday's deadline for objections to the opening of areas in Johannesburg, which the Ministers' Council has asked the board to investigate, had been extended, Kruger said.

CBD Association chairman Nigel Mandy said in a letter to the board that the areas it was investigating were inadequate. They include Houghton, Lorentzville and Yeoville.

He said they excluded most of the CBD, Braamfontein, Hillbrow, Pageview, Vrededorp and Mayfair West.

He said he would ask for the investigation to be extended to the whole Johannesburg municipal area.
Plans to tackle four key issues

DP vows to make changes in Jo’burg

The takeover by the DP of the Johannesburg City Council’s management committee could spell dramatic changes for the city, including the establishment of a municipal police force and the opening of residential areas to all races.

Private sector involvement in planning and managing the city, and the tackling of inner-city decay, are also on the agenda.

A new management committee, consisting of three DP members, two NP members and one independent councillor was elected yesterday following the DP’s successful motion of no-confidence in the NP-controlled committee.

DP leader Ian Davidson was elected chairman of the committee and has the casting vote in the event of a deadlock.

Davidson said yesterday the new management committee would be looking at implementing changes in Johannesburg in four crucial areas:

☐ The opening of the city’s residential areas to all races. Representations would be made to Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hermus Kriel to ask the Free Settlement Areas Board to investigate the declaration of all of Johannesburg.

☐ Davidson said the DP wanted assurances that Johannesburg would not be sliced up into free settlement pockets.

☐ The establishment of a municipal police force to augment the SAP.

☐ Opening up municipal government in order to restore power to councillors, who represented ratepayers. The committee would seek participation by ratepayers in plans for the city, Davidson said.

EDITH BULHERING

All management committee meetings, which have until now been closed, would be open to all councillors, who would be able to express their views.

A decision on opening these meetings to members of the public had still to be taken, said Davidson.

☐ Combating urban blight in the inner-city areas. The decay in the inner-city had come about because of uncertainty about its status.

The six new management committee members are Davidson, DP chief whip Paul Asherson, DP councillor Cecil Bass, independent councillor Eddie Magid (deputy chairman), former committee chairman Jan Burger of the NP, and former deputy chairman Marietta Marx, also of the NP.

The DP, along with five independent councillors, backed the earlier motion of no-confidence.

Asherson masterminded yesterday’s coup, outmanoeuvring a management committee takeover bid by conservative NP councillors, backed by the CP, council sources said last night.

The sources said that, at the eleventh hour, Asherson secured the support of Magid for the three DP candidates, and promised a number of DP votes for Burger and Marx, whose continued presence on the management committee was uncertain.

The three conservative NP candidates, Cecil Leng, Koos Roets and Ernie Fabel, failed to be elected.

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Jo'burg tipped to seek free settlement status

By Esmeré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

Senior National Party and Democratic Party politicians believe Johannesburg's new municipal government will soon apply for the entire city to be declared a free settlement area, with the support of most council members.

This, they said yesterday, would be the first political consequence of the NP-controlled management committee's defeat on Monday which resulted in the election of a new committee consisting of three Democrats, two verligte Nats and one independent.

DP co-leader Mr Wynand Malan said the DP's young, dynamic leadership in the council would now seize the opportunity to rid the city of remaining discriminatory practices.

It would take the lead in pushing for the opening of the city's residential areas to all people and, eventually, the abolition of the Group Areas Act.

A senior NP source said: "The politicking will be something of the past. The two parties will work together to improve administrative services."

"The only political issue which remains is the Group Areas Act. I believe the two parties can now, with majority support from the Nats, call for the opening of the entire city instead of the silly idea of desegregating only a few areas."
JEC wants Clase to open all schools

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

The Johannesburg Central Joint Education Committee (JEC) has called on the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Piet Clase, to unconditionally open all schools to all pupils.

He mentioned 90 percent as a possible required figure.

The JEC consists of parents committees from Ferreira Primary School, Bree Street Primary School, Fordsburg Primary School and Johannesburg Secondary School.

The committee said it wished to categorically state its objections to the proposal. It was a totally inadequate response to the critical crisis facing the nation.

We call upon the Minister to open all schools. We believe in creating a single non-racial education system for all the people in our country. We wish to place on record our abhorrence of apartheid and discrimination of any kind.

The proposal is steeped in racism and entrenches race classification and the Group Areas Act.

The JEC also said earlier this year, the Minister in charge of "Indian Education" made conditions for entry of pupils of other races to Indian schools. These included that the racial character of the school was not changed and any additional teaching staff would rest with the school to supply.

We believe that both ministers are acting in isolation. They are creating bureaucratic obstruction and are not interested in moving to develop a non-racial education system," the statement said.
Tensions in Jo'burg NP over open city plan

The proposal to open all of Johannesburg to all races is increasing tensions in the NP following the election of two of its members to the new DP-led city council management committee.

The tensions are in the council’s NP caucus and among councillors and senior NP officials.

Turffontein NP and vice-chairman of the NP in the Johannesburg region André Fourie said yesterday opening entire estates was not NP policy.

But Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson of the DP said he had the support of the two NP members on his committee for opening the whole Johannesburg metropolitan area.

Davidson predicted last night that tensions over this and other issues since the taking of the former NP management committee would soon lead to NP councillors resigning from the party.

The divisions came out into the open yesterday when Fourie issued a statement aimed at dispelling suggestions that the composition of the new management committee would mean the NP was helping to implement DP policy.

Details he gave of the NP caucus meeting before the management committee election revealed that most of the 21 NP councillors had voted for co-operation with the DP in a DP-led management committee. Although the proposal was defeated in caucus, this was the outcome of the council vote for the new management committee.

NP councillors are accusing their colleagues of stabbing them in the back and voting against caucus decisions.

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NP tensions

Yesterday three council sources confirmed that verligte NP members were party to a deal with the DP to form a coalition management committee.

This deal resulted in the defeat of three NP members previously on the management committee.

Asked in an interview whether the proposal to open Johannesburg’s residential areas would cause problems for the NP, Fourie stressed it was “not NP policy to open Johannesburg or any other city.”

Asked why not, he replied: “Don’t ask me, ask Mr de Klerk; I don’t make NP policy.”

He said the two NP members on the new management committee, Jan Burger and Marietta Marx, would have to liaise closely with the NP caucus.

“I want to make it clear our two members are committed to President de Klerk’s policy and are subject to NP policy,” he said.

The NP would not be subject to or committed to implementing DP policies.

An NP source said yesterday Marx and Burger were asked by Fourie to reconsider their positions on the management committee following their election on Monday.

However, Fourie said he had not asked them to resign but that the NP would have to consider their position on the committee.

Davidson said last night he had held discussions with Marx and Burger and was confident they supported the opening of Johannesburg’s residential areas.

Whether they would be able to take their caucus along with them, or persuade central government not to oppose the idea, remained to be seen, he said.

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Top athlete's gruesome muti murder

AWB RUNAWAY

HID IN SOWETO

Hunted rightwinger
sweet-talked family into sheltering him

Road toll now 78

By ROBERT HINNION

The body of a top athlete, found in a burned-out car in Soweto, has been identified as that of the president of the Association of South African Students. The athlete, known for his activism, was last seen leaving a party in the township.

The family of the athlete, who was a vocal critic of the government, was shocked to hear of his death. "We were told he was killed by a group of AWB members," said his sister. The family has appealed for information to help them identify the perpetrators.

The AWB, known for its right-wing agenda, has denied any involvement in the athlete's murder. The police are investigating the case and have appealed for witnesses to come forward. The murder has caused outrage in the township, with many expressing their grief and anger over the loss of a talented young man.
Hunted rightwinger sweet-talked family into sheltering him

By CHARLES MIGALE

A RUNAWAY rightwinger with close AWB ties and a reward on his head spent 14 days hiding out in the home of a Soweto family.

Darryl Stopforth, 23, wanted by the Namibian police on various charges including murder, allegedly ate, slept and socialised with blacks in Orlando East.

Namibian police have offered a R10 000 reward for his capture for crimes he allegedly committed with Johannesburg AWB leader Leonard Veeneendal.

The two men and West German Horst Kieczcz escaped from custody after appearing at the Otjiwarongo Magistrate’s Court on various charges.

Stopforth left Soweto last Monday when his township “friends” confronted him with a newspaper bearing his picture. He was teased, and did not deny it was his picture. He left immediately.

“He shared smokes with us, and we never thought he was linked to the AWB at all. In fact, he always wore clothes with strong anti-apartheid slogans,” said local resident Welcome Guduzu.

Stopforth shared a three-roomed house with security guard Victor Skweza, his wife Grace and son Bulalani.

Skweza told City Press this week: “I did not know much about him. He was brought to us by a cousin who asked us to help him because he was stranded.

“In the two weeks he stayed in my house, we never met much because he left while he was still asleep, and returned at night.

“He called me Baba, like all the children here do, and he said his name was Charlie. I never knew he was a wanted man. I took him just like one of my children.”

Stopforth shared a small verandah room with Bulalani.

Skweza said he returned home last Monday to find Stopforth had packed and left.

Guduzu claims Stopforth spoke out strongly against apartheid.

“He told us he was looking for a job. We believed him. He was a very friendly and outspoken person,” said Guduzu.

“On one occasion we were driving around with him in his car – a maroon VW Golf with Namibian registration – and we were stopped by police. They questioned him about a Mandela T-shirt, and he told them where to get off. He said they could do anything they wanted, but he did not believe in discrimination.

“The police then searched us and let us go, with a warning that ‘Charlie’ should stop wearing such clothes.”

When confronted with the newspaper story and pictures last Monday, Stopforth said he was returning to Namibia.

According to Guduzu, Stopforth said he was going back to challenge the people who were looking for him. He promised to return over the Easter weekend.

City Press employee Willie Malaka, who lives in Orlando East, said he had met Stopforth several times in the neighbourhood.
Tenants ordered out ahead of demolition

By Shirley Woodgate

About 30 black tenants living in two dilapidated houses in Charlotte Terrace, Doornfontein, Johannesburg, are threatened with homelessness after being forced to vacate the Technikon-owned property before it is demolished.

Tenant spokesman Mr George Phuti claimed police had entered the premises twice last week, kicking down doors and dumping tenants' belongings outside.

"When we demanded to see the eviction order or some form of police identification, the head of the plainclothes eviction group said he had lost his ID," said Mr Phuti.

Spokesmen said the group had contacted Actstop lawyers to assist them.

Mr Phuti said the tenants paid rent totalling nearly R2,000 a month to Mr Desmond Smith, who had not given them notice.

Confirming that he had leased the houses, Mr Smith said: "I was informed that the lease would be terminated at the end of March and gave the tenants three months' notice. But they refuse to budge."

Technikon vice-rector Mr J G Benade confirmed the Technikon had immediate plans to build on the property."
Robbers jump queue to grab pension pay

Staff Reporters

Pensioners watched helplessly yesterday as three armed robbers grabbed R188 000 in pension money in kwaThema township near Springs after attacking officials.

Three black gunmen ambushed the paymasters as they entered the H H Ngakane Hall at 9 am, grabbed trunks of cash and two guns before speeding off in a white bakkie. The bakkie was apparently driven by a white man.

The robbers fired one shot into the air but nobody was injured.

"This is the coolest robbery I have ever seen," said a pensioner who witnessed the hold-up. "Three black men walked in. One, who was very young, was wearing a municipal uniform and the others overalls.

"The young one pointed a gun at one paymaster's chest and thrust out his hand. He took the trunk and gave it to his companion and moved towards another paymaster, who was already at the counter.

"The trunk and his gun were at the top of the counter. The robber grabbed the trunk and gun and ran away."
Shot in arm for black entrepreneurs

By Frank Jansen

Blacks entrepreneurs can now operate industrial enterprises at Alrote South in Alberton, which was a white preserve until it was deproclaimed by State President FW de Klerk last month.

This breakthrough has been welcomed by East Rand industrial township development company Investron, which has been advocating open industrial areas for the past 10 years.

Managing director Allan Goldring says: "This deproclamation heralds a new era for the black entrepreneur who wants to develop a strategically located factory. "He can now enjoy the privileges and advantages of white industrialists."

Alrote South is one of the major industrial growth points on the Witwatersrand and is ideally located near major residential townships with their labour resources.

The black businessman is now able to buy land on a freehold basis and then build his own factory, or secure a ready-made workshop.

Mr Goldring believes this latest government move on reform will have a ripple effect across established industrial areas and create not only more opportunities for black business, but also more jobs.

"Traditionally," he says, "there have too many restraints on black entrepreneurs who have to invest in proclaimed black industrial areas, most of which are too remote from established markets."

"The black industrialist, too, has also had too little contact with other industrialists, many of whom would, in other circumstances, have become important stakeholders - either as suppliers, associates or customers."

Investron is now in the process of arranging total financing for black industrialists."
Two communities and 1,935 families were removed in the Transvaal during 1989, the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Mr Henris Kriel, said in reply to a question by Mr Peter Soal (DP Johannesburg North), yesterday.

In Natal 131 families were moved.
Alrode South opens to Black industrial entrepreneurs

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

The area was originally zoned ‘white industrial’ until it was deproclaimed by the State President, Mr FW de Klerk, in March this year.

Black industrial entrepreneurs can now own and run factories at Alrode South in Alberton.

Mr Allan Goldring, managing director of Insvestron, an East Rand industrial township development company said, this ‘welcome reform’ was largely due to persistent lobbying.

“This deproclamation heralds a new era for the black entrepreneur wanting to develop a strategically located factory or workshop. He can now enjoy the same privileges and advantages of his white counterpart.

‘Alrode South, one of the major industrial growth areas on the Witwatersrand, is ideally located near many of the major townships and their vast labour pools. The black businessman is now able to buy land on a freehold basis and then erect and operate his own factory, or purchase a ready-made factory.

‘Alternatively, if he prefers, he can lease a production facility,’ he said.

The details of the proclamation were published in the March 23, 1990 edition of the Government Gazette (volume 297, number 12364).

Goldring believes the property ownership will open up a positive ripple effect across the country’s established industrial areas, thus creating not only more opportunities for black entrepreneurs but also more employment, keener business competition and an all-round better image for South Africa.

‘Traditionally, there have been too many restrictions on the black entrepreneurs who have had to invest in proclaimed black industrial areas, most of which are far too remote from established markets,’ Goldring said.
Ginger cookies— but no midnight knocks
Ginger cookies and nerves

From A Special Writer.
"Midrand farm soon to be gazetted as ‘open’ area

Staff Reporter

About 80% of the farm Diepsloot in Midrand will soon be gazetted as a free settlement area in spite of strong opposition from the Greenbelt Action Group and the town council.

The area which is to be granted "open" status extends from north of Riversande Farm to the R28 highway, a fraction of the original Norvato area that was scrapped after a massive outcry.

Dismay

Countryview, between Verwoerburg and Halfway House, was Midrand’s first racially mixed area, officially declared open along with District Six, Windmill Park and the Warwick Avenue Triangle in November last year.

The latest announcement by Free Settlement Board chairman Mr Hein Kruger has been greeted with dismay by the Greenbelt Action Group, which was formed by residents after plans to open the greater area known as Norvato were made known in 1990.

Commenting on the imminent gazet-
TPA Earth Day events: 'whites only'  
By Therese Anders, Highveld Bureau

The Transvaal Provincial Administration's Earth Day festivities this Sunday are to be a "whites only" affair in the middle of the racially segregated Overvaal resort at Swadini in the Eastern Transvaal.

One of the organisers of the event, Mrs Hester Theron, Information officer at the TPA's Department of Nature Conservation at Swadini, said Overvaal's race policy had "unfortunately been overlooked" when the event was planned.

"We would not like black people to think that Earth Day and conservation does not affect them also," said Mrs Theron.

"It was decided to hold the Earth Day function there because Swadini resort falls within the nature reserve and because it was the white school holidays."

Mrs Theron stressed that while the service and tree planting would be closed to blacks, the TPA's visitors' centre in the nearby Blydepoort nature reserve was open to all races.
paradise

payable to legalise the contracts. "In my case," says the man, "my stamp duty would be only about R170 on signing the new agreement compared with about R1,700 which I have paid (though the cheque hasn't yet been cashed by the developer)."

The aggrieved resident adds that under the new contract the developer is entitled to borrow from the community to develop the village further. In addition, it faces few restrictions from the village management committee.

It seems to be clear that even if the developer believes it has the best interests of the villagers at heart it should have disclosed planned changes before selling units rather than after the pensioners had committed themselves. Bouwer did not respond to phone calls or faxed queries from the FM.

TOWN PLANNING

Begging to differ

Few planning policy changes are likely as a result of the the civic coup which, last week, toppled the NP-controlled Johannesburg City Council's management committee in favour of an alliance dominated by the DP.

This, at any rate, is the view of re-elected planning and development committee chairman Eddy Magid who has emerged from the power struggle as non-aligned deputy chairman of the new management committee.

Nevertheless, Magid could find himself in a minority over the vexed issue of free settlement status for Johannesburg.

There is widespread speculation that the new management committee will treat, as a priority, an application to have the whole of Johannesburg declared open to free settlement. However, Magid adamantly opposes such moves unless the surrounding urban areas of Sandton, Randburg, Roodepoort, Germiston, Soweto, Bedfordview and Diepsloot are also included in the application.

"My opposition is based purely on planning criteria. The political issues don't interest me now," he says.

Magid explains that declaring Johannesburg open to free settlement in isolation would result in greater, rather than less, urban fragmentation. It would also create chaos in terms of issues like traffic planning and control because flow patterns would be substantially altered (largely as a result of those entitled to live in Johannesburg working in surrounding towns).

"The only real option is to designate a much larger area open to free settlement. An even more logical solution would be to scrap the Group Areas Act."

In the context of broader planning issues and the new management committee, Magid says: "If anything, my elevation to deputy chairman has strengthened my ability to implement the enterprises which I had already started. A priority will be to pursue private sector partnerships — an issue on which the new committee chairman, Ian Davidson, and I agree."

He adds that the council will take the initiative by proposing specific ways of entering partnerships with large organisations. Typically this could involve the city as the landowner while the company functions as developer. "There are various scenarios which I personally will pursue in the very near future."

He adds that he endorses the policy of greater openness but stresses the need for privacy when discussing sensitive issues.
Group Areas Act is to be replaced soon

Common voters’ role, too?

STATE President FW de Klerk has promised to replace the Group Areas Act with an effective and generally accepted measure, possibly next year.

In a similar speech this week, De Klerk also said he accepted the idea of a common voters’ roll for all races as part of a new constitution.

Speaking during the debate on his budget vote, De Klerk also promised to change or scrap the other pillars of apartheid – the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act, the Land Act and Population Registration Act.

The idea of universal adult franchise on a common voters’ roll was acceptable to the government, as long as it provided for protection for minorities and cultural, religious and language differences, possibly through other voters’ rolls.

The NP was in favour of universal adult franchise within a dispensation based on the principle of non-domination and including mechanisms for protection, such as decentralisation of power, devolution of authority, constitutional checks and balances, decision-taking by consensus and an independent judiciary.

“A common voters’ roll applied in a constitutional system based on the winner-takes-all approach, is not acceptable to the National Party,” said De Klerk.

There was evidently a great deal of emotion among Members of Parliament who found apartheid legislation offensive and it appeared from their remarks there were members who questioned the government’s sincerity in doing away with discrimination.

“It is the government’s clear intention that new measures should not be discriminatory and I commit the government to that goal,” he said.

The NP’s Plan of Action as campaigned for in the last election clearly declared that discrimination was unacceptable.

“The government has a broad mandate for repealing discriminatory legislation in its entirety or removing discriminatory aspects from legislation where this is still required.

“The key is that any substitute measure must be generally acceptable.

“Generally acceptable means exactly what it says. New measures will certainly have to have the support of the three Houses of Parliament.

“That can only be achieved if it does not attempt to implement a new form of discrimination,” he said.

De Klerk also said:

- The Reservation of Separate Amenities Act would be repealed this session, as he had undertaken in his opening address on February 2;
- The government was working on proposals for a substitute to the Group Areas Act which could be brought before Parliament early next year;
- The National Party would insist on any new constitutional proposals being tested by white voters before implementation. The option of a referendum would also be available to coloureds and Indians who wanted to test their support bases, and to groups that were not qualified to vote for Parliament;
- The National Party might form alliances with other parties and those which had opposed one another would have to join forces on matters they agreed on.

Opposition parties have expressed impatience at the government’s plans to deal with apartheid laws gradually.

Zach de Beer, co-leader of the Democratic Party said: “We cannot for the life of us see why these racist Acts cannot be summarily scrapped.” – Sapa

[Image: President De Klerk...promised to change or scrap pillars of apartheid.]

[Image: Denis Worrall...a nice-sounding speech for international community.]

[Image: Zach de Beer, co-leader of the Democratic Party]
New look
Group Areas condemned

by ISMAIL LAGARDIEN

THAT the Group Areas Act will be replaced with what State President Mr FW de Klerk calls a generally acceptable measure was objectionable, Actstop spokesman Mr Cas Coovadia said yesterday.

Responding to De Klerk's statement that the Group Areas Act would be "scrapped," Coovadia said his movement would continue fighting any Act that prohibited people from living where they chose.

"When De Klerk said 'generally acceptable' he meant accepted by the three houses of Parliament," Coovadia said.

**Fight Act**

"We do not believe the Act should be replaced by any measure. We do not accept there should be any legislation to control where an individual chooses to live.

"De Klerk had also made no mention of consulting those people directly affected by the Act: black citizens. There was also no mention of consultation with black people through legal organisations like Actstop," he said.

Coovadia said Actstop would continue to fight the Act whenever it could and would intensify its campaign for its total abolition.
Sharp drop in general crime rate in Hillbrow

By Craig Kotze

The general crime rate in Hillbrow, Johannesburg, widely perceived as the Reef's "heart of vice", has dropped significantly but rape and serious assault have increased, according to police statistics.

Figures released yesterday indicate sharp drops in crimes such as murder, robbery and common assault for the first three months of this year.

Crime which had increased was car theft, which rose from 548 vehicles stolen for the first three months last year to 650 for the same period this year, said Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

Captain Opperman said rapes had increased by six to 39 and serious assault from 74 incidents to 121.

Murders had dropped by five to 31 and common assault by 43 to 309.

Robberies had also dropped by 132 cases to 232.

According to Captain Opperman, arrests made for prostitution had also dropped from 38 to 21.
Law and order has broken down in Hillbrow — MP

By Dawn Barkhutzen

Mr Lester Fuchs, MP for Hillbrow, has called for the immediate deployment of a municipal police force in his ward, contesting SAP figures which show that violent crime is dropping.

Police were fooling themselves if they paid attention to statistics showing violent crime to be lower in the first three months of 1990 than the same period in 1989, he said.

According to SAP spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman, the number of murder cases has dropped from 36 in January 1 to March 31, 1989, to 31 in the same period this year.

The number of assaults reported were down from 352 to 309, robberies 364 against 232, prostitution 38 against 21 and drunkenness 91 cases against 57.

The only increases were for alleged rape — 33 to 39 cases — and car theft — 548 to 688.

Mr Fuchs however believes the security situation has deteriorated drastically.

Short-staffed

"I live in the area and speak to residents continually. Law and order seems to have broken down completely. Police are so short-staffed that they are unable to deal with the problem adequately if at all."

This week and in the wake of the Easter weekend necklacing in Hillbrow, independent city councillor, Mrs Desire Simpson, called for SAPF troops to be deployed in the area.

Mr Fuchs recently met with the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, to discuss the situation and request the presence of a municipal police force in the area.

He attributed spiralling crime to the fact that police were seldom visible in the area and said their numbers had not been increased to match the population influx.

Captain Opperman meanwhile, attributed successes to good policing and a high number of arrests made during the year. Although he agreed that there was a manpower shortage, he said this was common throughout the country.
DP will consult ANC, Aetstop on open Jo'burg

By Esmare van der Merwe, Political Reporter

The Democratic Party plans to involve political groups such as the African National Congress and the anti-eviction organisation Aetstop in negotiations on a non-racial city.

DP city councillor Mr Sias Reyneke yesterday said this was in line with the new DP-led management committee's policy of involving residents in council affairs.

"We want a desegregated Johannesburg as soon as possible. By involving as many organisations — for example, political and business groups — as possible, we want to ensure that the change will be well-managed.

"We do not want the transition to an open city to be seen as a well-polished form of apartheid, but as the bona fide desegregation of Johannesburg."

The decision to establish a committee to investigate the opening up of the city had been taken by the DP caucus, he said.

However, DP management committee member Mr Paul Asherson denied such moves, saying there was no need to involve organisations outside the council in the DP's plans for an open city.

"We have said we will not rest until we see the city open. The issue is non-negotiable."

Aetstop spokesman Mr Cas Coovadia said many organisations rooted in the community could contribute towards moves for an open city.

"The history of the Nationalist government was a 'top-down' one. They took decisions and forced them down people's throats. We welcome the DP's attitude. In fact, we insist that organisations be consulted because we know our constituencies. All interested parties should work together in ridding the city of apartheid."

The Save the Pageview Association (SPA), which has been involved in a protracted legal tussle over the group areas status of the Johannesburg suburb, has come out in support of the management committee's plan for an open city.

This follows the city council's rejection on Tuesday of the declaration of parts of Mayfair and Pageview as free settlement areas.

SPA secretary Mr Ebrahim Kharsany yesterday said earlier moves to have parts of Pageview declared a free settlement area had been a tactical decision.

"It was merely a question of survival, a strategy to prevent further evictions. We are in regular contact with the new DP-led management committee and fully support moves to have the entire city opened up."
How sparrow's tale became Riana's motto

By Winnie Graham

Last Sunday Mrs Riana Behrens entertained nine black visitors in her Kempton Park home — yet just a few weeks ago she had never once visited a township or mixed socially with anyone in the black community.

The change in her life and attitudes came after spending a weekend in Tembisa.

"During that weekend I learnt all people are valuable and humanity is the same regardless of where you live," she added. "There are good and bad elements everywhere."

Her weekend in Tembisa came about almost by chance. One recent Sunday morning she spotted a form in the foyer of her local Methodist Church offering white residents the opportunity of experiencing life in the township. The "encounter" was being organised by Koinonia, a Christian reconciliation agency. Mrs Behrens decided to go.

"The weekend changed my life," she said. "It will never be the same again."

A consultant in problem solving, Mrs Behrens had always been interested in "cultural things". By visiting the homes of Tembisa residents, she had the opportunity of speaking to people, of sharing hopes and fears, opinions, prejudices and perceptions.

She admits she was uncertain when she packed for the weekend and "drove off into the smoke cloud called Tembisa". Yet, when she reached her destination in the township she experienced a feeling of excitement and anticipation.

Darkness and dust

"I met interesting people, including businessmen and teachers, but speaking to them in the darkness and dust brought home the reality of their lives," she said. "I could hardly believe I had just left a modern city with all the facilities we take for granted."

The drive through the suburbs of Tembisa, especially "Plasticville", she added, was like a horrible fairytale. Yet even in the squatter camp she found people trying to improve their lives.

"I found the lack of water and toilet facilities there absolutely scary," she added.

Mrs Behrens described the Tembisa rally as a highlight with some of the songs "so sad and beautiful", tearing at the heart.

Her host, she said, had told a story which would become her motto. In the days when birds and animals talked, he had told her, a knight had come across a little sparrow lying on his back, his legs stretched into the air. When asked what he was doing, the bird said he was holding up the sky. The knight laughed and asked if he really believed he could hold up the sky and the bird replied: "Perhaps not alone, but I will do what I have to do, sir."

She added: "And I, too, shall do what I can."
Blacks 'buying' flats in Hillbrow

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Black people wanting to buy residential property in Hillbrow, a white group area, are being granted permits to purchase immediately upon application by the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works.

Mr Jaap de Villiers, who owns Beaconsfield Court and Loretta Court in Hillbrow, said yesterday he had sold 15 flats to black families since last Friday. He has advertised a total of 37 flats for sale at prices ranging from R30 000 to R75 000.

Mr De Villiers is in possession of a letter from the department's offices in Johannesburg, confirming that the two apartment blocks are inside the proposed Hillbrow/Jonhert Park Free Settlement Area.

The letter confirms that the department is issuing permits to blacks, enabling them to obtain bonds and transfer property in their names.

A spokesman from the department in Pretoria said yesterday he did not believe permits were being granted immediately for Hillbrow or any other area. He said the fact that the area where these flats were being sold was under investigation by the Free Settlement Areas Board would make no difference to the time constraints or number of permits being granted, as the Group Areas Act was still in force.
Alexandra to lay it all on for whites

By Shirley Woodgate

Alexandra residents will kill the fatted calf and sing and dance traditional style when they entertain their white neighbours from Johannesburg, Sandton and Randburg at a get-together in the township tomorrow.

Four local groups — the Alexandra Civic Organisation, the Alexandra Women's Congress, the Alexandra Youth Congress and the Alexandra Student Congress — have issued an open invitation to whites and their families to go along and meet the blacks to find common ground.

"History has divided us but it is you and I, the ordinary people of South Africa, who need to discuss our common destiny. Let us be friends, not distant neighbours," reads their invitation, issued in the name of community leader Mr Obed Bapela.

The get-together will follow a "Johannesburg to Alex Walk" on Saturday morning, organised by the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF).

FFF organiser Mr Etienne Marais said the walk was to promote non-racialism, a united Johannesburg and hope in South Africa's future. The FFF believed it important for blacks and whites to discuss their fears and frustrations.

FFF members will meet people in the parking area west of Lionel at Arkwright Avenue, Wynberg, at 1pm and transport will be laid on for the disabled and elderly from the parking lot to the picnic area and back.
PROKLAMASIES
van die
Staatspresident van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika
No. 75, 1990

VERKLARING VAN 'N VRYESTIGINGSGEBIED KRAGTENS ARTIKEL 2 VAN DIE WET OP VRYESTIGINGSGEBIEDE, 1988, GELEË OP GEDEELTES VAN DIE PLAAS DIEPSLOOT 388 JR, DISTRIK PRETORIA, PROVINSIE TRANSVAAL

Kragtens artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Vryestigingsgebiede, 1988 (Wet No. 102 van 1988), verklaar ek hierby dat die gebied geleë op Gedeeltes 2, 119, 120, 123, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152 en 153 van die plaas Diepsloot 388 JR, distriek Pretoria, provinsie Transvaal, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, 'n vryestigingsgebied is.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad, op hede die Eerste dag van April Eenduizend Negehonderd-en-negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:
H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

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PROCLAMATIONS
by the
State President of the Republic of South Africa
No. 75, 1990

DECLARATION OF A FREE SETTLEMENT AREA IN TERMS OF SECTION 2 OF THE FREE SETTLEMENT AREAS ACT, 1988, SITUATED ON PORTIONS OF THE FARM DIEPSLOOT 388 JR, DISTRICT OF PRETORIA, PROVINCE OF THE TRANSVAAL

Under section 2 (1) of the Free Settlement Areas Act, 1988 (Act No. 102 of 1988), I hereby declare that the area situated on Portions 2, 119, 120, 123, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152 and 153 of the farm Diepsloot 388 JR, District of Pretoria, Province of the Transvaal, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, be a free settlement area.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Eleventh day of April, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:
H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A FREE TRADING AREA IN TERMS OF SECTION 19 (1) OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT UMKOMAAS, DISTRICT OF UMZINTO, PROVINCE OF NATAL

Under section 19 (1) of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, the provisions of sections 26 (1), 27, 35, 37 and 40 of the said Act shall not be applicable in respect of any building, land or premises in the area defined in paragraph (1) in the
Dark city bursting at its seams as people flock in

By Winnie Graham

Alexandra, the “dark city” wedged between Johannesburg and Sandton which is now undergoing a major facelift, is becoming one of the fastest growing towns in South Africa.

The population has shot up from 120,000 to 200,000 in just over two years and authorities are predicting that by the turn of the century more than 400,000 people will live there.

Efforts to upgrade Alex’s sewerage system, roads, power and water supply have continued unabated, but little, it seems, can be done about the population explosion threatening to engulf it.

Mr Steve Burger, the administrator of Alexandra who this week took the representatives from ACE donor companies on a bus tour of the city, said new arrivals were settling in the area daily.

In July 1986 there were 5,500 “informal structures”. Today there were 16,500. Statistics showed an average of 6.2 people occupied each unit.

While the local people were upgrading their properties, shacks continued to go up on every available piece of open space.

“Alexandra is bursting at the seams,” he said.

In 1988, when squatters started moving in “in great numbers”, the council had tried to legalise them by signing agreements with them. Today, however, many were erecting shacks in streets (both Fifth and Sixth Avenue have been closed to traffic), making it virtually impossible to keep tabs on numbers.

Squatters came mainly from the Ciskei, Transkei, Venda and Mozambique. In some instances hostel dwellers in Johannesburg sub-let their accommodation in the city town to live with their families in Alexandra.

So desperate were people for a place to erect shelters they are squatting in the local cemetery.

Mr Martin Ramokgadi of Alexandra said it was impossible to accommodate more people in the city.
The Tour of Corsica ends on Wednesday after a total distance of 1,397 km — Sapa-AP.

FW stops Areas Act case

By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

President de Klerk has personally intervened in the Pageview saga by ordering that the State's court case against 67 Indian families living in the "white" Johannesburg suburb be withdrawn.

Save Pageview Association (SPA) secretary Mr Ebrahim Kharsany said he had been informed by the State President's Office on Friday Mr de Klerk had instructed that the court case, which had been put on the Johannesburg Supreme Court roll for Thursday last week, should not proceed.

Mr Kharsany said he did not know whether the case had been postponed temporarily or whether pending prosecution of the Group Areas Act transgressors had finally been stopped.

Two weeks ago the SPA was notified by attorneys acting on behalf of the Department of Local Government and Housing in the Ministers' Council of the House of Assembly that legal action would proceed.

This move followed the Democratic Party-led Johannesburg City Council's rejection last month of the declaration of parts of Mayfair and Pageview as free settlement areas.

The DP favours the racial integration of the whole of Johannesburg instead of opening up small "pockets", which it believes will lead to overcrowding.

The SPA supports the city council's plan for an open city.

The Free Settlement Board recently announced a further inquiry into the desirability of opening up parts of Mayfair and Pageview.

Mr Kharsany said he was relieved that the State President had intervened and hoped that the 67 remaining Indian families would not be forcibly removed.

Professor Hoernle's former student, Professor Hoernle's former colleague at both the SAIRR and Wits, is now an honorary research department — has written a number of books, including the much-praised "Protest" which records the events.

The Star last week: "Protea is a very strong man and a good friend to all men. In those days he had the ears of men."
College of Education

TENANTS MARCH

Black City

ABBOTT

About 300 residents are expected to march on the City Council to demand better housing conditions in Black City. The march is in response to the looming threat of eviction for non-payment of rent. Residents have expressed concern about the lack of proper maintenance and repairs of their homes.

The City Council has failed to address these concerns, leading to frustration among tenants. The march aims to raise awareness about the plight of Black City residents and pressure the council for decisive action.

The event will take place on May 14, 1990. Residents are encouraged to participate and support their fellow community members.

Contact Community Relations for more information.

Social Security

The Social Security Administration has revealed a significant drop in the number of beneficiaries receiving benefits. This is attributed to the aging population and rising costs.

The agency is urging individuals to apply early for benefits to avoid delays in processing.

For more information, visit the Social Security Administration's website or call their helpline.
Overcrowding shocks even hardened police
Dramatic Shift for Far-Right Town?

Boksburg:

Whites back integration.

from the moment you walk into a branch of Market Toyota – you're amongst friends. Friends who will help you get the most for your money. Friends who will sort out the niggly things like getting you the best insurance rates etc. Friends who will work through the night servicing your Toyota.
500 police in Hillbrow crime sweep

MORE than 500 policemen took to the streets in the Hillbrow-Berea area last night in one of the biggest displays of crime prevention there to date.

It was the second in the area this month, and part of the nationwide Operation Watchdog.

Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said the aim was to prevent and combat crime, and a public relations exercise to let the public know that police were out to protect them.

Roadblocks

Drug squad and child protection unit members took nightclubs by surprise to check for drugs and teenage drinkers.

Roadblocks were set up by Hillbrow police and the dog squad, with traffic police at hand with alcohol testers.

Captain Opperman said particular attention was paid to taxis and the possession of unlicensed firearms.

Hundreds of revellers travelling within the area were caught at the roadblocks. Streets were cordoned off for blitz searches.

Hundreds of policemen patrolled the area on foot, hunting for bag snatchers and car thieves.

Before the raid, Lieutenant-General Dorf Mathee, in charge of the operation, warned the police to be disciplined and reasonable — "there will be no kicking down doors or windows unless absolutely necessary".

Within an hour, two stolen vehicles were recovered and quantities of alcohol was confiscated in shebeen raids.

Nearly a 100 litres of homemade schnapps and "barberton" were taken from a shebeen in Olivia Street, Berea.

Delighted

A plainclothes sergeant infiltrated the premises and bought a beer before about 15 uniformed men moved in and arrested the two owners and a few dozen drinkers.

A resident in a flat across the road expressed delight at the evening’s event.

"We've frequently complained of noise and traffic outside the house, and are really glad the police are now taking action."

Children burnt in torch accident

MELODY McDOUGALL

VEREENIGING — An undisclosed number of school children were treated for burn injuries at the Sasolburg Hospital last night after an accident during a torch-light procession.

A witness, who phoned the Vereeniging office of The Star, said pupils of the Sasolburg High School were taking part in the procession — part of a German festival — when the incident happened.

According to unconfirmed reports one of the participants in the procession knocked over one of the paraffin-filled torches. Chaos ensued and several children suffered burns.

Shell gives activists’ pleas on SA a hearing

SUE LEEMAN

LONDON — Denis Goldberg, who was an accused in the Rivonia trial, and other anti-apartheid activists were allowed to address the Shell annual meeting this week to put their case for disinvestment from South Africa.

The Shell management which, in recent years, has become accustomed to anti-apartheid demonstrators disrupting annual meetings, agreed to allow an hour for discussion of the South African question.

Last year, chairman Sir Peter Holmes refused to bow to pressure for an intensive debate on Shell’s involvement in South Africa.

On Thursday, he allowed Mr Goldberg and two others to speak, each for seven minutes. This avoided a repetition of the shouting match which usually ensues as activists, most of whom hold one share each, clamour to be heard.

The Anti-Apartheid Movement has been responsible for a sustained boycott campaign against Shell. In Holland, the campaign has involved a number of arson attacks at Shell petrol stations.

Top jockey suspended

ROBERT GARNER

A TOP South African jockey, Rhys van Wyk, has been suspended for six months by the Mauritian turf authorities.

Van Wyk, champion jockey on the Highveld last season, was suspended after being found guilty of not giving his mount every chance to win in a race on the island last Saturday.

Van Wyk appealed, but failed to attend the hearing on Thursday and the suspension is now in force.

The suspension applies in all racing countries.

See Star Racing.
MORE than 500 teachers dispersed peacefully after presenting a memorandum detailing grievances at the Minister of Education's office in Johannesburg on Friday.

The teachers, who have been protesting the "coloured" education system at the House of Representatives, office in Hondorp on Thursday, were led by the union's general secretary, Mr. Mike Davy.

According to Davy, the teachers were protesting against the alleged political involvement of the Education Department and the alleged corruption within the department, which he said was responsible for the poor quality of education in the country.

The teachers also demanded the implementation of the "Equal Opportunities for All" policy, which they said would ensure that every student, regardless of race, has access to quality education.

Davy warned that if the government does not respond to their grievances, they would consider other actions, including a strike, to force the government to address their concerns.

The crowd of teachers marching to hand in their grievances about the education system.
Indians get a reprieve — but will it last?

Indians living under the shadow of the Group Areas Act in Pageview, Johannesburg, have been given yet another reprieve in their long-running fight to remain in the suburb of their choice.

This happened just last week when President de Klerk ordered the withdrawal of the Cape government from the case, pending a decision by the High Court. The decision by the court is awaited.

But few among those families who had fought so hard for their homes were too deaf to hear the news. They believe that this battle was ultimately won — that it will lead to blanket permission to live in a mixed area originally given to their forebears by President Kruger in 1899.

Their fight has now become a battle of the Constitution of the Act in 1920, which gave some 15,000 Indians three no-win choices:

- They could move willingly to Lotus 25 km away, hang on and hope the apartheid implications would not be enforced, or
- Stay put and fight what was presented as a fringe minority-based entirely on race.

Most bowed to the inevitable and moved out over the next 18 years.

The first 13th Street housing project was demolished in 1977, and traders in 1979 had to take back over the nearby Oriental Plaza.

Evictions under the Group Areas Act had so far been the removal of thousands of people to South Africa who had been denied to be living in the "wrong" place — judged by their skin colour.

Also, the fight had gone out of those who had just resettled in Pageview after being evicted from Soweto in the mid-1950s under the same harsh Act.

Some detached homes may be the only hope in some of Johannesburg's more trendy suburbs. But in Pageview the remaining 25 families who have existed here for 28 years are more likely to be found in "semi-detached" homes, left as "semi-detached" homes in Pageview.

The housing project was opened on 8th Street through the land given to the Indian community by a government in 1920. The report is by Shirley Woodgate.

By the 1970s, those who remained felt the increasing weight of the official hand driving the Indians into their new home.

But the authorities underestimated the grip of the 25 families who remained.

These included men like Ilham Khayyam, who formed the Pageview Association (PFA) in 1981 to fight for the right to remain.

The chief executive of the Islamic Bank operates from his own multi-million-rand building in Pretoria, but at the end of the decade the quiet, slightly built businessman in the pagoda-style hut returns to his family in their humble semi-detached houses in Pageview.

Back to wall

He was one of the handful who defied the eviction orders, the bulldozers, and the riots that left the "economic" homes built by the government to replace the Indians homes which had been demolished.

After the Group Areas Act was enforced in 1945, the Indians resisted the courts in a "win some, lose some" season which finally saw the 25 families shunted en masse to their own district, partially housed and supervised.

The application of the Smit Act failed to evict them. In 1962 the SIA brought the law that ended the Smit Act against Eviction case against the Government, which ended with Mr. Justice Corbett commenting on the "protesters' contravention of common law".

But the Government appealed and won. Meanwhile, the roads were dug up, 70 percent of the underground pipes which never materialized, and the walls were placed at the base of our local government.

Then the Free Settlement Area offer offer was accepted, which was promptly dashed by Deputy Minister of Constitutional Affairs, Mr. Dieperman.

Fighting with their backs to the wall, the SIA desperately appealed to the British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher for intercessions, and also turned to the Johannesburg City Council for support for their application to become a racially mixed area.

Out of the store, and after the Indians were informed by the Department of Local Government that the lease to the SIA had been declined, the SIA was confirmed.

The SIA appealed to Mr. de Klerk. This month they heard his personal appeal to the court. Now, with the Group Areas Act set to be scrapped, it may be too late for most of the Pageview Indians who have expected a fair hearing, but the small group of Radicals who still live in South Africa also breathe the end of their own heartache.
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Jo’burg may cut red tape for move across colour line

By Louise Burgerz, Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg management committee is to ask the city council to pass a recommendation approving all future applications from people of colour to live in white areas.

Management committee member Paul Asherson said all permits had to go to Pretoria.

"And Pretoria has to ask Johannesburg for its opinion every time. In the past Johannesburg has, most of the time, had no objection. To cut out this step, which can be time-consuming, the management committee has stated it has no objection, and will not need to be consulted therefore in the future."

This item, and the move this week by the Democratic Party-controlled management committee to appoint a committee to investigate ways of opening residential areas, could provoke lively debate at the monthly council meeting on Tuesday.

Conservative Party leader to the council, Jacques Theron, says the CP will definitely raise the issue of open areas.

"Here they sit, the DP and the Nats, six members of a management committee. The NP will not even open up their own party to other races and they want to prescribe to the rest of Johannesburg, and open up residential areas. Just take a look at their election manifesto — there’s no mention of open areas. And the DP certainly doesn’t have the majority of votes."

A DP motion calling for the appointment of an international team of management consultants to restructure the Johannesburg City Council will be debated on Tuesday.
Actstop sends tough letter to Vlok

CIVIL rights group Actstop has sent a strongly-worded letter to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, condemning what it describes as "racist, vindictive" actions by police against black tenants in flats in Johannesburg.

The Actstop letter, signed by publicity secretary Cas Coovadia, calls for an urgent meeting with Vlok to address the problem of "biased and intimidatory" action by the South African Police.

Attached to the letter is a list of six cases of alleged vigilante action and police misconduct this year.

Among the incidents cited is an attack on Claridge Court on April 26 by 50 youths who, says Coovadia, broke down doors, threw items over balconies, stole money and assaulted tenants.

In another incident, on May 15, Coovadia says a "raiding squad" from John Vorster Square broke down the door of a the flat of Actstop member Nathaniel Kgaria and arrested him for being an illegal immigrant. Tenants marched on the police station to complain about police action. Kgaria was charged the next day with assaulting a policeman.
Chinese reject segregation

About 300 families from Hong Kong and about 300 Taiwanese families were recently granted permission by Home Affairs Minister, Elie Louw to settle in South Africa. The local Chinese community was not against the setting of such schemes to bring such immigrants to South Africa could involve the establishment of exclusive areas for their settlement, he said.

CASA chairman Rodney Man said in a statement the Chinese community in South Africa had "fought long and hard over the previous decades against the problems associated with the discriminatory provisions of the GAA. We cannot therefore tolerate any exclusive grouping whether this be voluntary or enforced."

Areas

"The Chinese Association wishes to place on record the objection of the Chinese community to any development which involves racially exclusive areas," he said.

The families, which are to settle in South Africa, had investment funds available and as such would contribute towards the economic development of South Africa and be an asset to the Chinese community itself. They were also of a "high calibre", Man said. Possible locations for the settlement of these families were given by Louw in Parliament at the Reef area and the Western Cape. - Sapa
Close corporations used to sidestep Areas Act

LEADING Johannesburg law firm Webber Wentzel has been prominent in assisting blacks wishing to buy homes in white areas through close corporations, property sources say.

This was done by using a legal loophole in the Close Corporations Act of 1985. Blacks were able to buy land in white areas because close corporations were not precluded under the Group Areas Act.

House of Assembly director: area management Nico van Rensburg said the status of the owner and the occupier of property had to be separated.

"It is legal for a close corporation to buy property and have it registered in its name even if that corporation consists entirely of black people," he said. However, a black person needed a permit to occupy it.

"As it stands, the Group Areas Act is on the book but we are trying to steer away from prosecutions."

Chairman of Lawyers for Human Rights Peter Leon said: "That is a very important admission."

Leon said when the Close Corporation Act came into force in 1985 the Group Areas Act of 1966 was not amended to prevent a close corporation from owning property in, for example, a white group area.

The Group Areas Act originally prohibited disqualified persons from owning or occupying property in an area reserved for people of a particular group. The same applied to companies owned by disqualified persons.

The restrictions on disqualified companies contained in the Group Areas Act were not extended to close corporations when the Close Corporation Act became law in 1985.

"It then became apparent to the legal community that the easy way around the Group Areas Act was to use close corporations," Leon said.

Webber Wentzel said they had no comment.
Group Areas charge in CP town

By Theresia Anders,
Highveld Bureau

Indian salesman Ismail Bemath, who moved into a house in the middle of the Conservative Party-controlled town of Amersfoort in March, is to be prosecuted in terms of the Group Areas Act on Friday.

This was confirmed by Eastern Transvaal police liaison officer Captain Ogies van Straten, who said the instruction to prosecute had come from the Transvaal Attorney-General.

Mr Bemath and his wife Rukeya, who is due to have the couple's first baby soon, were in the news in March when the CP town council cut their water supply less than 24 hours after they moved in.

For the past three months the Bemaths have had to rely on the kindness of their new neighbour, an Afrikaans woman, who allows them to fill buckets of water at her house.

The Bemath's house was bought late last year by local Indian community leader Solly Moola.

Mr Moola said he had bought the house because Amersfoort's Indian community lived in hopelessly overcrowded conditions while in the white end of town there were at least 30 empty houses and many others for sale.
By Craig Kotze

Police at the weekend moved to crush "people's courts" in Alexandra township near Johannesburg.

In a large operation on Saturday, police moved into the township and arrested 40 suspects, who now face intimidation and assault charges.

A police spokesman said the operation was launched after police received complaints from Alexandra residents who said they had been "sentenced" by "people's courts" — without the right to a defence or appeal.

One woman, who refused to have sex with a man, was allegedly "sentenced" to 100 lashes with a sjambok. Twelve comrades allegedly stripped her naked and administered 43 lashes to her buttocks before ordering her to return another time for the rest of the sentence.

"These 'courts' wished to impose the regime of the comrades on the residents of Alexandra," police said.

Investigations are continuing in Alexandra.

"These alternative structures will not be tolerated. We will smash them wherever we find them," said the spokesman.

A Bloemfontein policeman has already been murdered by a "court" — he was stabbed 45 times — and many complaints have been received by police from across the country.

Alexandra has a history of "people's court" activity and security forces crushed many of them in 1986, when unrest was at its height in the country.

Of the 40 suspects arrested in Alexandra on Saturday, 18 have been positively identified by victims as being members of a "people's court". The others were still being investigated.

The suspects are expected to appear in the Randburg Magistrate's Courts today.
POLICE and Inkatha have respectively denied allegations of bias and "brutal attacks" on Actstop members in Johannesburg's "grey areas".

Actstop publicity secretary, Mr Cas Coovadia, last week told a media conference that Inkatha was involved in "brutal attacks" on its members in the city."

Captain Eugene Op-

BY NKOPANE MAKOBAE

perman, police PRO in the Witwatersrand region, yesterday dismissed Actstop's allegations that they administered the law unequally.

He, however, confirmed that in certain cases, police had visited and searched flats. He said these did not only belong to Actstop members. Police had gone there in reaction to complaints by landlords, estate agents and even residents.

Dr Oscar Dlomo, Inkatha secretary general, said Actstop was a UDF affiliate and it was clear the allegations were part of the UDF/Cosatu/ANC campaign to besmirch Inkatha.
Pepkor venture is paying off

By Jabulani Sikhakhane

Attempts by the Pepkor Group, to broaden ownership of the group and encompass people from whom it draws its custom, appear to be bearing fruit.

The company's recent venture with black shareholders on the Reef, Pep Reef, has posted outstanding results for the year ending February 1990. After tax profits increased 407 percent to R142 000 on a turnover was up 169 percent to R3,768 million.

The number of trading outlets doubled from three to six, this being financed from the company's own resources and the issue of shares.

Directors warn that further expansion plans in the forthcoming year, coupled with anticipated difficult trading conditions, are expected to add further pressure on margins. Pep Reef was formed in 1989, with a black majority shareholding, following the success of Pep Peninsula which boasts 30 stores, to give the black community an opportunity to share in Pep's success.

Pepkor Group directors believe that by spreading share ownership through all levels of society, a wider distribution of wealth is achieved and it also serves to demonstrate the value of the free enterprise system to people who have sometimes had cause to doubt it.

The years ahead may well see an expansion of Pepkor's partnership philosophy into neighbouring countries and perhaps, even further afield.
Reef teachers
plan to strike

Education Reporter

Coloured teachers on the Reef yesterday decided to embark on an indefinite "chalks down" strike from tomorrow.

About 1,000 teachers took the decision at a meeting in Eldorado Park after the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives) failed to respond to their demands, Mike Davy, the co-ordinator of the Action Committee of Teachers, said last night.

After suspending a week-long strike a few weeks ago, teachers gave the department until Tuesday this week to respond to their demands, which included the timely payment of salaries, parity between male and female teachers and a living wage.

Mr. Davy said the strike would continue until the department addressed the demands.
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Actstop will probe alleged assault

By Abel Mushi

Actstop is to launch an "internal" commission of inquiry this week to investigate the case in which one of its members, a former magazine editor, is claiming he narrowly escaped death after being assaulted following a "people's court" hearing held by the organisation in Johannesburg last Wednesday.

Junior Ngubane (36), former editor of the now-defunct Sun Africa magazine, rents a two-bedroom flat at Export House in the city. He sublet it to six tenants and was staying at his girlfriend's flat.

Mr Ngubane says:

"I had made arrangements with my sub-tenants to find alternative accommodation when I returned.

"Though I notified them in advance, the sub-tenants are refusing to honour the arrangement. They are claiming they have nowhere to go. They have made it clear they have no intention of leaving even when I had agreed.

"I was accused by a tenants' committee at the building of overcharging my sub-tenants, though only three of them had to contribute R85 towards a R550 monthly rental.

"A meeting was held last Wednesday at the Central Methodist Church where the case was discussed and I was found to be in the wrong.

"At the end of the meeting, about 25 armed men acted suspiciously and when I tried to avoid them, they chased me to the Johannesburg Sun hotel.

"They dragged me on the ground, assaulting me all the way to my flat. The beating continued in my flat where I was ordered to pay about R800 after my visitors were accused of having stolen some things (in the flat).

"I have not yet reported the matter to the police, as the mob threatened to do much worse if I did."

Actstop says:

"Last Wednesday's meeting was just another Actstop forum meeting, which we hold every fortnight. It was not in the fashion of a people's court. Mr Ngubane's case was raised at the meeting and was not part of our agenda.

"Mr Ngubane's case was discussed after Export House tenants presented it as an emergency. The matter was not resolved and Cas Coovadia (Actstop's publicity secretary) did not give anyone authority to do what they wanted with Mr Ngubane.

"There were no men armed with pangas and guns at the meeting.

"Mr Coovadia said he remained at the scene for about 15 minutes after the meeting and did not notice anything suspicious. He was not aware of anyone having been chased.

"Actstop's general secretary, Pressage Nkosi, intimated that Mr Ngubane was a member of their organisation and had in the past helped them with some 'very important' issues.

"There must have been misunderstandings somewhere and it's very unfortunate that he had to go through all that.

"Apparently there are people who are using our name to achieve their own aims and because of that we have decided on an internal commission of inquiry into this particular case."

Frank Ndlovu, chairman of the tenants' committee, declined to comment.
Coloured teachers' strike spreads

By Janet Heard
Education Reporter

This is the second time coloured teachers have "downed chalk" in a month, for the same grievances.

Mr Swartz is one of the delegates from the giant non-racial National Teacher Unity Forum (NTUF) which will meet National Education Minister Gene Louw today to discuss the deepening crisis.

Review

Mr Swartz said teachers would review the strike after the Minister's response. He warned that if the response was negative, there would be "national mass action".

Mr Davy said there had been reports that the department was considering withholding the June salary cheques of teachers who are on strike.

"At the moment teachers are maintaining order and discipline at school by keeping the pupils in their classes.

"Should the department persist with the threat to withhold cheques, teachers have indicated that they still have more forms of action lined up to intensify pressure on the department," he said.

ACT has called an emergency meeting with principals tomorrow afternoon at the Rand College of Education.

The Department of Education and Culture could not be reached for comment at the time of going to press.
'Teachers' strike: parents appeal for urgent action

By Janet Heard,
Education Reporter

Parents of children affected by the strike by coloured teachers in the Transvaal have appealed to the House of Representatives to urgently address teachers' demands.

Many parents contacted The Star yesterday and expressed grave concern that the future of their children was at stake as no mid-year examinations were being written.

Striking teachers at more than 50 schools will review their five-day "chalks down" at a mass meeting in Eldorado Park today.

Parents contacted The Star yesterday and complained that the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives) had ignored the teachers' demands, which were submitted to the department on May 18.

'Suffering'

Carol Damons, whose son is in Std 2 at the Bosmont Second Primary School, said: "I would like to know why the Department of Education is taking so long to respond to teachers' grievances. In the meantime, the children are suffering and it will have an affect on their future and the future of SA."

Another mother, Gail Thomas, said: "I have a son in matric, he wants to apply for a bursary to attend universi-

fty next year and if he does not have his June mark, they won't consider him."

Sharon Tim of Bosmont, whose two children are in primary school, said teachers should be given maternity leave and should be paid on time, but added: "Why do teachers wait for the crucial time — during exams — to embark on a strike, and why does the department ignore their grievances for so long?"

The organisation co-ordinating the strike, the Action Committee of Teachers (ACT), has held a series of meetings with parents to explain the reasons for embarking on the strike, and 10 parents support committees have been formed in different areas.

An ACT spokesman, Mike Davy, said yesterday that ACT had still not received a response from the department.

The Minister of Education and Culture, Rev Allan Hendrickse, said in a statement to The Star earlier this week that it would be "inappropriate" to comment on the teachers' demands as they were included in the overall demands of teachers' represented by the National Teacher Unity Forum.

"My policy in respect of education has been stated clearly, namely that I am working for the removal of the racial bias of education structures and am striving for the establishment of a unitary education system open for all."
ANC signs 34 white members in Pretoria

The Pretoria city centre branch of the African National Congress held its first meeting for white members on Wednesday night and expressed concern at the danger of apparently increasing right-wing violence.

The office said in a statement that 34 people, almost all white, had registered as members since the recruitment drive began on May 21.

"Membership seems equally split between Afrikaners and English speakers and includes both students and professional people — lawyers, designers, publishers and lecturers," it said.

The ANC officially recognises a branch when it has registered 100 members. — Sapa.
A pure white hole in the black area

By SHAUN JOHNSON

The farm of Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder north of Johannesburg could soon be surrounded by a mixed-race township.

The Weekly Mail established this week that the planned free settlement area of Cosmo City, intended to house 55,000 people, will encircle the veteran right-winger's rural enclave at Sanddrift, outside Randburg.

The location of Cosmo City could hardly have been more perversely chosen. For years Van Tonder has used his isolated farm — distinguished by a vast Vierkleur flag at its entrance — as the headquarters from which to wage a battle for the restoration of the old Boer Republics.

Now the proclamation of Cosmo City places at loggerheads the competing South African ideologies of separation and integration: a mixed race sea will surround an island of white purity.

But while his neighbours may have decided to sell out to the "new South Africa", says Van Tonder, he is staying put and will not accept a payout for his property.

"Some nations have fought for centuries and I tell my followers: don't think of giving up after only nine decades. We have only just started. I am not going anywhere."

White he says he "obviously" opposes the Democratic Party-controlled Randburg council's decision to proclaim a free settle-

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Robert van Tonder ... a Vierkleur flies from his white island in the new grey area near Johannesburg. Picture: STEVE HILTON-BARBER, Arefpix
Robert van Tonder

Flying the Vierkleur

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At area in his neighbourhood, he does not believe the scheme will ever work.

"I estimate that R250-million is needed to develop the area for the 8,000 proposed residential stands," he says.

"Who's got that kind of money? Only the government, but who will they get to buy here? If blacks move in, Indians won't, and nor will Coloureds. Whites will keep away..."

Van Tonder said he "wouldn't like to say that he thought the choice of land for Cosmo City was intentional", and did not believe he was being specifically victimised.

There are signs that the proclamation of Cosmo City will spark resistance from white residents in neighbouring areas such as North Riding, Houtkoppen, Mostyn Puk and Nooitgedacht.

© Van Tonder profile: PAGE 11
If crime is to be eradicated in Hillbrow, sectional crime prevention operations are not going to be enough. More policemen stationed in the area permanently are what's needed.

This is the view of politicians and residents concerned about the burgeoning crime rate. They say that not nearly enough is being done to rid the area of criminals.

James Dryer, chairman of the Hillbrow Traders' Association, told the Saturday Star: "If police have a problem then it is for the authorities to make use of all the powers they have to make Hillbrow's problems." He said his organisation had decided to act as a pressure group to force the authorities to take action.

"We look at crime in a broad spectrum. We include not only criminal property owners charging tenants exorbitant rents. If laws such as the Group Areas Act are repealed then local authorities can take action against these landlords.

"These landlords exploit people who, under the Group Areas Act, are illegal tenants. They force them to pay an amount they choose in exchange for a roof over their heads," Mr Dryer said.

Insignificant manpower

Mr Dryer supports the idea of a municipal police force for Johannesburg. "The money which has been used on spying could have been spent on establishing a municipal police force ages ago," he said.

Peter Rose, former chairman of the Hillbrow Traders' Association, said police were unable to implement "bobbies on the beat". Because they just did not have enough people to do the job. He said if the Johannesburg City Council established a municipal police force, the Government should compensate the council. "Hillbrow residents do not mind who protects them," he said, "as long as there is law and order."

"Ms Desree Simpson, an independent city councillor, said no permanent relief had yet been given to Hillbrow. "We have Operation Wickhounds in the last two weeks or so, but we need something permanent.

"Crime rates while these kinds of operations are in progress, but it soon starts again as soon as they go over," she said.

Mrs Simpson feels strongly about this that she has even called for SA Defence Force personnel to be deployed to curb the violence and lawlessness. In densely populated Hillbrow and other centres.

"We are now getting a bit tired of this," she said. "We have to start thinking of something that will give Hillbrow residents the confidence they need."

One major problem in dealing with crime in Hillbrow appeared to be lost confidence in the police by residents in the area, according to Lester Fischer, a Democratic councillor for Hillbrow.

"Mr Fischer said residents tend not to report crimes to the police because they feel the matter will not be attended to properly.

"Another problem appears to be political. Some önemli directors of operations seem to exist between residents, councillors, the police and the Government."

Mr Fischer does not believe that municipal police force will solve the crime problem in Hillbrow and he has opposed Mrs Simpson's call for it to be set up. He feels that a municipal police force will be a step in the wrong direction.

A deterrent

"Such a force, he said, will "at least mean that those who commit crimes will think about their traffic officers will be given arresting powers which will give a form of a deterrence on the beat and will be a deterrent to crime." Mr Fischer said.

But, having said that, he is not satisfied that crime in his constituency is being dealt with adequately. He is happy that the police are carrying out their functions properly.

He said he has appealed to the Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok, for more policemen to be deployed to the area. But Mr Vlok’s response was to promise a series of crime prevention "operations." He told Hillbrow residents recently: "I'm concerned about the rising crime rate and I've spoken to Minister Vlok about it. The situation will be dealt with urgently to make Hillbrow a safe place to live in."

Hillbrow's dream of municipal policemen patrolling the crime ridden area drew closer to reality two weeks ago with the announcement by the Johannesburg City Council that a high-powered committee is to be set up to investigate the launch of a municipal police force.

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Six councillors, including an independent and one member of the Conservative Party and top council officials, were present.

"Police, however, dismissed claims that people are not reporting crimes because they have lost confidence in the police as "false-fetched."

Lieutenant-Colonel Franz Vosberg, spokesman for the Witswatersrand Police, said: "We have statistics to prove it. All the crimes reported to the police get all the attention they deserve."

He said police have embarked on a series of campaigns to rid Hillbrow of crime. He admitted Hillbrow residents to be security conscious. Among measures taken by the police is the closure of illegal clubs which they believe generate crime.

Pamphlets out

To prove that police crime statistics were off the mark, Councillor Simpson has distributed about 10,000 pamphlets, made up of recent press cuttings on crimes in Hillbrow, and requested volunteers who did not report attacks on them to the police to phone the Johannesburg Herald.

The caller's identity would be protected on request and the statistics would be used to counter those issued by the police.
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Police run off residents' feet

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Children need love

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LAST week the Saturday Star reported how two girls, aged eight and seven, allegedly kidnapped and murdered a two-year-old in the Shuvuvu community in Zimbabwe. What makes children commit such acts of violence?

JOVIAL RANTAO reports.

Drugs and alcohol often aggravate the child's behaviour.

Child expert Mr Terry Kohler said these children had problems establishing affections and bonding with people.

"They can't keep a friend for long and they tend to befriend older people. They also focus on their own needs and manipulate others for personal gain."

They are bullies who behave cruelly. They are hostile and occasionally lie. Sometimes they don't have any feelings of remorse and guilt," Mr Kohler said.

Such behaviour was fuelled by responses these children received from society. "They are often treated badly. This develops feelings of hostility and hate towards people in general."

Under-socialised children develop into adults with anti-social personality disorder, ac
ing according to Mr Kohler.

"One of the best remedies is to involve the family in this process. "Helpless parents start in parents they would get what they desired: love and affection."

Mr Vogeboom recommended early treatment, such as play therapy, for better results. "Children tend to communicate more through play that is attack other people."

"The family should also go for treatment because the problem is not the child's but the family's as well," he said.

South Africa needed to develop a comprehensive programme for children involved in violence, Mr Vogeboom said.

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FOCUS ON THE KANGAROO COURTS

Rough 'justice'

Youths are 'judges' and 'prosecutors' at 'courts of the people'

They told City Press the anti-crime campaign is a "crime watch" for residents against criminal elements, particularly in Soweto where the crime rate is high.

City Press was invited to a sitting of a kangaroo court in Mamelodi this week. Several people have already been assaulted at this court.

Youths who claimed to belong to local organisations were the "judges" and "prosecutors" and the "accused" were typically elderly people.

The "court" is operated from a backyard room cum beer-lounge. The "judges" and "prosecutors", who are members of the DC, claimed they had the "full consent" of the police.

"We even have documents from the police to that effect," said a spokesman for the "area committee".

But when asked to produce the documents, he said they were "with the mother body".

He said the police had visited the "court" several times and "no actions were taken against us".

During the proceedings, a group of youths who claimed to belong to a local youth organisation burnt into the room and aggressively demanded to know who had given City Press permission to attend. One was armed with a gun.

When told City Press was invited, they demanded that the photographs of the protesters' film be destroyed. After a protest by City Press, they went to "consult with members of the civic committees and representatives are responsible, if taken to task," said a spokesman.

A spokesman for the police said they were going to investigate if any of their members were responsible for the court.

"We cannot support any township with violence from its members. This must come to an end," he said.

Police liaison officer Crewe said there was no evidence of a "people's court".

Drastic action would be taken against any policeman who failed to act against or cause the existence of an illegal court.

"We will stamp out whenever we find them," C.
The shame of kids allowed to mock law and freedom

By CHARLES MOGALE

A SICKLY alcoholic is woken from his drunken sleep by an impatient knock on his bedroom door and, still semi-drunk, staggers up to answer it. The members of the kangaroo court have arrived.

An excited group of youths, many of them his own son's playmates, fill the small room, taking up every possible sitting place.

They order him to dress quickly, before literally dragging him out of the house.

Fifteen minutes later he is sitting in front of them – an accused in their kangaroo court.

He is accused of sleeping out often and failing to maintain his family. A particularly rude youth of about 17, the son of a neighbour not on speaking terms with him, presides over the "trial".

The youth is leading the interrogation, his questions heavily loaded with a presumption of a guilty verdict. The old man is undecided whether to hold on to his pride by refusing to cooperate with the invaders of his privacy, or to explain that he has a drinking problem compounded by the infidelity of his wife, who is the complainant.

After silently pondering the options, he decides to explain that his meagre wages are tied up in a stockel he joined on his wife's insistence. He did sleep out occasionally at the end of the month when he was attending the "stockel", and after drinking heavily. His wife knew very well where to find him and never complained to him.

His feeble explanations are drowned by the heavy churras of young voices yelling for his blood.

A guilty verdict is passed and the sentence is 20 lashes on the buttocks. The neighbour's son, who prosecuted and then became judge, is now to carry out the sentence.

"The accused is not allowed, let alone invited, to call any witnesses. There is no appeal against judgment or sentence."

Tears well down the the old man's face. He is not afraid of the whip. It is the ultimate humiliation of having to undress before the children he virtually brought up, in African custom. He submits to the punishment.

That is a common scene in the infamous kangaroo courts, where the scales of injustice normally weigh very heavily against the accused.

In one of the more publicised shocking incidents from the courts, an Alexandra woman, Elizabeth Hlatshwayo, 32, was sentenced to 100 lashes for apparently stabbing a would-be rapist. After the 42nd lash, she collapsed and the "comrades"门外 the punishment released her and ordered her to return later for the rest of the punishment.

In the same township, Josiah Mamotsetse, 40, had to have hospital treatment for serious wounds inflicted when he was lashed more than 200 times with a whip after being "convicted" of trying to stop a love affair between another man and his common-law wife.

Hardest hit is Alexandra township, where incidents of jungle justice are most widely spread.

The courts have been condemned for:

- Invasion of privacy. The youths running these courts often involve themselves in family squabbles, often without invitation;
- Lack of justice. The officials are often ill-trained youths who do not give the accused a fair hearing. Accused people are assumed guilty until proved innocent – which is rare; and
- No option of appeal. Sentence, which is normally physical assault with a whip, is carried out immediately after sentence is passed. The prosecutors are themselves judges and carry out the sentence.

A disturbing trend among "officials" of the kangaroo courts is that they seem to believe they are carrying out "the struggle" by operating "people's structures".

They have, however, been disowned by anti-apartheid leaders who have insisted that "people's committees" and kangaroo courts are miles apart.
Financial Crisis
School Facing

By Shirley Woodgate

Emergency aid is desperately needed to help the Sunshine Pre-primary School, located in the impoverished township of Masiphumelele, Western Cape.

The school, which caters for children aged between three and five years, has been forced to close indefinitely due to a lack of funding. Parents are battling to raise the necessary R200 000 to cover the school's running costs.

Principal Mr. Davis Mosebenzi said the school had been operating on a shoestring budget for the past few years, but the current financial crisis has left them with no choice but to shut down.

"We are doing our best to ensure that our children continue to receive an education, but we simply cannot afford to keep the school open," Mosebenzi said.

The school relies on a combination of government grants, community donations, and fees from parents to fund its operations. However, the current economic downturn has severely impacted the school's ability to raise the necessary funds.

Mosebenzi appealed to the public for assistance in saving the school.

"Please help us keep our children learning. Every little bit counts," he said.

The school's closure has left many children without access to education, and parents are left to grapple with the challenges of finding alternative options.

Local residents and businesses have already started donating to the school, but more support is needed to ensure its survival.

"We are not giving up," Mosebenzi said. "We are doing everything in our power to keep the school open."

The school is located in a community that is already facing numerous challenges, including poverty, unemployment, and lack of access to basic services.

"We need your help to keep our children educated," Mosebenzi said. "Please support our school in any way you can."

Donations can be made to the Sunshine Pre-primary School, P.O. Box 123, Masiphumelele 7805, or by contacting the school directly at 021-123-4567.
Easy pickings at corner cafes

“There were five of them. It was just after 7pm. One of them put the gun in my mouth and said: ‘We are not kidding here — I will kill you.’”

The speaker is a corner cafe owner. He is too terrified to disclose his name and begged that The Star not disclose the suburb in which his shop is, for fear the gangsters will come back and “get him.”

He decided it best to pay up rather than face death.

His is not an isolated case of a nervous cafe owner being left fearful after an armed hold-up.

It is the daily diet of fear with which many of Johannesburg’s cafe owners and their helpers are forced to live.

Vulnerable and unprotected, corner cafes are soft targets for gang robberies.

Among those who have been terrorised and robbed at the counter recently is a Greek cafe owner near the Wanderers Club. Last week he, his wife and his 12-year-old daughter had guns held to their heads when four men robbed the shop.

The man also does not want his name or that of his cafe mentioned.

“Is it if we are going to be robbed — but when,” he said.

“With so many police resigning, robbers know we are easy victims. We are easily accessible, the escape routes are open, plus we open early and close late when only a few people are around.”

Every week, at least two cafes are robbed in the Johannesburg area. Every month, a cafe owner is murdered in the city. Easy accessibility, long hours and poor security make cafes soft targets, and owners fear for their safety. MONICA NICOLSON reports.

Armed at work... Almost every third day in Johannesburg, a cafe owner is robbed. Police suggest they arm themselves, install alarms and panic buttons and keep their cash levels low.

Picture by Jacobo Rykliff

Game sale is a record

By Dirk Nel, Northern Transvaal Bureau

TSHIPISE — Giraffe, eland, ostriches and waterbuck were in great demand at the annual Greater Kudu land game sale at Tshipise yesterday which netted a record R448,700 — confirming its status as one of the country’s major wildlife auctions.

Keen bidding by more than 200 buyers from all parts of South Africa kept auctioneer Jack Klaasen on his toes, and ranch owner Peter Knott described the event as his best.

Some of the highest prices of the season were reached, with giraffe fetching R7,300, eland R3,500, waterbuck R2,700, zebra R2,400, nyala R2,000, and gamsbuck R1,500.
450 Putco workers go on strike in Boksburg

Staff Reporter

All 450 workers at Putco's Boksburg depot walked out yesterday after a refusal by management to allow the Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU) to represent workers at a plant where it was in the minority.

Vosloorus commuters could be left stranded today by the strike, because the Boksburg depot services the township.

The strike could spread if the company does not respond to the action in Boksburg.

TGWU information officer, Kairy Forrest, said annual wage negotiations began with Putco last week.

The Transport and Allied Workers Union (Tawu) objected to the presence of TGWU shop stewards from Putco's Homelands depot outside Pretoria, where Tawu have a majority of members.

"Management agreed with Tawu that TGWU could not represent members at Homelands. At that point, we withdrew from the Transvaal wage negotiations," Ms Forrest said.

"Putco and Tawu continued to negotiate without us and the shop stewards felt very strongly about it.

"All our depots went back to discuss appropriate action and the Boksburg depot was the first to take action."

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450 Putco workers go on strike in Boksburg

Staff Reporter

All 450 workers at Putco's Boksburg depot walked out yesterday after a refusal by management to allow the Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU) to represent workers at a plant where it was in the minority.

Vosloorus commuters could be left stranded today by the strike, because the Boksburg depot services the township.

The strike could spread if the company does not respond to the action in Boksburg.

TGWU information officer, Kelly Forrest said annual wage negotiations began with Putco last week.

The Transport and Allied Workers Union (Tawu) objected to the presence of TGWU shop stewards from Putco's Homelands depot outside Pretoria where Tawu have a majority of members.

"Management agreed with Tawu that TGWU could not represent members at Homelands. At that point we withdrew from the Transvaal wage negotiations," Ms Forrest said.

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Bodies found in Hillbrow flat

By Helen Grange

The bodies of two men and a woman were found in a Johannes burg flat yesterday. Police said the three, found in a flat in Parkmore Mansions in Koch Street, Joubert Park, were probably overpowered by gas escaping from the flat's stove about 12 days ago. However, tenants in the block said yesterday that the bodies were covered in blood when the police finally broke down the locked door and entered the flat. Police had been called after tenants noticed a foul smell coming from the flat.
Police ‘not solely to blame’ for casualties at Sebokeng

By Melody McDougall, Vereeniging Bureau

The police could not be solely blamed for the death and injuries suffered by members of a 50 000-strong crowd during the Sebokeng shootings near the Sondela Brewery on March 26, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry heard yesterday.

Etienne du Toit SC, appearing for the SA Police, said it was a unique concurrence of events on the day which had led to the tragedy.

Mr du Toit was presenting argument before the commission, chaired by Mr Justice R J Goldstone, which yesterday concluded its inquiry into alleged incidents of violence — including the Sebokeng shootings — in Vaal triangle townships on March 26.

The Sebokeng shootings took place after a 50 000-strong UDF gathering, intent on marching to Vereeniging, was halted by a police line-up near the Sondela Brewery.

At least five people died in the shootings. Another seven people were shot dead in various other incidents of apparent unrest and looting of shops in the area, while about 220 were injured the same day.

Mr Justice Goldstone said he hoped to have the report on his findings ready by the end of June.

Referring to the first shot fired by Constable Sean van van Rhyn, which caused a chain reaction when other policemen also opened fire, Mr du Toit said the resulting deaths and injuries could not be ascribed to the error of judgment or human frailty of a single person.

He said the fact that the constable accidentally fired the first shot with his stopper tear gas rifle did not indicate deliberate "trigger-happiness".

The policeman was hit by a stone shortly before the shooting and was afraid at that stage.

Johan du Toit, who led all evidence before the commission, argued that correct police procedure would have been the firing of teargas into the crowd.

He said there should have been stricter control over the loading of weapons at the scene and more self-control displayed by both the police and crowd. It was also clear there was a definite lack of communication between all the parties involved.

Mr Johan du Toit asked for at least five of the 11 incidents of alleged violence in the townships on March 26, which claimed the lives of 12 people, to be referred to the Attorney-General for a decision.
Awaiting a new era . . . The Laerskool Mayfair Goedehoop stands deserted behind razor-wire-topped fences after the departure of white children, but soon the grounds will echo to the laughter of Indian pupils attending their neighbourhood school. (Picture by Stephen Davinnes)

Indians welcome Mayfair school conversion

By Janet Heard, Education Reporter

Indian residents in Mayfair have welcomed the conversion of the empty white Laerskool Mayfair-Goedehoop into an Indian school.

The school in 11th Ave is one of 26 empty or under-utilised schools nationally which the Government announced yesterday had been converted to colour, African and Indian schools.

"Obviously I would send my child to the school when it opens its doors. At least in the near future I will not have to drive my child to school and fetch him in the afternoon," said Mrs Hattina Bulbulia, who lives directly opposite the school.

Her eight-year-old son, Mohammed, is a Grade 1 pupil at Ferdistburg Primary School, five minutes drive from her home.

Mrs Bulbulia said since the school was closed about six months ago, residents had been wondering what it would be used for.

Renovations

Pupils and other residents told The Star they were delighted that at last they had a school close by which could be used by the community.

Before the school opens, it will have to undergo renovations and be cleaned. The grass is knee-high, leaves are piled up in front of the bolted gates and windows are broken.

Part of the grounds are being used for parking by post office vehicles.

The school was closed last year following a big decline in pupil numbers.

Pitsho Camay, a spokesman for the Joint Education Committee (JEC), which consists of parents committees of four Indian schools in Johannes- burg West, welcomed the move.

He said there was a dire shortage of classrooms in the area.

A meeting between the JEC and the chief planner in the Department of Education and Culture (House of Delegates) is due this evening in a bid to alleviate classroom shortages at the Ferdistburg Primary School.

Mr Camay said two classes were held in the staffroom. The committee had tried unsuccessfully to have the school moved to the unused Crown Reef Primary School in Mayfair.
Hillbrow now in free settlement investigation

Staff Reporter

Hillbrow, which was excluded four months ago from an investigation by the Free Settlement Board into a large parcel of Johannesburg's eastern suburbs, has now been included with areas such as Joubert Park, Yeoville and Berea.

No explanation was given for the omission of Hillbrow from the study area announced in February despite the fact that the suburb is generally regarded as at least 40 percent black.

The omission of the multiracial suburb from the investigation into 13 areas as a free settlement area raised a storm of protest headed by Tony Leon MP and local councillors.

Compromise

However Johannesburg management committee member Marietta Marx said that contrary to common belief Hillbrow was not 40 percent black and had probably been excluded to accommodate the elderly whites living there.

The original area demarcated for investigation extended from Houghton Estate, down to Bellevue, Judith's Paarl, Lorentzville, Bertrams, Doornfontein and Joubert Park and Berea on the inner city side.

Mr Leon condemned the lumping together of widely disparate areas as "racial roulette"-making no sense from a socio-economic, racial harmony or demographic point of view.

The Free Settlement Board said the area bounded by Clarendon Place in the northwest, Berea in the east and Pretoria Street in the south was now included in the investigation.
Free areas probe takes in Hillbrow

EDYTH BULDRING

THE Free Settlement Areas Board (FSAB) is to investigate Hillbrow — previously excluded from the board's investigation — as a free settlement area, chairman Hein Kruger said yesterday.

The area, Ward 26, bordered on the east by Berea, on the south by Pretoria Street and on the north-west by Clarendon Place, was excluded from investigation early this year when the board announced it would investigate the declaration of an extensive part of eastern Johannesburg.

These areas are: Bellevue, Yeoville, Berea, Doornfontein, new Doornfontein, Judith's Paarl, Lorraineville, Bertrams, portions surrounding Joubert Park and a portion of Houghton Estate, Oaklands, Norwood and Orange Grove.

The omission of Hillbrow from these areas under investigation meant Hillbrow could have become a small segregated island in the midst of a large desegregated area.

Motion

CP leader in the Johannesburg City Council Jacques Theron said yesterday the question as to why Hillbrow was excluded in the first place was never answered. He said he did not know why it was now deemed fit to investigate Hillbrow.

The Johannesburg City Council decided in February to make representations to the board opposing the declaration of the eastern Johannesburg areas.

The motion, proposed by the DP, was passed with the support of the CP and an independent councillor, although it was opposed by the NP. However, the NP was clearly relieved when the DP succeeded in its motion.

NP opposition to fragmenting Johannesburg into free settlement areas was shown when the NP supported a DP motion opposing the declaration of a part of Mayfair and a part of Pageview.

Theron said he did not think the DP or NP would support the declaration of Hillbrow.

He said the CP also opposed the declaration of Hillbrow, but for different reasons. He said muggings and robberies and the deterioration of the area were caused by allowing races to mingle.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said last night the DP did not believe in free settlement areas and opposed the balkanisation of Johannesburg.

The council appointed a special six-man committee consisting of NP and DP councillors last month to consider open city initiatives.
President gets plea to probe Turflloop

SIX students at the University of the North have sent an urgent plea to the State President and the Minister of Education and Development to institute a commission of inquiry into allegations of irregularities at the institution.

The plea was made through an attorney.

SAP check

Brigadier L A Molela, deputy commissioner of the Lebowa police, confirmed that the matter had been reported and said investigations were underway.

The six want a commission of inquiry appointed to pay attention to the following points:

- The decline of negotiation and tribunals in respect to the employment of lecturers and their promotion.
- Political victimisation of examination centres and the alleged involvement of security police.
- Allegations that the university's examination centre is a secret and confidential relationship with the security police of the SAP in Pretoria.

"An activist, Mr Molela, was murdered in the middle of the 1989 examination period because he did not want to co-operate with the police. Mr Molela was accused of being a spy," the police said.

- Sexual harassment.
- Female students who could not comply with the lecturer's "courteous" policy were expelled for misconduct.

"A study on board examinations," the complaint stated, "was conducted in the faculty of education. In November, December examinations for 1989, students in Education 301 and Paper One wrote two different papers in the same examination room. Some students complained that they were not allowed to register for the seminar degree.

- Faculty of Law and Social Sciences. "A student who was registered for a B Juris degree was still writing courses in his B Juris junior degree."

Leans secrecy

"It is further alleged that some students were issued with certificates of a non-existent teaching diploma. The diploma, Senior Teacher Diploma, was phased out from the 1976/77 academic year."

- Bursaries and loans. "The criteria for allocation thereof are the system of allocation of bursaries remains secret. Students from well-off families with a bad academic record receive a number of bursaries while brilliant students with poor backgrounds are forced to leave Turflloop because of lack of financial assistance."

Source: News and Gazett examinations of the main campus at Turflloop are not written on the same dates as Ougrara and Giyani campuses. This has caused great concern because there are suspicions of leakages of question papers.

Spokesman for offices of both State President and Mr van der Merwe said the petition had been received and was already receiving attention. In response, the University of the North said it doubted the machinery of the claim and urged the students to withdraw their "biased and unfounded allegations".

In a statement reacting to the allegations, the university said that the university's academic programme, including examinations, was in the hands of the university's academic programme.

- The majority of students bursaries are awarded by government and corporate bodies.

"The university issues only degrees and diploma certificates which are authorised to teach and only upon the student's successful completion of his studies."

"The university will not comment on any irregularities made by any of its officers."
Johannesburg's sleeping giant

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Johannesburg City Council studies were based on the understanding that Hillbrow was a place of multiple activity. It was seen as a place of residence for a stable nucleon of elderly people and a transient population of young singles, single parents, children and couples and immigrants.

By the late 1980s, Hillbrow has changed dramatically. An increasing number of blue, coloured and Indian families have moved into Hillbrow because of lower housing subsidies and money from their own areas and a desire to be close to their place of work.

According to a city council report on Hillbrow, compiled by a "dr" from the Johannesburg Health Department and the Town Planning Department, an influx of the poor and construct the inner city has been a worldwide phenomenon - a result of urbanization.

Johannesburg City Medical Officer of Health, Dr Nicky Padyachy, says this creates a need for public housing in high-rise, high-density areas.

Survey

"There has been a change in the nature of the people living in the area - there are more families, more single and elderly people."

A survey was conducted by the department to examine the condition of buildings in Hillbrow and to establish the number of children who had not been immunized.

Johannesburg had the highest immunization rate in the country, but people with children moving into the city lowered the immunization average.

Of 300 residential buildings examined, 58 (20 per cent) were in "reasonable" condition and 12 (23 per cent) were classified as "poor".

Immediate instruction were issued that faulty be repaired.

Of about 20,000 people living in the 302 buildings surveyed, 40 per cent were black. The average population density per flat was 3, but as many as 16 people were living in flats in some cases.

On average, however, no overcrowding was present. No obvious overcrowding of social services existed in the building.

Acting deputy Medical Officer of Health, Dr Claude Newbery, said overcrowding obviously required in a determined living space.

They have shelter and the basic amenities. But in some areas, the building is overcrowded and the space is too small for the amount of people living in the building.

"We have 300 buildings in Hillbrow and we have to deal with 58. There is a need for public housing in high-rise, high-density areas.

The environment needs to be modified to suit families, but there isn't the space. We need to look at innovative techniques."

Patching lots

"Where more whites lived in Hillbrow, there was a great need for parking. Now more blacks have moved in, the need for parking has decreased. We are therefore investigating changing some parking lots into places for nursery schools or parks.

"Hillbrow street plan needs to be expanded for pedestrians, especially for children so they can walk and play."
Gangster gets death for fatal shooting

By Cathy Stagg

A man who committed seven crimes in two days was yester-
day sentenced to death for the murder of an Alberton man, as
well as an effective 24 years' imprisonment.

Passing sentence Mr Justice M.S Stegman said Bestella Sith-
ebe (25) was one of a gang of men who robbed Willie Hanck
of his Nissan Skyline in Linden, Johannesburg, on March 18 last
year.

An hour later three gang
members armed with firearms
robbed Joanna van der Merwe,
of Raceview, Alberton, of her
Ford XR6.

Rian Lotz (27), Mrs van der
Merwe’s neighbour, intervened
and was fatally shot in the head.

The judge and his two asse-
sors came to the unanimous de-
cision that there were no exten-
sating circumstances.

The judge described the gang
as “alert and capable criminals”
and referred to Sithobe’s many
previous convictions.

The court also found that on
March 20 last year the gang
held up tellers and customers at
First National Bank’s Elands-
fontein, Germiston, branch.
They took R38 000 and one of the
robbers stabbed Johannes Mot-
lung, who was on duty behind
the inquiries counter. A custom-
er, Michael Galloway, was
robbed of his watch and wed-
ding ring.

Forty-five minutes later, two
women tellers at Trust Bank,
Elandsfontein, were each held
up by two gang members. About
R10 000 was taken. Charmaine
Niewenhuizen was hit in the
face with a revolver.

The judge allowed the two 10-
year sentences for the robberies
with aggravating circumstances
on March 18 to run concurrent-
ly. Sentences for the three rob-
beries committed on March 20
were commuted, so the ef-
factive total was 12 years.

The judge also sentenced Sith-
ebe to two years’ jail for the un-
lawful possession of a firearm.
Vaal councillor condemns plan for 'new Soweto' development

By Melody McDougall

The proposed development of another "Soweto" on the northern outskirts of the Vaal triangle has been strongly condemned by the chairman of the Conservative Party-dominated Vanderbijlpark Town Council management committee, Gerhard Smith.

On Tuesday the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council announced plans for the establishment of two new "Sowetos" south of Johannesburg.

Earmarked

The first of the two regions earmarked for development is an area of about 10 000ha and lies to the west of Soweto.

The second area is about 9 000ha and is located north-west of Evaton and south of Emerdale to the east and west of the N1 highway.

This zone has been earmarked for balanced residential housing, for about 700 000 people, as well as commercial and industrial development.

Commenting yesterday, Mr Smith said the proposed development fitted in with Government policy to make available ground for housing accommodation which was merely a form of controlled squatter camps.

One of the major concerns would be the shortage of job opportunities which would result in a drop in the living standard of all residents.

He said Vanderbijlpark was the only Vaal triangle town which had a surplus of ground earmarked for industrial development, in which there was presently no interest. In addition, the country was experiencing a depressed economic situation.

"Therefore this development is not a good idea at all. One cannot draw people to a town if there are no jobs available," he said.

The chairman of the Vaal Triangle Regional Services Council, Gustav du Toit, welcomed the development, saying it was an excellent idea.
DP calls for Jo’burg, Soweto to become one

By Louise Burgers, Municipal Reporter

Black local government structures were crumbling and it was just a matter of time before Johannesburg and Soweto became one city and one municipality, Democratic Party councillor Sias Reyneke said during the budget debate last night.

"The planning must start now, Johannesburg and Soweto will become one — we have to accept that reality and begin training people now for one local authority," he said.

"It is clear that the local black government structures are crumbling and this crisis may force central government and everyone else involved, to enforce the incorporation of black councils with white local authorities so that the provision of services can continue," Mr Reyneke said.

"If we accept Johannesburg and Soweto as one, there will be a doubling of the population and land area. We will sit with a new Johannesburg, of which a major part will be totally under-developed," he added.

NP councillor Hein Kruger agreed that closer co-operation between Johannesburg and Soweto was inevitable. One municipality in the form of a metropolitan government or "super-municipality" needed to be investigated.

Economic suicide

"The two (cities) are interdependent and cannot exist without the other. Where Soweto is the main reservoir of human resources for Johannesburg and the broader region of which the two form the core, Johannesburg is the engine room where the human resources of the region come together and create the wealth of the region," Mr Kruger said.

"To exclude either Soweto or Johannesburg when the city boundaries were redrawn would be economic suicide for both," he said.
The uncertainty goes on for Group Areas families

By Shehnaaz Balbulia

Group Areas Act charges against a group of Johannesburg families have been dropped — but for the families concerned, the uncertainty goes on.

The charges against 30 people in 11 separate cases were withdrawn in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court this week. The alleged offences occurred in areas that include the Johannesburg suburbs of Berea, Homestead Park, Mayfair West and Malvern.

Yesterday Homestead Park families told The Star there was little to celebrate. Their fate depends on the outcome of a case to be heard in the Supreme Court.

Validity

Davechand Ramjee of Mayfair West, one of the first in the area to be charged under the Group Areas Act two years ago, is contesting in the Supreme Court the validity of the proclamation making Mayfair a white area. The date for the hearing has not yet been set.

He said not even President de Klerk's promise that the Act was on its way out, has made him feel secure.

"It's all words for me. Only when the Act is taken off the statute books will I feel safe," he said.

The fact that the outcome of his case has a bearing on other people's future, said Mr Ramjee, made him all the more determined to fight to the end.

"This battle has been a rigorous test on my family. We have had to endure so much pressure for so long and it still has not come to an end," he said.

"When I was 10 my family were evicted in 1957 from Sophiatown because it was proclaimed a white area. Up until 1967 we were always moving because we could not secure accommodation in a 'black' area."

"For a while I lived in Ford-

burg, but the flat was much too small for my family of six. We moved to Mayfair in 1968 and I'm still fighting for my home," said Mr Ramjee.

Homestead Park resident Fréd Samuel, who had charges withdrawn against him, spoke of the physical, mental and financial anguish of living in limbo.

In 1987 Mr Samuel and his family moved to Homestead Park. Within six months they were summoned under the Group Areas Act. Soon the strain began to take its toll:

"We've never settled down. Weekends passed by without a murmur of social activity. My wife and I are always tied up in meetings because of the possibility that we could be re-prosecuted. I expect things to remain much the same."

The most disconcerting aspect of being charged under the Group Areas Act, Mr Samuel said, was having to explain to his children "that I am not a criminal — that all I really want to do is provide a good home for them."

Another resident, Miriam Raxie, echoed similar sentiments.

Wait-and-see

She said: "It's a wait-and-see game. We have had enough. We don't want to worry about a roof over our heads. We want to enjoy our remaining years with our grandchildren."

Trevor Bailey of the Legal Resource Centre said until the Group Areas Act was repealed in Parliament it would remain law.

The Supreme Court ruling in Mr Ramjee's case would have a bearing on the 30 people who recently had charges withdrawn against them, he said.

"For example, if the Supreme Court decided the proclamation was invalid the State would not succeed in securing a prosecution for the other cases."

Test case ... The fate of many living under the shadow of the Group Areas Act depends on Davechand Ramjee of Mayfair West's success in court.

Picture by John Hogg.
JOHANNESBURG would be controlled by a multiracial management committee replacing the Johannesburg City Council if the whole city was opened under free settlement areas legislation, Free Settlement Board Chairman Hein Kruger said yesterday.

In an interview with Business Day in Pretoria, Kruger spoke of the implications of opening cities to all races in terms of the legislation.

He specifically addressed the problems contained in the Local Government in Free Settlement Areas Act which discouraged cities from taking this step.

If Johannesburg was declared a free settlement area today, white residents could choose whether they wanted to register on the multiracial voters roll, which would elect a management committee, or stay on the whites-only roll of the Johannesburg City Council, Kruger said.

The multiracial management committee would control Johannesburg, but those residents who chose to stay on the existing roll would have no representatives at a local government level, he said.

"They wouldn't have anyone to vote for as they would be on a roll which did not represent any specific area," Kruger said.

However, he said the Act was unclear on the management committee's exact extent of power in such a situation.

This was one of the major reasons why city councils were hesitant to apply for the opening of their whole cities or parts of the city under the present legislation.

They feared the Act was too vague and could spell an erosion of their power or rate base and could mean a duplication of function. For this reason, of the 33 applications to the board, only four had been made by town councils: Durban, which had submitted two applications, and Kysyna and Mmsinsa which had each submitted one.

Needs

While the fears of the town councils were understandable, the problems presented by the Act were not insurmountable and could be addressed. But first, town councils had to take a step in faith, Kruger said.

"If not, it is like a child refusing to learn to ride a bicycle because he does not have a pump," Kruger said.

The legislation would be changed if it did not suit the needs of the city councils.

Amendments to the Local Government in Free Settlement Areas Act were close to completion and would hopefully be introduced next parliamentary session, Kruger said.

Two areas which had been given most attention were the sections concerning the government structure of free settlement areas, and the status of the developer.

While a large number of applications to the board had come from developers, these had to be disqualified because most did not fit the Act's definition of a developer.

In the case of these applications, the relevant minister's council then had to request the board to investigate these areas in the place of the developers.

The proposed amendments all depended on the state of play regarding the Group Areas Act, he said.

During this parliamentary session President F W de Klerk stated the Group Areas Act would be scrapped next year and replaced with non-discriminatory measures. It is unclear at this stage whether the amended free settlement areas acts, which are independent of the Group Areas Act, will form part of the non-discriminatory measures or fall away.

However, despite all the uncertainty, Kruger said he did not feel his task was irrelevant. "Areas have to be opened up in the interim to cope with present needs."

Kriel emphasized that the as they now stood could not preclude city councils from applying to have their whole cities opened under the Act. Provincial Planning minister Herms Kriel reiterated this in Parliament this session and said he was sympathetic towards the declaration of entire local authority areas as free settlement areas.

Kriel promised any recommendation to this effect by the board would be given extremely careful consideration by government.

Kruger said all five of the board's recommendations so far had been accepted by government. They were Windmill Park (Boksburg), Warwick Triangle (Durban), Country View (Midrand), Zonebloem (Cape Town) and Diepsloot, south of Pretoria.

The results of investigations into a further eight areas had already been passed on to government and the decisions were still pending, Kruger said. They were Zuurbekom (West Rand), Ottery/Wedon (Cape Town), Cato Crest (Durban), Kysyna, Mmsina, Waterval (Johannesburg), Zekie/izwelini (Natal) and Mayfair (Johannesburg).
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Govt ‘must write off R731-m rent debt’

By Montshiwa Moroke

The Government will have to write off the estimated R731 million rent arrears owed by Transvaal’s black townships before residents would consider resuming payment of service charges, a Soweto civic leader said at the weekend.

The president of the Soweto Civic Association (SCA), Isaac Mogase, said this after the Transvaal Provincial Administration announced last week it would no longer cover the cost of services to boycott-hit townships.

The TPA said if councils were not able to collect enough money to pay their bulk suppliers, supplies would “most probably be discontinued”.

Mr Mogase, who is also a member of the Soweto People’s Delegation (SPD), said the people of Soweto had never refused to pay service charges.

“The problem is that they (TPA) have been dealing with councillors and not with residents,” Mr Mogase said.

The SPD is expected to meet provincial authorities next month in an effort to resolve the rent crisis in the province.

A spokesman for the TPA said last week arrears in the 82 black local authorities in the Transvaal, at the end of March, amounted to about R731 million.

“The rent boycott is effective in 42 of the 82 councils and we have only R26 million every month available for bridging finance. In the past three months we have paid out R164 million in bridging finance and that amount should have been spent after six or seven months.”
Areas Act charge dropped

By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

The State has withdrawn a Group Areas Act charge against Ismail Bemath, who moved into the middle of the small Conservative Party-controlled south-east Transvaal town of Amersfoort in March.

Mr Bemath, a salesman, and his wife Rukeya were in the news in March when the Amersfoort Town Council cut their water supply less than 24 hours after they had moved in.

His lawyer, David Bam, who has been instructed by Lawyers for Human Rights, said he had given the Amersfoort council until Friday to reconnect the Bemaths' water.

The council had refused.

Kindness

"We will now be bringing an application before the Supreme Court," Mr Bam said.

For the past four months, the Bemaths have had to rely on the kindness of their new neighbour, an Afrikaans woman, who has allowed them to take water from her house.

Apart from cutting off the Bemaths' water, the council laid a complaint with the police that the couple were contravening the Group Areas Act.

On Friday, Mr Bemath said he was delighted to be a "free man" again.

"I had to miss the birth of my first child because of that business," he said.

"When I had to appear in court in connection with the charge, my wife gave birth in Nylstroom."
Blasts rock police stations

POLICE stations at Khayelitsha and Langa were rocked by explosions between 8 and 10 last night.

A police vehicle was damaged and windows were shattered when a hand grenade was hurled at the police station in Khayelitsha about 8.35 pm.

"No one was injured," said Lieutenant-Colonel Lourens Haansbroek of SAP headquarters in Pretoria.

Residents as far away as Pinelands called the Cape Times to find out what had caused the blast.

No details were available of the Langa blast.
Timeshare thefts

Bruce Davis was convicted in a Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday of stealing R70 188 from Southern Sun (Pty) between August 1989 and November 1989 by failing to deposit certain cash payments after selling timeshare units. The hearing was postponed to August 12. Staff Reporter.
Security is a priority

CAPE TOWN — An official residence for the secretary-general of the SA Council of Churches, built at an estimated cost of R700 000 in Diepkloof, Soweto, is expected to be completed soon.

The national executive committee of the council decided to build an official residence and to ensure it was fitted with adequate security after the bombing of Khotso House, general administrative secretary, the Rev Francois Bill, has reported.

He said funds for the house had been pledged by churches in Norway, Germany, Switzerland and Canada.

The insurance claim paid out after the bombing was R3.3 million. — Own Correspondent.
Clean-up Project Frustrated

The cleanup of a city dumping ground, the land around the dam is expressly:
The dumping ground... (Figure) and various kinds of fertilizer were and are dumping in and around the road.

A community group is by John Hopkins

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Pretoria council 'stalling'

Pretoria Correspondent

A delay in the opening of amenities to all races has led to the Pretoria City Council being accused of "dragging its feet".

The council has indicated that once it had, finalised details, all municipal services and facilities would be available to all Pretoria's residents.

The council — which initially said its bus service, libraries and angling facilities at Rietvlei Dam would be open to all races by this weekend, and the Hillcrest swimming pool by August 1 — now says its bus service will only be opened by August, or even September.

Other amenities would follow in October.

Unpopular decision

Local Democratic Party spokesman Martin Brink yesterday accused the council of "dragging its feet" over the opening of amenities.

Mr Brink claimed the council was not prepared to be held accountable to its voters — many of whom were conservative — for the opening of amenities, and that by delaying the move could hand over the responsibility for a possibly unpopular decision to the Government.

In a report considered "urgent", which came before the city council yesterday, the management committee said that in light of the Government's Discriminatory Legislation Regarding Public Amenities Repeal Bill — which would scrap separate amenities laws from October 15 — it was impractical to revise local by-laws on an ad hoc basis.

The management committee has recommended that the council secretary, F J Kruger, revise all council by-laws and decisions related to public facilities so that provisions in Pretoria were in line with the changed statutory situation.

Mr Kruger was also to consider ways of making the by-laws practical to implement, and to submit separate reports to the council as a matter of urgency.

Transport director Eddie Liebenberg said once the city council took the decision his department would approach schools to arrange for new identity tickets for scholars who wanted to make use of concession tariffs.

School concessions would be available to pupils of all races, but only if they lived "within the municipal boundaries of Pretoria".

Bus concessions — such as those available to the aged and the handicapped — would also be made available to all races, but only to people living in the municipal area.

Delayed

Special bus concessions available to white municipal staff without other transport benefits were to be phased out over two years.

Mr Liebenberg said he expected the opening of the bus service to be delayed because time was needed to make final arrangements.

Mr Brink said that apart from an initial acknowledgement of receipt, the DP had not yet received replies to four letters sent to the council asking it to apply for the opening of the entire city to all races.

"It looks not only like delaying tactics, but it is also a lack of good manners," he said.
Council rejects free settlement area proposal

West Rand Bureau

The Conservative Party-controlled Krugersdorp Town Council last night turned down an application by a landowner to have his land, which borders Munsieville township, declared a free settlement area.

Councillor Bill Greyvenstein said the case had merits and the council should investigate. The property was bisected by the new K17 road and the northern side was adjacent to the township. The ground was not suitable for anything else, he said.

Braam du Plessis said the application had no merit whatsoever and that Krugersdorp would never be ready for a free settlement area. He suggested the applicant apply for industrial rights for the area.

The council decided to inform the applicant that it would support a rezoning to "industrial" should he wish to have his ground rezoned.
Whites urged to ‘join struggle’

By Stan Hlope

Township youths have been urged to mobilise their white counterparts in Johannesburg’s northern suburbs to “join the struggle.”

ANC executive committee member Steve Tshwete told about 200 youths in Johannesburg on Tuesday to “intensify the struggle” as victory was in sight.

Mr Tshwete was speaking at a service to mark the ANC’s 35th anniversary of the Freedom Charter, organised by the South African Youth Congress (SAYCO).

The Freedom Charter, adopted on June 26 1955, calls for a non-racial democratic South Africa. It led to a split from the ANC by the Africanists, who later formed the PAC in 1969.

Mr Tshwete warned the youths that their task would not be easy and advised them to persist in their efforts to encourage their white fellows to join the struggle.

He said groups such as the PAC who refused to talk to the Government, were beginning to have a rethink about taking part in negotiations.
Areas 'vigilantes' claim

JOHANNESBURG. — Private security companies — formed by ex-members of security forces, including Koevoet and even Angola's rebel Unita movement — were roaming Johannesburg's streets and harassing residents who infringed the Group Areas Act, Actstop spokesman Mr Mohammed Dangor claimed on Wednesday night.

He was addressing about 600 Johannesburg residents at an Actstop Freedom Charter Commemoration meeting at the Central Methodist Church.

Actstop is an anti-Group Areas Act lobby group fighting evictions and supporting tenants' rights.

Another Actstop member said: "We are sick and tired of being harassed by landlords and their vigilantes."

Specific activities and names of these companies were not divulged at the meeting.

However, Mr Dangor said in an interview he had conveyed details of the alleged companies to ANC national executive committee member Mr Ronnie Kasrils and other ANC leaders.

Several speakers, including Actstop deputy president Mr Cas Coovadia, went to great lengths to explain ANC policies, the Freedom Charter and the Harare Declaration to residents.

A show of hands indicated only about 10% of people at the meeting had read the Freedom Charter.
"Bloody war" if suburbs declared open

By Thabo Leshilo

The Johannesburg suburb of Pageview, Maboneng and Vrededorp would erupt into a bloody war within 24 hours of being declared free settlement areas, the Free Settlement Board hearing was told last night.

The meeting held in Jan Hofmeyr Hall in Pageview, was convened to hear residents' comments on whether to desegregate the area or not.

Otto Hamman, chairman of the Vrededorp branch of the Conservative Party said the local white population would rise up and take the law into their own hands.

"We refuse to be dominated by the Indians, coloureds and blacks," declared Mr Hamman, to deafening applause and shouts of "booi! booi!" from the Afrikaans-speaking audience of about 70.

A woman told the meeting she pitted white people who stayed close to blacks because of the latter's "unbecoming behaviour".

"They do anything they like. They shout and make noise as they please. They even sleep in the streets and molest our young girls."

Poor people

She made an emotional appeal to the board not to open the area. She said the local white population comprised poor people and could not afford to move and buy houses elsewhere.

A Mr Swart, from Vrededorp, said he had been promised that Vrededorp would not be handed over to Indians.

"They will have it over my dead body," he said.

Board chairman Hein Kruger said it would take some time before a decision whether to desegregate the area or not was taken. The board still had to hear more evidence.

Chairman of the Save Pageview Association, which applied for the opening up of the area 18 months ago, said the body had boycotted the meeting because it had been overtaken by events.

Mr Ibrahim Kharsany said free settlement hearings had become "irrelevant and futile because President de Klerk has said the Group Areas Act (which forbids segregated townships) would be scrapped by the next parliamentary session".
Vigilantes are harassing residents - Actstop

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A threat

Dangor suggested this development posed a threat to the Government's planned negotiations and could derail even the "talks-about-talks".

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Actstop president Sandy Mg over told residents that in terms of the Harris Declaration "the necessary climate for negotiations" had to be created before negotiations began.

If the ANC acts on Actstop members' claims it will be one of the first steps in to the democratic nature of ANC structures, people attending the meeting were told.

Sapa.
Hospital officials took bribes, inquiry told

Pretoria Correspondent

Claims of bribery and corruption involving hospital officials have been made at the commission of inquiry into the eight-day strike at Ga-Rankuwa Hospital.

Jerry Ndhlouv, of the Workers' Committee of Ga-Rankuwa Hospital, yesterday told the commission officials had accepted "resents" from workers and offered workers R20 bribes to reveal "information".

A worker had given an official, Mr A J Swanepeol, a "present" of money in order to "get an office", Mr Ndhlouw claimed.

He was being questioned on a list of workers' grievances, to which the Transvaal Provincial Administration had responded in writing before the strike began.

Alcohol

One grievance, listed under the heading "corruption", was that officials drank alcohol on duty.

The TPA's response to this was that workers were probably referring to a "single" event involving a white security guard.

The officer had been off duty but consumed alcohol in a hospital office.

This was "inexcusable", but the guard had been rebuked in writing, the TPA said.

Asked by Mr G Josman, representing the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union, if workers were satisfied with this explanation, Mr Ndhlouw said "no".

He said two security guards had been fired for drinking on duty, but the officer had not. He should also have been dismissed as alcohol was not allowed on the hospital premises.

Mr Ndhlouv said workers were unhappy with the TPA's reaction to other grievances. He will be cross-examined today.
The black sheep of the family...
First question

"First question. Why do you think we need a new agreement between the U.S. and China on trade?"

"Because it is important for both countries to have a strong and stable economic relationship. A new agreement could address current trade imbalances and help ensure fair trade practices."

"I agree. It's also important to promote free trade and reduce tariffs to benefit consumers."

"But how do we ensure that the agreement is fair and beneficial for all parties involved?"

"Through negotiations and consultations, we can work together to find solutions that benefit both sides."

"Excellent point. And what about the potential for increased investment and job creation?"

"That's a great question. A new agreement could lead to increased investment, which could create jobs and stimulate economic growth."

"I couldn't agree more. Let's work towards a fair and beneficial agreement for all."

"Agreed. Let's get started on the negotiations."

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**Shark Victim Could Have Escaped**

\[Image of shark and Bowie knife\]

**Phil's Pool**

\[Image of pool and fish\]

**NYC**

\[Image of cityscape\]

**Sunset Bay**

\[Image of sunset and beach\]

**Moscow**

\[Image of Moscow skyline\]

**Editions**

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R50 to open Vereeniging library doors

Own Correspondent

The Vereeniging Town Council is charging people living outside the town a R50 membership fee to use the library.

Black Unisa students, who studied in the library until the fee was introduced on July 1, believe the move is a racist ploy to stop them using it.

Town secretary Johan Coetzee denied this, saying all non-ratepayers had to pay.

He said once the Repeal of the Separate Amenities Act was gazetted, the council would decide whether to open the library to all races.
A delegation of coloured teachers who are on a "chalk down" in Transvaal schools were due to meet the Education Minister in the House of Representatives, Allan Hendrickse, in Cape Town this morning.

The teachers, represented by the Progressive Teachers' Union (PTU) and the Action Committee of Teachers' (ACT), have been on strike for more than a month demanding improved working conditions.

ACT spokesman Mike Davy said the strike would be reviewed at a report-back meeting in Eldorado Park tomorrow with representatives of different schools, and parents and students.

Depending on the outcome of the meeting with the Minister, teachers could resume classes on July 10.

Teachers are demanding a positive response to their short-term demands which include the timeous payment of salaries, supply of teaching materials and full parity between men and women teachers.

The Parent Support Group yesterday expressed "total dissatisfaction" with the House of Representatives' response to teachers' grievances.
Disease scare at 'Sun City' jail

By SOPHIE TEMBA

A SECTION of Johannesburg Prison has been placed under quarantine after one inmate had been diagnosed as having meningitis—a highly contagious disease. The liaison office of the South African Prison Service confirmed that one case of meningitis had been diagnosed at the prison commonly known as "Sun City".

They said the matter was brought to the attention of the district surgeon and measures had been taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Visits to awaiting-trial prisoners were cancelled from Tuesday.

A medical doctor said meningitis brought on many complications. The disease could lead to an abscess forming in the brain.

He said the patient would have to be monitored and transferred to hospital. The rest of the inmates should be closely watched and the prison authorities would have to make sure steps were taken to protect them.

Prisoners have the right to demand the help of independent doctors.

If steps were not taken to protect the inmates, it could be very dangerous, he said.

This is the second case of meningitis in Johannesburg Prison.

In 1988 hundreds of trials had to be postponed when 796 prisoners in the Medium A section were placed under quarantine after an inmate contracted the disease.

This week, hundreds of people who arrived to visit friends and relatives were turned away from the prison without explanation.

Smuts Mokoena said he went to the prison on three different days to visit his son, only to be kept waiting outside from morning until visiting time was over.

He said no explanation was given to the waiting crowds and most of them were angered by the authorities' refusal to tell them what the problem was.
Driver might be dead

Family fear 'blast', 'taxi'
PROKLAMASIES
van die
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Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad, op hede die Veertiende dag van Junie Eenduisend Negeondernegentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.
Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:
H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

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PROCLAMATIONS
by the
State President of the Republic of South Africa

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Under section 23 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that the area defined in the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, be an area for occupation and ownership by members of the Indian group.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Fourteenth day of June, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:
H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE
INDIAN GROUP AREA

The whole of Sub. 59 (of 41) of the farm Umkomansi Drift 1357, District of Umsiyo, Province of Natal.

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Helicopter in action.

Military operations in progress.

A 2x1 rank bomb

Peak-hour blast injures scores in downtown.
8th Afrikaans school may be forced to close

Education Reporter

Another white school in the Transvaal will be forced to close its doors at the end of the year due to a drastic decline in pupil enrolment.

Hoerskool Ontdekkers in Roodpoort, which has capacity for 960 pupils, has only 409 registered at the school and 28 teachers.

Parents have held a meeting and recommended that the school close down at the end of the year.

A spokesman for the Transvaal Education Department (TED) said yesterday that the matter was still under consideration and a final decision would be taken as soon as possible.

The school will continue operating until the end of the year and new pupils will be admitted if they apply, the TED spokesman said.

Headmaster A.P.S van der Merwe is due to retire today and deputy-principal Andre Bam will take over his duties until the end of the year.

Last year two English schools and seven Afrikaans schools in the Transvaal were forced to close down due to a decline in pupil enrolment.

At the beginning of the year, the Beethovenhout Primary School in Johannesburg East closed down and the Western High School in Johannesburg West is due to close down at the end of the year.
Hillbrow Hospital gets cancer aid

By Carina le Grange

Radiation therapy equipment, costing more than R5.5 million and used in the treatment of cancer, was officially taken into use at the Hillbrow Hospital yesterday.

The equipment put the hospital at the “forefront of radiotherapy treatment in the country”, superintendent Dr Joe Nach said.

Officiating at the ceremony was the MEC in charge of Hospital Services in the Transvaal, Fanie Ferreira, who referred in his speech to the strike by hospital workers in May which caused the ceremony to be delayed from May 5 until yesterday.

Mr Ferreira said there was presently a greater awareness of the importance of better health care delivery. Three factors most important to the welfare of the future South Africa were education, health care and housing, he said.

Rare equipment

The equipment, rare in South Africa, consists of a linear accelerator and a simulator which require special premises called a bunker, the cost of which runs to more than R1 million. Fully functional, 60 to 70 patients a day can be treated. At present there is a patient waiting list of up to eight weeks.

Hillbrow Hospital is a leading and largest radiotherapy centre in South Africa. It has always served all race groups in the whole of the Witwatersrand, Vaal Triangle, western and south eastern Transvaal as well as patients from Swaziland and Botswana.

Dr Ferreira said one in three or four people get cancer, and 80 percent of them require radiotherapy treatment.

He said there were only two radiotherapy centres in the Transvaal and only one private practice in South Africa that has a linear accelerator. No private practices have a simulator.

He said that, due to deeper penetration, accurate localisation and shorter duration of treatment, the equipment was of the greatest advantage in the treatment of deep tumours.

Dr Nach lauded the Transvaal Provincial Administration for responding to the hospital’s need although the equipment had not been budgeted for and thanked the company who installed for doing this in record time.
Victory for Parktown as Mobil withdraws bid

MOBIL has withdrawn its application for the rezoning of a site on the corner of Jan Smuts and Seymour avenues, where they had planned to build a service station.

This announcement by the oil giant will be regarded as a victory by members of the Parktown Residents' Association who have struggled to prevent their suburb going commercial.

Rae Graham, city councillor for the Parktown ward, was "ecstatic" when she heard the news.

"Big developers must learn that they can't impose what they want on top of existing structures," she said.

Mobil announced yesterday it would withdraw its rezoning application with immediate effect.

This action would be followed by an independent evaluation of the traffic impact of the proposed service station, and the presentation of a development plan involving alternative land usage of the properties abutting Jan Smuts Avenue.

Parktown's development plan makes no provision for a service station — or any commercial institution — on Jan Smuts Avenue, says Mrs Graham.

"The council's metropolitan planners draw up plans for roads and know where traffic should be generated. Why don't people wanting to build service stations go to them, and ask where they should build them?"
HOUSE prices in Johannesburg have declined by almost 15 percent in real terms between 1985 and 1989, running against a worldwide trend of booming real property prices over the period.

Figures by the UBS show that from the first quarter of 1985 to the last quarter of 1989 the average price of a 140 to 220 sq m house has increased from R38 851 to R129 581, a rise of 231 percent.

However over the same period the consumer price index for housing has surged by 60 percent, leaving house prices 14.5 percent lower in real terms.

The only other city where real property prices have fallen in real terms over the last five years is Frankfurt, according to figures in the latest Economist. House prices in Madrid have soared by 136 percent, in Tokyo by 114 percent and in London by almost 58 percent.

Substantial rise

In the preceding five years house prices fell in real terms in most of the world's richest cities.

Once again Johannesburg proved the exception - the CPI for housing still rose substantially by 8.1 percent, house prices during the early '80s virtually doubled, rising from R8 312 in the first quarter of 1980 to R16 893 in the last quarter of 1984.

During the early '80s house prices fell in real terms in most of the world's rich cities.

Between 1980 and 1984 property prices slumped 37 percent in Brussels and 32 percent in Stockholm with only New York (rising by 23 percent during the period), Frankfurt (up 20 percent) and Tokyo (up 12 percent) escaping the property shake-out.

Since then real property prices have boomed: between 1985 and 1989, they fell only in Frankfurt by 6 percent.

After tumbling 23 percent during 1980-84 house prices in Madrid soared by 158 percent in the period 1985-89.

During the same time-period house prices climbed 114 percent in Tokyo and also more than doubled in Toronto.

London's house prices rose by a comparatively modest 68 percent, restrained by higher interest rates during 1988 and 1989.

Apart from Johannesburg, Milanese homeowners saw the smallest real gains—just 7 percent during the four years.

Property economists ascribe the laggard performance of local property prices to a combination of several factors, including high interest rates, political uncertainty and low economic growth.

Although property prices have recovered quite significantly from their lows after the 1985-86 political disturbances, they still lag behind the rise in building costs and the increases in other world cities.

Despite lagging behind this world-wide trend the local residential market is suffering from a slowing down in the economy, with high interest rates in particular starting to affect the ability of many homeowners to afford large loans.

Several leading estate agents are reporting a dramatic drop in demand with many high-priced homes attracting little interest.

Also, homes are longer on the market with most sellers having to accept lower prices.

Property economist Neville Berkowitz forecasts a further slowing down in the local residential property market with a bottom to be found within the next six months or so.

Economic factors are starting to exert their toll, combined with bleak outlook for corporate profitability, a weak stock market and a general slowdown in economic activity.

The face of the property industry in South Africa is set to change as the battle in the home loan marketplace between banks and building societies heats up.

The United Building Society, which recently bought minority stakes in two estate agency groups, has confirmed that it is negotiating with other large estate agency groups to secure its 25 percent share of the market.

Other financial institutions are "vigorously" attempting to preserve their share of the home loan market and Jimmy McKenzie, senior general manager of First National Bank (FNB), warned, this week that if more major real estate groups were signed up, building societies FNB would have no option but to launch its own real estate group to secure market share.
Police raid enrages Van Tonder

THE Randburg farm of Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder was raided by 35 policemen in the early hours of yesterday morning.

An angry Mr van Tonder said he could not understand the reason for the search, as he was not the leader of an underground organisation, but of a registered political party.

Mr van Tonder described the police contingent as "larger than the commando in which my father served during the Anglo-Boer War".

He said the police filmed the whole search with a video camera.

"This was an additional indignity, as we were still in our pyjamas," he said.

"All the police confiscated were a number of newsletters and pamphlets which were available to the public," he said.

He said the police action further confirmed that democracy in South Africa was dying and political parties were now becoming victims of the Government's persecution-mania against Boers, Afrikaners and rightists.

Mr van Tonder warned that the Government was creating a precedent, and could suffer the same fate once they lost power.

He denied he knew the whereabouts of Boerestaat Party leader Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph.

"The Boers will not again make the mistake of forgiving their enemies after they gain control of the country," he added.

Police confirmed the raid and that they had removed documents.

The raid had been carried out for very good reasons and officers had acted within the law, a spokesman said. There could be no suggestion that the action was calculated to intimidate.

"The SAP is apolitical and has a duty to do," said the spokesman. "We will execute this responsibility no matter who is involved. Nobody can be seen to be above the law."
Evicted family camps on pavement

By Gay Jepson

Actstop member Ely Dingi, his wife Beatrice and their three children spent last night in a tent on the pavement outside the central Johannesburg building from which they were evicted yesterday.

Actstop resolved at a meeting to set up the tent to protest against a feared piecemeal eviction of tenants at Polly Lodge, a rent-controlled building.

An estimated 200 Polly Lodge residents fear they face the same future as the Dingi family.

Actstop publicity secretary Alan Coovadia said the tenants faced eviction because they were all Actstop members and had been paying rent-controlled monthly rentals of between R88 and R98 since 1988, when they won a court case against the landlord.

Prior to the case, rentals at Polly Lodge varied between R250 and R400 a month, Mr Coovadia said.

"At the beginning of June a period of 30 days' notice was given to every tenant, and the landlord refused to accept their rentals for July. "Now he has got a court order against Ely Dingi, the chairman of Actstop's tenant committee in the building. "It is our assessment that the landlord is attempting to get individual orders against Polly Lodge tenants to avoid the publicity. We have decided that wherever landlords adopt this strategy, we will put up tents."

The Star was last night unable to contact the landlord, a Mr Cohen, but an employee challenged the account given by tenants.

He said the building was no longer rent-controlled, adding that eviction notices had been served on its 32 tenants in August last year.

The combined rent paid by the tenants amounted to only about R4 400 a month, "which doesn't even cover water and lights".
Dead woman found tied up in shower

Staff Reporter

The body of an 85-year-old woman was discovered by her son-in-law in their Belgravia, Johannesburg, home yesterday.

Benjamin Medves found the body of Maria Fashin in the shower at about 3.30 pm, police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said last night.

"Her hands had been tied in front of her body with electric cord and she was covered in clothing and linen. At this stage the cause of her death is not known. Her body had no visible injuries."

Only a video machine was missing.

"The house was in disarray and several household articles had been packed on one side, therefore it would seem that the culprits had been disturbed," Captain Opperman said.

Entry was probably gained from an open window or door.
Bomb suspect released, six more named.

By Craig Kotze

One of the 10 suspects being held in connection with bomb blasts in Johannesburg has been released, police said today.

The man was released after questioning on Monday. He was not named by police.

Police yesterday released the names of another six suspected right-wing terrorists being held in connection with blasts, including those at the home and offices of DP councillor Clive Gilbert and the Vrye Weekblad offices.

One of them, supply clerk Petrus Bester (31), was also the chief training officer of the military wing of Robert van Tonder's Boerestaat Party.

The other names released yesterday are: boilermaker Lodewyk J Minnie (39), Pelindaba technical control officer Leon van Rensburg (44), salesman Craig Barker (29), Arthur Archer (29), who is unemployed, and shop manager Eugene Becker (28).

The others are Leonard Veenendaal, Darryl Stopforth and Israel Roodtberg of Vereeniging - the former commander of the AWB's Aquila unit.

Mr Veenendaal and Mr Stopforth are wanted in connection with the murder of a policeman in Namibia after escaping from police custody last year. Because no extradition agreement exists between South Africa and Namibia, they cannot be extradited to stand trial in Windhoek.
Evicted couple, kids spend night in tent

SOWETAN Reporter

ACTSTOP member Mr Elly Dingi, his wife Beatrice and their three children spent Monday night in a tent on the pavement outside a block of flats where they were evicted through a court order.

Angry tenants supported by Actstop placed placards on the tent demanding the re-imposition of rent control, affordable housing for all and the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act.

Eighteen other tenants have been served with summonses to appear in court and lawyers acting for the landlord, a Mr Bloch Cohen, said all 51 tenants would eventually have to go because the building was to be refurbished and used for letting.

Tenants said they had been paying between R250 and R300 a month for a bachelor flat until April 1988.

They had decided to pay R88 a month because the building was under rent control.

Last month the landlord refused to accept their money.

Yesterday the caretaker of the building, Mr Leslie Kuppan, said the R88 monthly rentals added up to only R4 400 a month, which was not enough to maintain the building.
Fierce fight over evictions at Polly Lodge

By Marguerite Moody

Up to 200 people could start living in tents on a central Johannesburg pavement as the landlord of the building in which they live has obtained court orders to evict them.

The tenants of Polly Lodge, on the corner of Polly and Jeppe Streets, claim they are facing eviction because they are members of Actstop, and have resolved to set up tents to highlight their plight if thrown out.

Actstop member Elly Dingi, his wife Beatrice and their three children spent last night in a tent on the pavement after being evicted on Monday.

The owners of the building, Poljep Ltd, claim, however, that they have been "more than fair" by giving residents adequate notice, and believe tenants are turning the matter into a "political issue".

Actstop says:

Actstop publicity secretary Cas Coovadia told The Star the building's residents had approached the organisation for assistance in 1987, after failed attempts to discuss perceived high rentals with the owners.

Tenants had paid rentals varying between R250 and R450 a month to live in Polly Lodge, a rent-controlled building until October 1988.

"After they formed a flat committee, they started paying rent-controlled monthly rentals and have been paying between R88 and R88 since," he said.

Mr Coovadia said the owners had accepted this amount until this month when July rentals were refused.

A period of 30 days' notice was given to each tenant at the beginning of June.

Shortage

"Our contention is that once tenants organise under Actstop and start demonstrating certain basic rights concerning living conditions, landlords start using one pretext or another to get them out," he said.

Although he admitted the owners were acting within the law, Mr Coovadia said it was "not morally right" to evict people when there was a shortage of housing in the city.

"There are 2.5 million homeless people in the PWV area, and given this accommodation crisis, landlords and property owners cannot be allowed to act in a way which would make even more people homeless.

This crisis, the Group Areas Act and other factors make for an abnormal landlord-tenant relationship, and the law, which is supposed to protect people's rights, needs to be looked at urgently," Mr Coovadia said putting evicted tenants up in tents was the only weapon his organisation had to attract the attention of the Johannesburg City Council and the public.

The owners say:

A spokesman for Poljep, who did not want to be named, told The Star tenants had been given notice over two years ago, before they had joined Actstop.

"The building was being sold and the new owners wanted the premises vacated for renovations. We gave tenants a month's notice," he said.

After residents had then demanded six months' notice, this had been granted.

"When they then refused to vacate the premises, we took them to court on the basis that they did not have a legal lease, as they had been contravening the Group Areas Act.

"The court ruled, however, that their lease was legal despite the Act, and on that basis, we gave them a month's notice to leave."

The spokesman said that after repeatedly giving the tenants notice, the company had decided to seek court orders against the residents.

He claimed the building had been de-controlled before the tenants moved in.

"We have, in fact, been very lenient with the residents, as we could have claimed for the balance they owe. I believe we have been very reasonable and fair, and it's not my fault they have no place to live now," he said.

The spokesman said the residents were making a "political issue" out of the matter by resolving to put up tents for evicted tenants.

"Why don't they go to court if they think they have a legal case?" he asked.
Injured man ‘was refused by hospital’

By Stan Hlophe

A man with serious burn injuries was allegedly refused admission to the Hillbrow Hospital on Tuesday night.

Residents said the unidentified man was one of three men sharing a shack which burnt down in Alexandra.

One man, Sibonelo Mabaso, was found dead after the mystery blaze.

The third man escaped unhurt and has not been seen since.

Resident Simon Selepe said the badly injured man was rushed to the Alexandra Clinic, but was referred to Hillbrow Hospital as there were no doctors available at the time.

On arrival at Hillbrow he was refused admission by the staff who said the hospital did not cater for Alexandra residents, Mr Selepe said.

He contacted the superintendent, Dr Norman Smith, who was adamant that the hospital would not allow patients from Alexandra in terms of Transvaal Provincial Administration rules, said Mr Selepe.

Emergency

"I tried to persuade the superintendent to make an exception as this was an emergency," he said.

He would not budge and told me that I was wasting my time as that was the law.

"We then had to rush the injured man to Baragwanath Hospital where he was admitted without any difficulties.

I later phoned the chief director of hospital services, Dr PJ van der Berg, who confirmed that it was standard procedure for the Hillbrow Hospital not to admit patients from Alexandra."

However, Dr van der Berg said staff could have used their discretion in this case.

"Dr van der Berg advised me to submit a written report before he could institute investigations," said Mr Selepe.

Dr Smith declined to comment when approached by The Star.

Dr van der Berg’s office confirmed that Mr Selepe was asked to submit a written report.

A police spokesman confirmed the death of Mr Mabaso and the injury to an unidentified man who was admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.
Classes resume at coloured schools

By Janet Heard, Education Reporter

Classes have resumed at coloured schools in the Transvaal after thousands of teachers suspended their month-long "chucks down" strike earlier this week.

When The Star visited a primary school in Eldorado Park yesterday, the classrooms were filled with pupils and teachers were back at work.

A spokesman for the Progressive Teachers' Union, Mike Davy, said teachers would hold a meeting today to discuss other forms of defiance to pressure the Government to address their grievances.

Mr Davy said the strike had dragged on for a month because the Government had taken weeks to respond to their demands.

He said teachers had handed a memorandum to the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives) on May 18, and the first response from the department was received on June 4.

"One can't help wondering whether the Government would have dragged its feet in this manner if it were white teachers who had gone on strike," he added.

The department's regional chief inspector, John Francis, confirmed yesterday that classes had resumed.

He was reluctant to say the situation had returned to normal, as teachers at some schools were refusing to undertake administrative duties.

"I am glad teachers are back in the classrooms and I hope that they and the pupils will work very hard to eradicate the backlog which was created due to the chucks down."

Pupils did not write the mid-year exams because of the strike. Although teachers attended school every day, they did not continue with the syllabus.

Mr Francis said his department was doing its best to attend to teachers' grievances about poor working conditions.
Police arrest five men after city store hold-up

Staff Reporter

Police have arrested five men in connection with a robbery at Clicks in central Johannesburg yesterday.

Three men entered the office of store manager Japie Nkosi (29) at about 11.30 am, while two others remained outside the store, said police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

The men held up Mr Nkosi and two Clicks employees with a firearm and took R5 000 from the safe.

Meanwhile, members of the Robbery Reaction Unit who had been notified of the robbery arrested two suspects a block away.

Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad detectives took over the investigation and three more arrests were made during the day.

Police confiscated a firearm, three knives and "nearly the full amount of the stolen money," said Captain Opperman.
Consumer boycott planned to hit Vaal area next week

By Shareen Singh

A consumer boycott will begin in the Vaal region on Monday. It will affect Vereeniging, Vanderbijlpark, Meyerton and Sasolburg. Cosatu spokesman Zwelini Zuma Vavi told a press conference in Johannesburg that the boycott was called by Cosatu's Western Transvaal region, Sasco and UDF affiliates as a protest against "repressive measures" by Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark town councils.

Protest rights

A statement by the Vaal Boycott Committee listed 20 incidents of harassment of leaders, banning of meetings and protest marches. In the most recent incident, Cosatu's application for a march last weekend against the Natal violence was turned down. Mr Vavi said people could not understand why marches were permitted elsewhere but not in the Vaal.

The boycott will continue until the Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark town councils recognise the right of every citizen to protest.

Other demands include:
- A nonracial town council with a single tax base.
- That Vanderbijlpark Town Council stops demolishing shacks.
- A constituent assembly to elect leaders to negotiate a new South Africa.
- An end to police harassment.

The boycott decision was taken after consultations with community organisations. Boycott organisers are planning carefully to ensure that black shop-owners do not exploit the situation. Shops in the townships will have to be well stocked and prices reasonable.

Meetings have been held with the Vaal African Chamber of Commerce, South African Black Taxi Association and the Taverners Association to discuss the boycott.
Teachers begin defiance

By Shehnaaz Bulbuli

Transvaal coloured teachers yesterday embarked on a defiance campaign to put pressure on authorities to meet their demands.

Ronnie Swartz, chairman of the Progressive Teachers' Union (PTU), announced the teachers' plans at a parents' meeting attended by more than 400 people in Eldorado Park last night.

Teachers reviewed their decision to strike last week, after the Ministry of Education and Culture (House of Representatives) had verbally agreed to address five of the PTU's seven short-term demands.

However, teacher representatives from 65 Transvaal schools decided early this week to embark on the campaign because not all of their demands had been met, Mr Swartz said.

While the department had agreed to the timeous payment of salaries, it had failed to address the issue of wage parity in terms of gender, he said.

The demand that the inspection of teachers be suspended was also not addressed, he added.

The PTU had decided that teachers would teach, but would not perform certain administrative tasks.

In terms of the defiance campaign teachers would not:

- Officially register pupil attendance;
- Sign a teacher attendance record;
- Take part in workshops or seminars organised by the department; or
- Supply the department with statistics concerning pupils.

The department had until August 1 to submit a written document detailing its agreement on the PTU's demands, Mr Swartz said. September 1 was the deadline given to the department to implement all the PTU's short-term demands, he added.
150 Polly Lodge tenants sit in at lawyer's offices

About 150 Polly Lodge tenants staging a sit-in at the offices of Johannesburg lawyer S&J Panaroff were given 10 minutes to disperse by police yesterday.

The tenants from the central Johannesburg block of flats staged the sit-in to protest against the eviction of Eli Dinge and his family on Monday.

The lawyer, S&J Panaroff, represented Polly Lodge's landlord in a court application to evict Dinge.

Johannesburg's deputy sheriff on Monday served an eviction order on Dinge effectively moving him out of the Polly Street building.

He subsequently set up a tent on the pavement outside.

Acitstop executive member George Sejaphala said the tenants were demanding an explanation from the attorney and the landlord for the eviction and impending eviction of other tenants.

"We will continue the sit-in until they meet us or seek a court order to evict us," they said.

Panaroff said he was surprised that the tenants were staging a sit-in in his offices.

He said the Supreme Court gave an order for the eviction and he had only submitted the facts in favour of the eviction.
No compromise by Saccawu

About 900 South African Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union members (Saccawu) held their first national congress at the Witwatersrand showgrounds in Johannesburg on Sunday. Sef. 16/4/84

The main objective of the meeting was the changing of the existing logo "Saccawu on strike at the Southern Sun" with the racist bosses" to "Unity, democracy and socialism". (29/4/84)

Mr. Jay Naidoo, general secretary of Cosatu, said that the "violent" way the strike was being tackled by management was not "plausible" and the union mediation and management were not reaching any agreement over the grievances. There were no compromises from the branches on strike. — Sapa.
Shareworld plan to become Mega City

By Guy Jepson

The first details of a plan to transform Shareworld into a multimillion-rand shopping and business complex, accommodating a taxi interchange with 400 platforms and a post office, were unveiled last night.

Announcing the concept, Paul Asherson, chairman of the Johannesburg City Council’s transport and taxi committees, urged the private sector to consider using Shareworld to its fullest potential.

He had invited Shareworld manager Rene Lion-Cachet to brief the council so that its facilities and expertise could be mobilised to bring about the renewal of Shareworld by a wide spectrum of private-enterprise participants.

A source close to the project said: “If implemented, it would yield the most far-reaching and fantastic change to the social fabric of Johannesburg.”

A post office with 25,000 boxes would form the core of the development, providing an essential service to Sowetans whose postal service was in a lamentable condition, the source said.

The post office and the proposed taxi rank — probably the biggest in the world — would form the lifeline of the complex, catering for an estimated 6,000 taxis a day.

The complex, which could be named Mega City, would have about 90 shops and businesses — including building societies, banks, filling and repair stations — and a hotel.
Young white men dressed in army "browns" shot and wounded one of two black hitchhikers in a suspected right-wing hit-and-run attack outside Cullinan, near Pretoria, at the weekend.

Police launched a massive search for the men and their car, but no arrest has been made.

Police said the wounded man was Almond Dlamini, who was shot in the side and in the hand. Mr Dlamini was not seriously wounded and was discharged from hospital soon after treatment.

Mr Dlamini's friend was hitchhiking about 30 km outside Cullinan on Saturday afternoon when a white Mazda hatchback drove up and two shots were fired from the moving vehicle.

Sudden attack

Spokesman Lieutenant Piet du Preez said police had not identified the gun used, but believed it was a light-calibre weapon, possibly a .22.

Mr Dlamini's friend escaped injury in the 5.15 pm incident.

Lieutenant du Preez said the shooting took place opposite RNR Butchery on the Old Caledon Road. The attack was so sudden and fast only the last two numbers and letter of the vehicle's registration were seen - 90T.

An attempted murder docket has been opened. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Constable Nic Senegal at (01213) 30-203 after hours or (01213) 30-501 during office hours.
Farmers desert dying Springbok Flats

An area once the vegetable garden of the Road is destined to be a desert unless good rains fall for the first time in a decade. NORMAN CHANDLER and photographer SABRI VAN DEN BERG found nothing but misery among the farmers on the Springbok Flats, north of Pretoria.

The tears welled in Oom Chris Potgieter’s eyes. We were looking at a handful of workers picking, under a scorching sun, a forlorn cotton crop on his once-prosperous farm in the Roedean area of the northern Springbok Flats.

It was his last crop before leaving the farm which had been his home for nine of the 34 years he has been in the area. They had arranged for it to be sold because, as 54-year-old Oom Chris said, he couldn’t meet the repayments.

Oom Chris fought hard to stem the tears in that cotton field up north. They had come after he had asked a question at a local board. “These must have been tears flowing. And in your home, the day the Land Bank told you the farm had been lost?”

He took a long time. Then he stared at me. The “ha” came out like the sigh of the winds which have blown away the riches of the Springbok Flats.

Vegetable garden

The Springbok Flats was once the great vegetable garden of the PWV area. It was ideal because of the proximity to the marketplace and soil which did not need fertilisation.

Motorists on the old Great North Road for years used to stop at roadside stalls to buy the area’s produce. The produce is not sold any longer because the farmers are leaving.

Cotton, which many thought in earlier years would be the saviour of this area, is extinct. At one time there were 361 farmers making a living on the Springbok Flats. Today it is estimated by the survivors that by the end of next year there will be a handful.

There are farmers said, 20 auctions a month. In January this year, 32 farmers had already agreed to liquidation sales. The pace quickened substantially as the rains stayed away, the cotton, tobacco, maize and sorghum crops withered and the money ran out.

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Chris Potgieter and his wife, Antoinette, who have been forced off the land as the drought tightens its grip on the Springbok Flats.

... shopkeeper Pieter le Roux and his assistant Flora Sisela at the shop which has this year lost 75 percent of its turnover because of the drought.

Farmer Derek McLellan, of "Moopan," about 10 km from Koedoes, says the viability of farming has gone. "You don't even feel like farming. You have to do something, though, to pay that money back." "You can't sit on a farm and hope it is going to rain because next year you are another R50 000 in the mine," he said. The tragedy of the Springbok Flats can be measured in social terms as well.

Farm families have been split up -- farmers travelling many kilometres to find work and their wives taking up former occupations such as nursing, teaching and suckling. But the human tragedy is not just among the whites.

Hundreds of blacks people -- each farm has about 50 labourers and with their families that could mean up to 200 dependents -- are being affected by what's happening. They are pulling up roots and trekking to Lebowa or to the big cities farther south, contributing to the thousands of squatters surrounding the urban areas.

Mr Potgieter and Mr McLellan between them support 68 labourers and their families. On some farms more than 100 labourers are employed, each with a family.

Kobus van Reenen has already sold his tractors, numerous farm implements and other equipment and is now working at Potgieterrus. The only activity on his lands is the cotton harvest and the little business that the farm shop is able to get. His labourers are apathetic of the future.

"We've heard that things are being sold, that the farm may have to be sold. But what's going to happen to us? There are no jobs," said one.

The farmers all say the same: "We have been keeping their children at school, feeding them, giving them medical treatment. I don't know what's going to happen."

It is not only the farms which have been hard hit by the drought and the exodus. Business has suffered as well.

Pieter le Roux, whose farm shop relies almost exclusively on black custom, says he is not desperate yet. "But give it time."

Store sales have plummeted 75 percent this year alone.

From his shop door, Mr le Roux looked across the road at stunned cotton and sunflower crops: "This will be a desert in a year," he predicts.
Pith of Farmers in Springbook Plains deserve late crop... but this bountiful crop is now growing, and the farmers are expecting a good harvest. The sugar beets are already up, and the cotton is ready for picking. The farmers are hoping for a good crop this year, after the poor harvest of last year.
Melody McDougall

Conflicting views have been voiced on the effects of the consumer boycott which began yesterday in four Vaal Triangle towns.

Although Vaal Chamber of Commerce and Industries president Myer Witzmann said it was too early to determine an effective pattern, organisers of the Vaal Consumer Boycott Coordinating Committee claimed the boycott was "almost 100 percent successful" throughout the affected areas.

Christo van Wyk, secretary of the Afrikaanse Sakekamer, who is also an industrial relations consultant and senior lecturer in industrial sociology, agreed it was still too early to determine the effects of the boycott.

However, he said although it appeared the boycott was not very effective after its first day, the situation could change by the weekend.

The boycott, which is to continue indefinitely in Vereeniging, Vanderbijlpark, Meyerton and Sasolburg, is being called by Cosatu's Western Transvaal region, the UDF and Sayco affiliates in protest against "repressive measures" by Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark town councils.

One of the major reasons listed for the boycott was the intransigence shown by the two municipalities over the granting of permission to stage "West marches through the towns.

The larger chain stores in the area were reluctant to comment on the effects of the boycott yesterday, but other businessmen agreed that there had been little support for it so far.

Mr van Wyk said he understood that it was estimated that if the boycott did succeed it could result in a revenue loss of about R2.2 million a day to traders in the whole Vaal Triangle area.

Half of this amount was spent on food.
By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

Estate Agents in Dawn Park, Boksburg, are facing a dilemma — they do not know whether to market the houses in the suburb to coloureds or whites.

One agent, Lauretta Featherstone-Cobbaert has written a letter to Deputy Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Andre Fourie, and submitted a copy of a letter to Minister of Housing in the House of Representives, David Curry, to try and clarify the issue.

According to Mrs Featherstone-Cobbaert agents do not know to which race to market the houses in Dawn Park, despite a recent referendum held by residents in the suburbs which was in favour of having the area opened to coloureds.

Mrs Featherstone-Cobbaert said there was a 10-year waiting list of at least 400,000 coloureds wanting to buy houses. She said if an agent introduced a coloured buyer to a white seller the buyer has no guarantee that a permit allowing him to live in the area would be issued in three months.

She said the salaries of the average coloured buyer enabled them to qualify for a house between R60,000 and R65,000. There was a government subsidy for first time home buyers of up to R65,000, but it was not applicable to coloureds.

According to Mrs Featherstone-Cobbaert, a coloured buyer has offered a white seller R50,000 for his house. The owner has accepted the offer but the problem now is that a permit has to be issued before the buyer's bond is approved within a period of three months.

It has been established that the official who issues the permits in Germiston, is helping out in Midrand and will not be available for another month, which compounds the permit problem for the buyer.
Workers picket private hospitals

Three private hospitals around Johannesburg came under fire yesterday as hundreds of workers picketed against low wages, poor working conditions and racial discrimination.

Clinic Holdings Corporation, has refused to negotiate wages at a central level with the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union (Nekawo), a spokesman claimed. Management insisted on concluding a recognition agreement with the union before negotiating wages.

However, a company spokesman denied union claims. Management has agreed to meet the union next week. — Staff Reporter
We’ll act if you evict us, tenants warn landlords

By Marguerite Moody

Defiant residents of Argyile Court in Wanderers Street, Johannesburg, have threatened to “take action” if the owners of the building go ahead with threats to evict them.

Yesterday about 50 tenants gathered on the pavement outside the building and decided to spend the night there if members of a private security firm, waiting nearby, moved in and tried to force them out.

Residents alleged the owners’ decision to evict them had been prompted by a dispute over rent. Those who had not paid for several months in protest against poor living conditions.

Agreements broken

When The Star visited the building, several windows were broken, there were heaps of rubbish lying around and the lift was not working.

Pressage Nkosi, Actstop’s general secretary and a tenant of Argyile Court, told The Star the owners and their agents had broken two agreements reached between them and residents of Gorill Brothers Investments’ seven buildings.

“A agreement was reached to improve living conditions at Argyile Court, Protea Mansions, Branksome Towers, Claridge Court, Stanhope Mansions, Margate Court and Manhattan Court in exchange for a 10 percent rent increase.

“However, Mr Malan increased our rent whenever it suited him and nothing was done about the state of the buildings.”

After a new agent, Stanley Kuhaka, was appointed in January, residents demanded a meeting with the owners.

“However, their undertaking to fix up their buildings did not materialise,” he said.

David Gorill confirmed yesterday that an eviction order was pending against the residents of Argyile Court.

He told Sapa his company had cancelled the lease of Argyile Court and Branksome Towers with Mr Kuhaka.

Prior to the settlement whereby the buildings would be maintained if the residents paid their rent, the buildings were head-leased by Mr Malan, but the lease was cancelled.

By February this year they had drawn up a settlement with Manhattan Court, in terms of which the company would take care of accumulated maintenance, establish six-month leases for tenants and reduce the rent to R190 for all flats.

“Maintenance work at all six buildings has largely been completed,” Mr Gorill said.

He said after the settlement the situation improved to the extent that about 60 to 65 percent of residents were paying their rent, but by mid-April the other 35 to 40 percent were still not paying rent, though maintenance work was continuing.

He said rent arrears at Argyile Court ran to about R47,000 from February to June.

Argyile Court residents will be evicted some time this week and a security company will wait outside the building for the deputy sheriff.
Flat dwellers set for eviction after deadlock in talks

By Marguerite Mood

Residents of Argyle Court in Wanderers Street, Johannesburg, are likely to be evicted before the weekend after no agreement was reached at a meeting on Tuesday between residents and the owners of the building.

Residents have vowed to spend the night on the pavement if evicted.

The meeting between Gorfil Brothers Investments, the owners of seven buildings in Johannesburg, and a delegation of residents' representatives "broke up in disarray", according to David Gorfil.

"Since no settlement could be reached, I have no alternative but to put them out," the owner of Argyle Court, Claridges Court, Protea Mansions, Brankstone Towers, Stanhope Mansions, Margate Court and Manhattan Court said yesterday.

Residents of Argyle Court say the owners' threats to evict them had been prompted by a dispute over rentals, which they and tenants of other buildings had not paid for several months in protest against poor living conditions.

"We would be prepared to pay a part of our rent arrears, which have been paid into a private account, if we received an undertaking that conditions at the buildings would improve. However, no such undertaking was given last night," Actstop general secretary Cas Coovadia told The Star.

Mr Gorfil told The Star he had kept his part of an agreement reached between him and residents in February, in terms of which he had undertaken to improve living conditions at the buildings in exchange for a 10 percent rent increase.

"However, residents have not paid rent since then, and by the end of this month arrears at Argyle Court will amount to over R60 000."
Boy tortured before his death – claim

By Shareen Singh
and Shehnaz Bulbulia

A statement by a youth, who claims he was tortured by police and that he witnessed the torture of Eugene Mbulwana (15) who died in hospital on Friday while in police custody, was yesterday released by lawyers.

A lawyer said the witness, whose name was being withheld to protect his life, alleged police at Welverdiend police station near Carletonville tortured Eugene until he was unconscious.

Seven months ago, Nixon Mbuyiselo Phiri (16) of Khutsong, was allegedly tortured at the same police station. He died of a cerebral haemorrhage associated with external injuries.

The witness alleged that police kicked, punched, chained and poked needles into the backs of a group of youths who were detained with Eugene last Tuesday.

A police spokesman confirmed Eugene was among a group arrested on Tuesday and that he died while in police custody at the Leratong Hospital.

However, police would not comment on allegations of torture until further investigations and a post-mortem were conducted.

The witness said he saw police beating Eugene with a whip. Police allegedly told him: “Eugene was stubborn and we wanted to fix him.”

A police officer then stood on a table and started beating Eugene with his fists, he alleged. When Eugene fell the policeman started kicking him on the head.

The eyewitness said other police officers joined in the beating.

The death demands an independent inquiry, human rights organisation, the Detainees Aid Centre (DAC) said yesterday.

Eugene was the sixth person this year to die in police custody under similar circumstances. The Government has ignored repeated calls for an independent inquiry after each death, DAC said.
Forgery probe spreads to Natal and Swaziland

By Craig Kotze

Investigations into a massive forgery racket uncovered on the Reef by police have expanded dramatically, with false R20 and R50 notes found in Swaziland and Natal.

John Vorster Square Fraud Squad detectives will investigate whether the notes found in Swaziland and in Utrecht, Natal, are linked to a R700 000 forged note haul on the Reef, said Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

Pouring in

Investigations had expanded countrywide into the racket, but were centred primarily in the Transvaal and Natal.

"Information was ‘pouring in’ and detectives were working around the clock to follow leads," Captain Opperman said that while it was difficult to say yet whether the extent of the fraud was growing, police would “follow the correct channels" to establish whether the forged notes found in Swaziland were linked to the present investigation.

Forged R20 notes were exchanged in the purchase of goats near Utrecht recently, said a Natal police spokesman.

Sixteen people have been arrested in connection with the case and police have questioned a prominent lawyer in connection with the matter.

In another development, a fire damaged desks and unimportant papers in a John Vorster Square office, the nerve centre from where the counterfeit racket is being investigated.

Detectives have opened an arson docket, though it was not known whether the fire was started to destroy evidence in the case.

The fire broke out on Monday night in the third floor offices, where a completed docket and two notes scribbled on paper were destroyed.

Captain Opperman said police were not prepared to speculate on the cause of the fire.
DP congress venue a plus for De Beer

By Peter Fabricius, Political Correspondent

The Democratic Party's decision to hold its national congress in Johannesburg has slightly favoured co-leader Dr Zach de Beer in the race for the sole leadership.

The DP's national executive decided in Cape Town yesterday to hold the congress in the World Trade Centre Johannesburg on September 6 and 7.

Choosing a single leader will be the main business of the congress.

Dr de Beer and co-leader Dr Denis Worrall are the main contenders.

But national chairman Tian van der Merwe is emerging as a strong third runner, filling the shoes of the third co-leader Mr Wynand Malan who quit politics this month.

His chances have been slightly damaged by the choice of a venue on Parktown MP Dr de Beer's home turf, party sources said.

By rights the congress should have been held in the Cape on the rotation principle, but the Cape party was unable to find a venue at short notice.
Spate of attacks on W Rand

A woman was hijacked on Ontdekkers Road in broad daylight yesterday and two people were robbed and had their cars stolen in separate incidents on the West Rand.

A West Rand police spokesman said Christina Susanna Evans (53) of Burgershoop was sitting in her car at the Gordon Street traffic light at 8.30 am when a man walked towards her, pulled out a gun and climbed into the back of her car.

He ordered her to drive off. In Trezona Avenue he told her to stop. He took R250 and disappeared in a wooded area next to the road.

At about 5.00 pm, Cornelius Kruger (30) of Oberholzer was robbed of his car near Kloof Mine in Westonaria. In the car was a briefcase containing about R10 000 in cash and a pistol.

The spokesman said Mr. Kruger had stopped to pick up an order when four armed men held him up.

In the third incident, Vivian Theresa de Mata (35) arrived at her home in Ravine Street, Randfontein, at about 7.15 pm. She was confronted by four armed men who ransacked her house. They took her car, a Toyota Corolla, several household appliances and valuables and a CZ 7.65mm pistol. The value of the stolen property is about R90 000.

None of the victims was injured.
Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad, op hede die Drie-entwintigste dag van Maart Eenduisend Negehonderd-en-negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE

’n Sekere gedeelte grond, 5,990 ha groot, synde ‘n proklamasigebied oor Gedeelte 84 (‘n gedeelte van Gedeelte 1) van die plaas Boschfontein 386 IR in die provinsie Transvaal soos aangetoon op Landmeter-generaaldiaagram A3187/86.

No. 123, 1990
PROKLAMERING VAN GROEPSGEBIEDE
KRAGTENS ARTIKEL 23 VAN DIE WET OP
GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE DE RUST, DISTRIK
OUTDOSHORN, PROVINSIE DIE KAAP DIE
GOEIE HOOP

Kragtens artikel 23 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby dat die gebiede omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasi, gebiede is vir ‘n okupasie en grondbesit deur lede van die Gekleurde groep.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad, op hede die Veertiende dag van Junie Eenduisend Negehonderd-en-negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

H. J. KRIEL
Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE

GEKLEURDE GROEP

1. Gebied K1

Die gebied soos voorgestel deur Proklamasiekaart LG 7230/89, synde ‘n gedeelte van die plaas De Rust 57, administratiewe distrik Oudtshoorn, provinsie die Kaap die Goeie Hoop, in sy geheel.

2. Gebied K2

Die gebied soos voorgestel deur Proklamasiekaart LG 7231/89, synde ‘n gedeelte van die plaas De Rust 57, administratiewe distrik Oudtshoorn, provinsie die Kaap die Goeie Hoop, in sy geheel.

No. 123, 1990
PROKLAMATION OF GROUP AREAS UNDER
SECTION 23 OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966,
AT DE RUST, DISTRICT OF OUDTSHOORN,
PROVINCE OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

Under section 23 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that the areas defined in the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation be areas for occupation and ownership by members of the Coloured group.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Fourteenth day of June, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,
By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet.
State President.

H. J. KRIEL
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

COLOURED GROUP

1. Area K1

The area depicted on Proclamation Diagram SG 7230/89, being a portion of the farm De Rust 57, Administrative District of Oudtshoorn, Province of the Cape of Good Hope, in its entirety.

2. Area K2

The area depicted on Proclamation Diagram SG 7231/89, being a portion of the farm De Rust 57, Administrative District of Oudtshoorn, Province of the Cape of Good Hope, in its entirety.

No. 124, 1990
AMENDMENT OF PROCLAMATION 178 OF 1971
AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE TRADING
AREAS UNDER SECTION 19 (1) OF THE
GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT CRADOCK, DIS-
TRICT OF CRADOCK, PROVINCE OF THE CAPE
OF GOOD HOPE

Under—

A. section 33 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby amend Proclamation No. 178 of 1971 by the exclusion of the area defined in paragraph (c) of the Schedule thereto from the area defined in paragraph (a) of the Schedule thereto; and
Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad, op hedde die Een-en-twintigste dag van Junie Eenduizend Negehonderd-en-negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE

INDIËGROEPSGEBIED

Onderverdeling 365 (van 2) van die plaas Umkomansi Drift 1357, distrik Umzinto, provinie Natal, in sy geheel, soos per LG-kaart 81/1988.

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No. 121, 1990

VERKLARING VAN 'N GROEPSGEBIED INGE-

VOLGE DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966,

TE BARBERTON, DISTRIK BARBERTON,

PROVINIE TRANSVAAL

Kragtens artikel 23 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby dat die gebied omskryf in die Bylæe hiervan, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasië, 'n gebied is vir okkupasie en grondbesit deur lede van die Kleurling-

groep.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad, op hedde die Drie-en-twintigste dag van Maart Eenduizend Negehonderd en negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE

GEEKLEURDE GROEP

'n Sekere stuk grond, 7 205 vierkante meter groot, synde 'n proklamasiëgebied oor Gedeelte 115 (in gedeelte van Gedeelte 14) van die plaas Barberton Town Lands 369 JU, provinie Transvaal, soos aangetoon op Landmeter-generaaldiagram A 3551/89.

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No. 122, 1990

VERKLARING VAN 'N GROEPSGEBIED KRA-

GTENS DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966,

TE HEIDELBERG, DISTRIK HEIDELBERG,

PROVINIE TRANSVAAL

Kragtens artikel 23 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby dat die gebied omskryf in die Bylæe hiervan, vanaf datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasië, 'n gebied is vir okkupasie en grondbesit deur lede van die Indiërgroep.

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Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town, this Twenty-first day of June, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

INDIAN GROUP AREA

The whole of Sub. 365 (of 2) of the farm Umkomansi Drift 1357, District of Umzinto, Province of Natal, as per SG Diagram 81/1988.

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No. 121, 1990

DECLARATION OF A GROUP AREA IN TERMS

OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT

BARBERTON, DISTRICT OF BARBERTON,

PROVINCE OF THE TRANSVAAL.

Under section 23 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that the area defined in the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, be an area for occupation and ownership by members of the Coloured group.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Twenty-third day of March, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

COLOURED GROUP

A certain area of land, 7 205 square metres in extent, being a proclamation area over Portion 115 (a portion of Portion 14) of the farm Barberton Town Lands 369 JU, Province of the Transvaal, as shown on Surveyor-General Diagram A 3551/89.

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No. 122, 1990

DECLARATION OF A GROUP AREA IN TERMS

OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT HEIDEL-

BERG, DISTRICT OF HEIDELBERG, PROVINCE

OF THE TRANSVAAL.

Under section 23 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that the area defined in the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, be an area for occupation and ownership by members of the Indian group.
300 hospital workers reject 'racist remarks'

About 300 workers at the J G Strijdom Hospital in Johannesburg downed tools yesterday over what they claim were racist remarks by a supervisor.

And at private hospitals on Wednesday, hundreds of workers demonstrated against wages and working conditions.

A spokesman for the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union said the kitchen supervisor at J G Strijdom had said she was going to fire black workers and replace them with coloureds. She said black workers were always ready to strike.

Workers demanded management take disciplinary action against her. She had made the remark before, and management had calmed workers by saying her attitude was not hospital policy. — Staff Reporter.
NP to elect candidate for Tvl by-election

By Peter Fabreja, Political Correspondent

The National Party Randburg divisional council is to meet next week to start the process of choosing a candidate to fight the Randburg parliamentary by-election.

Springs MP and Transvaal spokesman Piet Coetzee confirmed that the NP would definitely be fighting the seat, despite a call from the Democratic Party for the NP to pull out.

The seat will become vacant at the end of this month, following the decision by Randburg MP and DP co-leader Wynand Malan to quit party politics.

The Conservative Party has also decided to contest the seat and the DP has appealed to the NP to stay out of the fight to avoid splitting the reform vote.

The DP believes it is pointless for the DP and NP to be fighting each other in a three-cornered contest.

Congress

The name of Transvaal MEC Cato van Zyl has emerged as a possible candidate for the NP.

The other strong possibility is Glenn Babb, the indirectly-elected MP and former deputy director-general of foreign affairs who fought the seat for the NP in the 1989 General Election.

Meanwhile, the DP's decision to hold its national congress in Johannesburg has slightly favoured co-leader Zach de Beer in the race for the sole leadership.

The DP's national executive decided in Cape Town yesterday to hold the congress in the World Trade Centre on September 6 and 7.

Choosing a single leader will be the main business of the congress. Dr de Beer and co-leader Denis Worrall are the main contenders. But national chairman Tiaan van der Merwe is emerging as a strong third runner to fill Mr Malan's shoes.
56 families evicted in bitterly cold weather

By Shareen Singh

Fifty-six black families were evicted in freezing cold weather from a block of flats in Smit Street, Johannesburg, early today.

Angry Argyle Court tenants gathered outside the entrance of the building and watched their furniture being removed on to the pavement by employees from a private security firm.

Twelve policemen monitored the situation and prevented tenants from re-entering the building.

Actstop spokesman Moses Mshoeshoe, who was at the scene, said tenants had not paid their rent since May because the owner of the building had given them an undertaking that the building would be fixed within three months. He had told tenants they could withhold rentals if he failed to render his promise.

Tenants complained the seven-storey building had had no hot water for the past three years and the lift had not worked for more than two years.

General maintenance was also poor, they said.

Mr Mshoeshoe said all tenants had been handed eviction orders at about 6.30 am by the deputy sheriff. But some tenants interviewed said they had not received eviction orders.

The pavement was cluttered with furniture and boxes.

CT Security employees were still removing furniture by 8 am.

At one point the crowd became enraged when an employee accidentally dropped a dressing table and it broke. Police intervened and stopped the crowd from harassing the worker.

Police said they were not there to remove the tenants but to give protection to the deputy sheriff.

Tents

The owners of the building, Mansolgor Investments, could not be contacted at the time of going to press.

Tenants were adamant they would not move. They planned to camp outside the building until the problem was resolved.

"Our furniture is standing on the street and we have no other place to go," a tenant said.
Protest march on court

By Shirley Woodgate

About 40 non-medical workers from the JG Strijdom Hospital today marched to the Johannesburg Magistrate’s Court where a colleague was due to be charged.

Spokesman John Mashosho said the action was in protest against the arrest on Friday of colleague Philemon Chuma, who is also a shop steward of the National Education Health and Allied Workers’ Union (Nehawu).

He was arrested for allegedly raping a woman and stealing her wages. But Nehawu marchers claim management have trumped up the charge to discredit him.

Among the protesters were four pregnant women, including Constance Sebaeng, who said not all the non-medical workers were involved as there was dissatisfaction in the ranks of the staff.

She said at the court that they expected to be joined by staff from Lerothong, Johannesburg, Hillbrow, Tembisa, Hietfontein and Baragwanath hospitals who had promised support at a meeting yesterday.

JG Strijdom Hospital superintendent Dr Freda Pretorius said she was unaware of the stayaway: “All the services are running smoothly and all functions are normal.

“We had a problem with one or two of the chaps but it is a police matter now and out of my hands,” she said.
Murder probe into ‘torture’ death

A MURDER docket was opened yesterday in the case of 15-year-old Eugene Mhulwana, who died last Friday after allegedly being tortured at Welverdiend police station, outside Carletonville.

He will be buried tomorrow at 11 am.

This was the second death linked to Welverdiend police station, and the ANC and human rights organisations have demanded a judicial commission of inquiry. The ANC also demanded an investigation into police practices at Welverdiend.

Nixon Phiri (16) died in January this year while being interrogated at the police station. A post mortem showed that he died of a cerebral haemorrhage associated with external injuries.

Eugene’s scan results showed that he was suffering from a sub-dural haemorrhage, which doctors say is caused by pressure on the head.

But police, who took Eugene to hospital, told them he was suffering from epilepsy.

An eye-witness detained with Eugene told lawyers he was brutally tortured until he became unconscious. He died at Leratong Hospital the next day.

The boys were among a group arrested outside Khutsong near Carletonville. Seven other youths, in statements to a lawyer, spoke of their experiences of police brutality at Welverdiend police station.

A doctor also told Saturday Star he treated five youths who were allegedly tortured at the police station. They had bruises, swollen lips and eyes, he said.

A post mortem on Eugene was conducted yesterday and results are expected next week.
No repairs, no rent, say tenants
Robbers shoot own man

Four armed men made off with R80 000 and accidentally shot one of their own gang members after holding up a West Rand Consolidated Mine hostel manager yesterday.

A West Rand police spokesman said a Mr Burger of Greenhills, Randfontein, was on duty at the South Shaft hostel when the gang entered. They demanded money and ordered Mr Burger to open the safe after threatening to kill him.

While they were taking the money, an AK-47 rifle handled by one of the gang went off, injuring a gang member.

The gang, including the injured man, fled in a beige Cortina bakkie. — West Rand Bureau.
Housing a top priority for open city councillor

A CONCERTED effort to provide adequate housing and finance to buy properties for people of all races in Johannesburg is a prime requisite for the opening up of the city, according to a councillor.

Johannesburg councillor Sias Reyneka, chairman of the Section 29 committee appointed to investigate and manage strategies for opening Johannesburg and the removal of residential segregation, said this on Wednesday.

Earlier, management committee chairman Ian Davidson had committed the city council to an open city "in which all people irrespective of race, colour or creed can own property and live in the residential areas of their choice".

Davidson told a media conference the opening of Johannesburg and the removal of segregation should be proceeded with without delay "despite government's stated intention to abolish the Group Areas Act".

Reyneka said the establishment of his committee should be seen as the first step towards the desegregation of Johannesburg and the management of the process.

The first step in the process of desegregation would be the removal of legal restrictions on living in and owning property.

He said in planning and managing the process, his six-man committee should be guided by the following considerations:

□ The process must be aimed at establishing a harmonious and stable non-racial society, free from discrimination and under no circumstances aimed at entrenching a sophisticated apartheid;

□ Manipulation of the process in any form must be prevented;

□ The desegregation should take place within the ambit of sound planning and effective local government;

□ Auxiliary matters which could affect the process would have to be addressed.

Davidson said members of the private sector would also serve on the committee.
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Striking hotel staff toyi-toyi in Sandton City

By Brendan Templeton

About 1000 striking Southern Sun workers yesterday descended on Sandton City shopping centre, demanding to see Southern Sun/Holiday Inn group managing director Bruno Corte.

The centre reverberated to the thunder of shuffling tackies as workers toyi-toyiied, shouting for Mr Corte to take steps aimed at ending the strike deadlock at 41 of the group’s hotels.

Startled shoppers stood aside as the strikers, who had marched from the nearby Holiday Inn, swept up to the main entrance of the complex.

About 20 riot policemen armed with shotguns stood around, but the spirit between the workers and the authorities was cordial. A traffic officer even offered the use of his car’s loudhailer when the workers’ megaphone failed.

Mr Corte was ushered down and soon he and worker representatives had organised a meeting at the Downtown Holiday Inn at 9am today.

The traffic department blocked off the road to the entrance to allow the informal conference to take place. Workers sat on the tarmac while their representatives and Mr Corte negotiated the meeting.

Worker leaders accused him of trying to ensure that the strike stalemate continued, and of not being concerned about ending it.

Mr Corte denied this. "Oh, come on. We were able to work out an agreement on the Mike Gatting (cricket tour) issue. I’m sure we’ll be able to solve this.”

They then demanded he address the workers directly.

"Sure I will, I’m not scared of them," Mr Corte said.

He told the workers about today’s scheduled meeting and they cheered his announcement. Shortly afterwards they sang Nkosi Sikelel’iAfrika before dispersing to waiting buses.
Are whites less anxious?

By Kaizer Nyatsumba, Political Staff

Six months ago white South Africans were less anxious about domestic social change and were willing to come to terms with "the inevitable", according to a survey conducted in January by the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA).

The survey was carried out while the national state of emergency was still in place, political organisations such as the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress were still banned, Nelson Mandela was still in jail and Namibia was still under South African rule.

Entitled "What Do We Think?", it surveyed white opinion on foreign policy issues and found that "the misguided and dangerous legacies" of the Government's doctrine of "total onslaught" lived on, in many white South Africans' minds.

For the first time since its inception in 1982, the survey found that the majority of white South Africans (51 percent) were in favor of the total scrapping of the Group Areas Act.

Declined

The survey, the fifth in a biennial series of similar surveys, was conducted for the institute among 2,000 white householders countrywide.

Survey respondents' belief in the capacity of the South African Police and the South African Defence Force to control internal unrest indefinitely has declined significantly compared to the 1986 and 1988 surveys.

Anti-communism, the survey found, remained the Government's most effective weapon in domestic and regional policy, designed to discredit enemies and legitimise the use of coercive State power.

Twenty percent of the respondents thought the communist threat against South Africa was exaggerated, corresponding to 20 percent in 1988.

While an overwhelming 63 percent of the respondents in 1988 were in favour of South Africa staging across-the-border raids in the neighboring countries to scare away the ANC, this year 58 percent approved of such tactics.

The number of people who thought Zimbabwean president Robert Mugabe's government constituted a threat to South Africa's safety (57 percent), and that Mozambique could not be trusted to carry out the terms of the Nkomati non-aggression treaty with South Africa (65 percent), was slightly lower than in 1988:

Only 21 percent of the respondents thought the Government was not yet spending enough on defence, as opposed to 27 percent two years ago.

Most of the respondents did not think the South African economy was strong enough to withstand sanctions (69 percent as opposed to 52 percent in 1988), and 55 percent of them agreed that the only way the country could avoid sanctions was by granting equal political rights to blacks.

Those who thought granting rights to blacks would do away with sanctions made up 54 percent of the respondents in 1986 and 42 percent in 1988.

When it came to foreign leaders believed to be favourably disposed towards South Africa, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher came out at the top (88 percent), followed by US President George Bush (73 percent) and West German President Chancellor Helmut Kohl (69 percent).
Boycott planners turn down talks

By Melody McDougall, Vereeniging Bureau

Organisers of the Vaal consumer boycott have rejected a call by the Vereeniging Town Council for discussions today to try to end their deadlock.

The Cosatu/African National Congress-inspired boycott, which began in four Vaal Triangle towns last week, has had a crippling effect on local traders, with drops of more than 90 percent in turnover reported.

Cosatu spokesman Zwelinzima Vavi confirmed he had received the council’s invitation to meet today, but said the boycott organisers were not interested.

The organisers’ demands include the right to stage peaceful protest marches through Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark and the establishment of a non-racial town council with a single tax base.

A delegation of the Roshnee Action Committee (RAC) yesterday presented a memorandum to the Vereeniging Town Council’s deputy town secretary, Charles Pechet, urging the council to allow peaceful protest marches in the town. About 90 percent of businessmen in the Vaal area signed the document.

A copy of the memorandum was also handed to Vanderbijlpark Town Council officials.

Mr Pechet emphasised to the RAC the council was not opposed to marches in principle.
Bank robberies: 3 in row

By Craig Kotze

Three banks were robbed in Johannesburg and the East Rand in rapid succession yesterday — two of them possibly carried out by the same gang, police said.

A security guard from Fidelity Guards was injured in one hold-up.

The first robbery was at 9.20 am when gunmen stormed into a Volkskas Bank in Van Riebeeck Street, Edenvale.

They held up Fidelity Guards employees and grabbed cash. One of the guards was injured but police did not have details at the time of going to press.

The gang escaped in a cream-coloured BMW, registration HGF 697T.

At 10.15 am, five gunmen held up staff and clients at the First National Bank in Boksburg North and grabbed cash.

They escaped in a white BMW without number plates. Ten minutes later, another gang of five gunmen held up another FNB branch, on the corner of Bree and Rissik streets in Johannesburg.

They took cash and fled in a white BMW, also without registration plates.

A police spokesman said detectives would investigate to see whether the two FNB raids were linked.

Johannesburg traffic police this morning arrested four suspects who allegedly planned to rob a garage in Jeppe, but were thwarted because it opened late.
Pupil killed when 2 men open fire

Staff Reporters
A schoolboy was killed and his friend seriously injured yesterday at the Dr Cengo Secondary School in Maqekg near Kroonstad when two khaki-clad white men opened fire on pupils.

Maqekg Democratic Crisis Committee spokesman Valentine Senkhane said Taylor Ntsuku (17) was killed and Tote Malakoane (16) injured when the two alleged right-wingers fired shotguns into the playground.

Police have confirmed the incident.

The incident came three days after Andries Nkala (13) died when he was hit by a stone allegedly thrown by two white children from a bakkie on the Ficksburg-Senekal road.

Yesterday, Ntsuka was found dead immediately after the shooting and Malakoane was admitted to the Bothmelo Hospital in Kroonstad in a serious condition. He had injuries to a leg and a hand.

Mr Senkhane said according to an eyewitness a white Toyota minibus passed the school slowly at about 10 am yesterday.

Two middle-aged white men were in the minibus, and when they were directly across from the playground, they opened fire, he said.

The headmaster of the school, Victor Modise, called an ambulance and the police were on the scene shortly afterwards.

A spokesman for the police in Bloemfontein said the children allegedly threw stones at the two men after which they started shooting.

The police know who the men are and charges of murder and attempted murder are being investigated.

No arrests have been made.
Probe follows two deaths and claims of torture in custody

SHEHNAAZ BULBULIA

POTCHEFSTROOM police were conducting an investigation into police methods at Welverdiend police station, West Rand, after the deaths of two detainees and several other charges of alleged police brutality, a lawyer said yesterday.

A spokesman for Police headquarters, Pretoria, Captain E Bloomberg confirmed this. He said the death of a teenager while in police custody was also being investigated and a report would be submitted to the Attorney-General.

Nixon Mayibule Phiri (16), died in January, and "Gaddafi Squad" member Eugene Mbulwana (15), this month. Both were allegedly tortured.

Apart from the two deaths which were linked to Welverdiend, a lawyer yesterday said several other detainees held there, have laid charges of alleged police brutality.

This month, The Star quoted a lawyer saying that in the space of a week, seven people had reported that police at Welverdiend had assaulted them. They displayed bruises on their bodies. In the past, a number of detainees have reported to have received electric shocks.

In several cases, the lawyer said, when their clients appeared before magistrates after being held at Welverdiend the court was asked to place on record that the accused had bruises.

Dr Malcom Chope from Khutsong, who was quoted at the time, said he treated five youths who were assaulted at Welverdiend Police station.

He said he had treated other detainees with similar complaints.

Nixon Phiri died at Welverdiend of cerebral haemorrhage associated with external injuries. At the time police said he died during interrogation.

Captain E Baartman of the Western Transvaal SAP said the inquiry into Nixon Phiri's death had been completed and the matter was with the Attorney-General.

A murder docket had been opened in the case of Eugene Mbulawana who died at Leratong Hospital on July 13 while in police custody.
Fully Hedged Boarding School

By Irene Johnson

The school, which can be described in the following manner:

The school is located on a hill overlooking the town. The hill is covered with trees and is surrounded by a fence. The buildings are of brick and are arranged in a U-shape. The school has a total of 10 classrooms, a library, a gym, and a dining hall. The school also has a swimming pool and a playground.

The students are divided into two groups: the senior group, which consists of students in grades 9 to 12, and the junior group, which consists of students in grades 7 to 8.

The school follows a strict dress code, with students required to wear uniforms. The uniforms consist of a white shirt, black pants, and a tie for boys, and a white blouse, black skirt, and cardigan for girls.

The school emphasizes academic excellence and offers various extracurricular activities such as sports teams, music programs, and community service projects.

The school is managed by a principal and a team of teachers and staff who are dedicated to providing a safe and nurturing environment for the students.

New non—racial

School an Odyssey

By Jared Hart
Stone-throwing mob kills man on plio
South Africans of all political persuasions will come together at a three-day conference in Johannesburg this month to share their views on South Africa’s future.

The conference, organised and hosted by the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), will bring together about 800 participants from MPs from all parties represented in Parliament.

Also included will be groups such as the African National Congress (ANC), the United Democratic Front (UDF), the South African Communist Party and Inkatha.

Officials from various Government departments, opinion-makers, businessmen and academics will also attend.

FFF spokesperson Gael Neke said the conference, entitled “South Africa at a Turning Point — Negotiations and Beyond”, will focus on the need for wide discussion on the problems facing South Africa.

Miss Neke said members of the public will have an opportunity to debate in small groups with politicians and experts at the August 24-26 conference.

She said there will be exchanges of opinion on the process of negotiations, with views expressed on referendums and constituent assemblies.

The conference’s main purpose was “to provide a forum for examination of policy-related issues in a post-negotiations South Africa”.

The FFF said while it welcomed the process of negotiations already under way, it believed the issues of negotiation should not be decided at top leadership level alone.
| **Political Staff**  
| South Africans of many political persuasions will attend a three-day conference in Johannesburg in August to share views on the future.  
| The conference, organised by the *Five Freedoms Forum* (FFF), will bring together about 800 participants — MPs from all parties represented in Parliament; extra-parliamentary groups such as the African National Congress (ANC), the United Democratic Front (UDF), the SA Communist Party and Inkatha; as well as officials from various Government departments, opinion-makers, businessmen and academics.  

**FFF spokesman Gaei Neke said** the conference, entitled “South Africa at a Turning Point — Negotiations and Beyond”, will focus on the need for wide discussion on the problems facing South Africa.  

Miss Neke said members of the public will have an opportunity to debate in small groups with politicians and experts at the August 24-26 conference “on subjects that will directly affect their lives in the future”.

| **Chance to share ideas on SA’s future** |
New town ‘not 2nd Soweto’

By Louise Burgers, Municipal Reporter

The Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) yesterday denied that the proposed new town Rietfontein, south of Johannesburg, was another Soweto as race considerations had not been taken into account when the development was planned.

“It is a town for all people, not black or white. We believe it will largely serve the lower income group and provide work for up to 100,000 people in the future,” town and regional planning consultant to the CWRSC, John Rosmarin, said at the CWRSC’s presentation on Rietfontein.

It is envisaged that the 9,000 ha site would eventually accommodate 80,000 people. Facilities such as hospitals, recreation and schools — 194 primary and 63 high schools — have been planned.

About 1,300 ha was available for industrial development and 2,000 ha was set aside for open spaces, parks and recreational facilities.

The chairman of the CWRSC, John Griffiths, said it was impossible to put a cost estimate on the whole development as it was still in the preliminary planning stages. Procuring the land would cost in excess of R1 billion.

He said the completion of the planning and provision of bulk services would take about three years.

Detailed development planning is being supervised by a special committee chaired by Jan Burger who represents Johannesburg on the CWRSC.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration, West Rand and Vaal Triangle RSCs, the SA Housing Trust and representatives from certain mining houses serve on the committee.

Mr Griffiths said 25,000 ha of available land in the PWV area was being studied, as by the year 2,000, about 2,7 million people would have to be accommodated due to rapid urbanisation.

Factors taken into consideration when the Rietfontein structure plan was being developed were environmental aspects, existing development, transportation, potential land for urban development, existing and potential employment areas and future urban structure.

Initially Rietfontein residents would be largely dependent on the central Witwatersrand and West Rand for employment. Buses and minibuses using the existing road network would have to be relied on to provide transport.
Policeman and taxi driver both wounded

Staff Reporter

An off-duty policeman and a taxi driver were wounded when unknown gunmen shot at them during a suspected armed robbery in Moletsane, Soweto, police confirmed last night.

Soweto police spokesman, Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo, said the incident occurred at about 8 pm while the policeman and the driver were parked outside house number 1066, Moletsane. They both suffered leg wounds.

The unidentified policeman returned fire and the attackers fled.

Lieutenant Mariemuthoo said nobody had been arrested in connection with the incident and police were investigating.
Top secret deal to buy Ponte City for exiles

By Shirley Woodgate

Top secret negotiations are in progress for the sale of one of South Africa's biggest blocks of flats, Ponte City in Berea, to eventually house up to 2,000 returning ANC exiles.

South African Council of Churches general secretary Franke Chikane today confirmed the National Co-ordinating Committee had set up task forces to deal with issues relating to the return of some 20,000 exiles, including housing. He said it was likely the possibility of acquiring Ponte was being explored, but he did not believe such a deal had been clinched.

Informed sources indicate the contract, with the owners, Gazebo Beneficiaries, and the as-yet unnamed purchaser were at an advanced stage.

Bankorp Property Services, who administer the property, indicated the building "had always been in the market" and a sale had been concluded.

While ANC spokesman Gil Marcus denied any involvement by the ANC, Ahmed Kathrada said he had only heard of the deal yesterday and confirmed: "We have 20,000 exiles in South Africa and we have said we will look at housing, schooling, clothing and so on."

The building falls within the area recently identified for investigation as a free settlement area by the Free Settlement Board.
Some hospital fees doubled

Some patients will have to pay double for treatment at Transvaal provincial hospitals after yesterday's increase in fees.

Transvaal MEC for Health Services Paul Ferreira said "patients in Government hospitals should make a bigger contribution to the cost of health services". 

The new tariffs are:

- H2 patients — with a family income up to R16,200 and depending on the size of the family — R10 for admission to community hospitals and R15 for admission to regional or academic hospitals.
- H3 patients — with a family income up to R19,200 and depending on the size of the family — R10 a day in community hospitals and R15 a day in regional or academic hospitals.
- H4 patients — earning from R9,000 to R22,000 — R40 a day for community hospitals and R60 a day for regional or academic hospitals.
US authority to speak at the Five Freedoms Forum talks this month

Political Staff

A leading American academic will speak at a mammoth conference organised by the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) in Johannesburg this month.

The conference, to be attended by about 800 people from all political parties and organisations, both parliamentary and extra-parliamentary, will focus on the need for a wide discussion on the problems facing South Africa, according to FFF spokesman Gael Neke.

It is entitled "South Africa at a Turning Point — Negotiations and Beyond".

The August 24-26 conference will provide the first opportunity for members of the public to debate with politicians and experts on subjects that will directly affect their lives in the future, according to Mr Neke.

"Professor" Pat McGowan, a leading US authority on global political and economic systems, at present attached to Rhodes University's International Studies Unit, will talk about the global international environment of the '90s, with a focus on the changes taking place in Eastern Europe.

The commission will be chaired by Professor Koos van Wyk of Rhodes University's International Unit Studies.

* For more information on the conference, contact Ms Neke at (011) 678-7188 or Alastair Teeling-Smith at (011) 339-2003.
No Ponte deal yet, says Chikane

Staff Reporter

Ponte City was just one of many buildings or projects suggested as possible housing for returning exiles, but no contract had been entered into, the South African Council of Churches said today.

Reacting to reports that the Johannesburg building was seriously being considered by the National Co-ordinating Committee as a housing prospect, SACC general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane said it was untrue that any negotiations to purchase Ponte had taken place. Various possibilities were being explored, he said.

The housing company Quantum, reported to have been involved in the Ponte negotiations, had, like many other companies, approached the SACC and indicated their interest in the task force involved in the project.

Informal discussions had been held with some of the companies, including Quantum, "I personally have not met Quantum," said Mr Chikane.
22 500 in strikes, protests.

By Brendan Templeton

About 22,500 workers were involved in strikes and protest action at mines in the Free State and Transvaal, the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) said yesterday.

About 10,000 workers were boycotting stores and kitchens at JCI platinum mines around Rustenburg in protest against "repression" and working conditions, said NUM spokesman Jerry Majakla.

Talks with the Chamber of Mines over wage demands on coal mines deadlocked on Wednesday, he said.

Another 1,500 workers at the Modderfontein gold mine, near Brakpan, were sleeping on a football ground after being locked out following a strike over wages, recognition of the NUM and dismissals.

At the Harmony gold mine, near Welkom, about 3,000 workers are striking over the detention of 11 colleagues arrested in June in connection with the death of a mine official.

A strike by about 20,000 workers is looming after a strike ballot by NUM.

Talks with the Chamber of Mines had failed to bring about any substantial changes in the mines' wage offer, said Mr Majakla.
DP and ANC go north

Northern Transvaal Bureau

Political history will be made in Pietersburg tonight when the Democratic Party and the African National Congress share a platform at a public meeting for the first time in the far Northern Transvaal.

In a local hotel, Zach de Beer of the DP and Thabo Makunyane of the ANC will address an open meeting which has aroused a great deal of local interest.

The DP established a branch in Pietersburg last year, and the ANC recently opened a regional office in the town.
R350 000 taken in string of holdups

By Craig Kotze

A series of weekend hold-ups in Johannesburg, Sandton and on the East Rand netted robbers cash and goods worth more than R350 000, police said.

In Johannesburg, a suspect was shot and wounded by a robbery-victim at Park Station after a gang held up two men on Friday night.

Antonio da Souza (19) of Roopepoort and a friend were held up and robbed of R300 by four gunmen. Mr de Souza ran after the robbers and fired shots. One suspect was wounded and arrested.

The wounded man was hit in the lower back and is in the Hillbrow Hospital.

Gunmen

A gang raided two homes in Kew, tying up domestic workers and taking goods worth R90 000. The attacks took place in Fifth and Helen Streets.

In both cases, the stolen goods were loaded on to a bakkie.

Seven gunmen grabbed R45 000 from the Sales House clothing store in Second Street, Wynberg, on Saturday afternoon. The gang fled on foot.

Two robbers took an undisclosed amount of cash — police said it was "several thousands of rand" — from the Natal Building Society on the corner of Pretoria and Quartz streets in Hillbrow at 7.45 am on Saturday.

In Jeppe, three gunmen made off with R12 000, two watches — one worth R1 000 — and liquor after locking up the owner and staff on Saturday in a walk-in fridge at the Leaders Liquor Store, Marshall Street.

In central Johannesburg, Pep Stores on the corner of Eloff and Salisbury streets was robbed of R8 000 at 9.30 am on Saturday.

And at Berry's Pharmacy in De Villiers Street, five gunmen grabbed R5 000 and bottles of after-shave.

The Star's East Rand Bureau reports that a wave of holdups, two of which ended up in shooting incidents, netted robbers almost R200 000.

In Elsburg, three gunmen held up Pieter Nienaber (67) and ordered him to open a safe before fleeing with R14 000.

In Tembisa, Albert Mashao (35) was robbed of over R26 000 at a service station.

An Alberton video shop was robbed of R14 000 by two gunmen.

A Boksburg man, R Ross (63) and his friend, a Mr Skelton, were overpowered by four gunmen and robbed of a firearm and more than R8 500 in cash after drawing money for a company on Friday.
Civic Spine creates chaos for CBI

By Shirley Woodgate
Johannesburg’s R160 million Civic Spine is still a twinkle in the eye of the city fathers, but right now it’s a major pain in the neck for hundreds of people along both sides of its route.

And even before the project has got off the ground, some President and Market Street shopkeepers are questioning whether the money has been well spent, whether the finished product will not be purely cosmetic.

It is the same story at every step between Market and Union. Streets dust, dust, glorious dust and plugging problem.

The motorists stay out but the dust comes in.

It settles on the merchandise. Current looks new goods into second-hand store,.ITEMS.

T he carpets, add an extra layer to foodstuffs, filters into expensive electrical equipment, and blankets the windows.

March 1991

Angry traders have had enough, but there is more to come as completion date is nearly a year away, in March 1992.

Cut off the streets outside municipal back, their indignation being held up by endless traffic jams, and pedestrian run the gauntlet every time they venture on the pavement.

Briefly, the Civic Spine is destined to give the CBD a tree-lined focal point.

It will run from the proposed plaza in front of the library to the extensive red-brick gardens and two new fast food restaurants above the roofed car park ramps on either side of the library’s fountain court, past the Catoth and the public square with its fountain in front of the City Hall facing the proposed hotel in the existence of the done Market Street Post Office.

But according to shop owners, the build-up to the end product is sheer chaos.

7:30 am: President Street. No traffic officer in sight but traffic which is down to two lanes because of work on the Civic Spine is marred up for two blocks.

Traffic churning down the right hand side of Lower Street, turns across onto the loading bays on the left of President Street and discharge passengers, sometimes five vehicles at the same time.

When it all becomes too much, it’s ‘hand on hoot and hard your car into the crowd.’

Pedestrians jaywalk freely on the red. They have no real choice of getting across that way any other.

A cyclist simply gave up five times and took to the pavement, just another hazard for pedestrians already hard pressed to negotiate their way over tripping blocks, pot-holes and sand traps.

But talk to the shopkeepers.

Tedster Adam Sullivan, "The landscaping is purely cosmetic. It’s a waste of money."

The Maurice Brandon. "The attention is outrageous. We have to write off some payments because of dust damage. At the end of the day you paint the cupboard but does not make it tidier. Who is going to use the Civic Spine? No one."

Ian Dean, Market Street jeweller whose shop was cut off from the dirt pavement by a deep uncovered trench. "We have lost all passing trade over the last few months."

Robert Kuhn, who runs a photographic shop. "There is a total lack of supervision. Over the past four months they dug up the pavement and street, fill it up and dig it up all over again."

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The street creates chaos for CBD traders

...of road, holes, and broken pavements are the day while workers prepare the ground.

But talk to the shopkeepers. Trader Adam Sufiian: "The upgrading is purely cosmetic. It is a waste of money.

Maurice Reznik: "The situation is outrageous. We have to write off some garments because of dust damage. At the end of the day you paint the cupboard but that does not keep it tidy. What is going to be the Civic Spirit? No self-respecting people will relax there in the dust streets, pedestrians are forced to find a route between drums, vehicles and broken pavements.

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Women are scared to walk on the unsown pavement as they trip and fall or ruin their shoes."

Harry Terezaki, pharmacist: "Business is down by 20 percent. Every time a car passes it kicks up dust which comes into every corner of my shop. It is giving to this job is consideration, co-operation and co-ordination."

Juicy Lucy management: "We are losing 75 percent down. We arrived at work one day to find our refrigerator blown out to bits."

Men's tailor John Renaud: "Business is down 50 percent."

Now we are in the cleaning, dusting and repainting business."

Toyshop proprietor Theo Charnoy: "There is no logic in inefficient. They laid the curbstones last month, now they are up again. I don't want them to cut anyone's throat but that's what they are doing to me.

Jone Alfonso: "My takeaway food business is 60 percent down and the health authorities do nothing about my complaints.

Tobacco store: "Opening up your shop is a headache every morning. Business is 50 percent down and I have stopped buying new stuff."

Cancer of First National Bank: "On average, water and electricity supplied have been cut off several times. We had no light for two days. Telephones have been down and at one stage sewage was running into a hole in the street once per pavement. hole was dug and filled in three times."

Health

Bottle store manager Humphrey Matemba: "We have major problems with lack of electricity in the street. Business is down 75 percent. After our water was cut off we complained to the health department who referred us to the engineers who sent us back to health, so we got our own plumber."

Attempts to obtain comment from Johannesburg planning and the health department everywhere were made - the entire management committee left town last Wednesday for in-depth discussions about council matters at a Warmbaths, and they were only due back on Sunday.
Standard Bank Centre only a beginning

By Frank Jean

Standard Bank Centre, the showpiece of Johannesburg property development, is the great beginning of a multi-million-rand additional assembly of commercial blocks bringing nearly 100 000 sq m more onto the market.

At a press briefing prior to the official opening of the R100 million development by Minister of Finance Barend du Plessis yesterday, Dr Conrad Strauss, managing director of Standard, said the bank had acquired adjoining land and properties south of the complex for future expansion.

Plans will take in new developments with landscaping and green belts on the verge of the M2 motorway.

"The siting of the centre has opened the way for a major redevelopment of the southern fringe of Johannesburg's Central Business District," said Dr Strauss.

"With office buildings in the immediate neighbourhood already generating a daily population of more than 12 000, the way has been opened for a long overdue development of this area."

A plus factor, too, for the big commercial build-up is the proximity of the motorway and its off-ramps, which will eliminate traffic snarl-ups re-

resulting from the increasing office army.

Standard's latest addition to its head office is the total system masterpiece, No 5 Simmonds Street, which is linked by a skywalk to the No 6 complex, the construction of which had to overcome extensive undermining — a legacy of the old mining days.

Standard Bank Centre now has a unique semicircle colonnade bridging Simmonds Street.

Architect Willy Meyer of Meyer Pienaar and Associates, told the meeting: "This element, which will bring greenery to what will be the entrance to the Standard Bank Centre, is testimony to the bank's commitment to the city's environment."

An artist's impression of the commercial build-up on the southern fringe of Johannesburg's CBD. The existing buildings of Standard Bank Centre are at the top, with additional blocks spreading out to the freeway.
Open Hillbrow opposed

The Johannesburg City Council yesterday pushed for the entire city to be open to all races in spite of opposition from individual residents. It opposed Hillbrow being declared a free settlement area.

Addressing the Free Settlement Board sitting on Hillbrow, JCC representative R Boeman said the declaration of the suburb as a free settlement area would lead to the decline of its maintenance services as local bodies in a fragmented city would have less decision-making powers.

However, local residents addressing the eight-man board argued in favour of maintaining Hillbrow's former status — "an elite, whites-only area".

J E van der Merwe, a pensioner and flat owner, said since the influx of blacks into the area there had been a slump in property values coupled with steadily deteriorating living conditions.

She said the Government should compensate flat owners for damages they had suffered as a result of the slump. A trustee of a Hillbrow building, Mr W Ostrowska described Hillbrow as having become a "Third World crime-ridden slum".

The board is expected to take a decision next month, after which it would refer its findings to the Minister's Council.
Suspects found in 6 hours

It took about six hours from the arrest of the first suspect to the completion of the investigation into the alleged murder and robbery of Dianne Tollman (53) in her Parktown North, Johannesburg, townhouse, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Herman van Straten, a detective constable with the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad, told Mr Justice RA Solomon and two assessors that he was one of the field team who went to Mrs Tollman’s home on February 14 last year. They tracked down Mrs Tollman’s former maid, Betty Mbili, and arrested her.

Mrs Mbili (38) and her co-accused, Donald Khumalo (18), Godfrey Moreane (24) and Thabo Malalele (31) have pleaded not guilty to both counts.

By 7 am on February 15, the police had traced the taxi driver who allegedly transported the men to and from the townhouse.

The hearing continues.
Vast recreation area proposed for PWV

By Shirley Woodgate

The Magaliesberg, Hartbeespoort Dam and the area surrounding the confluence of the Hennops, Crocodile and Jukkei rivers have been proposed by the Greenbelt Action Group (Gag) as a vast future recreational area to cater for the PWV's estimated 20 million population by the year 2010.

Gag, a pressure group which three years ago spearheaded tough opposition to Government plans to site the black township "Norweto" in the heart of white agricultural holdings west of Midrand, was responding to an invitation by Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs Herman Kriel for public input to a proposed strategy plan for the PWV complex.

Making public its submission for changes to the 1986 Draft Guide Plan for the Central Witwatersrand, Gag proposed all three areas should for planning purposes be amalgamated into a single green "lung".

Urging that top priority should be given to recreational needs in the PWV, Gag said the logical extension of the Braamfontein Spruit would be north into the warmer climate along the Jukkei and Crocodile rivers to the Hartbeespoort Dam.

Country hotels, overnight guest houses, guest farms and retirement villages are envisaged, which would create work opportunities which in turn would lead to a need for additional housing in rural villages.

On a wider scale, Gag suggested planning for the area should be undertaken only after the scrapping of the Group Areas Act.

Outdated

Road planning which was originally done in the 1970's to provide black commuter routes was outdated and should also be scrapped in favour of a relevant new plan in conjunction with Jomet, Masstran, local authorities and the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council.

Changed circumstances (specifically the planned Rietfontein development south of Johannesburg, intended to house 3 million people in an area not considered in any previous strategy plan) made this move essential.

Gag also suggested that vast tracts of mining land from Springs to Krugersdorp which have been considered sacrosanct on the premise that they may be mined again, should be considered areas for rehabilitation into residential, industrial or parkland developments.
2 NP nominees for Randburg

Staff Reporter

Two National Party nominations for the Randburg constituency were accepted at an NP divisional council meeting last night.

The choice between television personality André Walters and Marthinus van Schaikwyk, former political science lecturer at Stellenbosch University and president of Jeugkrag, would be made within a week, said Dawie de Beer, chairman of the council.

Mr de Beer said the two nominees would be vetted to see who was most acceptable to the needs and wishes of the Randburg community.

The vacancy arose when Democratic Party leader Wynand Malan resigned.
Pukke boycott white show

Potchefstroom University has refused to support the town's whites-only Spring Show "in any way" following a decision by the Potchefstroom Town Council allowing only white exhibitors and visitors.

Professor C Reinecke, the university's rector and vice-chancellor, said: "The town council's decision affects certain staff members and students... Consequently, the university has no choice but to disassociate itself."
Police evict protesters at US mission

Police last night, at the request of officials, evicted three men staging a sit-in at the United States Consulate in Johannesburg.

The three former prison warders, members of the Police, Prisons and Civil Rights Union (Popcru), occupied the consulate on Monday, demanding the reinstatement of 32 dismissed policemen and warders.

They were evicted after being on the premises for 30 hours. The sit-in was the second at the consulate in three weeks.

A consulate spokesman told The Star that sit-ins were becoming a trend. The consulate could not allow a diplomatic mission to be used as a public platform for individuals and organisations.

After due consideration the consulate asked the police to help remove the "trespassers", he said.

Earlier last night, Popcru said the three were being denied food, water and ablution facilities.

The consulate spokesman had no comment on this.
ANC-TPA hold talks in Witbank

WITBANK - In a landmark meeting yesterday, about 30 members of the ANC and Eastern Transvaal Civic Association sat down to talk with the Transvaal Provincial Administration and representatives of white town councils.

The ANC's Eastern Transvaal secretary general, Joe Nkuna, said the three-hour meeting had been "very progressive".

"We now have a channel of communication between the two parties" - Highveld Bureau.
Wits tuition for weak students

Education Reporter

Wits University's faculty of science is to introduce a two-year tertiary college programme for students whose school background in science has been inadequate.

The programme will be open to those who wish to pursue a tertiary education in science, but who have come from schools with inadequate resources and poorly qualified teachers.

The course is designed to enable students to enter the second year of a BSc after completing the two-year college course.

The SA Association of Art Historians (Transvaal) and Wits University's art history department are to host three lectures on "Art and political commitment".

For further details telephone 011-716555.
More cases, no cash

Staff Reporter

Increased public awareness had pushed up the number of suspected child abuse cases reported to Johannesburg Child Welfare Society, but this had not led to a corresponding increase in funds, said director Adele Thomas at the annual general meeting this week.

Increasingly, welfare workers were dealing with children who had been severely traumatised and families with complex problems for whom extensive help was needed.

Work in Alexandra and Soweto had become extremely difficult during the year with an average of two cases of abandoned children reported every week.

"Working under such difficult circumstances, social workers have had to recruit members of communities to meet the need," she said.

The society’s 1990/91 budget is R9.5 million. Dr Thomas said after limited subsidies were received from the State, about R18,000 had to be raised daily from the private and business communities to make up the shortfall.
Another white Transvaal school may have to close

By Karen Stander, Education Reporter

Another white school in the Transvaal may be forced to close its doors due to a drastic decline in pupil numbers.

The Rand Central School Board has recommended to the Transvaal Education Department (TED) that Blairgowrie High School should close.

If it does, it will be the 13th Transvaal school to close since last year.

One parent said her daughter had brought home a note this week, which said the school's management council had recommended that the school should close.

She said there were now about 390 pupils enrolled, while about 900 could be accommodated.

A TED spokesman confirmed the school might close. He said a meeting was being held to gauge the opinion of parents.

The final decision would be taken by National Education Minister Gene Louw after he was fully informed of the opinions of interested parties.

Chris Morgan, chairman of the management council, said dwindling pupil numbers was partly due to the building of a new school in the area, and to reduced demand from the community.

He said the Rand Central School Board had recommended that the school should close.

Last year two English schools and seven Afrikaans schools in the Transvaal were forced to close down due to a decline in pupil enrolment.

At the beginning of the year, the Bethulienhout Primary School in Johannesburg East closed.

Western High School in Johannesburg West and Hoërskool Ontdekkers in Roodpoort are due to close at the end of the year.
Explosion at Anglo laboratory

An explosion which resulted in a fire at the Anglo American Research laboratories at Crown Mines, Johannesburg, yesterday caused extensive damage to the property but no one was reported seriously injured.

A spokesman for Anglo said the explosion occurred in one of the extraction ducts above one of the laboratories in the complex.

Thick black smoke which billowed above the building was noticed by passing traffic inspectors.

The fire department was called and the complex was evacuated.

Firemen put out the flames. Several people were treated for smoke inhalation.

The spokesman described the explosion and fire as an "industrial accident".
Leon lashes out at ANC, NP and SACP

By Kaiser Nyatsumba, Political Staff

The African National Congress (ANC) should stop relying on a victim psychosis and start being creative in the market-place of ideas and policies, according to Democratic Party MP for Houghton Tony Leon.

In a hard-hitting speech at his report-back meeting in his constituency last night, he accused the South African Communist Party (SACP) leader Joe Slovo of economic illiteracy, took the ANC to task for its “declared policy of ‘popular frontism’”, and its consequent lack of clear policies, and criticised the government for not repealing all vestiges of discriminatory legislation during the last parliamentary session.

Mr Leon said much of what passed for the ANC’s policy for reconstruction was “nothing more, or less, than tired, old and anti-apartheid slogans and rhetoric dressed up in new garb”.

Easy to win

“Repeating cliché paragraphs of the Freedom Charter is no substitute for analysis and coherence,” he said.

It would be easy for the ANC to win power “on a minimal programme of meaningless populism”, just as it would be equally easy for “hard men of the left” in the ANC-SACP alliance to implement the second stage of the revolution through the imposition of socialism.

Mr Leon warned “Mr Slovo and his fellow travellers” that if they attempted to implement state-sponsored socialism in the new South Africa, those who possessed wealth and created jobs and opportunities would simply relocate themselves, their children and their assets.

Turning to the NP, Mr Leon said it too was as vague and incoherent about its policies as the ANC.

“It has certainly reformed our politics and, haltingly and imperfectly, begun to dismantle apartheid. However, the fact that the NP has begun negotiations has not transformed it into a party of good government,” he said.

While the DP was smaller, it was powerful in ideas and unambiguous in its commitment. The party had to engage in dialogue and win converts to its cause “in the new constituency of black South Africa” before it was too late.
Slovo heckled at chat show

By Guy Jepson

Assemble a group of about 150 white-collar middle-class South Africans for a political discussion with a leading official of the South African Communist Party and you have a recipe for high drama.

And that was what was at O'Hagan's Wine Bar in Dunkeld, Johannesburg, last night when SACP chief Joe Slovo made a guest appearance at a chat show chaired by radio and TV personality Tony Sanderson.

There was a short power-cut at the start, but Sanderson said: "There is no truth in the rumour that it is a right-wing plot."

Things got serious as Mr Sanderson grilled Mr Slovo on Communism, its failure in Eastern Bloc countries, crimes committed in the name of Communism, the SACP’s response to business fears of its economic policies, and its attitude to religion.

 Heckling broke out as Mr Slovo was questioned over his public statement that Jesus Christ could have joined the ANC's armed wing.

But the man once regarded as South Africa's Enemy No 1 stuck to his guns.

"I believe Christ was a liberal and a revolutionary," he said.

The SACP was in favour of a Bill of Rights enshrining freedom of religion, speech and political affiliation, he added.
Council firm on Blairgowrie school

By Karen Standers
Education Reporter

The management council of Blairgowrie High School will not reconsider its recommendation to the Transvaal Education Department (TED) that the school close — in spite of opposition by parents.

Chris Morgan, chairman of the council, said its decision would be sent to the TED.

At a stormy meeting between parents, representatives of the TED and the council, parents were overwhelmingly in favour of the school staying open.

If the school is forced to close, it will be the 13th white Transvaal school to close because of a drastic decline in pupil numbers since last year.

A parent who attended the meeting said it was suggested that the school should open to all races or become an "all-day" school with compulsory homework and sport in the afternoons — which could persuade working parents to send their children there.

Interviewed by The Star, Mr Morgan said these options were impractical.

The meeting was attended by about 300 parents, out of a possible 500.

Although most parents were against closing, the council would support the recommendation of the Rand Central School Board that it close.

There are about 300 pupils at the school, which can accommodate nearly 800.
Whites down tools, refusing to do work of black strikers

By Brendan Templeton

About 200 white Spoornet artisans in Braamfontein threw a spanner in the works yesterday when they downed tools in protest against having to do the jobs of 350 black workers who went on strike last week.

The strikers' jobs included fetching materials, carrying tools to job sites, and assisting in repair work.

A spokesman for the white workers said they wanted to be paid their own salaries and that of the black workers as they were doing more than one job.

They would return to work tomorrow but in all likelihood would refuse to work and return home, he said.

This could hold serious implications for Spoornet because the railway traditionally relies on its white workers to do manual jobs during strikes.

The South African Railways and Harbour Workers' Union (Sarwhu) said it expected the strike among its workers to escalate because negotiations with Spoornet management were progressing slowly.

The strike was sparked off by the dismissal of three workers and the issuing of a final warning to another.

Spoornet spokesman Ian Bieadale said the workers had been told they could appeal against the disciplinary hearing's findings, but they had insisted on embarking on strike action.
The threat of Johannesburg detectives' radio propaganda to continue on women's heads... to end violence.

Immediate action is required on Tuesday, 28th October, to stop violence against women. The women called for an end to violence.

End to violence in KwaZulu.

In the community, an emergency committee of men is formed in the Soweto Civic Action Group and the National Women's Action Group. The government also formed the Women's Emergency Committee.

The peace initiative passed the message to all women across the country. The peace initiative is led by Soweto Action Group.
Spotlight on diseases in children

Medical Reporter

The paediatric department of the Johannesburg Hospital is holding a symposium on chronic diseases in school children aimed at parents, teachers, community health nurses and others on Wednesday.

The aim of the symposium is to give an understanding of the problems of children with chronic diseases such as asthma, allergies, diabetes and epilepsy.

Topics will include the psychosocial effects and the mental and physical abilities of children with chronic disease.

Among the speakers will be paediatrician Dr Francois de Villiers, clinical psychologist Thandeka Mqoduso of the University of South Africa, physiotherapy professor Muriel Goodman of the Johannesburg Hospital and Dr Ros Frankel.

The symposium will be held in the hospital auditorium.

The registration fee of R20 includes tea and a light supper. Further information can be obtained from D Green at (011) 489-3266 or 489-3206.
Who will pay for education needs?

By Kaizer Nyatumba, Political Staff

Who should pay for school education in the oft-mentioned new South Africa?

That is a question with which a commission on education will grapple during the Five Freedoms Forum’s (FFF) “South Africa at a Turning Point—Negotiations and the Future” conference in Johannesburg.

The commission, to involve key policymakers and stakeholders from across a wide political spectrum, including proponents of “People’s Education”, will attempt this month to identify common ground.

It will also try to find ways of dealing with obstacles which might stand in the way of a common vision for a future education system, according to FFF spokesperson Gael Neke.

Some of the people involved in the commission, said Ms Neke, were important stakeholders who might be excluded in the actual negotiation process. The commission would then “serve to democratise discussions around education policy in the future”.

The conference will be attended by about 300 people.

The FFF’s education group will initiate discussion and summarise the main points of view on the funding of education.

Said Ms Neke: “Financial provision is only one issue to be considered when looking at the system of school education, but has been isolated for discussion because of its crucial importance in determining solutions to the crisis.”

Organisations invited to the August 24-26 conference were State education bodies, Government policy-makers, private school associations, teacher bodies, the private sector, organisations campaigning for open schools and political parties and organisations demanding fundamental change in the education system.

For more information, contact Alistair Teeling-Smith or Etienne Marais at (011) 333-2003.
Police accused after ID swoop

By Monica Nicolson

A Johannesburg woman has accused police of unnecessary harassment after they entered her property, demanded that labourers produce identity documents, and arrested them when they failed to do so.

Police said they ask labourers to produce work permits and enforce the Illegal Immigrants law to protect the rights of South Africans.

Mrs Madelaine Winfield says:

"My house in Orange Grove has been undergoing renovations for the past two months. On Tuesday police walked onto my property without a search warrant or my permission and demanded that the three labourers produce their immigration papers or work permits.

"Two men did not have their papers on them, so they were taken off in a police van.

"The supervisor tried to intervene, but the police told him to stop interfering.

"One labourer sent a friend to collect his papers and he was released. But the other man, whose papers were in Soweto, was held overnight and I don't know what has happened to him now," Mrs Winfield said.

Mrs Winfield does not believe this kind of incident improves race relations or problems in her newly adopted country.

Difficult

"I am very surprised by the police, because I thought this kind of intimidation and harassment was a thing of the past," she said.

A police spokesman says:

"Many thousands of illegal immigrants entering South Africa from neighbouring countries constitute a large problem. It is very difficult to control. Due to the small staff in the Alien Control Unit, only a very small number are ever arrested and deported.

"It is an international law that a person working in a foreign country must have a work permit. A few reasons are to protect job opportunities for residents, to prevent the spreading of diseases and to protect the State.

"Police don't need a warrant if they believe a crime is being committed on a property.

"If a labourer is found to be working in the country illegally and the Department of Internal Affairs does not issue a work permit, he is deported back to his own country at the State's expense.

"Illegal immigrants who persist in returning to South Africa may go to court. The maximum sentence is six months and/or R600 fine," the police spokesman said.

Police said employers hired illegal immigrants because they could pay them less and did not have to pay tax on the workers' salary.

The maximum fine for employing workers with no permit is R10 000 and/or five months in jail.

Police said it would save a lot of time and trouble if people kept their ID books on them.
Call for probe of rightists

Pretoria Correspondent

Anti-apartheid organisations allied to the ANC have called on the Government to investigate right-wing organisations following the Blood Street, Pretoria, bomb blast on Saturday.

And they have warned that failure to act could lead to a black backlash — possibly in the form of marches and consumer boycotts.

The United Democratic Front (UDF), supported by the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) and South African Youth Congress Organisation (Sayco), has laid blame for the bomb at the door of the right wing.

UDF spokesman, Mr Siphiwe Ngwenya, called on State President de Klerk to set up a commission of inquiry to "look seriously into the activities of the right wing".

Safety at taxi ranks comes into the spotlight at a meeting of the Pretoria United Taxi Association (Puta) today, following the bomb blast which occurred opposite a busy taxi rank and injured 40 people.

Chairman of Puta and the city’s representative at the South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta), Mr Exos Makena, said he deplored the planting of the bomb, especially at a busy taxi rank.

"The safety of our commuters comes first and we have called an emergency meeting to look into the question of safety at taxi ranks," he said.

This could include the appointment of plain-clothed security officers who would patrol taxi ranks. However he also appealed for vigilance on the part of commuters who could point out suspicious people or parcels to taxi drivers or officials.

Mr Siphiwe Ngwenya of the UDF said information received by his organisation indicated that 44 people — and not only 12 reported as hospitalised — had been injured in Saturday’s blast.

He said many of those injured had run away — an explanation confirmed by Mr Lola Mojela of the SA Youth Congress Organisation, who said people may run from a bomb for fear of being associated with it.
Conference to focus on protection of rights

By Kaizer Nyatsumba

Professor John Dugard will chair a workshop on the protection of group rights in a future constitution at the Five Freedoms Forum’s “South Africa at a turning point — negotiations and the future” conference at the Johannesburg Sun from Friday to Sunday next week.

Professor Dugard, head of the University of the Witwatersrand’s Centre for Applied Legal Studies, will be one of many legal experts to take part in the workshop. It will focus on constitutional mechanisms for the future protection of the rights of the various groupings in the country.

Others will be Professor Albie Sachs of the ANC’s legal department, University of Natal law lecturer Bede Harris, Professor Denis Davis of the University of Cape Town’s Law School and Professor Ian Macdonald of Rhodes University’s philosophy department.

FFF spokesman Gael Neke said it would provide the first chance for members of the public to debate in small groups with politicians and experts “on subjects that will directly affect their lives in future”.

The workshop will be one of many workshops and commissions to be held.

Ms Neke said that now that the need for a new constitution and a justiciable Bill of Rights was generally accepted, these two items were likely to become key issues.

“This workshop will be looking at what is the best mechanism to protect the rights of an individual as well as various constitutional mechanisms that protect an individual’s rights.”

For more information, contact Alastair Teeling-Smith or Etienne Marais (011) 809-1903.
Library fun surfaces anew

The centennial of the Johnstown Public Library in June brought a flood of memories from readers both old and current. A drawing of the library is still held in the library's history.

Many appear in the most recent fascinations. The building of the Johnstown Public Library and its history, from books over many years, and from early days, are recalled. The library is a place of pleasant memories for many.

Not plump, May the public library Kenan is one day to become a new building in the library. On her first visit, the chief librarian was quite tickled by the library's newness.

Anytime, you make your books and attend the library.

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wanted messengers who earned £7 10s a month plus uniform, and ended up as librarians and even department heads.

Charming narratives come from former "library girls" known in their day as "ten pound babies", not because they were young and plump but because they were paid £10 a month — a handsome sum in those days — as library assistants.

Many fell in love with the work, trained and wrote exams at the library and were hosted to a celebratory graduation lunch by the kindly, dedicated and revered chief librarian, Miss Anna Smith, who spurred their ambition.

Those were the days when the girls worked to 9.30 pm, walked safely on their own at night through the Library Gardens, caught a tram at the side of the City Hall and had a further walk home in the suburbs.

In 1934 came the move to the present beautiful building in Market Square.

On January 2, 1940, the entire library service became free. One librarian recalls: "It was then the fun really began. It was wartime, there were few library outlets, and home TV in South Africa was something very much in the future."

"During lunch-hour the queues of lenders wound out of the Lending Library and down the front steps. Someone had to be on duty to marshal the lines of borrowers according to schoolgirl and paid: "I hope your mother pinned your blouse to your knickers before you left home this morning."

"The Cauldon" recalls that many matches were made over the years in the library.

One of the most famous is that of writer Herman Charles Bosman, creator of Oom Schalk Lourens, whose second wife, librarian Ella Manson, described by an early librarian as "a warm, kind-hearted person deeply interested in music and poetry") met and chatted to him when he came in to borrow a book of poems by Baudelaire.

Rush

A fun incident gave birth to "The Cauldon" writes its first editor, Mrs Fay G. Karr. "It all started because as a senior readers' adviser I saw a newish assistant say to Mr Kennedy, during a busy lunch-time rush: 'Please stand in the queue'. All Mr Kennedy wanted to do was watch the long line of borrowers and make plans for speedier handling."

Mrs Karr adds: "Over four years 'The Cauldon' appeared six times a year. I tried to keep it short and quick reading so that it could be read from cover-to-cover in the year-when, then everybody would know what was happening in the library and its various branches, and also who Mr Kennedy was."

"I'm not kidding around any more, Mrs Whitmen. You have our book. We have your son."
Policemen spoke of 'deep trouble' - detainee's wife

Staff Reporter
The wife of a University of the Witwatersrand student detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act last Friday claimed yesterday that security police had said her husband was in "deep trouble".

Janet Seeber said her husband Jeremy was detained at their home in Verwoerdburg. He had not been charged and had been denied access to his lawyers.

Security police searched the home for several hours before the arrest, Mrs Seeber said.

They told me that my husband was in deep trouble when I inquired about the arrest. They refused to give any details,"

Mr Seeber, a student of African literature, was detained several days before his daughter Angie's first birthday, Mrs Seeber said.

His detention has been condemned by the Teaching Staff Association and the Detainees' Aid Centre (DAC).

The DAC said yesterday it hoped that, in the spirit of the Pretoria Minute, the Government would have begun releasing Section 29 detainees. Instead, repression was continuing.

The organisation called for the immediate release of all Internal Security Act detainees and for the scrapping of the Act.

Mr Seeber's detention has been confirmed by the Ministry of Law and Order.
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Gang shoots guards in bid to steal R3m

By Anna Louw, East Rand Bureau

Three Fidelity Guards employees were shot and wounded by a gang of robbers who forced their vehicle, carrying R3 million in cash, off the road on the R22 highway near Boksburg early today.

The driver of the van lost control and the vehicle careered across the highway and landed in the veld near the Bonaero Park off-ramp.

As the three guards emerged from the vehicle, one of the robbers opened fire with a shotgun. The driver, Dennis Thomas, was shot in the right arm and thigh. Deon Pienaar was shot in the left arm.

The wounded men and a third guard, Augusta Ackersley, ran through the veld to seek help at nearby smallholdings.

The robbers opened fire at the fleeing men, hitting Mr Ackersley in the back. Bleeding profusely from their wounds, the men knocked on the doors of two houses, but there was no answer.

At the third house, the owner, Warren Smith, called an ambulance and the police.

"There was blood everywhere. (Mr Ackersley) was lying on the kitchen floor while paramedics rendered emergency treatment," said Mr Smith.

Mr Ackersley had an exit wound in the chest and was losing a lot of blood.

The three were taken to Boksburg-Benoni Hospital, where Mr Ackersley is in a serious condition.

Mr Pienaar and Mr Thomas are reported to be in a stable condition.

The robbers fired several shots at the locks at the back of the van, but were unable to gain entry.

The security company later removed the cash from the van and took it to the Benoni depot where the guards were heading at the time of the attack.
THE father of detained Wits student Jeremy Seeber (24) claims security police have implied a link between his son and South African Communist Party executive member Mac Maharaj.

Both men have been detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Mr Maharaj was arrested last month for his alleged involvement in underground structures plotting against the Government.

Mr Seeber, an African literature student, was arrested last Friday.

Police have confirmed his detention but are not willing to disclose the nature of Mr Seeber’s alleged ANC activities, as they believed it could hinder their investigation.

Mr Seeber’s alleged involvement with the military wing of the ANC, Umkhonto we Sizwe, is also being investigated.

Professor Anthony Seeber, of the University of South Africa’s Department of Economics, yesterday expressed outrage at his eldest son’s detention.

In an interview with the Saturday Star he said the detention had come as “a total shock”.

“We want Jeremy to know that we will stand by him, no matter what,” he said.

The whole family had been holidaying in Zimbabwe and had returned to South Africa a day before the arrest.

“I could not believe my ears when I heard Jeremy had been arrested at his home in Pretoria.

“The security police told his wife, Janet, that Jeremy was in deep trouble.

“They questioned her about his connections with Maharaj,” Professor Seeber said.

He said that if police had evidence against his son, he should be charged, rather than be detained indefinitely, without any access to lawyers.

The concerned father said he had taught his son since childhood to respect justice, but to fight apartheid.

“During his school years I introduced Jeremy to history texts other than those prescribed by the school, so that he could develop an open mind.”

He described his son as being a “reserved, intense and concerned” individual.

Professor Seeber added that the family was not coping very well with the detention.

“My wife, Monica, keeps referring to the Groot Schuur Minute in the hope that Jeremy will be released.

“Since the agreement, however, more than 100 people have been detained under Section 29,” he said.
My alarm clock's a bomb!

and Peter was about to take it home to his family...
Jo'burg house prices go up, up, up

By MICHAEL CHESTER

Johannesburg is still the most expensive area in South Africa for home-buying expeditions — with the average cost of a medium-sized house up 70 percent at almost R136 000 compared with under R90 000 less than four years ago.

This compares with a national average that trails behind at R102 500 against R72 000 at the start of 1986.

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Potential buyers also need to look more closely at the age of houses they circle in newspaper advertisements.

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ANC man is wounded in shootout

By Craig Rotze

An ANC national executive committee bodyguard was shot and wounded by police in Johannesburg last weekend, and the movement's chief bookkeeper was detained in Soweto on charges of possessing a hand grenade, The Star has learned.

Three Soviet-made F1 grenades, a Makarov pistol and one Skorpion machine pistol were seized after both incidents, police confirmed.

In all, seven suspects were detained in connection with both incidents.

Three people, including a black security policeman, were wounded in the shootout at the Little Rosemead Hotel in Hillbrow on Saturday night.

Visited hotel

Although police did not identify the shot ANC man, The Star has learned he is Ralph Petersen, a bodyguard of one of the members of the ANC's NEC. He is in a satisfactory condition in hospital after the shooting, as is the policeman.

According to police, the incident happened when security police visited the hotel and came across an ANC insurgent, who was arrested. He told the policemen he was expecting four other insurgents in a car. A car arrived and when police approached the vehicle, a confrontation and scuffle ensued.

One of the occupants tried to flee and was shot. Three other men escaped. The arms were later found in the car.

Both Mr Petersen and the first insurgent detained are being held in terms of section 29 of the Internal Security Act.
Landlords call for action on Hillbrow.

By Shirley Woodgate

The Group Areas Act was killing off the entire Greater Hillbrow area, "costing flat owners millions of rands in lost rent and capital gains and forcing blacks to rent illegally," claimed chairman of Organisation for the Protection of Property Owners of South Africa (Opposa), Alphonso di Donato.

Blocks of flats costing R2 million to replace were up for sale for R400 000 while whites who had bought single flats for R80 000 were now unable to sell their units for R20 000.

Commenting on what he termed "the drastically deteriorating situation" in Hillbrow, the chairman of Opposa urgently appealed to the Government to implement the Free Settlement Act in the area.

Slum

"The picture is grim and only the legalisation of tenancy can prevent the area from deteriorating into a slum," he said.

"In one case in Jeppestown a building was cleared out so that the owners could do renovations. As the tenants moved squatters moved in. No rent is being paid and workmen trying to upgrade the premises are being threatened.

"But there is little that can be done to get the squatters out as the police are unable or unwilling to act," said Mr di Donato.

"If an action is defended, it takes up to a year to obtain a legal eviction. By the time the sheriff arrives with a court order, the original tenant has been replaced by another family. In the meantime no rent has been paid," he said.
Protesters disrupt flats auction

By Shirley Woodgate

Demonstrators yesterday disrupted the auction of the controversial Fordsburg complex, Octavia Hill, which was provisionally sold to businessman Solly Essack for R3 million — well below the R5.75 million upset price.

Mr Essack said the property had been bought on behalf of property company Bosshad Ltd. The final bid by Mr Essack must be confirmed within 14 days, during which time other offers will be considered.

Late yesterday JH Isaacs spokesman Wayne Wright denied that a bid of R6 million had been received, but said a higher offer had been expected.

The auction, which at times threatened to get out of hand as toyi-toyi Actstop members chanted and displayed posters, was conducted in the presence of armed guards, employed by auctioneers JH Isaacs allegedly in response to threats.

The eight-block flat complex, which was built in 1936 for elderly whites, later housed several flogging Soweto councillors.

It was sold by the city council for R2.5 million to the housing department in the House of Assembly, which auctioned it off.

Bidding was delayed while auctioneer Hugh Denny was involved in altercations with members of Actstop, the Save Pageview Association (SPA), the ANC, PAC, SA Council of Churches and Black Consciousness Movement of South Africa.

They demanded to know whether Mr Denny could guarantee that the property would not be nationalised when a new government took over and protested against the sale of the building while 7 million people were homeless.
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Kragtens artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Vryevestigingsgebiede, 1988 (Wet No. 102 van 1988), verklar ek hierby dat die gebied omskryf in Landmeter-generaal-diagram A3208/90, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasié, 'n vryevestigingsgebied is.

Gegewe my hand en die seëlv van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Pretoria, op hede die Sewende dag van Augustus Eenduisend Nege honderd-en-negentig.  

F. W. DE KLERK,  
Staatspresident.  
Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:  
H. J. KRIEL,  
Minister van die Kabinet.

INSTELLING VAN VRYHANDELSGBEBIETE KRAGTENS ARTIKEL 19 (1) VAN DIE WET OP GROEPBEBIETE, 1966, TE PIETERMARITZBURG, DISTRIK PIETERMARITZBURG, PROVINSIE NATAL

Kragtens artikel 19 (1) van die Wet op Groepgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), verklar ek hierby dat, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasié, die bepaling van artikels 26 (1), 27, 35, 37 en 40 van genoemde Wet nie van toepassing is nie ten opsigte van enige gebou, grond of perseel in dié gebiede omskryf in paragraве (1), (2), (3), (4) en (5) van die Bylae hiervan, onderworpe aan die voorwaarde dat die gebou, grond of perseel slegs vir handels-, kommer- sionale, professionele of godsdienstige en opvoedkundige doeleindes geëxploiteer of gebruik mag word ingevolge 'n dorpsaanlegskema wat kragtens die een of ander wet in dié gebiede in werking van bindend is.

DECLARATION OF A FREE SETTLEMENT AREA IN TERMS OF SECTION 2 OF THE FREE SETTLEMENT AREAS ACT, 1988, SITUATED ON PORTION 62 OF THE FARM WATERVAL 5 IR, DISTRICT OF JOHANNESBURG, PROVINCE OF THE TRANSVAAL

Under section 2 (1) of the Free Settlement Areas Act, 1988 (Act No. 102 of 1988), I hereby declare that the area defined in Surveyor-General Diagram A6915/69 shall, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, be a free settlement area.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria this Seventh day of August, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.  

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State President.  
By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:  
H. J. KRIEL,  
Minister of the Cabinet.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE TRADING AREAS UNDER SECTION 19 (1) OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT PIETERMARITZBURG, DISTRICT OF PIETERMARITZBURG, PROVINCE OF NATAL

Under section 19 (1) of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, the provisions of sections 26 (1), 27, 35, 37 and 40 of the said Act shall not be applicable in respect of any building, land or premises in the areas defined in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) of the Schedule hereto, subject to the condition that such building, land or premises may only be occupied or used for trading, commercial, professional and religious and educational purposes in terms of a town planning scheme which is in operation or binding under any law in those areas.
Army of destitute Afrikaners on march

THOUSANDS of destitute and near-destitute Afrikaner families are waging an increasingly desperate battle for survival in the Witswatersrand-Draaibrug Region.

The Afrikaner conservative leader, Mrs Martie Hortig, believes that the present-day poverty among Afrikaners is "pathetically revealing the 1930s Depression level again."

And Professor Henk Schutjilt of the Treurnie Youth Trust contends that "thousands of disadvantaged white children are given additional daily meals at the TED network because they can't get food at all."

These newly impoverished people are unemployed or semi-employed middle-class and working-class families, with small children, hundreds of pensioners, ex-sergeants, and also multi-class policemen whose incomes can just keep up with galloping inflation.

Many of these poor whites with their "mechanized families" have no choice but to sell their cattle, sheep, and horses to try to make ends meet in this situation.

Pride and disenchancement

Moreover, especially the younger Afrikaner men can only find temporary work at organisations affiliated with their black counterparts - or become policemen, soldiers or security guards.

Out of a mixture of pride and disenchancement with the many call "Afrikaner allies" in the black-run Government and the multi-racial Afrikaner churches, the new trend of Afrikaner poverty merely darker to continue the red tape involved in applying for the overworked and overstressed economy welfare system.

Instead, they "shut off," exactly as tens of thousands did before the NP's former Afrikaner-Nationalist politica party's government days after 1948 they told their cattle grazes at street stalls, alcoholic beverage, and odd repair and painting jobs, make a small group of people's entire income.

To supplement their meagre food intake, they share in a variety of organisations or at the Operation Hunger or TED network feeding schemes run by other organisations across the country.

But these Afrikaners clearly prefer schemes run by their own conservative Afrikaner churches - especially those run within the Afrikaner Protestant Church, the Afrikaner Weermansorging (Organization of Farmers, the Dorststade Party, and Mrs Martie Hortig's (Institute for the Afrikaner National Party) and the Treurnie Staatsefe (Afrikaner National Party). The Treurnie Staatsefe, the Treurnie Laagland, and even ex-colonialist Robert Kruisje are all in a similar situation.

Many of these newly impoverished Afrikaners moreover have taken into a flood of homelessness.

The Afrikaners spokesman, Mr Abner Bucholz, that the Afrikaner Weermansorging (Organization of Farmers) and all the organisations received from members of specific registered welfare organisations are the DP generally started an emergency feeding scheme, and some of the AWES local organisations are still distributing food and clothing as the AWES, have done since 1935.

Mr Kees Munnik told the AWES no longer runs soup kitchens, however, individual members are involved in such activities or garages on the properties of the like of the DP. Despite the work of the AWES, it is a sad day for all Afrikaner families involved in such activities or garages where they have of late been made to stay in the same house or in a small, isolated farm.

The city of Johannesburg has reported an increase from their usual 300 white destitute families being fed at their Joburg Public Relief Institution in April 1989 to 3000 now Afrikaner families - while it is at this time that Afrikaner families are on strike.

Yet inquiries at the Department of Social Welfare, Johannesburg, showed that only some 1200 white adults and 500 children had obtained social relief benefits in June.

Under this scheme, each qualifying white adult and his family get less than R20 a week and each child R10 a week.

And the Government's emergency aid scheme - designed to scale up employable destitute breadwinners during economic recession - actually shrunk a drop in payments at Johannesburg from R2000 a month to R5000 this month.

Under the scheme, each qualifying white adult and his family get less than R20 a week and each child R10 a month. Only breadwinners should be employable at the Department of Finance, and must be able to prove that he is actively employed for this to apply.

At the Slamet Coffee Bar in Johannesburg, between 100 and 300 Afrikaner families are fed each week.

The Afrikaner women who bring a loaf of bread for their families also attend services at this institution for the jobless, but as they believe they don't have the right not to attend the Afrikaner Church, said Mrs Rita Hofmeyr who runs the soup kitchens.

She said: "This is typical of us Beer people, they are proud and when they get to the stage where they don't have any proper housing because they have a lot of work to do, they don't attend church any longer.

This also applies to their jobless, as it is difficult to apply for the lets and that doesn't apply for the lets and jobless without proper epi-cy."n

Some of these women's husbands do temporary jobs at the station, for which they earn about R200 a week whenever work is available, but mostly they use the Hope Mosque, and many others are fed at the Shalom Centre.
hungry, ‘nearing levels of 1933 depression’

UNION NEWS

Institute on March 8

LAST OPTION: If you’re hungry enough, the unthinkable is possible. A child searches for scraps in downtown.

African rubber planters have been reported an
increase in their usual
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At the Sixth Coffee
in Florida, between
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despairing queues
Be it for a job that few
really want, or food, you grimly work your turn.

The African men who flock here for their
families also attend ser-
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In the tradition of
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numional housing scheme, she said.

In Pretoria, the “Work
en Ooster” organisation
feed an estimated 16000
Africans each day —
without any State aid.

Mrs Enidie Thembo of
“Work en Ooster” said
the organisation is in
financial straits and
is forced to stop feeding.

Many earn small be-
comes and do not have
quality for welfare bene-
fits from the Government,
which includes per-sonal
and part-time manual
jobs or by building their

Some families live for
months on a handful of
corns from the Orange
corn region, which
consist of small powder
and other ingredients.

Unemployed Africans
are working long hours
meters to welfare orga-
nisations for a family
meal of one cup of
water and 100g of
unemployment

Mrs Thembo and people
usually only show up at
her cafe “where they were
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money to buy food
and clothes. They often do
not eat at all when they

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Terror of tribal murder — in the heart of Hillbrow

Urban blacks are haunted by fears of city violence

FOR the first time in 25 years, Anthony Nowane is living in fear of tribal murder. Now, 41, does not live close to the violence that has torn through black townships on the Witwatersrand in the past two weeks, but mentally, the carnage is on his doorstep.

Since arriving in Johannesburg in 1965 he has never had to scurry over his shoulder. Now he is worried.

Nowane and his wife live in a single room in a domestic quarters on top of a block of Hillbrow flats. He has staked the boiler beneath the block for the past 17 years.

He says: "Every night I make sure my door is locked. I am sure there is no need to become all my friends drink with me as normal. But I am the only Zulu among us. I know that Xhosa, Tswana and Sotho and anything can happen. Only when the fighting stops will I feel safe.

The comment illustrates the legacy of tribal chauvinism which has left more than 514 dead and about 1,000 injured on the Rand.

This legacy is reaping into the consciousness of many urban black people who are isolated among others whose tribal affiliations are different.

Nowane says: "I am not a member of Isandla. Nobody has been around to ask me to join the organization. In any event, I will not join Isandla. The Zulus and Xhosa are all South Africans and we need unity."

Nowane often speaks about his trauma in a low voice. He throws a scowl at the parties he throws once a year on his return home.

Whenever I go home, there is a lot of beer and wine. All the people come to my place because the 'local' has come home. And most of the people who come to my house are Xhosa. We have a really good time."

Now, who knows, they might not come in December this year.

The simple fears expressed by Nowane are echoed by many people in Hillbrow.

Gideon Thabalela runs the Little Soweto shebeen in the torying multi-racial suburb and is well aware of the explosive climate in his illegal drinking hole.

"Things have been pretty hairy over the past two weeks. People come here and when they are drunk, they become vengeful and might say some tribalistic things."

"So, I have decided to put into action my plan of first tribal word, first cut. I have kicked out about six people in the past two weeks.

"I don't want any staff that is going to cause major problems. People in Hillbrow are not even affected by the violence. It is all in their minds," says Thabalela.

Like Nowane, he is aware of his tribal affiliation, which is Zulu.

He says "We are in a situation where people are fighting because of the tribalism. I cannot forget my culture. But only God knows when we will get rid of this thing." He has not armed himself and does not think he will ever need a weapon.

"I just want my business to continue without interference. If a Zulu comes here and means any trouble, he is out. The same goes for anyone else. I don't want trouble in my shebeen."

However, the fear remains, regardless of where one lives.

Nowane says: "I will carry on looking after my door. I am still drinking and hanging around with my friends. But I am sometimes scared, especially at night. Other Zulus have also spoken about their fears. I am not the only one."

"Saag"
Octavia Hill sale picke
ted

BY DESMOND BLOW

TOYING protesters this week initiated a sit-in against the sale of Octavia Hill - an eight-block flat complex in Tokolog. The property, listed at only R3 million, has been
acquired by a local businessman for four times the listed price. The protesters, who claim to own a grant permit to live in the building, are pressing the government to halt the sale.

"It is a violation of our human rights," said one of the protesters. "We are opposing this sale because it is unjust and unfair."

The protesters have set up a makeshift camp in the building and are blocking access to the property. They have also erected a sign on the site that reads, "Octavia Hill for the People, Not for Profits."

The government has responded to the protesters by saying that the sale of Octavia Hill is a matter of national importance and that the proceeds will be used to fund other social development projects.

However, many residents of Tokolog feel that the government is not doing enough to address their concerns. They say that the sale of Octavia Hill will only serve to further marginalize them.

"This is a slap in the face," said one resident. "The government is not listening to our concerns. They are only thinking about their own interests."

The situation in Tokolog is a reflection of the broader struggle for housing rights in South Africa. Many communities are facing eviction and displacement as the government seeks to develop new housing projects.

"We need to stand up for our rights," said a spokesperson for the protesters. "We cannot let the government take our homes without a fight."

The protest continues and the government remains committed to completing the sale of Octavia Hill. The outcome of this conflict remains uncertain.
Delegates slate FFF reference to ‘warlord’

By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

A Five Freedoms Forum weekend conference ended on a sour note in Johannesburg yesterday when Inkatha delegates lashed out at the organisers for publically referring to the presence of an Inkatha “warlord”.

Inkatha members refused to comment on the furore, but said they were “delighted” to have been invited to attend the conference.

FFF spokesman Gael Neke said last night the term had been used in “an illustrative and not judgmental” sense.

The “warlord” participated in a three-hour discussion on violence on Saturday.

FFF spokesmen described the incident as an “unfortunate mistake”.

The conference — which brought together the most diverse group of political organisations ever in South Africa — was marked by opposition groups amicably discussing their differences.

Referring to the three-hour discussion of violence in his concluding remarks at the conference, FFF chairman Mike Olivier said it was an emotional session at which much pain and hurt had been openly expressed.

Inkatha members met for more than 30 minutes after the conference to defuse tension.

FFF spokesmen said the Inkatha members had expressed grave concern about their safety in view of the public reference to the presence of a “warlord”. They feared for their lives at the hands of ANC supporters following recent clashes between the two organisations in the townships.
Make it happen at the bottom, says Slabbert

By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

The Government alone should not carry the responsibility of restoring law and order in the country, former Opposition leader Frederik van Zyl Slabbert said yesterday.

"Ordinary citizens should themselves become involved in efforts to ensure the maintenance of security and law and order."

In his closing address to a Five Freedoms Forum conference in Johannesburg, Dr Slabbert said: "We cannot allow a situation to develop where the impression is created that it is the responsibility only of the regime to be in charge of law and order and justice. We have to argue that the security system must be seen to be non-partisan to the satisfaction of those participating in negotiations."

He found it extraordinary that the SADF, SAP and secret agents all operated as if they had some kind of mandate to maintain law and order.

"If the regime is prepared to democratise government, health services and education, why should it not be prepared to democratise security?"

Dr Slabbert said citizens should get involved in efforts to create a climate conducive to negotiations and democracy.

"Don't wait for magic at the top, make it happen at the bottom."

He found it "staggering" that the impression had been created that President de Klerk was leading the struggle for a non-racial democracy.
Jo'burg council to vote on opening city to all races

THE Johannesburg City Council will apply for the entire city to be opened as a free settlement area, if a recommendation to do so is approved by councillors at the monthly meeting tonight.

The council will also ask government to repeal all discriminatory legislation, including the Group Areas Act, the Free Settlement Areas Act and the Local Government Affairs in Free Settlement Areas Act.

The council committee investigating Open City Initiatives suggested the moves, stressing the urgent need to prevent the piecemeal declaration of free settlement areas in Johannesburg.

If its recommendations, already approved by the management committee, are adopted tonight, the Free Settlement Board would be asked to defer considering applications to declare Mayfair, parts of Pageview, Hillbrow, Berea, Yeoville and parts of Houghton as free settlement areas.

The application would put into action the management committee's commitment in May to an open SA and an open Johannesburg.

Opening the city to all races was one of the DP's main goals on taking over leadership of the management committee in April.

Proviso

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson yesterday said although most councillors were opposed to the concept of free settlement areas, Johannesburg had to set the pace and open the city to all races as an act of faith.

He said the application would be made with the proviso that no management committee be set up in terms of the Local Government Affairs in Free Settlement Areas Act.

Council wanted to be able to manage the integration of Johannesburg.

Davidson said he expected the majority of councillors to support the recommendations.

However, CP leader in council Jacques Theron said his caucus would oppose the item which went against the wishes of most Johannesburg ratepayers. They did not want security in their areas to deteriorate, Theron said.

EDYTH BULBRING reports from Pretoria that President F W de Klerk for the first time turned down an application for the opening of a residential area under the Free Settlement Areas Act. A Free Settlement Areas Board spokesman said at the weekend an application for the opening of a King William's Town area, Balaze Valley, was rejected.

It was also announced on Friday that Zekoeivlei, an area near Durban, was approved by De Klerk as a free settlement area.
New law planned ‘to protect communities’

Govt warns against ‘open’ Johannesburg

By Peter Fabricius, Political Correspondent

Johannesburg was “jumping the gun” with plans to open the entire city for residence by all races, Deputy Planning Minister Andre Fourie warned last night.

His warning came as the city’s management committee prepared to put its proposal to the vote at the council’s monthly meeting today.

Mr Fourie’s comment strengthens past fears in Johannesburg that the Government seems intent on rejecting Johannesburg’s plans appeal for an open city.

He made it clear that the Government’s stance was based on its intention to abolish the Group Areas Act soon and replace it with measures that would give protection to communities.

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Jo’burg’s R2.3-m bid for Old Eds gets nod

By Montshiona Mokoene

The Old Edwardian Society has voted in favour of selling its famous Old Eds Club premises in Houghton to the Johannesburg City Council for R2.3 million.

The decision was reached at a packed and emotional meeting of members that ran a marathon four days accepted after members had also considered alternatives of selling the property to the Witwatersrand Technikon, or a take-over by a syndicate that proposed to establish a health and racquets club.

Roll-over

Mr Dikabulala said the executive

Townships quiet but toll climbs to 516

Crime Reporter

A 30-year-old man was shot dead at a Voortrekker hostel this morning in the only unrest incident reported earlier today in war-ravaged Reekford townships, bringing the death toll
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Suspicion

He said the management committee’s proposal to make the whole of Johannesburg a free settlement area had been partly motivated by the need to get around partial free settlement.

Labour Party MP Mr Desmond Loekey today voiced suspicion that the measures might allow individual communities — possibly suburbs — to decide for themselves if blacks could live there.

He vowed the Labour Party would block any legislation which tried to “devolve or privatise apartheid”.

© Louise Burger, The Star’s Municipal Reporter, reports that the Johannesburg management committee will today ask councillors to approve an application to declare the entire city a free settlement area as an interim measure pending the repeal of the Group Areas Act.

Lively debate is expected at the monthly council meeting, as the Conservative Party remains firmly opposed to an open city.

Both the South Western and Lenasia management committees have indicated approval for the motion.
Jo’burg votes to open city

JOHANNESBURG. — The Johannesburg City Council last night voted overwhelmingly in favour of opening the entire city to all races.

A stormy debate, lasting almost four hours over the proposal, raged in the council chamber but only seven dissenting votes were recorded.

A proposal to have the matter referred back to the Minister’s Council was defeated by 36 votes to seven.

Although votes for the open city proposal were not counted — there was no show of hands — those against included the four Conservative Party councillors, independents Mr Eddie Majid and Mr Mike Levine, and the National Party’s Mr Cecil Long, of whom only Mr Long had his objection noted.

The decision for an open city could not be acted upon immediately as legislation does not exist for this to be done, but all the councillors who spoke in favour of the motion said this would signal Johannesburg’s willingness to back the government in its reform initiatives and its drive to end discrimination.

The Democratic Party’s Mr Ian Davidson said that informal discussions had taken place with other Witwatersrand councils on the issue and the idea had received support.

“We have thought through the consequences of an open city and we will live through them,” Mr Davidson said.

— Sapa
Jo'burg 'will only be open next year'

JOHANNESBURG would not be opened as a free settlement area this year as the application would take at least five months to process, Free Settlement Board (FSB) chairman Hein Kruger said yesterday.

This, however, would not stop the board making recommendations within 10 days to President F W de Klerk on whether to open Hillbrow and surrounding suburbs as free settlement areas, Kruger said. He would not say what decision had been reached by the FSB but the final decision lay with de Klerk.

Kruger said the Johannesburg City Council's application to have the whole city declared a free settlement area was welcomed but would take at least five months to process. Government would most likely be unable to take a decision before about April 1991 although this was a rough guess.

He said the scrapping of the Group Areas Act, expected during the next Parliamentary session, could happen before Johannesburg could be declared a free settlement area.

Planning Deputy Minister Andre Fourie said it would be improper to respond to Johannesburg's moves before a decision was reached by de Klerk or Minister Herman Kriel.

Johannesburg Deputy City Secretary Gert Marais said council would submit its application to the FSB within the next week.

Kruger said once the application was received, the board would decide whether to proceed with an investigation. Within two weeks, council would have to inform every person on the municipal voters roll of the investigation. Two weeks after that, advertisements would be placed giving anyone the right to object or approve of the application within 20 days. Kruger said in the case of a city like Johannesburg people would probably be given longer to comment.

The FSB would then decide if further verbal input from ratepayers' associations, political parties and other organisations would be necessary.

The Johannesburg council had voted itself out of existence in deciding it wanted the city to become a free settlement area, he said. In terms of the Local Government in Free Settlement Areas Act, residents would elect a management committee to run the area.

Legal opinion differed about the technicalities behind establishing this committee in the case of an entire city being declared open under the Free Settlement Act, said Kruger.

Johannesburg's moves were widely welcomed yesterday although neighbouring Sandton said it would be unlikely to follow Johannesburg's lead.

Sandton management committee chairman Perry Oertel said he was concerned about flaws in the Free Settlement Areas Act and felt the Group Areas Act would be scrapped next year anyway.

Johannesburg Afrikaanse Sakekamer local affairs committee chairman Henkie de Clercq said the chamber approved of the move and had recommended earlier to the FSB that Johannesburg be considered as a municipality rather than as isolated suburbs.

Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industries president Jonny Frankel said the move was a step in the right direction, an interim measure hopefully leading up to the scrapping in its entirety of the Group Areas Act.

Sage reports the United Municipalities of South Africa welcomed council's decision and called on government to stop condemning councils which were ready for local options. The Five Freedoms Forum said the council vote would put government to a litmus test on its commitment to scrap apartheid.
Wits SRC president is elected

By Karen Stander
Education Reporter

Law student David Jammy was elected president of the Students' Representative Council (SRC) of the University of the Witwatersrand on Monday.

Mr Jammy (22) is first-year LLB student. His election campaign included student benefits, educational issues and a merger of the National Union of South African Students (Nusas) and the South African National Students' Congress (Sanasco) into a non-racial student organisation.

Vice-president of the SRC is second-year LLB student David Storey (22), son of Methodist minister the Rev Peter Storey.

Medical student Michael Goldblatt, who has taken time off from his medical studies to do a BA, was elected deputy vice-president and Robert Brooks, in his second year of a BSc, was chosen as a further deputy vice-president and projects officer.

Other members of the executive are second-year LLB students Robyn Farrell, honorary secretary, and Dalan Taitz, honorary treasurer.

Mr Jammy said he hopes he will be the last president of an all-white SRC at the university.

He added his fervent wish was that his 12-month term of office would see the ending of the historic strategy of non-participation in student government by the Sanasco-affiliated Black Students' Society (BSS).

Nusas and Sanasco have already decided in principle to merge.

"We must involve all students in discussion and debate so that they can be active in determining the future of this country."

On the biggest challenges facing the new SRC, he said: "Wits SRC has always had a special, if controversial, role of opposing apartheid. I believe the vast majority of students are proud of the role it has played.

"But other areas have been compromised and the SRC has been criticised for this."

"At Wits it is difficult to represent the diverse population of more than 15,000 full-time students. The biggest day to day problem is a large portion of the students finding parking on campus. Others have to deal with finding food or accommodation because where they live is governed by legislation."
PROKLAMASIES
van die
Staatspresident van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika
No. 150, 1990
VERKLARING VAN 'N GROEPSGEBIED INGE- VELGE DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE MAYFAIR, DISTRIK JOHANNESBURG, PROVINSE TRANSVAAL

Kragtens artikel 23 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby dat die gebied omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, 'n gebied is vir okkupasie en grondbesit deur lede van die Indiëergroep.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seel van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Pretoria, op lêdie die Agtiende dag van Augustus Eenduisend Negehonderd-en-negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

Op lês van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE
INDIËNGROEPSGEBIED
Die gebied volgens LG-kaart A3824/90, in sy geheel.

No. 151, 1990
WYSIGING VAN PROKLAMASIE No. 143 VAN 1967 KRAGTENS ARTIKEL 33 VAN DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966.—STUTTERHEIM, DISTRIK STUTTERHEIM, PROVINSE DIE KAAP DIE GOEIE HOOP

Kragtens artikel 33 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), wysig ek hierby Proklamasie No. 143 van 1967 deur die uitsluiting van die gebiede omskryf in paragraaf (1) en (2) van die Bylae hiervan uit die gebied omskryf in die Bylae daarvan.

PROCLAMATIONS
by the
State President of the Republic of South Africa
No. 150, 1990
DECLARATION OF A GROUP AREA IN TERMS OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT MAYFAIR, DISTRICT OF JOHANNESBURG, PROVINCE OF THE TRANSVAAL

Under section 23 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that the area defined in the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, be an area for occupation and ownership by members of the Indian group.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria this Eighteenth day of August, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE
INDIAN GROUP AREA

The area according to SG Diagram A3824/90, in its entirety.

No. 151, 1990
AMENDMENT OF PROCLAMATION No. 143 OF 1967 UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966.—STUTTERHEIM, DISTRICT OF STUTTERHEIM, PROVINCE OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

Under section 33 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby amend Proclamation No. 143 of 1967 by the exclusion of the areas defined in paragraphs (1) and (2) of the Schedule hereto from the area defined in the Schedule thereto.
By Craig Kotze

A police manhunt was under way this morning in Johannesburg's south-western suburbs for a seven-man gang armed with AK-47 rifles, who ambushed and shot dead two young policemen and two Volkskas bank officials at the Coronation Hospital.

A police helicopter and the Radio 702 helicopter are helping in the search for the killers, who fled on foot.

Resistance by the two policemen resulted in the gang being thwarted and fleeing empty-handed without taking a cent from the Volkskas, which is believed to have contained R300,000, including the payroll for hospital staff.

The money was intended for a Volkskas agency at the hospital.

"It was a heroic battle against all odds. Confronted by seven men with automatic rifles, these young policemen shot back and were gunned down in the line of duty," said police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe.

Bullets

The policemen, aged 26 and 23, and both from the Flying Squad, died in a hail of bullets.

They had just returned from serving with the Namibian police, to whom they were seconded before independence. Their names have not been released.

A police dragnet has been cast around Noordale, Industria, Industria West, Crosby, Bosmont and Westbury with every available man taking part in the search, including detectives from the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad.

Witwatersrand police chief Major-General Gerrit Erasmus is personally monitoring the investigation and has expressed his condolences to the families of the slain policemen and bank officials.

At the time of going to press, no arrests had been made.

Escort

The killers fled in a southerly direction from the Coronation Hospital, which is on the corner of Fuel and Hamilton Streets, after the 6.20 am slayings.

The gunmen are considered extremely dangerous and are not to be confronted in any way by members of the public, said Colonel Malherbe.

He said the policemen were on escort duty for the bank vehicle when they were ambushed.

A shoot-out ensued and both policemen were shot dead outside their car.

The killers arrived at the ambush scene in a Toyota Cressida.

Ironically, it was stolen from top Brixton detective Captain Charles Landman in Florida, Roodepoort, last night.
FOUR Cabinet Ministers and one Deputy Minister gave their tacit support to Johannesburg's historic decision this week to open its residential areas to all races.

They are Barend du Plessis, Minister of Finance and Transvaal leader of the National Party; Pik Botha, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and leader of the NP in Johannesburg; Mr. Hermus Kriel, Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs; Mr. A. A. (Ami) Venter, Minister of Local Government; and Mr. Robert Meyer, Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development.

Also briefed were Mr. Andre Fourie, Deputy Minister of Planning; and Mrs. Sheila Camerer, Transvaal NP information officer.

Other town councils in the Transvaal may soon follow Johannesburg's example, informed sources told Tuesday Star that informal talks had already been held between Johannesburg and the councils of Randburg, Midrand and Sandton.

Similar discussions would soon take place with the Roodepoort, Germiston and Edenvale town councils.

"Initial reaction has been positive and it seems there could be a dramatic breakthrough on a large scale," an NP city councillor said.

Although the Ministers have not yet publicly approved the decision — supported by 36 votes to seven — they were briefed by the city council's HP councillors before and after the council voted in favour of a proposal calling on the authorities to declare Johannesburg a free settlement area.

STEVE McQUILLAN

and

KIT KATZIN

Mr. Fourie's Cabinet colleagues appear to disagree with him by supporting the move in principle but disapproving of the public announcement, say NP spokespersons, that the Government will respect Johannesburg's application for an open city.

On the contrary, informed NP leaders believe Johannesburg will be given the green light to go ahead.

This is despite the fact that white ratepayers have not been consulted and that the fate of the Group Areas Act, which may not be repealed but revised, still hangs in the balance.

As a free settlement area, the whole of Johannesburg would be open to all races. Only sections would open if the Act was merely amended and brought back in disguise.

Allowing residents of individual suburbs to decide whether to admit other races is one option the Government is apparently considering as a means of protecting communities.

The city council, controlled by a joint NP-DP management committee, believes it can best achieve racial harmony by exploiting the free settlement option now, rather than waiting to see if the Group Areas Act will be scrapped in its entirety.

The Ministers were also briefed on the findings of a special task force of six councillors, which looked at the practical implications of opening the city to all races.

The group submitted a unanimous recommendation to the management committee, which formed the basis of the proposal approved by the council this week.

THE decision to open Johannesburg's residential areas was based on recommendation by special task group pointed out by the city council's management committee to study the pact and implications of a free and open city.

The group, known as the "Section 59 committee," was appointed by May and submitted an anonymous report calling for open areas to management committee on August 8. It was made up of three councillors from the Democratic F and three from the United Party.

They were Mr. Sias J. V. A. (chairman), Mr. P. S. de Jager, Mr. J. T. Johns, Mr. F. van der Merwe, Mr. J. J. Pelser, Mr. J. J. E. Theron and Mr. J. J. E. Theron.

The recommendations plan be set as soon as possible and set about implementing. Smuts Airport main gateway to Africa, Benedict and Sars, with the help of the city council, will be attended to in the near future. The HJT plan in close cooperation with private transport companies and all public and private authorities.

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None of the Ministers lodged official or unofficial objections to the plan, which NP sources described as "significant" and which, they said, contrasted sharply with Mr. Fourie's "negative" view earlier this week.

"It was clear that we were given the go-ahead," said an NP source adding that President de Klerk too was probably advised.

On the day the proposal was put to the vote, Mr. Fourie, who represents the conservative Turffontein constituency, warned that Johannesburg was "jumping the gun" by opening its suburbs to all races. But the fact that five of the 36 councillors, including the HP majority, supported the move is a vindication of his position.

The task force, as it is known, was formed to look into the practical implications of opening the city to all races.
The bloody Lid lifted
on DP-NP
'power grab'

KITT KATZIN and STEVE McQUILLAN

THIS week's dramatic decision to
go against the course of power
struggle earlier this year that led
departed colleagues in the cor-
ners of power.

This was revealed by councillor
Cecil Long, the representative for
Robertsham, and was
behind his quitting the
NP caucus and the party
in the wake of the "free
Johannesburg" proposal.

He said that a shift in the
balance of power on
the six-man management
committee — brought
about by the resignation of
the" essential" meeting of
meeting that resulted in
an "unholy alliance" be-
 tween the Democratic
Party and the National
Party.

It was at this point that the
decision was made.

Mr Long termed the DP
and the other two parties
"the DP-NP coalition" or "the
coalition of power grabbers".

"The DP-NP coalition" was
termed as the "final
Cecil Long: Quit NP
coalition.

Only time I was in touch
with Mr Botha over coun-
cel matters was when we
together urged both par-
ties to resolve their prob-
lome in order to get the
budget through.

At that stage, the bal-
ance of power was such
that the DP had doubts it
would be able to have it
approved by a majority vote.

But Mr Long is stick-
ing to his guns. He alleges
he has information to
prove that these were the
players who negotiated the
deal: "I don't expect them
to acknowledge this; it
would be foolish of them to
do so.

The effect of the plot,
said Mr Long, was to
alliance about half of the
NP caucus members, who
were not in favour of such
a coalition.

Cecil Long: Quit NP
coalition.

He named Mr Kruger
as the "Mr Fixit" behind the
Cape Town talks.
"From that point, things
took their course. Obvious-
ly the motion of no-confi-
dence in the NP's
control of the council was
pre-
arranged.

Leaked during the first
meeting that happened be-
fore the realisation of the
day by the DP-NP manage-
ment committee was
voted against power, Mr Long

Marietta Marx: Denied plot claims.

The fall guys

Meanwhile, Mr Bloomberg
and Professor Rudol-
ph, instead of each get-
ing a full 20 DP votes, obtained only 16 apiece.

The "fall guys" on the
side, said Mr Long, were
himself, Mr Fabel, Mr
Kruger and Mr Roets, who
each got 20 votes of the
available 21 votes held by
the NP.

Mr Long: "In addi-
tion to that, they each got
four votes from the CP,
and Ernie Fabel and I got
the vote of Eddie Magid.

Explaining the break-
down in voting, Mr Long
said that the 21 of Johannes-
burg's 21 councillors had
six votes, making a total of
206.

He said the NP sought
an alliance with the DP
because it was "bleeding
to death". In 15 months, the
NP had lost five coun-
cillors.

He said one of the rea-
as for the management
committee was to
ensure that the NP, rul-
ing at the time but los-
ing favour, was able to
push through the budget
vote in June.
Jobless Afrikaners helped out

ADA STIJLJ

A HALF-DOZEN businessmen responded to last week's article in the Saturday Star which exposed the battle for survival by thousands of impoverished, jobless Afrikaners in the Pretoria—Witwatersrand region.

Managing directors of companies, including a major plastics manufacturer, a carpenter and a clothing manufacturer, showed keen interest in giving impoverished Afrikaners full-time jobs.

Another six individual readers responded with offers of temporary gardening or house-keeping jobs for men and women.

And one manufacturer urgently required 20 men to temporarily take the place of his striking black employees.

Kleintjie Pereira of the non-profit welfare programme, "Werk and Oorleef", said all such job offers were welcomed and her organisation was happy to have heard from businessmen.

She said many men and women were still out there, without hope and often without food or shelter, and she hoped that companies and individuals with job opportunities would continue to contact the programme in future.

"Such job offers, even if they fail to materialise into permanent jobs, were more important than most people realised as it gave these people a spark of hope," she said.

"Many of the women, besides having housekeeping abilities, are also well-trained cashiers who often are asked to work during strikes but can't get full-time jobs because these are normally filled by blacks.

"And the men will do any kind of job, they often are excellent artisans who simply require some brief job training to adjust to specific tasks.

"Moreover, our people don't strike, they are too keen to work, to keep themselves and their children."
Bombs explode near Arkansas newspaper office
Compulsory school fees in the pipeline, says DP

PRETORIA — The introduction of a system of compulsory tuition fees at state and provincial schools was likely during the course of 1991, DP education spokesman Roger Burrows said yesterday.

He said one indication of this was Finance Minister Barend du Plessis’s statement at the NP congress in Natal last week that user charges would continue to creep into the economy, even penetrating education.

However, no agreement had been reached on the issue between government, the organized teaching profession and parents’ organizations, Burrows said.

"The last effort was 18 months ago. What makes it a political hot potato is if it is applied only to white schools and is not imposed generally," he said. Right-wing reaction could be strong.

Other sources said the issue had been on the desk of Education and Culture Minister Piet Claise for the past four years.

Before provincial councils were abolished, the Transvaal Provincial Council amended the education ordinance to make provision for compulsory fee paying by parents.

A Transvaal Teachers’ Association (TTA) spokesman said until the scheme was spelled out in detail and all the financial implications were known, it would withhold support.

Among major objections to enforced payment for education by parents was the issue of collection.

This, the TTA felt strongly, was not a burden that should be thrust on teachers.

It was also felt that compulsory school fees were a form of selective and discriminatory taxation.

At least some education authorities believe education has always been, and should remain, a community responsibility.

NUM officials appear in Natal court


NUM general secretary Cyril Ramaphosa was also to have appeared but was excused as he was busy with urgent consultations with labor.

The case is a sequel to a march from the NUM’s Newcastle headquarters to a hotel a few kilometers away.

The case was postponed to October 1 pending a decision by the attorney-general. The accused were released on R50 bail each. — Sapa.
Pretoria Correspondent

A mountain of electric typewriters and audiovisual machines worth millions of rands lay collecting dust in the Transvaal Education Department (TED) stores.

This was revealed in an audit by the Auditor-General's office.

It found that 11 300 electric typewriters to the value of R1.8 million lay in the stores for two years, and new orders had been placed for projectors when there were still hundreds in the stores.

The audit was for 1988/89. A TED spokesman said the machines had since been issued.

In the report, reference was made to a performance audit which revealed "deficiencies in determination of requirements and optimum utilisation of resources".

The department has initiated measures to improve decisions on requirements and the utilisation of equipment.
Shock over new Indian group area

By Louise Burgers, Municipal Reporter

An Indian group area has been proclaimed south of Mayfair, Johannesburg, move described by community leaders as meaningless in the light of the pending removal of the Group Areas Act from the statute book.

The area, an extension of the existing Indian group area in Fordsburg, is bounded by Princess Street in the west, 12th Avenue in the north and Main Reef Road to the south.

It comprises 15 ha and excludes the major part of Mayfair and surrounding areas, which are being investigated as a free settlement area.

A spokesman for the Department of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Theo Smit, said the application was made four years ago by Rand Mine Properties.

"There was a need for more residential land for the Indian population group in Johannesburg," Mr Smit said he did not know why a larger area had not been proclaimed to include Mayfair proper, and pointed out that it was a long process to have an area for one population group proclaimed for another group.

The chairman of the Johannesburg West branch of the ANC, Mohammed Vally Moosa, said the move was an "absolute farce".

"It is meaningless. The Group Areas Act in most of those areas has, de facto, already fallen away, and the Government itself has given a clear indication that it intends to scrap the Act."

Acting spokesman Cass Coovadia said the action by the department was "mind boggling."

"This is crazy. Actions like this indicate that the Government is not serious about saying that race is not a consideration any more."

Mr Coovadia urged the Government to suspend all investigations in terms of the Group Areas Act.

The chairman of the Johannesburg City Council management committee, Ian Davidson, described the proclamation as irrelevant.

"I am amazed that when the Bantu Settlement Board has been requested to open up the whole of Johannesburg and there is talk of the Group Areas Act being scrapped next year, the department should still see itself duty-bound to declare group areas here and there."

"They should rather apply their minds to opening up Johannesburg."

Cassim Saloojee from the Transvaal Indian Congress described the proclamation as senseless.
Pretoria takes first steps to open white areas to all

The first steps leading to the opening of Pretoria's traditionally white areas to other race groups have been announced by the city's management committee.

In what is seen as a precursor to the scrapping of the Group Areas Act by the government, the Pretoria City Council has said it will consider blacks moving into white suburbs on merit.

The chairman of the city's management committee, Mr James Leach, said in a statement the city council was prepared to "consider" applications regarding accommodation by blacks in the light of indications that the Group Areas Act will probably be abolished next year.

The statement came in the wake of criticism by the Democratic Party of the management committee's stand against a black man's application to live in Waterkloof Ridge.

Leach said the National Party in the city council was prepared to "consider applications for accommodation of deserving cases on merit" on the condition they comply to the quality of life and the standards to be set by the Government in general or of a specific area, "and to accordingly make recommendations to the Government".

A DP spokesman last week slammed the management committee's refusal to support an application by Dr. AN Tlaliane to acquire a dwelling in Waterkloof Ridge as "hurtful and short-sighted".

Leach said yesterday it was a fact that the Government was in the process of eliminating the scheme may stipulate in the future that only one family be allowed per dwelling.

Leach emphasised that "everything will not be thrown open at this stage".

Sowetan Correspondent.
Massacre of the innocents

By Guy Jepson
and Julienne du Toit

Two unknown gunmen opened fire on a crowd of commuters at Jeppe station in Johannesburg last night, killing five people and injuring at least 14 in what has been described as a motiveless and senseless attack.

"Four of the dead were women. Both the gunmen and their victims were black.

"This is unreal -- a terrible tragedy," Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe, Witwatersrand police laminu officer said last night.

The attack came out of the blue.

By 7.10 pm the victims were on the scene within minutes and the wounded were rushed to Johannesburg Hospital.

Colonel Malherbe said two men approached the crowd and opened fire with two hand guns.

Total panic

It was later established that the weapons used were 9mm and 7.65mm pistols. The assailants fired at the crowd.

A spokesman for the Johannesburg ambulance department said six ambulances and a disaster bus were on the scene within minutes and the wounded were rushed to Johannesburg Hospital.

The bodies of two women lay sprawled in a passageway inside the station building, near the entrance to John Page Drive.

Two other bodies were found in the same passageway. One was a man, the other a woman.

A police source said police cordoned off the area and nearby shops to prevent the attack.

Police said the attackers were in their late 20s or early 30s.

The attack was quickly contained and no further reports of violence were received.

While the cause of the attack remains unknown, police said they were investigating the possibility of a gang war.

"The area is known for gang activity," a police source said.

An 11-year-old boy and a 12-year-old boy were among the injured.

The victims included a man, a woman and an elderly woman.

The boy was reported to have been hit in the head, while the elderly woman was reported to have been hit in the leg.

Panic broke out at the station as people ran for cover.

"I ran downstairs into the street to find out what was happening. There was total panic. People were running in all directions," said a man who was at the station.

Mike Botes, who was also at the station, said two black men drove off in a white bakkie shortly after the attack.

The bakkie had been parked in the station car park before the attack.

A spokesman for Johannesburg Hospital said a woman was admitted for treatment.

"Eight of them are critical and nine are in a stable condition," the spokesman said.

When The Star visited the casualty section last night, bodies lay on stretchers with drip, oxygen masks and bandages on emergency personnel hurried around them.

Today, three of the 14 people admitted last night were still in a serious condition, a spokesman for the hospital said.

One of the three, a woman shot in the stomach, was more seriously ill than the others.
Who are these merciless angels of death clad in black leather coats?

By ELIAS MALULEKE

POLICE are still baffled by the mysterious "Wit-Wolfie" style shooting at the Jeppie Railway Station and Taxi Rank just after 7pm on Thursday which left five dead and many injured.

Four women and a man were shot dead, while 13 men and two women were admitted to the Johannesburg Hospital in Parktown with bullet wounds - three in a serious condition.

According to the hospital's PRO Jenny Howard two men shot in the spinal cord are in a serious but stable condition. A pregnant woman who lost her baby after she was shot in the stomach is critical.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said between five and seven black men, and not two as reported earlier, armed with 9mm and 7.65mm pistols opened fire on queuing taxi commuters - but there were no further clues about the massacre.

"The police are looking into all possible links, but there is nothing concrete in evidence at this stage to specifically link any particular group - or to say exactly why the shooting happened," the spokesman said.

However, he said witnesses saw the gunmen - who wore identical black pants and black leather coats - open fire before disappearing among the fleeing, panic-stricken people.

Police said after the gunmen opened a volley of shots, they shot wildly as commuters scattered in all directions. The gunmen then mingled with the fleeing people and disappeared in the dark.

When City Press arrived on the scene shortly after the shooting, blood on the walls and the ground glowed in the dark - and the bodies of a man and a woman lay side by side on a pavement in John Pape Avenue, near the station.

Two other bodies of women lay just inside the doorway of the main entrance of the railway station - one wearing a hospital uniform.

A short distance from where they lay, the third body, also of a woman, was sprawled on the steps leading to the platform. Like others, she was still oozing blood.

Clothing, bags and shoes were strewn about. Police collected more than 28 spent cartridges from the station alone.

A witness of the carnage, John Dhlomo, told City Press he was in a nearby cafe when he heard gunshots coming from the station. When he arrived, he found "many" people lying on the ground - but police were busy on the scene and ordered onlookers away.

"There must have been more than 20 people lying injured on the ground before ambulances arrived to take them to hospitals," said Dhlomo.

Witnesses at the Johannesburg Hospital told City Press the taxi rank was cordoned off as there was a shortage of taxis. Most people were on their way home to Soweto after work.

They did not see their assailants. They were shot from behind while they stood in the queue. Others were shot during the stampede as they tried to run away.

Mother-of-five Millicent Shange, 33, a computer operator, said she had just got off a train from Germiston and was on her way to catch a taxi to Zola when she heard gunshots.

"I then felt this stinging pain in my left leg and fell. I tried to get up - but fleeing people forced me down as they jumped over me and I fainted," she said.

Japji Mabholo, 38, a Pick and Pay employee in Kensington, said he was waiting at the taxi rank when he saw people with guns shooting. He could not make out whether they were black or white. He saw people falling around him.

Bennett Nishingilla, 48, was shot in the spine from the back while he was standing in the rear of a queue for taxis to Emakeni North. The father of four children also did not see who shot him.

"I just heard a loud bang similar to a firecracker and felt something hot strike me in the back before I fell down. People started screaming and I started praying," Nishingilla said.

When 25-year-old Samson Buthelezi heard gunshots, he ran - unaware he had been shot in the leg.

"I managed to run a few paces and fell down but I think I was saved by that fall - because as I fainted I was shot in the leg," he said.

City Press was not allowed to speak to some of the victims who were still in a serious condition.

However, most of the victims said they believed the spiralling township violence, which has claimed more than 650 lives on the Reef, may be spilling over into town.

Apart from allegations that police and the SADF are siding with Inkatha and stirring violence in the townships - claims vehemently denied by Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok - the ANC, Cosatu, community organisations and residents also believe a "third force" exists and is trying to foment more violence.

A group nicknamed the "Messengers of Death" has also been driving around townships in a minibus shooting at pedestrians and, in some cases, starting a panic which culminates in further violence between hostel inmates and residents.

The "Messengers of Death" have claimed more than 30 lives since last weekend in Tembisa, Tokosha, Vosloorus and in Naledi, Soweto.

Police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman confirmed the the existence of the gang.

Opperman said the gang was trying to provoke anger and cause disruptions.

He lived to tell the tale: Japji Mabholo was waiting at the taxi rank when he saw people falling around him. by ANDREAS MEYER
Urbanisation seen as a contributor to job opportunities

Finance Staff

Urbanisation could make an important contribution to economic development and employment creation, Development Bank of South Africa policy analyst Stef Coetzee said yesterday.

He told the biennial conference of the DBSA at Wits University unemployment had reached alarming proportions, with 41.5 percent of the potential workforce without formal job opportunities.

A political settlement was needed to improve the economic growth, he said. "However, a change in the pattern of economic growth is needed to promote the economic empowerment of the poor. This can, inter alia, be effected through policies promoting a process of inward industrialisation and appropriate housing policies," he said.

Mr Coetzee said "emphasis will have to be placed on upgrading informal settlements and creation of a more integrated city form, networking the developed and developing parts of our cities more closely than before."
By Juliane du Toit and Sapa

The under-utilised J G Strijdom Hospital and the overcrowded Coronation Hospital in Johannesburg are about to amalgamate their services, Minister of Health Services, Welfare and Housing Sam de Beer announced yesterday.

In a joint statement with the University of the Witwatersrand and the Transvaal Provincial Administration, Mr de Beer said a decision had been taken that initially one of the four main medical disciplines at Coronation Hospital would move to the J G Strijdom.

"Better patient care and an improved utilisation of facilities and manpower will result from this decision," he said.

Implementation

No details were given about the implementation of the decision.

Health organisations said they welcomed the move, but the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union and the National Medical and Dental Association qualified their approval.

Last year, there were repeated calls for the services of the hospitals, which are only 2 km apart, to be amalgamated.

"When the J G Strijdom was declared an "own affairs" hospital last year, there were rumours that the hospital might close when the University of the Witwatersrand withdrew its academic staff.

Patients at Coronation Hospital often had to be transferred to the Lenasia South Hospital, 42 km away, when there was an overflow...
West Rand

march over grievances

By Montshiwa Moroke

Troops and police yesterday stood by while about 5 000 Toekomsrus residents marched to the Randfontein Town Council offices and presented a petition listing their grievances.

The march proceeded without incident despite a Conservative Party warning of possible violent confrontation.

The march was organised to protest against high rents and water and electricity tariffs.

A Toekomsrus Crisis Committee spokesman said a rent boycott was in progress in the township and it would remain in force until grievances had been addressed satisfactorily.

Peaceful rally ... About 5 000 residents of Toekomsrus, near Randfontein, march to present a petition to the town council.

© Picture by Stephen Davimes.
Board recommends opening of two areas in Johannesburg

Pretoria — The Free Settlement Areas Board (FSAB) has recommended in two reports sent to President F W de Klerk that two areas affecting 15 suburbs be declared Johannesburg's first open residential areas.

Yesterday FSAB chairman Hein Kruger declined to comment on the contents of the reports.

One report is based on investigations into Mayfair and Pageview, while the other concerns 14 suburbs in eastern Johannesburg.

However, sources told Business Day the one report recommended that only Mayfair be declared a free settlement area.

The other report recommended all 14 suburbs be declared one free settlement area.

These are Hillbrow, Bellevue, Yeoville, Berea, Doornfontein, New Doornfontein, Judith's Paarl, Bertrams, Lorentzville, portions surrounding Joubert Park, a portion of Houghton Estate up to its boundaries with Killarney Golf Course, Oaklands, Norwood and Orange Grove.

Decision

Kruger said the FSAB received an application from the Johannesburg City Council on Tuesday asking that the board investigate opening the whole of Johannesburg.

The board would decide this week whether it would investigate the application.

The recommendations contained in the two completed reports would not affect a possible investigation by the board into the whole of Johannesburg as it was the board's responsibility to investigate applications, and make recommendations to the President who would make his decision on the basis of the report, Kruger said.

Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said last night the two reports were irrelevant in light of Johannesburg's application.

He said he hoped De Klerk would not act on the recommendations until the board had finalised its investigation into the whole of Johannesburg.
Anger over VAT on Municipal Rates
Survivor tells of gun blitz

By Marguerite Moody, Stan Hlophe and Joe Openshaw

A municipal bus driver yesterday described his horror and fear when four men driving a minibus went on the rampage in central Johannesburg on Wednesday night, shooting indiscriminately at commuters and pedestrians.

The four unidentified AK-47-wielding gunmen left a trail of death and destruction, killing three people and injuring at least 17 during four apparently motiveless attacks.

No arrests have been made.

Speaking from his bed in the Johannesburg Hospital, Jacob Motspe (40) told The Star he had been waiting at the taxi rank on the corner of Folly and Anderson streets when the attack started at about 7.15 pm.

"People were falling down, others were screaming and everyone tried to run away."

He said some people were shot while lying shocked and cowering on the ground. Two men were shot dead.

Seven of the 14 injured taken to the Hillbrow Hospital after the attacks have been discharged. Six had undergone operations and four were critical.

The names of those discharged are Harry Makgotla and Wilson Leruti, both of Natalspruit on the East Rand; Richard Baloyi (24) of Molapo, Soweto; Thomas Mahlaba of Reuilson House; Titus Matlala of Emmarentia; Oscar Khumalo of Bergville and Joseph Mofokeng (42) of Mapetla.

Bongani Gama of Meadowlands has been transferred to Milpark. Those still in hospital are Thomas Modau (25) of Dimini; Clara Mluleka (25) of Chiaelwelo; Phumzile Sibisi; Elias Pokotana (45) of Moletsane; Daniel Suku (23) of Molapo and Jacob Mashi-fane (30) of KwaThema.

Of the two patients besides Mr Motspe admitted to the Johannesburg Hospital on Wednesday, a woman who was wounded in the stomach underwent surgery and was in a stable condition early yesterday. A third person was discharged.
Rowdy CP supporters disrupt NP meeting

By Melody McDougall, Vereeniging Bureau

A rowdy group of Conservative Party supporters disrupted a National Party meeting in Vereeniging for more than an hour before being marched out of the town hall by police.

The group then congregated in the foyer of the hall where they continued to sing throughout an address by Finance Minister and leader of the NP in the Transvaal, Barend du Plessis.

The drama unfolded when the 300-strong CP contingent booted and stamped their feet, so that the guest speakers, including Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen, were inaudible.

Barend Keel, the defeated CP candidate in last year’s general election, who appeared to be the leader of the group, repeatedly demanded to share the platform.

In his address Mr du Plessis said the message from the National Party was that it still supported the preservation of white rights.

Democracy

Stating that no person had the opportunity to negotiate with God about his or her skin colour, he said the NP stood for differentiation — not on the basis of racial discrimination, but on a cultural level.

A democracy could only work if the Government was responsible and representative in the form of a multi-party system, he said.

Referring to the continuing violence in the country, Mr du Plessis said everyone was sick and tired of strikes, stayaways and senseless killings. However, internationally South Africa had the moral high ground and everyone would just have to be patient and sweat out the difficult times.

Although he gave the assurance that matters would improve once negotiations got underway, he declined to elaborate on the Government’s strategy.

Mr du Plessis praised Mr F W de Klerk’s bold move in unbanning organisations like the ANC and PAC. He said his timing, which coincided with the collapse of communism in Europe, was “absolutely brilliant” and was the salvation of the South African nation.
White parents, tolerant of mixed education

Karen Standley, Education Reporter

Most parents of white suburban schools,
Ennerdale boycott goes on.

Residents of Ennerdale, south of Johannesburg, decided yesterday to continue boycotting the payment of service charges until the local management committee introduces "affordable" rates. Their refusal to pay follows the arrest of several people after battles between police and residents last week when residents marched to the Ennerdale Civic Centre, which was later set alight. — Staff Reporter.
Fresh bid to resolve boycott

By Melody McDougall, Vereeniging Bureau

Vanderbijlpark Town Council's management committee and a Cosatu delegation are to meet tomorrow for talks in yet another attempt to resolve the ongoing consumer boycott issue in the town.

Discussions between the parties were earlier called off after a disagreement about certain conditions laid down for the meeting.

The consumer boycott, which began in July, was lifted several weeks ago in Vereeniging, Meyerton and Sasolburg but is still continuing in Vanderbijlpark."
Koster residents win forced removal battle

A Transvaal community faced with removal under apartheid laws has won its resistance battle—giving a morale boost to similar communities.

Over 350 families at the old section of Reagile township, near Koster, in the western Transvaal, will be spared, said MH Hathorn, of the Legal Resources Centre (LRC).

The LRC had been formally notified of the decision by the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs on Tuesday.

Lawyers defending the community obtained an interim court order forbidding removal in 1988, after 53 homes had already been demolished.

Transvaal Provincial Administration authorities recently met with residents of Koster who assured them they had no objection to the community living in the neighbouring township.

Mr Hathorn said the unwavering resistance of the community had saved many houses from the authorities.

He hoped that other townships under threat would also be saved.

One of the threatened townships is Onkasie in Brits. — Sapa.
Self-styled sheriff's fall from grace

There are doubts whether Justice Commissioner, the elected official of the City Hall, who is also the President of the Board of Public Safety, could be caught in a corruption scandal.

By Louise Squires

The Fall of the Sheriff's Office

Prime Minister Dr. Francis Payne was implicated in the corruption scandal involving his office. He was accused of accepting bribes and misusing public funds.

In June 1966, the sheriff was reported to have led a party of over 200 officers, which was accused of making excessive use of force during a protest.

In December 1965, the sheriff was reported to have ordered a raid on a suspected drug den.

In February 1966, the sheriff was reported to have attended a private conference in Mexico, raising questions about his official duties.

The sheriff's office was criticized for its handling of public safety issues, including its response to the drug war.

The sheriff's office was also accused of making exorbitant compensation to its officers.

The sheriff's office was reported to have used its resources for personal gain, including the purchase of expensive private jets.

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Police-student clash averted

By Karen Sandefur
Education Reporter

A confrontation between Wits University students and armed riot police was narrowly averted yesterday when policemen blocking the path of a student march were ordered back.

The students had planned to march to the Hillbrow Police Station to hand over a memorandum after a meeting on campus to express concern at the recent township violence and to protest against Operation Iron Fist. Permission for the march was refused by a Johannesburg magistrate.

Instead, the students marched around the perimeter of the campus to Jorissen Street, where they were met by police.

While students waited on the edges of the campus, deputy vice-chancellor Professor Mervyn Shear intervened, asking police not to take action.

Police allowed a delegation to hand over the memorandum and student leaders told the several thousand students to march back.

Tension arose when this was greeted by protest, and students and police faced each other in a stand-off for a few minutes.

Confrontation was averted when the policemen turned and ran back. The students then dispersed peacefully.

At the mass meeting earlier, vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton read a statement calling for the appointment of a judicial commission of inquiry to investigate the causes of the violence, the impartiality and effectiveness of the police in controlling the violence and those responsible.

Former SA Council of Churches general secretary Dr Beyers Naude said law and order had to be based on justice for all, otherwise it led to disorder and bloodshed.
Boycott comes to an end

The 12-week-old consumer boycott in Vanderbijlpark came to an end yesterday after the town council accepted demands by the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) to hold marches through its streets.

And the Vaal Triangle MDM wasted no time taking advantage of the latest breakthrough — it said yesterday it would submit an application for a protest march.

And it warned in a statement the boycott could be resumed if the town council failed to give the march the go-ahead.

Other successes claimed by the MDM included an agreement with the council's management committee to take the issue of more land being made available to local townships to the next council meeting, and a committee agreement to discuss with other white Vaal Triangle-town councils the possibility of establishing one council for all.

"It is anticipated that the town council will enter into responsible negotiations with the Boycott Committee in the planning of this march," the MDM said. "Subject to the cooperation of the council on this matter, the boycott will then be lifted."

A council spokesman was not available for comment.
VEREENIGING — Mass Democratic Movement affiliates in the Vaal Triangle have agreed to suspend the consumer boycott in Vanderbijlpark with immediate effect.

The boycott began on July 16.

The Consumer Boycott Committee (CBC) said yesterday the suspension was the result of a change in position by the Vanderbijlpark Town Council, which has accepted the right of all South Africans to protest.

During a meeting between the council’s management committee and the CBC last week, the committee also undertook to discuss the issue of more land for townships. — Own Correspondent.
Waste over the city... Smog and smoke fill Johannesburg’s skies at 7 am on a supposedly clear summer’s day. This scene was captured even before factories started belching fumes into the atmosphere.

Highveld ‘one of most polluted areas in the world’

The Eastern Transvaal Highveld has been assessed as one of the most polluted areas in the world - with Eskom taking the rap for the bulk of the pollution.

However, Eskom communications services manager Andre van Heerden notes that there are eight major power stations which fall into the small area tested and that usually the level of pollution in the area is well within international standards.

“Depending on the conditions at the time the level of pollutants may vary considerably with, for example, the contribution from industry.”

“The test results which showed the high level of pollution were taken during a peak period. These results were then compared to figures for the whole of West Germany rather than a heavily industrialized area.”

“Eskom is now trying to change the perception that these reports created,” says Mr van Heerden.

The Eskom approach is based on priorities, he says.

The levels of pollution in the townships, mainly because of coal and wood fired stoves, is two-and-a-half times the levels on the Eastern Transvaal Highveld.

In addition the pollution contains a high level of solids as, unlike the emissions from the power stations, these are not removed.

During the winter, temperature inversions trap the smog over the townships and expose the inhabitants to high levels of pollution.

The rain in South Africa is already more acid than that usually found in other parts of the world and this has caused local plant life to have a higher adaption to acid rain.

To remove the sulphur dioxide from the power station emissions would require fitting the power stations with scrubbers at an estimated cost of R1 billion per power station.

Thus, to fit scrubbers to the eight rain stations in the Eastern Transvaal Highveld would cost around R8 billion.

On the other hand he estimates that the cost of providing electricity to almost every township in South Africa would cost around R6 billion and there would not be a resulting increase in the cost of power.

“By doing this we would be making a greater contribution to cutting pollution for a larger number of people.”

“The electrification of the townships is therefore, a higher priority and we will address this first.”

“Once this has been done then we would look at the Eastern Transvaal Highveld again,” says Mr van Heerden.

Power stations create a lot of ash during their operations and the bulk of this goes out through the smoke stack. However, Eskom has fitted precipitators to all its power station.

These are large electrically charged plates. The ash stick to the plates and 90 percent to 99 percent of the ash is removed.

Eskom has recently spent another R100 million installing sulphur trioxide injection systems which increase the efficiency of the ash extraction process.

Eskom uses a lower grade of coal than anywhere else in the world - this produces about 40 percent by-volume of ash.

The ash is finding commercial application as both a cement extender and for making bricks.

However, at this stage the bulk of the ash is dumped.

A disposal site will have its topsoil and seeds removed and the ash is placed on the site and then covered with the top soil and the area reseeded.
SUE OLSWANG

THE All Schools for All People (ASAP) Campaign is working against the
clock in a determined ef-
fort to see many of Johan-
nesburg's white state
schools opened to black pupils for the start of the 1981 school year.
The ASAP campaign was
established last year in re-
sponse to the crisis over the
Johannesburg High School
for Girls (Barnato Park),
which was threatened with
closure because of declining
numbers of white pupils.
The campaign was founded by
a host of subscribing organisa-
tions including the Black Sash,
the Five Freedom's Forum, the
Transvaal Teachers' Associa-
tion, the SA Council of Churches,
the Johannesburg Democratic
Alliance, the Union of Demo-
cratic University Staff Associa-
tion, and the SA Association
of Independent Schools.
The Saturday Star discussed
the campaign earlier this week
with two members of the ASAP's north-east Johannesburg
committee. The members are
Professor Bruce Murray, head of the University of the Wit-
watersrand's Department of
History and chairman of the Ac-
ademic Support Committee in
the Faculty of Arts, and Mary
Metcalf, a lecturer in the De-
partment of Education at Wits
University.

Unequal facilities

"A large number of the Trans-
vaal Education Department
(TED) schools in north-east
Johannesburg are operating at
very much below their capacity
... while nearby Alexandra is
experiencing tremendous over-
crowding in classrooms," Profes-
or Murray said.

Professor Murray said
ASAP's north-east committee is
concentrating its efforts on
opening white schools to black
pupils residing in Alexandra and
Johannesburg's north-eastern
suburbs. "Opening white schools
won't entirely solve the educa-
tion crisis in Alexandra but at
least its move in the right direc-
tion."

Professor Murray said the
ASAP north-east committee has
been establishing contact with
school principals and staff
members, school management
committees and representatives
of the Alexandra community to
device guidelines for the open-
ing of Johannesburg TED
schools to pupils of all races by
the start of the next school year.

He said ASAP sponsored a re-
cent meeting between manage-
ment committees of north-east
Johannesburg schools to consid-
er the guidelines for opening
schools in 1991. The manage-
ment committees are now fol-
lowing up by consulting parents
to ascertain whether they should
apply to the Minister of Educa-
tion to open up in 1991 in accor-
dance with any one of the three
models recently outlined by the
Minister.

"The Minister's initiative has
come very late," Professor Mur-
ray said, "and it is now a race
against the clock to see whether
we can get schools opened in
1989."

Mrs Metcalfe said a number
of considerations or guidelines
would have to be taken into ac-
count for the process of change.

These include factors like age
and admission ranges, numbers,
selection and placement, staffing
and funding.

"The consensus so far is that
age ranges are important and
should not be too divergent," she
said. "A limit of one or two
years over the average age of
the class seems to be accept-
able.

"Discussions about admission
ranges have pointed to admissi-
on at all levels of primary
school. Standard 6 seems to be
the ideal starting point for high
school admission so the empha-
sis will be placed there, but
there will also be admission into
Standards 7 and 8. Standard 9
and 10 have been seen as prob-
lematic."

Mrs Metcalfe said it was
highly unlikely there would be
an immediate attempt to fill all
vacant places in north-east
white schools as the aim was to
rather move gradually into ad-
mitting new groups.

In schools that decide to go
the private route, or to become
state-aided schools, teaching
staff might probably be drawn
from all race groups.

Workshops will have to be
held to help teachers cope with
pupils from different learning
backgrounds and life experi-
ences.

Mrs Metcalfe said black
pupils will most likely be re-
quired to contribute to school
funds in order to maintain faci-
lities, and the ASAP is planning
to launch a major campaign
to establish a bursary trust fund
for black pupils.

ASAP branches are also
operating in Mayfair, Johannes-
burg north-west and Johannes-
burg east.

Professor Maceen, the rector
of Pretoria's Onderwys-
kollege, has warned that tradi-
tional white education will vit-
ually disappear in a new po-
litical dispensation.

Professor Maceen, who is also
chairman of the Transvaal Onder-
wynsvereniging (TOV) and the Teachers' Federal Coun-
cil (TFC), made this statement
when he spoke to representa-
tives of the Afrikaans teacher
organisation.

Referring to the new school
models announced recently,
Professor Maceen said the Gov-
ernment has shown a determi-
nation to take interim steps to
change and there are indications
there will be numerous govern-
ment schools allowing pupils of
other races by next year.
GROUP AREAS - TRANSVAAL

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Students’ ‘no’ to PAC-Govt talks

The Witwatersrand region of the Pan Africanist Students’ Organisation (Paso) has rejected the Government’s invitation to the PAC to hold exploratory talks, saying the invitation was an attempt to co-opt liberation movements into the system.

At Paso’s first annual Witwatersrand regional congress in Soweto at the weekend, it turned down the invitation and called for the intensification of the armed struggle.

Paso Witwatersrand organiser Mandla Matiko said negotiations would not bring about the total emancipation of "the dispossessed African masses". The land issue, he said, remained not negotiable.
Pals Holdings

Pals Holdings is the latest Cape clothing manufacturer to trim dividends after a squeeze on profits.

Although turnover jumped by
Second Areas Act permit granted

A SECOND Group Areas Act permit - this time to a black medical doctor - has been granted to a person of colour to live in Waterkloof Ridge.

Obvious activity within the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works in granting permits has come as an indication that the Government has started moving in spite of the Pretoria City Council dragging its feet in giving comment on group area applications.

The successful application, and another by a prominent Indian businessman, form part of about 10 applications submitted to the department by people of colour who want to live in Waterkloof Ridge.

The latest permit has been issued to Dr AN Thulane to buy a house and live at 253 Antares Street, Waterkloof Ridge Extension 1, in spite of an indication by the Pretoria City Council's management committee that it did not support his application. - Sowetan Correspondent
Hillbrow flat raids

JOHANNESBURG — Police and Inkatha members are assisting landlords who exploit black tenants in grey residential areas, it was claimed here.

The allegation made by Actstop, however, were denied by the police and Inkatha's youth leader, Mr Thembisa Khoza. Actstop has 75 flat committees in Hillbrow and adjoining suburbs. Actstop spokesperson, Mr Pres- sago Nkosi, said police on Monday evicted residents from a flat in Hillbrow for a landlord without a court order. Actstop members had said they would set up a mechanism to defend themselves.

Approached for comment, a Hillbrow police spokesperson said: "I am not prepared to say anything to you about Actstop."
Exile Prof Davies back, joins UWC

Political Staff

A FORMER Cape Town resident, South African affairs specialist Professor Rob Davies, has returned from exile and joined the University of the Western Cape, UWC disclosed yesterday.

He has been appointed to UWC's Centre for Southern African Studies as co-director to Professor Peter Vale, who joined UWC earlier this year.

Prof Davies completed his doctorate at the University of Sussex.

He was in exile for 19 years. For the past 11 years he worked at the Eduardo Mondlane University's Centre for Southern African Studies in Mozambique.

Prof Davies said he was attracted to UWC "as a research institution and because of its contribution to the national democratic struggle".
PROCLAMATION
by the Acting
State President of the Republic of South Africa

No. 178, 1990

AMENDMENT OF PROCLAMATION No. 66 OF 1986 UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT MIDRAND, DISTRICT OF JOHANNESBURG, PROVINCE OF THE TRANSVAAL

Under section 33 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby amend Proclamation No. 66 of 1986 from the date of publication of this Proclamation by the exclusion of the area defined in the Schedule hereto from the area defined in the Schedule thereto.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria this Twenty-fourth day of September, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

G. VAN N. VILJOEN,
Acting State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION ACCORDING TO PROCLAMATION DIAGRAM SG 5641/86

The area depicted on Proclamation Diagram SG 5641/86, being a proclamation area over the farm Allandale 10 IR, Administrative District of Johannesburg, Province of the Transvaal, in its entirety.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

No. 2351 5 October 1990

PRESENTATION OF LETTER OF APPOINTMENT

It is hereby notified that Mr Hannu Seppo Ilmari Uusi-Videnjoja, Chargé d'affaires of Finland, presented his Letter of Appointment to Mr R. F. Botha, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Africa, in Pretoria on 13 September 1990.

Mr Uusi-Videnjoja is the successor to Mr H. K. J. Mantyvaara.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

No. 2331 5 October 1990

ALIENS ACT, 1937

CHANGE OF SURNAME.—LEEuw TO FLANDERS

The Minister of Home Affairs has been pleased under the provisions of section 9 of the Aliens Act, 1937 (Act No. 1 of 1937), to authorise Boetman Abram Leeuw and his minor child Shurldrae Abram, residing at 114 Kudu Street, Newtown, Athlone, to assume the surname of Flanders.

DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE

No. 2351 5 Oktober 1990

AANSTELLINGSBRIEFoorHANDIGING

Hierby word bekendgemak dat mnr. Hannu Seppo Ilmari Uusi-Videnjoja, Saakgelastigde van Finland, op 13 September 1990 sy Aanstellingsbrief aan mnr. R. F. Botha, Minister van Buitelandse Sake van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika, in Pretoria oorhandig het.

Mnr. Uusi-Videnjoja is die opvolger van mnr. H. K. J. Mantyvaara.

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DEPARTEMENT VAN BINNELANDSE SAKE

No. 2331 5 Oktober 1990

WET OP VREEMDELINGE, 1937

VANSVERANDERING.—LEEuw IN FLANDERS

Dit het die Minister van Binnelandse Sake behaag om, kragtens die bepalings van artikel 9 van die Wet op Vreemdelinge, 1937 (Wet No. 1 van 1937), Boetman Abram Leeuw en sy minderjarige kind Shurldrae Abram, woonagig te Kudustraat 114, Newtown, Athlone, te maglig om die van Flanders aan te neem.
A Johannesburg businessman claims his sick black friend was refused admission to the Edenvale hospital last week.

Ian Bromley said a houseman had diagnosed pneumonia and said the man had to be admitted immediately.

However, a nursing sister overruled the doctor and said the patient must be transferred to Tembisa or Hillbrow hospitals. Mr Bromley said he asked the doctor what would happen if a white man had come in with pneumonia.

The doctor replied that the white patient would "most probably" have been admitted.

A spokesman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration said Edenvale's superintendent, Dr Mervin Damelin, had been contacted about Mr Bromley's allegations.

His reply was that Edenvale Hospital was full.
INTOLERABLE conditions in the townships coupled with a desire for a better life have contributed to an influx of black professionals into white suburbs.

This emerged from interviews with some of the black professionals who have abandoned townships around Johannesburg.

A businessman, who requested anonymity, said the living conditions in the "traditional" townships were abominable and forced people with "means" to find better living places in the white suburbs.

"Some people have moved into the new extensions. Living conditions there are better than in the traditional townships. However, people like me, who could afford it, went for the best — the white suburbs," he said.

Blacks seeking better standards in white areas

A young doctor said ever since he left Soweto more than a year ago he had had no reason to "yearn for what I left behind".

He said that in a Johannesburg suburb he had more privacy than ever before as he now had a bigger house.

Consumer Institute for Research and Promotion director Elridge Mathabula described conditions in the townships as "barbaric and not conducive to human habitation".

Mathabula, who recently vacated his Parktown house for a house in Soweto (a new black suburb on the East Rand), said he had been forced to leave the township because of the "unacceptable" conditions there.

"Black townships are barbaric. The streets are dusty and litter is strewn all over the place. The houses and yards are small. You do not have room for a proper garden or a swimming pool," he said.

He conceded, however, that life in a white suburb was not always "rosy" and had taken its toll on him. "I found myself exposed to a totally different culture. I started missing being among my own people. "But I was not keen on returning to the township mess I had left behind. That is why I decided to leave the city and move into Spruitview," he said.
Ex-white land set for black ownership

By Norman Chandler, Pretoria Bureau

The Government plans to make available to blacks about 9,500 ha of previously white-owned farms in several Transvaal and Natal areas, it was announced yesterday.

Some of the land will be added to KwaZulu and KwaNgwane while in other instances, tribal areas will benefit.

A portion of the affected land is in the Ngotsho area, near Vryheid, and the remainder at Wakkerstroom, Amersfoort and Nelspruit.

The proposal is the first on the sensitive issue of land ownership since a meeting of self-governing territories, the Government and the four provincial Administrators decided in Pretoria earlier this month to recommend the repealing of the 1913 Black Land Act and the 1938 Development Trust and Land Act, known collectively as the Land Act.

The repealsments would, essentially, allow people of another colour to farm or live on land previously reserved for whites.

The meeting’s recommendation has been vigorously opposed by the Transvaal Agricultural Union, which last Friday held a protest meeting in Pretoria after 95 percent of the province’s 16,000 white farmers voted in a referendum to preserve sole control of the land for whites only.

Delegates have given the Government until November to come up with new proposals.

According to J H W Menta, chairman of the Commission for Co-operation and Development, it is proposed that the parcel of land under consideration be made available for black occupation.

Portioned off

At Ngotsho, portions of farms known as Frischgewaagd, Lisbon, Waterval, Doornplaats, Dwarsrand and Magut are proposed for blacks while at Wakkerstroom, the 1,000 ha farm Doornfontein could be added to the existing black residential area known as Driehoek Kaffir Locality.

Portions of the farm Viakpoort are scheduled to be added to Daggakraal in the Amersfoort district while Broederswrede, in the Nelspruit district, is planned to be acquired by the SA Development Trust and then added to KwaNgwane.

The commission has decided to meet at Wakkerstroom on November 2, at Louwsburg on November 6 and at Nelspruit on November 7 to hear objections to their proposals.
ET Cons to prove platinum find

By Derek Tommey

Eastern Transvaal Consolidated Mines (ET Cons), which has been mining gold in the Barberton area of the Eastern Transvaal for more than 100 years, could undergo a metamorphosis.

It has found nickel, copper and platinum group metals on the farm Slaaihoek, where it owns the mineral rights and mining title.

The chairman, Mr Rob Wilson, said last night that ET Cons was to spend R5.1 million determining the nature and extent of the mineralisation on the farm. He said some R3.5 million would be spent in the current financial year (which ends in June, 1991).

This expenditure would be in addition to the proposed R6.3 million for other prospecting.

Prospecting

The prospecting programme on Slaaihoek should be completed towards the end of next year.

ET Cons has been intensively seeking new gold deposits to offset the depletion of reserves at its New Consort mine. ET Cons is also prospecting in the vicinity of its Sheba and Agnes mines.

In the year ended June total gold-bearing ore reserves dropped from 1 364 000 tons averaging 3.133 g/t to 937 000 tons averaging 4.067 g/t.

ET Cons shareholders agreed at the annual meeting yesterday to sub-divide their ordinary 50c shares into 20 shares of 2.5c each.

ET Cons shares are currently trading at 10.30c. The split should lead to the price of ET Cons shares becoming a more manageable 5.15c.
Workers' library stagers on

By SANDILE MEMELA

THE two-year-old Workers' Library, aimed at improving the literary and cultural knowledge of trade-union members and working-class people, has not borne much fruit, chief librarian Emmanuel Kgomo told City Press this week.

The library, at Gilhove Chambers on the corner of De Villiers and Wanderers streets in Johannesburg, was launched with a flourish at the Wits Flower Hall in 1995 — but only a trickle of workers have come to make use of the rows of books.

The aim of the library was to provide a forum for workers to discuss issues affecting them, and to offer facilities for learning.

"We aimed at establishing a network for workers to discuss their problems and come to grips with running their own lives," said Kgomo.

The goals of the library have not yet been reached.

"We are still trying to identify means that will best satisfy the aspirations of the workers." Kgomo said most workers who visited the library were looking for jobs or information that could help them meet their immediate physical needs of food and shelter.
Many facilities on Reef are free – or almost free

Staff Reporter

While certain platteland towns are increasing entrance fees to municipal amenities to enforce segregation, ratepayers on the Reef can use facilities such as pools, libraries, parks and public toilets for free or for a small charge.

The fees charged by some Conservative municipalities for amenities are in some cases hundreds of rands more than ratepayers in, for example, Johannesburg, Randburg and Sandton pay.

In Johannesburg and Sandton, anyone living or working there may join the library free of charge.

In Randburg, entrance to municipal swimming pools is free and in Johannesburg it costs an adult R1.40, while children and senior citizens can take a dip for 40c.

This compares with the R15 non-residents in Vanderbijlpark will have to pay for a swim in the municipal pools. To avoid paying the tariff, residents must produce water and electricity accounts.

In several platteland towns, non-residents must pay R100 and R500 to join the library.

In Bethal the library membership for non-residents is R500 a year. And in Pietersburg, non-residents have to pay R100 to use the library, while residents can join for R12.

In public parks on the Reef, there are few places where people have to pay, but in Newcastle, the local caravan park is to be fenced off and an entrance fee will be charged.

Visitors to the local dam in Potchefstroom will now pay R3 a person instead of the previous fee of R3 a vehicle.
Actstop urges action against CP councils

CIVIC Associations countrywide are being urged by Actstop to take action against Conservative Party councils which refuse to heed the scrapping of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act.

Spokesman Mohamed Dangor said this week people should force recalcitrant councils to implement the law by way of organised protest, marches, and court action.

Threatening that CP councillors and CP municipalities could be tied up in litigation for the next 20 years, Actstop further urged Lawyers for Human Rights, the National Association for Democratic Lawyers and the Black Lawyers' Association to assist any individual or civic association which had to go to court.

"It is the start of the Martin Luther King era of the 1950's in South Africa when people who are blocked, will go in their thousands to the front doors of previously segregated amenities to demand entry," Dangor said.

Weapons

"Their weapons will be exposure and embarrassment," he said.

Dangor said Actstop had urged the powerful umbrella body, Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Casts) representing all civic associations in the area, to adopt this form of protest.

"To the CP councils who defy the law, we say if you want to retain your apartheid signs, then you must also put up the white's only signs outside your businesses."
Home loans:
Lenders wary of grey areas

FINANCIAL institutions are showing reluctance to grant loans in at least one grey area.
The Weekly Mail has come across two incidents of people being refused bonds in different properties in Bertrams, Johannesburg. Banks and building societies polled by The Weekly Mail have denied they have national bans on granting bonds in certain areas — but most say decisions are left to regional managers.

Estate agent Eileen Kovacz, who operates in Bertrams, remarks: "They say Bertrams is a high-risk area because it's 99 percent black."

She says if there is already a bond on the property the bank or building society may grant a "takeover bond" but is only prepared to give 65 percent to 70 percent of the bond amount being asked for.

It’s virtually impossible to buy a house in Bertrams unless a company bond is available, reckons Kovacz.

A journalist for a major newspaper, Glynis O'Hara, was flung off a bond by the United Building Society for a house in Judith's Paarl. However, the SA Perm was willing to grant a bond — at R10,000 less than was asked for.

Her experience suggests that even where bonds are granted, house prices are pushed down.

De Huizemark chairman Piet Hamman goes further. He is adamant that financial institutions are refusing to grant loans in suburbs like Hillbrow, Joubert Park, Jeppe, Bee Valley, and Malvern.

Applications for loans in these areas are either flatly refused or the terms offered make things very difficult for prospective buyers.

If Hamman is correct, the reluctance to grant bonds in those areas threatens to push a decline in those areas.

"If this is happening it would make the prophecy that grey areas will become slums self-fulfilling," agrees property economist Neville Berkowitz.

The refusal to grant bonds restricts the sale of properties and condemns the areas to slumdom. Buyers' only alternative is to find cash; other owners will have to rent out their properties on a large-scale, accepting low rentals for them.

UBS MD Mike De Blanche says decisions are left to the local boards. "There are a few areas where we do not grant loans, for instance where we feel the general area to be dilapidated. Most areas would qualify for loans. Any area would be reviewed on a regular basis."

"Each branch would have its own specific policy," says the SA Perm senior GM Peter Hibbitt. But he says the stability of the area is important in assessing the risk of individual applications.

Allied Building Society MD Don Hunter says there is no blanket policy on granting loans in certain suburbs. "There are minimum standards. We have to have some cut-off point below which we don't lend," Hunter says. The dwelling and the ability to pay the loan are assessed.

This is mirrored by First National Bank GM Jimmy Mckenzie, who says decision-making on bonds is decentralised.

"The regional general managers probably know the areas they want to be in."

He adds: "Every case would be evaluated in terms of risk."

Mckenzie says FNB has done business in grey areas, such as Hillbrow.

"We haven't a formal policy," says Standard Bank senior GM Dennis Madsen. "We look at each case on its merits. There must be value in any house or flat we decide to finance."

In the US, financial institutions have "red lined" certain areas into which blacks move, causing prices to fall. Estate agents have been accused of engineering red lining to snap up properties cheaply for later gentrification or for use as office space.

In South Africa, fears of "bond boycotts" by disgruntled residents similar to the widespread rent boycotts in the townships may be causing banks and building societies to think twice about granting bonds in grey areas.
State has firm control

on country — De Clerk

By Peter Parker

Stability

The debate was wide-ranging and
the government's policies were
the subject of intense scrutiny.

Porters at Transvaal

The Transvaal's transport
network was under increasing
pressure due to the rise in fuel
prices and the shortage of
resources.

Lashing out

In response to the growing
instability, the Transvaal
government took strong
measures to maintain
control.

Political confronted

The government faced a
difficult challenge in
managing the complex
dynamics of the country's
political landscape.

De Clerk
‘Wit Wolwe’ threaten black patient

POTGIETERSRUS — A group of armed men claiming to be Wit Wolwe gathered outside the “whites-only” Voortrekker Hospital on Thursday last week and threatened to remove a black woman patient admitted for special surgery.

For her own safety she

was transferred to another section reserved for Indians, said the doctor who had recommended her admission.

A witness said the men were armed with pistols, batons and rifles.

Black patients in the area are usually admitted to the nearby Mokopane Hospital.

Transvaal Hospital Services MEC Fanie Ferreira warned that people who behaved in an obstructive manner were trangressing the law.

He said nobody could be turned away from any hospital in the province, especially in cases of extreme urgency.

“This kind of disgusting behaviour makes me ashamed of my own town,” said Rita Nel, a Potgietersrus resident.
Whites replace black workers after strike

By DESMOND BLOW

A PIETERSBURG window-and-door-frame factory owned partly by Transvaal administrator Danie Hough's wife has fired all its black employees and hired whites to do their jobs.

The whites are earning exactly the same wages as the former employees.

Danie Hough had been a director of the business, NTY Staalwerke, since the 1960s, but last year his wife Mignonette, 49, and Klaradyn Booyens, 37, took over his share of the company with R100 capital, renaming it NTY (Lebowa) CC.

Seven months after the new owners took over, the 80-old black employees were told they would have to work a four-day week with reduced pay. When they objected, they alleged four of them were fired.

The rest of the black workforce then went on strike and were summarily dismissed a few days later.

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However, he admitted that many of the white employees were not up to the standard or as reliable as the blacks.

"About half our white employees are from special schools," he said, "which means they are not as efficient and they are also prone to industrial accidents. The staff turnover among whites has also been high."

Quinn blames Nactu for the loss of jobs.

"When I expressed concern that men with long service would be left destitute, Theo Ramalama, Nactu’s representative for the fired workers, said it meant that millions were without jobs and that 20 more would not make any difference."

The union denies Quinn’s version. It maintains the workers only went on strike when four employees, one a shop steward, were arbitrarily fired.

Pietersburg attorney Jan Stemmet, who represented the factory in talks with the union, said there was a certain amount of truth in the stories of Quinn and the union.

He said workers were told the factory had either to cut down on the hours worked or people would have to be retrenched.

He said the workers refused to work shorter hours.

Stemmet said the four workers were not fired but retrenched, because that was the only alternative to working shorter hours.

He also denied the four had been retrenched because of their connection with the union, and were regarded as troublemakers by the owners.
ANC open in mixed area

Staff Reporter

The Johannesburg East branch of the ANC was launched yesterday.

Sixty new members were signed up, bringing the membership to 210.

Newly elected secretary, Benita Pavlovic, said the turnout had been "good" with 135 members attending.

The new branch includes the suburbs of Doornfontein, Troyeville, Kensington, Ber. Valley, Jeppe, Bertrams, Judiths

Paarl and Malvern.

The cultural diversity of the area forced the branch to issue leaflets in six languages: Sotho, Zulu, Afrikaans, English, Portuguese and Italian.

Sapa reports that more than 8,000 people yesterday attended the official launch of the Thabong Civic Organisation in Welkom.

Spokesman Lazarus Masoka said one of the resolutions adopted was to demand the resignation of the Thabong Town Council.
Developers warned to act with caution

There should be “extreme caution” in the development of industrial property on a speculative basis in a market “awash with mini factories”.

This warning to developers comes from Brian Langford of API Property, who has studied mini-factory growth points.

He says: "During the past year, the Robertville and Stornmill areas alone have supported about 40 000 sq m of “spec” development either completed or under construction, while on the East Rand, the area around Isando currently has about 70 000 sq m of factory space due to be completed by the middle of next year."

These ventures involve institutions. Activity by private investors in the industrial market should also be taken into account.

API’s investigations into the availability of industrial land in Edenvale and Kempton Park reveal that anyone requiring large tracts of land has a problem.

“As well as being expensive, Sabenza and Eastleigh are almost fully sold and Spartan and Isando are both almost fully developed,” says Mr Langford.

In Wadeville, an area with historically low rentals, owners are finding they are now achieving much higher rent levels."
Jo'burg, Ready for 5-Star Visitors

By Adam Gordon

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Proposals invited for Onderberg sugar mill

By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

The Government is to invite entrepreneurs to submit proposals for the building of a new sugar mill in the Onderberg region of the Eastern Transvaal and KwaZulu.

Trade and Industry Minister Kent Durr announced yesterday that the Sugar Association would shortly publish a press advertisement formally inviting applications.

Mr Durr said he was "enthusiastic" about the extra jobs that would be created and the possibility of establishing a substantial number of small cane farmers in KwaZulu.

But he cautioned that the Government was not able to provide any guarantees that there would be extra irrigation water. International agreements needed for the construction of irrigation dams had not yet been concluded.

Entrepreneurs considering investing capital in the sugar mill would have to "make their own commercial judgment".

These would have to be based on their assessment of the existing and future water supply situation.

Mr Durr said the introduction of free production areas for small growers had resulted in large numbers of these growers in the Natal/KwaZulu area entering sugar farming.
We will fight a black govt – ET

By Julianne du Toit

MIDDELBURG – AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche brought about 1,500 people to their feet in Middelburg Town Hall last night with a threat to any black majority government.

Mr TerreBlanche said he warned people a year ago the ANC wanted to nationalise their pensions and savings in the banks.

“Did your blood not warn you?” he asked the hushed audience.

He said 28 million blacks could easily be destroyed and driven back to their homelands in a war they appeared to want.

A referendum should be held using political seats, not one man, one vote, said Mr TerreBlanche.

In this way, President “Jel-lyvo” de Klerk would be able to see how strong right-wing support was.

He said the volkstaat, which would include the Transvaal, Free State, northern Natal and northern Cape, would exclude the PWV, “where they can carry on bastardising themselves”.

The volkstaat would cut electricity to the PWV if it cooperated with Soweto, he said.

Mr TerreBlanche’s speech was emotional, full of references to Old Testament battles and to barefoot children dying beside wagon tracks.

He admonished one member of the audience to stop laughing and another to keep quiet.

Referring to an Old Testament story, he begged God with a breaking voice to make him a donkey. He said the Government was beating him to betray Jesus and the child-angels in the town hall were asking the Government why.

Shaking and sweating, he ended: “God, O God, I am tired. This is the 70th time I have spoken to South Africans this year. Are you listening?”
Police ‘prevented aid to dying man’

By Brendan Templeton

A Black Sash member yesterday described how police in Hillbrow last week prevented her from comforting a fatally wounded man who was shot minutes before her arrival.

Witnesses told The Star the suspected car thief was shot while lying on the ground by a policeman. They said a medical student was prevented from giving him first aid before he died.

The man was shot outside the Metropolitan apartments in Alexandra Road, Hillbrow, at about 11 pm last Wednesday.

Dorothy Wheeler said a policeman shouted at her: "Don’t touch him", when she leant over the dying man. Blood was pouring from his mouth and his eyes were glazing over, but she noticed one hand still moving.

Witnesses told The Star they heard gunshots, and saw a man running down the street stumble and fall. While he was on the ground, the policeman shot him from about 10 m.

Ms Wheeler said police made no attempt to help the man. Another witness said the policeman turned and walked away after firing the last shot. He did not check the wounded man’s condition.

Police grabbed The Star’s camera to prevent pictures being taken and threatened to confiscate it. The medical student who tried to help the man was subsequently arrested.

Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman urged people who witnessed the incident or who have any information to contact Sergeant Erasmus at Hillbrow police station, (011) 643-4811.
All Roads Lead to the CBD
Southgate open for business

By Frank Jeans

One of the most ambitious retail property assemblies in recent years has been completed, with the opening yesterday of the massive, R180 million Southgate Mall south of Johannesburg.

The Mall was designed and built in a record-breaking time of just under 19 months.

Mr. Malcolm Wilson, managing director of Matrix Projects, the Rivonia-based construction management company responsible for the creation of Southgate, says:

"We estimated the contract time would be 24 months but when the financial viability was complete, the initial return on total investment was unacceptable and well below what any potential investor would perceive as an attractive return on his investment."

"A reduction of six months in the construction period meant a substantial saving in the interest bill and in cost increases arising through escalation."

Main contractors were Gluetic Brothers, Wilson Bayly Holmes and

Impressive ... The 65 metre long barrel vault skylight over the entrance to the new complex contains 5000 glazed panels and 75 tons of steel.

Concor Building and they have created a centre of about 84,000 sq m. The complex has 65,000 sq m of lettable space and comprises 185 line shops and 15 national chain stores. Included in the entertainment component is a seven-cinema Ster Kinekor spread.

The architects were Bentel Abramson & Partners.
Johannesburg municipal bus fares will go up by about 10 percent on January 1 — the second rise in six months.

Transport chairman Paul Asherson said the management committee had no choice, as the two recent fuel price increases had pushed the transport department's operating bill up by R5.5 million.

Fares will go up by between 10c and 20c. — Staff Reporter.
Repeal of Group Areas Act causing price uncertainty

Uncertainty about what will happen after the Group Areas Act is repealed is playing havoc with the property market, Multiple Listing Services (MLS) East Rand regional chairman Jan Grové says.

He believes the Act's repeal will affect various areas differently and that two possible scenarios may result.

Demand for accommodation may soar when the Act is repealed and this will force property prices up, especially for rented accommodation.

Upgraded

"With 88% of black, coloured and Indian families living on less than R600 a month, suburbs with houses or flats for rent will be highly sought after." These groups will probably move to suburbs in Johannesburg such as Hillbrow, Yeoville, Berea, parts of the CBD area and certain parts of the East Rand, he says.

"If a higher-income group of another race replaces a poor white group in a particular area, that area will automatically be upgraded and property prices will rise."

The other scenario is that the effect will be similar to desegregation in the US.

When one race group moves into a particular area, there is an exodus of the predominant race group. They then sell at lower prices.

Then, unrest, crime and urban blight may increase — which has already happened in Hillbrow, Grové says.

"However, partial relaxation of the Act is no solution. Neither is the Free Settlements Act. Both will destabilize natural market forces, resulting in additional social pressures and a sudden acceleration of urban decay in certain suburbs."

"A satisfactory and enduring resolution of this sensitive issue will largely depend on the attitude of all race groups involved. I believe that mutual trust and respect should be the guiding criteria."
Vote for the Nat Party in Randburg, says DP leader

By Adam Gordon

Democratic Party leader Dr Zach de Beer said last night that people should vote for the National Party rather than the Conservative Party in the coming Randburg by-election.

The DP-mooted Randburg election pact with the NP had not set a precedent for his party in future, he said.

Dr de Beer was speaking with fellow MP Harry Schwarz at a meeting in Craighall Park, Johannesburg.

Mr Schwarz said he had been mandated by the DP to negotiate with the NP on the issue of the by-election. For varying reasons, none of the DP caucus had wanted to fight the election.

An opinion poll had shown that the NP had twice as much support among blacks as the DP.

Dr de Beer said South Africa needed a government of national unity with moderate, centrist, non-socialist values.

He expected such a government to incorporate large elements of the NP and the ANC, as well as the DP.

In a new South Africa, in which everyone had a vote, the DP had more of a role to play than ever.

(Report by A Gordon, 67 Baur Street, Johannesburg)
Parents at 4 schools ready to vote on multiracial issue

By Karen Stander
Education Reporter

Parents from at least four Johannesburg schools will soon vote on whether to open their schools to all races.

In a poll of schools yesterday, principals and other spokesmen said other schools would also be holding referenda on the issue in the coming months.

The most popular of the three alternative models proposed by the Government appears to be model "B", in which a school remains State-funded but the management committee sets the admissions policy.

All four schools who have set dates for polling are to vote on this option.

The other models are becoming a "State-aided" school or a private school.

The first school to go to the polls is the Johannesburg Prep School for Girls, where parents will vote next Saturday. They will be followed by parents from Parktown Boys High School on November 9, Northview High on November 12 and Saxonwold Primary School on November 14.

Advised

The only school which indicated it had decided not to vote at this stage was Hyde Park High School in Sandton.

Management committee chairman Maurice Joehson said the committee had advised parents that they could not recommend any of the models at this stage and had asked the Government for more information on all of the models.

A spokesman for Bryanston High said an information meeting was held on Wednesday night, at which the consensus was in favour of voting on model B.

It has been reported that Pretoria High School for Girls could be the first State school in the city to have an open admissions policy.

The school management council is to meet parents on Tuesday and will hold an opinion poll on November 20. If it gets the necessary support, the school could adopt model "B" and be open from January.
Klerksdorp boycott

By DAN DHLAMINI

FROM tomorrow, residents of Jouberton will boycott stores in nearby Klerksdorp until policemen – who they allege are involved in violence in the township – are suspended or arrested.

At least three people have died in five weeks of unrest.

The boycott – announced by the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) this week – follows a press conference last week when alleged police brutality was discussed.

The MDM called for an independent judicial commission of inquiry into police activities in the township.

Two victims of alleged police brutality, Alfred Mbolweni and William Mbiakaqani, were buried yesterday.

Police in Pretoria said Mbolweni was fatally wounded on October 13 after he and several youths allegedly petrol-bombed security personnel who were guarding a burning vehicle.

The police said Mbiakaqani was shot dead on October 14 when he was part of a mob which allegedly attacked the home of a policeman.

Police, however, deny they shot dead Raymond Morapeli on September 23.

They claim a taxi with false registration plates dumped Morapeli’s body in front of a police Casspir and sped away.
Boycotts to start in two Transvaal towns

By Montshiwa Moroke

Vosloorus and Jouberton civic associations are to embark on consumer boycotts in Boksburg and Klerksdorp respectively this week.

A spokesman for Vosloorus Civic Association (VCA), Keith Montsitsi, said the boycott of white-owned businesses in the Conservative Party-controlled town would start tomorrow.

Businesses owned by councillors in the township would also be boycotted, he said.

The boycotts have been called as a protest against the Government withdrawing services in the two townships.

Jouberton residents said they would continue the boycott until police, whom they alleged were involved in violence in the township, were either arrested or suspended.

Mr Montsitsi said it had "dawned on his association" that township residents were paying more for services than whites.

"We have a feeling that we also contribute towards the profit-making of these large businesses.

"Commerce and industry derive profits out of our labour and buying power," he said.
Orange Farm buy-out begins soon

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

Evaluators appointed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration will soon start negotiating with white landowners at Orange Farm and certain surrounding areas to buy out their properties for scheduled black settlement.

This was confirmed yesterday by the TPA's director of liaison services in Pretoria, Piet Wilken, after a meeting attended by local landowners, the police and TPA officials near Apple Orchards on Monday night.

The Government has allocated R24 million to buy out white-owned properties in the area after complaints by residents that they had been ruined by plundering inhabitants of nearby squatter camps.

The squatters have denied these allegations.

One of the residents, who attended the meeting but asked to have her name withheld, said various matters had been discussed at the function, including the safeguarding of the area.

She said local landowners were grateful for the establishment of a satellite police station at Orange Farm, which she hoped would help combat the spate of burglaries and plundering.

Residents have suffered recently.

The woman said the TPA's assessment of damage on smallholdings and the possibility of compensation for landowners was also discussed.

However, no decision about the matter was reached.

She said the TPA had undertaken on Monday night to start sending out evaluators to the area to negotiate individually with landowners about the purchase of their smallholdings.

The TPA apparently indicated that property owners to the west of the Vereeniging/Johannesburg railway line would be paid out within the next two months.

Mr Wilken told The Star that the amount of land purchased would depend on how far the R24 million allocated for the project for this financial year could be stretched.

The land of those who were still living on their properties would be bought out first.

He said the TPA was having difficulty in tracing plot owners who had already moved off their land.

In the second phase of the project the TPA would buy property in the West Rand agricultural holdings (Zuurberg).
Klerksdorp boycott: police ‘will act’

By Montshiwa Moroke and Sapa

Klerksdorp police are to launch "special actions" to prevent intimidation of Jouberton township residents during a consumer boycott which started on Monday.

Western Transvaal police spokesman Major Ben van Heerden, said police would "definitely take action" against intimidation attempts.

Spokesmen for Checkers and Pick 'n Pay supermarkets were not happy with the prospect of experiencing another boycott.

Checkers managing director Sergio Martino, said he was "sick and tired" of boycotts and "everyone" was tired of them.

"They cause a lot of business to be lost and unfortunately they cause jobs to be lost too." Peter Bosman general manager and director of Pick 'n Pay in Klerksdorp, described the boycott as "a sorry situation".

The boycott follows claims of police brutality during recent unrest in Jouberton. Mass Democratic Movement spokesmen said residents were demanding the removal of police from the township. The boycott would continue until the policemen, allegedly involved in the violence, were arrested or suspended.

Major van Heerden claimed that law-abiding citizens welcomed the police presence. He said the police would investigate all written statements of alleged police violence.

Afrikaanse Sakekamer chairman Jan van den Bergh, said "I do not understand why they have to punish white businesses for certain police actions".

Voortrekker residents have decided to boycott Boksburg businesses and businesses belonging to Voortrekker town councillors from tomorrow.

This follows a deadlock in negotiations to resolve the rent and services boycott, according to Civic Association publicity secretary Keith Montsi.
Three white schools to be used by other races

By Karen Stander

Three white schools in Johannesburg had been offered for the education of children of other population groups, the Government announced yesterday.

The schools are:
- Western High School in Homestead Park — due to close at the end of the year — which is to become an Indian school under the House of Delegates.
- Mayfair-Goodsheep school (already closed), which has been offered to the Bophelo-Impilo Institute, a black private school with more than 1000 pupils.
- A vacant primary school in Bezuidenhout Valley, to be handed over to a private school managed by the Creative Vision South Africa Trust.

Redundant

Sam de Beer, Minister of Health Services, Welfare and Housing for the House of Assembly, said yesterday that due to changes in the patterns of occupancy in certain suburbs in Johannesburg, a number of schools had become "redundant for white schooling".

Some of these schools had already closed down while others were in the process of being closed down.

According to the procedures prescribed by the Ministers' Council, educational properties becoming redundant were first offered to departments in the House of Assembly.

If the property was not required by these departments, every individual case was considered for educational purposes.

Although the SA Police had indicated that they would have liked to acquire the Bez Valley property for a police station, it was decided in conjunction with the Minister of Law and Order that the need for educational institutions had preference.

Mr de Beer said the schools would be handed over at the conclusion of negotiations on the conditions of use and payment.
Boksburg traders face 3-week boycott

By Helen Grange

Boksburg traders — ravaged by almost two years of poor business — are bracing yet again for what could be another disastrous Christmas.

Although trade was "fairly normal" in the town yesterday, a consumer boycott called by the Vorloorns Civic Association because of the rent boycott crisis in the township threatens to strangle Christmas trade from today.

The boycott, set to last three weeks, has been called in protest against the withdrawal of services from Vorloorns.

Businessmen in Boksburg have unceremoniously resigned themselves to the possibility of another "white Christmas" like the one in 1988, which saw the closure of several small traders in the town centre.

The 1988 consumer boycott, called in protest against the new Conservative Party-led town council, lasted a year.

Cut back

The fact that East Rand Proprietary Mines has cut back heavily on its workforce in the area has meant that traders are at present doing only half their usual business.

"Now, when we've just stocked up for Christmas, this boycott has to happen. How are we going to sell these goods?" an Indian trader, who wished to remain unnamed, complained yesterday.

Some traders have cancelled their Christmas stock orders on hearing of the boycott, and are hoping to survive by selling old stock.

However, others were more optimistic.

"With the petrol price as high as it is, I doubt families will travel to the next suburbs to shop," one trader said.

"In any case, the miners who work here are mostly foreign and do not adhere to boycotts."

"If we made it through Christmas '88, we'll make another one," said another.

Bobby Bieber, who suffered a heart attack after his clothing store almost went bankrupt last year, said: "I don't know what's going on, but it's been slow all year. Come back next week and I'll tell you."
Actstop, council try to patch up

BLACK members of Actstop were allowed to address Johannesburg councillors on Tuesday night about exploitation and discrimination in the city.

About 200 members of the anti-Group Areas Act organisation staged a sit-in in the council chambers.

General secretary Nkosi said black inner city residents were upset at the council’s response to a memorandum listing grievances—which included high rentals and exploitation by landlords.

Nkosi said there were no schools for the people, who were constantly harassed by police.

Johannesburg was prospering because of blacks’ buying power but they were turned away from recreation centres and cemeteries in the city.

Problems

Councillor Ian Davidson said he recognised the problems they experienced and said the council would continue to look into them.

He assured Actstop that all amenities and cemeteries were open to all races.
Stored arms for 'war'

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

A MAN charged with five others for the Jeppe Station massacre, which left 26 people dead and more than 100 injured, told a Johannesburg magistrate's court he was forced to store arms for an impending hostel "war".

Manyebo Magubane, 55, told the court how Jericho Ntuseni Manyoni ordered him to store two firearms and ammunition, in preparation for the bloody hostel war.

Manyoni is one of the three suspects wanted by the police for the massacre and maiming of people in a Soweto-bound train in September. The other two are Mkhazwa "Sout" Mbele and John Mahlazi "Matak" Nxumalo.

He said two other men sent unknown youths to him to store traditional weapons.

Magubane is appearing with Martin Ngoobo, 49; Basil Nkosingondle, 27; Solomon Khumalo, 33; and Mandla Majjzi, 23.

Magubane further said he was not a member of Inkatha, but knew his co-accused, and came from the same area as some of them - Inkandla in Zululand.

In a statement made before a police officer, Magubane told the court that after his arrest he was kicked, punched and given electric shocks on his private parts by police.

Ngoobo and Nkosingondle also claim they were tortured.
'Repeal will not jar prices'

THERE is unlikely to be a general rise in property prices if the Group Areas Act is repealed, town planner Grant Staff writes in the first edition of a new journal, Urban Forum.

In an article on free settlement areas in Johannesburg, Staff writes that some localised price increases or decreases might occur, depending on a combination of increased demand and the socio-economic status of those moving into these areas.

Dynamics

He says the socio-economic status of the people moving into an area has in any event been shown to be a far more important determinant of possible price rises than race.

He writes that the same dynamics are applicable to free settlement areas.

Hence, some of these areas could experience a rise in property values and prices, but only if a sufficient number of people of a sufficiently high socio-economic status want to move in.

Free settlement areas such as Mayfair might experience some pressure on prices, but it is debatable whether this will be more pronounced than in similar non-free settlement areas such as Brixton, Westdene and Melville, where prices are already rising.

If both factors — increased demand and the socio-economic level of those moving in — are high, prices will rise. If both are low, then prices will drop, Staff says.

If the first is high and the second low, then prices also will drop, he writes.

However, Staff warns that much research into the specific dynamics of individual areas needs to be done before it can be predicted with certainty what outcome residential desegregation will have on particular areas.
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By Peter Schles

Project Coordinating Editor

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The Few Who Hold Most of the Land

Franz Anurbach discusses who owns what in South Africa

PARAGRAPHS OF THE TRENDS

To share any of it..."
Miners down tools over missing worker

By Brendan Templeton

Libanon mine in the western Transvaal came to a standstill yesterday when 6000 workers downed tools over the mysterious disappearance of a colleague at the mine.

Workers suspect he was murdered underground.

The National Union of Mine workers (NUM) said management had dragged its feet over Mohammeleli Ntoko, who went missing in May.

Mine security, police and army personnel were forcing workers underground at gunpoint, the union said.

This week Goldfields spokesman Michael de Kok denied the charges and said an intensive search for the missing man had been conducted above and below ground.

"Mine property has been available to protect workers who wanted to work and at no point has anybody been forced at gunpoint to work."

The NUM demanded the dismissal of three mine officials. The union said management had admitted that the day after Mr Ntoko's went missing, he was clocked in by a mine captain after being told to go to work early for repair work.

Mr Ntoko's computerised identity card was found at the mine's crush office and his lamp was discovered underground. They said his tool case was also found hidden underground.

Mr de Kok would not discuss the issue further. "At present, Goldfields are engaged in talks with the union," he said.
Vanderbijlpark shops boycott may resume

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

Indications are that the suspended consumer boycott in Vanderbijlpark will be reinstated following the management committee’s decision not to allow a protest march in the town on Saturday.

This was confirmed yesterday by Zwelzima Vavi, regional secretary of Cosatu’s western Transvaal branch.

The decision to turn down an application for the peaceful protest march was taken after the CP-controlled Vanderbijlpark Town Council’s management committee met a Cosatu delegation on Monday.

Management committee chairman Gerhard Smith yesterday said they had reasonable grounds to believe a march of 10,000 people would “probably obstruct traffic or impair the amenities of life and facilities of the public in general”.

He said the closing of streets in the central business district, especially on a Saturday, would seriously restrict the freedom of movement of shoppers.

This could lead to hostile feelings between the different race groups, Mr Smith said.

If violence were triggered by any incident, it would inevitably result in public disorder.

“Therefore, the management committee had no choice but to refuse permission for the march,” Mr Vavi said that according to a standing decision taken earlier by the boycott committee, the boycott would be reactivated on November 30 if the town council failed to co-operate in the matter.

An alternative suggestion by the council to stage a picket was not acceptable.

Saying reasons for refusing the march were “a lot of rubbish”, Mr Vavi said the issue was a political matter.

He said a meeting would be held soon to decide on which date the boycott would be reinstated in the town.
Mixed reaction to boycott

Spokesmen for businesses in Boksburg and Kroonstad have expressed mixed reaction to the ongoing consumer boycott in the towns.

The ANC-aligned Maokeng Democratic Crisis Committee is demanding the resignation of the entire Maokeng Town Council before it is prepared to discuss lifting the boycott.

According to Kroonstad municipality, Maokeng residents owe more than R1 million in arrears for services, and last Wednesday it went ahead with a threat to cut off the township's electricity and water.

In Boksburg, the Vosloorus Civic Association (VCA) called for a boycott after it failed to reach agreement with the local council. The VCA is demanding that residents pay a flat rate of R50 and the council is demanding R60.

The council has retaliated by switching off electricity at intervals for the past two weeks.

A Checkers spokesman said business in Boksburg had definitely been affected by the boycott, while in Kroonstad it was still too early to assess the situation.

A spokesman for a Pick 'n Pay in Kroonstad also said it was too early to comment.
White thugs go on the rampage in Potch

By DAN DHLAMINI

The sleepy, western Transvaal town of Potchefstroom this week resembled a scene from the film Mississippi Burning, as four armed whites in a minibus went on a rampage, assaulting blacks.

Among their many victims were a Vaal Reef taxi driver, Hector Map euge, whose minibus was set alight, and an armed SADF soldier, Andile Matotj, 26, of Soweto who sustained head injuries.

The white men allegedly drove away in Map euge’s taxi, and it was later discovered parked on the Potchef stroom-Carletonville road.

In an exclusive interview, Matotj, a trained soldier with two years’ experience in the army, said he was armed with his PBK pistol during the attack.

He said he could have killed his assailants had he wanted to.

He fired two warning shots but one of the four men kept on coming and he decided to flee rather than kill him.

Two white men appeared briefly in the Potchefstroom Magistrate’s Court this week in connection with the alleged assault.

Marthinus Christoffel Visser, 25, and his brother-in-law, Edmund Craig Knoetze, 24, both of Smit Street—a blue-collar section of Potchefstroom—were not asked to plead on charges of attempted murder, three counts of robbery and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Magistrate Flip du Toit adjourned the case to November 21 and released them on R500 bail each.

Meanwhile, the case of two alleged Fochville rightwingers facing charges of illegal possession of firearms and ammunition was this week postponed to December 6, pending the Attorney-General’s ruling.

Dood Minnie, 40, of Middlewater farm and Petrus Piet Bestier, 30, of Carina Court were not asked to plead.
Death toll rises to two

City centre street-war 'avoidable'

Staff Reporters

Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson has sharply criticized the authorities for the bloody outbreak of violence that saw pitched battles between flat residents, protesters marching and police lasting several hours in Johannesburg's central business district on Saturday.

The death toll has risen to two after an injured person died in hospital.

About 50 people, including passersby, bystanders, policemen and a traffic officer, were injured in the fighting.

Said Mr Davidson last night: "It was totally unnecessary and the bloodshed could have been avoided."

However, police have blamed the ANC-backed Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal (CAST) on the outbreak, which broke out after the police refused permission for the march after the City Council had given the go-ahead to CAST.

Mr Davidson maintained that the period of notice banning the march had been totally inadequate.

"The council gave CAST permission to hold the march on Monday, but before it was to take place, the magistrate informed the organizers of his decision only at 6.30 p.m. on Friday," he added.

"And the gathering was given only five minutes to disperse, which was totally inadequate," he added.

Worrying

Sam Nkoli, general secretary of CAST, said last night: "It was very unfair of the magistrate to refuse permission for the march and to tell us only at 6.30 p.m. on Friday after we had informed him of our arrival in the city."

General secretary of the African National Congress, Cyril Ramaphosa, called on the authorities to ensure that the march went peacefully.

"We have instructed the ANC to reconvene its standing committee on the armed struggle. The ANC and the MK are the only men who can protect us," Mr Nkosi said.

Captain Opperman said it had been established that petrol bombs had been "available" to demonstrators. "It seems as if they were prepared — this is worrying."

He denied that police had adopted a hard-line approach toward mass marches in recent months.

"There had to be adherence to and upholding of the law. People had to be shown, in an orderly manner, that the law was being maintained."

Police had denied that police had fired on the demonstrators.

"We have the evidence and the intelligence from the scuffles. This is a very worrying time."
Two more opt for model B

By Karen Stander
Education Reporter

Two Johannesburg schools have voted to open their doors to all races in the latest move towards open schools in the Transvaal.

Parents of Parktown Girls High and Parktown Boys High voted on Friday to adopt the Government's alternative "model B", which will allow management committees to set their own admission policies.

Last week the junior schools which feed the Parktown high schools, Parkview Junior Primary and Parkview Senior Primary, also opted to open their doors in terms of model B.

The schools are confident they will get the go-ahead from the Department of Education and Training and all four schools should be open to all races by the beginning of next year.

At Parktown Boys High, 91.4 percent of parents in a 90 percent poll voted "yes" to model B (62.3 percent of those eligible to vote). At the girls' school, 93 percent in a 90 percent poll (83.5 percent of all parents) voted for the same option.

Tom Clarke, headmaster of Parktown Boys High, said he was very happy with the result.

Entrance examinations in English and mathematics for prospective students in Std 6 next year would be held on November 24, he said.

The examination results, together with a short interview emphasising the pupil's willingness to take part in the school's extra-curricular activities, which included computers and sport, would determine who would be admitted.

Pamela Quin, headmistress of Parktown Girls, said she was thrilled at the parents' decision.
Surrounded ANC man's house

Police

NEWS

by Dennis van der Merwe

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In the far northern town of Louis Trichardt frontiers are shifting

In the conservative town of Louis Trichardt whites are in conflict with each other and blacks are becoming more assertive.

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

there and the air was pregnant with provoke. It went something like this:

Sure, the government has agreed to upgrade Tshikotso. Separate Amenities is going. Sure, we’re going to open the central business district to all. Just one condition: don’t tell the white folks. This is a conservative town.

The chamber could rely on the loyal weekly newspaper, The Soupanzberger, to keep its mouth shut. Its editor — and a member of the chamber — Johan du Plessis, knew that “this town lives on black buying power”, and “we can’t chase these people away”.

Had the meeting taken place before July there would have been nothing for the chamber to worry about and the whites would have been none the worse. But in July Jesse Theron had launched the Bery-Banier in opposition to The Soupanzberger.

Theron, the headmaster of an agricultural school in Venda, believed that Sovets should be divided into five independent city states, whites should not be forced to share power with people who urinate in the street and President FW de Klerk and the Louis Trichardt chamber were undemocratic.

A former journalist for Die Burger for 10 years, Theron also believed in the maxim “publish and be damned”. So he ran the story under the headline: “Black township to re-open”. He sent a reporter out to take pictures of what was left of the township which, he pointed out in the article, was separated from the white residential areas by “only one street”. The story sent shock waves through the white community.

Publishing the truth cost Theron advertising and business support and there was mud slinging — including pompous front page editorials — between the two papers. “My opposition with all respect is playing for the gallery,” says Theron. “He’s softening up the advertisers. He’s not doing journalism much credit.”

But for all the furor among whites, blacks were still waiting for the promise to materialise. Edward Rambane, a lawyer and leader of the boycott committee, said his eyes were getting bloodshot from scanning the papers for news of announcements.

Trust does not come easy in Louis Trichardt. It is not a town that has been noted for being nice to black people. Rambane defends blacks who get sent to jail for not stopping at a stop street.

In Louis Trichardt, he says, domestic workers get fired at the end of the month so their employers don’t have to pay them.

With none of the promises materialising, the boycott leaders are making new plans. The campaign has been expanded to include demands for a living wage and the establishment of a municipal council is a measure of how much the balance of power has swung in the town. They are also threatening a new consumer boycott.

A pamphlet distributed by the boycott committee warns: “If the Conservatives disagree to agree we enforce for them in our package a black X-MASS.”

Some people, says Rambane, never learn.
‘40 pc of black adults will be infected by 2010’

Jo’burg-Soweto now Aids capital of SA

By Shirley Woodgate

Up to 40 percent of the total black adult population of South Africa may be infected with the Aids virus in 20 years’ time.

This is the shock message of a report just released by the Johannesburg City Health Department.

It said the level of infection would depend on the availability of an effective vaccine, new drugs and the scope of preventive health education programmes.

The report said the Johannesburg/Soweto area is the Aids capital of South Africa where some 10 000 of the 100 000 people now infected with the virus have been diagnosed.

But the report said the killer disease’s epicentre appears to be moving to Natal and Kwazulu.

Coinciding with the release of the report, Johannesburg’s senior deputy medical officer, Dr Nicky Paydayachoe issued an urgent appeal for greater efforts by Government departments to combat “the worst epidemic to hit the world since the turn of the century.”

And Prof Reuben Sher, head of the of the University of the Witwatersrand’s Department of Immunology added: “It is time the political leaders across the spectrum stopped talking politics and started talking Aids.”

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Patrolling the perimeters ... Xhosa men take up positions on the railway line skirting Zonkwezizwe where fighting broke out on Sunday night between warring factions. Report on Page 3.

Man shoots ex-wife then kills himself

By Anna Louw

A mother of two primary school children is fighting for her life in hospital after

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A plainclothes cop tries frantically to save his service pistol during the street battles which broke out in central Johannesburg yesterday. Pic: EVANS MBOWENI
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Non-formal education bureau set up at RAU to tackle crisis

By Shehnaz Bulbulia

Non-formal education would play an increasingly important role in addressing the education crisis against the backdrop of economic recession and limited State funds for formal education, says Rand Afrikaans University rector Professor CF Crouse.

He was speaking at the launch of the Bureau for Non-Formal Education at RAU yesterday.

"The Government has allocated 20 percent for the education budget. There is little chance that this will increase. We are also facing an economic recession. "Non-formal education offers a solution to this crisis," he said.

The bureau, which would begin its program in January at RAU, was offering courses that were career-oriented. The program aimed to assist the underprivileged, Professor Crouse said.

"RAU is aware of the necessity to make knowledge — inside as well as outside the university — available to all sections of the community. The bureau essentially is a community service," he added.

The bureau was independent of the Government and would be funded by private enterprise and participants, he said.

The courses offered included word processing, communication skills as well as Afrikaans, English and a range of foreign languages.
Court battle over closure of Springs pools

By Helen Grange

The Conservative Party-controlled Springs Town Council — rather than see black people using two swimming pools — closed them after the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

This submission, made by George Bizos, SC, acting for an "aggrieved" Springs resident, Michael Hart, is the basis of a court application challenging the validity of the Springs council's resolution to permanently close the Cassidale and Selection Park swimming pools.

Mr Hart is applying to have the decision reviewed or set aside, and to have an order granted that the council maintain the pools for use.

The council resolved on July 31 to close the pools, and has argued that this was for economic reasons and not politically inspired.

At the time, the council voiced its opposition to the Government "depriving" it of its powers and prerogative to control amenities.

Mr Bizos argued that the council had closed the pools without inviting affected ratepayers to make representations.

He also said the council's submission that the closures were for reasons of rationalisation and possible privatisation was not supported anywhere in its responding affidavit. No information appeared as to how much money would be saved.

There was also no information as to why the matter was treated as one of urgency.

During the same period, provisions in relation to the use of the library, as well as regulated access to Murray Park, were also introduced, "allegedly for the same economic reasons".

Counsel for Springs council, represented in court by Springs mayor Gillie van Niekerk, argued that the council was not obliged in terms of council ordinances to canvass ratepayers' opinions on the decision to close the two pools.

He added that the council had not given effect to CP policy in that the chairman of the management committee had on more than one occasion stated that CP policy as far as sports and recreation would not be implemented.

The council had, since October 15, opened to all races the bus service, two other public pools, about 49 parks and the library. In addition, many council facilities had been allowed to be used by members of all races even before October 15.

Mr Hart is being assisted by the Legal Resources Centre.

The hearing resumes tomorrow.
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They filed charges of assault but nothing happened because the police didn't take it to the court.

Actaup lawyers, however, said that they had the case to support if they were found against evictions and were now back in the building. They said that Van Loggengen had a good reason to be out in the building because of the fire and for the loss of possessions. Van Loggengen said his tenants 'appreciate the fact that we are very much interested in this building.'

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I'm sure that the members of the police came and broke down doors at Navarro and started evicting people. And while earlier this year he had helped the "owner" at Casale Bistre, he no longer had any involvement with it.

According to Niel, Malan allows shantytown people to live on his property. When he has two or three tenants in the shantytown and he has a sheep patrolled by an assistant from the local police, they do not like being there because they feel safe.

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**LANDLORD**

**Loyalty is no good, he never let any tenant never in my life. I have a security firm and usually people call me when they have to sort out their things. I was 29 years in the police, so know the law. Why must I assault a tenant? If I wanted to, I could, but all my tenants are satisfied.**

-Landlord Jaggie Schreuder

After Farber returned tenants requesting a meeting, they went to his office, where they said he called them "pigs and dogs." He denies this.

At the time the Medical Officer of Health for Johannesburg, Dr H Harrie, and his department had investigated two of the buildings, Waelder and Coligny, and said that "to cite data from the cases we studied a statutory notice requiring the owner to carry out any action required to ensure health regulations is in order. The houses were to be CSO so as not to use as one of the opening rounds in a three-year conflict with his tenants about renovations in his buildings and evictions.

The battle often ended up at
tensions in the building court — usually successfully. Acaptor lawyers say Farber has lost "two hundreds of thousands in court.

The three buildings include over 80 flats and over 350 rentals, in which most appear to be people in the middle income group. The dispute over rent and maintenance has continued, as in Farber's attempts to secure evictions.

He recently received penal order payments so tenants who have given him final notice of notice to vacate within a month.

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**THE TEN TOUGHEST LANDLORDS**

Two groups square off at the centre of the war

AFTER more than three years of
organised tenants to fight individual slumlords, the tenants' organisation Acaptor has evolved into a protest.

The Organisation for the Protection of Property Owners of South Africa is an ar-
able name for a small group of mainly small Johannesburg landlords and homeowners," the group's leader, Terence Nicos, said at a press conference.

Tenants associations grew to a rapid rate. Their main aim is to protect inter-
ests and to oppose Acaptor, which they believe is exploiting their right as landlords.

Acaptor was formed 13 years ago to oppose slum areas Act removals, which were effectively rolled in 1982 when these were suspended in Johannesburg. It was founded in 1987, by which time tenants associations of independent and self-organised residents were black.

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Astor chief: Sharp-tongued Presso Nicoi

Nicos said that in 26 buildings that Acaptor has removed tenants, each group of tenants has had an independent services committee, setting up new rules and regulations, and representing landlords and their "needs and interests".

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According to Acaptor's Sand, the centre of the war, the group now has committees in 26 buildings that the group has removed tenants from. Acaptor denies the opposition that they are a racially-orientated organisa-
tion, and says it is independent of black tenants associations.

Actors, like Acaptor, are often compared to the "property mafia." Some of their members operate as a group, while others act individually in protecting their interests. Some of their members are wealthy, others live far out for the above-mentioned.

Acaptor and the Rest Central Act any for their plight.

They accuse Acaptor of militantly redressing rents to levels below breaking even, forcing them to move out of their homes.

In turn, says this tactic is only reach to where he has no choice but to re-
dish fully in fulfilling their obligations of maintaining their buildings, and point out that in many cases they have not reduced rents after the death of the let in the state has been on.

Some landlords accuse tenants of, as one put it, "being like pigs," and charge that they are responsible for the poor state of repair of many buildings.

"They also accuse each other of using intimidation and assassination.

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The Weekly Mail today names the 10 landlords we consider the toughest in Johannesburg's 'grey areas'.

Among them are gun-toting, no-nonsense slumlords who impose curfews on residents; raid flats in the early hours looking for visitors, or hire thugs to rough up tenants who complain.

Many of their buildings are dilapidated ... with holes in the floors, caving ceilings and no electricity.

The landlords accuse the tenants of wrecking the buildings, running shebeens and failing to pay rents.

The two sides are lined up in a bitter war, fought both in the corridors of the buildings and in the courts.

Full story: PAGES 5 to 8
The 10 toughest landlords and their running battles with tenants

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After a two-month investigation of nearly fifty ramshackle buildings, the Weekly Mail names ten landlords we consider the toughest in 'grey area'.
BOYCOTT HALTED

By ELIAS MALULEKE

THE consumer boycott of white-owned businesses in Pretoria has been postponed while steps to end the deadlock between the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Association (Asro) and the government gain momentum.

The UDF suspended the boycott on Friday to enable the residents' association and the government to resolve the crisis.

The boycott was called by the UDF last week after electricity in Atteridgeville was cut off.

The blackout sparked violence between residents and police which claimed three lives, including that of a nine-year-old pupil.

Asro has arranged a meeting for tomorrow with Transvaal Provincial Administration representatives to seek a "speedy" and peaceful solution to the problem.

Asro will meet Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok on Tuesday to discuss the proclamation of Atteridgeville as an unrest area.
VW still closed

The Volkswagen factory in Ulm remains closed for the seventh day on Friday as no progress has been made in talks with the National Union of South African Workers of the National Union of South African Workers. Production might still be resumed until the next day.

VW said.

SAGA
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Picnic attack: arrests likely later today

By Guy Jepson
Crime Staff

Arrests of the sjambok and knobkerrie-wielding thugs who savaged a black Sunday school outing in a Louis Trichard park were expected later today, police said.

At least five children were taken to hospital and dozens injured after about 30 right-wing extremists attacked between 200 and 300 children aged between seven and 14 in the park on Sunday.

The children were members of the Apostolic Faith Mission Church at Dzanani in Venda.

No arrests had been made by this morning, “but there will be arrests this afternoon or tomorrow”, said Far Northern Transvaal police spokesman Lieutenant Werner Voigt.

Lieutenant Voigt said the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, would speak about the incident at a press conference in Pretoria today.

In a statement released yesterday afternoon, the SAP’s Regional Commissioner for the Far Northern Transvaal, Major-General G J Viljoen, said a special investigation team under the command of Major At Prinsloo, the district CID officer, “will investigate all aspects of the case”.

The statement said the police team would be assisted by a surgeon, “in order to verify all claims of injury during the assault”, adding that the investigation would continue until all those responsible had been apprehended.

Lieutenant Voigt told The Star yesterday that the attackers were members of the right-wing Blanke Beskeringsburo.

In another development yesterday, academics at the University of Venda were collecting signatures to a document expressing their “horror and disgust” at the incident.

Lieutenant Voigt said Blanke Beskeringsburo members had “mobilised themselves” on Thursday following plans by the local consumer boycott committee to stage a protest march through Louis Trichard on Saturday as a prelude to a boycott of white-owned businesses due to start tomorrow.

“We had discussions with the committee last week and they agreed to call off the march,” Lieutenant Voigt said.

He said there were only “a few” policemen on the scene on Sunday when the schoolchildren arrived at the park.

“Then some Blanke Beskeringsburo people arrived and started attacking the black children. The police tried to maintain order but they couldn’t do it—there were too few personnel,” he said.

“One of our policemen was also attacked,” he said.

The Rev George Mabali, who had accompanied the children, said a group of about 30 white men ordered the church group to leave, telling them blacks were not allowed in the park.

He had informed a senior police officer on the scene about the threatening attitude of the men but, as the children were about to leave, they were attacked with various weapons.
Land of dust and despair

Desperation is reflected in the eyes of farmers throughout the western Transvaal as the drought continues to hold the country in its merciless grip. NORMAN CHANDLER and photographer SAREL VAN DEN BERG visited the stricken farmlands.

As far as the eye can see, there is nothing to break the monotony of the fields of despair.

In the good years, men worked those fields. They grew crops and reaped bountiful harvests of maize and wheat as well as other grains.

Today, in the face of the worst drought in 80 years, most of the fields of the western Transvaal lie fallow.

But it is not only the fields that tell the story. The once-bustling towns and villages of Lichtenburg, Sannichof, Stella and Delareyville, to name only a few, tell it as well ... it shows on the main streets where tired shop frontages beckon to passers-by.

The problem is that passers-by are few and far between. Hand-in-hand with the drought has come hardship. Penury for some. Heavy drinking for others.

Despair has also set in among black people who could, for generations, count on their farm jobs. As the noise has tightened around the necks of white farmers, so have the chances of employment lessened, and in some cases, gone completely.

Men and women — the ancestors of the first trekkers who tamed the land — have deserted the small settlements or left their farms in the hands of black foremen to find their fortunes. If there are any to be found, in bigger centres such as Klerksdorp, Potchefstroom or Welkom.

Many have turned to mining. Others have taken jobs as insurance salesmen or else work for the roads department of the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

Wives have returned to their former professions — nursing, teaching and the like — in a bid to help their husbands rebuild lost fortunes.

Hennie Conradie, at a dusty crossroads called Kamel, took to working on the main road and is now thinking of going back if the situation doesn’t improve.

His small son, Frinkel, played in the dust as we talked — “I’ll do it for him,” said Mr Conradie with a shrug of his shoulders.

Others, like his friend Bennie Oosthuizen, have sent wives and children to stay with better-off grandparents or other relatives until the worst is over.

“It’s tough, hey. But it will come right,” said Mr Conradie with a touch of faith as he recalled the days when an average of 109 mm of rain fell every November to assure a good maize harvest.

This November has seen no rain fall. The last rain to wet the fields of the western Transvaal was on October 5 and 7 when a total of 30 mm fell. In January this year 41 mm was registered in the Delareyville district; in February it was 42 mm, in March 70.5 mm, and in April 65 mm. There was nothing in May, June, July, August and September — not even what the South African Agricultural Union (SAAU) chief economist Dr Koos du Toit calls “the bonus of a shower during winter to help grazing.”

For Mr Conradie, the opening of a small trading store has been a source of solace, but even then the overheads are such that more turnover needs to be generated if the business is to make ends meet.

“At least we can eat,” is the attitude.

Travelling through the far western Transvaal, motorists cannot help but be struck by the lack of activity. Certainly, in one or two areas, farmers are out ploughing the lands — but that is, as was explained by an agricultural co-operative official, in the hope that rain will fall.

That hope has been confounded.

The huge Lindley’s Poort dam is 45 percent full — and the jetty at which boats of the Marico Boating and Recreation Club once tied up is now 180 m from the water’s edge.

At Silent Valley, close to the Marico River, there is an uncanny silence. The area once saw better days ... now it is much like other districts in fighting off the elements.

The Groot Marico district of Herman Charles Bosman and Oom Schalk Lourens fame is unlike what it was once. It has always been tough in that district, but now ... The huge Lindley’s Poort dam is 45 percent full — and the jetty at which boats of the Marico Boating and Recreation Club once tied up is 180 m from the water’s edge.

Around the dam, lands also lie fallow, cattle are having to be fed on the farms between Groot Marico and Straatsdriek and Skuinshdrief, while the Marico irrigation system which wends its way through the desolate countryside adjoining Bo-phutatswana is almost useless.

In desperation, townpeople all over the region have joined farmers in praying for rain. Churches have been packed, and grim-faced people invited by domines to tell their stories of hardship have cried with emotion in the pews ... and still the sun scorches the earth.

Their faith, though, is unshakeable. The message from everyone spoken to out there has been the same: “We will persevere. We have beaten the weather; we can again.”

This tough drought has been worst and some farmers are still not on top. Some farmers have joined the “Mielie one tov
weather before, and we will do so again."
This time, though, it has been tougher. After 10 years of drought, one year's good harvest and now this.
Some farmers have been fortunate in building up feed for their livestock, and hope this will see them through the summer or at least until good rains. Some have become "regulars" at bars with names like "Miellieblaar" — a barman in one town summed up the situation: "There are four churches here. There's this bar. And there are four bottle stores ... that tells a lot, doesn't it?"

As the farmers down their brandy-and-cokes (seldom a beer) the mood changes from exasperation to light-heartedness, and then back to reality. Tongues start to wag, the names of political figures are bandied about, and the political reforms come in for some harsh criticism. It is as if the farmers believe politics and not the lack of rain has sunk their hopes.
It is not only the drought which has caused hardship. High input costs — seeds, fertiliser, diesel for tractors and bakkies, Eskom electricity, paraffin and wages — have played a major part in the overall hardship picture.
Production costs a hectare on western Transvaal farms run at about R500, but with the situation farmers are now facing, some have cut these costs to about R35 a hectare in order to make ends meet.
The cutback has, inevitably, meant a drop in the labour force — and many of these people have trekked to other centres to find work or joined the influx to squatter camps around the big cities.
Farmers admitted that they weren't happy with what they have had to do because they fear the consequences.
Some farmers in the Stella district — where farms average about 600 ha in size — have run up R10 000 debts on petrol alone, and do not know how to pay back the oil companies or their co-operatives. With the country going through tough financial times, it could mean them having to leave the lands or having banks foreclose on them — even though organised agriculture has asked the Land Bank, the Agricultural Credit Bank and commercial banks not to do so if the farms are viable.

The national farming debt stands at just under R15 billion. There are fears that forthcoming Government aid will be too little, too late, for many of the country's 70 000 farmers.
The Government has said it would help the industry "but only the solvent farmers". Travelling through the country districts doesn't leave much to the imagination — there cannot be too many solvent farmers.
Victim's burial a first for Jo'burg

HISTORY will be made this week when the first black is buried at Johannesburg's Central Park Cemetery.

Mr David Oupa Hlongwane (33), who died during a demonstration in the city centre last week, will be buried on Sunday, executive member of Actstop Mr Mohammed Danger said yesterday.

"This is a victory for Actstop," which was also involved in the march, said Danger.

By IKE MOTSAPI

"Who would have thought that this would be possible? We have been fighting for the abolition of all racial laws because we felt that no individual should be restricted.

"We are saying this is history to bury Oupa at the Johannesburg Central Cemetery whereas that is not so. He, like other many blacks who have died before, should have had the legitimate right to have been buried there.

"This is not history but a right for the entire black population," he added.

Danger said deputy president of the African National Congress Mr Nelson Mandela and the Rev Frank Chikane of the South African Council of Churches will be the main speakers.

Hlongwane died after police shooting incidents during a march in Johannesburg organised by the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal.

Cast is fighting for the abolition of discriminatory laws.
Stock farmers get drought aid

Emergency drought relief measures for stock farmers have been introduced in the Potgietersrus area of the northern Transvaal and the Jansenville and Steytlerville areas of the eastern Cape.

Minister of Agricultural Development Dr Kraai van Niekerk said drought schemes would be introduced on Saturday, after a decision by the National Drought Committee that the drought should be declared a disaster.

"Disaster relief aid will not only assist farmers, but also the community, including town dwellers and labourers," Dr van Niekerk said.

South Africa is on the verge of importing maize and wheat because of the drought. The Maize Board yesterday said exports of wheat and maize had been halted.

Only half the 1.3 million hectares available for maize production has been planted, while wheat is expected to be about 500,000 tons short of the 2.5 million required locally.
Black boycott grips Louis Trichardt

By Dirk Nel and Sapa

LOUIS TRICHARDT — A full consumer boycott of white and Indian-owned businesses in Louis Trichardt began yesterday, despite urgent talks between the Soutpansberg Sakekamer and the central boycott committee.

Boycott organisers are demanding the immediate upgrading of the nearby Telsho township, the creation of a free settlement area and the opening of the central business district to all traders. They insist that the demands are non-negotiable.

The boycott is planned to last the entire festive season.

Buses to Louis Trichardt were half empty yesterday as large numbers of Venda shoppers stayed at home. Workers arriving by taxi gave shops a wide berth.

Soutpansberg Sakekamer chairman Brink Schlesinger said cafes, take-away shops, supermarkets and clothing stores would be worst hit. But he expressed optimism that the dispute would be resolved soon.

He claimed that the assault by a white vigilante group on black Sunday school children in the town on Saturday "did not represent the attitude of most whites here".

• The Indian community yesterday deplored Saturday's incident, saying it had disrupted the town's tranquility.

The Reverend George Mollini, the Apostolic Faith Mission minister who was in charge of the Sunday school children, said he wished to lay the matter to rest now that a police investigation was under way.
The landlords survey: this week we look at some of the bigger agents

These are the group areas we picked:

- Grey areas:
  - No. 1.
  - Group Area.

When asked National Consumer

The Weekly Mail, November 30 to December 6, 1990
All are welcome at these flats. (Whites only)
Bid to end
Northern TVL shop boycott

By Dirk Nel
and Sapa

LOUIS TRICARĐT — The crippling consumer boycott of white- and Indian-owned shops in Louis Trichardt continued yesterday amid new developments which could cut the duration of the protest action.

Moves were afoot to convince the boycott organisers that some of their demands were receiving attention.

Last year Dr Gerrit Viljoen, Minister of Constitutional Development, promised that Thohokwaba township would be upgraded — but this would not happen overnight, a local attorney said.

A demand that workers be allowed to join the trade union of their choice could not be enforced locally, he said. The possible opening of the CBD was also receiving attention at Government level, he said.

Yesterday, there were fears that tenants in the central business area would be unable to pay rent if their income dwindled over the Christmas period.

Retrenchments have also caused alarm among workers.

- It is reported from Kroonstad that business has dropped by 70 percent because of the consumer boycott of white businesses by Maokeng residents.

- It was also reported yesterday that Maokeng was facing "militant action" following the arrest of 10 youth activists.

A Kroonstad police spokesman said 16 youths were being questioned in connection with cases of public violence.

- In a bid to open their town, the National Party-controlled Pietersburg Town Council decided this week to recommend that the central business district be opened to all races.
erf and Erf 524, so as to exclude them from this area, to
the easternmost beacon of the last-mentioned erf;
thence north-eastwards in a straight line to Beacon
DB/B in the said Survey Record E1331/90, the point of
beginning.

No. 195, 1990

ESTABLISHMENT OF A FREE TRADING AREA
UNDER SECTION 19 (1) OF THE GROUP AREAS
ACT, 1966, AT BOKSBURG, DISTRICT OF BOKS-
BURG, PROVINCE OF THE TRANSVAAL

Under section 19 (1) of the Group Areas Act, 1966
(Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that as from
the date of publication of this Proclamation, the provisions
of sections 26 (1), 27, 35, 37 and 40 of the said Act
shall not be applicable in respect of any building, land
or premises in the area defined in the Schedule hereto,
subject to the condition that such building, land or
premises may only be occupied or used for trading,
commercial, professional or religious and educational
purposes in terms of a town planning scheme which is
in operation or binding under any law in that area.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic
of South Africa at Pretoria this Twentieth day of
November, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.
By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:
H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE
SECTION 19 (1) FREE TRADING AREA
The Township of Jansen Park Extension 3 in its
entirety, vide General Plan A 653/89.

No. 196, 1990

AMENDMENT OF PROCLAMATION No. 159 OF
1968 UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE GROUP AREAS
ACT, 1966, AT MURRAYSBURG, DISTRICT OF
MURRAYSBURG, PROVINCE OF THE CAPE OF
GOOD HOPE

Under section 33 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act
No. 36 of 1966), I hereby amend Proclamation No. 159
of 1968 from the date of publication of this Procla-
mation by the exclusion of the area defined in the Schedu-
le to this Proclamation from the area defined in para-
graph (b) of the Schedule to that Proclamation.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic
of South Africa at Pretoria this Twentieth day of Novem-
ber, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.
By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:
H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

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lkie baken van laaggenoemde erf; daarvan
doordoozaars in 'n reguit lyn tot by Baken DB/B in
genomene Meetstuk E1331/90, die beginpunt.

No. 195, 1990

INSTELLING VAN 'N VRYHANDELSGEBIED
KRAGTENS ARTIKEL 19 (1) VAN DIE WET OP
GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE BOKSBURG, DISTRIK
BOKSBURG, PROVINSIE TRANSVAAL

Kragtens artikel 19 (1) van die Wet op Groepsge-
biede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby
dat, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Prokla-
masie, die bepaling van artikels 26 (1), 27, 35, 37 en
40 van genoemde Wet nie van toepassing is nie ten
opsigte van enige gebou, grond of perseel in die
gebied omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, onderworpe aan
die voorwaarde dat die gebou, grond of perseel sieg
viri handels-, kommersiële, professionele of
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gebied in werking of binne is.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die
Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Pretoria, op hede die
Tweekste dag van November Eenduisend Negehonder-
der-en-negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.
Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:
H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE
ARTIKEL 19 (1)-VRYHANDELSGEBIED
Die dorpe Jansen Park-uitskieding 3 in sy geheel,
volgens Algemene Plan A 653/89.

No. 196, 1990

WYSIGING VAN PROKLAMASIE No. 159 VAN 1968
KRAGTENS ARTIKEL 33 VAN DIE WET OP GROEPS-
GEBIEDE, 1966, TE MURRAYSBURG, DISTRIK
MURRAYSBURG, PROVINSIE DIE KAAP DE GOEIE
HOOP

Kragtens artikel 33 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede,
1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), wysig ek hierby Proklama-
sie No. 159 van 1968 vanaf die datum van publika-
sie van hierdie Proklamasie deur die uitsluiting van die
gebied omskryf in die Byl en van hierdie Proklamasie
uit die gebied omskryf in paragraaf (b) van die Byl
van daardie Proklamasie.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Repu-
bliek van Suid-Afrika te Pretoria, op hede die Tweek-
tigste dag van November Eenduisend Negehonder-
der-en-negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.
Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet.
H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.
Second Boksburg free trade area upsets CP

BLACKS will be allowed to open businesses in a second part of CP-controlled Boksburg following the declaration of a free trade area in the East Rand town — a move which has enraged CP councillors.

"Jansen Park Extension 3, situated about 7km from Boksburg's CBD, was proclaimed a free trading area in Friday's Government Gazette.

Blacks could now operate businesses in the area from December 7.

The CP's chief whip in the council Andries du Toit said yesterday the party opposed any free trade areas as it took away the right of the white man to trade separately from blacks.

Boksburg's CBD, which was declared a free trade area under the formerly NP-controlled town council, had become totally black and was not safe for whites, he said. 999 01 91 91 0 0

Admitting defeat, Du Toit said, "What can we do about it? The CP does not control central government."

He said the newly proclaimed area was not situated near any black area, so it would not have a "total inflex" of blacks, but the area would eventually be swamped.

The area was also dominated by huge shopping centres and it was unlikely that black traders would be able to acquire a foothold in the area in the short term.

Du Toit said he assumed the proclamation was therefore a move to gain investors.

Boksburg's right-wingers lost their fight for petty apartheid when the Pretoria Supreme Court in March overruled the council's reservation of the Boksburg lake and the tennis courts for whites only.
CP objects to ‘intimidation’ of residents

The Conservative Party is up in arms at alleged intimidation by white officials from the Department of Local Management, Land and Works to get residents of an area near Pretoria to sell their houses to Indians if they did not want them as neighbours.

The chief secretary of the CP, AS Beyers, said yesterday he had received information from a community leader in Erasmia, near Pretoria, that a department official, whose name he gave, had visited certain white residents on December 6 with the purpose of influencing them to sell their houses to Indians.

"On December 7 I wrote a letter to the director-general of the department in which I asked for his comment on these allegations."

"On December 10 (Monday) the official telephoned to tell me the director-general would fax a letter to me on that day. The fax has so far not been received by my office."

Mr Beyers said that during his conversation with the official, it was confirmed that he had visited five families in Erasmia the previous week.

The official had also reportedly confirmed he had advised one of the families to sell their house to Indians should they not wish to live next to them as neighbours.

"Through this, the complaint the Erasmia community leader gave to me was not unfounded," Mr Beyers said.

"It is shocking that the department is now sending officials to influence whites to sell their houses to Indians."

"It is nothing more than blatant intimidation of people who are resisting the estrangement of their residential areas to other race groups."

"With this the department is making a mockery of an undertaking last year to whites that their own residential areas and community life would be maintained."

"I am writing to the relevant Minister, Amie Venter, to request him to put an immediate stop to his department’s intimidation of white residents in Erasmia," said Mr Beyers. — Sapa.
in paragraph (1) of the Schedule to this Proclama-
tion from the area defined in paragraph (b) in the
Schedule to that Proclamation; and

B. section 23 of the said Act I hereby declare that
the area defined in paragraph (2) of the Sched-
ule hereto shall, as from the date of publication of
this proclamation, be an area for occupation and
ownership by members of the Coloured group.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic
of South Africa at Pretoria this Third day of December,
One thousand Nine hundred-and-ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

Area DK

(1) The area depicted in Proclamation Diagram SG
3783-90, being a proclamation area situated at Calitz-
dorp, Administrative District of Calitzdorp, Province of
the Cape of Good Hope, in its entirety.

COLOURED GROUP

Area K

(2) The area depicted in Proclamation Diagram SG
3794-90, being a proclamation area situated at Calitz-
dorp, Administrative District of Calitzdorp, Province of
the Cape of Good Hope, in its entirety.

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No. 214, 1990

DECLARATION OF A GROUP AREA IN TERMS OF THE
GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT BENONI: POR-
TION 46 OF THE FARM RIETFONTEIN 115 IR: APEX
AREA, DISTRICT OF BENONI, PROVINCE OF THE
TRANSVAAL.

Under section 23 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act
No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that the area defined
in the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date of pub-
lication of this Proclamation, be an area for occupation
and ownership by members of the Indian Group.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic
of South Africa at Pretoria this Third day of December,
One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet.

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

The area depicted on Proclamation Diagram SG
A3170/90, being Portion 46 of the farm Rietfontein 115
IR, District of Benoni, in its entirety.

van die gebied omskryf in paragraaf (1) van die
Bylae van hierdie Proklamasie uit die gebied
omskryf in paragraaf (b) van die Bylae van daardie
Proklamasie; en

B. artikel 23 van genoemde Wet verklaar ek hierby
dat die gebied omskryf in paragraaf (2) van
de Bylae hiervan, vanaf die datum van publikasie
van hierdie Proklamasie, 'n gebied is vir okkupa-
sie en grondbesit deur lede van die Gekleurde
groep.

Gegee onder my hand en seël van die Republiek
van Suid-Afrika te Pretoria, op hede die Derde dag van
Desembar Eenduisend Negehonderd-en-Negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE

Gebied DK

(1) Die gebied soos voorgestel in Proklamasiekarte
LG 3783-90, synde 'n proklamasiegebied geleë te
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VERKLARING VAN 'N GROEPSGEBIED INGE-
VOLGE DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE
BENONI: GEDeelTE 48 VAN DIE PLAAS RIETFON-
TEIN 115 IR: APEX-GEBIED, DISTRIK BENONI,
PROVINSIE TRANSVAAL

Kragtes artikel 23 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede,
1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby dat die
gebied omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, vanaf die datum
dav publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, 'n gebied is vir
okkupasie en grondbesit deur lede van die Indiërgroep.

Gegee onder my hand en die Seël van die Repub-
liekg van Suid-Afrika te Pretoria, op hede die Derde
dag van Desembar Eenduisend Negehonderd-en-
Negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE

Die gebied soos voorgestel deur Proklamasiekarte
LG A3170/90, synde Gedeelte 46 van die plaas Riet-
fontein 115 IR, distrik Benoni, provinsie Transvaal, in
sy geheel.