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## R80-m books for DET schools

Textbooks and prescribed books valued at more than R80 million have been provided to black schools by the Department of Education and Training for 1993, it was announced yesterday

In a statement issued in Pretoria, DET director-general Dr Bernhard Louw said that in the five years leading up to 1993, books worth R295,6 million had been delivered to schools

Louw also announced that on the first day of

the new school year, 2 374 public schools and 5 648 farm schools registered with the DET had opened their doors

Enrol

Based on current projections, it is anticipated that well over 2,5 million public and State-aided school pupils will enrol for the 1993 academic year. Last year, there were 2,49 million pupils at schools of the DET.

Louw also announced that 59 public schools,

providing an additional 3 264 classrooms, opened their doors for the first time yesterday

Of the new classrooms, 2 141 would provide more than 85 000 new places for primary school pupils, and 1 123 would make room for more than 39 000 secondary school pupils

Louw said a total of 6 448 new teaching posts had been created for the 1993 school year — Sapa

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# Books worth R80m delivered to schools

By Josias Charle

**T**HE Department of Education and Training has distributed text and prescribed books valued at R80 million to black schools throughout the country

The books were delivered to all schools controlled by the DET, except at schools in Soweto and Alexandra where the books have been kept at a central point since last November until they could be distributed this week

DET spokesman Mr Geoffrey Makwakwa said the problem with Soweto and Alexandra was theft, damage and arson at schools in those areas. The department was losing thousands of

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■ **MORE PUPILS** DET have created

6 448 new teaching posts and built 59

more schools:

books because of lack of care or outright vandalism and theft by pupils

Makwakwa said each year principals submitted requisitions based on projected figures for the next year and books would then be supplied a few months before schools reopened so that no time was wasted in starting with lessons.

A total of 6 448 teaching posts had been created for this year, while 59 new

schools had been built. A total of 3 264 new classrooms had also been added to existing schools, said Makwakwa

Of the new classrooms, 2 141 would provide more than 85 000 new places for primary school pupils and 1 123 make room for more than 39 000 secondary school pupils. The DET expects more than 2,5 million children to enrol at its schools this year. Last year's figure was 2,49 million

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# Strike threat

## fails as DET schools open

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

Reported threats of a strike by teachers in Department of Education and Training schools failed to materialise yesterday as thousands of black pupils returned to school

South African Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu) general secretary Thulas Nxesi said Sadtu had not proposed a strike, as had been reported in weekend newspapers

He said Sadtu-affiliated teachers would embark on a strike only as a last resort, if the DET failed to negotiate on issues of teacher retrenchments, salaries and transfers

Sadtu would demand an immediate halt to the retrenchment of "redundant" coloured teachers, he said

The union would also demand an explanation as to why the DET had deducted money from some teachers' December salaries for two days of mass action in May.

"We just want them to address the inconsistencies — why some deductions were made and why the deductions only came in December," Nxesi said

DET spokesman Geoff Makwakwa told Sapa yesterday that most schools had experienced a fair turnout for the first day of the school year and others had found they were overcrowded

## 'Only top official' can appoint DET teachers

JOHANNESBURG. — Only the director-general of the Department of Education and Training, Dr Bernhard Louw, has the right to appoint teachers, says DET spokesman Mr Corrie Rademeyer.

Mr Rademeyer made this statement following the claim by the Azanian Students Movement that it had launched a campaign to drive white teachers out of black schools and replace them with unemployed black teachers.

A meeting between the Congress of South African Students, the Department of Education and Training and principals who were ousted by pupils from some Soweto schools, due to have been held on Wednesday, has been postponed until noon today. — Sapa

The culture of bargaining at the expense of children's education is gaining momentum as teachers flex their muscles, writes PHIL MOLEFE.

# An expensive lesson

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On the march ... a recent protest by angry teachers showed how the profession has swung towards militancy.

THE dust that accompanied the announcement of yet another round of disastrous black matric results had hardly settled when the South African Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu) last week threatened to call a teachers' strike.

This shockwave hit townships before the first lessons of the year had been taught. The strike threat was made on January 10 and schools opened on the 11th.

The spectre of a chalk-down is a daunting one for parents and pupils.

Community organisations and political groups were astounded and unhappy.

"Our children will suffer the most," was the general outcry.

Community leaders dismissed the strike call as irresponsible and said the action would serve the interests of the Government rather than those of black children.

Azanan Students' Congress president Mark Mkhoe said "Black children are being used as pawns in this game."

But Sadtu assistant general secretary Thulas Nxesi hit back.

"Where are these armchair critics when teachers are transferred to faraway schools, retrenched or dismissed arbitrarily?" he asked.

"Where are they when pupils have to do without textbooks, stationery, classrooms and other essential learning aids?"

He lashed out at critics who concerned themselves with education only when there was a teachers' strike and when matric results were announced.

Nxesi says teachers are demanding the provision of facilities such as libraries and laboratories and learning aids such as textbooks and stationery, improved conditions of service, an end to the unilateral

restructuring of education, and an end to arbitrary dismissals, retrenchments and transfers.

Whatever reasons Sadtu have for calling the strike, this action will have a serious impact on the learning process this year.

The 30 000-strong Sadtu has the capacity to wreak havoc whether the teachers are right or wrong in opting for a strike, the reality is that the culture of bargaining at the expense of children's education holds great dangers.

Militant educators increasingly see themselves in the same position as workers who withdraw their labour to force employers to meet demands.

What they have lost sight of is that workers can always make up for lost production time, whereas school days that are lost cannot be regained.

Like class boycotts, which

took root in the 1970s and were hailed at the time as weapons of struggle, teachers' strikes are set on a path to nowhere.

In the wake of 1976, schools and the education system were regarded as "the site of struggle." Class boycotts were used to force the authorities to give in to demands.

The result? A culture of class boycotts developed that is now difficult to eradicate.

While part of the blame has to be apportioned to the Government for the disaster in black education, strikes and boycotts have caused untold harm to hundreds of thousands of children.

Now South Africa has to contend with a generation of marginalised, unskilled and unemployable youngsters.

The teachers, like the class of 1976, have genuine grievances but they must examine the

methods they use to redress the appalling conditions under which they are expected to teach, and by what they perceive is a reluctance on the part of political leaders to get involved in finding a solution.

Teacher militancy heightened early in 1990 when they took to the streets, held jam-packed meetings and, for the first time, openly defied the Department of Education and Training.

From Soshanguve and Mamelodi in Pretoria to the Vaal Triangle townships of Sebokeng and Sharpeville in the south, from Soweto and the West Rand to Kaitleng and Daveyton on the East Rand, thousands of teachers said "Enough is enough."

The first public defiance was in February 1990 when 5 000 teachers from Soweto and Alexandra marched to the offices of the Johannesburg region of the DET.

Immediately thereafter, thousands of Vaal Triangle teachers demonstrated and the protests spread countrywide.

About 3 000 defiant teachers from the Vaal townships of Bopelontong, Bopelontong, Ewaton, Sebokeng and Sharpeville hurled thousands of their green workbooks on to a heap in front of the DET's Vereeniging offices.

Black schooling ground to a virtual halt.

In March 1990, the first organised chalk-down strike, involving about 6 000 teachers, brought all schools in Soweto and Alexandra to a standstill.

The National Education Union of South Africa, a precursor of Sadtu, threatened to export strike action to unaffected areas if the DET failed to meet its demands.

March 1990 teachers' strike was that it set a precedent and heralded an era of defiance campaigns by educators.

Behind the confrontational attitude lay years of suppressed anger. Not since 1955, when black teachers protested against the introduction of Bantu Education, had they come out so strongly against education authorities and the Government.

**Spirit of '76**

The bulk of the present crop of teachers were high school pupils during the 1976 era, when the system was fought with stones and petrol bombs.

That spirit of defiance and using schools as a "site of struggle" has lingered.

Despite their militancy, these teachers are aware of the adverse effects of the strike.

Said Nxesi, "We are not saying there will be a strike on a certain date but if the Government is not prepared to negotiate and address our demands, we will be forced to use that weapon even if it is undesirable. Our action is motivated by our desire to see a situation conducive to learning."

Nxesi says community and political organisations, which are clearly opposed to the strike action, should suggest alternatives.

Whatever these organisations may suggest is likely to be met with a stern "we have tried that before" response.

Sadtu maintains it has exhausted all avenues. "We have held a series of meetings with the DET, we have put forward proposals to the authorities but we seem to be going nowhere," says Nxesi. □

# Teachers want desks

By Sontl Maseko

Sowetan 28/1/93

TEACHERS at a school in Bophelong, Vanderbijlpark, this week staged a sit-in at the Department of Education and Training demanding that they be supplied with school furniture

The siege will last until the DET supplies desks and chairs to Bophelong High School, teachers said on Tuesday

Tsolo, a new school which started taking in pupils in 1991, has no desks, no library books, no laboratory equipment and only 880 chairs delivered last Friday for 1 500 pupils

The circuit inspector for Vanderbijlpark, Mr Daniel Nishumayelo, said he had done all he could to obtain

## ■ Sit-in at Vaal offices of the DET:

furniture for the school

"Last year I even invited some officials from the regional office to share these experiences with us," he said

Teachers, pupils, the Congress of South African Students, Pan Africanist Students Organisation, Bophelong Civic Association and ANC Youth League have formed a forum to put pressure on the department

Spokesman Mr Mochobi Xaba said they wanted the whole of last year for the department to keep its promises

Yesterday marked the third week since the schools reopened and teachers at Tsolo said there had not been a single day of learning as they were unable to teach without furniture

# 400 transport workers fired

SOwetan 28/1/93

## ■ New machine causes friction:

MORE than 400 workers at Umfolozi Transport in Richards Bay were dismissed yesterday after they stopped work to enforce their demand for the reinstatement of a colleague

The dismissed workers — bus drivers and workshop workers, downed tools on Tuesday, demanding that a bus driver who was dismissed on Monday after failing to use a new Omni fare-collecting machine correctly should be reinstated

Managing director of Umfolozi Transport Mr Andrei Joubert said the workers were dismissed after embarking on an "illegal" strike



## 46 schools to get books today, DET promises

JOHANNESBURG — Forty-six Department of Education and Training schools which still do not have stationery have been promised the books will be delivered to them by today

The undertaking was given yesterday by the Director of Administration in the DET's Johannesburg region, Mr Giep van den Berg

He said by Wednesday 324 of the region's 370 DET schools had received books and stationery. — Sapa



Star 10/2/93

## Bill allows Minister to close schools

CAPE TOWN — A Bill which will enable the white own affairs Minister of Education to close down Model C schools was published yesterday.

The Education Affairs Amendment Bill says a State-aided school may be shut down "if the Minister considers it necessary", and after consultation with its governing body

(SAP) All assets and liabilities of such a school will then be transferred to the State

(256) A Department of Education spokesman said the drafters had considered specifying in the Bill the circumstances in which the Minister could close a school "But if you mention one thing and not another, there may be problems" — Sapa.

# 'Millions of rands' for books says DET

C Press 3/1/93  
THE DET will spend millions of rands on books and have them delivered in time for the next school term, DET director general Dr Bernhard Louw said this week.

Dr Louw told a media conference the DET also planned to build an additional 3 600 classrooms at its schools and to subsidise 400 new classrooms at farm schools to alleviate accommodation shortages.

He said if the books did not reach pupils it would not be the DET's fault but the principals' as re-

sources would be available and headmasters would have only to send the necessary requisitions

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Asked what the DET was doing to counter a planned examination fee boycott by the Congress of South African Students in 1993, Louw said he hoped Cosas would refrain from the boycott as it would only harm pupils.

He said the DET had accepted a call for a single fee structure which would be introduced in the next school term - Sapa

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# DET schools to know their fate

*Sowetan 11/2/93*

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By Spho Mthembu

THE fate of most of the vandalised Department of Education and Training schools will be known when the Minister of Finance presents his Budget in Parliament on March 17, DET spokesman Mr Jeff Makwakwa said yesterday.

A number of schools in the Johannesburg region have been earmarked for renovation, according to regional director Mr Solly Mshokwa. The region is one of those most affected by vandalism.

The Morris Isaacson and Fontanous high schools in Soweto, which have no roofs, are among those to be renovated.

"In some cases we might follow the Orlando High School pattern of completely replacing the building with a new one," Mshokwa said.

## ■ Finance Minister to decide on buildings that have been vandalised:

He reiterated the department's earlier call to the community to take the responsibility of ensuring the security of the school buildings.

"It is a futile exercise to spend lots of money rebuilding schools that get vandalised again within a short time. Orlando High is a case in point. After only three years the school is without windows and doors," he said.

Makwakwa said the department had signed a R32 million contract with three furniture companies which would ensure supplies to all eight regions and March 21 had been set as the deadline for the furniture to be supplied to schools.

Pupils worse  
under DET

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Political Staff

MATRIC pupils at black government schools had worse results than those attending schools not under government control, the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, revealed yesterday

At schools under his department, 58% of matric pupils failed their exams, while 55,4% at other schools failed.

At government schools, 9% of pupils obtained matriculation exemption, which qualified them for entry into university, while 10,8% at non-government schools did so

filated membership of approximately one million. During the sanctions debate of 1986 the organisation was largely responsible for ensuring that a ban on the importation of hunting trophies from South Africa to the United States of America was not included in the United States of America's federal sanctions legislation against South Africa. A substantial number of members of the Safari Club International have over recent years spent millions of rands in South Africa on hunting safaris. The Safari Club International has also built a museum in Tucson, Arizona, housing a South African exhibition which displays South Africa's wildlife, thereby promoting tourism to South Africa.

At the time when the contribution was made, it was the task of all South African missions abroad to counter trade sanctions. The contribution that was made by the then South African Ambassador in Washington, Dr P G J Koornhof, to the Safari Club International, occurred in this context.

**Government Service Pension Fund: investments**

\*12 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Finance

- (1) Whether there has been any change in the policy regarding the investment of accumulated funds of the Government Service Pension Fund, if so, (a) what change and (b) what effect has the change had in financial terms in regard to increased interest and/or dividends,
- (2) whether it is the intention to extend any investment policy to utilize most or all of the accumulated funds of other State pension funds, if not, why not, if so, (a) in what manner and (b) over what period,
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B168E

The MINISTER OF FINANCE

- (1) No,
- (2) all the accumulated funds of other State pension funds are managed by the Public Investment Commissioners along similar lines as the funds of the GSPF,

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

- (3) whether he will make a statement on the effectiveness of the various television programmes aimed at assisting Black pupils broadcast in 1992? B170E

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- (1) Yes
- (2) No. An initial version of the report was recently submitted to the Committee of Heads of Education Departments. The Committee, of which the Director-general of National Education is the chairman, is considering the report, as well as the question concerning the publication thereof.
- (3) The project is at present being evaluated by an independent consultant. A final report in this respect is expected by March 1993, after which it will be decided whether a statement will be made.

**Smoking: legislation**

\*15 Mrs C H CHARLEWOOD asked the Minister of National Health

- (1) Whether she intends introducing legislation in respect of smoking during the current session of Parliament, if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) what will be the nature of this legislation,
- (2) whether she will make a statement on the matter? B171E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH

- (1) Yes,
  - (a) it has been put on the legislative agenda for the current session of Parliament and will be tabled as soon as possible and
  - (b) the Bill envisages the control of the use, sale and advertising of tobacco products
- It also empowers the Minister by regulation to—
  - regulate the health warning and particulars regarding the hazardous constituents of a tobacco product which must appear on the packet and an advertisement thereof, and

— prescribe the claims which may not be made in the said advertisement

Provision is also made for a prohibition on the sale of tobacco products to persons who are under the age of 16 years,

- (2) no

**Aids: orphans of victims**

\*16 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health

- Whether any provision is being made for assistance to orphans of Aids victims in (a) urban, (b) rural and (c) peri-urban areas, if not, why not, if so, what is the nature of this assistance? B172E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH

- (a) Yes,
- (b) yes and
- (c) yes, Children who are orphaned as a result of the HIV/AIDS phenomenon are handled the same as any other orphans within the existing welfare structure. If necessary the children are legally placed in substitute care.

**Rights of Child: UN/RSA**

\*17 Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 19 on 19 February 1992, the South African Government will now consider becoming a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, if not, why not,
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B173E

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- (1) South Africa signed the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child of 1989 in New York on 29 January 1993
- (2) The Minister of Justice, Mr H J Coetsee, MP, issued a press statement on 29 January 1993 and the media reported on the matter

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\*14 Mrs C H CHARLEWOOD asked the Minister of Education and Training

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 7 on 4 February 1992, the interdepartmental committee appointed to investigate aspects of distance education has brought up a report, if not, why not, if so,
- (2) whether he will make the report public, if not, why not, if so, when,

**DET: distance education**

**Universities/technicons: subsidies**

\*13 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of National Education

- (1) Whether any universities or technicons are to receive in respect of 1993 the full amount which they should receive under the formula-funding policy administered by his Department, if not, why not,
- (2) whether any of these universities or technicons are to receive less money from the State in real terms in 1993 than they did in 1992 in terms of the amounts determined by his Department, if so, which of these institutions,
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B169E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION

- (1) Since the Minister of Finance has not submitted the Draft Budget Bill for the 1993-94 financial year to Parliament yet, the details are not available at this stage
- (2) Falls away
- (3) No

# Soweto teachers now up in arms

By Phil Molefe  
Education Reporter

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Soweto schools were brought to a standstill today as thousands of teachers converged on the Johannesburg offices of the Department of Education and Training (DET) to protest against the retrenchment of about 30 teachers

Yesterday the Soweto schools crisis, where about 100 000 pupils are on a "go-slow" to protest against exam fees, spread to schools

in Port Elizabeth and Cape Town, Sapa reports

Hundreds of Soweto teachers took to the streets yesterday to protest against the retrenchment of about 30 educators in the Jabulani, Zola and Emdeni areas

Schools face a complete breakdown as teachers threaten to strike over the DET's decision to retrench teachers

A spokesman for the Soweto branch of the South African Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu), Oupa

Mpetha, said teachers would picket today at the DET's Johannesburg offices in support of a "sleep-in" by retrenched teachers.

About 50 teachers have been sleeping at the DET offices since the beginning of the week

The DET rejected claims that teachers had been retrenched

DET regional spokesman Norman Malebane said "Teachers were only served with letters which stated

that their terms of temporary or contractual employment had expired"

Malebane said some teachers had been employed in posts already occupied by other teachers who had either gone on study leave, holiday or pregnancy leave

"We made it clear to them that once the owners of those posts return, they will have to leave"

The DET declared a dispute with Sadtu yesterday, accusing the union of violating an agreement

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# PLAN TO PRESSURE DET OVER EXAM-FEE CRISIS

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Sunday Times Reporter

MULTIPARTY talks aiming at finding ways to force the Department of Education and Training to scrap exam fees will take place tomorrow.

Labour, political, civic, education and student organisations will be involved in the meeting at the headquarters of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) in Johannesburg.

Topping the agenda is the examination fee issue.

The meeting is being called and co-ordinated by Cosas and the Pan Africanist Student Organisation (Paso). Organisations expected to attend the one-day meeting include the ANC, PAC, Cosatu, the Azanian Students' Movement and the southern Transvaal region of the South African National Civic Organisations.

The meeting is expected to organise a committee to co-ordinate a programme of action, said Cosas president Moses Maseko.

"Our organisation has declared 1993 the year of getting rid of the hated examination fees in all schools."

He said: "Cosas and Paso want to involve parents in action we intend taking to force the DET to scrap the examination fees."

"The second phase of our programme will be the occupation of all DET buildings and city streets, until the DET meets students' demands."

The conference tomorrow follows another week of violence and confusion in schools around the country, some of which appear set to continue the "go-slow" strike indefinitely.

At Letabong Secondary School in Soshanguve, near Pretoria, three teachers were seriously injured when they were stoned and assaulted by angry students on Wednesday.

## Arrested

A teacher, Mr Jim Gomba, is in Garankuwa hospital with stab wounds and other serious injuries.

Pupils stoned cars passing the school, including a police vehicle. Five students were arrested. Later, pupils vandalised the school, which was temporarily closed.

At Mapetla-Tswana school, in Soweto, students have been venting their frustrations on passing vehicles since the beginning of the "go-slow" strike.

Pupils at the school cited a variety of reasons for their actions, including the unpopularity of the headmaster, inactive teachers, political rivalry and sheer boredom.

Thabo Mokone, a Std 7 pupil, said: "We are hitting targets to keep us busy because we are not being taught. We are doing nothing."

Teaching at the school has been suspended.

Many Soweto students are too afraid to attend classes.

The Mamelodi campus of Vista university is still paralysed by an ongoing dispute between campus authorities and the SRC over the latter's involvement in the selection, admission and orientation of students.

In Natal, three teacher training colleges have been closed indefinitely. Madadeni (Newcastle), Esikwawini (Empangeni) and Amanzimtoti colleges of education were closed in the wake of disruption of classes, sit-ins and confrontations with staff members.

At Madadeni, lectures were suspended after students hit the rector and locked him out of the college.



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# Hopes rise over Sadtu-DET meet

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By **THEMBA KHUMALO**  
and **NOMVULA KHALO**

THE much-vaunted teacher strike in Soweto may be averted.

An urgent meeting is to be held between representatives of the SA Democratic Teachers Union (Sadtu) and education authorities in Johannesburg tomorrow.

Soweto Sadtu spokesman Oupa Mpetha said the two parties have agreed to discuss their differences.

Their meeting is a sequel to last week's events when thousands of teachers in the township marched to the Johannesburg circuit inspector's offices to demand the reinstatement of 30 teachers who were ex-

pelled by the DET last month.

The teachers who lost their jobs are from schools in Jabulani, Zola, Emndeni and Dobsonville townships, better known as Jazemdo.

About 17 teachers staged a sit-in at the offices and at the time of going to press they had not left.

DET officials said they terminated the teachers' services when their contract as temporary staff expired.

This was rejected outright by Sadtu who claimed that the expulsion was part of the DET's campaign to harass its members.

At an emotion-charged Sadtu meeting in Soweto on Tuesday about 5 000

angry teachers lashed out at the "bad treatment" the authorities were subjecting them to.

They said initially the department promised them a 30 percent salary increase. Later the authorities reduced this to 25 percent and eventually they got five percent.

They had asked the DET to stop implementing unilateral restructuring and to pay them living wages instead of "the starvation packages".

The teachers also complained bitterly about being over-taxed by the DET.

Mpetha dispelled fears that Sadtu wanted a teachers strike regardless. "Our main concern is to resolve the current dispute as amicably as possible," he said.



### Crime swoop on W Rand

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MORE than 300 people were arrested and at least 35 stolen vehicles were recovered in a West Rand police crime prevention blitz on Saturday. A police spokesman said they set up 56 roadblocks and searched 500 cars and 287 houses. Seven unlicensed firearms were recovered -- Sapa.

### Teachers sit-in at DET

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SIXTEEN Soweto teachers, who have been staging a sit-in at the Johannesburg offices of the DET, said yesterday they would start a hunger strike today. They have vowed to continue their hunger strike until the DET reinstates 31 teachers whose services have been terminated. *Sowetan 11/3/93.*

# Schooling stalemate

(256)

By Phil Molefe  
Education Reporter



offices discussing the re-  
trenchment of about 30  
teachers in the Jabulani,  
Zola and Emdeni areas

An urgent meeting be-  
tween protesting Soweto  
teachers and the regional  
office of the Depart-  
ment of Education and  
Training over the re-  
trenchment of teachers  
ended in deadlock last  
night.

The local branch of the  
South African Democrat-  
ic Teachers' Union  
(Sadtu) spent five hours  
with DET officials at the  
DET's Braamfontein of-

It was agreed that fur-  
ther talks would be held  
today involving national  
representatives of both  
parties.

A large number of  
Soweto teachers braved  
the heavy downpour yes-  
terday to hold a picket  
outside the DET offices.

Schools in the town-  
ship were deserted after  
teachers had staged a  
boycott to back their de-

mands and pupils were  
sent home early.

● The 27 Soweto teach-  
ers who have held a sit-  
in at the DET's offices  
for a week against the  
retrenchments left  
peacefully last night, po-  
lice said

Earlier, police said the  
SAP intended laying a  
charge of trespassing  
against the demonstra-  
tors. The teachers began  
a hunger strike at the  
weekend, vowing to  
starve if their colleagues  
were not reinstated



# Sit-in ends

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# with arrest of teachers

By Phil Molefe  
Education Reporter

Police yesterday arrested 24 Soweto teachers who had staged a week-long sit-in and hunger strike at the Johannesburg offices of the Department of Education and Training (DET).

A police officer said the arrests were made after the DET laid charges of trespassing.

The arrested teachers toyed to shouts of "amandla" from colleagues as they were led to a waiting police van.

Said a group member: "The sit-in is now moving to John Vorster Square and we will continue with the hunger strike until our demands have been met."

They were released from custody after a bail hearing in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court last night, on condition they do not enter the DET building until the end of their trial.

Soweto schools have been hit by work stoppages by teachers protesting against the retrenchment of about 30 of their col-

leagues in the Jabulani, Zola and Emdeni areas. Schools in the township were deserted again yesterday.

Last night a delegation of teachers broke off a meeting with DET officials in Pretoria to address the impasse after they heard some of their colleagues had been evicted from the DET offices in the Dobsonville area.

Earlier, South African Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu) general secretary Randall van den Heever said the union would demand the unconditional re-employment of the dismissed teachers and the resignation of regional DET deputy director Norman Malebane.

However, Malebane rejected claims the teachers had been retrenched.

Teachers had only been served with letters which stated that their terms of temporary or contractual employment had expired, he said.

In a statement last night, the DET said it regretted the "reckless manner" in which Sadtu had decided to disrupt education in Soweto.

● Vista boycott continues —  
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# Pupils' demo: 2 hurt, 52 held

or 4/3/93

By RAMOTENA MABOTE

AT least two pupils were hurt and 52 people arrested, 10 of them juveniles, at a protest demonstration by two schools at the Department of Education and Training on the Forshore yesterday.

## Gloom for black schools

JOHANNESBURG.—A disastrous academic year loomed for black schoolchildren as their teachers geared up to strike against low pay and poor conditions, National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) spokesman Mr Desmond Thompson said yesterday.

The left-leaning NECC gave hesitant approval to the strike, saying it agreed "in principle" to the demands. "But everything possible must be done to resolve the crisis with as little disruption as possible," the NECC said yesterday.

Thompson said. "We can't afford another disrupted year."

The SA Democratic Teachers' Union blamed the Department of Education and Training for "worsening issues instead of resolving them" in Soweto.

Secondary school pupils in Mamelodi, near Pretoria, had embarked on a go-slow protest against examination fees and there were fears it could spread to other Pretoria townships, the DET said yesterday. — Sapa-AFP

The 10 juveniles were later released and the others granted R50 bail. Half the group are expected to appear in court today and the rest tomorrow.

Nonzwakazi Spayra, 22, a pupil at Ikamvalethu Finishing School, which caters for pupils who have failed matric, suffered head injuries when a policeman struck her with a baton. She was treated at the Somerset Hospital. She said she was trying to flee when she was hit.

A schoolmate who was sprayed in the eyes with teargas was also treated at the hospital.

Teachers and pupils at Ikamvalethu and Lukhanyo Combined schools had visited the DET separately — Ikamvalethu, of Langa, to demand a building of their own and Lukhanyo, of Hermannus, to claim recognition as a fully fledged combined school rather than a "learning centre".

Both the ANC and the National Education Co-ordinating Committee condemned police reaction and called on the DET to meet the schools' demands.

Police fired teargas after pupils blocked the back exit of the DET building to prevent officials from leaving. Later they baton-charged protesters, witnesses said.

Police spokesman Captain At- the Laubscher, confirmed the police action and said the demonstration was illegal and the protesters had been given enough time to disperse but had not.

DET regional chief director Mr Bill Staude said his department had offered Ikamvalethu two alternative venues, but the pupils "for reasons not known to him" had refused them.



COMMISERATION... Nonzwakazi Spayra, 22, of Ikamvalethu Finishing School, comforted by teachers, Mr Kidwell Qaba (left) and Mr Pat Mazimela, after she was treated in hospital for head injuries suffered in a baton charge at the DET offices.

Picture ANNE LAING

# Stalled talks keep schools deserted

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KATHRYN STRACHAN

SOWETO schools were deserted again yesterday as negotiations between teachers and the education authorities were stalemated.

There were no indications by yesterday afternoon that the crisis would be speedily resolved. The Department of Education and Training (DET) and SA Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu) each claimed it was up to the other to initiate a meeting — while pupils waited to hear when they could return to class.

The last discussions between the DET and the union over the alleged retrenchment of temporary teachers ended in deadlock earlier this week when Sadtu received information that 24 teachers staging a sit-in at the DET's regional offices in Johannesburg had been arrested for trespassing.

The DET said yesterday it had told Sadtu it was ready to resume negotiations whenever the union was ready.

DET spokesman Ted Townsend denied that the arrests had undermined the spirit of negotiations. "We laid the charges because they were trespassing, and that is the bottom line," he said. The teachers are to appear in court today.

Despite the previous days' arrests, hundreds of teachers returned to demonstrate outside the DET offices yesterday, but police said there were no arrests.

Sapa reports that Soweto dispute resolution committee chairman Mongezi Stofile said yesterday education in Soweto was in chaos and that the whole area was tense and polarised.

Stofile, speaking also for the Soweto Education Crisis Committee, said all organisations should co-ordinate efforts and address grievances without disrupting schooling in Soweto further.

Meanwhile the pupils' "go-slow" in protest against the exam registration fee has spread to secondary schools in Mamelodi, and there were fears it could spread to other Pretoria townships, the DET said.

Soweto pupils decided on Monday to return to school for one week to give the education authorities time to respond to their demand for the scrapping of the exam fee, but their strategy was undermined by the teachers' protest.

In Cape Town, about 50 pupils and the principal of a Langa school were arrested yesterday when they tried to occupy the DET's offices.

About 900 pupils and teachers from the Ikambaletu Finishing School — opened in the township last year mainly for those who had failed matric — took part in the protest.

Students fled in all directions, leaving behind books and shoes in their rush to get away when police charged the crowd with dogs, it was reported.

In Grahamstown, more than 3 000 junior and senior school children from Rani marched to the town hall to present a petition calling for the abolition of school examination fees.

# 50 teachers, pupils arrested at DET office protest

**JOHN VILJOEN**  
Education Reporter

MORE than 50 teachers, pupils and parents were arrested when police broke up a protest outside Department of Education and Training offices.

Police with batons and dogs ended an attempt to occupy DET offices for a sit-in yesterday, bundling people into lorries.

They were taken to Sea Point police station, where

45 adults were released on R50 bail and seven pupils were freed without bail.

The protesters were charged with holding an illegal gathering and are expected to appear in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court today.

Two women were given stitches at Somerset Hospital for head wounds allegedly caused by police batons. One pupil was treated after tear-gas was sprayed in her face.

About 1 000 protesters, mostly from Ikamvaletu Finishing School, spent about three hours outside the DET offices. (256) (277) (283)

The rest were from Lukhanyo Combined School in Zwelihle, Hermanus.

Ikamvaletu principal Mr Ben Tengimfene said his pupils and staff demanded the use of an empty Spoornek hostel in Philippi. APR 4/3/93

Since the school opened a year ago, it had been "pla-

tooning" with Langa Comprehensive, holding classes between 3pm and 7pm.

Ikamvaletu is for pupils who fail some of their matric subjects

The DET had broken a promise to provide a combined school, they claimed.

Zwelihle had the only black school in the Overberg and pupils travelled from Stanford, Gansbaai and Bot River.

# DET in talks on extra school space

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Staff Reporter

THE Department of Education and Training met a delegation of parents, teachers and pupils of Ikamvalethu Finishing School late yesterday afternoon to discuss possible solutions to the school's accommodation problems. 275/3/93

Western Cape director of the DET Dr J H P Brand said officials of Spoornet were expected to attend the meeting as a building they owned was one of the options to be discussed.

Two pupils were injured and 52 people were arrested when violence broke outside the DET's Foreshore offices on Wednesday during a protest by Ikamvalethu pupils and teachers held to demand accommodation.

Dr Brand said that the DET would discuss the use of the empty Spoornet hostel in Philippi while a permanent solution was being sought.

Ikamvalethu, which is for pupils who are repeating matric, has been "platooning" at Langa Comprehensive School for two years, holding classes between 3pm and 7pm.

# DET man ousted so school closes

By ELIAS MALULEKE

NOW why would the DET want to close a perfectly operating school?

Because they're a bunch of bungling, interfering "krokodille" say furious parents and teachers in Mamelodi.

The DET says the school is a mess.

At the core of the matter is the closing down of Izikhulu High School, not because pupils were disrupting the normal running of classes, but because the DET is in dispute with teachers over the appointment of a principal.

However, DET regional director Job Schoeman has a list of laments to back up his actions.

Top of his list is that a key DET appointee - a new principal - was chased away.

He also said the DET had reports of teachers being drunk, failing to prepare lessons, accepting bribes and having sex with pupils.

He said the situation at the school had become totally unacceptable and normal learning and teaching could not continue.

Parents, however, said Schoeman and company had a political agenda.

They claimed the DET was attempting to preempt mass action planned by the SA Democratic Teachers Union should their meeting with President FW De Klerk on March 12 fail to address the worsening school crisis.



**FURY ... Angry teachers and pupils of Izikhulu High School met this week.** ■ ELIAS MALULEKE

The decision to close the school in Mamelodi has led to a solidarity "go slow strike" by other schools in the township.

From Tuesday classes were suspended at 11 am - putting 1,500 pupils on the street (25b)

On Friday the DET closed Izikhulu and instructed its 41 teachers to report to the Teachers' Centre tomorrow. They are to be "transferred" to other schools.

The pupils have objected, telling teachers to ignore the DET and continue with classes.

The parents now want to know what will happen to their kids, seeing that

the DET closed the school and not the community.

They said the dispute was between teachers and the DET. (325)

The community is to meet today to decide on action. They might take the matter to court.

Parents' spokesman Duff Phiri said the DET was courting strife.

He slammed the DET for resorting to *kragdadigheid* and for refusing to talk to the parents.

Yet, when City Press visited the school on Friday, we found it was "school as normal".

The students were turned out in clean black and white uniforms, the

school had been cleaned and teachers were in the driving seat.

Pupils said they did not want to be involved in the row between teachers and the DET. They said all they wanted was to be given the chance to learn and accused the DET of bungling and of being "insensitive" to their right to learn.

City Press heard some strange stories from pupils we heard.

■ The pupils' group named "Concerned Students" had received "money and cars" from the DET and the principal.

■ The school has been without a principal since 1990 after he was driven away amid accusations of "theft".

■ The DET has refused to appoint the school's popular choice, acting principal Caiphus Michael Dimeti. No one else applied for the job!

■ Dimeti was recommended for the post by the Circuit Inspector and the school's Management Council.

■ Ousted principal Tommy Ngwane had similar trouble in his previous post as deputy principal of Memezelo High.

■ His appointment had been, from the outset, against the wishes of the parents and teachers - but the DET had ignored their protests.

■ DET officials had arrived to install Ngwane in a cavalcade of vehicles, prompting an ugly confrontation.



# Boycott of classes looms as pupils demand that DET scrap school fees

S/ Times [Cape Metro]

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**By AYESHA ISMAIL**  
TALKS between teachers and the Department of Education and Training have averted a threatened strike — but pupils are still waiting for a response to their demand that examination and school fees be scrapped before deciding whether to boycott classes

At a tense five-hour meeting in Cape Town

on Friday, a delegation led by the South African Democratic Teachers' Organisation (Sadtu) reached agreement on several issues with Minister of Education and Training Sam de Beer

In a statement afterwards, Sadtu said it was committed to normalising schooling. It urged the DET to find solutions to the problems in edu-

cation. The statement said Mr de Beer had conceded that there were problems — "mainly due to serious misunderstandings at local level"

During the crisis talks, held to avert a possible national strike by DET teachers, Mr de Beer gave Sadtu assurances on several key issues. These included an un-

dertaking that there would be no retrenchment of DET teachers and that rationalisations by the Public Service did not apply to teachers employed by his department.

The position of temporary teachers whose contracts had expired was also discussed. Mr de Beer gave his assurance that no further temporary teachers would have their contracts terminated before next Friday.

The DET would negotiate with Sadtu to investigate and clarify the positions of temporary teachers in Soweto whose contracts had expired. They would try to reach agreement on these — and possibly other — temporary teachers.

Mr de Beer agreed that the teachers affected could return to the schools at which they had been employed before and said they would be allocated duties by the principals.

Charges against teachers arrested during a sit-in at DET offices in Johannesburg this week would be withdrawn, he told the Sadtu delegation.

In its statement, Sadtu said "Our members will be keeping a watchful eye on further state initiatives after March 31"

"If the Department of Education chooses to disregard its promises to consult democratic structures, the state will have to accept full responsibility for disrupting and destabilising education."

Meanwhile, a co-ordinating committee comprising the Congress of South African Students, the Azanian Students Movement and the Pan Africanist Students Organisation has called on pupils to return to school. It has given the DET until the end of the month to address grievances given in a memorandum to the department last week.

**NEWS** Educating people to be tolerant ● DET to decide on closure of Mamelodi school

# Future of 'rebel' school in balance

*Sowetan* 9/13/93.  
■ Disruptions followed objections to new principal:

**By Alinah Dube**

THE future of the strife-torn Izikhulu High School in Mamelodi hangs in the balance as the Department of Education and Training awaits the Minister's decision on whether to close the school permanently or not.

The school, which has been plagued by disruptions, was closed a week ago after teachers and pupils objected to the appointment of new principal Mr Thomas Ngwenya.

The DET threatened to close permanently and transfer teachers to other schools if the situation did not improve by yesterday.

Teachers and pupils have continued with lessons despite the order from the DET.

Mr Pasty Malefo, publicity secretary of the Mamelodi Civic Association, criticised the DET for being too quick to close institutions of learning rather than

addressing the problem

"This is typical of the DET. When mention was made of the planned transfer of teachers, nothing was said about the future of our children

"Whether they die of illiteracy or whatever happens to them, the authorities seem not to care," Malefo said.

He said a meeting had been arranged with the DET.

DET spokesman Mr Thomas Kekana yesterday told *Sowetan* that they had referred the Izikhulu High School's case to the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Samde Beer, for a final decision.

"This decision was arrived at after pupils in Mamelodi closed the Teachers' Centre. They chased Ngwenya and the principal of the centre, Mr Matthews Laka, away.

"Teachers and subject advisers were also ordered to leave and told not to be seen anywhere near the centre until further notice," Kekana said.

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**NEWS** Teacher admits 'playing around'

# 'No work, no pay', teachers warned

*Sowetan 19/3/93*  
By **Sonti Maseko**  
and **Lulama Luti**

THE Department of Education and Training would apply the "no work, no pay" rule against teachers who stayed away from work on Wednesday in protest against the Budget

DET's director general Dr Bernhard Louw said this was a position the South African Democratic Teachers Union was fully aware of

Louw said in terms of the Memorandum of Agreement, signed by both parties last year, the rule would be applied in cases where employees were absent from work without leave

On Wednesday thousands of Sadtu members, disgruntled with a five percent increase in their salaries, demonstrated against what they called the "apartheid Budget" Louw said according to reports

## ■ NECC sends open letter to President De Klerk:

received by the DET, many teachers did not observe the call for the action

Meanwhile, the National Education Coordinating Committee has sent an open letter to State President FW de Klerk calling on him to reopen negotiations on the salary increases for teachers

Speaking at a media briefing in Johannesburg yesterday, NECC general secretary Mr James Maseko said De Klerk had been given until April 1 to respond

The letter also calls for the establishment of an education negotiation forum which Maseko said could help defuse what could degenerate into an even deeper crisis in black education

He said copies of the letter would be sent to the leaders of all political organisations in the country

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# Teachers call off meeting with DET

By Phil Molefe  
Education Reporter

The Department of Education and Training expressed "extreme" disappointment at the withdrawal by the South African Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu) from a meeting which was scheduled in Pretoria yesterday

DET spokesman Corrie Rademeyer said Sadtu withdrew from the meeting barely 20 minutes before it was due to start.

Rademeyer said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss grievance procedures. The DET had asked for an urgent meeting because of "continuing, unbridled wildcat labour action by Sadtu members"

Sadtu general secretary Randall van den Heever said the teachers' union had merely requested a postponement and he was disappointed at the DET's "hysterical" response

Van den Heever said the Sadtu vote for a national teachers strike over the 5 percent wage increase could be delayed because Easter was due.

# Education Minister lashes at black pupils

■ They have no commitment to learning, says De Beer:

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By Ismail Lagardien  
Political Correspondent

THERE IS NO difference in the standard of education between black and white schools - black pupils just have no commitment to learning.

This is the view of Minister of Education and Training Mr Sam de Beer, who said in Cape Town yesterday that black pupils did not use facilities available to them.

## Facilities unused

Responding to a question asked by *Sowetan*, De Beer said: "The difference is that we don't have the commitment of teachers and parents and children in black education to make use of the facilities available - that is the difference".

Director General of Education and Training Dr Bernhard Louw, said that

pupils should show their commitment by paying their matric examination fees by May 7.

"The idea of registration is to enable us to make preparations for 350 000 pupils to write exams

## Commitment to exams

"A person who pays the fee has a commitment to write the exams," Louw said.

The DET would spend 26.2 percent more on black education this year, De Beer also said.

This year will see the completion of 1 329 classrooms at 41 new schools and plans are underway to build 183 new schools.

During last year 6 514 new teaching posts were created to deal with the increase in pupils this year and hopefully reduce the high pupil-to-teacher ratio.

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# Govt announces new programme to tackle black education crisis

IN AN effort to combat the disastrous state of black education, government yesterday announced a major capital development programme, including R792m for new classrooms and training new schools.

Education Minister Sam de Beer told a news conference that the DEY's budget for 1993/94 had almost doubled since last year, and the figure allocated to building new classrooms had increased by 87%.

But De Beer stressed that the package

represented only a partnership between the government and parents. The new results, he said, "Some of them are doing so... however, at the moment, there is a most destructive approach being used by some partners and in places education looks more like a war zone than a haven for education."

Already at this crucial stage, too many school days have been lost for the year. If those secondary schools which have not yet

settled into work do not do so immediately, there will be little hope of success for the pupils in 1993," he warned.

De Beer said in some parts of the country, the situation had deteriorated to a point where a higher expenditure on education would not yield a dividend for the country. "Indeed, such improved expenditure could well prove fruitless. Providing education is a forward moving process, having to replace or reconstruct what has already been provided is retrogression."

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He said the number of pupils at DET schools had grown 45% since 1986. At any one time about 20% of black children in a household would take turns to attend school from year to year. This did not mean the director-general would take turns to attend school from year to year.

The pupil-teacher ratio in black schools had been narrowed to an average of one to almost 1.9-million.

DEY said the number of black pupils at DET schools had grown by almost 1.9-million. He said 6 559 new teaching posts had been provided for in 1993/94. He said 847 new administrative posts had been created.

38, compared with ratios in other departments ranging from one to 23 to one to 30. Another 6 156 classrooms would be spent on upgrading of old buildings at farm schools and one technical college.

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# Boost for black education

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The government yesterday announced a major development programme, including R792 million for new classrooms, in a bid to combat the disastrous state of black education.

Education and Training Minister Mr Sam de Beer stressed that the package only represented government's share. For results to improve, the commitment of teachers, pupils

and parents was vital, he said.

DET director-general Mr Bernhard Louw said the R792m would be spent on building 6 156 classrooms at 311 schools. This money would also be used to build 500 classrooms at farm schools, upgrade old buildings as well as plan and build five colleges of education and a technical college.

He said 9,8 million books were delivered to schools for this school year.

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# DET official compiled 'profile' of Goniwe

By SHADLEY NASH, Port Elizabeth  
AN indecisive, manipulated man of not above average intelligence — that's how top Department of Education and Training officials viewed Cradock activist Matthew Goniwe in 1985.

The officials also regarded Goniwe, who was at the time a teacher, as being "indebted" to the "children, parents and community" of Cradock for a 15-month "sacrifice" for him during the school boycotts.

This profile of the brutally murdered United Democratic Front activist was compiled by the former deputy director of Community Communications in the DET, Johannes Vermaak.

Vermaak, former head of Strategic Communications on the Secretariat Adamus Stemmet, and an Air Force general seconded to the Secretariat, General Pieter Johannes Geldenhuys, gave evidence in Port Elizabeth this week in the reopened inquest into the deaths of Goniwe, Fort Calata, Sparrow Mkhonto and Sicelo Mhlauhi.

The DET assessment of Goniwe was contained in handwritten minutes, read before the inquest this week, which Vermaak compiled after he and senior DET official Jaap Strydom met Goniwe in Cradock on May 24 1985. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Goniwe's position with the DET and the ongoing strife in Cradock schools.

After the meeting, which was held a day after the Eastern Province Joint Management Centre — headed by General "Joffel" van der Westhuizen — had recommended that Goniwe should never be reappointed, Vermaak compiled Goniwe's "profile".

In the minutes Vermaak said Goniwe gave them the impression that he did not have an above average intelligence level, that he was not the "brain behind everything" because he hesitated when answering their questions and could not take immediate decisions.

The purpose of the meeting, Vermaak wrote, was to establish if Goniwe was "militant or peaceful", if he was arrogant and if he would publicly support violence.

But during June, a task group set up by the State Security Council (SSC) on the instruction of then deputy minister of defence and police Adriaan Vlok convened another task group, headed by General Pieter "Kiewiet" Geldenhuys, to decide Goniwe's future.

In court this week Geldenhuys denied that his group requested input from the Eastern Province JMC as earlier claimed by a South African Defence Force officer, also seconded to the SSC, General Johannes Janse van Rensburg.

EP Command sent the controversial signal ordering the "permanent removal from society" of Goniwe and others. Geldenhuys testified that he had not seen the signal message and that it was not placed before the task group.

He confirmed that opposition in the task group to Goniwe's reappointment came from a Colonel McDonald of the South African Police.

He also conceded under cross-examination by counsel for the families of the slain men, George Bizos SC, that if the signal message was tabled before his task group he would have wanted a full explanation on it.

However, his interpretation of the words "permanent removal from society" was that Goniwe had to be detained for a long time. Geldenhuys conceded that the language used in the signal was "unusual" if it meant Goniwe had to be detained.

Stemmet testified that he could not remember if he had seen the signal message, but that he had been told of its contents. He said the common use in security circles of jargon like "eliminate", "destabilise" and "take out" was undesirable — Ecna



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Department		No of Trips	Travel Costs	Accommodation	Allowances	Purpose of Trip	Name of persons accompanied by spouses
			R	R	R		
			19 943	2 045	1 039	Mexico Discussions with Mexican authorities in connection with further normalisation of trade	—
			15 882	3 960	1 390	Taipei Attend the 12th Ministerial Economic and Technical Collaboration Conference	—
26	Provincial Administration Orange Free State						
26 1	Dir-General	1	10 574	12 912	12 092	Europe Consult experts in connection with regional and local government, the financing of these levels and the influence of the human-rights dispensation on government activities	—
27.	Public Works						
27 1	Dir-General	1	9 250	4 978	7 409	Spain/France/Germany/Belgium Attend meeting of ICOLD as leader of SAN-COLD and visits to offices of foreign Missions	—

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

**Commercial/financial irregularities: complaints/charges**  
 168 Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(a) How many complaints and/or charges relating to (i) fraud, (ii) so-called commercial theft, (iii) exchange control violations and irregularities, (iv) bribery and corruption and (v) section 440F of the Companies Act, 1973 (Act No 61 of 1973), regarding insider trading, were investigated by the South African Police in 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992, respectively, and (b) in respect of each category referred to above, how many investigations arising from such complaints and/or charges resulted in (i) criminal trials and (ii) convictions of the parties concerned B382E

(a) (v)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
1988	0	0	0	0	0
1989	4	4	3	3	3
1990	0	0	0	0	0
1991	1	1	1	1	1
1992	2	2	2	2	2

Note Details with regard to 1986 and 1987 are not available, as the official registers for the years concerned have already been destroyed in terms of the official instructions

The apparent discrepancy in the number of criminal trials and convictions in paragraph (a) (ii) as above mentioned, is due to the fact that one or more accused have been charged and found guilty in several cases

Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage: end-of-year examination statistics

174 Mr E W TRENT asked the Minister of Education and Training:

How many pupils in schools falling under his Department in the (a) Port Elizabeth and (b) Uitenhage metropolises (i) wrote the end-of-year examinations for, and (ii) passed, each standard in 1992? B390E

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

STANDARD	(a)		(b)	
	(i)	(ii)	(i)	(ii)
SSA*	9 890	8 483	2 876	2 332
SSB*	8 438	7 527	2 299	1 960
STD 1*	7 773	6 863	2 089	1 919
STD 2*	7 273	6 666	2 123	1 968
STD 3*	7 446	6 078	1 866	1 582
STD 4*	6 880	5 914	1 816	1 604
STD 5*	6 241	5 553	1 605	1 460
STD 6	8 465	5 418	1 505	803
STD 7	8 643	5 529	1 460	928
STD 8	7 259	5 046	1 263	814
STD 9	5 145	3 135	1 018	523
STD 10	5 116	2 528	543	276
TOTAL	88 569	68 740	20 463	16 169

\* PRIMARY SCHOOLS  
 Public servants: official overseas visits

186 Mr L FUCHS asked the State President:

(a) How many overseas visits were under-  
  
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taken in 1992 by members of the public service in their official capacity, (b) on how many such trips were these members accompanied by their spouses and (c) what, in respect of these visits, was the total cost incurred in respect of (i) travel, (ii) hotel accommodation and (iii) allowances? B373E

The STATE PRESIDENT

- (a) 1 415 visits
- (b) 68 trips
- (c) (i) R9 283 176
- (ii) R6 249 984
- (iii) R3 689 885

Crime statistics: Johannesburg police stations

187 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) house-breaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported in Johannesburg in 1992 in the area comprising Westbury, Newclare, Coronationville and Riverlea?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

Westbury, Newclare and Coronationville resort under the Genl Johan Coetzee police station

- (a) 48
- (b) 10
- (c) 241
- (d) 1 325
- (e) 84
- (f) 142
- (g) 463
- (h) 556
- (i) 1 359
- (j) 45

Riverlea resorts under the Langlaagte police station

- (a) 9
- (b) 30
- (c) 135
- (d) 277
- (e) 18
- (f) 216
- (g) 256
- (h) 166
- (i) 158
- (j) 25

Hillbrow police station: population served/staff complement

202 Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) What is it estimated was the population served by the Hillbrow police station as at 31 December 1992,

(2) whether it is envisaged to increase the complement of policemen at the said police station in 1993; if so, what percentage increase is envisaged? B455E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) 143 939
- (2) Yes
- 10%

SAP: Black officers above rank of lt-col

207 Lt-Gen R H D ROGERS asked the Minister of Law and Order

(a) How many Black officers above the rank

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
Orlando	289	53	756	726	268	809	187	464	415	525	157	32	0	000
Meadowlands	405	26	1 045	1 066	259	834	156	425	686	457	75	15	0	000
Dobsonville	104	10	442	308	106	376	88	202	227	298	74	12	0	000
Diepkloof	128	54	438	266	160	553	211	387	378	291	69	14	0	000
Jabulani	269	53	810	518	363	1 030	260	574	483	430	77	18	0	000
Moroka	351	120	1 196	554	559	252	252	707	691	798	51	68	0	001
Klipfontein	117	25	765	591	153	569	172	512	412	420	70	16	0	000
Lenasia	53	20	388	524	69	455	578	534	378	744	73	51	0	000
Eldorado Park	63	34	579	796	118	411	184	671	620	608	41	34	0	000

SAP: recommendations regarding prosecution of members/dockets opened/prosecutions instituted

224 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether any recommendations regarding the prosecution of members of the South African Police were made by judicial commissions of inquiry during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available, if so, (a) by which judicial commissions, (b) when, and (c) what was the nature of the recommendations, in each case,

(2) whether, as a result of these recommen-

of lieutenant-colonel are there in the South African Police and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished? B462E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (a) 4
- (b) 30 March 1993

Soweto area - crime statistics

218 Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Law and Order

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) theft of other items, (i) damage to property, (j) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft, (k) possession of drugs, (l) drunken driving, (m) vagrancy and (n) prostitution were reported in 1992 at police stations serving the Soweto area? B457E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

196 Mr W U NEL asked the Minister of Public Works

(1) Whether he will furnish information on (a) the total amount in monthly rentals paid by his Department in respect of premises used by national, regional and local structures formed in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 7 of the National Peace Accord and (b) the amounts paid separately by his Department in respect of these (i) national, (ii) regional and (iii) local structures, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant particulars,

(2) whether any premises belonging to the State have been made available for the above purpose, if not, why not, if so, on what conditions? B439E

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS

(1) Yes

- (a) R98 941,73
- (b) (i) R37 409,49
- (ii) R60 682,25
- (iii) R850,00

(2) No, due to the sensitive nature of the task of the Peace Accord it was essential that neutral accommodation be used for the negotiations



Crushed ... But the Department of Education and Training promises to spend R792-million on new classrooms

Photo: JUSTIN SHOLK

By PORTIA MAURICE

IN a conciliatory move, the Department of Education and Training has cut its matric exam fees by a third — after mass protests by angry pupils last week.

Fees are to drop from R72 to R48, and pupils who have already paid will be refunded the difference, Education and Training Minister Sam de Beer announced on Wednesday. In so doing, the DET averted confrontation with the National Education Co-ordinating Committee, the Azanian Students Movement, Pan-Africanist Student Organisation and

## DET admits defeat, cuts exam fees

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the Congress of South African Students

Meanwhile, on Monday De Beer promised the DET would spend R792-million on building more than 6 000 classrooms — the biggest single expenditure for formal schooling in its 1993/94 budget

In its R5,720-million budget, the

DET has cut administrative costs by 14 percent — a possible offshoot of government attempts to rationalise “Own Affairs” departments. Education development is being cut by the same amount

Announcing the package, De Beer said it was hoped that by March next year there would have been “sub-

stantial progress” towards phasing out the DET. “It is difficult to predict how things will develop. There will have to be negotiation,” he said.

The system of African education had expanded by 55 percent in the last six years, De Beer said, and 6 559 new teaching posts had been created for 1993 — swelling the department’s teaching corps to around 76 000.

However, teacher training received only 3,2 percent of the budget and adult and vocational education 2,5 percent

Agreements had been concluded with the Science Education Project, the Urban Foundation and READ to promote professional development among school teachers, De Beer said.

All textbook orders sent in by principals had been met so far this year — barring those titles which were out of print.

He said that although extra-parliamentary forces had made inputs into the education budget last year through the Joint Working Group on education, they “could not make it” this time

Regarding the alleged funding crisis to the tune of R52-million at historically black universities like Fort Hare and the University of the North, De Beer said: “In South African thinking, these universities are autonomous bodies and have to attend to their own management

“To a large extent, this is their problem.”

Source: 21/4/93

# news in

## DET uses radio ~~256~~ 256

THE Department of Education and Training is using radio programmes to promote a culture of learning in its schools, DET spokesman Mr Geoffrey Makwaka said yesterday

The programmes are broadcast as talkback shows on Radio Zulu and Radio Lebowa to cover subject advice, development of human resources and adult education

(b) R26 012 136 has been granted for the establishment of 118 new clinics.

*Note*  
The management of sexually transmitted diseases is part and parcel of primary health care. It is therefore not possible to identify funds allocated specifically for sexually transmitted diseases.

**Expenditure: various categories of education**  
304 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Training

What (a) amount and (b) percentage of the education budget of his Department was spent on (i) pre-primary, (ii) primary, (iii) secondary and (iv) tertiary education during the 1991-92 financial year or the latest specified 12-month period for which figures are available? B702E

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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|-------------------------|--------|
| (a)                     | (b)    |
| (i) R 592 447,43        | 0,02%  |
| (ii) R1 743 657 912,64  | 49,62% |
| (iii) R1 041 124 901,43 | 29,63% |
| (iv) R 364 317 253,37   | 10,36% |
- The above-mentioned amounts are for the 1991/92 financial year since the final amounts

for the 1992/93 financial year are not yet available. *256*

**Post Office pension funds' actuarial deficit**  
312 Mr B B GOODALL asked the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications

- (1) Whether any pension funds of the Post Office show an actuarial deficit, if so, (a) which pension funds, (b) what are the deficits in each case and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished,
- (2) when (a) were the last actuarial valuations of these funds undertaken and (b) is it estimated that the funds will be fully funded at the current rate of contributions? B711E

**THE MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

The Managing Director of SA Post Office Limited replied as follows to the hon member's question

- (1) Yes
- (a) Post Office Pension Fund
- (b) R595 million
- (c) 1 October 1991
- (2) (a) 1 October 1991  
(b) 30 September 2006

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**QUESTIONS**

indicates translated version  
*For written reply*  
*Own Affairs*

**Visit to Atlantis by State President's wife: costs**  
24 Mr M A HENDRICKSE asked the Chairman of the Ministers' Council

Whether any Departments in the Administration House of Representatives were responsible for any costs incurred in respect of the visit by the wife of the State President to Atlantis on or about 10 March 1993, if so, (a) which Departments and (b) what was the cost incurred in each case in respect of (i) the printing and mailing of written invitations, (ii) the printing of pamphlets, (iii) the catering undertaken, (iv) the transportation of guests and (v) security arrangements? C80E

**THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL**

- Yes
- (a) The Department of Education and Culture Administration House of Representatives
- (b) (i) R2 706,00  
(ii) None  
(iii) R1 166,66  
(iv) None  
(v) None

**Building contracts awarded to company**

25 Mr P C MCKENZIE asked the Chairman of the Ministers' Council

(1) Whether any contracts for the execution of certain projects were awarded by the Administration House of Representatives to a certain company, the name of which has been furnished to his Office for the purpose of his reply, or its affiliates during the period 17 September 1984 up to and including 2 February 1992, if so, (a) what is the name or names of the company or affiliates concerned, (b) for which projects were such

contracts awarded and (c) what was the tender amount in respect of each of these projects,

- (2) whether any other persons and/or companies also submitted tenders in respect of the said projects, if so,
- (3) whether the company referred to in paragraph (1) submitted the lowest tenders of all persons and/or companies that submitted tenders, if not, (a) which companies submitted the lowest tenders in respect of each contract and (b) on what grounds was each contract awarded,

(4) whether he will disclose whether any member of House of Representatives is or was a director of this company, if not, why not, if so, what are the names of these members? C87E

**THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL**

- (1) Yes
- (a) (b) and (c)
- Bester Homes (Pty) Ltd—Strandfontein Primary School No 3—R1 350 000,00  
Bester Homes (Pty) Ltd—Mitchells Plain Secondary School No 9 hall and technical centre—R4 497 440,00  
Bester Homes (Pty) Ltd—Mitchells Plain Primary School No 52—R1 267 800,00  
Bester Homes (Pty) Ltd—Cloetessville Primary School No 3—R3 534 500,00  
Bester Homes (Pty) Ltd—Groendal Secondary School—R4 260 000,00  
Bester Homes (Pty) Ltd—Mitchells Plain Primary School No 17 and technical centre—R6 174 000,00  
Bester Homes (Pty) Ltd—Lentegeur Hospital—R2 168 000,00

- (2) Yes
- (3) No
- (a) George Wimpey SA (Pty) Ltd—Mitchells Plain Secondary School No 9
- (b) The lowest tender for this project was not in accordance with the specifications
- (4) As far as could be determined no member of the House of Representatives is or was a director of the company

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# Quarter of desks at white schools unoccupied

By Chris Whitfield  
Political Correspondent

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sure of more than 60 previously white schools in the last six months of 1992.

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CAPE TOWN — Nearly one in four desks at schools in the white House of Assembly's Department of Education and Culture are standing empty. This was in spite of the clo-

White own affairs Minister of Education and Culture Piet Marais revealed yesterday that 906 302 of the 1 293 086 places in the schools were occupied in the

first term of 1993 — a 76 per cent occupancy. He was responding in writing to a question from Democratic Party Education spokesman Roger Burrows, who yesterday described the figures as "horrifying" at the time of an education crisis.

**NEWS** Attendance at schools ranges from nil to 85 percent

# Shaky start to schooling

*Sowetan 11/5/93*

By Siphso Mthembu and Sapa

■ **LAST CHANCE** DET advises students to register for exams as soon as possible:

**S**CHOOLING got off to a shaky start yesterday with attendance reported between nil and 85 percent after a week-long countryside class boycott.

High schools in the Western Cape were still deserted after the Congress of South African Students in the region asked pupils to maintain the boycott.

The Department of Education and Training yesterday said students still had a chance of registering

The spokesman said this did not mean an extension of the deadline. They would be very selective with late registration. The deadline was last Friday

According to a DET spokesman many pupils yesterday heeded the call to return to classes.

The spokesman said many Johannesburg pupils, especially in Soweto, had returned to classes but pupils in Diepmeadow were merely milling around outside classrooms

In the Pretoria townships of Mamelodi and Atteridgeville, attendance was 80 percent.

Attendance in most rural areas was almost 100 percent, according to the DET.

In the East Rand townships of Tembisa, Katlehong and Duduza, attendance was normal

but students started going home at about lunch-time

In Grahamstown, pupils left schools at 10am. However, the general picture in the eastern Cape was encouraging, a DET spokesman said

Meanwhile, police stormed on to the Vista University campus in Soweto and forced out students who had occupied the campus director's office yesterday, demanding the postponement of their exams from May 19 to May 22

Several students were injured when police took action against the protesters



■ R48 deadlock, low pay hike spark protests

■ Calls by ANC, peace body fall on deaf ears

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# CHAALKS DOWN

## Foreign players to take health tests

By MOSES MAMALLA

THE NSL has introduced tough medical tests to screen foreign players for serious diseases, including Aids.

Two African players were turned back to their countries when they tested HIV positive.

NSL chief executive Tso Modise would not disclose names yesterday, but confirmed two clubs had repatriated the players after they had tested positive.

The decision to screen players was taken after protracted consultation with several parties, including the South African Football Medical Association (Safma).

"The matter was debated at length, and we are not going out to look for Aids only. There may be several tropical diseases one has to know about," Modise said.

Players' medical reports would be forwarded to the NSL, and appropriate decisions would be taken in each case.

He's 60, she's 13 and ... pregnant!



By THEMBA KHUMALO

EDUCATION in black schools faces a new crisis with the South African Democratic Teachers Union vowing to down chalk from May 24 - despite appeals from the ANC and National Peace Accord.

And in a further move set to put teachers and pupils on a collision course with the authorities, the Congress of South African Students has decided to intensify its mass action to force the Department of Education and Training to scrap the R48 exam fees completely after the DET this week dug in its heels on the fee Deadline for payment expired on May 7.

An appeal by ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa that actions by students and teachers should avoid the loss of more schooling days, was politely brushed aside by both organisations who said they had had enough of the DET's hard line.



NO, SIR... Appeals by the ANC's Ramaphosa politely brushed aside.

Sadtu president Shepherd Maledine told delegates at an urgent education summit, called by the National Education Co-ordinating Committee at Wits University that teachers had voted overwhelmingly in favour of a national strike to protest against the retrench-

ment of teachers and the proposed five percent teachers salary increase in July.

The summit was attended by ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu, Attertempis by National Peace Accord chairman John Hall to have the students and teachers sign the 1991 Peace Accord were shot down by Sadtu and Cosas leaders.

Speaking at the summit Cosas president Moses Maseko said "The very people who signed the accord two years ago are setting dogs on students holding peaceful marches. We doubt very much the capacity of the accord."

He however emphasised that the planned mass action would not necessarily take students away from school.

This was after the new SACP secretary-general Charles Ngakula had expressed concern that student/teacher actions might lead to the collapse of education in black schools.

The DET embarked on a massive advertising campaign in newspapers last week advising students to send their fees directly to DET offices.

Speaking on the occupation of white schools, Ramaphosa warned delegates that the democratic movement had no quarrel with whites.

He said energy should be directed to the system that created the imbalances



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(b) This information is not yet available in the required format

	(2) (a)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	Total
Gazankulu		1 259	1 054	842	227	3 382
Kangwane		641	906	547	0	2 094
Kwandebele		287	322	603	0	1 212
Kwazulu		2 513	2 161	2 036	0	6 710
Lebowa		4 079	5 845	3 325	0	13 249
OwaOwa		846	642	426	0	1 914
Total		9 625	10 930	7 779	227	28 561

(b) This information is not yet available in the required format

**Education budget: expenditure**

343. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Training *(B79E)* What (a) amount and (b) percentage of the education budget of his Department was spent in (i) the Republic, (ii) the Orange Free State and (iii) Natal on (aa) pre-primary, (bb) primary, (cc) secondary and (dd) tertiary education during the 1991-92 financial year or the latest specified 12-month period for which information is available? *(B79E)*

**The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING.**

	(a)	(b)
(i) (aa) R592 447,00		0,02%
(bb) R1 743 657 912,00		49,62%
(cc) R1 041 124 901,00		29,63%
(dd) R364 317 253,00		10,36%
(ii) (aa) R47 673,00		0,002%
(bb) R295 759 541,00		8,42%
(cc) R130 730 717,00		3,72%
(dd) Nil		Nil
(iii) (aa) R26 750,00		0,001%
(bb) R135 888 021,00		3,87%
(cc) R55 542 673,00		1,58%
(dd) Nil		Nil

The information is for the 1991/92 financial year

**Self-governing territories: family housing units**

347 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of National Housing *(B79E)*

(1) (a) How many family housing units were built in 1991 and 1992, respectively, in

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**QUESTIONS**

†Indicates translated version.

For written reply.

General Affairs

**Telkom employees: malpractices**

11 Mr L T LANDERS asked the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications:

- (1) Whether, during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available, any employees of Telkom were found guilty of (a) using subscribers' telephone lines without the permission of the subscribers concerned or Telkom, (b) defrauding, and/or embezzling funds belonging to, Telkom and (c) soliciting bribes from the public; if so (i) how many in each case, (ii) how many were found guilty (aa) by a court of law and (bb) following an internal investigation and (iii) what steps have been taken against each employee so found guilty;
- (2) whether any such employees have been dismissed from the service of Telkom, if not, why not, if so, (a) how many, and (b) when, in each case;
- (3) whether any of the employees so dismissed have since been re-employed by Telkom, if not, why not; if so, (a) how many and (b) on what grounds;
- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter? *(C37E)*

**The MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

The Managing Director of Telkom SA Limited replied as follows to the hon member's question.

(1) (a) No

(4) No

(3) Yes

- (a) 1  
 (b) Due to extenuating circumstances in one instance the employee was re-employed in a lower job title

- (i) 0  
 (ii) (aa) 0  
 (bb) 0  
 (iii) None

(b) Yes

(i) 24

(ii) (aa) 2

(bb) 18

\* 4 resigned prior to the disciplinary hearing

(iii) 2 Serious written warnings

8 Final written warnings

2 Demoted in job title

6 Dismissed

\* 4 Resigned

1 Breach of contract

1 Died

(c) Yes

(i) 6

(ii) (aa) 0

(bb) 6

(iii) 6 Dismissed

(2) Yes

(a) 12

(b) 1992-03-16 (1 employee)

1992-06-15 (1 employee)

1992-07-20 (2 employees)

1992-07-30 (3 employees)

1992-09-30 (2 employees)

1992-11-16 (1 employee)

1992-12-31 (1 employee)

1993-01-25 (1 employee)

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# EDUCATION The mess in black education, through the eyes of the white director-general

## Louw defends his men

*Sowetan 21/5/93*

**By Ismail Lagardien**  
Political Correspondent

**B**LACK EDUCATION WAS in a mess which came at a "very bad time", according to Director-General of Education and Training Dr Bernard Louw

"We are accused of providing inadequate education and demands are put to us, but the more these demands are put to us and the more education is disrupted the more inadequate education will become and the more services will become inadequate," he says

"The normal needs like toilet paper, chalk and smaller things like video machines, television sets, overhead projectors, can't be delivered. We had to remove (other) things from schools because it was not safe to keep them there. A principal is the man to tell us what he hasn't got. Inspectors aren't allowed into schools, except for handing out cheques

"There is no normal activity in black schools," Louw says

But surely the students must have some kind of justification for their action?

"From the black perspective, it is this profound dislike for Bantu education," Louw says

"But we've been leaning over backwards to dispel that feeling so we can prove we really care and mean business in providing education," he says

While he accepts that Bantu education prescribed and administered by whites is a legitimate concern, Louw feels there is "a malicious element" to the violence in education. Many of the demands made to the DET over the past four years — 92 by the end of last year — "were legitimate."

"And we have attended to them," Louw says

"But still the unrest persists. We receive demands which say 'We will destroy the system, make it ungovernable'." While Louw and his colleagues feel they have their hands full, the liberation movement, have been swept aside

**MAYHEM** 'Malicious element' reigns right now:

in the tide of anger from black pupils  
And the white right has called for arms to prevent total integration of schools in the country.

On Tuesday Mr Andrew Gerber said the CP would call on whites to use arms if necessary and "physical force" to keep white schools white.



Dr Bernard Louw

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# Exam fee strike was pretext — DET

THE examination fee issue was only a pretext for disrupting Department of Education and Training schooling, according to DET Minister Mr Sam de Beer

De Beer said in a statement issued yesterday it was "disturbing" that student leaders were encouraging pupils to boycott classes and to participate in marches. "It is even more disturbing that Congress of South African Students members have stolen receipt books and that they are confronting candidates who have paid examination fees," De Beer alleged.

De Beer added that he had received many reports of "blatant intimidation" of pupils, teachers and principals of schools. The DET schooling curriculum was disrupted several times this year when pupils protested against the payment of R72 matriculation examination fees, and called for fees

## ■ Minister alleges theft of receipt books:

to be scrapped

The minister said a year ago Cosas and the National Education Co-ordinating Committee, had requested the amount differences between the Senior Certificate and the Senior Certificate with university entrance be scrapped. In December last year the NECC and Cosas were invited to a meeting to discuss the issue, but failed to attend, De Beer said.

It was subsequently agreed a single amount be levied. The decision on fees could not be prolonged as "450 000 candidates depended on a decision about the fees", De Beer noted. This was announced on December 15 last year. After consultation with teachers' organisations, parents, and community leaders it was agreed to reduce the fees to R48. The reduction was announced on March 31 — Sapa

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# DET suspends

# matric exam fees

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The Department of Education and Training last night announced the suspension of the mandatory R48 fees for the November 1993 matric exams.

This follows an earlier announcement by the Government that any education department can suspend the payment of examination fees for 1993 pending negotiations.

The Government's decision was taken after marathon talks between

State President Mr FW de Klerk and African National Congress president Mr Nelson Mandela on Wednesday and yesterday.

The Government said it had taken into consideration proposals made by the ANC.

"Against this background, the Government has decided that any education department can suspend the payment of examination fees for 1993 pending negotiations," the Government said.

The Government also announced that

it was committed to the establishment of an education forum. The establishment of such a forum could be attained before the end of June, the Government said.

The Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, said the decision to suspend matric exam fees affected all matric candidates, including those in Bophuthatswana, Ciskei and Venda.

Monies already paid by candidates would be reimbursed as soon as possible, De Beer said.

He said, however, that paid-up exam

fees could not be reimbursed before the end of August due to the forthcoming school holidays.

Meanwhile, the South African Democratic Teachers Union last night welcomed the decision by the Government to open negotiations on the education crisis, saying the possibility existed that a planned strike on Monday, May 24, could be called off.

A meeting has been scheduled for tomorrow between the union and the education authorities to discuss a host of

issues

"The outstanding issues must be finalised before the strike council takes a decision on whether to call off the industrial action. But, we are pleased the authorities have seen fit to open negotiations with us after saying such action was out of the question," said Sadu president Shepherd Mdladlane.

"The outstanding issues that led to the crisis must be finalised before we take a decision," Sadu's general secretary Randall van der Heever added - Sapa.

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Education Sector	Per capita State Expenditure (R)	
	Capital expenditure included	Capital expenditure excluded
*Public Schools	1 755	1 669
*Teacher Training Colleges	14 169	12 115
*Technical Colleges	5 287	4 825
*Technical Universities	5 559	4 540
	8 913	7 656

\* Based on information in respect of actual expenditures of education departments as submitted to the DNE within the SANEP information system

**Dobsonville: payments to councillors**

330 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Local Government

(1) Whether an investigation has been undertaken by the Director-General Transvaal Provincial Administration in respect of certain payments made to councillors in Dobsonville, if not, why not, if so, (a) what did these payments relate to, (b) to whom were they made

- (a) Director-general  
Deputy Director-General  
Chief Director  
Director  
Deputy Director

This information does not include posts and incumbents that have been transferred from the House of Representatives to the Department of National Health and Population Development as a result of rationalisation with effect from 1 April 1993

(b) 1 April 1993

Schools in Departmental regions: number of teachers

351 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Training

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and (c) what amounts were involved in each case;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B770E

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- (1) No  
The Director-General Transvaal Provincial Administration has no knowledge of any payments, other than normal monthly allowances, made to councillors in Dobsonville
- (2) Falls away

**National Health and Population Development top five post levels**

346 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister for National Health and Welfare.

(a) How many persons from each race group occupy positions in the top five post levels of the Department of National Health and Population Development and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished? B786E

The MINISTER FOR NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

	White	Black	Indian	Coloured
(1)	1	—	—	—
(2)	2	—	—	—
(3)	11	—	—	—
(4)	30	1	2	—
(5)	86	1	2	— and

(1) (a) How many teachers are employed at (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools under his control in each Departmental region and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished.

(2) whether he will furnish the information requested in paragraph (1) in respect of each of the self-governing territories, if not, why not, if so, what are the corresponding particulars? B820E

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**The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING.**

Province	(1) (a)		(2) (a)		(b) 3 March 1992	
	(i)	(ii)	(i)	(ii)	(i)	(ii)
Diamond Fields	4 055	1 477	Gazankulu	6 031	2 979	
Highveld	7 223	3 734	KaNgwane	4 344	2 114	
Johannesburg	4 378	3 040	KwaNdebele	2 397	1 589	
Cape	6 957	3 051	KwaZulu	23 768	10 859	
Northern Transvaal	5 015	2 584	Lebowa	15 701	10 403	
Natal	5 621	2 132	Owa	2 065	1 392	
Orange-Vaal	6 288	2 816	Owa	54 306	29 336	
Orange Free State	4 913	2 050	Total			
Total	44 450	20 884				

(b) 3 March 1992

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## Mamelodi 'no-go area' for the DET

The Argus Correspondent. (25b)

PRETORIA. — Radical youths have declared unrest-plagued Mamelodi a no-go area for the Department of Education and Training (DET).

Police said at least three houses had been petrol-bombed since 1 am today in the latest of this week's violence in Mamelodi. ARG 28/5/93

A well-placed source in the Mamelodi branch of the Congress of SA Students (Cosas) said neither black nor white DET officials dared enter the township.

The Cosas source said alleged intimidation of pupils by members of the Internal Stability Unit (ISU) was at the root of the violence.

He alleged that for no apparent reason members of the ISU charged at pupils who were on their way home from a mass meeting on Monday.

But a police spokesman said the local police, "not members of the ISU", reacted only when vehicles were burnt and stoned on Monday.

## DET schools returning <sup>50</sup> to normal <sup>2sb</sup>

PRETORIA — Normality seemed to be returning to most schools in the country, the Department of Education and Training said yesterday.

This follows weeks of disruptions through teachers' strikes and demands for matric examination fees to be scrapped <sup>CT 11/6/93</sup>

The DET's Transvaal schools will close on July 2 for the winter vacation. The Congress of South African Students (Cosas) has called on pupils to use the holidays to make up for lost time.

DET chief director in the Northern Transvaal, Mr Job Schoeman, said the department would welcome a call for extra classes.

**R71-m damage  
at DET schools**

Political Staff

ABOUT R71-million in damage has been caused in more than 2 200 incidents of arson, vandalism, theft or burglary at Department of Education and Training schools since the start of this year

Education and Training Minister Sam de Beer provided the figures yesterday in response to a question tabled in parliament by the Conservative Party



## DET 'didn't follow rules'

Political Staff

THE Department of Education and Training (DET) has been criticised for failing to follow instructions when spending R1,72 million

The DET is one of several state departments criticised in a report of the Joint Committee on Public Accounts tabled in Parliament yesterday

The committee expressed its concern at the DET's "lack of disciplinary steps against some officials who may have been guilty of misconduct"

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CT 25/6/93

## Department 'runs out' of end-of-term reports in Atlantis

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JOHN VILJOEN, Education Reporter.

THOUSANDS of Atlantis primary school pupils are without end-of-term reports because the department has run out.

ARG 25/6/93

"We ran short," a Department of Education and Culture spokesman confirmed today.

The shortage, which affects more than 7 000 children, was "very unfortunate" and senior department officials were "quite upset".

The problem was being attended to and it was hoped the department would be able to supply report cards early in the new term.

Mr Martin Farmer, principal of Reygersdal Primary in Atlantis, said the report cards should have gone out yesterday.

Because not all schools had been supplied with reports, principals had decided to withhold them.

"There is no point in giving some parents report cards, and others not. We felt we could not go on like this," he said.

The department had offered the schools duplicates but these were made on paper instead of cardboard and principals had rejected them, Mr Farmer said.

Schools could make their own reports, but this would require parents paying for them and taking on the department's responsibilities.

Mr Farmer criticised other aspects of the department's resource management. "I'm still getting stock I ordered in 1991."

# Warning on DEC results

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Staff Reporter

MATRIC results this year in the Department of Education and Culture (DEC) in the House of Representatives are expected to be the worst in its history because of the department's rationalisation programme, which has seriously affected education at many coloured schools

This is the view of the Principals' Forum co-ordinator, Mr Edie Snyders

The Principals' Forum is broadly representative of school principals throughout the Western Cape, according to Mr Snyders

Mr Snyders, principal of Garlandale Secondary School in Athlone, said the "general impression" among school staff was that pupils did not fare well in the June examinations

'Could be  
worst in  
history'

This would impact negatively on matriculants in general, who normally use their June results to apply for bursaries to tertiary institutions or for jobs, he said

"The general impression among staff is that pupils did not do well at all in the examinations. Since the beginning of the year schools have been destabilised by the department, who refused schools' requests for substitute teachers and who also imposed a

staff allocation at schools

"As a result many schools lost teachers and this led to instability for the remaining teachers, who could not prepare pupils adequately," he said

Mr Snyders said there was in fact deep-seated "frustration and anger" among teachers.

"The problem now facing us is if the rationalisation programme is not stopped or resolved in the third term, it will be critical for matriculants. We can then expect the year-end results to be putrid," Mr Snyders said

Mr Snyders said the forum's steering committee would meet next month to discuss "a plan of action to thwart any further implementation of the department's rationalisation programme"

A DEC spokesman yesterday said the department's rationalisation programme had been "twisted out of all proportion" by school teachers and principals

DEC denies  
responsibility

CT 30/6/93  
THE Department of Education and Culture (DEC) in the House of Representatives countered claims yesterday that it was responsible for this year's poor mid-year matric results.

A DEC spokesman said although it was "concerned" about the crisis facing matriculants, it should "not come as a surprise" as many teachers had concentrated more on protests than teaching pupils. (256)

He responded to claims by Mr Eddie Snyders from the Western Cape Principals Forum, who said this week this year's DEC matric results were expected to be the worst yet. (257)

# NEWS Congress to decide on Saccawu leaders ● Teachers still fighting against deductions

## Sowetani 21/7/93 Six unionists in trouble

By Ike Motsapi

THE national executive committee of the SA Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union has allowed six suspended officials to attend its congress which starts in Durban today

The six, who are members of the Witwatersrand region of Saccawu, were suspended after they exposed an alleged financial scandal within the union

Some senior members of the NEC are implicated

The NEC suspended the six without giving them reasons for the action

Those suspended are Theo Xulu (chairman), Mike Mpenbe (vice-chair-

man), Mike Tsotetsi (branch secretary), Steward Nhlapo (treasurer), Professor Ndlonyu and William Lechabe, both branch NEC delegates

Saccawu sources told *Sowetan* yesterday that the NEC had decided to allow the six to attend the congress so that their suspensions could be discussed

"If the congress upholds the decision to suspend the six they will be expelled from the union," the sources said

An anonymous pamphlet detailing what was happening in Saccawu was distributed to members last week

It reads "Our union is in a serious crisis. Tens of thousands of rands are going into the pockets of corrupt

individuals. Decisions are made undemocratically. This is happening while the bosses are attacking us. More of us are getting retrenched and dismissed

"The bosses were strong before but because of our unity, militancy, strength and honest leadership we have forced them into a corner"

Among issues believed to be causing problems in Saccawu are:

● That R90 000 from subscriptions has been intercepted from head office in an account opened in Hillbrow and the money was withdrawn in Durban.

● A senior NEC member is being given R750 a month to pay his rent. This is more than his salary

## Sowetani 21/7/93 DET sticks to 'no work, no pay' rule

By Bongani Mavuso

NO provision existed in education at present for legal strikes, the Department of Education and Training said yesterday

The DET was responding to a threat by the SA Democratic Teachers Union that teachers might go on strike when schools reopened next week

It said its policy of "no work, no pay" needed to be acknowledged and that it was "illogical and absurd" for any department of education to pay teachers who did not teach

on Monday they would go on strike if the DET did not repay deductions allegedly made from the salaries of about 500 of their colleagues

Sadtu alleged that the DET deducted about R600 from each of the 500 teachers' salaries following a strike called by Sadtu in May

The deductions were the result of the DET's decision to apply the "no work, no pay rule" against teachers who had taken part in the strike

"In consequence, certain members of Sadtu have been sent letters which indicate that leave without pay has been recorded for the duration of their strike," the DET said

NEWS



# DET to clear out of offices

JOHN VILJOEN  
Education Reporter

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THE smouldering crisis in black schools has finally taken its toll on the Department of Education and Training — it is moving out of its Foreshore premises.

It is no secret that the DET is unpopular with the rest of the tenants in the Foretrust building.

Yesterday saw scenes all too familiar to the department's long-suffering neighbours — a protest by the Nyanga branch of the South African Democratic Teachers' Union.

As has often happened, the protesters blocked the main entrance to the

building, prompting security staff to "close up shop"

At the sight of yesterday's protest, visitors and employees scampered to remove cars parked outside while arrangements were made to smuggle those caught on the wrong side of the doors into the building.

"I take a dim view of this," a security manager said as contact with the world outside was restored. "They talk about democracy, but no one can carry on with their business."

The job will soon be a lot quieter. The DET's lease expired today, but was extended until mid-September.

DET area director Dr Johan Brand yesterday confirmed the move to Bellville.

# War of words over test site

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Staff Reporter

A NEW war of words over rocket testing at the Somchem site above Rooi Els erupted yesterday as a group of residents placed an advertisement in a local newspaper claiming "20 tons of chemicals" had been dumped in the Buffels River dam.

However, last night parastatal Denel subsidiary Somchem hit back in a statement saying experts under oath in a continuing court case had found "no evidence of any chemical pollution"

The group of concerned Hangklip ratepayers have instituted legal proceedings against Somchem disputing their right to use the site in the water catchment area.

Yesterday independent industrial consultant Dr Nino Costa of Stellenbosch said he had found 20 000kg of hydrochloric acid, aluminium chloride and alumin-

## Water 'not safe' say residents

ium oxide in the dam's water over the whole of last year.

He had headed a team of nine scientists in the project.

Denel spokesman Mr Paul Holtzhausen denied pollution had taken place

He said the situation was regularly monitored by the CSIR

It was stipulated in Somchem's land usage contract that their right to use the site would cease if their tests caused water pollution, he said.

Now a referendum, requested

by the administrator, is to be held among the 300 ratepayers next week on the question whether Somchem should continue using the area for rocket testing

The action group have accused Somchem of trying to intimidate voters through a recent letter to residents

In the letter Somchem warns that the Rooi Els Local Council is already potentially responsible for R3 million in legal costs and that Somchem would have "no option" but to enforce a court order for the attachment of rates and taxes should the court eventually side in their favour

The action group also accused Administrator of the Cape Mr Kobus Meiring, a co-respondent in the Supreme Court hearing, of "playing into the hands" of Somchem by postponing the court proceedings for the referendum.

The administrator could not be reached for comment yesterday

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# DET sets limit on negotiation

PRETORIA. — The DET is prepared to negotiate with Sadtu on a system of teacher evaluation, the position at the Jabulani Secondary School, several identified disciplinary cases in the Free State — and that's it.

The Department of Education and Training announced yesterday that it had written to the South African Democratic Teachers' Union declaring that negotiations in all other matters would cease

They would only resume once the DET had received assurances that Sadtu would cease unfair labour practices, such as evicting school principals.

The DET's Mr Corrie Rademeyer said the department trusted that Sadtu's national executive would discuss this when it met today

"The call has been made by the department because it finds it impossible to talk to Sadtu while its members deliberately conduct themselves unprofessionally and commit unfair labour practices daily

"The department has pointed out that Sadtu professes concern

## Pupils make up lost lesson time

THE South African Teachers' Democratic Union's "Operation Catch-up" running in House of Representative schools in the Western Cape, is using spring school programmes to help matric pupils recover time lost during the teachers' strike.

While extra classes are being held at most schools during the holidays, the Athlone branch of Sadtu has been running a spring school at Hewat Training College in Athlone.

Branch secretary Miss Angie Kleinhans said pupils were not "very far

behind" and that pupils at the spring school were concentrating mainly on revision.

Pupils attending classes are confident about the approaching matric exams and said they had not suffered as a result of the strike.

Pupils Brian Claasen and Robert Barends of Eros High School, Athlone, said teachers had worked hard to finish the syllabuses before the strike and that it had in fact made them develop a more responsible attitude towards their studies.

for the interests of pupils, yet it disrupts their education continually."

As part of its defiance campaign, Mr Rademeyer said, Sadtu drove principals from their schools, prevented circuit inspectors and subject advisers from rendering professional assistance to teachers, conducted meetings during school hours and frequently embarked on go-slow actions

The DET said it was also particularly concerned about Sadtu's intimidation of non-union teachers

Mr Rademeyer expected Sadtu to report back to the department by September 30 — Sapa

## Sadtu teachers on conduct charges

PRETORIA. — Charges of misconduct against 17 members of the South African Democratic Teachers' Union will come before an internal hearing here today.

The Department of Education and Training investigation is based on action taken during Sadtu's defiance campaign this year.

"They range from insubordination and willful disruption of departmental meetings to threats against inspectors and absence without leave to attend union meetings," the DET said. — Sapa



## DET promise on textbooks

Education Reporter

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THE Department of Education and Training (DET) says it is making special plans for the smooth delivery of textbooks to schools next year.

The supply of textbooks has been the subject of criticism in the past, with a recent study revealing a "chronic" shortage of books in black schools resulting in pupils having to share.

The DET said in a statement yesterday the state had bought 9,5 million books at a cost of R75 million.

A contractor would deliver the books as this would ensure a "smooth delivery of books to the schools".

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# 'Loans will be strictly controlled'

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ANC 23/10/92

SOUTH Africans should not think that with the lifting of sanctions World Bank money would flow into the country "like water from a tap", World Bank vice-president Timothy Thahane warned

Loans would be granted only according to strict criteria

"First there has to be consensus in South Africa on projects and priorities World Bank money has to be put into something — it can't be used to fill a budget deficit"

Even if agreement were reached on a specific project, the bank would need "at least six months" to evaluate it

And once a project had been approved, funds would be made available only bit by bit, in terms of a defined time-scale

Mr Thahane said South Africa could not expect "special treatment" from international institutions such as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank

The same criteria of budgetary equilibrium would apply, though the World Bank was sympathetic to the country's need to meet the expectations of the poor

"But the Russians could say the same .. We can't relax our criteria by making special cases"

However, he said, the bank would take into consideration "the general direction" of the economy and not only the situation at a moment in time

He would not say how much World Bank money could be made available

"South Africa has a high level of creditworthiness: But everything depends on the projects which are submitted In principle, South Africa would be eligible for loans on the same scale as a country like, say, Brazil or Argentina"

# DET papers were leaked — official

JOHANNESBURG. — Matriculation final examination papers have been leaked, Education and Training official Dr Dirk Meiring confirmed yesterday.

Arrangements are being made to replace the leaked papers, he said. The relevant area names and subjects will not be identified until an investigation has been completed.

Dr Meiring warned that should irregularities surface in a candidate's script, the pupil's marks would be withheld or cancelled.

In Natal, an urgent meeting of the University of Durban-Westville's senate was held yesterday to consider allegations of exam paper leaks.

After much deliberation it was decided the examinations would continue as scheduled and a team was set up to investigate the allegations. It would report back to the senate on November 22.

Meanwhile further allegations of a leak in the House of Delegates examinations were made yesterday by pupils of Effingham Secondary school in Effingham Heights.

Pupils said yesterday's chemistry paper was "a sham" as many pupils knew what would be asked.

Mrs Devi Thathiah, whose son attends the school, said several pupils had approached her son shortly before the exam was written and asked him to assist them in working out a few equations.

"Those exact same questions appeared."

Other parents were also aware of the leak and, she said, a formal complaint would be lodged with the HoD via the parent-teachers association.

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## DET firm on docking pay

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Education Reporter

THE Department of Education and Training says it stands firm on its policy of "no work, no pay" in spite of teachers' protests about deductions from their salaries for the illegal August strike.

DET deputy director-general Dirk Scholtz said yesterday he had "noted with great concern the conduct of teachers in the Western Cape and Johannesburg" who took part in marches earlier this week. ARG 19/11/93

The South African Democratic Teachers Union (Sadtu) had always been aware of the DET's policy of not paying teachers on strike.

## DET will not spare the rod

PRETORIA — Teachers who fail to submit results of internal examinations to the Department of Education and Training will face disciplinary action, the department warned in a statement yesterday.

Withholding results was unlawful, and the department was conducting a survey to establish which teachers were guilty of it, the statement said.

The DET said it had been informed by the South African Democratic Teachers' Union that it had not instructed its members to withhold results — Sapa.

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JOHANNESBURG. — In a Sapa report published in the Cape Times yesterday a Department of Education and Training spokesman was quoted as saying a go-slow affecting the marking of matriculation examination scripts in the Western Cape would continue until the DET had refunded deductions made from salaries of teachers who took part in a strike earlier this year. The spokesman was, in fact, from the SA Democratic Teachers' Union. The error, according to Sapa, arose during Sapa's monitoring of an SABC radio news broadcast. — Sapa

# Khayelitsha school principal accuses

## DET of 'indifference'

□ 20 teachers for 1 200 pupils causes crisis

**JOHN VILJOEN**  
Education Reporter

A KHAYELITSHA school has accused Western Cape Department of Education and Training director Johan Brand of "indifference" to its staffing crisis

Dr Brand has replied that teaching posts were snapped up at the beginning of the year, it was unreasonable to expect posts to be available at this time of year and there was a limit to government resources.

Chuma Primary School principal Menziwa Tsholoba also called on the provincial and national education ministers to intervene urgently in the "critical" situation at his and at other Khayelitsha schools.

Chuma has 20 teachers and 1 200 pupils — plus a waiting list of 200 children. Mr Tsholoba said two of his classes had more than 90 pupils, "and you expect a child to pass?"

After a third meeting with Dr Brand over the school's teacher shortage, Mr Tsholoba criticised the DET official for his "indifferent attitude"

"We feel that, as the head of our department, he should do all he can to help us," said Mr Tsholoba, adding that the meetings with Dr Brand had been a waste of time

"Teachers are trained to deal with 40 pupils — now they are faced with 90"

He criticised DET officials for blaming the overcrowding and lack of money for schools

on the influx of people from the homelands

The school's parent-teacher-student association was demanding at least 10 more teachers.

Dr Brand said his area office had been allocated 302 new teaching posts for schools in 1994. These were "snapped up" in January.

In the case of Chuma, one additional teacher had been allocated after Mr Tsholoba's first approach to the DET.

But the school had later asked for a total of 10 additional teachers

Dr Brand rejected the claim that he was "indifferent" to the schools' needs.

"People have to realise that there is a limit even to the government's funds."

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# DET workers demand official be moved

**Staff Reporter**

ADMINISTRATION workers at the former Department of Education and Training (DET) are demanding that a senior official in the Bellville office be transferred, pending an internal investigation into his conduct and management style.

Yesterday, a group of about 40 workers staged a sit-in at the office, demanding that Western Cape acting

education head Francois Knoetze personally hear their grievances.

Earlier, Dr Knoetze recommended the appointment of a senior official to investigate allegations against assistant director of provisioning Romero Contardo.

Spokesman for the workers Dumisani Damiso said they had first complained about the situation at the Bellville office in 1992.

Earlier this year, they met former DET director Johan Brand to raise a number of grievances, including favouritism, racism and disrespect for black supervisors.

They also asked that Mr Contardo "be removed" from the office and his conduct be investigated.

● No Western Cape Education Department spokesman was available for comment (256)

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# We are never only South Africans

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**UCT ACADEMIC DR ZIMITRI**

**ERASMUS** joins the debate on whether calling oneself a coloured is inherently racist.

**T**HE ISSUES raised by Dr Neville Alexander in his article on ethnic identity ("Sow the wind, reap the whirlwind", Cape Times, March 28), begs a response. Much as I hear his concerns, I disagree with him on several issues.

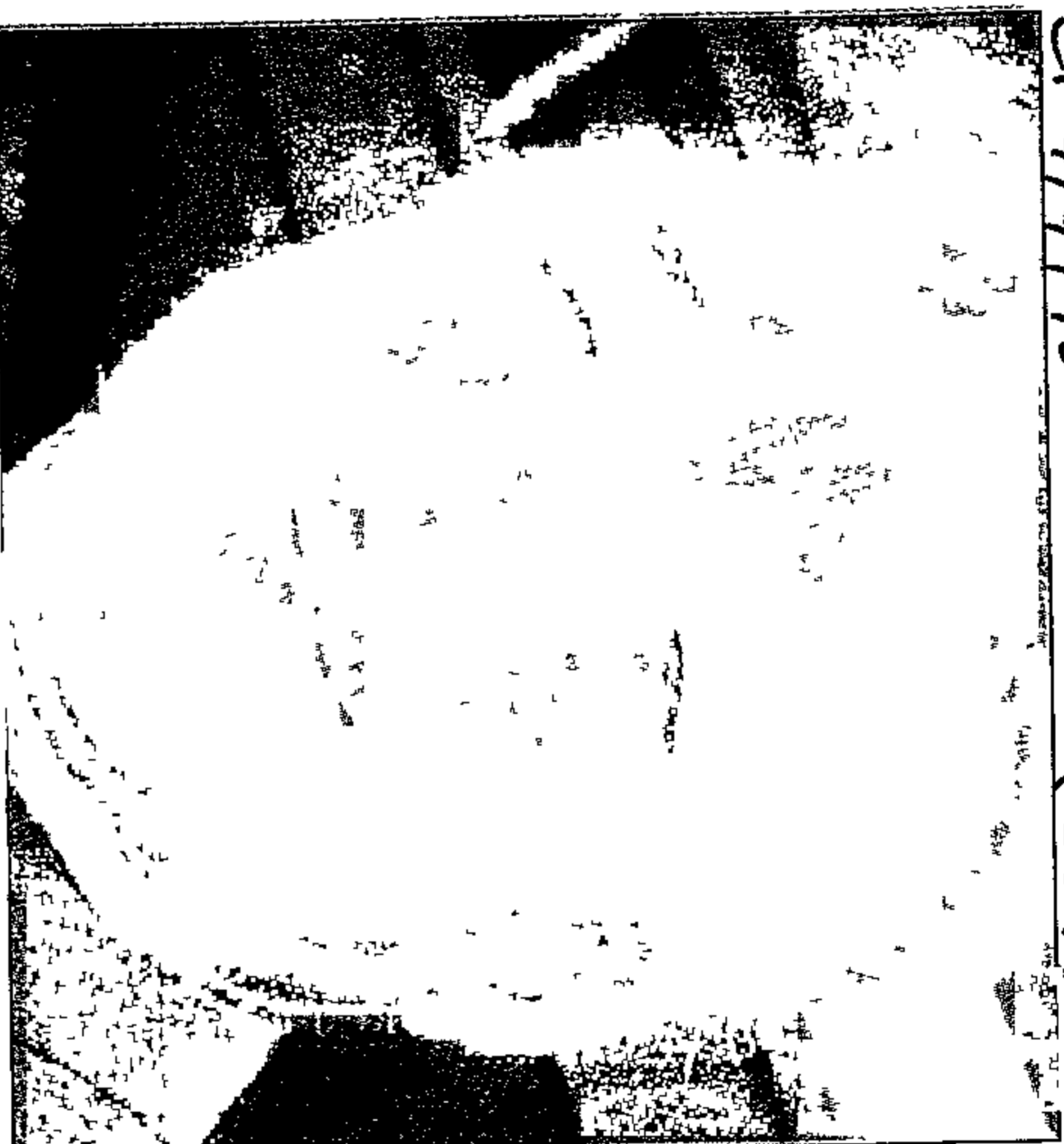
For Alexander, any serious acknowledgment of coloured identities amounts to "playing the ethnic card" and is likely to end up in Rwandan-type genocide. For him, calling oneself coloured is inherently racist. He argues, however, that a South African identity "does not have to be chauvinist and xenophobic". Similarly, a South African identity could, but does not have to be, racist.

Why can the same argument not hold for coloured identities? If South African identities can be either liberatory or reactionary, the same applies to coloured identities.

In my view, it is important to acknowledge respectfully that there are people in South Africa today who call themselves coloured. Not all of these people are racist and/or reactionary. To argue that they are wrong and "uninformed" is both arrogant and patronising.

Instead, it is important to acknowledge that expressions of coloured identities are resources available for use by both progressive and reactionary politicians. For me, the important task is not to silence those who see themselves as coloured, but to consider ways of building links between expressions of coloured identity and a liberatory inclusive politics.

One way of building such links is to acknowledge coloured people's experience as part of a broader black political experience. This means that we need to move away from seeing black and white as "pure", exclusive, fixed categories



**NEVILLE ALEXANDER:**

For him, calling oneself coloured is inherently racist. It is "playing the ethnic card" and is likely to end up in Rwandan-type genocide. For Dr Erasmus, it is important to build links between people who call themselves coloured and liberatory politics.

based on race and/or culture. Instead, in the context of white domination (still prevalent in SA today), we need to see black and white experiences in political terms: the former as experiences of dehumanisation primarily and the latter experience of privilege.

Importantly, however, there is no single black or white experience. Growing up as a "latite in Lavis" (Chris Nissen Cape Times, March 18) is clearly a *different* black experience to growing up as a "latite in Soweto". However, this difference does not make a "latite from Lavis" any less black. Until we begin to acknowledge these differences while simultaneously voicing our sameness — dehumanisation and suffering in the context of white supremacy — we are definitely not ready to enter the 21st century.

Coloured identities were not simply imposed by whites and passively accepted by coloureds as Alexander implies. Instead, coloured people played and con-

tinued to play an important role in giving meaning to their identities as means of survival and maintaining dignity in the context of daily dehumanisation.

\*When Pieter Marais of the National Party proclaims "Ek is 'n iets. Ek is nie 'n niks nie," he appeals to those in search of an identity and to those who take their identity seriously. Repressing expressions of coloured identity through accusations of racism leaves it in the dangerous hands of politicians such as Pieter Marais.

It is our task to listen to and understand these expressions. After all, the search for coloured identities is not only about racist fears of being marginalised. It is also coloured people's attempts to speak for and to empower themselves. Why is it that everyone becomes worried when this happens? Alexander argues that we should promote a South African consciousness and a South African national identity. The reality, however, is that we are never simply South African

"We" grew up as women, men and gay people of particular racialised experiences and in particular group areas in SA. Whether we like it or not, this is the way our children are growing up in SA today and we can expect this to continue for a while to come. White supremacy, patriarchy and group areas are unlikely to go away tomorrow. Much as we should be proud South Africans we cannot deny the everyday experiences which place us differently in this society and so play a crucial role in constituting our various and particular identities.

In other words, we are never "only South African". Our South African identity cannot always be and is not always the dominant as Dr Alexander wishes. When I am at work at the University of Cape Town, my identities as a woman and a black woman are uppermost. When I visit my parents in the predominantly coloured group area of Highbury, Kulls River, my identities as a daughter and a coloured woman are uppermost.

Memories of my childhood are of growing up in a coloured neighbourhood and attending coloured schools. These are specific life experiences which I value highly and which I cannot deny. They are key to the formation of my own multi-identity, only part of which is about being South African.

In my view, one of our first steps into the 21st century is to acknowledge that coloured identities are historically specific social constructions which have real effects in everyday life.

One of our second steps is to ask the following question: How can we remake what coloured means in ways which makes us actively involved in liberatory and inclusive politics?

□ Dr Zimitri Erasmus is a lecturer in the Sociology Department at the University of Cape Town.

\*Speech at Idasa Conference: National Unity and the Politics of Diversity, August, 1995.

# Protests threaten public service

Johannesburg - The public service was under threat of collapse as public sector unions prepared themselves for a showdown with the Government over wage demands in the week ahead.

The South African Democratic Teachers union and other Congress Of South African-affiliated unions were to embark on various forms of protest action to force the Government to meet their wage demands. Sadiu's General secretary Thulas Nxesi, yesterday said his union would launch a programme of action tomorrow unless the Government resumed wage negotiations today.

At the heart of the matter is a

final wage offer of 6,3% by the Government in response to a 7,3% pay hike demanded by Cosatu.

The 26 000-member Communication Workers Union would be taking to the streets today nationally, with plans of a stay-away for its members tomorrow and Wednesday and work place demonstrations on Thursday and Friday, the general secretary Selebogho Kiti said.

The CWU was demanding salary adjustments categorised in terms of the hierarchy of its employees. The union demanded 14% for its auxiliary workers, 13% for operational staff and 11% for supervisory personnel.

Telkom however has put forward

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a final offer of 8,1% across the board.

The SA Communications Union was demanding an increase of 8% for all its members but Telkom in this regard has offered 5%.

CWU spokesman Colin Smith said the union would stage a protest march on Wednesday to Telkom offices in all major centres.

The Mine Workers Union, with membership estimated at 17 000 and the Post and Telecommunications Union, were to start with their industrial action today.

A spokesman said that the two unions were expected to start their strike after meeting with the Commission for Conciliation and Arbitration to finalise the rules. - Sapa