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IMC leader rejects autonomy proposals

EAST LONDON — Creating an autonomous Indian local authority here would be tantamount to committing "financial suicide", the chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Harry Parbhoo, said yesterday

Autonomy, he said, would require costly expenditure on a "totally unnecessary" duplication of services and facilities

Mr Parbhoo was commenting on the interim measures proposed by the government to give Indian and coloured management committees more effective participation in local government

He regarded the measures as a vehicle to gradually prepare management committees for direct representation in city councils, said Mr Parbhoo

"We should ultimately have direct representation in the council but the management com-

mittee must remain to facilitate communication between the community and their representatives on council."

Some of the proposed interim measures had already been implemented while others needed adjustment.

Ways and means had to be found to obviate the need for management committee members to attend meetings with the council where matters on the agenda were predetermined

While the IMC were given the opportunity to view the council's budget before it was finalised, they wished to be involved in much more in-depth preparatory discussions on the budget

Regarding the proposal that management committee chairmen become members, with full voting rights, of the white local authority, Mr Parbhoo said both the chairman and vice-

chairman should enjoy this right.

"Two heads are better than one and teamwork makes things more solid," he said

The mayor, Mr Errol Spring, said he felt neither of the local management committees had any prospect of becoming self-sufficient financially and should therefore be incorporated into the local authority

He said the council was still seeking clarification from the government on the interim measures and added that he saw no difficulty in implementing them.

"I believe that where a community has the potential to become economically viable it should have the choice of becoming autonomous, but it is absolutely pointless to create separate local authorities where there is no prospect of self-sufficiency," said Mr Spring — DDR

Cloete: flexibility on mixed councils

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EAST LONDON — It was not the government's intention to corner local authorities into implementing its proposed interim measures for more effective Indian and coloured participation in local government

This was said by Dr Fanie Cloete, senior constitutional planner in the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, in an interview here yesterday

Dr Cloete, who discussed the proposed constitutional reforms with local community leaders over the past two days, said local authorities could adopt all the measures, implement only a few of them or even suggest additional measures — depending on local circumstances

The government, he said, would request provincial administrations to pass legislation, where necessary, to provide for the implementation of the measures

The constitutional proposals for the third tier of government were "much broader" than those for the central government and only reflected the government's principal stand on local government reforms

The proposed constitutional reforms were far-reaching and required a complete transformation of structures on all three levels of government. As this would be a time-consuming process, the adoption of interim measures had to be considered

Among the proposed interim measures is a suggestion that the chairmen of management committees become members, with full voting rights, of the white local authority

Other interim measures, when matters of mutual concern are to be discussed, include

● The attendance, without voting rights, of deputations of the city council at meetings of the coloured and Indian management committees or vice versa,

● Joint meetings of committees of the city council with sub-committees of the coloured and Indian committees. Amalgamation is possible — in other words joint committees on specific matters of mutual concern,

● Joint discussion by the full city council and the management committees,

● The creation of a special joint committee for all matters of common interest,

● Consideration of the budget proposals by the coloured and Indian committees before submission to the city council, and

● The establishment of special committees of white local authorities to liaise with the coloured and Indian local authorities

Dr Cloete stressed that the government, in local government reforms, also adhered to the principle of self-determination in segmental affairs and co-responsibility in matters of mutual concern

The Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, earlier this month ruled out the establishment of multiracial local authorities. Local authorities, he said, would have to decide to what extent they wanted autonomy

In terms of government guidelines for local government, joint services will be rendered on metropolitan or regional level

For this purpose bodies, on which local authorities will have proportional representation, will be established — DDR

Talks start next year

EAST LONDON — The government intends starting formal negotiations on its constitutional proposals with Indian and coloured leaders in January

This was disclosed by Dr Fanie Cloete, senior planner in the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, here yesterday

Dr Cloete also revealed that the government would respond to the second constitutional report of the President's Council within the next few weeks

The government, he said, was committed to negotiations "and not consultation" with coloured and Indian leaders on constitutional reform

Although the government desired a speedy implementation of its reforms, this depended on "how protracted" negotiations with these leaders would be

The constitutional proposals, said Dr Cloete, only formed the basis of the agenda for negotiations. "They should not be seen as final," he added

Negotiations would start soon after the Labour Party and the Indian Council had held their congresses in January — DDR

CMC: interim measures easy

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EAST LONDON — The city council would not find it "too painful" to introduce the interim measures proposed by the government to give coloured and Indian management committees more say in local government

This view was expressed yesterday by a member of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr J F Temmers

Mr Temmers was commenting on information meetings coloured leaders had with Dr Fanie Cloete, senior planner in the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, over the past two days

The government has urged local authorities to consider implementing the measures until such time as its new constitutional dispensation was introduced

Mr Temmers said the CMC was already given the benefit of some of the proposed measures by the council

"We already enjoy the opportunity to sit in on the finance committee before the budget is finalised," he said

The CMC regarded the interim measures as a step in the right direction, but ultimately believed a single multiracial local authority would be the solution to the current problems of local government

"An autonomous coloured council will in our opinion not be viable for pure economic reasons

So we have to think in terms of a truly multiracial council," said Mr Temmers

He said several members of the city council professed "not to be racialistic" and for this reason the council should not find it "too painful" to introduce the interim measures

In an earlier interview the chairman of the CMC, Mr Francis Barlow, said the government's constitutional proposals were the coloured community's "only hope" of attaining a share in decision-making in the country

"The Prime Minister won't turn back on the path he has taken and although the coloured leaders can't give him unqualified support our people are cautiously watching to see how positive this reform can develop," he said

The chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Harry Parbhoo, said the IMC would release a statement today on the interim measures — DDR

Dispatch 19/11/22

Indian voters' roll prepared for EL

EAST LONDON — A separate voters' roll for Indians is being prepared by the city council here.

The acting Town Clerk, Mr. Les Kumm, said the roll is expected to be used in the first election of an Indian Management Committee (IMC) in September next year.

At present, IMC members are nominated.

The new roll will be open to any Indian living in an Indian group area who is over 18 years old and who has an identity document.

Mr Kumm said these conditions meant that even an Indian who did

not own property or pay rental on a property in an Indian group area could be enrolled as a voter.

"If you have a husband and wife occupying a property in an Indian area and they have two children over the age of 18 living with them, all four will be entitled to vote — if they all have identity documents," he said.

Mr Kumm urged all Indians who had received application forms for the voters' roll to return them as soon as possible.

"We would like to have the roll as complete as possible" — DDR

PE one of SA's cheapest cities for ratepayers

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Municipal Reporter
RATES and service charges in Port Elizabeth are lower than those paid in many other centres in South Africa

Cheaper places to live than Port Elizabeth are Johannesburg (R80,15), Potchefstroom (R77,84) and Bloemfontein (R72,34)

The second most expensive centre in South Africa is East London, where the monthly bill was found to be R115,17

In a survey of 13 cities and towns in the country conducted last month by the Kimberley municipality, Port Elizabeth was found to be the fourth cheapest place in which to live

Next on the list was Kimberley (R108,72), followed by Welkom (R107,93), Durban (R102,68), Roodepoort (R102,26), Benoni (R99,81), Pretoria (R97,47) and Newcastle (R97,38)

Those who compiled the survey compared houses of a similar type on plots of the same size (1 000 square metres)

If the breakdown of the various charges is examined it is found that a comparison of rates charges only is invalid

They worked out the monthly bill paid for rates, sewerage, refuse removal, electricity and water in each centre

At last night's meeting of the Ward 13 Ratepayers' Association, the Mayor, Mr H van Zyl Cillé, referred to this survey and said it disproved the claim so often made that Port Elizabeth was a very expensive place in which to live

The most expensive city in South Africa is Cape Town, with a total monthly rates and services cost of R131,59

By comparison the figure for Port Elizabeth is a fairly modest R96,86

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Separate councils:

EL doubts

EAST LONDON — Coloured and Indian communities here were too small to be able to function as separate municipalities, the mayor, Mr Errol Spring, said yesterday.

He was reacting to an announcement by the Minister of Constitutional Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, that autonomous Indian and coloured local authorities were on their way.

"I do not know what Mr Heunis' plans are, and I would like to get more detail before making a full comment," he said.

"But I do believe, rightly or wrongly, that where a case can be made for a viable community, it should have its own authority. If a community is not viable, it should be incorporated into the white community."

The vice-chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Mike Williams, said he would prefer to see Indians directly represented on the city council.

"It would be a waste of time and money duplicating services which could be rendered through one body."

The chairman of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr Francis Barlow, said he would be able to comment on the matter only when he knew the details of the plan.

Athlone

library

plans

passed

Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council yesterday approved plans for a R470 000 library in Athlone in spite of protests by the Athlone and District Management Committee

The initial plan for the library provided floor space of about 1 400 sq m but it was later changed to an "open plan" library covering about 900 sq m

In a letter to the Council, the management committee complained that they had not been consulted in the initial stages of the planning. The new plan was "totally inadequate" because it did not have reference facilities and reading rooms, the committee said.

The chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr J A Muir, told the council that Athlone was not getting 'an inferior library'. The open plan design was the latest development overseas and all the necessary facilities would be included.

The library had ample space and it would be easy to add on if attendance increased, he said.

Twenty-two councillors voted in favour of the proposed library and five against.

Dias Council protest over cutback in road building funds

Municipal Reporter

THE Dias Divisional Council decided today to make urgent representations to the Province concerning the cutback in funds allocated for road building in the division

In a report the secretary, Mr N W Anderson, said the 1983 roadworks estimates (R2 659 348 for the first six months) as submitted by the Dias Council had been "exactly calculated" to maintain the status quo of roadworks within the division and nothing more

The amount was 15,7% above the equivalent figure for this year and was designed to cover the effects of inflation

However the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, had approved a sum of R1 929 000

"It will be seen that the amount approved by Mr Louw is R730 048 less than the amount requested by the Council and is, in fact, R317 500 less than the amount approved for this council for the equivalent period in 1982," Mr Anderson said

The cut seemed unduly harsh, he said

Reconstruction of certain roads in the division was urgently needed. Roads were deteriorating because they were being used by an ever-increasing volume of

heavy vehicles

The council's office had received an increasing number of complaints and petitions in respect of many of the roads in the division, he said

Since amalgamation four years ago, the council had reduced the number of employees in the roadworks division from 1 100 to 605 men.

The proposed cut of R730 000 in the council's budget would mean that the present work force would have to be reduced by 25%. "In other words, 156 men must be dismissed on or before January 1, 1983," he said

Today the council resolved to hold a meeting with the members of the Provincial Council in the Dias division and to appoint the Chief Engineer, Mr John Kemp, and another delegate to make representation to the Province

● The council also approved a tender of R199 878 for construction of ablution and toilet blocks along Marine Drive

It is expected that two changeroom and toilet blocks at the Schoenmakerskop Caravan Park will be completed by December 15

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Decision on Dias report will stand

By SHELAGH BLACKMAN
Municipal Reporter

THE Dias Divisional Council today confirmed its earlier decision to recommend that the report of the Province-appointed committee of inquiry into the administration of the council not be made public

And the bitter conflict surrounding the issue threatened to erupt again when a councillor, Mr Ken Parker, accused the secretary, Mr N W Anderson, of conducting a smear campaign against him

In an interview after the council had met in committee to debate the question of releasing the report, the chairman, Mr John Berrington, said the voting had been nine to six against the move.

He said the council had debated the question again because some councillors had felt that as there was still a great deal of talk about the report, its contents should be revealed

Earlier this month, a councillor, Mr Geoff Bird, proposed a motion at a Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting, calling on Mr Parker to resign. His motion asked that council note with concern the passages of the report referring to Mr Parker

He withdrew his motion when it was decided that the question of whether the report should be made public would be debated by the council again.

There was a tense moment in the council chamber today before the council went into committee when Mr Parker referred to an article on Mr Bird's motion which appeared in yesterday's Evening Post

The fact that the motion had been included in the

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By JERRY M.
ANGRY parents in Graaff-Reinet have Mr P W Botha, and several Cabinet decision by the headmaster of Vo from taking part in a multiracial ru town.

The rugby clinic was held by Dr Danie Craven, president of the South African Rugby Board, and was attended by several hundred rugby players from Graaff-Reinet and surrounding towns

Although he has refused to comment on the matter the headmaster, Mr A Hattingh, apparently barred his school's rugby players from taking part because of the presence of coloured players and administrators at the clinic

He was supported by the former chairman of the school committee, Ds J J Naude, who said the decision had been taken in accordance with the Interchurch Commission on Education

Fears have been expressed in the town that the 1986 Craven Rugby Week, which local rugby administrators have been trying to clinch for the town in its bi-centenary year, will now be taken elsewhere

The local newspaper, the Graaff-Reinet Advertiser, has also been inundated by

letters to the editor from parents and past pupils of the school complaining of Mr Hattingh's actions

Mr Johan Boucher, a prominent Graaff-Reinet businessman who has two children at the primary school, said he had written a letter to the Minister of Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, about the matter and intended writing to the Prime Minister as well.

"The Government is trying its utmost to bring about vital changes in this country and it needs all the assistance it can get," Mr Boucher said.

He said Mr Hattingh was a well-known conservative in the town and was involved in another controversy when he refused offers of assistance from the local Rotary Club because they were a "volksvreemd" (alien to the folk) organisation

"We are not living in the Transvaal where this sort of thing has come to be expected in certain quarters," Mr Boucher said

He had received many calls from residents of the

old TANYA WYATT's the Opera House last the Indian boy. ure by Mike Holmés

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been taught the choreography for the role in less than two days

"We often do shows and concerts at ballet, so I'm used to learning steps quickly," she said "Ann coached me for this part"

Tanya will be dancing in all the remaining performances

Schools are invited to make block bookings for Thursday and Capab is hoping for a good response because, as Ann Layfield said, "this is a lovely show for school-children It's a lot of fun and there are many laughs"

PE man dies under truck

A MAN was killed yesterday when he landed under the wheels of a truck in Lindsay Road, Korsten

Mr Peet Pretorius, 35, of Booyesen Road, Gelvandale, was guiding a reversing truck and was killed instantly when the wheels went over him

Gold up slightly

LONDON — The price of gold recovered slightly when it was fixed at \$422.25 an ounce on the London bullion market this morning, after closing at \$414 yesterday

In Zurich, the noon price was \$423.25

In Hong Kong, gold rose \$3.54 today to close at \$419.17, compared to yesterday's \$416.23 — Sapa-AP

By BRIAN POTTINGER
Political Correspondent

PROPOSALS for a federation of independent and self-governing homelands in South Africa — excluding "white" South Africa — have received a severe setback with a Kwazulu Government condemnation today of the scheme

Projected outlines for the federation — which would include urban black communities — were strongly punted yesterday by President Kaiser Matanzima of Transkei during the sixth independence celebrations in Umtata

He was endorsing a proposal made earlier by Dr Cedric Phatudi of Lebowa that such a federation be formed to pool resources and operate parallel to the white-coloured-Indian sovereign authority

But today Dr Oscar Dhlomo, Inkatha secretary and a senior Kwazulu Cabi-

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Kwazulu 'no' to federation plan

net Minister, warned that Kwazulu would not accept a federation that was ethnically linked and would become an "association of beggars"

His Government accepted a federal form of administration for South Africa as long as it was not ethnically based President Matanzima's proposal was based on ethnic division rather than a regional geographic division

The proposal that the federation exclude common South Africa was unacceptable because this was where the main industries and economic main-spring of the country lay, said Dr Dhlomo

A federation such as proposed by President Matanzima and Dr Phatudi

would lead nowhere because of the homelands lack of economic viability

A senior researcher at the Africa Institute, Mr P Venter, today also questioned whether the protagonists of the scheme were quite clear in their minds as to whether they wanted a federation or confederation

He said a similar scheme had been suggested in 1973 It had merit in that the homelands could try and pool resources but its practicality would depend on a number of factors

● It is thought likely more difficulties over establishing the federation could arise from the refusal of the Transkei Government to serve on any body on which Ciskei also serves

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committee agenda was "nothing but a smear campaign" against him by Mr Anderson, Mr Parker said

He accused Mr Anderson of carrying on the "same with him" as he had with the former chairman, Dr H Botha

Mr Parker was a supporter of Dr Botha, who lost his council seat in the July elections

The provincial inquiry into the running of the Dias Council was appointed after months of conflict between Dr Botha and Mr Anderson

Whether the report finally becomes public depends on the decision taken by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw. The only way it can be released is if it is tabled in the Provincial Council in February next year

In an interview today, Mr Bird said if Mr Louw decided to release the report he would not pursue his motion concerning Mr Parker

At the start of today's open council meeting, Mr Berrington said he was "taken aback" to read a report in the Press concerning Mr Bird's motion

He said that in future, all committee agendas and the council agenda would be embargoed until the start of the council meeting

Afterwards, Mr Berrington said the whole issue would be discussed at the next cycle of committee meetings, where councillors' views would be gauged

Motion called on Dias councillor to resign seat

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By SHELAGH
BLACKMAN
Municipal Reporter

A NOTICE of motion calling on Dias Divisional councillor, Mr Ken Parker, to resign was placed before a recent meeting of the council's Finance and General Purposes Committee by fellow councillor, Mr Geoff Bird.

This emerges from an item contained in the committee's agenda which was circulated this week.

Mr Bird said that as the council had unanimously accepted the report and findings of the Provincial committee of inquiry into the administration of the Dias Council, it should "note with concern" the relevant passages as they referred to "councillor Parker".

The motion said "this council considers such conduct to be unworthy and unbecoming of a public representative and calls on him to resign forthwith from the Dias Divisional Council".

Mr Parker was a supporter of the former chairman, Dr H Botha, who was ousted in the July elections.

After the findings of the committee of inquiry were discussed by the Executive Committee of the Provincial Council, the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said there was nothing wrong with the administration of the council.

There had been conflict between Mr Botha and the secretary of the council, Mr N W Anderson, but this had been resolved when the former was not re-elected to the council.

What was said by the members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee when Mr Bird's motion was discussed is not known as this discussion was recorded in the council's special minute book which means that it remains confidential.

It is understood, however, that Mr Bird later withdrew his motion.

Confirming this today Mr Bird said he had "temporarily and conditionally withdrawn" it.

At the same committee meeting where Mr Bird proposed his motion, Mr Parker criticised a letter Mr Bird had written to the Press. By using the words "the report (of the Province-appointed committee of inquiry into the Dias Council) showed" in his letter Mr Bird was divulging "confidential" information to the public.

It was necessary that action be taken against him as he had not acted in the interest of the council, Mr Parker said.

However, Mr Parker had no support from fellow councillors who decided that no action should be taken on this matter.

Give 'fullest information to ratepayers — councillor

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Municipal Reporter

IT was the duty of the Dias Divisional councillors to give their ratepayers the "fullest information" concerning the affairs of Dias, a councillor, Mr Geoff Bird told the council recently

At his request the question of liaison with the media was discussed by the council at its last meeting

The minutes of that discussion, held in committee, are contained in this month's council agenda

Mr Bird said the committee agendas should be circulated to the Press earlier than at present, possibly on the day of the committee meetings

Council would then be able to gauge public opinion as it was reflected in the Press

He queried who decided what the media would get because the agendas handed to the media were sometimes incomplete. If there was something in the agenda which was confidential and which the media should not have, that item should be printed on a paper of a different colour, but he felt it was not up to an individual but for the council to decide

However, the chairman,

Mr John Berrington, said it was right to exercise care in not divulging too much information to the Press. It was not unusual for the Press to quote extracts from agendas out of context, he said

In addition, too much publicity on an item could inhibit discussion

Mr Wally Schärge referred to the procedure followed by the Port Elizabeth City Council whereby the chairman of the committee spoke to the Press immediately after the meeting and advised them of the committee's recommendations, using his discretion as to how much should be disclosed

Mr Frikkie Kotze pointed out that with this procedure the Press did not receive the minutes of the committee meetings of the City Council word for word prior to the council meeting, and had to be "satisfied" with the information given by the chairman

In his opinion this was preferable to the procedure presently being followed by the Dias Council

After further debate it was decided that the council would maintain the status quo regarding liaison with the Press

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PFP city council action rejected

Political Staff

THE Leader of the Opposition, Dr Van Zyl Slabbert has dissociated himself from the action of the PFP-controlled city councils of Sandton and Randburg in becoming party to the rejection of the President's Council's proposals on inter-racial power-sharing at local government level

Dr Slabbert said the PC's proposals for power-sharing between blacks, coloured people, whites and Indians at local government level — rejected unanimously by the Transvaal Municipal Executive (TMA) this month — had some merit and deserved closer study

And the Transvaal chairman of the PFP, Mr

Max Borkum, has denied any PFP collusion with verkramppte elements in the TMA, although he conceded that the PFP-controlled councils erred by allowing non-PFP representatives to attend the TMA on its behalf.

They were commenting on reports in the Sunday Express yesterday which disclosed that delegations from the Randburg and Sandton town councils were party to a unanimous decision by the TMA's congress in Nelspruit two weeks ago to reject the President's Council package on local and metropolitan government

According to the Sunday Express the delegations from the PFP-controlled city councils — only one of whom was a

PFP member — became victims of verkramppte manoeuvring by the TMA executive to block reform at the third tier of government

The only PFP member in the delegation was Mrs Pat van Rensburg, chairperson of the Randburg management committee, who was not present when the vote was taken

Dr Slabbert made it clear in an interview yesterday that if the government had accepted the President's Council package on local government, the PFP could have supported the local government proposals while rejecting those for central government.

'Minimum'

When the PC proposals on local government were released in May this year, the PFP leader responded immediately by describing them as the "minimum conditions" necessary to give coloured people and Indians a stake in local government.

The government has not accepted key recommendations by the President's Council on third-tier government and has left its options open pending further investigations

Meanwhile the PFP's Transvaal chairman, Mr Borkum said Sunday newspaper headlines alleging PFP collusion with verkrampptes to block multi-racial participation in local government were "totally misleading"

"PFP policy is clearly one of full representation for all people," he said.

(Report by J Battersby, 77 Burg Street, Cape Town)

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CMC dealt 'severe blow' by dispute

Summer season programme to be reconsidered

By RAYMOND HILL

THE credibility of the Port Elizabeth Coloured Management Committee was dealt a "severe blow" when differences of opinion arose between itself and the City Council, the chairman of the CMC said yesterday

Mr Charlie Green, who was re-elected chairman of the CMC for a second term, made the remark in his annual report

Mr W Dietrich was elected deputy chairman

Later today the CMC was to have its first official meeting since its self-imposed suspension about a month ago

The suspension, brought about by the CMC's opposition to the siting by the City Council of a private hospital, was lifted two weeks ago

Mr Green said it was pleasing to note that, on the local scene, the City Council had taken certain interim steps which enhanced the CMC's image and improved relations

It was important, he said, for councillors to recognise at all times that members of the CMC were fully conversant with the needs of the community and did not take decisions lightly

Referring to housing in the coloured areas, Mr Green said accommodation for the low-income group was an "urgent priority"

Intense planning was under way to prepare a large area in Kleinskool to accommodate 2 000 low-income families

He said 557 houses would be built in Bethelsdorp Extension 21

Municipal Reporter

THE Community Services Committee of the Port Elizabeth City Council will discuss the summer season programme again at its next meeting on November 2, the chairman, Mr Ben Olivier, said today

He was interviewed after informal discussions were held with representatives of the coloured and Indian management committees in the City Hall today

The discussions were held after both management committees protested that they had not been consulted before the summer season programme was drawn up

The programme was approved earlier this month by the Community Services Committee

Attending today's discussions were the Mayor, Mr H van Zyl Cillie, the chairman of the CMC, Mr Charlie

Green, the chairman of the IMC, Mr Raman Bhana, his vice-chairman, Mr Jay Kathan, Mr Olivier and the vice-chairman of the Community Services Committee, Mr Peter Sullivan

Mr Olivier, who chaired the meeting, described the talks as "fruitful" but said no definite decisions had been taken with regard to the programme

"None of us was in a position to take a decision as those present did not constitute a statutory body," he said

It had been decided, however, that the programme would be discussed again by the Community Services Committee

Approached for comment, Mr Bhana said he was "happy" that the committee would be having "another look" at the programme with the possibility of redrafting it

More talks on summer season

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By RAYMOND HILL

MEMBERS of the Port Elizabeth Indian and Coloured Management Committees will meet city councillors tomorrow in a bid to have the summer season programme changed

Yesterday, members of the Indian Management Committee met municipal officials, including the Mayor, Mr H van Zyl Cillie, and the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, to discuss the programme, which both management committees claim was drawn up without their consent

At the meeting it was decided that the Coloured Management Committee should be included in talks tomorrow with Community Services Committee members

Mr Raman Bhana, chairman of the IMC, said the delegation expressed its "utter disgust" during yesterday's meeting at the way the programme had been drawn up without the committees' consent.

However, the council's willingness to meet the IMC showed that it was not too late to redraft the programme, he said

At tomorrow's meeting we will see if the programme can be rearranged for the enjoyment of all the citizens of Port Elizabeth," he said

CMC will hold a special Press conference soon

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THE lifting of the Port Elizabeth Coloured Management Committee's self-imposed suspension would be discussed at a special Press conference later this month, the committee's chairman, Mr Charlie Green, said today

The decision to reconvene was taken at the IMC's caucus meeting last night

The committee's first open plenary session will be held on October 20 and a Press conference will be held afterwards, Mr Green said

Referring to the private hospital issue — the reason why the committee decided to suspend itself — Mr Green said he was happy that the matter was now in the hands of the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw

The CMC could not go directly to the Administrator because it was not procedural, and that is why the matter was handled at a local level, he said

The CMC suspended its activities more than a month ago after being overruled by the Port Elizabeth City Council on the siting of a private hospital in the northern areas

The council favoured a site in Aubrey Street, Gelvan Park, while the CMC preferred a site in Bethelsdorp

CMC in talks

with Frere

Dr D. Disfutch 9/10/82 superintendent

EAST LONDON — Problems the Coloured Management Committee had experienced with Frere Hospital here were in the process of being resolved, the chairman of the CMC, Mr F N Barlow, said yesterday

A CMC delegation had met with the superintendent, Dr Rob Newbery, to discuss problems regarding, among others, the treatment of coloured patients and the "welfare" of coloured nurses working at the hospital, he said

"We've had frank discussions, it was a matter of straightforward answers and questions and the meeting was fruitful

"If future meetings take place in the same atmosphere we would

certainly come up with positive results," said Mr Barlow

He declined to elaborate on matters discussed beyond saying they included transport arrangements for nurses doing shift work

Approached for comment yesterday Dr Newbery confirmed that there were problems, but said they were not insoluble

"The meeting was extremely useful and, in fact, was a great help to me. Details of our discussions will become known gradually as we solve these problems," he said

The local representative of the Department of Coloured Affairs, Mr J Mauritz, also attended the meeting — DDR

IMC, CMC upset by summer programme

By SHELAGH
BLACKMAN

Municipal Reporter

AS ratepayers of all races could not participate in the Port Elizabeth summer season programme it should have been "abandoned" by the City Council on moral grounds

This was said by the chairman of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr Charlie Green, when he heard that the Community Services Committee had approved the programme which is concentrated on the city's "whites only" beaches

In the past both the CMC and the Indian Management Committee have asked to be consulted

They were not consulted again this year

After yesterday's meeting the chairman of the Community Services Committee, Mr Ben Olivier, said the CMC could not be consulted because it had suspended itself

Mr Green commented today that while the CMC was in suspension he, as chairman, had full powers to act on behalf of the committee but there had been no attempt made to consult him

The deputy chairman of the IMC, Mr Jay Kathan, said he was "dumbfounded" by the decision to approve the summer season programme without consultation with his committee

"The members of the management committees are not just puppets. We have a voice that is supposed to be heard and respected," he said

The Town Clerk had on record a letter by the IMC asking to be consulted on the programme

At their last meeting the IMC had made it clear they wanted to be consulted on this issue and did not want to be fobbed off with delaying tactics

Yesterday the Community Services Committee also recommended that a request to open the miniature tram at King's Beach to all races be refused. The City Council will debate this later this month

The recommendation to refuse the application by the Round Table was in order to avoid any embarrassment. The tram was nearby other facilities which were not open to all races, Mr Olivier said

If the council had approved the application they would have had to apply for a group area permit

Commenting on this matter Mr Green said the MEC in charge of Local Government, Mr Hernus Kriel, had said that if the beaches for blacks did not have facilities comparable with those provided on white beaches then the white beaches should be opened to all races

"No beach for blacks in Port Elizabeth can be compared with Humewood or King's Beach. The right thing to do would be to open them to all races until equal facilities are provided for blacks on their beaches," he said

The Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, had stated that direct representation for all was an ultimate goal. It was time the City Council invited the management committees to join them around the "horseshoe" to debate the issue of open beaches on a democratic basis, he said

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CMC adamant about Biko street name

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Post Reporter

THE Port Elizabeth Coloured Management Committee has not changed its mind about the naming of a street in Bethelsdorp Extension 10 after the black consciousness leader, Steve Biko, who died in detention — although it seems that the naming has been shelved by the authorities.

The CMC named a street in Cleary Estate, Bethelsdorp Extension 10, after the black leader last year.

The move caused a furore and resulted in the MEC in charge of local government, Mr Hernus Kriel, flying from Cape Town to have talks with CMC and Port Elizabeth City Council officials.

Ordinances empowering the Cape Provincial Administration to change "undesirable" street names were promulgated and legalised in October last year.

A year later there is still no clarity on the matter.

Port Elizabeth's Deputy Town Clerk, Mr I S Terblanche said "As far as I am concerned the matter has died a natural death."

Mr Charlie Green, the CMC chairman, on the other hand, is adamant "My committee has not changed its mind. We still regard our naming of the streets after Steve Biko and Nelson Mandela as a *fait accompli*."

Meanwhile, it is reported from England at the weekend that plans are being made to name the streets of an exclusive new housing estate after Biko, as well as the jailed ANC leader, Nelson Mandela, and the Johannesburg township, Soweto.

The local authority in Cardiff, South Wales, was insisting on the right to choose street names in the township on the Anne St Melons estate.

The builders, John Lang Limited, however, claim that names such as Biko Avenue, Mandela Close and Soweto Close, will put people off buying the R90 000 houses.

A spokesman for the builders called the names a "joke".

The council, however, is determined to have its way.

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Post Reporter

THE Port Elizabeth Coloured Management Committee decided at a special caucus meeting last night to remain suspended because of the private hospital issue

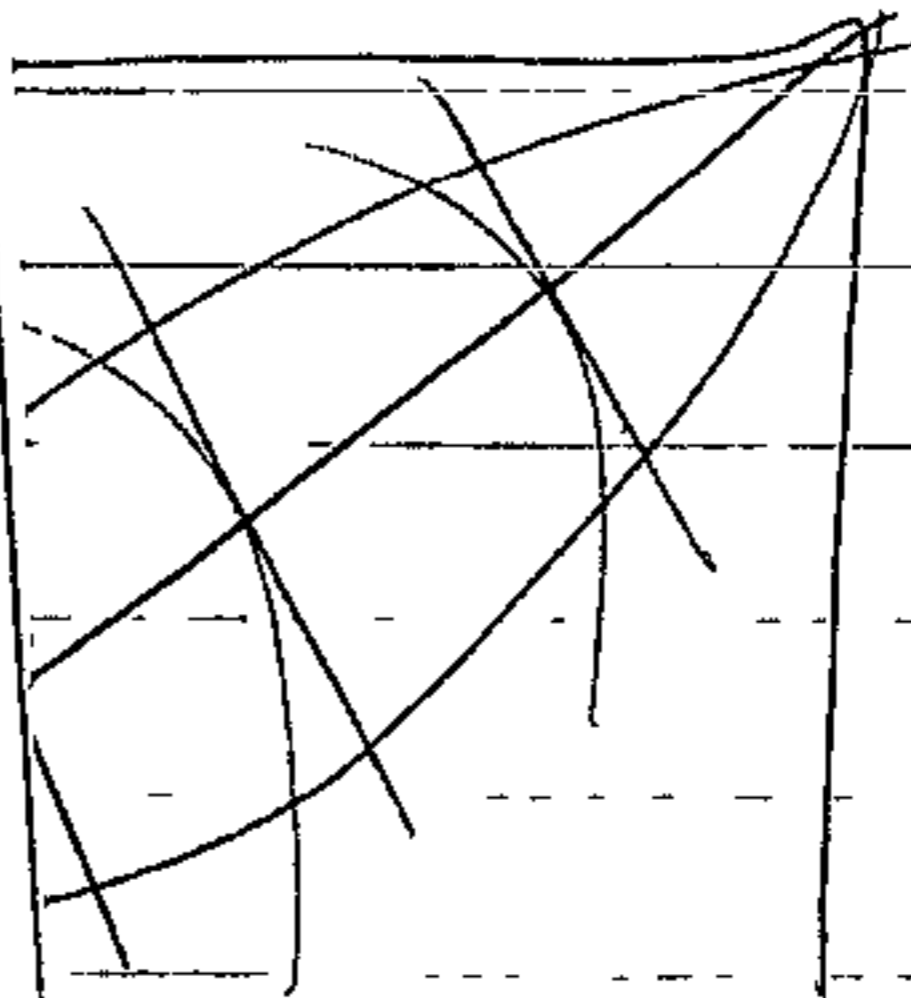
The chairman of the CMC, Mr Charhe Green, said a final decision would be made at a meeting on October 6

Mr Green reported to other members of the CMC yesterday on discussions he had with the MEC in charge of local government, Mr H Kriel, and the Director of Local Government, Mr C B Ritter, on Tuesday

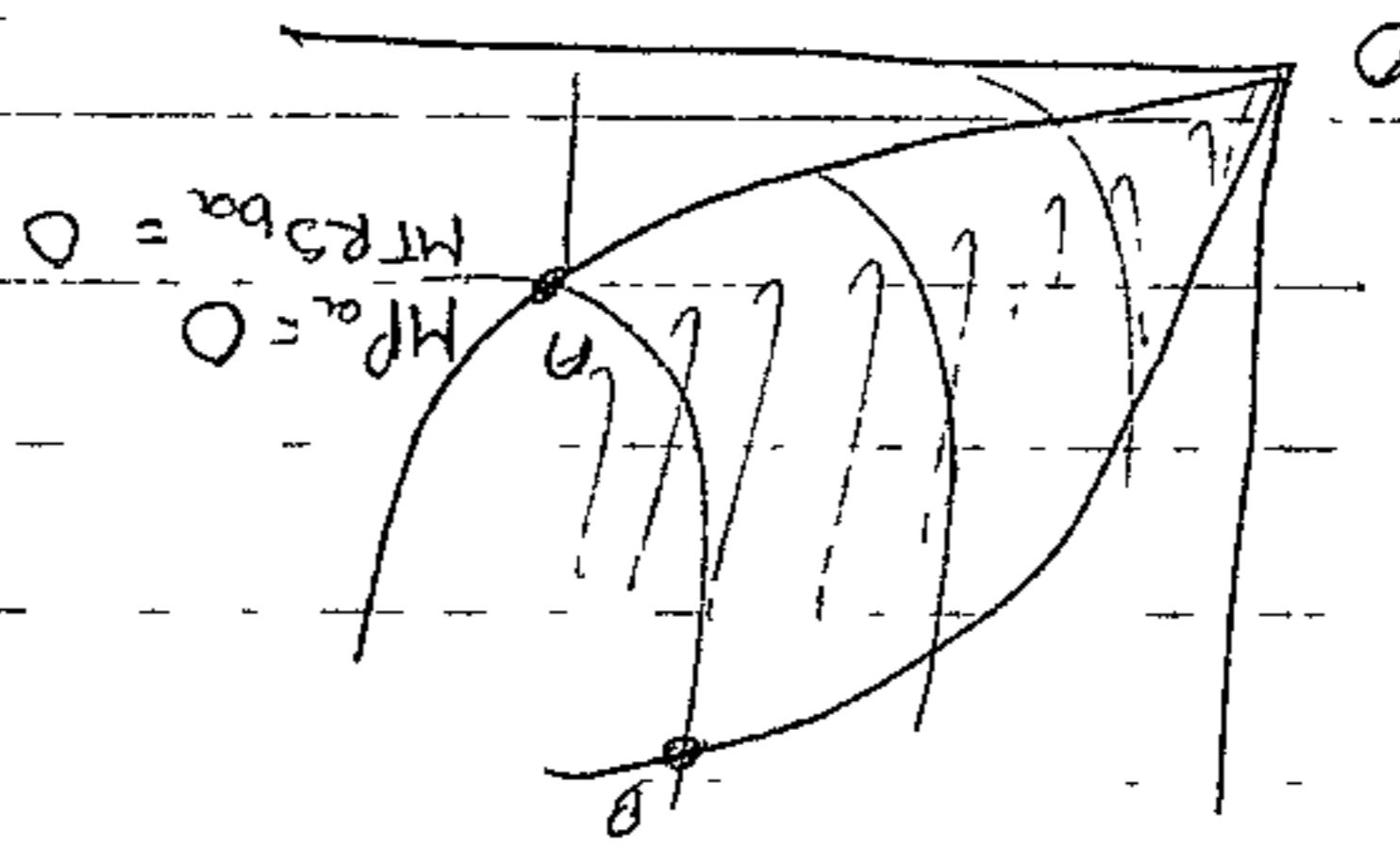
The CMC suspended its activities three weeks ago in protest against the City Council's decision to allow a private hospital to be built in Gelvandale

The CMC wants the hospital built in Bethelsdorp. After last night's caucus meeting, which lasted more than an hour, Mr Green said no decision had been reached

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Liaison body has 17 members

Municipal Reporter

THE newly-established Eastern Cape Regional Liaison Committee comprised 17 members, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said after today's inaugural meeting.

The Cape Province Municipal Association and the Association of Management Committees have seven representatives each, and the Association of Divisional Councils, the South African Indian Council, and the Council for Rural Coloured Areas are each represented by a single member.

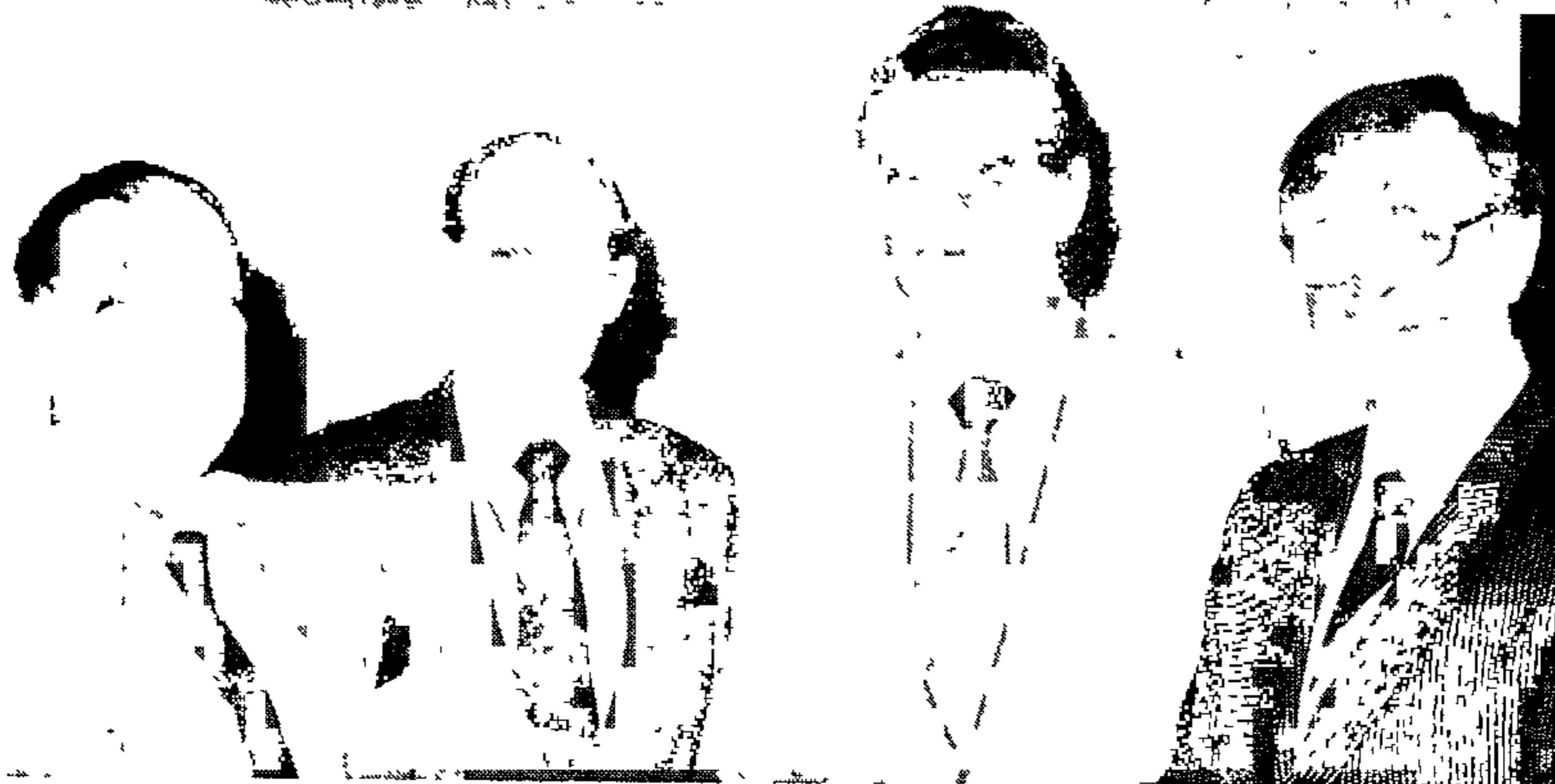
Mr Louw said today's meeting had taken place in a positive spirit.

The regional committees had been set up to create avenues of co-operation and better communication.

Members would have until November 30 to put forward items to be included in the agenda to the Director of Local Government, Mr C B Ritter.

On October 28, all seven committees would hold a national meeting, which the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr J C Heunis, would attend.

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Among those who attended an inaugural meeting of the Eastern Cape Regional Liaison Committee at the Port Elizabeth City Hall today were (from the left) the Director of Local Government, Mr C B RITTER, the Mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr H VAN ZYL CILLIE, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr GENE LOUW and the MEC in charge of Local Government, Mr H KRIEL. The meeting was arranged to improve the effectiveness of the coloured and Indian management committees and was held in the City Hall.

All must share in local govt — Louw

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By SHELAGH BLACKMAN
Municipal Reporter

IT was essential for the various population groups to have a greater say in local government, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said in Port Elizabeth today

Mr Louw, who was addressing the inaugural meeting of the Eastern Cape Regional Liaison Committee, said population groups should not have unilateral decisions taken for them from "above"

He said regional committees were a necessary mechanism for the establishment of more effective deliberation and consultation between local government and management committees and would investigate the possibility of greater co-ordination in local government

Today's meeting was attended by representatives of the Provincial Administration, the Department of Internal Affairs, the Cape Province Municipal Association, the Association of Management Committees,

the Association of Divisional Councils, the Association of Rural Areas and the South African Indian Council

Mr Louw said there was an urgent need to create "meeting points through the boundary fence" that separated ethnic groups from one another

"Let us today unite here in a decision that we believe in evolution rather than revolution," he said

The regional committees would function until constitutional changes in local government had been implemented and would investigate the "underlying problem" of a lack of sound mutual liaison between local authorities and management committees

Regional committees would, through mutual consultation, agree on ways of bringing about "meaningful debate"

If the regional committee failed in solving the problem, a delegation would be appointed from among its ranks to conduct consultations with the city council and management committees to find a solu-

tion
The regional committees would also consider the authority, powers and duties of management, consultative and neighbourhood affairs committees and make recommendations about the extension of their bargaining, decision-making and executive powers at local authority level

Mr Louw said that after the inaugural meetings he, together with the Minister concerned, would hold consultations on a national level

In the meantime, after deliberations with their councils and officials, proposals and matters for debate could be presented to him through the office of the Director of Local Government, he said

It had become clear that coloured and Indian management committees, provision for the establishment of which had been made in 1963, were not functioning effectively and their position in local government had to be revised, he said

The present system of lo-

cal government for the Indian and coloured population group was not functioning satisfactorily because their aspirations as regards meaningful participation in decision-making processes were not being accommodated

As appeared from resolutions and requests from the Association of Management Committees, dissatisfaction had grown among committee members as well as among members of their communities with the absence of deliberation with councils and the lack of executive powers for the management committees

The Erika Theron report had identified the same source of dissatisfaction

This had led to frustration and in certain regions to confrontation between local government and the various management committees

While in many areas attempts had been made to leave decision concerning Indians and coloureds to the management committees it remained a fact that the final decision rested with the councils, he said

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ONE day's light fallout on Mrs Jenny Timm's garden furniture left a black smear on this wad of cottonwool. The furniture was on a veranda protected by an awning.

Pinelands group to fight power-station pollution

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A GROUP of Pinelands residents has formed a committee to act on pollution from Athlone power station, which they fear is affecting health, particularly of the elderly and very young.

A spokesman for the group, Mrs Jane Cotton, says there is a persistent fallout from the station which occasionally reaches "snowstorm" proportions.

"Recently we have had a number of incidents when the whole area has been covered in a blanket of black soot."

DRIZZLE

"We have been told repeatedly that the problem occurs only occasionally. This may be true of the very bad fallout storms, but there is a constant 'drizzle' of soot that never lets up," she said.

The residents allege the fallout is responsible for what they believe is an unusually high incidence of chest infections, asthma, allergies and skin ailments among children.

Previous complaints resulted in deadlock. The City Council, backed by CSIR reports, claimed pollution levels were within those set in a 1957 contract between the Pinelands and Cape Town municipalities.

ACT

The Council also said the fallout level was within the limits set in the Air Pollution Prevention Act of 1965.

Dr R. J. Coogan, the Cape Town Medical Officer of Health and chairman of the regional air pollution committee for the Western Cape, said all surveys showed no evidence of a direct link between the fallout and disease.

"Only continued exposure to relatively high

densities would result in problems," he said.

"Many studies of similar pollution in England showed that the main effect is to make existing ailments, such as bronchitis, worse.

NOT PRIMARY

"It is not considered a primary cause of disease."

Dr L. R. Tibbit, Medical Officer of Health for the Divisional Council, said "As part of the extension of the air pollution survey carried out for the Cape Town City Council by the University of Cape Town between 1977 and 1980 we are launching a major survey of air pollution in the Divisional Council area.

"We are also going to undertake an epidemiological study of the alleged health effects of

pollution in Edgemoor, Bothasig and Pinelands."

Mr D. C. Palsler, city electrical engineer, said there was no reasonable economic solution.

EXPENSE

"The use of electrostatic precipitators is considered too expensive for the small number of houses involved. It was estimated a few years ago that it would cost in excess of R10-million to put in this form of pollution control and there would still be no guarantee that the problem would be eliminated.

"The only alternative is to close the Athlone station down and buy electricity from Eskom at a price of about R5-million a year.

"It's unfortunate and I sympathise, but one has to do what is best for the community as a whole."

Indians' needs discussed

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Post Reporter

THE newly-elected Port Elizabeth Indian Management Committee has received a sympathetic hearing from the Department of Community Development regarding conditions in Malabar, according to the chairman of the IMC, Mr Raman Bhana.

Mr Bhana said the needs of the city's Indian community were discussed with the officials on Monday, and the department was asked to make funds available.

Yesterday, the IMC held a special meeting to reiterate its stand on direct representation.

Mr Bhana said the IMC had worked towards direct representation since its first meeting in April 1972.

"All citizens, irrespective of the colour of their skin, must have the right to vote and be voted for in any ward," he said.

At the meeting, Mr Bhana and Mr J. Kathan were elected to represent the IMC at the Association of Management Committees' ninth annual conference in Kimberley on September 30.

Voters 'chose to work within system'

Post Reporter

THE high percentage poll in the Indian Management Committee elections yesterday showed that Malabar residents chose to work within the system, Mr Raman Bhana, chairman of the committee, said today

Mr Bhana's "team" defeated the three independent candidates — Dr Adam Dhoordhat, who polled 316 votes, Mr Hassen Noorshib (302 votes) and Mr Lawrence Hutton (303 votes) — who stood in yesterday's election

Mr Bhana, who has been on the IMC since its inception, polled 565 votes, Mr Peter O'Brien, a sitting member, polled 488 and Mr Jay Kathan, a member for the IMC for the past four years, polled 446. The two new candidates, Mr Kesu Padayachy and Mr Jusus Jogee, polled 426 and 422 respectively

Mr Bhana estimated the average percentage poll was 58%

"The people who stayed away either knew we were going to win or were apathetic because they are content with their lot. If 5% of the people boycotted the election it was a lot," he said

"We had a higher poll than the recent Port Elizabeth City Council elections and also had one of the highest polls in the country for this type of election"

His committee had decided to work for change within the given system, said Mr Bhana

"Our first objective will be to get full representation on the City Council," he added

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Postponement on non-racial employment

Municipal Reporter

THE Divisional Council yesterday postponed by a one-vote majority, a decision on whether to adopt the principle of non-racial employment practices

However, the idea of a non-discriminatory employment code put forward by Mr Neil Ross was referred to the staff committee for investigation

After a lengthy speech by Mr Ross in support of first adopting such a code in principle and then getting the staff committee to investigate the mechanics of implementing it, the vote swung against him

The councillors who opposed the immediate ap-

proval of his motion, were the chairman, Mr L J Rothman, the deputy-chairman, Mr G M Basson, Mr M J Aggenbach, Mr P J Grobbelaar, Mr W J Schultz, Mr A L Powell, Mr H C Langley, and Mr D Lambert

The councillors who supported Mr Ross were Mr C Bilski, Mr L Pothier, Mr F Sturrock, Mr P Andrew, Mr S Collins, and Mr J Walsh

Mr Ross said he was aware that certain posts were reserved for different race groups "for historical reasons", and added that of all the council's black workers, only 25 were permanent staff

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Too few staff in health services

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Municipal Reporter

A "chronic" understaffing in the Divisional Council health services had been a feature for years and, was not likely to improve until there was an upswing in the economy, the Medical Officer of Health, Dr L R Tibbitt, said yesterday

In his report to the council on the Peninsula's combined health control scheme for 1981, he pointed out that the government and the council "had seen fit" to limit any further increases in nursing staff

This was because of the national policy of financial stringency

However, Dr Tibbitt said, the shortage of nursing staff was a major problem and redeployment and reorganization had resulted in only "minimal benefits"

The opening of new clinic facilities and the five percent increase in clinic attendances over the previous year had aggravated the problem

Dr Tibbitt said the infant mortality rate — a sensitive indicator of effectivity of services — had dropped slightly in all races

Family-planning was the department's major priority. The number of active attenders was "disappointing", but the limiting factor was the lack of staff

Ischaemic heart disease still topped the mortality list for white people. He suggested that when funds and staff permitted, the council should run hypertension screening clinics for all races

In spite of the council's effective tuberculosis treatment schedule and BCG vaccination, it was not winning the battle against the disease. In 1981 there had been an increase in new notifications — 1949 compared with 1782 in 1980

Liaison body for local govt

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Chief Reporter

A WESTERN CAPE regional liaison committee under the chairmanship of the Administrator Mr Gene Louw, aimed at bringing about closer co-operation between municipalities and divisional councils on one hand and management committees on the other, was formally constituted in Cape Town yesterday.

Mr Louw said this was one of four such regional committees being established in the Cape Province under his chairmanship.

A Northern Cape committee had already been constituted at Kimberley, a Karoo committee would be brought into being at Beaufort West today and an Eastern Cape committee would be established at Port Elizabeth on September 21.

National

The four Cape committees, and one each being established in the other three provinces would operate under a national committee with the Minister of Constitutional Development Mr Chris Heunis as chairman.

The Administrator said there was an urgent need 'to create meeting points through the boundary fence that separates our ethnic groups'.

'A position of frustra-

tion even confrontation has developed in management committees because these bodies have not been able to make the progress they feel they should have and the idea of these regional liaison committees is to identify problems and seek solutions.

Mr Louw said the establishment of regional committees which would meet quarterly was an interim measure until effect could be given to the government's constitutional processes at local-government level.

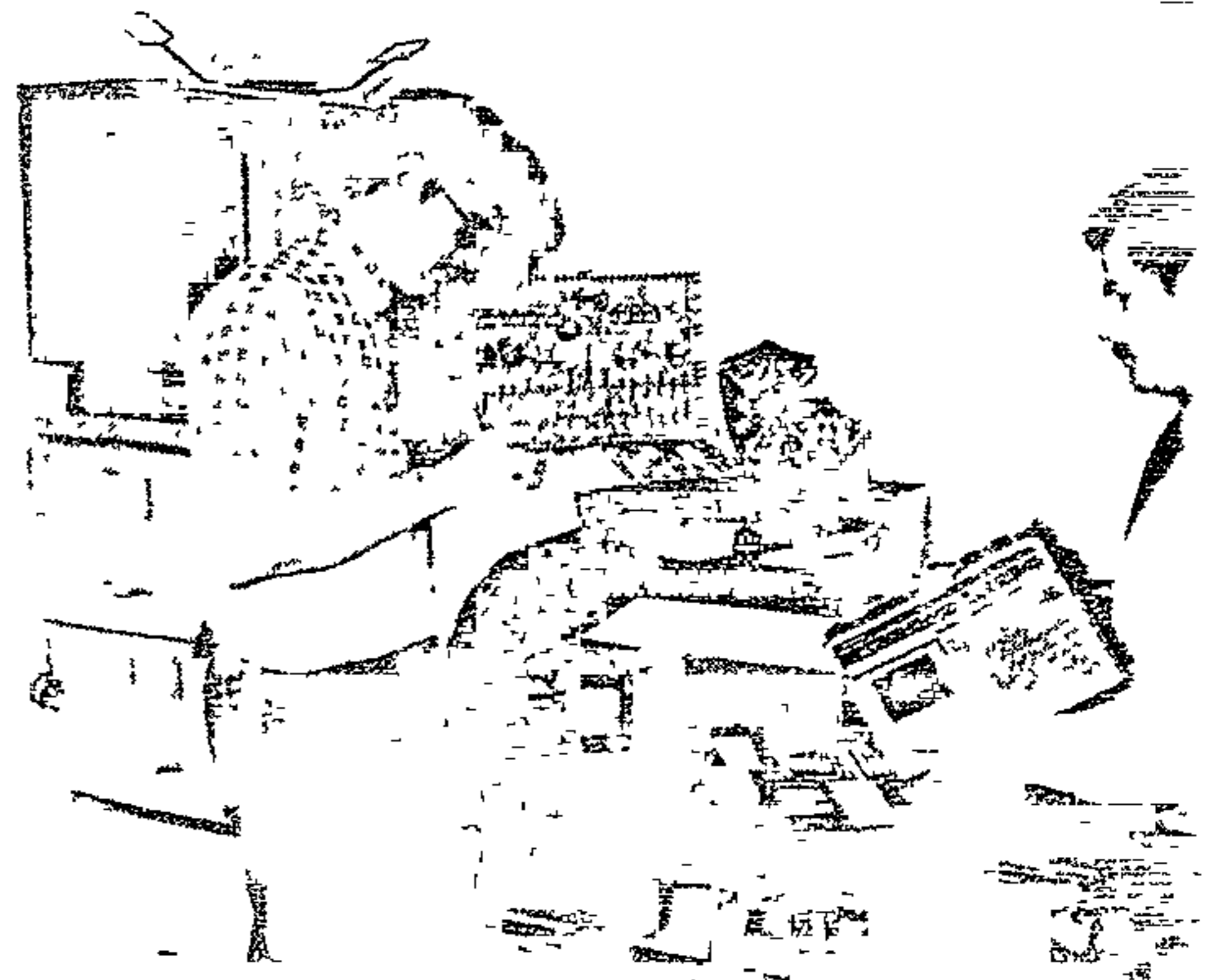
He said 'a good constructive spirit had prevailed at the meeting yesterday'.

'Interim means

• Bodies represented at the meeting included the Western Cape region of the Association of Divisional Councils of the Cape, the Cape Provincial Municipal Association (CPMA), The South African Indian Council and the Association of Management Committees (Assomac).

Mr David Curry, leader of the Assomac delegation said afterwards:

"We see this as part of an ongoing process as an interim means of discussion and negotiation for change which must eventually be given a more concrete form."



Detective Sergeant Johan van der Merwe and his partner Constable Frank Symonah, of the Pinelands CID, examine the stolen goods they recovered recently. The owners of information which can assist the police can contact the detectives at 532826 during office hours.

Woman raped Bridgetown par

Crime Reporter

A 20-YEAR-OLD Athlone woman was raped yesterday morning while taking a shortcut to work across the "Nantes" recreational park in Bridgetown.

A police spokesman said the woman was assaulted by a man who surprised her soon after 7am and dragged her into nearby bushes.

No arrest has been made.

• A man was shot dead early yesterday morning when two patrolling Retreat policemen surprised five men pushing a car which they identified as being stolen.

Police liaison officer Lieutenant Gerhard van Rooven said Constables G C Brink and A J Fortuin came upon the men in Simfonie Avenue at 3.15am and tried to question them.

The men fled and the constables chased them to nearby Klavier Avenue where one shot was fired. It hit Moeagamal Abrahams, 20 of no fixed ad-

dress in the right side. The other four men have been made.

• A Lansdowne night- overpowered and bound by four men who then stole tools valued at R1000 from Blomvlei Road premises.

A police spokesman said a nightwatchman, Mr Will was threatened with a gun by two men soon after 4am.

• A taxi driver and a bus driver were the victims of armed robberies at the weekend. Police said the taxi driver, Burton, 25 of Mitchells Field, was held up at gunpoint and robbed of three men he picked up at Park on Saturday evening.

The bus driver, Mr Davison, was forced to hand over R1075 and one of them armed entered in Kensington and three

Louw: Neglect of animals 'sinful'

Staff Reporter

THE Administrator Mr Gene Louw, told members of the Animal Protection Society yesterday that neglect of animals was one of the most gruesome and sinful offences mankind could commit.

Speaking at the society's meeting in Kenilworth yesterday, he said the society had rendered "an incredible service" by affording care and help to thousands of animals in need of attention. The society attended to an average of 1000 animals a week.

"An animal is man's best friend. The horse and dog are a symbol of the history of South Africa."

to save human lives, and "neglect of animals is one of the most gruesome offences and sins that humans can commit".

Referring to people leaving their homes without providing adequate care for their pets and also to people leaving pets in cars without proper ventilation, he said these "callous" people should be reported to the police or to the SPCA.

Mr Louw handed special awards to Mr Simon Tait, who rescued a grvsbok which was being stoned from a slippery ledge near Llandudno and to SPCA inspector Mr Richard Burton and Mr Philip Bradley who res-

'Political' judges: Attorneys speak

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The danger of appointing judges for political reasons is inherent in a system where appointments are made by the government of the day, the president of the Association of Law Societies of South Africa (Alssa), Mr J E Knoll, said yesterday.

Mr Knoll was commenting in an Alssa statement on a speech last week in which a prominent Johannesburg advocate said some judges had been appointed for political reasons.

Mr Knoll said a viewpoint which had "a substantial degree of sup-

should be made and be seen to be made in a manner designed to ensure "as far as is humanly possible, the total independence of the judiciary from political influence of any kind".

"This could perhaps best be achieved by means of an appointing panel consisting, say, of representatives of the Bench and of the two branches of the legal profession, and a nominee of the Minister of Justice under the chairmanship of the Chief Justice.

Judges are presently appointed by the State President in consultation with the cabinet.

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JOHANNESBURG — former Ro' prisoners and unionists have been detained by the government.

The six were near King W last week on Soweto after the unveiling of a stone for Sobukwe at African Congress.

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People will ⁽²⁶³⁾ ^{E. Post} ignore boycott ^{30/8/82} call — Bhana

By RAYMOND HILL

THE Indian community would ignore the call for a boycott of the Port Elizabeth Indian Management Committee elections, its chairman, Mr Raman Bhana, said.

He was reacting to statements made at an anti-IMC meeting held by the Malabar Ratepayers Association in the Aulayam Hall, Malabar, yesterday

Speakers, including a Durban professional man, Mr Z Yacoob, urged the crowd to reject the IMC

The IMC elections will be on Thursday

The Anti-IMC committee has issued pamphlets urging a boycott because management committees have no decision-making powers

Mr Bhana became the chairman two years ago and his term expires tomorrow

He criticised the Malabar Ratepayers Association for entering the field of politics

The MRA, he said, had neglected its duties as a civic body — something to the detriment of the community it was formed to serve — and it was wasting its time by calling for a boycott

Mr Bhana said that by inviting "reinforcements" to the meeting, the association had proved that it did not have the community's interests at heart

According to him, 95% of the crowd had no "direct" interest in the elections

"What do organisations like Sacos and Pebco have to do with management committee elections?" he asked

Mr Bhana said the Malabar Ratepayers Association was gradually "fading out" and he was confident that the community would ignore its boycott call

The IMC, he said, had worked towards direct representation since its inception

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Should party politics play a 'local' role?

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MR NEIL ROSS



MR ANTHONY POWELL

PARTY politics and local government shouldn't mix, say Cape Divisional councillors though some academics disagree and the council chairman says politics "has reared its head"

Weekend Argus inquiries show that senior officials of the National Party and the Progressive Federal Party also oppose the open entry of party politics into local government and they deny such involvement in the Cape

But a senior academic says it is well known that elections in some City Council wards are fought on party political lines and he feels it would be better if the elections were fought openly as such, as in Johannesburg

"SHAM"

Some observers say it would be better to get rid of the "sham" and fight local elections politically

According to complaints to The Argus by some "disgusted" ratepayers, the recent Cape Divisional Council election was fought on party political lines in at least two wards.

The Cape Nationalist mouthpiece, Die Burger, announcing the results in Ward 8, hailed Mr Anthony Powell's victory, noting that he was deputy chairman of the NPs Maitland district council.

Die Burger designated his opponent Miss Mary Olsen, as "a prominent PFP member"

The newspaper also referred to the election in Ward 2, noting that Mr Stuart Collins, a member

By DIRK VAN ZYL

of the PFP", had ousted former Divco chairman, Mr Ivan Hampshire, with a large majority.

Divco chairman, Mr L J Rothman, said this week that party politics should play no role whatsoever in local government, but it has now reared its head

"SUPPORT"

"Certain candidates received support from a political party and the signs are there that party politics could now play a role in the council although it is still too early to say"

All divisional councillors spoken to by Weekend Argus were against party politics entering local government, although one, who did not want to be named, felt that there would be some advantages.

A strong proponent however, is head of UCT's department of public administration, Professor J F Beekman, who saw the system being run on party political lines in his native Holland - where he was a local government representative before coming to South Africa 11 years ago

"I never saw anything strange about it there but in parts of South Africa you find a situation where it is neither one nor the other. Sometimes people say it's not done when in fact it is," Professor Beekman said

LECTURE

"I wouldn't see any valid reason why local issues should not be the concern of political parties"

Senior lecturer in public administration at Stellenbosch University, Mr Andries van Rooyen, listed several advantages and disadvantages but felt that "it is perhaps desirable that people are not elected on party political considerations on local government level"

Among disadvantages he noted were that agenda matters were not usually party political, councillors would divide on party lines and not on the merits of issues, technical matters could be elevated to party political issues "people who for professional or work reasons did not want to be labelled would be put off from getting involved and candidates could be nominated not on merit but purely to reward them for loyal service to a party"

PARTICIPATION

But advantages were that there would be greater participation in local government affairs and more people would vote, implementation of central government policy could be facilitated if the division in a local government body was about the same as in the upper body and a local government's policy would crystallise more clearly.

Ward 3 Cape divisional councillor, Mr Neil Ross - national director of the PFP - said his party's federal executive had resolved that the matter of party involvement in local government be left open to the regional formations

ISSUES

Mr Ross said he had not been recruited to stand for Divco - it had been his personal choice as he was interested in issues such as housing and employment practices

"In my view party politics should not play a role in local government and this is the tradition in the Cape," he said

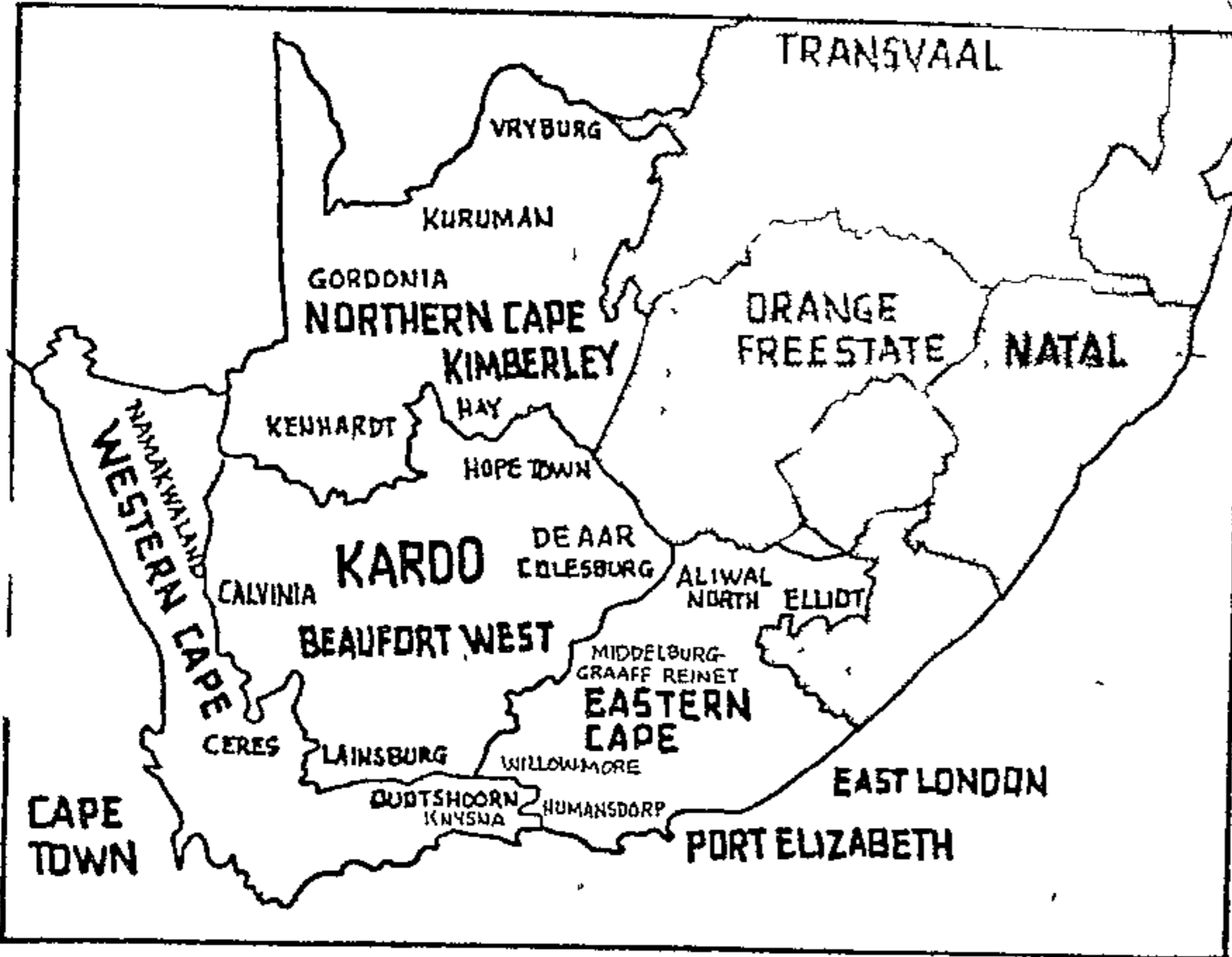
Secretary of the Cape National Party, Mr Frik van Deyenter MPC for Maitland said "We do not get involved in such things except to the extent that is allowed"

Ward 8 divisional councillor, Mr Powell also felt party politics should be kept out

Cape launches PM's new plan

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A MAP of the Cape Province, showing the boundaries of the four regional liaison committee areas in the Cape — Western Cape, Karoo, Northern Cape and Eastern Cape. The committees will include representatives of municipal, management committee and divisional council associations in the Cape.

Provincial Reporter

THE first step in the launching of the Prime Minister's new constitutional proposals for local government will be taken in the Cape on Friday.

The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, will launch the establishment of four regional liaison committees in the Cape to improve contact between white, coloured and Indian local government.

In announcing plans to set up these committees, Mr Louw said they were proposed by the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, as an interim measure pending the proposed "new deal" constitution.

There are to be four regional liaison committees in the Cape because of the size of the province, and one only in each of the other three provinces.

The meetings to establish the new Cape regional bodies will be held in Kimberley on Friday, Cape Town on Monday, Beaufort West on Tuesday and Port Elizabeth during September.

Mr Louw will be chairman of each of the four regional bodies, with Mr Hernus Kriel, MEC in charge of local government, as deputy chairman.

Invited to each of the meetings are seven representatives of the Municipal Association of the Cape, seven members of the Association of Management Committees, one member of the South African Indian Council and one member of the Association of Divisional Councils.

NOMINEES

Each committee will comprise nominees of these bodies appointed by the Administrator, as well as any ad hoc members the Administrator may think necessary, and ex officio members nominated by the Department of Internal Affairs.

Regional committees will in turn be represented on a national liaison committee under the chairmanship of the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis.

The four Cape regional authorities will be

- Western Cape, based in Cape Town, comprising Namaqualand, Vanrhynsdorp, Vredendal, Clanwilliam, Piketberg, Ceres, Worcester, Montagu, Ladismith, Oudtshoorn, Uniondale and (along the coast) Knysna, George, Mossel Bay, Riversdale, Swellendam, Bredasdorp, Caledon and the whole Western Cape-Peninsula area.
- Karoo, based in Beaufort West, comprising Calvinia, Sutherland, Langsburg, Prince Albert, Beaufort West, Fraserburg, Murraysburg, Victoria West, Richmond, Hanover, Noupoot Colesberg, De Aar, Philipstown, Hopetown, Prieska, Victoria West, Fraserburg and Williston.
- Northern Cape, based in Kimberley, comprising Gordonia, Kenhardt, Herbert, Kimberley, Barkly West, Warrenton, Vryburg, Kuruman and Postmasburg.
- Eastern Cape, based in Port Elizabeth, comprising on its boundaries with the Karoo and Western Cape regional committees the districts of Venterstad, Steynsburg, Middelburg, Graaff-Reinet, Aberdeen, Willowmore and Humansdorp, and all the area east of these districts, including Aliwal North, Elliot-Maclear, Queenstown-Komga, Craddock, East London, Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth.

postulated some form of enzyme deficiency usually related to the B group. These latter hypotheses have been supported by evidence from animal experiments.

Family studies have naturally formed the core of work designed to test genetic theories of alcoholism in humans, since if genes influence the condition then those who have part of their hereditary material in common with known alcoholics should be more likely to suffer from the condition. On the

still to be found

The current level of sophistication in causal theories of problem drinking become apparent in the following statement:

"Causes of alcoholism are unknown. Most probably the condition reflects a form or response to an interactive combination of physiological, psychological, and sociological factors in an individual and his environment" (Keller, 1968, p. 49)

Although the generality of the formulation is obvious, and

in a way theoretically significant, major areas in which the to answer the deceptive level. An overview of the range of problem drinking indicates of the findings originating the compartmentalization, resulting in an

4. BIOCHEMICAL THEORIES

The different theories basically attempt to explain excessive drinking in terms of physiological or biochemical mechanisms or processes within the body (McCord & McCord, p. 28 and Williams, p. 455). One of the most developed theories in this category concentrates on genetic factors or variables (Karl, p. 37).

The genetic-hypotheses range from very general - that is alcoholism is inherited in some part, in some unspecified way - to very specific hypotheses. The latter have customarily

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Bid to solve problems of Pacaltsdorp

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Staff Reporter

TWO officials of the Provincial Administration have been appointed to a special committee which will attempt to solve the problems of Pacaltsdorp near George the first and only coloured local authority in the Cape.

The announcement of "the continuation committee" was made yesterday by Mr C B Ritter, the director of local government in the Cape.

The move comes after eight years of financial chaos, the sacking of a town clerk and calls for a judicial inquiry into the running of the town.

Officials from both the George and Pacaltsdorp municipalities and two representatives from the Department of Community Development will make up the rest of the eight-man committee.

Mr T Sauer, the mayor of Pacaltsdorp will be the chairman but, the deputy-director of local government, Mr P P A Carstens, said no names could be released as "nothing had been formalised".

'Attractive'

In his statement, Mr Ritter said the committee intended to replan the old township to make it more attractive.

It was also planned to develop an industrial township, open to all industrialists, which would eventually incorporate a 60ha commonage of George, he said.

Pacaltsdorp is the first coloured local authority but has since its independence from the George Municipality in 1974, been plagued by financial difficulties, scandal and discord among its staff.

In November 1977 the town clerk was suspended, by the then mayor, which resulted in the Van Huyssteen inquiry into the town clerk's activities. He was later sacked.

In 1979 major problems arose when the Cape Provincial Administration's auditors reported that R60 000 was missing. They also revealed that the Department of Community Development had paid R276 544 for 100 houses which had not been built.

'Super tax'

A special "super tax" levy was introduced in an attempt to recoup some of the municipality's losses. Many people left the town.

There were reports of possible corruption and it became known that staff salaries had increased 13-fold between 1974 and 1977.

The council had also spent R70 000 without consent of the province.

In 1980 the Progressive Federal Party unsuccessfully sought a judicial inquiry. In 1979 the Provincial Council made R272 329 available and granted a further R106 000 to alleviate the situation.

may then be taken to suggest that the

In a recent study (Goodwin, 1976, p. 52) using this methodological design, it was found that significantly more adopted men whose biological parents were alcoholics, were alcoholics, than the matched control group of adoptees.

This and similar significant results, has compelled researchers to seriously reconsider the genetic contribution to

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Plain

GROOTE SCHUUR

All were taken to Groote Schuur Hospital

Mr Saban and Mrs Craig were discharged. The others are in a satisfactory condition

The accident caused a traffic pile-up for several kilometres in the Mitchell's Plain-Lansdowne-Philippi areas

BIKERS

Two motorcyclists and their pillion passengers were killed on Saturday night when they collided head-on in Kasselsvlei Road Bellville South

Mr Calvin Morris, 23, Miss Maureen Walters, 18 both of Bellville South and Mr Charles Simons, 29 of Mitchell's Plain, died instantly

Miss Gail Green of Bellville South died shortly after being taken to Tygerberg Hospital

FENCE

Mr R F Sevenoaks, 25, of Davenport Road Vredehoek, died when the car in which he was travelling crashed into a fence on Saturday night in De Waal Drive near Mostert's Mill Mowbray

An unidentified man, believed to be a hitchhiker, was knocked down and killed on the national road near Kuils River on Friday night. He is thought to have been in his 30s

BICYCLE

Another unidentified man was killed on Saturday when his bicycle and a car collided in Main Road Claremont

In Bloubergstrand, an unidentified man was knocked down and killed at the Melkbosstrand turnoff

Andrew Jacobs, 17, of Paarl South was knocked down and killed on the Old Paarl-Klapmuts Road on Saturday

TRAIN

An unidentified middle-aged man died in Groote Schuur Hospital early on Sunday after falling off a moving train near Woodstock station on Saturday afternoon

Another unidentified man died after reported-

Economic boost for coloured municipality

Provincial Reporter

PACALTSDORP the country's first independent coloured municipality is to receive another official economic boost in the form of a planned industrial township

The initiative was taken by Prime Minister Mr P W Botha who is MP for George and in whose constituency the municipality of 20 000 people exists

Since being established as a separate autonomous coloured municipality in 1975 the little town on the outskirts of George has continuously been the centre of financial controversy, with repeated attempts to make it economically viable

DEVELOPMENT

In a statement today, Mr C B Ritter, director of local government in the Cape Provincial Administration said 'At the instigation of the Prime Minister immediate attention is being given to the planning and development of Pacalts-

dorp to enable this community to take its rightful place in the fast-developing George complex

Government and provincial officials and representatives of George and Pacaltsdorp met last week under the chairmanship of Mr Hernus Kriel MEC in charge of local government

TWO FRONTS

It was decided to promote Pacaltsdorp on two fronts — as an attractive residential town, and as an industrial centre

Mr Ritter said the residential programme would entail replanning the old township and making building sites available 'as economically as possible

New planning would include attempts to end the existing 'unsatisfactory position in property ownership' by making the new plans attractive to existing owners

Secondly George municipality had agreed to the eventual incorporation of 60 hectares of its commonage in the Pa-

caltsdorp municipality for an industrial township with rail, siding facilities

INDUSTRIAL

Initially, George will administer the industrial area on an agency basis for Pacaltsdorp

The area will be open to all industrialists

Mr Ritter said a standing committee under the chairmanship of the Mayor of Pacaltsdorp had been brought into being representative of all the bodies involved at last week's meeting — this includes the Department of Community Development and the Cape's Department of Local Government

14-ton pie

Argus Bureau

LONDON — A 14-ton apple pie measuring 13 m by 7 m is to be baked near Orpington Kent, to raise money for charity. The first slice will be cut by Falklands task force commander Admiral 'Sandy' Woodward

Space crew 'well'

MOSCOW — Svetlana Savitskaya and her two crewmates reported yesterday during a television broadcast from the orbiting Salyut-7 space station that they were feeling well and in good spirits and had begun medical and technical experiments

Soviet space officials have said that one of the important purposes of the series of tests was to determine how women adapted to space

Miss Savitskaya, a 34-year-old former test pilot, is the second woman to fly in space. The first flight by a woman was in 1963 by Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova

Commander Leonid Popov and Engineer Alexander Serebrov, are expected to spend a week in the space station before returning to earth

They were sent into space on Thursday night on board the Soyuz T-7 spaceship and docked their craft with the space station about 24 hours later — Sapa-AP



Yet another blow to PW's constitution proposals

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COLOURED and Indian representatives in the Cape Peninsula have dealt a severe blow to the Government's campaign to woo support for its constitutional guidelines

Management committees in the Labour Party-dominated region rejected the proposals at a meeting in Cape Town last Saturday

The peninsula, which has 20 management committees, comprising 70 percent of the Association of Management Committees (Assomac), is an influential force in coloured politics

Observers say the rejection shows that the broad base of the Labour Party is unhappy with its leadership's prevarication over the issue

The party's executive committee last month postponed a final decision on whether to accept or reject the Prime Minister's plan - until its national congress in Eshowe on January 3

Outright rejection by management committees, which are elected by the communities they serve, will make it difficult for the congress to go against this

Delegates at the peninsula meeting, which was held behind closed doors, were ad-

By NORMAN WEST

ressed by Labour's national leader, Mr David Curry, also national chairman of Assomac

Mr Curry would only say this week that a proposal had been voted on, and he would report the results to the Assomac national congress in Kimberley on September 27

But, according to delegates at the meeting, the peninsula branch of Assomac voted unanimously to reject the constitutional proposals

It adopted a resolution calling for

- Total rejection of the guidelines expounded by Prime Minister Mr P W Botha at the Bloemfontein National Party federal congress last month

- Interim representation on the standing committees of all local authorities by at least four members of management committees, with full voting rights

Their tough stand has put pressure on the Labour leadership to follow suit

At the peninsula meeting, Mr Curry also reported on Assomac's recent talks with the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, about the new multi-racial consultative body, the National Working Committee

JUDGING by some of the calls I have had since blasting the voters for not turning out in the recent Divisional Council elections, it appears the Cape Divco has the same problem as the late Akond of Swat — people don't know who or why or which or what the Cape Divisional Council is

- So far the range of complaints include
- "We weren't canvassed We didn't know who was standing or what they were standing for"
 - "We didn't know anything about divisional councils or their functions — why didn't the media explain about a week before the elections?"
 - "People wanted to know what it was all about — the City Council proceedings get a lot of publicity but you don't read much about the Divisional Council I understand the media are invited to all Divisional Council meetings but don't attend"
 - "They didn't even have the courtesy to let us know who was standing out here I got one letter but

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What Divcos are all about

many people got none If they won't pay us the courtesy of contacting us, why should we pay them the courtesy of voting?"

And so on Which set me to thinking How much did I know about the divisional council system? I found I was fairly fuzzy in a lot of areas Like a lot of locals I tended to take them for granted because they'd always been there, like Table Mountain Suitably chastened, I did a little digging, and this is what I discovered

Someone once defined divisional councils as "the last remnants of the old Cape squirearchy" How accurate that is I don't know, but it is a fact the Divco system has been around since 1855, and it is unique to the Cape

There are 90-plus Divcos in the Cape, some quite small (like ours) and others very large (like Namaqualand's, which extends over more than one magisterial district)

Members are elected for five years They function in very much the same way as municipal councils, and are subject to the ultimate control of the Administrator of the Cape

According to my nearest source of reference Divcos are responsible for the maintenance of roads, trekkpaths, outspans, markets, pounds, dipping-tanks, cemeteries, waterworks, health services, the extermination of vermin, the eradication

'please don't quote me'

By WILLEM STEENKAMP

of weeds, the combating of fires, and management of local areas

Some of these functions are a trifle archaic. I dare say — I shouldn't think we have many trekkpaths and outspans left — but others are not The maintenance of our road system is a very important Divco function indeed, and enjoys a high priority Provision of housing is another high-priority function As one of my colleagues points out, the Cape Divco oversaw the development of Atlantis and the redevelopment of Elsie's River

There is some overlapping with municipal boundaries and functions, but a very important function of the divco system is the administration of the so-called "local areas" — the outlying areas which are not catered for by municipalities or other authorities

Our Municipal Reporter (who has been peering over my shoulder as I write this) says I must remember that there is an ongoing debate about whether Divcos should be abolished, "but if they are, the municipalities would have to extend their services to fill the gap"

● The question of press coverage of Divco proceedings is a thorny one The biggest problem is that there is so little to report — virtually all of the Cape Divco work and debate takes place in committee, so that by the time the meeting comes around it is a question of "yea" or "nay" and little else

In addition, much of the material is on the so-called "green paper", meaning it is confidential The Cape Times has been agitating against this "green paper" system for years, but to no avail So in a sense the Cape Divco has hoist itself with its own petard

Anyway, don't say you weren't told — even if this is a little late

Schotsche Kloof hits a deadlock

By RYLAND FISHER

ATTEMPTS to gain better facilities for Schotsche Kloof ended in failure last week with the area's civic association and several other organisations expressing disillusionment after meeting with the City Council's executive committee.

The meeting was held to demand that the council go ahead with the selling of all houses and vacant land, the building of a community centre, housing office, polyclinic and creche and proper sportsfields and recreational facilities, which the Schotsche Kloof Civic Association has been agitating for since 1972.

In a statement released after the meeting, the civic association said: "After a series of meetings with Administrators, the Council, the executive committee and mayors, plans were finally drafted and approved. Finances were also to be made available but was syphoned off for projects in other areas.

"Today Bo-Kaap is still without these amenities and facilities."

"BUCK-PASSING"

Any hopes that the area's problems would be solved were squashed at the meeting, after which the civic association accused the council of "passing the buck."

"They displayed a blatant disregard for the needs and aspirations of the residents of Bo-Kaap. The people of the area will now be forced to seek other means of finding solutions to their grievances," the association said.

In a memorandum handed to the Council at last week's meeting, the association warned that "the best tourist attraction Cape Town can provide is a dilapidated slum."

"We are tired of the lies over the years that there is no money available," they said.

Liaison bodies for Indians, Coloureds

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*D. Dispatch
11/8/27*

EAST LONDON — Seven regional liaison committees are to be established throughout the country to improve co-operation and consultation between Indian and coloured management committees and local government

This was announced by the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, when he opened the 67th congress of the Association of Divisional Councils of the Cape Province here yesterday

Mr Louw said Indian and coloured management committees as a whole were not functioning completely effectively and the "interim liaison mechanisms" could improve consultation between local government and these committees

Each province would have one liaison committee, with the exception of the Cape Province which would, because of its size have four, com-

mittees based in Cape Town, Beaufort West, Kimberley and Port Elizabeth

The committees would function under the chairmanship of the Administrator

Mr Louw said the provincial councils would continue as the second level of government, and the divisional councils as the third level of government until the recently announced new constitutional dispensa-

tion had come into effect

"The liaison committees are established to make possible effective consultation and co-operation between local government and management committees, especially as regards matters of mutual concern," he said

The first four regional meetings to constitute these bodies in the Cape would be held this month — DDR

CAPE TOWN, once the country's most integrated city, has become the most segregated — thanks to the National Party and the Group Areas Act

Before the National Party got busy, coloureds and whites lived there in equal numbers — 44% coloured, 44% white

But by the end of 1980 almost 30 000 coloured families had been removed, reducing the proportion to 58% whites, 37% coloureds — a shade over 1½ times more whites than coloureds

So whose 'Mother City' is it? That's the question posed by Professor John Western of Temple University, Philadelphia, in his book 'Outcast Cape Town'

It is a biting indictment of what the Group Areas Act has done to coloured people in Cape Town and of how the Act operates almost exclusively for the benefit of whites

Prof Western, an Oxford-trained social geographer who worked at the Centre for Inter-Group Studies at the University of Cape Town, has laid bare the grim anatomy of apartheid in two suburbs of Cape Town — District Six and Mowbray

On District Six Prof Western said "I would assert that the trauma of mass removal for them is proportionately greater because their space at the foot of the mountain in Cape Town was one true source of pride in themselves as a distinguishable ethnic entity

"Thus for them the obliteration of District Six is a humiliation that leaves an aching lacuna in self-concept and self-esteem and a profound resentment"

There is an absorbing case

Triumph for apartheid as Mother City turns white

By JEANLE MAY Political Reporter

study of 100 families from the three coloured pockets of Mowbray — the Bo-dorp, the Dorp and the Valley — where coloureds had lived for almost 150 years

"We'd get together in a sort of boys' gang — not criminal, more like rival houses in school. If it was a question of people from outside, we were all Mowbray,"

said a 75-year-old man Mowbray's coloured residents ranged from unskilled labourers to Muslim business and professional men at the top

But they were all treated the same way they were expelled

One woman said "My father was an Englishman, but with this (tweaking her law-

ny cheek) that Group Areas man came around and said we'd have to go I don't want mud thrown in my face so we left before they actually chucked us out"

Whites profited by renovating the dilapidated old Mowbray houses, loved and lived in by coloureds for generations

When the coloureds were removed, renovation started on the 'Chelsea' cottages

In a year the price of one property increased by 747.50%

A coloured woman visited her former home

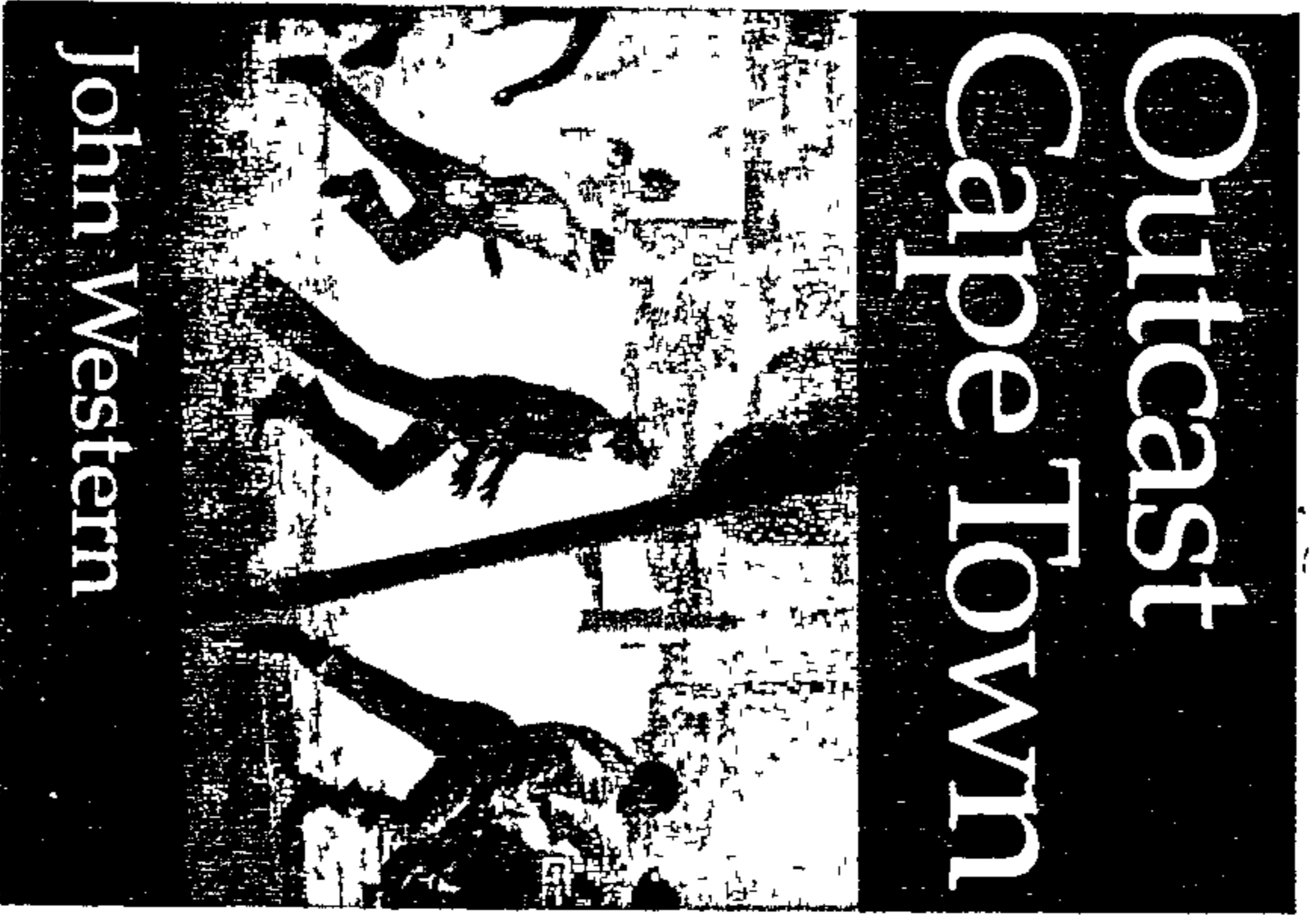
"I went down to my old house where I lived for 35 years and was looking at the logat tree An English lady who lives there came out and asked what I wanted standing there, and I said I was looking at the tree I planted, and she said 'Ag

shame, come in and pick from it and fill a bag'"

Describing the effects of the removals as "the geography of distress and disadvantage", Prof Western found

- 95% of former Mowbray residents now lived further from their work and 16% changed jobs because of the removal
- Time travelled to work nearly doubled — from 24.7 minutes to 45.8 minutes — with a consequent increase in costs
- Two-thirds of the people interviewed were further from doctors and hospitals
- Of those, 75% were as much as 3km further away.
- Two-thirds said they were still within walking distance of a place of worship, but many unwillingly changed to places of worship nearer home
- Some changed religions and went to Christian churches as mosques were

- Cape Town removals brought anger, not peace, to a once integrated city, according to a new book too far away
- Two-thirds said they were trying to maintain contacts with former Mowbray friends, but the average increase to visit friends was almost 5km (one way)
- Schools presented few problems, as the new areas were well provided with schools, but some children had difficulty making new friends
- Shopping was a sore point with many removed families Mowbray had an established shopping area and



was an easy bus or train trip to the city

Most people travelled weekly to Kenilworth, Rondebosch, Salt River or Cape Town to supermarkets rather than pay higher prices in 'township' shops

There was no doubt Group Areas had increased racial tensions, Prof Western said "This may actually be undermining the security of that shrinking minority in South Africa — the whites"

Outcast Cape Town published by Human and Rousseau

CMC votes for secrecy ⁽²⁶³⁾ *O. Dispatch* *15/7/82*

EAST LONDON — It was not in the public interest to know how the Coloured Management Committee (CMC) arrived at decisions, the chairman, Mr Wally George, said at the committee's monthly meeting on Tuesday.

Mr George used his casting vote to move certain items on the committee's open agenda into committee for discussion.

His decision was preceded by heated exchanges between the members when Mr J L Segers moved that certain items should be discussed in committee

Municipal officials sat throughout these exchanges until one official who had come to discuss the erection of bus shelters in the coloured areas told the members he was wasting ratepayers' money being there as he had a lot of work to do rather than listening to their arguments.

However, the argument continued Mr J F Temmers asked whether the committee had anything to hide by discussing the items in committee.

"There is nothing con-

fidential about these items to warrant them being discussed in committee. We have nothing to hide from the public and the press," he said.

Mr D Alexander said it was no wonder the community had lost faith in the management committee because things were always done in secret.

Mr Temmers and Mr Alexander's sentiments were supported by Mr F N Barlow and Mr A V Green while Mr George, Mrs L B George and Mrs R Labans supported Mr Segers's proposition.

Mr Alexander challenged Mr Segers to explain his reasons for asking that the items should be discussed in committee.

Mr Segers did not respond to the challenge why he wanted to discuss in committee the sale of a church site in Buffalo Flats No 1, the cancellation of sale of a cinema site owned by Mr George, the sale of an erf in Pefferville to the Catholic Church, the rehousing of Mr A Trimale under the Group Areas Act, and items submitted by Mr Green for discussion — DDR

Council resists order to demolish shacks

Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council has refused to bow to pressure from the Department of Community Development to demolish shacks and other unauthorised structures in its townships "within a month" and will not take any action until adequate accommodation can be provided.

Despite the fact that council rangers have found a large number of shacks and unauthorised structures in Factreton, the town planning committee yesterday sided with the housing committee and decided to examine alternatives and take a "sympathetic" attitude wherever possible.

CRITICISED

In a letter, Community Development has instructed the council to demolish all shacks within 30 days and criticised it for not taking firm action in the townships.

Community Development said there were 54 unauthorised structures in Factreton and many more in other townships.

"It seems, therefore, as if no proper control is exercised over the erection and/or occupation of temporary structures especially in the backyards of your housing projects.

"With regard to the illegal squatting in Factreton as well as your other housing projects, your attention is drawn to the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act which stipulates that you as the owner must see to it that unauthorised structures are not erected on your land," the letter added.

RATEPAYERS

The plight of the people who would be adversely affected by large scale demolition in Factreton was brought to the council's attention by the Kensington-Factreton Ratepayers' and Tenants' Association.

The council's town planning committee met representatives of the association yesterday and agreed to halt all demolitions until the matter could be properly investigated and where necessary homes found for people at present occupying illegal shacks.

Appeal Court puts up damages for labourer

BLOEMFONTEIN. — The Appeal Court today ordered an increase in the damages to be paid to a Transkeian contract labourer who was assaulted by a Cape farmer and his son.

Three judges ordered that the amount to be paid to Mr Nkosana "Popeye" Mangwane be increased from R3 612 to R5 012.

The assault case received wide publicity in 1979 when one of the culprits, an elderly Rawsonville farmer, Mr Philipus Petrus du Toit, had his sentence increased by the Appeal Court as a result of the death of Mr Hendrik Jacobs, who died on the Du Toit farm on December 29 1977.

ASSAULTED

Mr Mangwane, who was assaulted in the same incident, was awarded damages against Mr du Toit and his son, Mr Roelof Erasmus du Toit, by the Supreme Court, Cape Town.

The son was also convicted and sentenced for the assault.

The Appeal Court today allowed an appeal by Mr Mangwane against the quantum of damages awarded to him as a result of the assault.

CONTEMPT

Allowing the appeal, the judges took into account

● The contempt with which the Du Toits treated Mr Mangwane in the humiliating assault

that lasted about four hours.

● The attack on him in the presence of his fellow workers — and the use of insulting words and expressions and accusing Mr Mangwane of a crime he did not commit.

The damages granted by Mr Justice A P Burger in the Supreme Court Cape Town on May 1 1980 amounted to R3 612, with certain costs.

Today Mr Justice Cillie, with the concurrence of Mr Justice Muller and Mr Justice Viljoen, set aside the lower court's order, except for the part declaring Mr Mangwane a necessary witness.

Mr Mangwane was granted R5 012 in damages, with costs.

DELIBERATE

Mr Justice Cillie said the assault was not committed by two men who had lost control of themselves. It was not committed in anger caused suddenly by provocation.

It was a deliberate, calculated and sadistic assault on two defenceless men the judge said.

The lower court had found that the Du Toits at no stage attempted to find medical assistance for Mr Mangwane. On the contrary they ordered him to take a hoe and resume his work in vineyards.

This would have increased if not his injuries then at least his pain and agony.

Furthermore, one of the results of laying a false charge against him and saying he had disappeared was that police did not find him until 3 am on the morning after the assault.

Medical aid and the alleviation of pain were therefore considerably delayed.

Mr Justice Cillie said it was not clear Mr Justice Burger had taken all those aspects into account.

The lower court had found that the experience "will be an unpleasant and painful memory for the rest of his life."

COLLABORATOR

In assessing damages, it was significant that the Du Toits tried to shift the blame for injuring and killing Mr Jacobs to Mr Mangwane by laying a false charge against him after they had failed to implicate him by trying to force him to be a collaborator in the hanging of their other victim.

Mr Justice Cillie said the award to which Mr Mangwane was entitled by Mr Justice Burger had failed sufficiently to take into account the gravity of the behaviour of the Du Toits would appear from the Appeal Court's estimate of fair and equitable compensation.

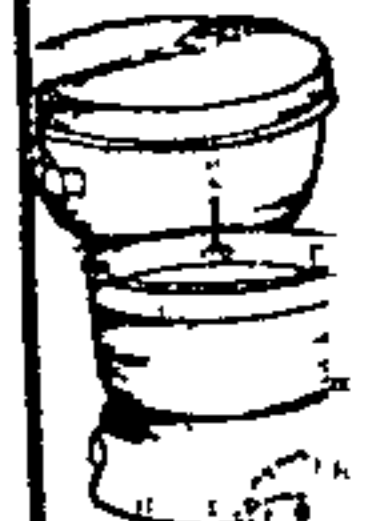
The award was made up of a loss of a week's wages (R12) R2 000 for pain shock and suffering and R3 000 for mental anguish — Sapa.



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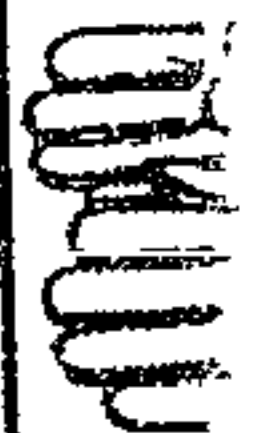
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A JOINT delegation from the Coloured and Indian Management Committees will meet members of the Port Elizabeth City Council's Policy and Resources Committee today to give their views on improvements to the Groups Areas Act and related Acts

The meeting has been arranged at the request of the two management committees

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Last year, the Government appointed a technical committee to inquire into the Group Areas Act. It was told to carry out investigations with a view to possible amendments to the Act and related laws such as the Slums Act, the Separate Amenities Act, the Community Development Act and the Housing Act

The management committees were asked to submit any comments to the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, by April 30. Owing to a misunderstanding, the CMC were unable to reply in writing. The IMC had already decided to submit its views verbally

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In his report to the Policy and Resources Committee, Mr Botha says that according to the terms of reference of the technical committee, the principles of the Acts should be retained

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Although heads of municipal departments were invited to comment, they did not submit any comments on the administrative aspects of the laws

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Students' call to 'ostracise oppressors'

AGAINST the background of today's controversial Rylands Management Committee elections, the South African Students Association has called on black organisations and concerned individuals to "excommunicate" those involved in management committees

Last week a civic association representing residents of Rylands Estate urged residents not to take part in the elections for five vacant seats on the Rylands Management Committee.

In response to this a candidate for the election called on leaders to use the channels provided by the Government.

OSTRACISE

A statement released by South African Students Association requests "all authentic black organisations, groups and associations and ethical concerned individuals to.

- "Excommunicate those involved in the management committees

- "Ostracise all those related to or involved in the institutions of oppression

"The management committee was created by the ruling systems to divide and control people within the confines of exploitation," the statement said

"Thus the people who are involved in the management committees maintain the machinery of oppression"

Pressure rises to boycott election

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Municipal Reporter

THE Rylands Estate Management Committee elections take place tomorrow under mounting pressure, mainly from young residents, for an election boycott.

There are eight candidates for the five seats in the ward which has 2,940 voters.

Of the eight candidates, five are seeking re-election to the management committee.

One candidate, Mr M D Parker, chairman of the committee, has indicated that although his name appears on the ballot paper he is not taking an active part in the election and has claimed that if he is elected, he will resign. He added he wants to devote his time to religious matters.

CANDIDATES

The four sitting candidates seeking re-election are Mr Abdul Gaffoor Ebrahim, the Rev Edward Manikkam, Mr Dowray Mohamed and Mr Gopie Munsook.

The other three candidates are Mr Hassan Osman, Rylands Estate representative of the SA Indian Council; Mr Ganjan Naidoo, Rylands Estate salesman and Mr Ebrahim Kahn, a Gatesville agent and broker.

The Thornhill Residents Association, which includes Rylands, has urged residents not to take part in the election as it does not recognise management committees.

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Top probe into a strife-hit rural council

By PETER MALHERBE

A PROVINCIAL inquiry into allegations of misconduct in a divisional council begins in Port Elizabeth tomorrow

The inquiry follows two months of bitter confrontation in the strife-ridden Dias Council, centring on a dispute between the secretary, Mr N W Anderson, and the chairman, Dr H Botha

Causes

Among the causes for the dispute are

- Claims of in-house love affairs
- Investigations into the R8 000 cost of the 125th anniversary party of the council last year, including a bill of R260 for the hire of a baby-grand piano
- Mr Anderson's shock

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ANDERSON AND BOTHA
Charges and claims

suspension by Dr Botha 30 minutes before a full council meeting and his subsequent reinstatement after a court appearance on June 3

- The shock suspension of the council's liaison Officer, Miss Gail Brennan, a few days later
- Alleged irregularities in

the purchase and programming of a computer and two cars for the use of two council officials

The Dias Divisional Council was formed nearly three years ago as a result of the amalgamation of the councils of Port Elizabeth, Albany, Bathurst and Alexandria

The chairman of the committee of inquiry, Mr P D Badenhorst, chief legal adviser for the Cape Provincial Administration, has announced that Dr Botha and Mr Anderson will be the first people to appear before the committee

The committee's report is to be submitted to the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw

The proceedings of the

committee will not be open to the public or the Press

The Dias Divisional Council elections take place on July 7

Dr Botha has announced that he will stand for re-election to the council, even though an appeal against his conviction on a charge of arson and an effective nine month imprisonment was dismissed in the Grahamstown Supreme Court on 27 May

Appeal

Notice of an appeal to the Appellate Division was enrolled and bail of R100 was allowed to stand

Dr Botha was convicted in the Port Elizabeth regional court last November of setting fire to the hut of a neighbouring farm labourer

He suspected the labourer of stealing his Friesland cow. If Dr Botha's sentence stands he will automatically lose his seat on the council

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trio claim snub

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EAST LONDON — Three members of the Coloured Management Committee have called on the entire committee to stand down after claiming they were "snubbed" during this week's visit by the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze

The members — Mr F N Barlow, Mr A V Green and Mr J F Temmers — want a full explanation as to why only the CMC chairman Mr Wally Green and his deputy, Mr B Seegers, were invited to speak to Mr Kotze about housing problems in the coloured areas

"At a meeting with the city council action committee we decided the entire CMC would be invited to attend," Mr Barlow said in a statement yesterday

Mr Green added "Whatever Mr George and Mr Seegers agreed to — especially forced removals of coloureds in Duncan Village — should be squarely laid on the authorities, who purposely excluded the other CMC members from the meeting"

Mr Temmers backed the statements and all three committee members called for the present committee to be dissolved. A new committee had to be elected if they were to have any credibility

Replying to the call Mr George said the CMC members should be pleased at what had been achieved during the talks — namely Mr Kotze's approval of the R23,5 million housing development in Buffalo Flats

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South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU)

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Mr George said he had been "surprised" not to see the other CMC members at the talks with Mr Kotze
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"I just got my invitation and went along. As it turned out Mr Seegers and I were the only ones who turned up. I found out later that the others hadn't been invited, but there was nothing I could do"

Mr George said he had received his invitation "from the city council".
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An official at the housing department, Mr K Barachiev, said a directive "from the Minister" had ruled that only the chairmen and vice-chairmen from the CMC and the Indian Management Committee be invited to attend the talks
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Everyone has a stake in this city

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Municipal Reporter
The concept that everyone has a stake in the city in which they lived and should have a say in the running of that city was historically entrenched in Cape Town, the town Clerk, Dr Stanley Evans, said last night.

He told the Cape Town branch of the Institute of Administration and Commerce of South Africa at a meeting in Woodstock that future trends in local government would probably include a local authority franchise based on ownership and occupation of property.

"The presently disfranchised racial groups may be given representation in municipal councils presently constituted or voters to be constituted," he said.

SOWETO

Dr Evans added that as Soweto no longer came under the control of the Johannesburg City Council, Cape Town was now the largest "people city" in South Africa with a population of 850 000. There were 89 000 voters on the council voters' rolls equal to 10,4 percent of the population. There were 44 500 on management committee voters' rolls who made up a further 16 percent of the population.

However, more than 180 000 people in Mitchell's Plain, Woodstock, and

expected of local authorities

It was clear from the recommendations of the President's Council that certain services would be depoliticised and carried out by a separate body or metropolitan authority.

However problems could arise. Almost any matter, however straightforward it appeared, became political as soon as someone objected to it.



Stanley Evans

Schreiner, the Kloof and other areas — 27 percent of the population — did not appear on any voters' rolls.

Dr Evans added that one of the most important future trends for local government was its acceptance by the State as a constitutional cornerstone of South African democratic government.

Coming from this would come the devolution of authority and decentralisation at local government level.

There will also be a decrease in the numerous controls imposed on large municipalities but there will be increased surveillance of the macro finances without interference in local options or priorities."

SERVICES

Dr Evans said new sources of revenue would be made available but more efficient and effective financial management would be

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(A pertinent question from a user of financial statements.)
Write an essay in response to the above dealing with it from both an accounting and auditing perspective.

THE days of rule by whites only are over, and the hard truth of the drive for reform is that whites will have to relinquish some of their power, difficult as this may be, claims a prominent coloured leader

This was said at the weekend by Mr David Curry, president of the Cape Association of Management Committees, when he addressed about 90 representatives of the central Karoo coloured communities at Beaufort West

More than 40 towns were represented at the meeting of the Karoo Association of Management Committees, and for most of the delegates, this was their first opportunity to hear details about the proposed constitutional change.

Mr Curry is also national chairman of the ad hoc committee representing management committees in negotiations towards a new dispensation in local government

He told the delegates that the commitment to change meant that all South African would have to change. "It doesn't

'Day of rule by whites only is gone'

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help you if you talk about change and you don't change," he said.

"Everyone in government knows what we want. We want to be physically present there where decisions about us are made and executed. We are tired of consultation," said Mr Curry.

Mr Curry said economic realities ruled out the idea of two municipalities in a town, since the

coloured community was too poor to fund the work of a separate municipality.

"Are whites prepared to pay higher taxes to make coloured municipalities work?"

The days of "wallflower politics" for coloured people were also over.

"We always waited to be invited to participate in politics. Now we have decided to take our own

steps, to go to the Government with our suggestions.

"We have chosen the road of negotiation. We can no longer be prisoners of our history or the political situation. We must move forward as free people"

Later, in discussion with the delegates, Mr Curry said the objective was clear -- the question was how to get there.

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Setback to city talks on rentals

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Consumer Reporter of tenants to pay the THE Cape Town City Council has had a setback in its plans to consult tenants over a fairer rent formula to be suggested to the Department of Community Development. The Cape Areas Housing Action Committee (Cahac) and the Athlone and district, Kensington and Wittebome-Wynberg Management Committees have all turned down an invitation to discuss the matter with representatives of the council's housing committee this month.

LITTLE TIME

The management committees said they wanted to discuss the matter with the full housing committee, not only delegates, and they wanted Cahac present at the same meeting.

Cahac said the request left insufficient time for it to consult affiliated organisations.

It also pointed out that a proposal by the City Treasurer, Mr J B Watkins-Baker, that rents of older properties nearer the city should be raised so that those of newer properties farther out could be lowered did not comply with four demands made by Cahac to the Minister of Community Development.

THE DEMANDS

These demands were:

● All rent increases must be stopped. Reasons given included drastic changes to people's diet and health and tremendous social problems resulting from the inability

of tenants to pay the increases introduced from January 1.

● Rents which can be afforded must be determined. It was contended that large families and the cost of items such as food, transport and medical fees put the rents beyond the means of many tenants and that these should be taken into account in determining a new rents structure.

● The central Government must take responsibility for all housing. Local authorities were accused of doing "entirely as they please" and differences in applying the rents formulae and in service charges were pointed to.

● Bigger subsidies are needed for housing. It was said that subsidies on basic rents had been shown to be insufficient while service charges were not subsidised at all. This could be remedied by the provision of increased State funds for housing.

DIFFICULTIES

In a report considered by the council's executive committee today the housing committee said it believed a full joint meeting "would make it difficult to obtain a truly meaningful investigation of this complex issue."

It had suggested separate meetings with Cahac and the management committees because some organisations refused to meet council committees if the management committees were also to be present.

CMC members to meet ²⁶³ committee of PE City Council

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Municipal Reporter

MEMBERS of the Coloured Management Committee will attend a special meeting of the Port Elizabeth Administration and General Purposes Committee today

When the committee met last week, it deferred decisions on three matters where the CMC's recommendations ran counter to those advocated by municipal officials.

Instead it was decided to invite CMC representatives to a special meeting where the items could be fully discussed. Afterwards the committee would decide on the recommendations they would forward to the next council meeting.

It is the second time in two weeks that a municipal committee meets CMC representatives. The Policy and Resources Committee heard the views of both the CMC and the Indian Management Committee on beach apartheid.

The chairman of the Administration and General Purposes Committee, Mr Aubrey Braude, de-

scribed today's meeting as an experiment.

Depending on how things went it was possible that more of these meetings would be arranged in the future.

The most important item on the agenda is the sale of plots in the prestige coloured area of Cleary Estate (Bethelsdorp Extension 10). When the CMC was asked to make recommendations on applications received to purchase the 133 residential erven, they supported those forwarded by four building societies but favoured only one property developer although nine property developers had applied.

They supported Wonderwonnings Eienomme Beperk because they said it was their policy to permit companies to operate in the northern areas if coloured people had a shareholding in them.

Also to be discussed are the siting of a private hospital in Gelvandale and the sale of land in Baker Street, Korsten.

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Interim Management Committee for Rietvlei,
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*11 Mr K D S DURR asked the Minister of Environment Affairs

What progress has been made in regard to the implementation of the recommendations of the Interim Management Committee for Rietvlei, Milnerton?

†The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS

I have received the recommendations of the Interim Management Committee for

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Rietvlei, Milnerton, regarding the boundaries, utilization and management of the area and they are receiving attention. Further particulars in this respect will be made known as soon as a decision has been taken.

Pressure on Labour to accept new plan

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By Hugh Robertson

THE Government is making a determined behind-the-scenes effort to persuade key figures in the Labour Party — the largest political movement in the coloured community — to accept a revised policy on local government.



Mr Chris Heunis

Significantly, the effort has come just before the President's Council recommendations on local government are due to be made known and there is speculation that the revised policies being enunciated by Government spokesmen at meetings with Labour Party officials may closely parallel certain of the President's Council recommendations

The Government campaign is being led by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, who, it was established today, has had unannounced meetings with the leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Alan Hendrickse, and the party's national chairman, Mr David Curry, who is also chairman of the Association of Management Committees

DUE TO MEET

Mr Heunis is due to meet the executives of provincial management committee associations in Bloemfontein on Saturday for further talks

The Labour Party dominates almost every important management committee, while paradoxically insisting that the management committee system be abolished.

Further talks are also expected to take place between Mr Heunis and Mr Hendrickse later this week

Mr Heunis has made a number of recent public appeals for the management committee system to be continued and Government spokesmen have said the system is an essential "interim" arrangement pending the implementation of a new constitution.

STOOD FIRM

It is believed Mr Heunis has presented much the same argument in his latest meetings with Labour Party officials, but the Labour Party has stood firm in its insistence that the management committee system be scrapped and that coloured people be granted equal and direct representation with whites on local government bodies

The energy with which Mr Heunis has tried to further the cause of management committees, coming so soon before the President's Council recommendations on local government are to be made known, has led to speculation in coloured political circles that the Government effort could be a forerunner to the President's Council proposals.

BOYCOTTED

The Labour Party joined the official white Opposition in boycotting the President's Council, largely on the grounds that it excluded blacks, but it is not expected to take up a firm position on the council's local government proposals until these have been carefully studied.

The proposals are expected to be made public next Wednesday, when the full President's Council is to debate proposals for changes to the country's system of local government.

Indians and coloureds give Heunis the go-ahead

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Mercury Reporter

INDIAN and coloured leaders gave the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, the green light to establish a new liaison mechanism aimed at giving Indians and coloureds a greater say at local government level at a historic meeting in Bloemfontein at the weekend

A national working committee, under the chairmanship of the minister, and regional committees under the chairmanship of the administrators of the respective provinces are to be established soon to tackle national and provincial matters affecting both communities, Mr Leslie van Wyk, vice-president of the Natal Association of LACs, said last night.

Representatives on the national committee would

comprise the administrators of the four provinces, members of the United Municipal Executive, the four MECs in charge of local government, the divisional councils in the Cape, the Transvaal Board for the Development of Peri-urban Areas, the Natal Development and Services Board, the national ad hoc committee of the Associations of Consultative, Local Affairs and Management Committees, the SAIC and other bodies

The regional bodies with the administrator of the respective province as chairman would comprise the director of local government, the provincial Municipal Association, the divisional council, the Transvaal Board of Peri-urban Areas, the Natal Development and Services Board, the chairman and vice-chairman of the provincial Association of Consultative, Local Affairs and Management Committees and other bodies.

The main aim of the committees would be to bring about immediate relief in problem areas, such as housing, and intervening in disputes between the parent local authority and its consultative committees, such as LACs

The establishment of the committees is envisaged in the interim period until the implementation of the recommendations of the President's Council takes effect

WHEN IS POWER SHARING NOT POWER SHARING?

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By Aneez Salie WHEN IS POWER SHARING NOT POWER SHARING?

When you live in Oudtshoorn, famed for its ostriches. These birds, as we all know, have a reputation for burying their heads in the sand in the belief that by so doing they are concealing themselves. This Karoo town's municipality leapt to pro-

Every property owner will be eligible for a vote and there will be a common Voters' roll. Management committees and Local Affairs Committees will be scrapped. This, one would assume, amounts to power sharing. Whether it is healthy or unhealthy depends on what side of the fence one is on. Oudtshoorn and Hanover, in all their wisdom, rejected these proposals.

I contacted Oudtshoorn's Town Clerk, Mr M C T Schultz, to ask him why his council had rejected power sharing. "Who says we reject power sharing? We don't reject the proposals boiled down to XXX →

And you can only have a management committee if there is a proclaimed coloured area for it to represent. Quite simple, Mr Arnolds, the principal of the J Arnolds Primary School (enrolment 555) said.

Mr Arnolds is of the firm conviction that coloureds should serve coloureds ("Laat onse mense onse eie mense dien").

"I don't believe that power sharing is going to benefit our people," he said.

"If we have a mixed council, coloureds will be in the minority. If we want to push some issue we will be defeated as we do not have power behind us. So of what use will a mixed council be to us?"

To take his argument to its logical (illogical?) conclusion, the coloured and white municipalities should have exactly the same powers.

"I don't see this happening," said Mr Arnolds. "Hanover is not ready for that."

worth the effort as the President's Council would be reporting shortly," Mr du Plessis said.

His committee intends informing other management committees of its true feelings at the forthcoming Southern Cape District meeting of the committees.

"There is no way we are going to be seen to be out of step with other management committees," Mr du Plessis said.

It appears, therefore, that someone, somewhere in Oudtshoorn, the land of the ostriches, is not telling the truth, and it is likely that more than a few feathers are going to be ruffled before the dust settles on this affair.

Next I contacted Mr J W Viljoen, Hanover's town clerk. Hanover is on the national road between Richmond and Colesberg.

His council rejected the proposals because firstly, there is no management committee in Hanover and secondly, Hanover's coloureds are not yet ready for such a giant leap, let alone a small step.

No, his council did not consult the coloured inhabitants. There are 2 300 according to the latest census. The only coloured person they could intelligently communicate with was the principal of the only coloured school at Hanover, Mr Johnny Arnolds, Mr Viljoen said.

Mr Arnolds explained why there was no management committee.

AFRICAN

Apparently, it is not possible to proclaim any part of Hanover a coloured area in terms of the Group Areas Act. This is because there are Africans staying cheek by jowl with their coloured brothers.

Without further explanation Mr Schultz repeated that his council rejected the proposals (power sharing) but did not reject power sharing.

Which begged the question; when is power sharing not power sharing?

Mr Schultz said he would speak to me only if I were to come from Cape Town to Oudtshoorn, where a written statement would be issued.

I offered instead to read this story to him for correction or sanction before publication.

But he had had enough and said that "I have no comment to make," and the telephonic interview ended.

What was also of concern was a statement made at the congress by the Oudtshoorn member of the Cape Provincial Council, Mr S M Greef.

"The Oudtshoorn management committee, with whom we discussed the issue, was also against the proposals," Mr Greef said.

"TWAK"

"Dis twak, pure onsin (nonsense) How on earth can we reject power sharing? Of course we support the proposals," said a shocked Mr Chaille du Plessis, chairman of the Oudtshoorn Management Committee, when I contacted him.

Mr du Plessis said his committee had met with Mr Greef, Mr Schultz and the mayor on Tuesday to discuss the misrepresentation.

"They agreed that they had not told the Cape Province Municipal Association congress of our true feelings.

"But when we asked that the matter be publicly set right they replied that it would not be

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CPMA congress

Schlebusch slams Zurnamer move

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EAST LONDON — There was no place for politics in local government affairs, the president of the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA), Dr T G Schlebusch, said yesterday

In a brief address following his unopposed election for a second term of office at the association's congress here, Dr Schlebusch said he wanted to emphasise that personal political motivations should not be allowed to interfere in local government affairs

Referring specifically to a statement given to the press by the deputy mayor of Hanover, Mr B A Zurnamer, in which Dr Schlebusch and the CPMA proposals put to the President's Council regarding representation of Indians and coloureds on municipal voters' rolls were criticised, Dr Schlebusch said this type of action on Mr Zurnamer's part could only create friction in the CPMA

This was why he had ruled a motion put forward by Hanover out of order and had not

allowed discussion to take place, Dr Schlebusch said

The motion called for the rejection of the CPMA's proposals and advocated an extension of the management committee system

In order to entertain the motion a mandate given to the CPMA's executive committee at last year's congress, would have had to be rescinded. This he could not do, Dr Schlebusch said

"Decisions you make are not always popular, but you have to do your duty," he added

Referring to allegations by Mr Zurnamer that he (Dr Schlebusch) was responsible for bringing politics into local government affairs, Dr Schlebusch said this was "not true" and blamed Mr Zurnamer for doing this

He produced copies of two newspapers, the Karroo News and Die Afrikaner, mouthpiece of the Herstigte Nasionale Party, in which interviews with Mr Zurnamer, criticising Dr Schlebusch and the CPMA proposals, had

been printed. The subjects of the interviews were telephonic discussions Dr Schlebusch said he had with Mr Zurnamer

"Why go to the press with this? If something was wrong, why did he not say so, or get back to me," Dr Schlebusch said

Others speakers yesterday were Mr David Curry, deputy leader of the Labour Party, and president of the Association of Management Committees, and Senator W C Dempsey, an honorary life president of the CPMA

Mr Curry said he was concerned about the road ahead, but if the spirit displayed at the congress was any yardstick, "our deep political differences could be settled in spite of the fact that we as communities have distanced ourselves from each other"

He said the time for consultation had passed and that a stage for negotiations had been reached where "each side could see how the other feels"

Senator Dempsey, referring to a report compiled by Dr Schalk van der Merwe's committee investigating proposed changes in local and regional government, said the matters contained in the report were not cosmetic

"They are very real, and are far-reaching and will be made known when the report is released in a few weeks' time."

The CPMA might have to hold an extraordinary congress to discuss the implications, Senator Dempsey said

The CPMA vice-president, Mr S Immelman, of De Aar, was elected for a second term of office. Dr Schlebusch, of Queenstown, was recently elected president of the United Municipal Executive after serving as vice-president. He was also president of the CPMA from 1976 to 1980 —
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EAST LONDON — Any proposal by the Cape Province Municipal Association which would deny any coloured or Indian tenant living in municipal housing schemes the right to be enrolled as a voter on a single municipal voters' roll, would not be acceptable.

This was said by the chairman of the Karoo Region of Management Committees of South Africa, Mr Solly Essop, of Beaufort West.

Mr Essop said the most disturbing feature in the proposals was one which

Essop: tenants must have vote

stated that a vote would be given only to the owner and to one occupier of every rateable property.

He said besides homeowners, the other people who might qualify for a vote are those who have paid a deposit on their homes in municipal housing schemes with the intention of buying them.

The overwhelming majority of tenants in municipal housing schemes — even more than home-owners and those paying monthly instalments after paying a deposit to buy their homes — those who do not buy their homes would not qualify to be enrolled because it is accepted that such schemes are not rateable properties in spite of tenants paying a monthly rental.



MR ESSOP

"As a result, many coloureds and Indians who in the past had a qualifying vote for their respective management committee would be denied the privilege of voting for councillors of their choice in the new idea of joint decision-making at local government level," Mr Essop said.

Mr Essop said the argument that only those who contributed to the cities' coffers would be allowed to vote was not valid.

"It can also be argued that tenants in municipal housing schemes who are only paying monthly rentals to their municipalities, in a way contribute to the cities' coffers to enable such municipalities to pay off their loan levies to the Department of Community Development for housing schemes built by them," he said.

Mr Essop said 99 per cent of coloureds in the Karoo lived in municipal housing schemes. They were a poor community and, if they were deprived of becoming part and parcel of the whole structure, these people would become a voteless group.

He said of the 4 000 homes in the area, only 200 families with rateable property would qualify to vote.

"We will not accept that only a few privileged people in our community should be afforded the opportunity to exercise their right and the vast majority of tenants living in municipal housing schemes should be deprived of their rights," Mr Essop said.

"As one of the pioneers who fought in the Coloured Representative Council (CRC) for our right to share in the decision making from local government level right up to Parliament level I would like to see every coloured and Indian exercise his rights.

"As our Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, said recently, if we are good enough to serve in the army and the police force then we must also be good enough to be afforded the right to vote as citizens of this country," Mr Essop said — DDR

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New procedure for detainee inquiries

CAPE TOWN — A senior spokesman for the Department of Law and Order has confirmed that a new procedure to be followed when making inquiries about the names of people detained is now official policy.

In terms of the new procedure the press must now supply the police with the full names date of birth and place

was informed of the new procedure by a police public relations officer in Pretoria following a request for information on three people arrested on Tuesday and believed to be still in detention.

Reacting to the new ruling, Mrs Helen Suzman, MP for Houghton, said this was 'vel and ...' ...

H p s v s e i t p t

Schlebusch's objections criticised

EAST LONDON — Objections by the president of the Cape Province Municipal Association, Dr T G Schlebusch, to the terms common or single voters' roll when referring to the association's proposals regarding coloured and Indian representation on city and town councils, were "absolutely wrong", the deputy mayor of Hanover, Mr B A Zurnamer, said yesterday.

Mr Zurnamer said in a statement that Dr Schlebusch's criticism of a report in which reference was made to a single voters' roll for whites, coloureds and Indians, was an attempt to pacify "certain conservative elements" at the association's congress, and to "bluff" whites they had nothing to fear regarding the proposals, already submitted to the President's Council.

"Dr Schlebusch denies provision has been made for a common voters' roll, but how, in view of his own proposals which make provision for certain areas to be thrown open to whites, coloureds and Indians, can he not have a single or common voters' roll for these areas? Can he now have separate rolls for the various race groups in these areas?" Mr Zurnamer said.

Earlier at the congress a motion on the agenda, entered by the Hanover delegation, rejecting the association's proposals, formulated by the executive committee, to open municipal rolls to coloureds and Indians, was ruled out of order by Dr Schlebusch.

Hanover proposed an extension of the present policy of separation of races in local government.

In his statement Mr Zurnamer said the principle of self-determination, "with all its implications and complications" had to be jealously guarded, but stressed that he did not support discrimination in any form.

"Hanover, and several other municipalities, agreed with the CPMA proposals regarding the abolishment of the management committee system, but in contrast to the other proposals, they advocated the establishment of separate municipi-

of common interest. In this way we will find each other," he added.

If one had a mixed ward in a platteland town, and people from the outlying townships moved there, what protection would whites living in those areas have, Mr Zurnamer asked.

"What happens when the ward gets too small to accommodate all those people? Will another ward be thrown open? Eventually whites will be dominated by the non-white element," Mr Zurnamer said.

"All our inter-racial problems in the past had their origins in mixed councils and common voters' rolls. Must we now return to this system, where many white councillors manipulated the situation to ensure that the coloured people would only get one or two representatives and, in many cases, none at all on the councils.

"Surely the coloured man has become tired of being used as the white man's political football — we are playing with the lives of people who have as much right in South Africa as anyone else. He must be granted the right to decide his own future without interference from the white man.

"We must strive towards a situation where consensus can be reached between brown and white on the basis of orderly, open and honest consultation with each other. White and brown must strive to live together in peace and harmony, but to achieve this goal no form of administrative integration is needed," Mr Zurnamer said.

Proper constitutional instruments for all three groups to meet at local government level would have to be created, he added.

Mr Zurnamer said the CPMA proposals were "fakes".

"If one examines them closely, you'll see they can only lead to confrontation because you will have the extremist groups — the ultra-left and the neo-Nazis — fighting each other at local authority level, bringing politics into local affairs. We can't afford this."

palties for whites, Indians and coloureds," Mr Zurnamer said. He added that 133 municipalities would have supported his motion if it had been put to congress.

"However, we were not given an opportunity to state our alternative proposals, because those put forward by the executive committee, and already put to the President's Council, were bulldozed through, without anyone being granted an opportunity to speak against them."

Mr Zurnamer said his proposals revolved around a decentralisation of power, which would take representation closer to coloureds and Indians.

"The municipalities envisaged by us would fall under a regional control and whites, coloureds and Indians could sit together, consult and discuss matters

Mr Zurnamer also said "We, and I am speaking on behalf of quite a few municipalities, are not such a bunch of political hypocrites such as the people who want to grant coloureds and Indians a vote and say 'to hell with the rest,' those who do not measure up to financial requirements. The proposals refer to the lower-class income group coloureds, but in my book there's no such thing as a lower-class person. We're all people, and the vote should not only go to those with money. Why should the working-class man be kicked into the gutter?" Mr Zurnamer said.

"Let the coloured and Indian people tell us what they want so that we can work something out together and see that the various groups' ideals don't clash," he added — DDR

Curry happy with decision

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EAST LONDON -- The president of the Association of Management Committees (Assomac), Mr David Curry, said last night he was pleased that proposals for a single municipal voters' roll for whites, coloureds and Indians had been endorsed at the Cape Province Municipal Association's (CPMA) 75th congress here yesterday

The proposals call for the abolition of the coloured and Indian management committee system and the representation of different race groups in city councils

Formulated by the CPMA's Executive Committee, under the chairmanship of the CPMA's president, Dr T G Schiebusch, they will be put to the President's Council, currently compiling a report on a new constitutional dispensation

Mr Curry said his association had been fighting since 1971, when coloureds were removed from the common voters'

roll to get them reinstated

He said the management committee system had failed. Citing the reasons for its failure Mr Curry said it had been rejected by the people, including those who served on them

Except in isolated cases they had not achieved any measure of success. These were mostly confined to housing issues, Mr Curry said

"The management committees had a certain 'ceiling' beyond which they could not go. Because of this, they merely filled the role of an advisory body and had no direct say in matters relating to local government"

However, if the proposals put to the President's Council were included in a new constitution, Indians and coloureds would have political rights at local government level and this was a move in the right direction Mr Curry said
— DDR

Management committee system seen as flop

EAST LONDON — Among the proposals endorsed at the Cape Province Municipal Association's congress here yesterday was the abolition of the management committee system.

At an earlier meeting of the executive committee, the association's action committee submitted a report, that, with the exception of isolated cases, the management committee system had failed.

The executive committee also accepted the proposed single voters' roll for whites, coloureds and Indians and that the delimitation of wards be carried out in such a way that, with regard to the different racial groups, all wards have equal rateable valuations, as far as possible. The principle that representation of the different groups on a

council must be proportionate to rates paid had to be maintained.

The committee also decided that two councillors should be elected for each ward for a total term of four years by the voters whose names appear on the voters' roll of each ward — one councillor to retire every second year.

The committee upheld the right of a community, or a minority group, to become an autonomous local authority at any time when the inhabitants of an area elected to do so or where the area was geographically situated in such a manner as to promote it.

A system of primary and regional councils was vigorously opposed as the association was not in favour of fragmentation of existing local authorities. Such a

step would be uneconomic and impractical and would result in a duplication of services.

The association was convinced that the existing local government system was more effective than a regional local government system would be.

The proposals were "broad principles" which would be submitted to the Presidents' Council and details would be discussed after the President's Council had given its opinion. Dr Schlebusch said:

The following "thoughts" would also be submitted to the President's Council:

● That the possibility of establishing areas where the provisions of the Group Areas Act would not be applied and where academics, professional people and businessmen could be

accommodated be investigated.

These areas would be determined in consultation with the relevant local authority.

● The more indulgent use of the permit system as provided for in the Group Areas Act.

Following the endorsement of the proposals, Dr Schlebusch said it was time people realised South Africa needed to take steps in the right direction.

"We can't stand in isolation from the rest of the world forever. Also, problems can't be solved with bullets — we need to sit down together and talk things out."

There would have to be concessions from all sides, he added.

Referring to the criteria governing voting rights, Dr Schlebusch

said not everyone would be eligible to vote.

"Only those who contribute to the cities' coffers will be allowed to vote."

At an earlier meeting of the action committee it was generally conceded that the system of voting which was in force prior to 1972 should be reintroduced.

In terms of this system an occupier had one vote and an owner one vote, but where the owner occupied his own dwelling, his wife, or some other person nominated by him, would be considered the occupier.

In the preamble to the proposals it was pointed out that changes made to the systems of local government should not be radical but that an acceptable solution "must be found which would recognise basic

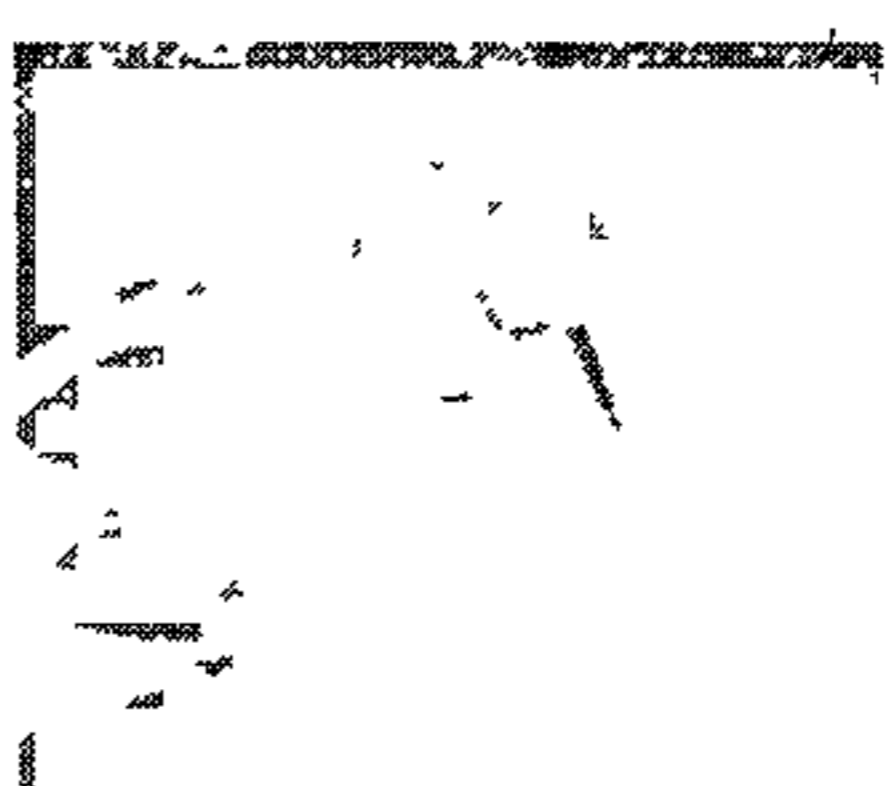
human rights and human dignity.

● Thought had been mostly centred on the differences between the racial groups, but there were "contact-points" which indicated that, in the interest or orderliness, the present system should be adjusted.

● The right of a say in local government by a person who made a contribution to the income of rates to the income of the local authority could not be ignored any longer.

The solution was therefore to be found in the principle of property ownership in the relevant local authority.

● Owners of fixed property, as direct ratepayers, guaranteed the expenditure of local authority and should therefore be entitled to a big



DR SCHLEBUSCH

ger say than lessees of property who were indirect ratepayers. However, lessees also contributed to local authority funds and were also entitled to a say in the decision-making process by way of their voting rights.

To give recognition to this principle a difference must be made between the voting "weight" of owners com-

pared with occupiers, irrespective of race.

● Separate residential areas for the various races, provided they were fairly allocated, should remain because it must be acknowledged there were differences between people and at this stage friction between different racial groups must be avoided.

● Any changes must be on the basis of evolution and not revolution. Therefore the present system should be adapted rather than replaced by a new, unknown and untested system, the preamble concluded.

The report submitted to the association also urged that the training of local government officials of all races receive urgent attention and that "in-service" training be stressed — DDR

Unanimous yes for single voters' roll

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EAST LONDON — Proposals advocating a single municipal voters' roll for whites, coloureds and Indians were unanimously endorsed at the Cape Province Municipal Association's congress here yesterday.

The proposals, which were adopted by the association's executive committee and which allow coloureds and Indians to share in decision-making at local government level, will now be submitted to the President's Council, which is currently compiling a report on a new constitutional dispensation for South Africa.

A motion put forward by Hanover, recommending that the proposals be rejected, was ruled out of order by the association's president, Dr T G Schlebusch, of Queenstown.

Dr Schlebusch said the executive committee had been given a mandate at last year's conference to investigate

proposals put forward then, draft them and submit them on behalf of the association to the President's Council.

As the motion was out of order, Hanover could move a motion of no confidence in the committee, Dr Schlebusch said.

But the deputy mayor of Hanover, Mr B A Zurnamer, declined to do so and said "Thank you for muzzling us".

Proposals accepted include

- A single voters' roll comprising all owners of property and occupiers of every ward, with uniform voting qualifications, irrespective of race.
- Abolishment of the management committee

system

- Delimitation of wards in such a way that all wards have equal rateable valuations, irrespective of race, as far as possible

- A vote to the owner and one to the occupier of every rateable property

- Maintenance of the right of a community or minority group to become an autonomous local authority

The committee is also to suggest to the President's Council

- That the possibility of establishing areas free of the provisions of the Group Areas Act be investigated.

Detailed proposals, page 7.

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CPMA voters' roll proposal

Municipal Reporter
EAST LONDON — Cape Province Municipal Association president, Dr T G Schlebusch said today that the association had not advocated a 'common' voters' roll for white, coloured and Asians in the Cape

Speaking at the annual congress of the Association Dr Schlebusch said by way of explanation that what the CPMA had recommended was a voters roll for each ward with uniform voting rights and that owners and occupiers irrespective of their racial groups, be enrolled as voters

However, the overall effect of the association's recommendations would be virtually a single voters' roll for all races

● See Pages 7 and 19.

Common roll 'step to peace'

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Municipal Reporter
EAST LONDON — The Cape Province Municipal Association's 'power-sharing' proposals were described here by the CPMA president, Dr T G Schibusch, as a step towards peace and harmony in South Africa

to use rates paid by the Government in a responsible way for their original purpose — to relieve ratepayers

He indicated however that in return for paying rates the State would want more say in municipal finances

The proposals would place property-owning coloured and Asian people on municipal voters' rolls with whites

He also warned that as the State had accepted the principle of one level of government taxing another, 'the possibility of payment of certain duties by local government in the future cannot be excluded'

Dr Schibusch piloted the plan to acceptance by his executive

UNIONS

He told the CPMA annual congress last night that it was logical, just and workable

Dr Schibusch said the formation and registration of more workers' unions could affect local government

The Cape was the only province to accept the basic principle that voting rights were linked to possessing fixed property and payment of rates, he said

Industrial councils and collective bargaining are becoming the order of the day, and it will be unwise to be lulled into a state of complacency by the fact that we in the Cape have been relatively trouble-free'

'This is the communal interest, this is the principle for which we have worked'

Dr Schibusch also appealed to municipalities

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Municipal ombudsmen needed, says Louw

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Provincial Reporter
EVERY major municipality should appoint an ombudsman with substantial power to investigate all public complaints, Mr Gene Louw, Administrator of the Cape, said at the Cape Municipal Association's annual congress in East London last night.

Mr Louw told city and town councillors from throughout the Cape that 'greater respect' had to be shown to citizens who knocked at municipal doors for help and advice.

The taxpayer rarely knew what decisions were made in his name in city and town councils.

If local authorities wished to remain democratic, they would have to consider appointing ombudsmen, holding information meetings and distributing newsletters.

'If your case is right, you need never fear facing the voters,' Mr Louw told the councillors.

REFORM

Mr Louw was speaking on possible reform in terms of the awaited recommendations of the President's Council. He said that any move to bring second and third tier government closer to serve the interests of taxpayers better would be acceptable to him.

In this context he emphasised the 'absolute

demand' for more refinement of the official apparatus in its relationship with the man in the street.

He said that in The Hague in Holland the ombudsman occupied an 'independent chair,' with as much independence as a judge.

OFFICIALS

He could call officials on the carpet if a citizen was wrongly handled and the city management could scarcely ignore the advice of its ombudsman. 'Of course, not all local authorities can afford an ombudsman, but the functions could be coupled with an existing post,' Mr Louw said of Cape municipalities.

WATCHDOG

The office he proposed would combine that of an ombudsman with an 'expediter,' a watchdog, a troubleshooter, and one who eliminated points of friction.

Mr Louw said at present there were innumerable complaints about laxity in answering letters, and of an absence of sufficient motivation in conveying decisions to those who felt aggrieved.

'The ombudsman must not be seen as an irritant on the municipal skin but rather as somebody who must help to combat maladministration,' Mr Louw said.

Single voters' roll plan is popular

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Municipal Reporter

EAST LONDON. — The controversial proposals by the executive of the Cape Province Municipal Association for a single municipal voters' roll for all property owners, regardless of race, appears to have gained wide acceptance by Cape local authorities.

When CPMA president Dr T G Schlebusch opened the proposals for discussion at the CPMA's annual congress today there were only two dissenting voices, Oudtshoorn and Hanover.

Dr Schlebusch raised the 'power sharing' proposals at the start of today's congress because he said he wanted the congress to take a decision 'once and for all' on the issue.

Opening the discussion, Dr Schlebusch said allegations made that the executive decision was taken under political pressure were untrue.

SACRIFICES

'However, there must be sacrifices by all sides if these proposals are to meet with wide acceptance,' he said.

The MPC for Oudtshoorn, Mr S M Greeff, said the Oudtshoorn Town Council was against the CPMA proposal and had given its own evidence to the President's Council.

'The Oudtshoorn management committee, with whom we discussed the issue, was also against the proposals,' Mr Greeff said.

When the debate was opened on a motion by Hanover to turn down the CPMA executive's 'power sharing' proposals, Dr Schlebusch said the motion was contrary to congress rules of order but he would give Hanover the chance to submit a motion of no confidence in the executive.

Capab 'can learn from Baxter'

Municipal Reporter

EAST LONDON — Capab had complicated problems which would not be easily solved but could learn a lesson from Cape Town's Baxter Theatre, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said today.

Speaking at the 75th annual congress of the Cape Province Municipal Association Mr Louw said that Capab is going through a troubled period and was the subject of an in-depth study by a special team of experts who would make recommendations and lay down guidelines for its future.

The University of Cape Town's Baxter Theatre could, however, teach Capab a lesson as it was in direct competition with the Nico Malan Theatre and had proved to put up very strong competition.

'MUZZLING'

Hanover's Deputy Mayor, Mr B A Zurnamer, declined to propose the motion of no confidence and accused Dr Schlebusch of trying to muzzle his council.

The executive had been given a mandate at the 1981 congress to formulate the proposals and take the necessary action to put them before the President's Council.

The CPMA proposes the abolition of management committees and a single voters' roll for all coloured, Asian and white property owners.

This would give the coloured and Asian people direct representation on town and city councils.

● See Page 7.

Call for all to have vote

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By SHELAGH BLACKMAN, Municipal Reporter

EAST LONDON — Anyone with a stake in his town had the right to vote, the president of the Cape Province Municipal Association, Dr T G Schlebusch, said last night.

Bid to discuss opening of voting rolls is rejected

Municipal Reporter

EAST LONDON — There were angry exchanges at the CPMA congress here when a bid to discuss the proposed opening of municipal rolls to coloureds and Indians was rejected.

A motion on the order paper, entered by the Hanover delegation, that the move be rejected was ruled out of order by the CPMA's president, Dr T G Schlebusch.

He said that to entertain Hanover's motion a decision taken by the CPMA last year would have to be rescinded.

There was an atmosphere of tension when the Deputy Mayor of Hanover, Mr B A Zurnamer asked if there was not a conflict of interest involved as Dr Schlebusch was directly involved with the new constitutional proposals.

It was not Hanover's intention to put a motion of no confidence in people.

Earlier discussion took place on Dr Schlebusch's presidential address which was delivered last night.

An Oudtshoorn councillor, Mr S M Greeff, said his council did not agree with the CPMA rec-

Delivering his address to the delegates to the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) congress, Dr Schlebusch discussed the proposals for a new constitutional dispensation for local government which the CPMA executive presented to the President's Council last year.

He described the proposals which provide for the opening of municipal voters' rolls to coloureds and Indians as "logical, fair and capable of being carried out".

In local government, there was an important point of consensus — the possession of property and the responsibility for the paying of property tax was a community interest — and it was the basic principle on which the CPMA executive had worked in formulating its proposals.

Dr Schlebusch said that when South Africans talked about the people of their country, "then they surely meant all the people".

"We are always inclined to hammer on the differences between people. Is it not high time that we looked for the points of consensus?" he asked.

He said that, on the one hand there were those who

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In opposition to the CPMA proposals to open municipal voting rolls to coloured and Indian ratepayers, Hanover proposed an extension of the present policy of separation of races in local government.

The delegation wanted an extension to the system of management committees which would have run counter to the CPMA proposals which recommended their abolition.

Dr Schlebusch said he would allow Hanover the option to propose a motion of no confidence in the executive committee of the CPMA but Hanover would not be allowed to put its original motion.

ommendations and had submitted their own proposal to the President's Council.

Replying, Dr Schlebusch said South Africa could not stand in isolation from the rest of the world.

He said problems had to be solved through discussions around tables.

He pointed out that the CPMA proposals had been formulated by people of diverse political views.

He said the constitutional proposals were based on property rights. The owners of property where those who should vote for the council.

Those who paid the most rates should have the greater say.

wished to capitulate and, on the other, were those who wanted to divide "everything and everybody", with colour in most instances as the basis for division.

It was between these poles that the executive had tried to find a solution — a solution that would be acceptable to all sides.

A perfect solution was impossible but the executive had tried to take a small step in the right direction.

It was a step towards harmony and peace in this country to a time when everyone could say together "Ons vir jou, Suid Afrika".

On the question of industrial councils, Dr Schlebusch said that industrial councils and collective bargaining were becoming "the order of the day".

It would be unwise to be lulled into complacency because the Cape had hitherto been relatively trouble free.

The formation and registration of workers' unions in spheres that might form part of a municipal undertaking, would bring certain responsibilities, he warned.

Dr Schlebusch said that the action committee of the united municipal executive would discuss and investigate the question of industrial councils soon.

Referring to the Government's payment of municipal rates on its properties, he appealed to municipalities to use the new revenue in a "responsible manner" to obtain the original goal — relief for the ratepayer.

But he warned that as the principle that one level of government could tax the other had been accepted, the possibility of payment of certain duties by local government in future could not be excluded.

Dr Schlebusch welcomed the delegates from the Association of Management Committees and those from the Transkei Municipal Association.

This is the first time that these bodies have been granted observer status.

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Give all owners more say plea

EAST LONDON — Proposals by the executive committee of the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) that coloured and Indian property owners in the Cape should have a greater say in municipal affairs were logical, just and workable, the president of the CPMA, Dr T. G. Schlebusch, said last night.

Speaking at the 75th CPMA congress here, Dr Schlebusch said there was a tendency to emphasise the differences between people instead of seeking points of agreement.

An important point of agreement in the Cape Province, unlike other provinces, was that voting rights were linked to the possession of fixed property and responsibility for the payment of property rates. "This is the communal interest. This is the principle on which we worked," he said.

Dr Schlebusch was chairman of the committee which formulated the proposals for the abolition of the Indian and coloured management committee system and representation of different race groups in city councils. He described the proposals as an effort "to take one small step in the right direction. A step towards harmony and peace in our country."

Referring to the central Government's decision to pay rates on its properties, Dr Schlebusch said the Government was meeting its responsibilities towards municipalities and he appealed to municipalities to use the new revenue to attain the original goal — relief for the ratepayer.

Dr Schlebusch also warned that industrial councils and collective bargaining were becoming the order of the day and it would be unwise to be lulled into complacency.

Welcoming the delegates, the Mayor of East London, Mr Errol Spring, urged greater co-operation between local government and the private sector so that they could use each other's resources to maximum advantage.

He also urged that consideration be given to the position of town clerks, not only to their salaries but to ways of improving their ability to carry out their function as executive officers. He suggested that the possibility of making town clerks ex-officio members of council be considered — DDR.

CPMA congress to consider key issues

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Municipal Reporter

DELEGATES from nearly 200 municipalities will attend the 75th annual congress of the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) beginning in East London tomorrow

Tonight delegates will be welcomed by the Mayor of East London, Mr Errol Spring, and thereafter the congress will be officially opened by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw

Among the issues likely to be thoroughly canvassed is the question of exemption from military service of key municipal officials and trade apprentices

This has been proposed by three municipalities and comes hard on the heels of the Government's announced intention to expand the military call-up to include veterans up to the age of 60

Another issue which will be carefully debated is a call for councils to be given greater freedom in developing low standard housing schemes with an absolute minimum standard of services

A motion to be introduced by Grahamstown argues that the critical shortage of housing demands this

Several other important motions are likely to be fully debated

They include

- That the proposal for the re-opening of municipal voters' rolls to coloureds, and Indians, details of which were formulated by the CPMA executive in June last year, be rejected Hanover has proposed an extension of the policy of separate local councils

- That the Administrator should no longer exercise control over the salary of the Town Clerk Port Elizabeth argues that through the present system, the Administrator gains indirect control over all municipal salaries

- That the financial year of local authorities should coincide with that of the State This has been proposed by Port Elizabeth

- That the valuation roll be adjusted annually at the rate of inflation This has been suggested by George

- That regional committees be established for the co-ordination and standardisation of aspects of traffic control This motion has been put forward by Port Elizabeth

NO OWN COUNCIL FOR ATLANTIS

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ATLANTIS

ATLANTIS will not get its own council, but will instead be represented on the standing committees of the Divisional Council of the Cape.

This is the major development to come out of talks between the Minister of Internal Affairs, Chris Heunis, and a delegation of the area management committee last week.

The management committee had in fact called for an independent local government body to be created in Atlantis. They pointed out that Atlantis differed from other areas and that a subervient management committee was not wanted.

Committee chairman, Mr Abe Crouitz, told the Minister 'We are here to be quite honest — to bargain and negotiate'.

Even though it had expressed the desire that Atlantis get its own local authority, the management committee pointed out in a memorandum to the Minister that it was not an economically viable proposition at this stage.

The management committee consequently requested the Divisional Council of the Cape to pursue all avenues at its disposal to have the adjoining industrial areas incorporated into the area controlled by the management committee.

In this way added taxes and sources to generate Atlantis and these would make the proposition of an independent local authority more viable.

The committee believes that Atlantis differs from other local areas in that an independent local authority would not mean a large scale duplication of departmental services of personnel or regional services such as electricity and water being difficult to separate.

Housing, streets and parks are already administered separately.

Besides representation on the standing committees, where issues are dealt with at length before submission to the general council, Atlantis will also be allowed observer status when the full council meets.

Mr Crouitz said the new deal was an improvement on the existing position and was a step towards the attainment of full rights.

In his talks with Mr Heunis, the management committee chairman had pointed out that members had stood for election last year knowing full well that they would be called collaborators and puppets.

The management committee had also called for the representatives of the committee who serve on the Atlantis Development Committee to have voting rights.

This has been agreed funds to aid sport and cultural activities in Atlantis.

He pointed out, however that 16 feather factories would be opened in Atlantis this year, providing more than 4000 new jobs. More residents would then work and live in the area.

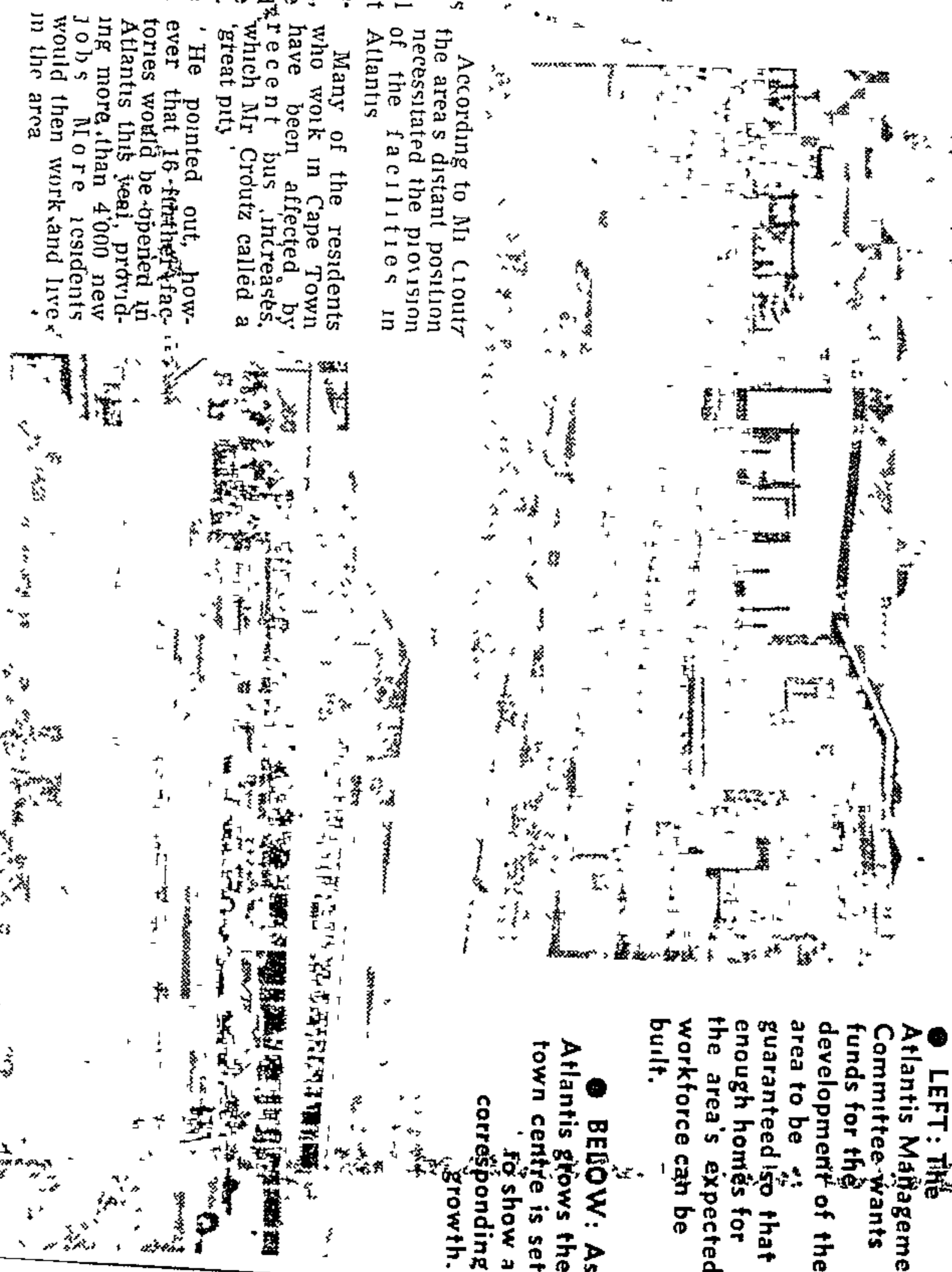
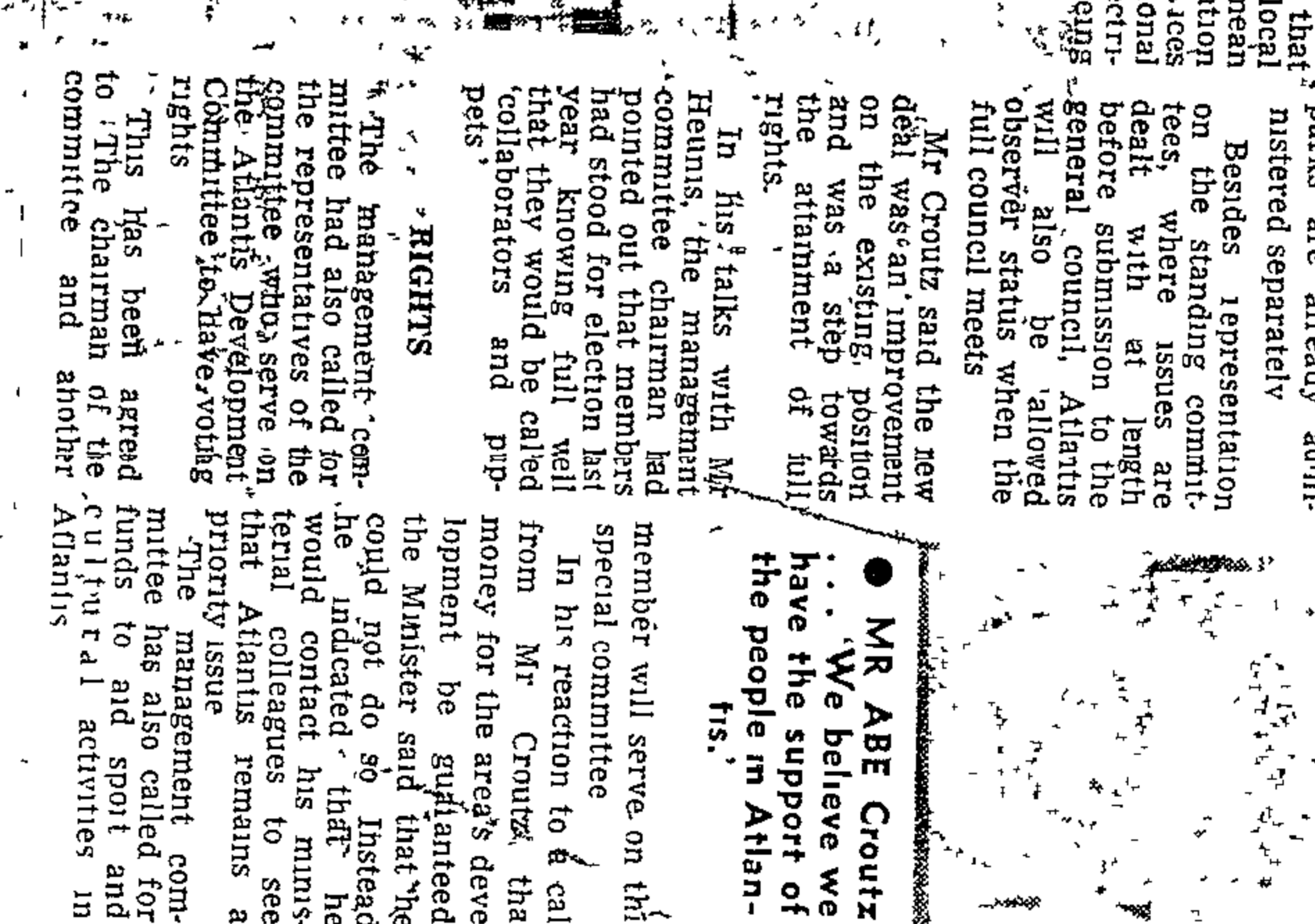
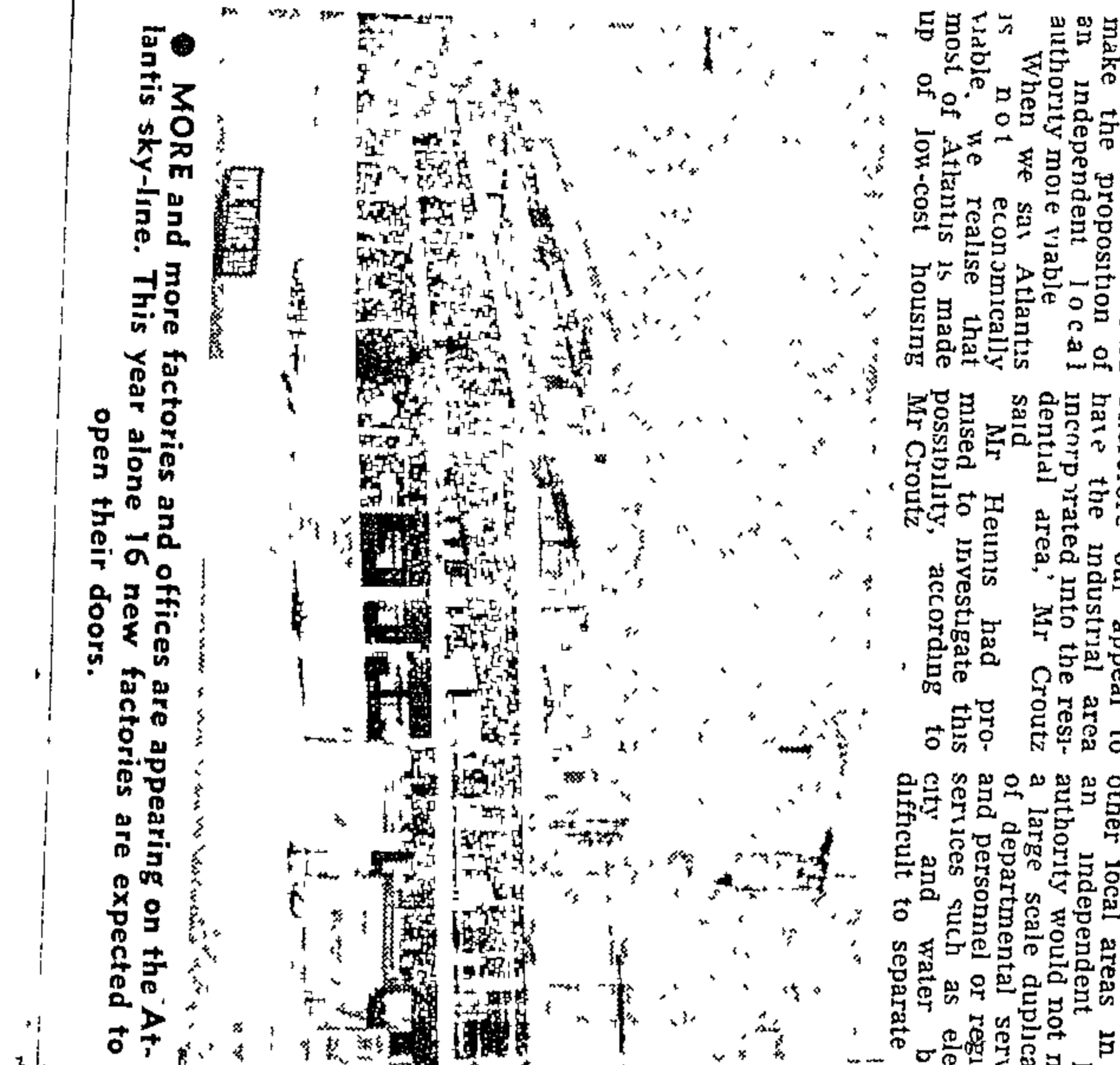
According to Mr Crouitz the area's distant position necessitated the provision of the facilities in Atlantis.

Many of the residents who work in Cape Town have been affected, by recent bus increases, which Mr Crouitz called a 'great pity'.

● **MR ABE Crouitz** ... 'We believe we have the support of the people in Atlantis.'

● **LEFT:** The Atlantis Management Committee wants funds for the development of the area to be guaranteed so that enough homes for the area's expected workforce can be built.

● **BELOW:** As Atlantis grows the town centre is set for show a corresponding growth.



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STEVE KEKANAS
single, Raising My Family, has reached the number one spot in Finland, one of the

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Mixed voters' roll call under congress spotlight

EAST LONDON — A common municipal voters' roll and relaxation of the Group Areas Act will come under the spotlight at this year's annual congress of the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA)

Delegates to the congress — which opens here on Monday — will be asked to vote on a proposal by the CPMA executive calling for sweeping changes to the present system of white-only representation in city council chambers

The proposal is likely to come under strong fire from conservative elements, with at least one municipality — from Hanover in the north-eastern Cape — opposing the suggestion

The CPMA executive has already drawn up detailed proposals which will be submitted to the President's Council if the congress gives its approval

These proposals call for a larger say in municipal affairs for coloureds and Indians who own property in Cape towns and cities

They also propose.

- The abolition of the management committee system for coloureds and Indians,

- The division of local authority areas into wards;

- Representation of the different race groups in city and town council structures,

- The creation of a non-racial voters' roll "with uniform voting qualifications (where) owners and occupiers, irrespective of race, be enrolled as voters"

In terms of these proposals, one vote will be given to the owner of each rateable property, and one vote to the occupier

The executive committee also warns against granting superior rights to black community councils, but reserves comment on the position of urban blacks in local government

Two further "thoughts" have also been drawn up for consideration by the President's Council, if the proposals are approved by congress. They call for a "more indulgent use" of the permit system provided for in the Group Areas Act, and an investigation into whether areas "where the provisions of the Group Areas Act may not be applied" are possible

The Hanover delegation — made up of deputy mayor Mr B A Zurnamer and the town clerk, Mr J W Viljoen — has submitted a motion rejecting the executive committee's proposals and suggested its own ideas on constitutional changes in local government

The ideas — drawn up by Mr Zurnamer — warn against creating "an artificial climate for integration at local authority level"

Mr Zurnamer said this would bring about "a climate of frustration and polarisation" and promote racial friction

Instead of integrating, Mr Zurnamer suggests the extension of the management committee system whereby these committees are given the same powers as white municipalities — but remain separate. He also pleads for the maintenance of the

Group Areas Act and calls for it to be extended to towns where it does not already apply

More than 420 delegates are expected to attend the congress to discuss the 120 proposals and motions on the agenda

After the CPMA executive meeting on Monday morning, the congress itself will be opened on Monday night by the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Eugene Louw. The Cape Corps Band from Cape Town will provide entertainment afterwards. The congress proper starts on Tuesday morning with discussion of the presidential address delivered on opening night

After-hours entertainment has been laid on for delegates. More than 700 people will attend a cocktail party in the city hall on Tuesday night and a mammoth braai on the Orient Beach on Wednesday night

Municipal Reporter

THE executive of the conservative and powerful Cape Province Municipal Association officially favours scrapping the management committee system and including all property owners and occupiers on a single voters' roll regardless of colour

The CPMA Executive's proposals for constitutional changes in local government are on the agenda for the CPMA's 75th annual congress which opens in East London next week.

The executive has spelt out for its members what it recommended to the President's Council on constitutional reform at local government level

CPMA backs one roll for all residents

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However, the executive makes it clear that it believes that separate residential areas, provided they are fairly allocated, should remain.

But it has come out in favour of the State establishing 'open' areas, free from the provisions of the Group Areas Act, for lux-

ury type suburban development for all races.

The CPMA has not as yet formulated any policy on role of urban blacks at local government level.

The CPMA's more enlightened attitude is seen by many local authorities as a major breakthrough,

strengthened by the CPMA's decision to put its own case to the State in spite of the United Municipal Executive, which represents all provinces, having laid down that it should be the body to put the views on all local authorities.

It is believed that the UME has taken a more conservative line than the CPMA

Another major item of discussion that will affect the man-in-the street is the move for municipalities and divisional councils in the Cape to take over the issuing of motor vehicle licences.

At present, this function is carried by the Department of Posts and Telecommunications through post offices.

Council wrecked CMC summit — claim

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THE annual meeting of the largest regional management committee association in the country is doomed because of what its chairman calls 'verkrampte white attitudes'.

Solly Essop, head of the Karoo Management Committee Association says his body's annual meeting was torpedoed by the 'verkrampte' white council of Fraserburg.

Fraserburg's Town Clerk, Mr Maritz, on the other hand, says that the council did not do so and had, in fact, not been approached by the regional association to hold the meeting in the town.

The only overtures made came from the Fraserburg Management Committee who asked the town council to host a reception for the 72-member organisation.

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Mr Maritz said although his council had turned down similar requests for 'financial reasons' they had nonetheless agreed to host this function.

The Fraserburg Management Committee had indicated that the congress was to take place sometime in March which would have suited the council's arrangements.

It was only through a Press report that the council heard that the congress would take place on April 24.

The catering would have been done by the Dutch Reformed Churches' Women's Associations, but the women from both the white and coloured churches would be occupied with other functions, he said.

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The white body was having a Thanksgiving Feast in the town hall, while the mission church was preparing for a communion service and was also having a fund-raising function in the church hall, he said.

Mr Essop, on the other hand, does not believe that a lack of caterers led to him receiving a letter from Fraserburg cancelling the congress.

He said that the chairman of the Fraserburg Management Committee, Mr D Klein had informed him as early as January that the congress was on and invitations for an April 24 meeting had been sent out.

Having no halls or caterers available is a nice way of saying 'stay away, get lost,' he said. Normally, local authorities were only too glad to host the congress, he said.

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He added that management committees were created by Government, but a 'plattelandse, verkrampte town, which is a stronghold of Dr Treurnicht, does not want to make them work.

They have a nice way of saying 'Hotnots gaan moles maak'

Mancom observers for Divco committees

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Staff Reporter

THE chairman of the Association of Management Committees in the Western Cape, Mr David Curry, yesterday welcomed the government's decision to allow nominated members of the Atlantis management committee to serve in an advisory capacity on the standing committees of the Cape Divisional Council

The decision was an-

nounced after a meeting between the management committees, the Divisional Council and the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis on Wednesday

The members will, however, only have observer status and will be unable to participate in committee proceedings or vote on issues before the committees

Mr Curry said yesterday that management commit-

tee members were already serving in an advisory capacity on several local authorities. However, he welcomed the move "as a step toward full representation and the abolition of management committees"

The chairman of the Atlantis Management Committee, Mr Abraham Croutz, said two committee members had also been nominated to attend the monthly meetings of the Divisional Council as observers. The committee already has two members serving on the Atlantis Development Committee in an advisory capacity

Mr Croutz said the management committee would have further talks with Mr Heunis, particularly after the President's Council had announced its recommendations on constitutional reform

The management committee members nominated to serve on the five standing committees are Mr F Fredericks (Works), Mr O Fakier (Finance), Mr M Karstens (Health, Licensing and Cemeteries), Mr F Brandreth (Housing), and Mr P de Leeuw (Staff)

The observers at the Divisional Council's monthly meetings are Mr Croutz and Mr R P Jacobs. Mr Croutz and Mr A J Lottering also serve in an advisory capacity on the Atlantis Development Committee

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EAST LONDON — East London's mayor Mr Errol Spring, said yesterday that if any impression had been gained that the Indian Management Committee had been inactive on the issue of Braelynn Extension 4 and in general it was a totally erroneous impression he wished to correct

Mr Spring said in a statement that in recent reports in the press under the headings, "Call to halt housing building at Braelynn", "Families won't move," and "Indians enter Duncan Village Dispute" the IMC came under severe criticism and the impression was gained that they had been inactive on the issue of Braelynn Extension 4

"This is a totally erroneous impression I wish to correct. The Indian Management Committee which was constituted in 1978 and is the official channel of the Indian Community to the

IMC active on Braelynn issue

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City Council has in fact been extremely active in its endeavours to assist the community in whatever way possible," Mr Spring said

Mr Spring said with regards to Braelynn Township Extension 4, the IMC has concerned itself with the development of the scheme since 1979 and had done everything in its power to achieve an acceptable layout within the financial constraints of the scheme and the families for whom the scheme was designed

He said that the IMC had expressed concern that the development of Braelynn Extension 4 was dependent on the

removal of families who resided in the adjoining area as this would create friction

Mr Spring said the IMC at several meetings stated that they could not agree to the development of Braelynn Extension 4 until such time as arrangements had been made for the rehousing of the group occupying the neighbouring slum area. The IMC also disassociated itself from any decision to allow Indian occupation of Braelynn Township Extension 4 before this element was removed

The city council gave assurances that the 498 families rehousing would be given priority

in the new scheme to be erected at Buffalo Flats Extension 2-7. Mr Spring said that although the scheme has been approved by the Department of Community Development, the necessary allocation of funds had not been made yet

Mr Spring said the IMC at a previous meeting resolved that a meeting would be held with all the prospective tenants of the new Braelynn 4 scheme as soon as the architects and engineers had compiled the necessary slides and maps. This meeting would also give the tenants an opportunity to raise other relevant matters

The IMC had also been actively involved in other matters during its terms of office including several improvements to Indian residential areas

Meanwhile Mr K Pillay the spokesman for housing on the IMC, said a mass meeting would be held tomorrow to give a report-back on the Braelynn 4 issue — DDR

Is this an exercise in futility?

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The new proposals by the government to establish separate autonomous municipalities for coloureds and Indians could mean big problems, particularly for those people in the sub-economic bracket

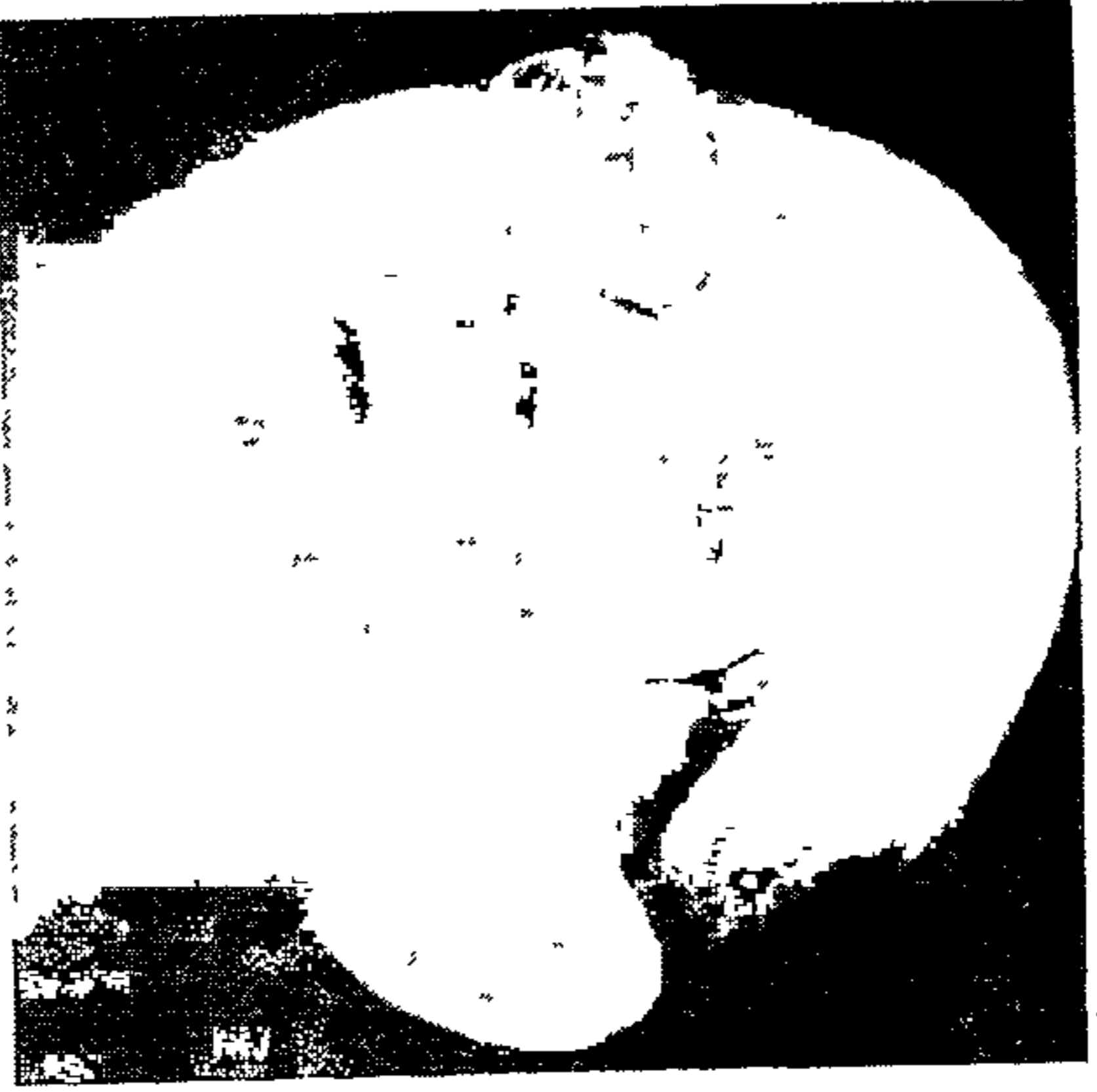
Could such separate local authorities be viable and financially feasible?

The question of separate autonomous local authorities for race groups other than whites was mooted in the House of Assembly in March, 1978, when the then Minister of Coloured Relations, Mr. Henne Smit, said 23 areas in the Western Cape and eight in the Eastern Cape had been selected for investigation as possible autonomous local authorities for coloureds

In reply to a question tabled by the Leader of the Opposition, Dr. Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, Mr. Smit listed the following areas

North, Beaufort West, Bellville, Hawston (Caledon), Ceres, Cradock, De Aar, Despatch, Durbanville, George, Graaff-Reinet, Grahamstown, Cape Town, Kimberley, Kraaifontein, Kulstervier, Malmesbury, Middeburg (Cape), Mossel Bay, Oudshoorn, Paarl, Parow, Port Elizabeth, Saldanha Bay, Stellenbosch, Swellendam, Uitenhage, Uppington, Vredenburg, Wellington and Worcester East London was excluded

However, nothing materialised and three



Mr Henne Smit, when Minister of Coloured Relations in 1978, announced the investigation of 23 areas in the Western and Eastern Cape as possible autonomous local authorities for coloureds

years later these areas are still run under the management committee system with no autonomous local authorities

Mr Smit, on March 22, 1979, at the inauguration of the Klerksdorp management committee, amended his original statement and said

"There are so many situations such as services, planning and so on which cannot be divided nor should they be di-

vided and over which there should be joint decisions and consultation"

Mr Smit's speech at the time, was the furthest any Cabinet Minister had gone in proposing joint white and coloured decision-making on a municipal level since the coloureds lost their vote on city councils in the 1960's

A year before Mr Smit advocated autonomous

local authorities for coloureds, the then vice-chairman of the East London CMC, Mr P. Mopp, said separate coloured municipalities would never be feasible because of the great economic gap between the various groups

This was in response to Mrs. Elzabe Kemp, the then mayor of East London, who had welcomed the resolution by the Cape Province Municipal Association which called on municipalities to take steps to train coloureds for the establishment of coloured municipalities

Mr Mopp said the existence of separate coloured municipalities would place an enormous burden on the white municipal taxpayer who would have to subsidise these separate local authorities for the foreseeable future. It would not work because the areas were not economically viable

"Through the grand design of apartheid, not a single industry has been established in a coloured area. The necessary expertise is lacking, councillors elected will soon resign because of complete lack of finance, the sub-economic sector which forms the bulk of the population will have to be taxed out of exist-



Daily Dispatch staff reporter, BENITO PHILLIPS, who wrote this article, is a former member of the Coloured Management Committee in East London.

premises they occupied. This, he claimed, would result in a tremendous inflow of money into municipal coffers which would make the creation of a separate coloured municipality unnecessary

Time has moved on and there are renewed discussions in government for the establishment of autonomous municipalities for coloureds and Indians

Now comes the million dollar question. Would it be a feasible proposition or would such municipalities just become white elephants with no capital to run their affairs, like paying their staff, funds for the erection of homes, roadworks, water and electricity, sewerage, recreational facilities and amenities, and the rest?

With what capital will such municipalities be able to repay their government loans for the erection and construction of these essentials? Where will the money come from?

It may be said the people who live in the area

under coloured jurisdiction must pay through increased rents and taxes. But already in these areas there are arrears totaling close on R1-m owing to the East London municipality. It will take years before this debt is re-



Mr Peter Mopp, when vice-chairman of the Coloured Management Committee in East London, said separate coloured municipalities would not be feasible because of the great economic gap between the various groups.

vered and the residents will not be able to cope with additional increases to help coloured and Indian autonomous local authorities out of the red

This is where Mr Mopp's argument applies that the sub-economic sector, which forms the bulk of the population, would be taxed out of existence and would totally reject the system

Before such a step is taken the government will have to establish more factories, within the areas under the jurisdiction of coloured and Indian municipalities. These areas would also require their own traffic departments, revenue departments and a department for the paying of water and light and other rates

Private entrepreneurs would have to build large shopping complexes, and more areas would have to be set aside for home-ownership schemes. Local authorities are largely dependent on revenue from these sources

As it is, existing municipalities are struggling to make ends meet. Take away the revenue of the coloured and Indian groups and their problems will be aggravated

The proposal of separate local authorities for the Indian and coloured communities is an exercise in futility and doomed to failure

IMC renews call for opening of a 'free trade area' in PE

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Post Reporter

THE Port Elizabeth Indian Management Committee has again called for the opening of a "free trade area" in the city for businessmen of all races

At a meeting yesterday, the IMC reaffirmed an earlier resolution on the question of open trade areas and the chairman, Mr R Bhana, criticised the permit system

"We abhor any permit system," he said

The question of "free trade areas" was first considered by the IMC in March last year, when the authorities were asked to open the whole PE magisterial district to businessmen of all races

The IMC resolution, however, was defeated at a meeting of city councillors two months later. The council decided to apply for a free trade zone between the Market Square and Em-

bassy Street, as well as a portion of Commercial Road

The Riekert Commission later recommended to the Government that all business and industrial areas should be opened to all races

The recommendations have not yet been formally adopted by the Government

Mr Bhana said it was "exciting" to read in a recent Press report that the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, claimed that Port Elizabeth had an "open" trade area

"But what does this mean? Is this another false hope situation where the citizens are led to believe something which is not?"

"I want to state here today that we, the blacks, are up to our necks with the false actions of the Government and are rapidly grow-

ing impatient at the tortoise pace of change — if it can be called change — which is taking place"

Referring to the various commissions set up by the Government, he said the Government spent a total of R2,5 million on commissions in 1981 — "a waste of money"

"I assume that 80% of these recommendations have not been formally ratified

"Commissions, to us, are just a delaying tactic. Look at the 'commission of commissions' — the President's Council

"I am sure that if the Government were to ask any black organisation what they want for SA, they would have received the answer to this country's political problems. But I suppose we have to have a glorified institution to make investigations and findings," he said

MPCs slate damaging effect of management committee system

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Post Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Addressing the Cape Provincial Council, Mrs Molly Blackburn (PFP, Walmer), quoted the Indian Management Committee of Port Elizabeth as asking whether "the white-skinned cannot see the injustices they are causing their Christian brothers?"

She was supporting a motion by Mr Frank van der Velde (PFP, Wynberg), that the council recognise that the deterioration of race relations was aggravated by the inadequate system of management, committees, and call for a local government system where all would have equal franchise votes on a common roll

"The system is just one more ideological dream based on perverted ethnic thinking which has crumbled under the weight of economic and social realities," he added

Mr Hernus Kriel, MEC for local government, moved an amendment that the council should call on all concerned to make use of the management committee system "in such a way that it will help to bring about good mutual relations" until the President's Council's investigations

had become known

The President's Council was considering a system of local government which would take into account the interests of whites, coloured and Indian people, he said

Mr Kriel said the management committee system had been instituted to give coloured and Indian people a say in local government and to create forums in which people could talk to one another across the colour line

Mr Van Der Velde warned that an increasing number of youths in South Africa were rejecting the status quo

"I want to say to the Nationalists that should they move in the direction of power sharing, they would gain far more members from the left than they would lose to the right," he said

Mr Ray Radue (NRP, King William's Town) said he would support the NP amendment

Mrs Molly Blackburn (PFP, Walmer) said she had been to management committee meetings in Port Elizabeth and "nothing in my political life had prepared me for the hatred

of the whites and the frustrations nearing desperation I heard expressed at those meetings"

Mrs Blackburn quoted from a letter by the chairman of the Port Elizabeth Indian Management Committee, dated January 14.

"South Africa's whites are sick — sick with fear What a country — being run by an illegitimate Government"

Another management committee chairman had written last year "The system is a major cause of dissatisfaction among our people, dividing them because it was introduced without their having any say in the matter"

Mrs Blackburn said National Party members saw things only through their own eyes and it was "fitting to recall that they in fact only represent a very small percentage of the total population of South Africa"

In reply, Mr Van Der Velde said he could sum up the debate in one sentence "On Saturday, Dr Andries Treurnicht hanged himself for nothing"

The NP amendment was accepted by 41 votes to 10 Mr Radue voted with the NP

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Council 'sabotaged' system of mancoms

Staff Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council had sabotaged the management committee system from its inception the MFC in charge of local government, said yesterday.

Mr Hernus Kriel was opposing a private member's motion brought by Mr Frank van der Velde MPP for Wainberg, calling for the mancoms to be scrapped and a common voters roll.

Mr Kriel said the mancom system was a "step on the path of evolution", as opposed to revolution. Evolution lay at the heart of apartheid, he said.

Mr Kriel said he would be the first to admit that the mancom system had faults but his party had tried to put this right by referring the whole question to the President's Council.

He referred to local councils — in particular the Cape Town City Council — that from the beginning had worked relentlessly to destroy the system "at all costs". They had tried to sabotage the system not in the interests of the coloured community or of race relations, but in the interests of politicians opposed to mancoms.

The National Party's principles were against a mixed voters' roll and in favour of self-determination.

Mr R J Radue (NRP, King William's Town) also opposed the motion. He said the present system of minority racial domination would be replaced by majority racial domination, which his party rejected.

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Residents air 20/2/02 housing gripes

A DELEGATION of Clarsy Park and Lotus Road residents thrashed out a number of complaints about the area in a face-to-face confrontation with members of the Divisional Council on Tuesday.

The delegation of 11 (which, at first, the Divisional Council office said was 100) raised 16 council members a series of problems about roads, tree felling, electricity health, transport maintenance facilities and amenities, housing, finance and other council matters.

The delegation represented the Lotus Road/Glen Park residential area.

President said the council had funded the area in a number of ways over the previous 10 years but had decided to cut council services to save money.

The delegation was told that the council needed to fund the area but that the local authority could not do this because of the priority for services and amenities.

The delegation pointed out the total rejection of the council's decision to cut services and that the council was not doing its duty under the law.

Residents told the council officials that the council was not doing its duty and that they would be taking legal action if the council did not improve the standard of services.

We were told there is no system for reporting and that the council decided to cut services to save money and that the council was not doing its duty under the law. The council was told that they would be taking legal action if the council did not improve the standard of services.

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Municipal Reporter

THE recent amalgamation of some of the Cape's divisional councils has led to such "insurmountable differences" in the communities they serve that the Administrator has decided to appoint a commission of inquiry to investigate the issue.

The divisional councils concerned are Swartland and Grootrivier and the main problem is the choice of towns for their headquarters.

The Administrator, Mr. Gene Louw, said after thorough investigation in 1978, 84 divisional councils were re-constructed by means of amalgamation and reduced to 38, enabling the greater units to function more efficiently.

Headquarters were allocated to the new regions in 1979.

Two instances

In spite of the large-scale reorganisation, the amalgamated councils had progressed well since 1980, except for two instances.

He said there were "deep-rooted and virtually insurmountable differences" between the communities over the allocation of Moorreesburg as the headquarters of the Swartland Divisional Council, and Colesburg for the Grootrivier Divisional Council.

It was also clear that the allocation of any other towns within the two areas would not eliminate the disputes, merely transferring them from one community to another.

Because of the continuing "agitation", the Executive Committee of the Provincial Administration resolved to appoint "an informal" commission of inquiry.

Either a judge, former judge or former magistrate, and two people with extensive experience in local authority matters, would carry out a public investigation and make recommendations to the committee.

Mr Louw said the commission would take into consideration all local circumstances and would consider what towns were the most suitable headquarters for the respective councils.

This step would give all interested parties an opportunity "to make representations, and to clearly present their views".

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Councillor's absence query

EAST LONDON — The failure of Mrs Elsabe Kemp councillor in charge of housing, to attend meetings of the Coloured Management Committee (CMC) was raised at a meeting of the committee yesterday.

When the chairman, Mr W George, called for apologies and Mrs Kemp's name was mentioned Mr D W Alexander said 'It seems we shall have to change the day on which we hold our meetings in order to accommodate Mrs Kemp.

"She has a knack of being somewhere when there is a CMC meeting.

"I don't want to be racialistic about this but everytime there is an Indian Management Committee meeting Councillor Kemp is present."

It was explained Mrs Kemp was away in Cape Town on a meeting that affected the welfare of East London.

But Mr Alexander asked that the item of apologies be deferred for discussion when matters came up for general discussion.

Mr J Temmeis said the apology should be allowed to stand and he noted with others but felt the meeting should come to some resolution about the "continued absence of Mrs Kemp" at the CMC's meetings.

Mr Alexander added that much had been read in press reports about housing plans for Buffalo Flats and the availability of funds and it was important that members of the CMC questioned Mrs Kemp about those

matters.

"But every time we ask the official concerned he says Councillor Kemp is not here. Mr Alexander said.

Mrs Kemp who returned by air from Cape Town at 4.45 pm — the meeting started at 3.30 pm — said if she could attend CMC meetings she would.

"What do they expect of me? To return from Cape Town and leave urgent business appointments which are for the interests of ratepayers and schools in this area just because there is a CMC meeting?"

"I am getting sick and tired of this criticism."

She said she had appointments with the Director of Hospital Services Dr J Loubser the MPC in charge of local government Mr H Kruger and the director of education Mr Willem Bouwer and only got through her last appointment at 12.30 pm in time to get to the airport to fly back.

On the allegation that she had attended most IMC meetings she said "It has so happened that when the IMC had meetings I have been in town."

"I must point out that I am not the council's representative on the CMC. Councillors Morrison and Snodgrass are the representatives and I have made a point of attending these meetings when I can."

"I think all this criticism is uncalled for. I do as much as I can for all the people here be they coloured, Indian or white." Mrs Kemp said — DDR

Asked to change Driedoorn St ⁽²⁶³⁾ to Freedom Ave ^{S. Post 8/2/82}

By SHELAGH
BLACKMAN

Municipal Reporter

A REQUEST by the Indian Management Committee that Driedoorn Street in Malabar be renamed Freedom Avenue, is likely to be keenly debated at this afternoon's meeting of the Port Elizabeth City Council's Works and Traffic Committee

The recommendation by the acting Town Clerk, Mr I S Terblanche, is that the proposal should be rejected

The street name issue was the centre of a row last year when two streets in Bethelsdorp Extension 10 were named after dead black consciousness leader Steve Biko and Robben Island prisoner Nelson Mandela. A third street was simply called Amandla, meaning power

The recommendations were made by the Coloured Management Committee in 1978 and were approved by the Works and Traffic Committee. They were put up last year

Amendments to three provincial ordinances were subsequently promulgated empowering the Administrator to change street names, thereby over-ruling local government decisions

In an interview today, the chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr R Bhana, said that the members felt that the name, Driedoorn, did not sound "appropriate" in the area. The matter was discussed at an IMC meeting in December last year and someone proposed the street be named Freedom, as an alternative. The idea was supported by the other members, he said.

In a report to this afternoon's Works and Traffic Committee the deputy Town Clerk, Mr I S Terblanche, referred to a circular sent by the Director of Local Government to all local authorities in 1976 in which guidelines were given for the changing of street names

It should only be allowed

● Where duplication of

names and similar sounding names in the same area may cause confusion among the public

● Where confusion may arise as a result of road deviations, new roads and road junctions

● Where a special event of national importance is commemorated — for example, the Langenhoven Commemoration

Local authorities were encouraged by the director to keep general plans "neat, clear and legible" and to avoid alterations as far as possible

Mr Terblanche said in his report that the council could not justify the application to the Administrator

In his comment which is included in the report, the acting City Engineer, Mr L S Beattie, said that the name, Freedom Avenue, did not appear on the official street list and there was no other street name with which it could be confused

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MC man slates chairman

EAST LONDON — Mr A V Green, a member of the Coloured Management Committee, has hit out at the chairman of the CMC, Mr Wally George, for remarks he made in connection with a public protest meeting

The meeting, called to oppose a decision by the city council to withdraw the R3 housing subsidy to people in the lower income groups, was attended by fewer than 18 people

Mr George said the meeting was unconstitutional, that the decision on a Saturday to hold a meeting on the next day was "ridiculous" and that a meeting of the CMC should have been held to decide a date, time, venue and strategy before calling a public meeting

Mr Green said it was

most strange that Mr George, as chairman of the CMC, would "stoop so low as to personally attack me, forgetting that during the last meeting when the increases were rejected I had specifically asked that the people whom we represent be consulted first"

Mr Green said the proposed increases were both unfair and unconstitutional and that he, Mr F Barlow and Mr F Temmers — the three members who convened the meeting on Sunday — had decided to ignore a meeting convened by the Director of Housing, Mr Martinsen

"Mr George viewed our absence from the meeting with Mr Martinsen as a slap in the face and castigated us for seeking a mandate from the public while we did not have the 'facts and figures' to substanti-

ate our protests"

Mr Green said that when he had gone to book the Parkside Hall for the protest meeting he was told that it had been booked for the whole day and that the protest meeting could only be held during the lunch hour "When I went to the hall at 11 am the next day I learnt that the hall would be free for the whole afternoon"

He said he saw this as a deliberate attempt to sabotage his efforts to obtain a sizable audience for the meeting "Does Mr George really believe that a long-suffering public would absent themselves from such a meeting?"

"If there had been no uncertainty regarding the availability of the hall I would have been able to publicise it better" —
DDR

By SHELAGH BLACKMAN

Municipal Reporter

CITY councillor, Mr Terry Herbst, walked out of a Community Services Committee meeting yesterday when the Indian Management Committee were told that there could be no discussion on the summer season programme

Asked to confirm the incident had taken place, Mr Herbst, said that he had walked out as a "gesture of personal protest against rules and regulations which can be bent when it suits certain people"

The IMC requested the meeting with the Community Services Committee to discuss the city's holiday programme. It had been heavily criticised by the Indian and coloured leaders

Walkout over the summer programme

as being predominantly a "whites-only" affair

When the two-man IMC delegation arrived at yesterday's meeting, they were told that they could state their case but that a full discussion could not be held

They then decided to leave

Mr Herbst said "I found the attitude of the committee to be completely at

variance with a decision of the City Council last year to support the Cape Province Municipal Association's proposal that Indians and coloureds be returned to the municipal voters' rolls"

Approached for comment, a member of the IMC delegation, Mr Hassan Noorshub, said he was not prepared to make a statement unless Mr F H Kotze, chairman of the commit-

tee, made one

The matter would be discussed on January 25 at the next meeting of the IMC would be "one hell of a meeting", he said

The Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, confirmed that Mr Herbst had walked out

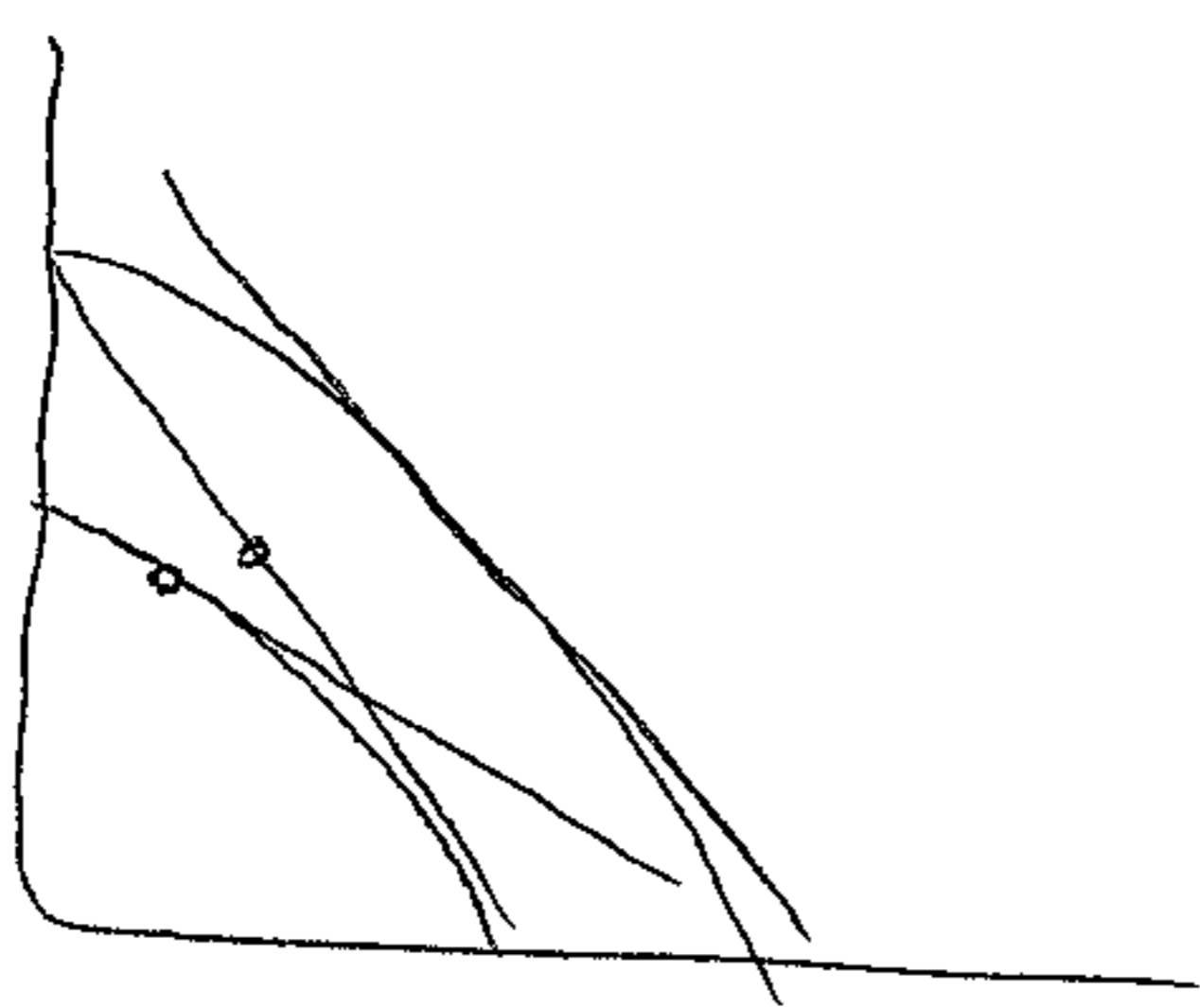
Asked if there was any rule or regulation that prevented discussion with deputations at committee meetings, he said that there was not but it was council policy not to allow such discussions

He added that the council committees very seldom saw deputations

Mr Botha said that both the IMC and the CMC would now be invited to attend a special meeting of the Community Services Committee so that a full discussion could be held

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CMC seeks help on hooligan squatters

EAST LONDON — Several members of the Coloured Management Committee are unhappy about the presence of black shack-dwellers in Charles Lloyd township

Members of the committee decided at a meeting here last night to get the municipal housing department to put pressure on the local administration board to "control hooligan elements" there

The committee refrained, however, from taking definite action against black people there for fear of being seen to be "enforcing apartheid"

"There has been some concern expressed that Charles Lloyd is overrun by blacks," Mr Wally George, chairman of the CMC disclosed

"People are not happy about it. They feel a lot of coloureds need homes yet blacks are being

accommodated in shacks there"

Fellow committee member Mrs R Labans — who lives in the area — said she was "terrified" of what she called "natives" (naturelle) who live in the back gardens of coloured residents

"Sometimes there are Africans fighting in front of our door," she said. "And this at 2 o'clock in the morning"

She called for definite action from the management committee but Mr J F Temmers pointed out that it was the police's job to contain unruly elements in the area. "We are heading on dangerous ground if we try to separate blacks and coloureds," he warned

Another committee member Mr D W Alexander, said getting rid of blacks living in the coloured area could help

solve the coloured housing crisis

"These people come from Mdantsane, where they have their own homes and move in here. Within three months they may take over a home. I know of cases where blacks have taken over the front room of a house"

Several committee members were, however, against any form of action by the CMC

"Imagine us taking a decision to remove blacks from there?" Mr Temmers asked. "If the government can't do it, why should we?"

The committee concluded the discussion by deciding to approach the city housing department for help because, as Mr Temmers pointed out, "we can't be seen enforcing the government's segregatory regulations" — DDR

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Halt Rent ON RENT RISE

FAST LONDON - The Coloured Management Committee has called for the immediate suspension of the recent rent increases for council houses.

The committee protested in the strongest terms against the city council decision to withdraw a R3 per month subsidy previously paid for people earning less than R100 per month.

'This is an indirect way of punishing poor people,' said one committee member Mr J. L. Bulow.

But there is no justification in increasing the rental for houses which, though until you can bring the house up to a standard where increased justified rents should be the same.

The committee called for an urgent meeting with the city council action committee after claiming it was 'insulted' by not being consulted before the subsidy which affects mainly pensioners -- was withdrawn.

This is a grave decision by the action committee they didn't consult us at all,' said Mr J. E. Tompkins. 'We should object in the strongest terms, we were insulted, not consulted.'

The meeting with the action committee will be held as soon as possible. In the meantime, the CMC has called for a suspension of the increases which were introduced on January 1, 1967.

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FAST LONDON -- An urgent appeal was made last night for improved schooling for coloured residents here.

The Coloured Management Committee decided to go against a suggestion that a new coloured secondary school be used as a primary school for a few years.

Reacting to a letter from the Department of Internal Affairs the committee decided to ask that the school be used as a secondary school from the outset.

"Our children are suffering because of overcrowding," said Mr I. B. Jennings. "There are countless high schools for blacks and whites, but we still only have one for our people."

Mr D. W. Alexander added, "When we need things, we are told money is not available. But we are sick and tired of being given second class things -- we want the real thing."

The committee decided to press for the new school to be used for grades 5, 6 and 7 pupils from the word go. Two new primary schools are also due to be built in the area soon -- one for Buffalo #1 its Extension 2 and 3 the other for Extensions 4 to 7 -- PDR

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Scramble for homes in city housing crisis

EAST LONDON — A housing crisis has gripped the city — and there is little chance of a respite for weary home-seekers

Houses and flats are literally worth their weight in gold today as residents scramble for accommodation. Buying a house is becoming a luxury many cannot afford.

“People are prepared to live anywhere as long as there's a roof over their heads,” said one letting agent in the city. “They aren't fussy at all — they can't afford to be.”

For the first time, the city council has a waiting list for its houses, with 150 names on it already. Estate agents have virtually stopped advertising as anything on offer is snatched up in hours.

The council has already taken definite action to try to ease the crisis, according to Mrs Elsabe Kemp, the councillor heading the housing portfolio. Plans for development include:

- The erection of about 30 new houses for whites in Morningside and a similar number in Stoney Drift.

- The development of a large housing estate in Buffalo Flats which will house more than 1 800 families when completed — at a cost of more than R20 million.

“Hopefully we will be able to solve all our housing needs in the next three years,” Mrs Kemp said. “But until then things are going to be very difficult.”

According to the chairman of the East London committee of the Institute of Estate Agents Mr John Batting, there are three possible reasons for the present crisis:

- There is a steady influx of people coming to East London, mainly because of industrial expansion. Businesses are expanding but there is no housing development to match this growth.

“These places recruit more staff, but there's nowhere for the people to stay,” said Mr Batting.

- People are selling their houses, rather than letting them if they are transferred out of the area.

- Fewer houses have been built in the past few years than should have been. Even though building has picked up in the last 18 months, builders can't catch up fast enough because of the shortage of funds.

“Things are bad. Really bad,” Mr Batting said. “There is a chronic shortage of all types of home. We have calls daily from all types of people looking for houses to rent — and we're not even letting agents.”

One of the main limitations on someone buying a house is the shortage of funds. Getting a bond is sometimes almost as big a problem as getting a house, as Mr Batting explained. “If you only have the deposit on a home and are looking for a maximum bond to cover the rest of the purchase price you'll have to stand in a long queue. You may wait up to six months, or even longer.”

Even if you do find a house, and manage to raise a bond, you have to be prepared to pay through the nose for even a cardboard box with windows.

“What was selling for

R25 000 three years ago is now selling for R50 000,” Mr Batting said. “And if there is a shortage of homes, and building costs continue to rise (the 1982 forecast is a 22 per cent increase in building costs) how can prices do anything but continue to go up?”

Surprisingly there are still some lucky people who are able to design and build their own homes. These people usually sell their old homes and design their own. Using the money from selling one home, they are able to raise enough to build another.

“But apart from that there is very little private building going on,” Mr Batting said.

But for the man in the street, his dream house is just that — a home he can only dream of.

“I can't see any real solution to the problem,” said Mr Batting. “It's the old money game. If there was more of it builders would be able to build houses. Unless there was to be drastic economic

political upheaval there is no real short or long term solution.”

A snap survey of other estate agents showed just how bad things are for the would-be home owner.

“Sorry, we don't have any houses or flats” was a common reply to any inquiry about accommodation.

“It's very difficult to get even the tiniest room,” said a spokesman for one letting agent in the city.

“We get more inquiries than we know what to do with.”

Another letting agent revealed one of the more unpleasant sides of such a shortage — exploitation of the crisis.

“Quite a few people push their rent up because they know people are desperate,” the agent said.

“A tiny bachelor flat that was leased for R60 a month a few years ago, will cost you up to R190 a month today. But people take anything. We even have married couples moving into bachelor flats, because there's nowhere else to stay.” — DDR

(56) Daily Dispatch
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Factory told to clear up smell

EAST LONDON — The Kaffaria Divisional Council has served a notice on the pineapple canning factory Collondale Cannedes requiring the company to clear up the smell nuisance from the factory of face prosecution.

This follows two letters from a nearby resident, Mr N C Hensberg complaining about the foul, obnoxious and unbearable stench which daily permeates the air in Willow Park and adjacent areas.

“It is difficult to believe that a responsible authority — such as a divisional council — could have allowed such a situation to develop.”

“I, and the other residents of Willow Park, have the inalienable right to breathe fresh clean and pure air.”

factory was discussed and who voted for it on the council.

In a reply the secretary of the council Mr F I Daubermann, wrote that as a result of a number of complaints and expert advice the chief health inspector had served a notice on the factory manager on December 21 requiring that the smell nuisance be abated failing which legal proceedings would be instituted.

In the reply it was also stated that the erection of the factory had never been approved by the then East London Divisional Council because in terms of the regulations in force at the time there was no need for plans to be approved — DDR

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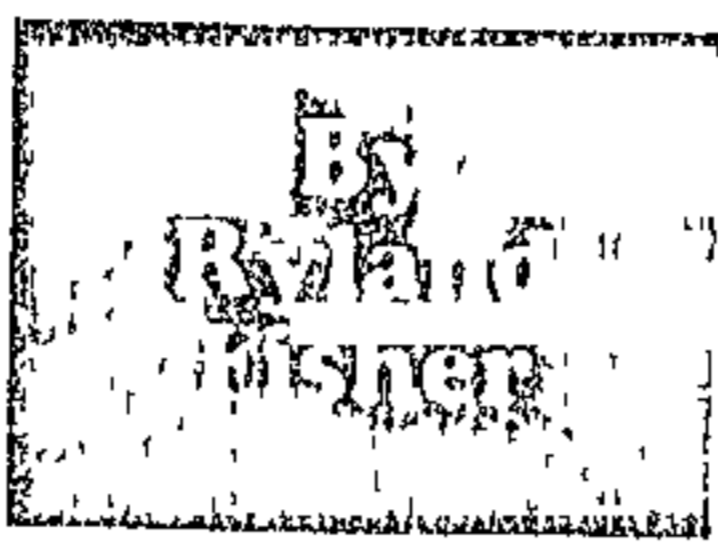
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Cape Herald
9/7/82

RESIDENTS in most Western Cape townships have been drawn together by the Cape Areas Housing Action Committee (Cahac) to fight against rents increases in what seems set to become the biggest joint community campaign since the 1980 bus boycott.

Already several 'wakeup' protest meetings have been held, thousands of handbills distributed, petitions signed, a placard demonstration held and support expressed by churches for the campaign.

At a meeting in Guguletu on Sunday, residents of the Peninsula African



townships decided to join in the campaign.

On Friday pamphlets were handed out at several mosques.

On Sunday the campaign was explained in churches.

STOPPED

The demand is for rent increases — which takes effect this month — to be stopped, for the Government to take control of housing and to win bigger subsidies for housing.

Sheikh Nazeem Mohamed, chairman of the Muslim Judicial Council, said the present increase could force many families to live below the breadline.

'People can ill afford to buy enough food let alone be forced to pay more rent,' he said.

At a meeting in Guguletu on Sunday afternoon about 200 residents of the Peninsula African and Crossroads expressed their anger at the new increases.

STRIKES

In between the struggle of freedom, some workers would the committee council of being all in.

They resolved to stop the Cape to get rid of the coming of the increases.

The chairman of the Crossroads Committee, Mr John M. M. M. M.

affectionately known as the 'Mayor of Crossroads' said 1982 should be a year of unity.

'People who are divided will achieve nothing. We must come together and speak with one voice,' he said.

FORCED

Mr May Pains of Cahac said people were moved out of their homes by the Group Areas Act and would be forced on to the streets by high rents.

'We already find it difficult to buy food and clothes for our children. Where must we find money to pay rent increases?'

'We must stand together for proper houses and rents we can afford,' he said.

Residents at the meeting said community council members were well paid and not affected by the increases.

RESOLVED

They resolved to call the community council to a meeting to explain why they did not do anything about the increases.

The meeting will be held at Tanga's Holy Cross Church on Friday.

Before then petitions will be taken from door to door in the townships.

AFFECT

The rents increases affect people in areas under the control of Cape Town City Council, Divisional Council Housing League and Administration Board.

The campaign is expected to culminate into a mass rally on Sunday afternoon at the Westville Civic Centre.

Subsidy on clipboards for Council workers

Municipal Reporter
BLACK employees of the
Port Health Commission
will pay no more for
their clipboards than
the rest of the staff.

The Port Health Commission
has decided to subsidize the
cost of clipboards for its
black employees.

At present, black employees
pay \$1.50 and white employees
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The cost to the commission of
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will be \$1.00 monthly.

The commission will only
subsidize the cost of clipboards
for black employees. White
employees will continue to
pay \$0.50 for their clipboards.

The Administration and
Finance Department will
continue to subsidize the
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CITY'S POWERS ON DESIGN QUESTION

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Staff Reporter

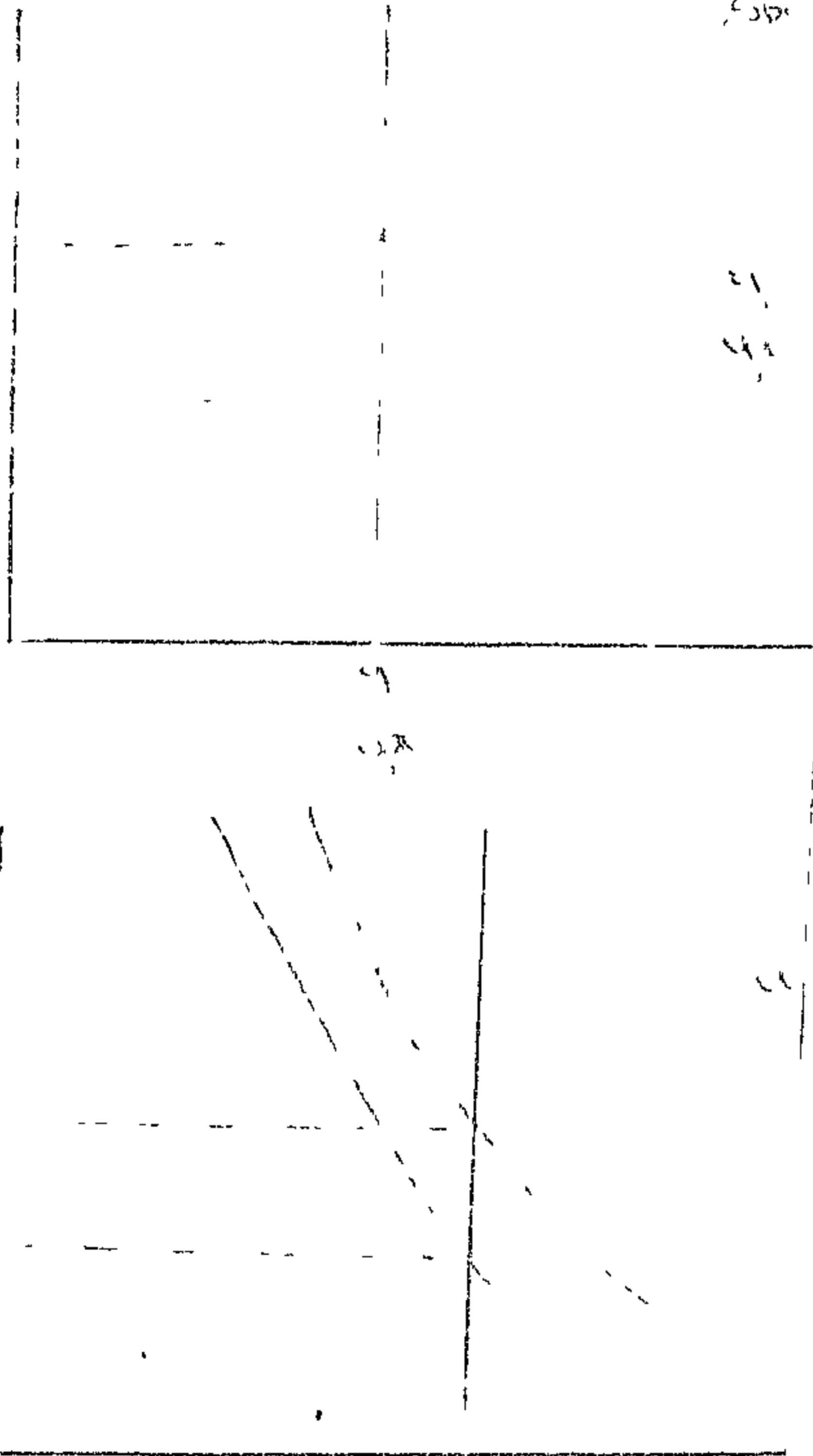
THE City Council has today passed a resolution which will give the City Council the power to design and construct public buildings, including the City Council's own offices, and to acquire land for such purposes.

The resolution, which was introduced by the Mayor, provides that the City Council may, subject to the approval of the ratepayers, design and construct any public building, and may acquire any land which may be required for such purposes.

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The resolution is a significant step in the City's efforts to improve its public buildings and to acquire land for such purposes. It will enable the City Council to design and construct public buildings in a more efficient and economical manner, and to acquire land for such purposes in a more effective manner.

The resolution is expected to be passed by the City Council today, and will be subject to the approval of the ratepayers at the next meeting of the Council.



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Cape Times reporter Matthew Murray... and M... and M...

Staff Reporter

A RECENT appeal to the public by the Cape Town Municipality pointed out the danger facing dust men. The Cape Times yesterday investigated their working conditions to discover what their day entailed and how they felt about it.

On average, 3,100 tons of refuse are produced in the Cape Town municipal area every week and this requires a workforce of 30 compactors, vehicles, and 400 men to handle its collection. These men for a hard day's work which includes the very real danger of injury caused by catches, by disposal methods...

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By CLIFF FOSTER

WHILE men tramp the streets looking for jobs, industry is being turned away from Port Elizabeth.

The reason There are few industrial sites left in the city itself, and the Government will not sanction new ones on the outskirts

The municipality receives an average of two inquiries a week for industrial sites. Many more go to estate agents specialising in commercial properties. Barely any can be satisfied.

In the past 12 months, industrialists from the Reef, Durban and Cape Town have come knocking at Port Elizabeth's door, seeking to set up factories and soak up some of the city's surplus labour. Almost all have gone away empty handed.

The industrialists were prepared to establish light plants producing a wide variety of goods from motor components to chemicals. They could have provided some diversity to cushion the city from lean times in the motor industry. But the city had nothing to offer them.

No critical has the situation become that the expansion of the business is wanted.

The only remaining sites are at Markman Township and Perseverance.

The ones at Markman are large, rail-served and 15 kilometres out of the

city. They are not popular among light industrialists. And plots at Perseverance are almost all sold out.

Mr Bill Williams, the City Council's Chief Estates Officer, blamed the Government which, he said, thwarted municipal efforts to open up more industrial land. 'We are not masters in our own house,' he added.

'We have tried desperately hard to provide more industrial land, but we just haven't had any help from the Government. All the pleas on the part of Port Elizabeth have fallen on deaf ears.'

'We have battled to get industrial use for a half-hectare site in Sidwell which was formerly industrial ground. It adjoins existing factories and was rezoned residential land - by mistake - years ago.'

'We have tried time and again to get it rezoned, but the Government is against it. Sidwell ratepayers are also against it, although nobody is going to build a house there unless he's got rocks in his head.'

Mr Bert Davis, an estate agent, told Weekend Post: 'We are turning away people who want to come in and set up new industry in this city.'

Mr Davis, who

specialises in industrial property, added: 'If sites were available the unemployment situation here could soon be eased quite a bit.'

'Some of the businessmen who want to come here are quite big. A number want between 1 000 and 2 000 square metres of floor space. And we have dozens of people on our books wanting between 300 and 500 square metres - these are mainly people already in Port Elizabeth.'

Mr Leon Hofner, another agent specialising in industrial properties, said: 'We have had plenty of people coming along and trying to find industrial land so that they can move into Port Elizabeth. But there are no available sites in the city itself at all.'

'We get people wanting to come here from Durban, Johannesburg, Cape Town - but we've got nothing to offer them.'

'They are mainly concerned with light industry - some of it allied to the motor industry - but we've also had people in the chemical, engineering and packaging fields.'

'They just can't get in here.'

'If you show them Markman Township they

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Industrial land muddle harming PE

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say it's too far away Apart from Perseverance, which is also a long way out there is nothing else

"Once these people see the situation here they decide to try somewhere else"

Mr Hafner suggested that land in the western suburbs could be rezoned for industrial purposes

"Town planning in Port Elizabeth has made no provision for any industrial land in the western areas"

Another agent who asked not to be named, suggested Greenbushes as an area for light industrial expansion, forming a second zone with Cape Road as an axis

"In the Greenbushes area you have got water and

power and the population of the western suburbs and the coloured townships around Bethelsdorp near by There is also a rail link with the Apple Express line

"I think industrial expansion in the Greenbushes area is now a must

'Deal Party' which has been one of the accepted areas for expanding, is completely sold out

"Struandale? I don't think much exists there And Neave is the same

Markman is too far out Convenient commuting of personnel is a big factor

"It's up to the municipality to make additional land available now, probably through the Province, and put it out to private enterprise to sell"

Mr Williams, the city's Chief Estates Officer, agreed there had been a tremendous upsurge in demand for industrial land and he blamed the Government for holding back development

Municipal attempts to open up new industrial sites had been thwarted by the Government

"Officials keep coming here and telling us how well off we are," he said

His office has been busy dealing with people looking for new premises Some have been local people wanting to expand, and others people coming in from outside

This upsurge in demand is something we didn't anticipate Two years ago we had the whole of the Dry Lake — two hectares we had acquired from shacks we had knocked down around Juta Road, Koosten — and we split it up into 20 sites They were sold overnight

"We do have land at Perseverance and Markman, but the smallest site at Markman is about one hectare and reserved This is too big for light industry

At Perseverance there are 10 or 11 hectares of half-hectare sites, none reserved But we have sold fairly recently 20 hectares to South African Breweries five to Willard Batteries, three for an extension to Daranco Blocks and four to Coverland Tiles

There aren't many sites left I reckon that by next year the whole lot will be gone

He added Prices here are very reasonable — they must seem ridiculous to people in Durban and Johannesburg

People say these sites are a long way out but in Johannesburg and Durban, industrial sites are 20 to 30 kilometres from the city centres, and people think nothing about it

Of the Greenbushes suggestion, he said "There would be nothing wrong in an industrial area there In fact, you already have pockets of industry there — a glass fibre factory, a panel beating shop But getting approval for an industrial estate is something else

The council tried to start an industrial estate in Walmer near the railway line some years ago, but we were turned down by the Department of Industries No reasons were given"

Mr Rocky Ridgway, chairman of the Greater Algoa Bay Development Committee, said he was surprised to hear the situation had reached this point The matter could be included on the agenda of the committee's next meeting later this month

○ The Government official with whom the municipality had been negotiating is on leave

Fresh bid for lower pensioner bus fares

By NOREEN SUTCLIFFE
A FRESH bid is being made to get subsidised bus fares for pensioners in Port Elizabeth

City councillor Mr Terry Herbst has asked the Town Clerk to place the item on the next agenda of the relevant committee

He told Weekend Post that over the past few months many welfare organisations had asked him to get the City Council to reconsider its decision not to take part in the scheme

This year being the Year of the Aged Mr Herbst said the council could well help the elderly by providing R15 000, the amount needed as the council's contribution to the scheme

In March last year, the Policy and Resources Committee chairman, Mr Alan Ward Able, said it was not a City Council's function to subsidise bus fares

The committee, he said, had, therefore, recommended no action be taken on a proposal that the council contribute R15 000 to a scheme whereby people over the age of 65 would pay a quarter of normal bus fares - the rest to be made up by PE Tramways and a hypermarket

The decision incensed many old age pensioners, one of whom accused the council of being 'completely out of touch with the ordinary man'

Various city councillors were asked for their comments

Mr Bill Hayward, chairman of the Works and Traffic Committee, pointed out that, whereas the Johannesburg buses (with sponsored fares for the elderly) were run by the municipality, Port Elizabeth had a private bus company

If the council were to subsidise bus fares then rates would go up substantially, he said

Already the council had made provision for special rebates on rates for pensioners

"I don't see the council setting a precedent by subsidising fares for aged people," he said

He also said that as this was the Year of the Aged he felt the council should have a substantial grant in aid to the Algoa Bay Council for the Aged which they could use to help needy elderly people

When the Mayor, Mr H van Zyl Cillie, was

approached, he said he had an open mind on the question of subsidised fares

The item, he said, was not on the 1982 budget, but he would be prepared to discuss the matter at committee level

However, it was debatable whether the council should enter into the "sphere of social welfare", the Mayor said

When asked about the R15 000 involved, Mr Herbst told Weekend Post he felt sure the small amount involved could be found in the coffers of the council without any trouble or hardship

Mr Carl Coetzer, general manager of PE Tramways, has been pushing for subsidies for the aged, which he felt was the responsibility of local government

His company was prepared to bear a quarter of the cost of a fare if the City Council and the sponsor each contributed a quarter

The pensioner would then pay for the remaining quarter

Mr Herbst said he felt it was "very important" that everything possible be done to try to ease the plight of pensioners, particularly today in view of escalating costs

HOUSING QUESTION & GOVERNMENT BLOW TO CITY

Minister of Transport, Mr. J. G. van der Stoep, said today that the Government would not be prepared to meet the demand for housing in Cape Town, which has been estimated at 10,000 units a year. He said that the Government was not prepared to meet the demand for housing in Cape Town, which has been estimated at 10,000 units a year. He said that the Government was not prepared to meet the demand for housing in Cape Town, which has been estimated at 10,000 units a year.

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Fouche's statement yesterday in which he said he was disappointed that the private sector had not become involved in providing housing, the chairman of the City Council Housing Committee, Mrs. Judah Stoff, said it was a ludicrous suggestion.

"It is totally unrealistic to expect the private sector to provide millions of rands for low income housing."

"A business is a business and it's there to make a profit. How can one expect business A to invest in housing while business B does not but they both have to sell their products at the same price," she added.

If the Government wants the private sector to invest in housing then it must make low interest loans available or introduce a bonus bond type scheme to raise money for housing.

"However the private sector should never be a substitute for the Government's responsibility to provide the millions of rands necessary to house the people of South Africa."

The housing situation with its huge backlog is the direct effect of the Government not making adequate funds available in the past.

Out on Cape Town housing programme could not be assessed until then. The City Council's Housing Committee met today and is likely to discuss the outlook commencing on 22. (Contd on Page 2 col 5)

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Villagers fight for fresh water

COLOURED residents of St. Lowy's Pass village are supplied with water from boreholes while the railway station in the village has a daily supply of fresh water from two new by-dams.

Residents of the picturesque hamlet say they have been "fighting" for years to have the borehole water replaced by fresh water.

They complain that the borehole supply is erratic

By ENRICO KLAMP and
PATRICK TYSON

and the water often red and foul. Last week the supply was cut altogether and residents had to use water from a nearby river.

Mr. Leonie Winstrove, who has built two boreholes to catch rainwater, and villagers who could not afford tanks, had to rely on borehole water piped to communal street taps.

"The tap water from the borehole is terrible. Sometimes it's so red that you can't even wash yourself with it. Many people have complained about pains in their stomachs from drinking it," he said.

Residents used water from the river when the supply was cut. The river water has been dirt and polluted for years. The Divisional Council has prohibited us from using the water, but when the supply stops the river water is all the people have.

Mr. Winstrove said a deputa-tion from the village had gone to discuss the problem with the Stellenbosch Divisional Council. "We were told it would be too expensive to have fresh water pumped to them."

'Too expensive'

The council chased us away. They just weren't interested in our plight. We now intend going to the Cape Administrator. The water is too expensive.

The water is piped from the "Caledon" Dam in the Hottentot-Holland mountains range. Two boreholes serve about 2,000 people in the village.

Mr. Hartman, assistant manager general services of the Stellenbosch Divisional Council, said yesterday that the railway station obtained its water from a private source, but added that the supply was not from the Steenbras Dam.

'Chlorinated'

He said the council had sunk 10 boreholes with submersible pumps in St. Lowy's Pass village. The water was chlorinated and samples were taken regularly for testing.

Referring to the red water complaint, Mr. Hartman said sediment in the pipeline tended to dry out. "I came a break-down and found its way into the taps etc. when the supply was restored. The council tried to avoid this by scouring the pipeline."

He said a pump in one of the boreholes had broken down last week. The supply was switched to the other borehole and even that was cut out to test it. "I told them to use the borehole water. The borehole pump was repaired on Thursday and was filled by midday on Saturday."

Too expensive

Mr. Hartman said the Divisional Council had investigated the possibility of supplying water from the Steenbras Dam a few years ago. This was done at the request of the St. Lowy's Pass hamlet committee.

After all the calculations and planning had been done, we found that it would cost more than R500,000, which the residents could not afford. We also investigated the use of the railway's supply, but this was also found to be too expensive.

Mr. Hartman said he had recently put forward another plan for the supply of fresh water and the hamlet committee had declined to disclose details of the latest initiative.

Strong reaction to 'freeze' advice on border business

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CAPTAINS of commerce and political leaders have reacted strongly against a Provincial Administration circular sent to local authorities throughout Natal advising them to freeze the setting-up of new businesses within five kilometres of national states' borders

The circular says that no further business rights should be granted by any authority unless it could reasonably be assumed that the aim of the business concerned was to serve its immediate neighbourhood within South Africa

The introduction says the guidelines set out were formulated by the Cabinet in October 1980

and all future applications should be judged accordingly

In Cape Town, Mr Heinus Kriel, Cape MPC in charge of local government, said a similar circular was sent out in this province last March by way of a recommendation to local authorities bordering Transkei and Ciskei

'But the effect on the Cape is practically negligible,' Mr Kriel added 'It does not affect towns or cities and its only effect would be on small farm shops'

In the Cape 'border' areas are comparatively short, while in Natal the 'homelands' of Kwazulu is

spread over islands throughout the province

The Acting-provincial Secretary in Natal, Mr W R Bezuidenhout, said the Government's concern arose from the fact that trading undertakings within South African borders enjoyed considerable competitive advantages because of greater skill and better equipment

However, the reaction of the general managers of the chambers of commerce in Maritzburg and Durban was that the guidelines were virtually unenforceable

The first paragraph talks about it being existing policy to discourage trading within five kilometres of boundaries, but this circular goes on to be

far more specific, and this is a matter of concern,' said Durban's MP Ken Hobson

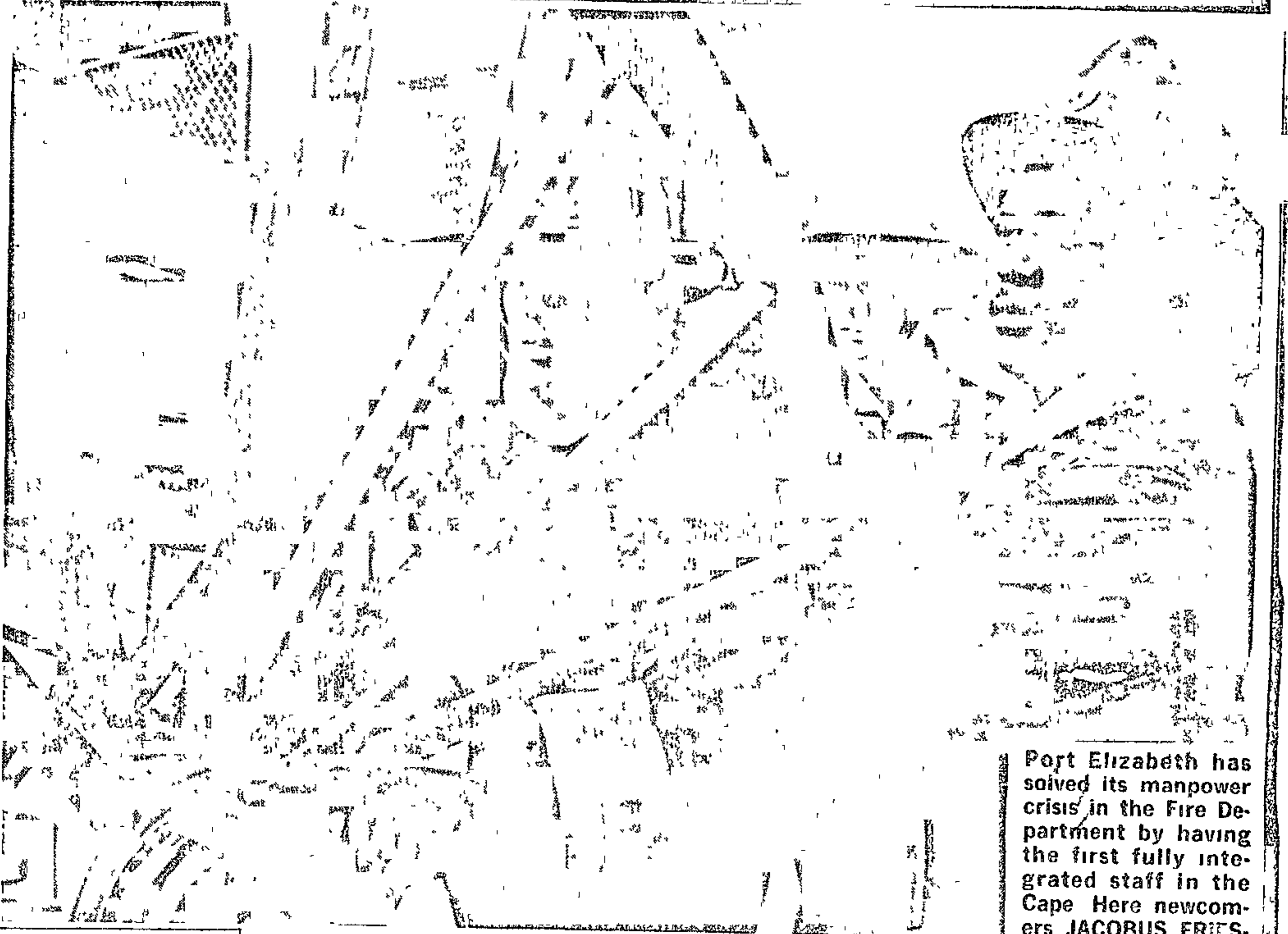
'Firstly it is not clear whether this refers only to the independent states such as the Transkei, or whether it applies to all national states including Kwazulu

'If it applies to Kwazulu, bearing in mind the fragmented nature of it, with bits very close to Durban, one would have to start drawing corridors around all those little fragments'

This could involve as much as 12 500 sq km of Natal, if the present boundaries of Kwazulu were affected

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Cape first for PE fire department



Coloured firemen 263 fill manpower gap ^{2/2/82} E. Post

By SHELAGH
BLACKMAN

PORT ELIZABETH has solved the acute manpower shortage in its fire department by employing coloured firemen

It is the first city in the Cape to have a fully integrated fire department

Coloured firemen, the first of whom were employed in December, have given an "excellent account" of themselves in fire fighting, the chief fire officer, Mr Brian Estment said in an interview today

The decision to recruit coloured firemen was taken by the City Council in July after repeated reports

by Mr Estment of acute staff shortages

Initially there was no response to advertisements but in December things looked up and two coloured applicants were taken on

In January the situation improved further and another six started work

Two more were due to start within the next few days and another six were awaiting the outcome of medical examinations before being appointed

No new applicants could be taken on until additional accommodation at the southern and northern fire stations was completed Mr Estment said

He said that the

recruitment of coloured firemen was the "only answer" to staff shortages

Whereas they had been short of 18 firemen at the headquarters in Albany Road in November in two weeks' time they would be short of one man only

The new firemen lived in the single quarters in Albany Road

"Their uniforms, accommodation and facilities are exactly the same as those for white firemen

"They are fitting in very well but then I never anticipated any problems," Mr Estment said

Eight men had just started the initial training course, he said

Port Elizabeth has solved its manpower crisis in the Fire Department by having the first fully integrated staff in the Cape Here newcomers JACOBUS FRIE-LAAR (left) and DAVID SLINGER (right) are helped by Leading Fireman TERENCE MEISSEN-HEIMER to adjust equipment on a fire engine.



Business meeting with Heunis 'fruitful'

Post Reporter

EAST LONDON — Border's civic and business leaders yesterday held "fruitful" discussions in East London with the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis.

The meeting, which was arranged by the Member of Parliament for East London Central, Mr Peet de Pontes, held discussions about the implementation of the Government's decentralisation concessions.

After the meeting Mr De Pontes said Mr Heunis had been urged to increase the Government's presence in the region by extending its activities and involving semi-State corporations.

He said the Border region could now look forward to its greatest development in history.

The advisory committee that would represent the region was also discussed and local delegates stressed that private enterprise and local organisations should have the majority say.

Mr De Pontes said recommendations for the decentralisation proposals had not been finalised, but it had been settled that East London be given the first priority.

The meeting was attended by representatives of local government, leaders of commerce and industry, and Members of Parliament and the Provincial Council.

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Parks hit by labour shortage

Municipal Reporter

A CRITICAL labour shortage in the City Council's parks and forest branch has resulted in a virtual halt to the annual works programme

The shortage is continuing, in spite of intensive recruiting campaigns in local housing schemes

Reporting to the Executive Committee yesterday, the Amenities and Health Committee said it was impossible to carry out work in the Table Mountain and Silvermine nature reserves because of the shortage at the Kloof Nek and Silvermine depots

Of an approved labour strength of 75 at Kloof Nek and 62 at Silvermine, vacancies over the past 16 months had fluctuated between 41 and 30, and 25 and 20 respectively

Labour source

An adequate source of labour existed at the Ocean View township near Kommetjie, but no direct or economical transport system operated between the housing scheme and the forest stations

The Executive Committee agreed to release R5 200 for transport for labourers to Silvermine this year. It was not economically feasible to do the same for Kloof Nek.

● The interim and final stages of the proposed transport interchange at Retreat station have been approved. The committee yesterday released R215 000 for the project.

● The committee also gave the green light to airborne traffic control in Cape Town. Traffic congestion reports will be radioed from a light aircraft for a trial period of six months.

Abolition of city's municipal job reservation hailed

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THE announcement that job reservation in the Cape Town municipal service is to be abolished was welcomed today by members of the City Council's Executive Committee.

The Town Clerk, Mr H G Heath said the council had to make a presentation of the withdrawal of job reservation since it was introduced.

It was felt that the council had a chance of succeeding. Mr John Krutten, secretary of the Municipal Workers' Association, which represents coloured and black employees, said he hoped this would not result merely in more people who were not white being recruited to build up the traffic and ambulance departments which top jobs continued to be filled by white.

POLICE
A member of the Executive Committee, Mr Eddie Stoff said it had always been the council's policy to make appointments and give promotion on merit, regardless of race.

She said the lack of educational and training facilities for black and coloured people meant that there were not yet enough of them who were qualified to fill the top jobs.

She was sure this situation would change in the next decade.

Mrs Stoff said the council already had a large number of coloured employees including shorthand typists.

The council and the mine were the last employers in the country still to have job reservation.

COMMISSION

The council told the Wehahn Commission that job reservation should be abolished but the commission recommended that it

be retained at the request of the white South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAMF).

Mr A Fuchs who was then president of the Cape Town branch of SAAMF, told the rebus he thought his was the only way to retain a reasonable number of jobs in the council's service for white people.

The present branch president, Mr Peter, said SAAMF was worried that a number of jobs would be lost if the council decided to abolish reservation.

PROTEST

He told the rebus, 'We are pleased that negotiations between the council and SAAMF have finally led to a fair agreement which will allow us to continue to employ our own people. It is a fair agreement which will ensure that we can continue to employ our own people in the future.'

The lifting of a restrictive determination must not result in lower salaries and wages for those employed in the council's services. These should rather be competitive.

A former Mayor, Mr Dick Friedlander, a member of the Executive Committee, said the lifting of its reservation was tremendous news.

'This was something the council had been trying to achieve for many years. He had never understood the logic behind job reservation, particularly in the traffic and ambulance services. He hoped the council would now be able to fill the many vacancies in the services and also recruit coloured traffic policemen.'

Job reservation has been blamed for a serious shortage of ambulance cover, traffic police and firemen.

TRAFFIC

The council has been able to recruit a limited number of ambulance traffic policemen but special requirements had to be observed. Coloured ambulance drivers have been allowed to attend patients only in coloured areas.

Coloured traffic policemen operate only in their own group areas except when attending to accidents in Green Point.

There was no fire station in a coloured area. The traffic manager Mr H Attwood was cautious in his reaction.

SPRINGS

He said he would like to see the Government Gazette to state when they were still no stones attached before welcoming the abolition of job reservation.

Mr Attwood said it would be a great step forward if there were no restrictions.

The council's force of traffic policemen should be 110 but there were 11 vacancies. At present 18 coloured people and seven whites were being trained.

AMBULANCE

Mr Basil Warner, director of the ambulance services, was away today. His deputy said he would not comment until he had seen the announcement in the Government Gazette.

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City welcomes scrapping of job reservation

Municipal Reporter

THE lifting of job reservation in Cape Town's municipal emergency services was the culmination of more than 20 years of city council representations to the government, the hon. Clerk, Mr. Cranmer said yesterday.

The move was prompted in yesterday's Government Gazette.

Both Mr. Heugh and the beleaguered ambulance, fire and traffic departments welcomed the scrapping of one of the last remnants of job reservation.

This practice was officially abolished in 1969 but was still the official

job reservation determination remained in Cape Town's emergency services and some positions on buses.

Mr. Heugh and the council had previously opposed job reservation in the public sector.

The government had refused the petition to allow the council to employ local members of coloured people on condition that they continue to train coloured people.

When the three departments moved, short of Mr. Heugh's and the announcement that could open up the whole field of municipal

However, he warned that the council would continue its policy of appointment on merit.

The Traffic Manager Mr. Harry Attwood, said: "It is a great thing for the city and the public to avoid this. The ten or eleven have, the by our surveillance drops."

"We will now be able to fill our vacancies. Put this would happen overnight if the council had to be trained."

The proposal of the easing of job reservation in the fire department was also welcomed by the fire chief, Mr. J. J. de Vries, and by the fire board.

The chief of the ambulance service, Mr. Basil Warner, said: "I am glad to see that it is today."

'Council must think of future'

Municipal Reporter

FUTURE generations would hold the City Council responsible for its 'saw-our' decision to let well on the townhouse scheme at Knutsbosch, the Society for the Protection of the Environment said yesterday.

In a 14-minute appeal to the council to prevent the development, the chairman of the society, Professor Jan Galbraith, said a high-density housing scheme was incompatible with the surrounding landscape.

It would not only create a social disturbance in the area, but would also add to the primary school already determined the scope of the Moanah addition.

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Dec 31: Income Statement 300

Insurance Expense 300

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The same in other countries where the residents of the county are given first preference,' he said

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Jan 31: Bank 24 000

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Jan 31: Bank 24 000

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Income Statement 300

Life Policy 300

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AFRICANS will continue to be banned from jobs in Western Cape municipal services if suitably qualified coloured people are available to fill vacancies

This is in spite of the decision by the Government last week to abolish job reservation in the Cape Town municipal service

A spokesman for the Department of Manpower said today that before the City Council or divisional councils could employ Africans they had to ensure that no suitably qualified coloured people were available

If there were no suitable coloured people on the department's unemployment register then and only then, could the councils employ African applicants

The spokesman said that even if a coloured applicant was less qualified than an African he would still get the job

The same in other countries where the residents of the county are given first preference,' he said

The Cape Town labour office of the department said today that at the end of January 2 300 white and coloured people were unemployed in the Western Cape

The Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, said today the council would continue its policy of employing the best person for the job irrespective of race

'Urgent need' for development

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Municipal Reporter
THERE was an urgent need for dynamic action to attract development to the Western Cape and promote economic expansion, the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr MJ van Zyl, said yesterday

Addressing the first 1982 function of the Institute of Personnel Management, Mr Van Zyl drew attention to the realities facing the area

"The country has passed through a buoyant period in its economy and we here in the Cape have been partakers to some measure of this buoyancy. In the circumstances there has been a tendency for us to revert to our complacent ways, but the time is opportune to review our situation in the light of current events

Labour

"During the next decade we will have to accommodate an annual increase of 2,7 percent (27 000 new workers) in our labour force

"If one thinks in terms of all the requirements necessary for the provision of employment for 27 000 people each year, one realizes that this increase is very meaningful to us here in the Western Cape"

The Bureau for Economic Research at Stellenbosch had said decisive steps would be advisable to ensure that unemployment, especially in the coloured area, did not revert to the serious proportions of a few years ago

"We were once the second-largest industrial area in the Republic but we have fallen back into third place, while holding a relatively low level of achievement in having 13 percent of the country's total domestic product"

About 45 percent of the total labour force here was, however, employed in the food and clothing industry and it was abundantly clear that more diversification was needed, "lest in times of difficulty in those two areas our labour force suffers"

our labour force suffers"

"At present, the association for the promotion of the Western Cape's economic growth - Wesgro - is in the process of registration and all participating bodies, both in the local area and in the business sector, are eagerly looking forward to this body initiating great things"

"With forecasts of our population doubling itself by the year 2 000, we must realize here today that unless we are able to achieve expansion and achieve it rapidly, we are going to face problems in 18 years time"

Criticism of housing study tour

Municipal Reporter

THE proposed study tour of low-cost housing projects in South Africa by a "happy gang" of councillors was a waste of money, Mr Tom Walters told the City Council at its monthly meeting yesterday

Mr Walters said the group (members of the Housing Committee) should rather spend the week in the coloured township of Manenberg, where they could reflect on the council's mistakes there

Supported by Mr William Sceales, he said there was ample literature available on the schemes proposed for inspection. However, the chairman of the Housing Committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott, said that as the council had always advocated the implementation of site-and-service schemes when funds were unavailable for more ambitious housing, it was the council's duty to be aware of the realities of such projects

The tour was approved by 15 votes to six

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Municipal Reporter
A COMBINED selective enforcement programme by Western Cape traffic departments and the South African Police ensnared 11 846 offenders in December, dropping to 6 613 offenders in January

According to figures released by the Cape Town

Traffic Manager, Mr Harry Attwood, yesterday, the most common offence committed in both months was exceeding the speed limit

In December, officials caught 277 motorists for reckless or negligent driving, while in January, this figure rose to 313

Plea for Province branch in PE

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By **SHELAGH BLACKMAN**
Municipal Reporter

MUNICIPALITIES had reached the "absurd situation" where nearly all their decisions had first to be approved by the Provincial Administration, the deputy Mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr Ivan Krige, said last night

Mr Krige, who was addressing the Central Executive of the Port Elizabeth Ratepayers' and Electors' Association, said: "Port Elizabeth is a big city yet it is treated no differently from Pofadder"

He would therefore like to see a strong branch of the Provincial Administration with delegated powers based in Port Elizabeth

Economic development was one of the greatest challenges facing the city

"A much more effective effort is needed to put this city on the map," he said, adding that citizens should aim at "pulling themselves up by their bootstraps" rather than running to the Government for aid

The city needed to attract other industries as it was dependent on the motor industry, which was sensitive to economic trends to an "unhealthy extent"

There was also a vital need to create new job opportunities as unemployment among blacks was not only morally and economically indefensible but downright dangerous.

The problem of beach apartheid should be settled as soon as possible so that more important issues, like the provision of housing, could be solved.

In his report, the chairman of the Central Executive of the Port Elizabeth Ratepayers' and Electors' Association, Dr H van der Merwe, criticised ratepayers' apathy, reflected by poor attendance at ratepayers' meetings.

"On two occasions we lacked a quorum. If we consider there are 14 member associations, providing three delegates each to the central executive, attendance is indeed disappointing. It is unfortunate that an obvious lack of commitment prevails," he said

Dr Van der Merwe and Mr L Meiring were re-elected chairman and vice-chairman respectively

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New local Govt deal sought

Provincial Staff

Mr Frank van der agement committees, call
Velde (PFB, Wynberg) upon the Administrator
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NOTICE of a motion pro-
posing the introduction of
equal franchise rights for
all races in local govern-
ment in the Cape was
given in the Provincial
Council yesterday by the
official Opposition

Call not to pass the little budget

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Provincial Staff

THE official opposition in the Cape Provincial Council has asked the council not to approve the 1982-83 little budget as long as some South Africans are denied the right to participate in decision-making.

The debate is on the part appropriation of R410-million for 1982-83, to run the province from April 1 until the 1982-83 budget is approved at the May-June sitting of the council.

The amendment by Mr. Geoff Everingham (PFP, Pinelands), chief opposition spokesman on finance, reads that the council declines to approve the measure for as long as fellow South Africans are denied the right to participate together and on an equal footing in the processes of government and are precluded from enjoying normal lives in the land and province in which we live.



E Cape plea for autonomy

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NRP sides with PM

Staff Reporter

THE New Republic Party's sole member of the Provincial Council said yesterday that his party welcomed the stand the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, had taken on power-sharing.

Mr R W Radue, MPC for King William's Town, said the NRP believed there was now "new hope for South Africa" Mr Botha had put the interests of South Africa first.

Mr Radue attacked Progressive Federal Party members who belittled the onslaught against South Africa. Although onslaught was an over-used word, a very real threat by the Soviets existed.

He said there would be more defectors from the NP when the recommendations of the President's Council were released.

The PFP would find that it was no longer the official Opposition and, like the HNP, would become "totally irrelevant".

When this happened the English press would have to find another horse to back.

Staff Reporter

AN APPEAL was made to the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, at the Provincial Council meeting yesterday for a decentralized provincial administration in the Eastern Cape.

Mr E W Trent, PFP MPC for Port Elizabeth Central, told the council "The Eastern Cape is a developing region which is going through a period beset with problems — problems vastly different to those encountered in the Western Cape — problems that require an understanding and intimate knowledge from those who make the administrative decisions".

Squatters

"Black people make up 73,13 percent of the total population of the Eastern Cape whereas this percentage for the Western Cape is only 16,16 percent."

"This government dare not attempt to solve the black squatter problem in the Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage complex with a few buses and complimentary train tickets."

"If they even attempt to move these people, this government will have to take full responsibility for the consequences, and in the words of a former Nationalist prime minister — consequences too terrible to contemplate."

In addition, Mr Trent said, the Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage area was highly industrialized, having the motor industry as its basis.

"History has shown that labour unrest usually begins in the areas where people are involved in the assembly line type of employment," he said.

Handed over

● About 1700 sq km of the Cape Province were handed over to Bophuthatswana at the beginning of 1982.

This was stated in the Provincial Council yesterday when Mr R F Hurly, PFP MPC for Claremont, asked council members if they were aware of most recent handing over of land.

He asked the Administrator, Mr Louw, to table all such proclamations in the future and to inform the council.

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Lean times for local govt likely

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By JANE ARBOUS
Municipal Reporter

THE announcement by the Minister of Finance, Mr Owen Horwood, that local government spending would be more closely monitored by the state is likely to result in a further tightening of belts all round.

Mr Horwood described present controls as inadequate but did not give details on what the additional checks would entail.

Yesterday local authorities saw the move as a crack-down on wastage and a further tightening of limits to expenditure.

All local authorities have to submit their capital allocations for approval. One possibility is that they would have to submit their revenue budgets as well, suggested the treasurer of the Divisional Council of the Cape, Mr D Moore.

The Town Clerk of Cape Town, Mr Granger Heugh, said the council had always accepted that the central government had to have control of overall national expenditure.

When the council submitted its next capital programme to the State Treasury for approval (as it does every year), "presumably they will tighten up the limits".

"Then we will have to adjust our capital estimates and re-examine our priorities."

In the present economic climate, people had to realize they would have to wait longer for not only the frills, but also many of the necessities. Mr Heugh said essential services would always come first in such a situation.

'Tighten belts'

"People will just have to tighten their belts," he said.

Mr Horwood's announcement does not bode well for the council. When it submitted its capital expenditure for 1982, it represented a modest increase over the previous year's (10,6 percent). And although it was approved by the government, the council was still asked to make reductions where possible.

The council has been

unable to do this. The 1982 budget of R69,8 million excluded expenditure financed from the three housing funds which amounted to R49 million, as well as the R3,4 million expenditure on the Riviersterend Water Augmentation Scheme.

Erratic policy

A City and Provincial Councillor, Mr Herbert Hirsch, said the economic problems in the provinces were the result of erratic policy by the central government. When South Africa was doing well, the government spent money as if it was going out of fashion, encouraging local authorities to do likewise.

When conditions became less buoyant, the belt had to be pulled in more tightly than would have been necessary had reasonable foresight and caution been exercised in the first place, he said.

The MEC in charge of local government, Mr Hernus Kriel, said the measures to be taken by Mr Horwood were "fair" as the state could not formulate policy unless they knew the exact "substantial" expenditure of local authorities.

The state had to be in a position to either increase or decrease the budget limits, he said. Maintaining that this would not mean that the Provincial Administration "would lose control over spending by local authorities, Mr Kriel mentioned the difficulties being experienced — particularly in rural communities — because of the manpower shortage.

Expanding on this aspect, the chief provincial spokesman on finance for the Progressive Federal Party, Mr Geoff Everingham, said the smaller local authorities suffered from not having sufficient qualified staff. This reduced the quality of information for decision-making. Investment in training and recruiting of staff of all races was surely the best means of eliminating wastage.

Staff shortage in City Council

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Chief Reporter

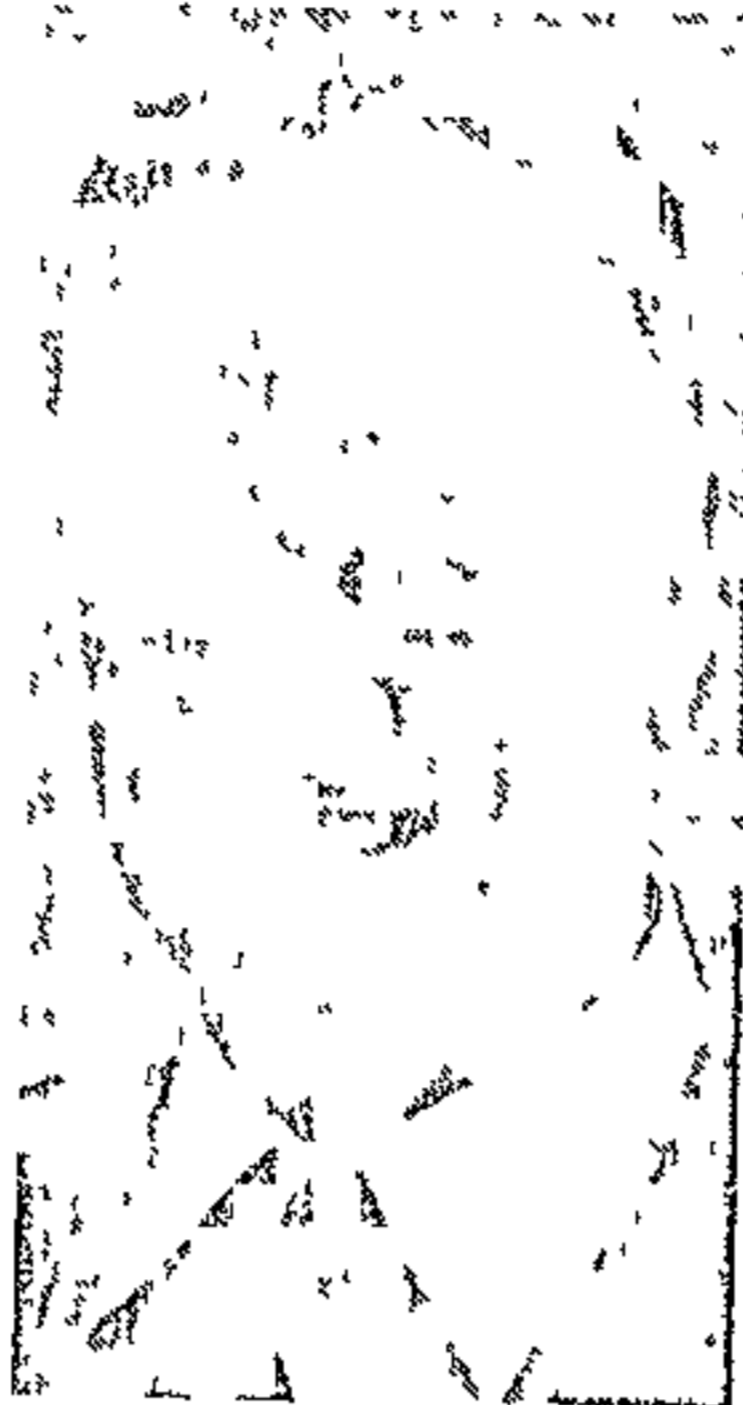
THE retiring Town Clerk, Mr Granger Heugh, warned yesterday that standards in Cape Town's municipal services would deteriorate if the City Council's acute staff shortage — particularly in specialist fields — was not overcome.

Of 18 000 posts in the municipal service, he said in a pre-retirement interview, fewer than 16 000 were filled.

"We are very short of top technical and administrative personnel particularly, and we are having to resort to all sorts of stratagems and schemes to get the work done.

"For instance we have had to bring a team of specialists from overseas to do essential maintenance on electrical generating plant, at tremendous additional cost, because we do not have the staff to do the work.

"Last year we sent a recruiting team overseas and as a result we have been able to make more than 70 appointments to engineering and other technical posts — posts to which we had failed to attract the right people in this country through unceasing advertisement over a number of years.



Mr Granger Heugh

Mr Heugh, who is 65 and has been Town Clerk for 12 years, retires at the end of this month and will be succeeded from April 1 by the present Deputy Town Clerk, Dr Stanley Evans.

Mr Heugh said the municipality's salary structure unfortunately lagged behind the other two tiers of government — central and provincial — and its pension and fringe benefits did not compare.

"We have one trump card — and that is that people want to live in Cape Town and in many cases are prepared to forego more attractive

prospects elsewhere."

Mr Heugh also called for greater autonomy and more freedom of action for the larger municipal councils in South Africa and said "unwarranted and unjustified government and provincial interference in civic affairs had a stultifying effect on local government."

He cited the central-city Golden Acre project in the 1970s as an example.

Delays

"That whole scheme nearly floundered through delays of our own making and because one government official thought he knew better as to how this valuable site should be used than all the experts and planners who had examined the project from all sides and in the minutest detail.

"By and large our relationships with provincial and government departments are pretty good — but there is always this danger of a very worthwhile project being stymied by unwarranted interference and for reasons not based on scientific fact and study."

Mr Heugh said the post of Town Clerk, with all the responsibilities it carried, had become a progressively demanding and onerous one and he felt there should be more protection and "insulation" of the City's chief executive and administrative officer.

Daily burdens

The Town Clerk was in an extremely vulnerable and "flak-catching" position and should be freed from the burdens of day-to-day minutiae to enable him to devote more time to forward planning and to co-ordinating municipal endeavour.

Although the term 'town clerk' had a long tradition going back to biblical times, the trend in Britain and elsewhere was to move away from it because of the incorrect connotations it could be given in modern times and to refer to holders of this post more precisely as "chief executive".

"For practical reasons I would be fully in favour of Cape Town's following this trend," Mr Heugh added.

He said he had avoided committing himself to any post-retirement activity. "I want to find my balance first and adjust myself to life in retirement before deciding how best to occupy myself usefully."

Mr Heugh and his wife intend to continue living at their home in Newlands.

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race bar

EAST LONDON — Race and sex discrimination in the city's workforce will be abolished the city council's action committee decided last night

In future, all advertisements for jobs in the municipality would stress equal opportunities for all applicants, the chairman of the committee, Mr Joe Yazbek, said after the meeting

"The chairman of the staff portfolio, Mr Neville Randall, and I feel that our adverts for staff should make it abundantly clear that there is no discrimination," he said

"We would welcome applications from any suitable applicants," Mr Yazbek said — DDR

Dias health work hit by lack of staff

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Post Reporter

MORE money was essential to ensure community health, Dr J H Meyer, Medical Officer of Health for the Dias Divisional Council, said in his annual report

The council's health service, which covers the area where bubonic plague has broken out, had been crippled by a lack of health inspectors, he said

At present, only two were employed for an area of 9 000 square kilometres where 167 000 people lived, mostly blacks

Regional health personnel prevented more disease than the number of cases treated by doctors and nurses, said Dr Meyer in pleading for the urgent review of the position of health inspectors on a nationwide basis

He hoped that the "chronic shortage of funds" as well as the freezing of posts experienced to the end of last year, would not lead to a lowering of standards in certain fields

"If we take another look at our priorities, I believe that almost none can be placed above that of health services

"Only a nation which enjoys good health can generate optimal ways of thinking and top productivity," he said

It was easier to establish and maintain sound personal relationships where individuals from all races enjoyed good health. While much had been done by the authorities to promote this end, it was "imperative that much more should be done"

When it became necessary to economise, health services should not be the first to come under scrutiny

"We should rather economise on luxury items and unnecessary spending. The promotion of good health can neither be regarded as being unnecessary or a luxury item," he said

On the subject of tuberculosis, he said fighting the disease remained one of his department's greatest problems

"It must again be emphasised that noteworthy progress can only be made in this field if the socio-economic conditions of these population groups are drastically improved"

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Municipal Reporter

ALTHOUGH local authorities recognized the need for stringent financial control, the squeeze by central government would mean continuous readjustment of priorities at the cost of the ratepayer, Cape Town's Town Clerk-elect, Dr Stan Evans, said last night

This, with the latest price increases, will make the City Council's task of containing expenditure so much harder when it starts its sums in August for 1983's budget.

The increased general sales tax alone is expected to add about R1 million to expenses, and then there are the petrol and postal price rises.

Commenting on the Budget announcement that local authorities would have to limit increases in overall expenditure to below the inflation rate, Dr Evans, who takes over from Mr H G Heugh on April 1, said the City Council had done this for 1982

Because the Cape, unlike the Transvaal, set its budget from January to December and not July to June, it had already fixed its budget and was forced to review it

By readjusting certain priorities and shelving certain schemes, the council had contained this year's increase to the inflation level of 13,5 per cent. This would have to continue, he said

Salt River meeting called

24/3/82
263 Staff Reporter *Cape Times*

RESIDENTS of Walmer Estate, Woodstock and Salt River have been invited to attend a mass meeting tomorrow to launch a residents' association for the three areas

The meeting, organized by the interim committee of the Woodstock-Salt River Residents' Association, will start at 3pm in the Palace Cinema in Salt River

The interim committee said in a statement that the new association would fight high rents, rates and bus-fares, as well as other problems fac-

ing residents. These included the lack of civic amenities and recreation facilities, blocked drains, dirty lanes, poor roads and inadequate refuse removals

Residents have also expressed concern that the Department of Community Development and the City Council were continuously buying up properties in the area

"We need a local organization as part of a broader national need for united action to reject the social injustices that face us and our children," the committee said

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**Residents
form new
committee**

Staff Reporter

A NEW multi-racial residents' association for people living and working in Salt River, Walmer Estate, and Woodstock was launched yesterday afternoon by about 200 people who attended a meeting at the Palace Cinema in Salt River.

Mr. S. Desai, a Cape Town advocate, was unanimously elected chairman of the Salt River, Walmer Estate, Woodstock Residents' Association after a three-hour meeting.

According to the constitution, one of the association's aims is to achieve full and equal citizenship for all people in one South Africa. Another is to unify and strengthen the struggle to achieve effective municipal representation on a democratic basis.

Education

Others are to work for the attainment of the best municipal facilities in the three areas, and to enhance the struggle for a full, free and uniform educational system in South Africa.

It will also further the struggle for a non-racial and democratic South Africa by organizing discussions and lectures on current social, political and cultural issues.

In a short speech after his election, Mr. Desai said he knew nearly all the members of the newly-elected executive committee and they placed themselves firmly in the camp of the "oppressed people".

The new association was launched after residents had set up an interim committee to organize door-to-door visits in the three areas over the past month and discuss the idea with residents.

Details of court inquiry

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Crime Reporter

30/3/82 E. Post
A TRANSCRIPT of the proceedings of last week's inquiry conducted by a magistrate and at which Port Elizabeth city councillor Mr Danie Dorfling testified, has been sent to the Attorney-General.

This was confirmed today by Senior Public Prosecutor Mr John Scott, who said a transcript of the proceedings, held in terms of Section 205 of the Criminal Procedures Act, had been sent to Mr E C Heller, who would make a decision.

The inquiry was held "in private" in the office of the acting Chief Magistrate, Mr P W de Wet, who presided.

It is believed that the inquiry is linked to a smear campaign against a city councillor, Mr Terry Herbst, while he was running for the Provincial Council as a PFP candidate in last year's April general election.

The inquiry is believed to have been sparked off by a statement made to police by a leading Port Elizabeth resident.

Council divided over Duncan Village

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EAST LONDON — A move to rescind the city council's support for the Duncan Village Community Council in opposing the removal of residents from the village failed at last night's city council meeting

The motion of rescission by Mr Robbie de Lange (Snr) failed by two votes to get the necessary nine votes that would have annulled the council's decision on February 22 to support the retention of Duncan Village

The council was equally divided with seven votes in favour of Mr De Lange's motion and seven votes against

However, if a motion of rescission is moved within six months of an original council resolution it requires a majority of the full council

As the fully constituted council has 16 councillors, at least nine votes were needed last night by Mr De Lange

After six months, a motion of rescission can be passed with a simple majority of councillors present at a council meeting

The outcome of the sometimes emotional two hour debate was immediately welcomed by members of the Duncan Village council who attended the meeting as observers

In moving the motion, Mr De Lange said the crux of his argument was that more could be achieved by discussing the matter with the government than by going into confrontation

"Unfortunately, this has developed into a confrontation," he said

Mr De Lange quoted the Ciskei Foreign Affairs Minister, Mr Ray Mali, who accused the city council of "stirring" up Duncan Village

Mr De Lange also said the "hovels" in which a number of Duncan Village residents lived were totally "intolerable"

He strongly criticised a statement by the mayor, Mr Errol Spring, calling on the Minister of Co-operation, Dr George Morrison, to be removed

In reply, Mr Donald Card accused Mr De Lange of causing friction and called on him to resign from the East Cape Administration Board, which administers Duncan Village

"What was done before caused no friction, but what is happening tonight is causing friction," he said

"Our decision was a mere decision to support the community council and allow Duncan Village to remain

"I really can't see why Councillor De Lange touched on the squatter problem because our decision is in fact that all those squatters must disappear and that those decent houses in Duncan Village must be upgraded

"Those people who are Transkeians living in Duncan Village and those who are there in terms of section 10 (of the Urban Areas Act) number between 40 and 50 per cent"

Mr Card said that more than a year after Dr Morrison had pledged to disestablish Duncan Village in two years, there were even more people living there

The deputy mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, said that all the council was doing was helping people whose birthright was being threatened in South Africa

Mr Yazbek said Dr Morrison had talked of a shortfall of 160 000

houses for blacks in the East Cape area alone. He also quoted the Ecab's director of technical services, Mr R L Matlock, who said that R740 million needed to be spent mostly to upgrade existing houses with only R200 million of that to be spent on new houses

"We don't even consider that it is humanly possible that Duncan Village can be moved in two years," Mr Yazbek said

"We need these people, they belong to us and it is our duty to support them"

Mr Yazbek said the people would be moved to Mdantsane zone NU14, which was more than 40 km away, and that the cost of transport to them was a vital issue

He said that in terms of the industrial development of East London it was accepted that the people whose skills and labour were needed had to have security of tenure

Mr Tony Recsei said he supported the rescission because he felt the original resolution was not diplomatic enough, and proposed an alternative motion that called for the retention of a black residential area in East London, call an investigation into whether Duncan Village should remain or another area be developed and further discussion with the government on the matter

Mrs Elsabe Kemp said that the council resolution had caused "irreparable confusion" among the Indian and coloured communities around Duncan Village

Mrs Kemp described the decision as irresponsible and said that the council had no jurisdiction over Duncan Vil-

lage
"Why are we taking this decision — it is just stirring up trouble"

She said there had been an agreement between the Ciskei and South African Governments at Ciskei independence that every person living in Duncan Village would be rehoused in Ciskei

Mr Fred Stakemire said the debate was "very high on emotion but very low on intellectual matter" and described those supporting the rescission as "arrogant"

The mayor, Mr Spring, also described the debate as "emotional" and "politically motivated"

He said the reason for the original council resolution was that government plans to remove Duncan Village were physically impossible and it was in the interests of East London to have a stable and content black community

"I cannot accept that that is irresponsible. We want to talk responsibly, objectively and calmly about the merits of retaining a black residential area in East London

"We are dealing with human beings, people who have long played a role in the development of East London"

After the debate, a division was called

Those who voted in favour of Mr De Lange's rescission were Councillors Vossie Bezuidenhout, Robbie de Lange (Snr), Robbie de Lange (Jnr), Elsabe Kemp, Willem Morris, Neville Randall and Tony Recsei

Those against were Councillors Errol Spring, Joe Yazbek, Donald Card, Brian Snell, Rob Snodgrass, Fred Stakemire and Glen Warner

Councillor Ivan Zulman was not present at the meeting — DDR

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PE's traffic courses recruitment foiled

By SHELAGH BLACKMAN
Municipal Reporter

THE Port Elizabeth Traffic Department has vacancies for 15 traffic officers, but cannot recruit coloureds to fill them as the training centre in Cape Town has been booked by Transkei until September.

In an interview today, Port Elizabeth's Chief Traffic Officer, Mr Andy Augustyn, said that he had been notified by the Provincial Administration that the training centre in Otey was booked until then.

Port Elizabeth's Traffic Department does not recruit on a racial basis — but the training of officers in Cape Town is conducted on strict apartheid lines.

A spokesman for the Cape Town Traffic Department explained that there were only two schools for the specialised training of traffic officers for the whole of the Cape Province.

One was for whites in Green Point and was run by the Cape Town Municipality. The other, in Otey, was for blacks and was run by the Divisional Council.

An official at Otey said that the centre offered three courses each lasting 3½ months.

the third for coloureds

It was necessary to limit intakes of trainee traffic officers as the maximum number that could be accommodated for each course was 25.

The chairman of Port Elizabeth's Works and Traffic Committee, Mr Bill Hayward, said that the training had not kept pace with the increased need for traffic officers.

He appreciated the co-operation between the Transkei traffic officials and the provincial authorities and the need for uniformity in traffic regulations, but something should have been done to prevent the present situation.

Even before Transkei's independence, their traffic officers had been trained in Cape Town.

"Transkei having booked out the centre is a puerile excuse. There has been an increase in vehicles and towns have grown necessitating an increase in traffic officers," he said.

"The centre in Cape Town has just not kept pace with the development."

Another training centre should be established in Port Elizabeth to serve the Eastern Cape.

One possibility in this regard was Emthonjeni, a multi-racial training centre for drivers in industry and commerce. He saw no reason why traffic officers could not also be trained there.

Mr Hayward, who is a member of the centre's board of governors, said it was being enlarged at a cost of R1,7 million and should be complete by the end of the year.

"There are lecture rooms and other facilities available and there is no reason why the centre cannot be used for training traffic officers," he said.

He said the Works and Traffic Committee had requested that municipal officials should take up this matter with the provincial authorities.

Councils on problem of staff drain in call-up

By SHELAGH
BLACKMAN
Municipal Reporter

THE pressure likely to be felt by municipalities as a result of the extended military call-up will be thoroughly debated at the 75th congress of the Cape Province Municipal Association in East London

Three motions involving military service are on the agenda of the congress, which will be held from April 19 to 22.

Beaufort West has proposed that people occupying "key posts" in local government should be exempted from military service

A motion submitted by Carnarvon points out that smaller local authorities experience difficulties when annual budget and financial statements are compiled, and suggests that the authorities should be "more lenient" when application is made for a postponement or alteration to the period of military training of those in key positions

Grahamstown has asked that the Government be approached to grant temporary exemption to registered apprentices in the employment of municipalities on the same basis as it is granted to full-time

university students

Grahamstown has also proposed that councils should be given greater freedom to develop housing schemes at reduced standards with funds made available from the Department of Community Development.

Stressing the critical shortage of housing, the statement says "The recent reduction in housing funds from the Department of Community Development is stifling essential development in the non-European areas"

The Grahamstown Town Council says that it seems clear that a large percentage of the population will never be able to afford housing of the standard laid down by the Department of Community Development

Motions submitted by Port Elizabeth include

- That the Administrator be requested to endeavour to obtain a 87½% subsidy from the Central Government for municipal fire brigade services in the Cape Province

- That regional committees be established for the co-ordination and standardisation of various aspects of traffic control in cities and towns in close proximity

'Amazing' no to PE site for light industry

Weekend Post Reporters

A PIECE of land between the railway line and the power station at Swartkops, serviced for industry with the approval of the Port Elizabeth City Council in 1974, has now been turned down as a site for light industry by the council's Administration and General Purposes Committee

The land would be a poor site for housing. The proposed Trunk Road 63 will run right past it And the city's town planners have

no objection to it being used for industry

A subsidiary of a national combine wants to use it to erect premises for the assembly of motor components and for warehousing, giving employment to 450 people.

An estate agent, Mr Dan Meyer, who was negotiating the sale of the land to these developers, told Weekend Post he was "amazed and dumbfounded" by the decision He had in his possession a letter in which the City En-

gineers' Department stated there would be no objection to this property being used for warehousing and industrial purposes, and it was on the strength of this letter, and additional information from the Town Planning and City Engineers' departments, that the sale had been arranged

The only stipulation was that no effluent be allowed into the sewage system other than the normal domestic effluent "We are crying out for industry," said Mr Meyer

"If the developers can't use the land for the purposes they have in mind, they will probably go elsewhere

"It's disgraceful that when we get a proposition like this, we have this sort of situation confronting us," he said.

The services already installed include a tarred road, sewerage, electricity and a pump station.

The present owner, Mr Johan Stander, said he had been told by the Town Planning Department that the

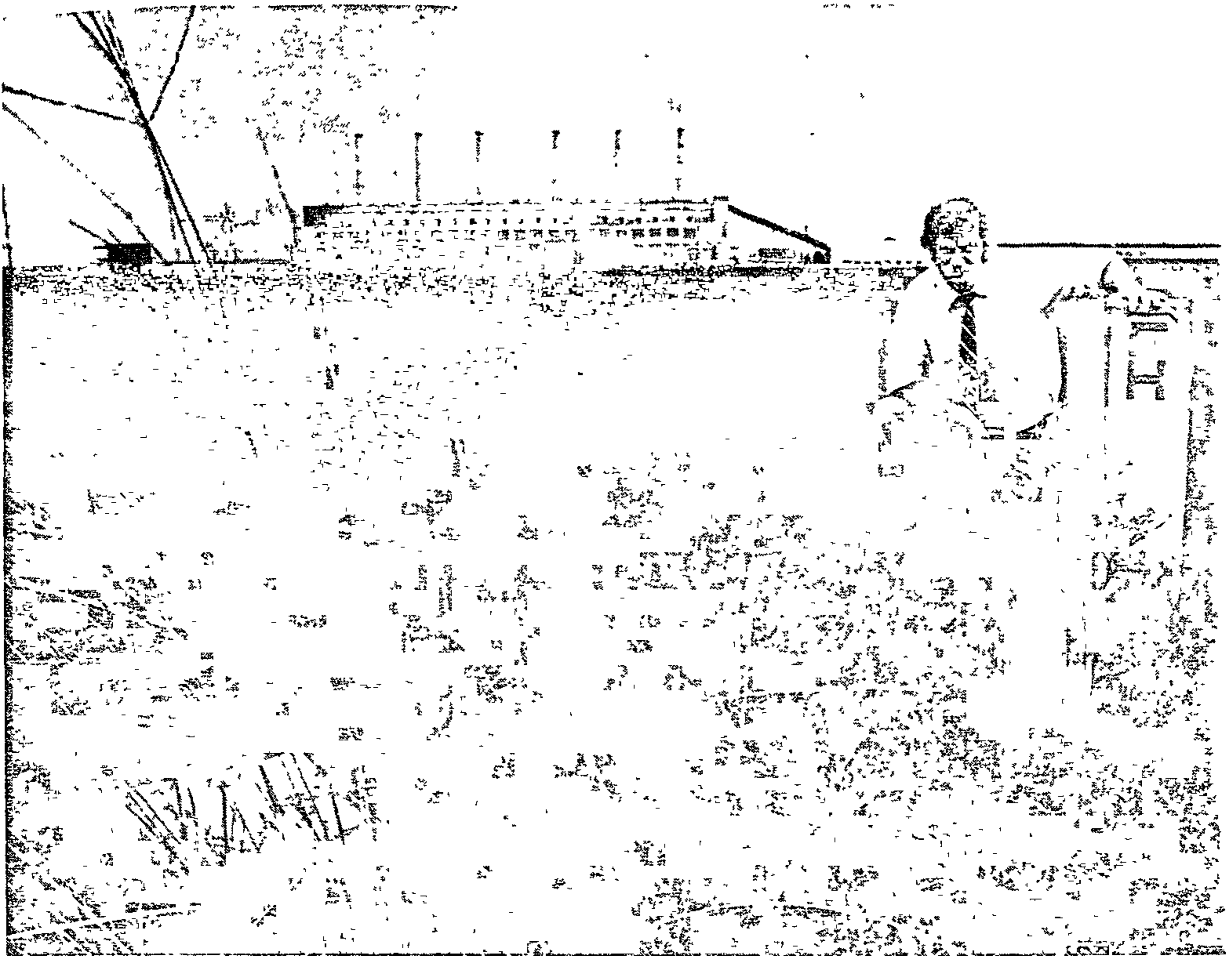
zoning of the 30 000 square metre piece of land for use by light industry could be regarded "as just a formality".

He said, "It's the only piece of land like this available in Port Elizabeth with services already installed

"To service land of this size would cost about R10 a square metre

"What is the point of getting industrial concessions from the Government if we don't want industry here?" he asked

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MR JOHAN STANDER on his land, serviced for industry, which a Port Elizabeth City Council committee has refused to zone for industrial use. A motor component factory was to be built there, providing assembly jobs for 450 people.

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Weekend Post had difficulty establishing the committee's reasons for the rejection of the Town Planning application to rezone the land, but it is understood the chairman of the committee, Mr Aubrey Braude, was in favour of the application. He was in Cape Town this week and could not be contacted.

The vice-chairman, Mr Terry Herbst, was also on holiday and could not be reached.

The Town Planner, Mr John Mercer, did not wish to comment, and the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, said only committee members could comment. Of these, only Mr Alec Ward Able could be reached, and he said: "The committee turned down the recommendation because it felt it would be a serious draw-

Committee's no to site for industrial use

back to the village of Swartkops which had the potential to become a holiday village.

"The village has also suffered recently with all sorts of blows and disasters — such as the railways in the area and heavy traffic through the village itself.

"To allow this industry would be another nail in the coffin of the village.

"The piece of land is an isolated island and it was felt it would tend to attract other industry which would further encroach on the village.

"I don't know if the ratepayers' association was consulted but reports from residents which emanated to the committee showed that the residents viewed the proposal with disquiet."

When asked what could be done with the land, he said "We shall find another appropriate use for it."

Mr Rocky Ridgway, chairman of the Greater Algoa Bay Development Committee (GABDEC), said he thought Port Elizabeth had been handed a "tremendous opportunity" by the recent Government

concessions.

"We should be doing everything possible to attract industry," he said.

"I don't know the reasons for the committee turning aside this proposal, but I certainly hope they will make every effort to find an alternative for the developer."

Mr Philip Bowman, chairman of the Midlands branch of the Institute of Estate Agents, said he knew the land in question. It was in close proximity to the power station.

"In the light of the fact that Port Elizabeth is so short of light industrial land, the City Council should take a long hard look at rezoning or at ratifying the original intention to zone this tract of land," he said.

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asks council for funds

Staff Reporter

THE Cape Technikon has appealed to the Cape Town City Council to contribute to the cost of building its new campus in District 6 — a project to which the council is opposed.

In a letter considered by the council's executive committee today, Dr T C Shippey, director of the Technikon, said that so far it had been able to raise only R1.18-million

'An amount of R4.5 million has to be collected to pay for the Technikon's compulsory 15 percent share of the estimated capital expenditure for the first stage of building a modern campus in Cape Town,' his letter stated

'Your council's active support would be highly appreciated and would help us to meet our educational and training obligations with regard to the extremely essential socio-economic development of our country and all its people'

GRANT-IN-AID

The City Council used to make an annual grant-in-aid to the Technikon, but withdrew this in 1980 when the Technikon Council rejected appeals from the council not to build its new campus in District 6

At the time it was withdrawn, the grant from the council was R6 000 a year

The council suggested alternative sites for the new campus, including one at Oude Molen which the City Engineer, Mr J G Brand, said was more easily accessible to most students than District 6 and gave room for later expansion.

The Cape Town Chamber of Commerce also opposed the plan to build the new campus in District 6

ENOUGH FUNDS

Dr Shippey is in Taiwan at present, but the acting director, Mr C Kotze, said sufficient funds were available to start the first phase of the campus early next year. There was no danger of the project being abandoned or delayed

'Things are going according to plan,' he said. 'The new campus will be built over a 20-year period'

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City Council will not fund Technikon in District Six

By JANE ARBOUS
Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council yesterday turned down an appeal by the Cape Technikon for a donation towards building of the controversial new campus in District Six.

The Executive Committee decision was in accordance with council policy that not one cent of rate-payers' money is to go towards erection of buildings and purchase of land for the campus in that area.

The council has made repeated appeals to the Technikon to stay out of District Six and has suggested alternative sites in the Peninsula. It believes the Technikon and the government has acted contrary to the wishes of most Cape Town citizens.

Rejection of the appeal by the Technikon director, Dr T. C. Shippey, would be passed on for the "information" of the full council, said the Town Clerk, Dr Stan Evans.

Grant in aid

After the committee meeting, Dr Evans said the council might be prepared to give money for "operating educational expenses" if the Technikon was relocated outside District Six, the council would reassess its attitude on funding, he added.

The latest move follows the council's withdrawal in 1980 of the annual grant-in-aid of R6 000 to the educational institution. The decision to stop the grant-in-aid was made as a "protest" after a fiery debate in council.

In his appeal, Dr Shippey said to satisfy the need for technical manpower felt by local government, commerce, industry and the professional sector, it was essential that the Technikon received "wholehearted and active support".

R4,5m goal

An amount of R4,5-million had to be collected to meet the Technikon's compulsory 15 percent share of the estimated capital expenditure for the first stage of building the modern campus, he said.

"Only R1 180 000 has been collected so far."

Dr Shippey noted that payment of the annual grant-in-aid — paid by the council since 1924 — had been "discontinued".

He said the council's active support would be highly appreciated and would help the Technikon to meet its educational and training obligations "with regard to the essential socio-economic development of our country and all its people".

Call for municipal ombudsmen

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EAST LONDON — The time was ripe for municipalities to appoint ombudsmen, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said here last night.

Opening the 75th annual congress of the Municipal Association of the Cape, Mr Louw said it was essential that local governments keep in touch with their citizens.

Ratepayers were often in the dark about decisions taken or were ignorant of planned happenings. Ninety per cent of criticism against local authorities could be blamed on ignorance or lack of information.

Mr Louw said he believed bigger municipalities in particular should appoint ombudsmen.

Urbanisation in South Africa had to be accepted as already having occurred despite government efforts to stimulate decentralisation of the economy, he said.

By the year 2000, 94 per cent of whites, 85 per cent of coloured people, 94 per cent of Indians and 75 per cent of blacks were expected to be urbanised.

This would be an increase of 37 per cent on the 1980 figure for blacks.

"I need surely not spell out to you the effects painted by these figures in respect of housing, town-planning, standards, provision of employment and combating of unemployment," he said — SAPA

Louw calls for appointment of ombudsmen

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By SHELAGH BLACKMAN
Municipal Reporter

EAST LONDON — If local government was to be truly democratic then ombudsmen should be appointed to ensure the rights of citizens, says the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw

Addressing delegates to the 75th congress of the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA), he said the relationship between local government and citizens could be greatly improved

More respect should be shown to those who knocked on the doors of municipal offices for help and advice, he said

Criticising officials who delayed in answering correspondence, Mr Louw said the appointment of an ombudsman with the power to carry out investigations would have an effect on officials' conduct

The ombudsman would serve as an unbearable tormentor of the official

He should not be regarded as a thorn in the flesh, but rather as someone who would fight maladministration

Mr Louw pointed out that in the case of smaller municipalities, the role of ombudsman could be undertaken by an existing official

Discussing the system of

management committees, he said that there were still councils that tried to nullify the system through their negative and unhelpful actions

He then referred to the use of sports fields particularly by members of the coloured population.

He had received complaints that not all sports bodies had access to their rightful facilities

It was a fact that politically-orientated sports administration boards, affiliated, directly or indirectly, to anti-South African bodies in London, Moscow and the United Nations organisation had wormed their way into the management committee system, he said

The non-political black sports clubs who were trying to normalise sport could not book fields for their competitions

Turning to local government, he said he supported decentralisation but saw the need for a co-ordinating body

The present system should be used as a departure point for any new dispensation, he said

In the vast Cape Province, any system set up in the place of the present second tier of government should be one that was close to its people, he said

Provision would have to be made for an unprec-

edented demand for accommodation and municipal services when it was considered that by the year 2000 94% of the whites, 85% of the coloureds, 94% of the Asians and 75% of Africans would be urbanised.

Turning to financial matters, Mr Louw expressed the hope that the increased income from the rates the Government had started to pay on State buildings, would be used to relieve the ratepayers

Local governments would be paid R43,6 million in the current financial year in the form of rates on State buildings

But in the light of the decline in the Republic's balance of payments, Mr Louw urged councils to ensure that all expenditure was restricted to the "absolute minimum"

"It is very clear that the year ahead will be one of trying to make ends meet for the Administration as well as for local authorities," he said, adding that the gravity of the matter could not be over-emphasised

Referring to the new financial year for municipalities stretching from July 1 to June 30, Mr Louw said his executive committee had set up a special committee to identify problems and to help with the changeover

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**Officers
to control
squatting**

Staff Reporter

THE Goodwood Town Council is considering the appointment of a permanent squatter control officer who would be able to deal with the ever-increasing number of squatters and loiterers

This was said yesterday by the acting Town Clerk, Mr A J Bester, who said he was investigating the matter. He expected the appointment of an officer within the next month.

He said the municipality had been using off-duty firemen on a temporary basis to keep a watch for squatters and loiterers but the time had come to appoint at least two officers and two assistants on a permanent basis.

Loiterers bedded down in some public parks and caused trouble with passers by, he said.

The Parow Town Clerk, Mr J P Barnard, last week said Parow had special municipal officers who, in close co-operation with the police, periodically rounded up squatters in the area.

He said, however, that municipal officers had no jurisdiction to remove squatters from some of the privately-owned bushy land in the northern areas where squatting was rife at times, he said.

The acting Town Clerk of Milnerton, Mr D V Wilken, yesterday said although Milnerton had no immediate squatter problem, it was "something to keep our eye on".

He said Milnerton's squatter control officer treated squatters fairly by telling them they were on the property illegally and that they should break down their shacks — "something which they mostly do".

Abolition of town apartheid called for

Municipal Reporter

EAST LONDON. — The relaxation of aspects of the Group Areas Act, including its abolition in certain areas, has been accepted by the Cape Province Municipal Association at its 75th annual congress here.

In one of the most significant days in the CPMA's 75-year history yesterday it recommended almost unanimously an end to almost all apartheid at municipal level, including a common voters' roll for white, coloured and Asians.

The CPMA has recommended that the Group Areas Act be abolished in certain areas to allow the more affluent members of the Asian and coloured communities to have homes together with whites. The CPMA also called for the more indulgent use of the permit system in the Group Areas Act.

Included in the proposed constitutional changes accepted by the congress, which represented more than 140 municipalities, is the abolition of the coloured management committee system and the inclusion of all property owners and occupiers on a single municipal voters' roll.

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It also recommends that, for the present, separate residential areas — provided they are fairly allocated — should remain to avoid friction between racial groups.

The association has also recommended that the training of local government officials of all races receive the urgent attention of the Government and the question of 'in-service' training be emphasised.

The congress also agreed that municipalities would take over the registration of motor vehicles, a function at present handled by Receivers of Revenue.

The province had asked municipalities to take over both the registration and re-registration of vehicles in an effort to give local authorities some extra revenue. They will be able to charge R4 for each registration and this money will be used to swell municipal coffers.

The congress yesterday agreed to the province's request. The R4 fee will be reviewed after six months.

Post Offices will continue to handle the annual renewal of vehicle licences.

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Municipal Reporter

EAST LONDON — The State, which recently became a ratepayer, is to keep a fatherly eye on municipal finances in the future

As a first step it has asked municipalities to cut their budgets in the interests of the national economy

It is the first time in local government history that the government has asked for any kind of say in the day-to-day running costs of the country's cities and towns

The move was confirmed yesterday by the Treasury's chief trouble-shooter Mr Gerhardus Croeser, the man who persuaded the Government to hand over about R400 million in rates to local authorities

Quietly affable the youthful Mr Croeser who has stylishly cut hair a trim moustache gold-rimmed glasses and smokes a

State's fatherly eye on municipal finance

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pipe and cigarettes in strict rotation is chief executive of public finance and chairman of the Croeser Committee

He told me yesterday that his department would keep an eye on all municipal finances and had requested local authorities to cut their budgets to a maximum of 13.5 percent higher than they were last year

Following the protest which greeted the long-sitting Browne Committee's 1980 report on local government finance, which gave little if any

financial help, the Government appointed a committee headed by Mr Croeser to look at the Browne recommendations

Mr Croeser and his 14-man committee quickly persuaded the Government to become a ratepayer — directly contrary to the Browne committee recommendation that the State should not pay rates

The Cape Province Municipal Association executive is to seek new powers for town clerks to enable them to extend the list of council matters

which can be handled in secrecy

At present only matters affecting property transactions and personnel matters and a few others can be confidential, even after the council has reached a final decision on them

All other matters a council decides to keep confidential become available for public perusal as soon as a final decision is taken

The CPMA executive wants town clerks to have power to keep any matter confidential until a council decides otherwise

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Exclusion of blacks 'weakens' CPMA plan

Municipal Reporter

community or minority

THE call by the conservative Cape Province Municipal Association to give coloured and Indian rate payers a municipal vote was yesterday seen as "a breakthrough" but grave reservations were expressed on the exclusion of blacks

City and Provincial Councillor Mr Herbert Hirsch said the general trend in the thinking of the CPMA favouring a form of power-sharing was "on the face of it" an encouraging breakthrough although it fell short of what was necessary

The concept of a single voters' roll for whites, coloured people and Indians, and the abolition of the management committee system, opened up a new area of debate and negotiation, he said

However, the major and possibly fatal weakness of the CPMA's proposals — to go to the President's Council — was the exclusion of blacks

"I am cynical regarding the proposed right of any

group to form its own municipality. While on the face of it this may appear to be their democratic right, it actually provides the opportunity for the retention of unjust privileges and maintenance of apartheid"

In the end, he said, the CPMA and all South Africans would have to accept reality which was joint decision-making and power-sharing

Legislation such as the Group Areas Act would have to be repealed, not amended or relaxed as the CPMA had requested

The exclusion of blacks also concerned another Provincial Councillor, Mr Jan van Eck, who said it would only "change the nature of the conflict"

The CPMA's proposals were a great step forward and would have been unheard-of a few years ago

The call for management committees to be abolished underlined the fact that they had never worked. Black people, he said, had community councils which also did not work and should be scrapped

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Minister misinformed about council — Card

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EAST LONDON — In an angry reply yesterday to an attack on the city council's stand on Duncan Village by the Deputy Minister for Co-operation, Dr George Morrison, a city councillor, Mr Donald Card, said Dr Morrison was "misinformed"

Dr Morrison claimed in Parliament on Wednesday that the "Progressive Federal Party-controlled" council had changed from its 15 years of support for the disestablishment of Duncan Village because of pressure from the PFP youth league

In a letter to Dr Morrison, a copy of which was released, Mr Card said that to be "misinformed is very dangerous"

He said the city council had adopted its present stand following a report by a town planning expert, Professor Wallace van Zyl of the University of the Orange Free State, who had been asked to study the situation in Duncan Village

Mr Card called on Dr Morrison to "be realistic about a very serious problem. We cannot merely say that the status quo must remain"

He said that if Dr Morrison continued to treat the matter as "idle talk" or a "personal vendetta" then he should hand the letter to the Minister of

Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koorhof, or the Prime Minister, Mr P. W. Botha

Mr Card said that he was "terribly annoyed" at Dr Morrison's attack on the city council and himself

"For some time now, you Mr Minister appear to have your knife in for me"

Mr Card rejected Dr Morrison's argument that although the city council had changed its attitude to Duncan Village the council had not rejected the two-and-a-half per cent commission it received as agent for the Department of Co-operation and Development for building houses in Mdantsane

"These houses are still needed and in fact your statement infers that these homes are for Duncan Village residents only and this is not the case," Mr Card said

"When resettlement of Duncan Village started there were 90 000 people and at present there are 50 000 yet we have built thousands of homes to date and Mdantsane has plus-minus half a million people

"In fact when you went to the press on the Linde report in 1981 you identified eight crisis points which you described as leading to violence, strikes and disruptions and you said that the government had

embarked on a R542 million plan to eliminate these problems

"One of these areas was Duncan Village. You also promised that Duncan Village residents would be rehoused within two years. And what has been done?"

Mr Card also asked why an autonomous community council had been established for Duncan Village — a government-planned resettlement area — and why Dr Morrison had ignored the pleas of the chamber of commerce, the chamber of industry, the city council and the town councils of Beacon Bay and Gonubie

"Why has the plea of Transkei fallen on deaf ears? Surely the government accepts this area as an independent state which is making a plea on behalf of its subjects

"Has the government not learnt that dissatisfaction leads to youth leaving South Africa, joining up with the communists and then coming back as terrorists?"

"Do you realise that with all the good incentives the government has agreed to for this area, we will still struggle to get going if we do not have harmony and goodwill between all races?"

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Malcomess denies EL is controlled by PFP

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CAPE TOWN — The claim by the Deputy Minister of Co-operation, Dr George Morrison, that the East London City Council was controlled by the Progressive Federal Party has been rejected by Mr John Malcomess, MP

In a statement yesterday, Mr Malcomess, MP for Port Elizabeth Central and former MP for East London North, stressed that the PFP "is and always has been against the forced removal of people as is practised by this government"

"The deputy minister's statement is not the case

"Firstly, the East London City Council is not PFP controlled. The PFP does not contest municipal elections in East London on a party basis

"Secondly, 15 years ago when the agency agreement was entered into, the possibility is that the Mayor was Robbie de Lange or David Lazarus and certainly it is doubtful that there were any councillors

"Thirdly, I doubt that the council makes money out of the two and a half per cent commission as they have to control all payment of salaries to people such as the Mdantsane Special Organisation

"Through this method the government employs people without making them part of the civil service and these poor people receive no pension benefits despite 20 years of service with the Mdantsane Special Organisation. This is a

Confidentiality for town clerks

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Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON — Town clerks may be given the power to declare any municipal document "confidential" if the executive of the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) has its way.

The move is an attempt to tighten security on discussions held "in committee" during a city council meeting.

At its annual meeting here, the executive committee resolved to recommend to the CPMA congress that representations be made to the Provincial Administration.

A delegation will also meet the MEC in charge of Local Government, Mr Hernus Kriel, to try to have the existing ordinance changed.

The resolutions, released to delegates during this week's proceed-

ings, ask for

• Town clerks to be given authority to mark any document "confidential".

• Everything that takes place or is said at council meetings where matters are discussed in committee, to be treated as confidential in the same way. Outlining their desire to give town clerks greater powers, the executive committee stated, "Other than in respect of matters mentioned in Ordinance 20 of 1974, the town clerk has no authority effectively to mark any document as confidential".

The document continued "One is aware of the absolute necessity for keeping questions on industrial development or business development in a town confidential".

More important was the question of safety measures during an emergency, as discussed during civil defence meetings

Three detained in Soweto

The Leader of the Opposition during the debate on the budget vote of the Defence Department on Wednesday. THE full text of the speech by Mr Roger Hulley, MP, during the debate on the budget vote of the Defence Department on Wednesday.

The other day we had an article which was published in the "Financial Mail" which is not particularly a publication which is given to wild statements, not at all in fact, it is a very responsible publication in South Africa.

This article was published on 2 April 1982. It reads as follows "As early as 1979 John Saylor writing in the International Affairs Bulletin claimed that SADF representatives now take part in all inter-departmental meetings regardless of their subjects or whether direct SADF interests are involved".

We had the characteristics of the era of Bantu Administration which developed under Dr Verwoerd, a heavy emphasis on police matters during the era of Mr Vorster, and now the public is beginning to say that the era of Mr P W Botha is the era of a militarized the era of a militarized

Full text of Hulley speech

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Armed robbery trial R1 000 bail granted

Staff Reporter

THREE Bonteheuvel men allegedly connected with an armed robbery in Salt River involving more than R35 000, were yesterday granted R1 000 bail each.

The State alleges that Mr Adam Davids, 25, of Bluegum Road, Mr Ismail Kassiem, 31, of Boxwood Street, and Mr Nicolaas Ruiters, 42, of Bramwell Street, threatened a Mr William de Bruyn with a firearm, tied him up and robbed him of a mini-bus, two cartons of clothing and R34 653,76 in cash.

They pleaded not guilty to a charge of robbery with aggravating circumstances.

Mr L Wiener, for Mr Davids, asked the court to

lower the bail to R100 to order that his bail should report to police daily. The bail was refused after the prosecutor, Mr F Silbert, told the court that his experience proved accused persons could not be trusted to report daily.

Mr Ruiters told court he could not afford R1 000 bail as he had children to support. Silbert said he had information that Mr Ruiters was divorced from his wife and was living with another woman.

The hearing was adjourned to June 28. Mr G J van Eeden was magistrate. Mr J Malan appeared for Mr Kassiem. Ruiters was not represented.

Weir fight: No live TV

TREVOR Quirk, SABC TV's head of English sport, said yesterday that tomorrow's fight between Charlie Weir and Davey

City insurance broker dies

Staff Reporter

MR Jack Ginsburg, a well-known Cape Town insurance broker and chairman of the

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was being investigated and was receiving the personal attention of the Chief of the Defence Force. It would also be fully debated in the Select Committee on the Defence Bill.

Referring to remarks by the Conservative Party spokesman on Defence, Mr Koos van der Merwe, to the effect that his party would co-operate on certain conditions, General Malan said, "Who does he think he is? If he is a patriot it is his duty to co-operate" — Sapa

of the navy's reputation had already contributed and his content would decide the type of vessel when the results hand

to a call by the public Party for a study of Defence manpower. General Malan said, "Who does he think he is? If he is a patriot it is his duty to co-operate" — Sapa

Exemption for staff urged

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EAST LONDON, Cape municipalities, have requested exemption from military service for some of their key staff.

The United Municipal Executive has been asked to consult with the Minister of Defence as soon as possible to discuss this issue because of problems local authorities experience when key staff are called up.

Three separate motions were discussed at the annual congress of the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) here yesterday concerning military exemption. All were rejected after CPMA president Dr T G Schlebusch suggested the meeting with the Minister of Defence.

The first proposal, submitted by Beaufort West, asked for exemption for key staff in the municipal machine. The second proposal, submitted by Carnarvon, requested more leeway from the authorities when applications for exemption were made on behalf of municipal staff during crucial times of the year, such as when budgets were being compiled.

Grahamstown submitted the third proposal asking for military exemption for apprentices, in the same way as university students were exempted.

Dr Schlebusch pointed out that the UME was presently busy negotiating possible exemption for firemen, and said the executive should wait until these negotiations were over, before taking the matter further.

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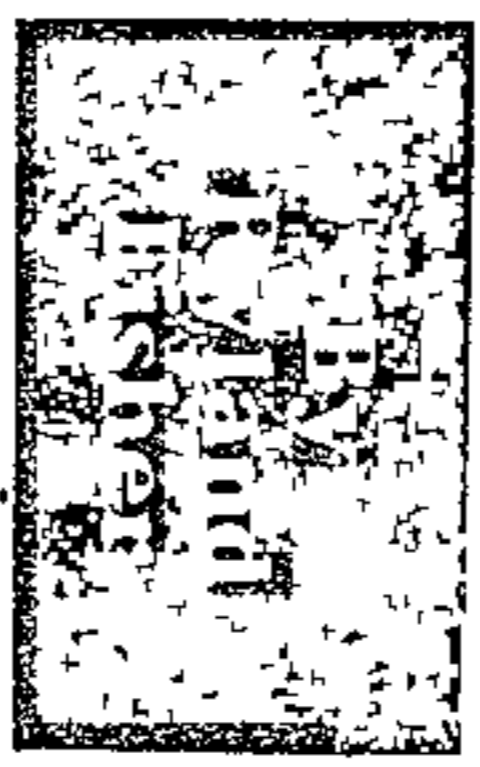
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TWO civic bodies in the Athlone area have joined several major sports bodies to protest against the City Council's maintenance of sports fields and the increased fees for the hire of fields.

The residents' association of Kew Town and Silvertown and the sports bodies have called a mass protest meeting for the Athlone Civic Centre on Thursday night.

Organisations involved in the planning of the meeting include the Western Province Council on Sport (Wepecos), the WP Senior Schools Sports Union (WPSSSU), Western Province Football Board, WP Cricket Board (WPCB) and the Kew Town Soccer Union and

OPPOSED

Sportsmen say the Council's fields are not well maintained and certain organisations opposed to non-racial sports are being given preference.

A Silvertown sportsman said the multiracial Avenue Cricket Club had

SPEAKERS

Speakers at the meeting will include Wepecos vice-president Mr Frank van der Horst and WPSSSU president Mr Yusuf Adam. Other speakers will be a prominent cricket personality and a community leader.

The City Council agreed last month on a new, tariff structure for the hire of sportsfields. It took effect from the start of the month.

A fee of R3 for a match and R1.50 for a practice session are now charged for fields in townships. The fees are

rain projects at Clover Crescent in Athlone.

It appears as if the Council has allowed the club a lease on the field. Fields are normally only leased to unions, he said.

He feared that non-racial sportsmen in the Athlone area would be left homeless if Averdale made Clover Crescent their homeground and started building a clubhouse and other projects.

Thursday's meeting will be held to discuss problems with sportsfields in many areas and a possible plan of action.

The meeting starts at 8 pm

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'Low' Cape budget up 13,4pc

Provincial Reporter
THE Administrator, Mr
Gene Louw, has
budgeted for a

"low" R1313-million to R1157 273 000 — less than the rise in the price index. This is a clear indication that Mr Louw has again managed to pare expenditure to the minimum to prevent tax increases.

The R1313 064 000, is 13,46 per cent higher than last year's budget of R1157 273 000. When he became Administrator four years ago, he said he believed the man in the street was "near the end of his taxation tether," and he would fight tax increases.

Mr Louw will ask leave to introduce his budget when the Cape Provincial Council meets on May 11. Mr Geoff Everingham (PFP, Pinelands) chief Opposition spokesman on

finance in the council, said today the proposed budget represented a reduction in real terms compared with last year in that the increase was less than that 15,2 per cent rise in the price index.

The Administrator should receive about R13-million to R14-million in increased revenue, as a result of the new hospital fees, and the rise in certain motor vehicle licences.

On all these figures, there seems no reason for increasing provincial charges or taxes. Mr Everingham said the only aspect which would not be known before Mr Louw's budget speech was whether the Government had again cut its grants and subsidies to the province. "If so, that could create problems," he said.

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Five on corruption charges

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FIVE Gallowes Hill driving examiners appeared in the Regional Court, Cape Town today in connection with charges of corruption.

The men were not asked to plead and no evidence was led.

The five, who appeared before Mr J C L Botha, were Mr Neville Dum-

bill 36 of Springbok Road, Fish Hoek, Mr Neil Spencer, 57 of Avenue des Huguenot, Sea Point, Mr Petrus Peck 41, of Pringle Road, Sanddrift, Mr Matthys Brand 45, of Paarl Street, Vasco, M-

Lincoln Willenburg 51, of Mowbray. The State alleges that between January 1979 and December 1980 the men, while being employed by the Municipality of Cape Town,

issued drivers' or learners' licences to three applicants in return for "gifts or considerations".

The case was postponed to July 7 for trial.

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TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS WORKERS UNION (CAPE)

No finality on advisory body

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Staff Reporter

DOMESTIC

THE question of forming a Constantia Valley Advisory Committee sparked off one of the few debates in the Divisional Council yesterday, but no final decision was reached

The proposal for a body comprising residents and public representatives of the area was referred to department heads before going back to the Works Committee for further consideration

The Constantia Property Owners' Association requested that a committee be formed to advise the council on future subdivision, rezoning and development of farming areas

Firm opposition

Present at a meeting with the Divisional Council's Engineer, Mr M K Botha, were Mr Roger Hulley, MP for Constantia, Mr J van Gend, MPC for Constantia, Mr F Sturrock, ward councillor, Mr W Thring of the Tokai Ratepayers' Association and Mr N McCarthy, chairman of the Constantia Proper-



Mr Roger Hulley

ty Owners' Association

Mr Botha did not object to the proposal provided the committee was a consultative body at departmental level rather than an advisory body to the Works Committee. However, the latter was in favour of rejecting it because it felt there was already adequate machinery for consultation

At the council's monthly meeting yesterday, the proposal was opposed by several councillors

Mr Ivan Hampshire said it was the ward councillor's duty to keep the ratepayers informed on matters of interest to the area. He spoke against the composition of a committee as proposed

"Let's keep it at local government level," he said

Mr J M Earle said an additional body would "bog down and duplicate work already being done"

Mr D Lambert, however, said there was merit in the idea "I do not think we can summarily turn down a line of communication with property owners and ratepayers," he said

'Sensitive' area

The ward councillor, Mr Sturrock, said Constantia was a "sensitive" area which was developing. The committee was a good idea and the ratepayers of the area were pressing for it

After an initial rejection by seven votes to six, the matter was referred to department heads and then to the Works Committee for consideration

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This Union is separate from Domestic Workers Association in Cape Town, but has stated that it will work closely together for their mutual benefit (Cape Herald 15/8/81)

Refuse men down tools

Mercury Reporter
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ABOUT 120 Pinetown municipality refuse and road workers downed tools yesterday demanding an immediate wage increase but the majority had returned to work by noon, according to the deputy Town Clerk Mr Andrew Ferguson

He said the Pinetown Town Council had approved a 10 percent across the board wage increase which would come into effect on August 1 but yesterday the workers had demanded they be paid this increase immediately

'I explained to the workers that I was powerless to grant them the increase immediately but said I would raise the matter with the Town Council,' Mr Ferguson said

Municipal officials' task is ⁽²⁶³⁾ very difficult, says Clayton E. Post

Municipal Reporter

WITH the "extreme degree of control" under which local authorities had to function, it was amazing that they got anything done at all, the City Engineer, Mr Arthur Clayton, said last night

Addressing a meeting of the Central Executive of the Port Elizabeth Ratepayers' Association, he said municipal officials had a very difficult task

They were not only answerable to the city councils but to Government departments as well

Often two Government departments had to sanction a particular project and "one rarely gets two Government departments to concur", he said

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Mr Clayton spoke about the functions and responsibilities of his department which, he pointed out, was by far the largest municipal department, with an operating expenditure of R44,69 million and a capital expenditure of R19,76 million for this year

He said 127 of a total of 646 posts for salaried staff were vacant in his department. One of the unfortunate aspects of the staff shortage was that essential forward planning tended to be shelved

Speaking about expansion schemes, Mr Clayton said that the rate of inflation "bedevilled" such schemes, making a mockery of all predictions and calculations

UNIONS OPERATING IN 1981 GROUPED ACCORDING TO INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION

Unions have been classified according to the Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities. The full extent of the operation of the following general workers unions has not been established:

- National Federation of Workers
- Orange-Vaal General Workers Union
- General and Allied Workers Union

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING

Black Allied Workers Union

Farmworkers Union

Food and Canning Workers Union

National Certified Fishing Officers Association

Orange-Vaal General Workers Union

Trawler and Line Fishermen's Union

MINING AND QUARRYING

Amalgamated Engineering Union of S.A.

Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers

Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers of S.A.

Black Allied Workers Union

Black Mineworkers Union

Federated Mining Explosives and Chemical Employees Union

Iron Moulders Society of S.A.

Mine Coloured Staff Association of South Africa

Mine Surface Officials Association of South Africa

Mine Workers Union

S.A. Boilermakers, Iron and Steel Workers Shpbuilders and Welders Society

S.A. Electrical Workers Association

S.A. Engine Drivers, Firemens and Operators Association

S.A. Technical Officials Association

Underground Officials Association of S.A.

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Court dismisses Botha's appeal

E. Post Post Correspondent

GRAHAMSTOWN — An appeal by Dr Hendrik Botha, chairman of the Dias Divisional Council, against his conviction on a charge of arson and an effective term of nine months' imprisonment was dismissed in the Supreme Court today.

Notice of an appeal to the Appellate Division was enrolled and bail of R100 was allowed to stand.

A full judgment giving reasons will be handed down later.

Dr Botha was convicted in the Port Elizabeth Regional Court, last November, of setting fire to the hut of a neighbouring farm labourer after chasing the occupants out with a firearm.

He suspected the labourers of stealing his Friesland cow

He was sentenced to 18 months, half of it conditionally suspended. He was also ordered to pay R1000 in compensation.

His appeal was heard by Mr Justice Stewart and Mr Justice Kannemeyer

If leave to appeal to Bloemfontein is refused, the only option remaining will be to petition the Chief Justice for such leave.

If this is refused, the applicant has to begin serving his sentence.

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Joe Adams becomes new civic chief

CAPE TOWN'S first City Administrator, Mr Joe Adams, joined the City Council 43 years ago and it would now take a lot to get him to leave the city he loves.

Staff Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S first City Administrator, Mr Joe Adams, joined the City Council 43 years ago and it would now take a lot to get him to leave the city he loves.

Mr Adams, who was appointed the first City Administrator last week, said yesterday that, above all, he enjoyed working with people. With nearly 4 000 people falling under his department, including the fire and traffic departments, he has ample opportunity to do so.

On a walk through the Civic Centre with Mr Adams yesterday it was evident that people enjoy working with him too. Smiles and congratulations were offered by municipal employees at every corner.

Mr Adams is head of the newly-created City Administration Department that formerly fell under the Town Clerk. As head of the new department, his new post incorporates that of Deputy Town Clerk.

He looks back fondly on his many years at the City Hall which still holds a special place in his heart. Mr Adams first joined

the council in 1939 and after his return from North Africa and Italy, where he served as a lieutenant-navigator with the South African Air Force, he returned to the council as a senior clerk in the central staff office. His long association with the personnel side of municipal work then began.

"Maybe they saw fit to appoint me because of the knowledge I have of the workings of the City Council as a whole. In this way I can assist the chief executive in setting up the new department of City Administration," he said.

Asked if the work of the council had changed along with the move from the City Hall to the Civic Centre, Mr Adams said it was "basically the same" although the pace had quickened. "It's become much more technical."

A long-time resident of Rondebosch, Mr Adams is married with three sons.



Mr Joe Adams, Cape Town's new City Administrator, views the city he loves from the top of the Civic Centre. Picture: John Rubynthon

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- South African Allied Workers Union
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- S.A. Canvas & Ropeworkers Union
- Tailoring Workers, Dressmaking
- Tanning, Footwear and Allied Workers
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- Trunk & Box Workers Industrial

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- National Union of Furniture & Paper, Wood and Allied Workers
- South African Allied Workers Union

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- Amalgamated Engineering Union
- Media Workers Association of South
- Paper, Wood & Allied Workers Union
- S.A. Boilermakers, Iron & Steel
- S.A. Electrical Workers Association
- S.A. Society of Journalists
- S.A. Typographical Union
- South African Allied Workers Union

Initiative by community leader rejected

AN initiative by community leader Mr Eddie Kai to form a Committee of 15 to represent the political and civic interests of Mitchell's Plain ended last night when he and two other convening members were ejected from a meeting they had arranged.

The idea of the meeting was to test community opinion in Mitchell's Plain on the committee

The meeting, held at the Westridge Civic Centre, deteriorated after

about 15 minutes when the audience started heckling.

Mr Kai and the other leaders, Mr R Allan, the vice-chairman of the Lentegur Residents' Association, and Mr H Khan of the Westridge and Portlands Residents' Association were asked to leave

Mr Kai was attacked for wanting to impose his idea on the people of the area and also for championing a cause which had not been canvassed.

Midway through Mr Kai's speech representatives of about 15 civic and youth associations from the area insisted that they be given a chance to voice their rejection of the idea

The associations refused to allow the meeting to continue with chants of "Down with Eddie Kai"

Eventually representatives of each of the community bodies, including the chairman of the Cape Areas Housing Action

Committee, Mr Wilfred Rhodes, read out statements in which they rejected the idea of a Committee of 15.

A representative from the Portland Residents Association said there appeared to be a close similarity in purpose and function of the committee and the existing Management Committees

Mr Kai said from his home later that the conveners' motives had been misconstrued

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Power cuts

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SEVERAL irate Mitchell's Plain residents had their electricity disconnected yesterday in spite of protests that they had paid their accounts by due date.

Today many of them still had no power in their homes.

Efforts last night to have their supply restored, they said, were frustrated when a man in the Mitchell's Plain pay office "flatly refused to listen to reason."

He refused to examine their receipts or to restore their power.

15 PEOPLE

Mrs Beverley Mars of 30 Miami Way, Portlands, said that when she and her husband went to complain yesterday there were about 15 people in the office with similar complaints.

Her husband had paid the account on Monday, the due date, but yesterday the electricity was disconnected.

Mr Garreth Mars said he went to the City Council electricity office in Cape Town today and no

error could be found in his account.

"I was very angry last night because the man at the office was so rude," Mr Mars said.

"VERY NICE"

Mr Mars said the official at the Cape Town office was "very nice" and his supply was reconnected at about 9 30 am today.

Mr F A Randall, chief administrative assistant of the electricity accounts section of the council, said today that in most cases the residents were at fault.

He said people had to understand — and if they did it would save 90 per cent of the electricity queries in Mitchell's Plain — that current accounts were due by the seventh of each month.

Their arrear accounts were not due by the seventh of the month and if their arrears were not paid within a reasonable time before that then they were liable to have their electricity cut off.

Anger as civic hall fees jump

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C. Herald
12/6/82

THE Western Cape Traders' Association was due to meet the Town Clerk, Dr Stanley Evans, on Monday afternoon to protest against what it termed "excessive" increases in the hiring of civic halls.

Mr Dawood Khan, chairman of the Association, and his executive planned to call on Dr Evans to put a stop to the increases.

Mr Khan said on Sunday that the cost of hiring the Athlone Civic Centre for his Association's annual conference had risen from R116 to R392.

He was informed by a council official that halls would now be hired out at an hourly rate instead of a fixed rate.

A spokesman for the City Council confirmed the new conditions for hiring halls but queried the amount Mr Khan claimed he had paid last year.

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The spokesman said the new civic centres were A-grade halls, and hiring fees were charged according to four categories.

These were for professional organisations, ordinary club meetings, welfare organisations and profit-making bodies.

The spokesman said community groups which hired halls for nominal fees would not be greatly affected because they could apply the rate charged to welfare organisations.

Kai denies civic plan linked to PC

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Municipal Reporter
MITCHELL'S PLAIN
civic leader Mr Eddie Kai has denied that his proposed committee of 15 to represent the interests of the area has any connection with the President's Council or its ideals.

Mr Kai was commenting on a meeting of Mitchell's Plain residents last week when he was forced to leave by some of the people at the meeting who spoke out against him and the Committee of 15 idea.

In a statement, Mr Kai said a pamphlet distributed in Mitchell's Plain before the meeting linking the Committee of 15 idea to the President's Council and apartheid was "an act of wilful, disgraceful and disgusting misleadership."

Mr Kai said the idea was derived from the Soweto Committee of 10, the body which represented the majority of the people of Soweto.

The motivation for the meeting was based on

three aspects: the principles and policies of Mitchell's Plain's future, the contribution the existing or aspiring leadership was making to these principles and policies and the degree of legitimacy of the leadership.

"At no stage, as impartial convener, by invitation of three established residents associations in Mitchell's Plain, have I sought to impose my own views apart from arranging a totally public democratic meeting," he said

Waldorf: Council digs in

THE fate of the "Waldorf" site on Greenmarket Square, where four buildings which are part of the historic square's fine architectural heritage are under threat of demolition, is not merely another Cape Town conservation battle: its outcome could affect the future of conservation measures throughout South Africa.

The result of this attempt to "develop" one of the last vestiges of Cape Town which has any sort of charm and character is being closely watched by conservationists and developers throughout the country because it is being handled differently to those in the past.

For the first time the controlling authority, in this case the Cape Town City Council, has drawn up clear guidelines and told the developers who want to demolish Bible House, Kimberley House, General Insurance House and South West House to consolidate the site and build a modern city block, exactly what they would be prepared to accept

In simple terms they want sympathetic architectural treatment in keeping with the buildings facing Greenmarket Square — a National Monument — to leave it in a similar or better state than it is at present

To do this the council is also acquiring some teeth in the form of an amendment to the Town Planning Scheme which will officially list certain areas of Cape Town as areas of historical significance in which the council can put a stop to any form of development — even if it does conform to building regulations — that is not in keeping with the general atmosphere and architectural treatment of the area.

By PETER GOOSEN
Municipal Reporter

It is this concept and the uncompromising attitude of the council that has raised the interest of conservationists and developers throughout the country.

The plan has been submitted to the Provincial Administration and is likely to be the subject of discussion between the council and the Province in the near future. Word has it that at this stage the Province is in fact a little reluctant to take such a bold step because of the effect it could have on

out to their tenants and telling them they could stay on for the time being on a monthly basis at increased rentals until such time as the buildings came down.

The tenants of Kimberley House, who can be turned out of the building only if it is demolished, were also given notice to quit.

But the developers had omitted to get a demolition permit from the City Council, as the Supreme Court found when the tenants successfully applied to have the eviction notices declared null and void.

Now the developers have applied to the council for the necessary demolition permit and it is being considered by the departments concerned.

future development in the Cape

Even at City Council level it does not find unanimous favour because of its possible effects on the future development of the city. Some councillors and officials are very wary of coming up against developers who want to modernise the city because somebody has to pay for conservation and the city can't afford to foot the bill.

This was the main reason why, for instance, the council did not oppose the Fernwood town house development on the slope of Table Mountain. To save that site could have cost the city R4-million. It just so happened that the Province was able to step in and offer the developers an alternative site which was the only way to preserve the mountainside without it costing anybody a fortune.

But as far as Greenmarket Square is concerned, the council and its top officials have made it clear that they won't accept second best. When the council turned down Sanlam's development proposals for the Waldorf site — which were so far removed from the architectural concept of the present buildings on the square as to be in orbit — they were deservedly dismissed and the insurance giant was sent, in no uncertain terms, back to the drawing board.

However, this decision and a public outcry which came in the form of a petition containing more than 4000 signatures against the demolition of the existing buildings on the site persuaded them to sell it and retire from the scene.

The new owners, who for reasons of their own prefer to remain anonymous, lost no time in getting eviction notices

I am willing to take a bet that the Council's Town Planning Committee, which must finally deal with the request, will not accept the fact that the developers want to throw the tenants out as a good enough reason for demolishing Kimberley House, certainly not until they have seen what the developers have in mind for the site and have accepted it.

BY GEORGE!



"Don't jump, darling. It'll all be in The Argus."

By SHELAGH
BLACKMAN

THERE has been positive reaction to a recommendation by the City Council's Policy and Resources Committee that the Group Areas Act should not apply to trading areas in the city

The president of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, Mr Denis Creighton, said he welcomed the recommendation

"We hope it will be passed by council and be put into effect at an early date," he said

The committee's recommendation came after a Technical Committee, appointed by the Minister of Community Development to investigate the Group Areas Act and related Acts, asked for comment.

The recommendation still has to be discussed by the City Council

Move to open trade area is welcomed

City councillor Mr Terry Herbst said that at a council meeting 18 months ago that he moved an amendment to the Act, calling for the whole of Port Elizabeth to be declared a free trade zone where permits would not be needed. He was supported at the time by Mr Elwyn Harlech-Jones

"It's a great joy to me that this has finally happened. It means that Port Elizabeth councillors have been far-sighted enough to recognise the need for free

trading," he said

Mr Creighton said the policy of the Chamber of Commerce had always been that business should be on a completely "normalised" basis

"Businessmen, regardless of their race, should trade where they see an opportunity for their expertise," he said

The chamber welcomed any move towards the lifting of restrictions on business, he said

The Coloured and Indian Management Committees were supposed to attend yesterday's meeting to put forward their views, but they received notification of the meeting too late for them to attend

The CMC chairman, Mr Charlie Green, said his committee would be discussing the Group Areas Act at a meeting later today

The CMC had always advocated that the whole magisterial district of Port Elizabeth should be open, he said

It is understood that the CMC is likely to decide to give oral evidence directly to the Technical Committee

The IMC chairman, Mr R Bhana, could not be reached today

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Card: resignation call in interests of region

EAST LONDON — A city councillor here, Mr Donald Card, said his call for Ciskei's President Lennox Sebe to resign was in the interests of the region as a whole

Responding to an attack by Ciskei's Minister of Education, Mr A M Tapa, who accused Mr Card of "mingling in Ciskei politics," Mr Card said President Sebe had made numerous attacks on people and organisations in the Eastern Cape

"The message is that would-be investors seek

security and stability, thus my request to stop petty bickering through the media," Mr Card said

"The Rev W M Xaba (Ciskei's Vice-President) must have been astounded when Chinese industrialists queried what assurances and security they could expect from Ciskei and referred to the cancellation of the government's contract with Mr Rowan Cronje (the former adviser to President Sebe)"

Referring to Mr Tapa's

accusation that he was trying to defend the "heathen, devilish, discriminatory laws" that the Prime Minister Mr P W Botha, was trying to move away from, Mr Card said "It is no good members of the Ciskei attacking the South African Government about the apartheid laws when they accepted this policy with their eyes open

"They ignored the Quail Commission report and dropped their package deal demand in order to achieve the independence they have"
— DDR

'Duty of the court to punish Botha'

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Post Correspondent

GRAHAMSTOWN — The Dias Divisional Council chairman, Dr H Botha, took the law into his own hands and it was the duty of the court to punish him by imposing a sentence which took into account the feelings of the people wronged.

This was said by Mr Justice Kannemeyer in a judgment on an appeal by Botha against his conviction and sentence for arson by a Port Elizabeth regional magistrate.

The appeal was heard by Mr Justice Kannemeyer and Mr Justice Stewart.

Botha was found to have set fire to a farm worker's hut last August after accusing the owner, Mr W Quxana, of stealing a Friesland cow. The magistrate found that he had chased out the occupants of the hut at gunpoint. He was acquitted on five counts of pointing a firearm.

Botha was sentenced to 18 months' jail for arson (half suspended) and was ordered to pay R900 in compensation to Mr Quxana and R100 to his employer, Mr Brian Brown of the farm Lakeside.

In an attached judgment Mr Justice Stewart said that to have imposed a fine rather than a jail sentence would have raised in the minds of the community doubts as to the impartiality of the courts.

"Indeed the conclusion would inevitably be drawn that the chairman of the Dias Divisional Council is in a privileged position when he breaks the law," Mr Justice Stewart's judgment read.

In his judgment Mr Justice Kannemeyer said that when a man in a prominent position in society took the law into his own hands and burnt down the home of a simple farm labourer, it was the duty of the court to punish him by imposing a sentence which took into account the feelings of the people affected by the crime.

The sentence also had to take into account the feelings of the community to whom such a crime was "abhorrent".

It had to be shown that the law would not "tolerate the use of 'bush justice' to achieve one's ends", Mr Justice Kannemeyer's judgment read.

Botha's appeal was dismissed on May 27 but the 40-page judgment giving the reasons for the court's decision was only tabled yesterday.

In their judgment the regional magistrate had correctly found that Botha deliberately set fire to the hut after chasing out the occupants. He had poured inflammable liquid on the walls and then set it alight.

Botha's own explanation that a cooking fire in the hut must have been kicked over by the occupants as they fled was dismissed as "improbable".

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Long Street under review

Staff Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council was considering the declaration of Long Street as an area of special architectural, aesthetic or historical significance, the City Engineer, Mr J G Brand, said this week

Replying in writing to questions on the street, Mr Brand also said he was preparing a report on cast-iron Victorian balconies in Long Street because of the urgent need to preserve them

The preservation of Long Street is receiving attention in several quarters at present, especially since a building in Upper Long Street was provisionally declared a national monument, mainly to protect a cast-iron balcony

Long Street features some of the few pockets of Victorian architecture left in the City centre

The council decided last year that consideration be given to the declaration of Long Street as an area of special architectural, aesthetic or historical significance, in the same way as peripheral buildings to historic squares such as Greenmarket Square in the central City had been declared

It would give the council control over the demolition of old buildings, and over alterations or erection of new structures to ensure the environment of the area was preserved

Control would also be obtained over the design of signs and the preservation, in the case of Long Street, of the Victorian cast-iron balconies

"which form so important a part of the character of the street"

Mr Brand said "I have studied the problem with respect to Long Street as part of an investigation into the need for and means to effect conservation of valuable building stock as part of the plan to revitalize the central City and improve its pedestrian environment

"However, due to the present urgency to preserve the wrought iron Victorian balconies of Long Street, I am present-

ly preparing a separate report on this aspect for consideration by the Town Planning Committee of council"

Mr Brand said he had studied Long Street with a view to controlling the built-form and signage and was also investigating possible means of providing incentives and assisting in the finance of the built-environment of Long Street and the environments of other streets in the older parts of central Cape Town, mainly west of Adderley Street

Call for Sebe to resign 'not view of EL Council'

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By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON - The East London City Council last night dissociated itself from the call by Mr Donald Card for the State President of Ciskei, Chief Lennox Sebe, to resign

The council held a special meeting behind closed doors to discuss the call by Mr Card. Afterwards the Mayor, Mr Errol Spring, issued a short statement

It said "Councillor Card called for President Sebe's resignation in his personal capacity and this does not reflect the view of the City Council"

It is believed that the meeting was at times heated. A more strongly worded statement was withdrawn only after objections from Mr Card

Mr Card said after the meeting that it was clear he had made his call to President Sebe in his personal capacity

"This meeting was absolutely unnecessary," he said

Mr Card accused the council of weakness

"Why does the council issue a statement without mentioning the remarks made by President Sebe?"

He said the council's statement appeared to be politically motivated

Mr Card made his call to President Sebe in the Weekend Post on Saturday

He said President Sebe should make way for a more moderate man, one who would co-operate with his neighbours in the region

Mr Card said President Sebe's outbursts against others in the region were causing instability

President Sebe had earlier attacked the Divisional Commissioner of Police in the Border, Brigadier Ben Horak, for saying in a statement that the same regulations applied to Ciskeians and Transkeians in East London as applied before the state became independent

He branded Brig Horak's statement as "stupid"

Chief Sebe also attacked the "small Parliament" sitting in East London and making money out of racist laws

City Council

to discuss PC proposals

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Municipal Reporter

THE executive of the Cape Town City Council will hold a special meeting tomorrow to discuss the President's Council's local government proposals.

It will be the first time that the council will discuss the proposals since they were disclosed on May 15.

The executive has invited all councillors to attend the meeting which was called by the Mayor, Mr Kosie van Zyl.

It is not yet known what the council's attitude to the proposed new local government recommendations will be, but they differ in many respects from the council's own proposals and those of the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA).

The President's Council has recommended a system of local government which gives separate

powers to whites, coloured people and Asians at the lowest level and multiracial shared powers at a higher metropolitan or regional level.

The City Council and the CPMA prefer a multiracial city council and either a common voters' roll or separate rolls for each ward.

BRAAI AREAS

● The council is planning to provide controlled braai areas in different parts of the Table Mountain Nature Reserve and to enforce temporary control measures at existing problem braai areas until they can be phased out.

It is part of a council plan to guard against fires on the mountain following the devastating fire earlier this year.

At present the council has 124 braai units in seven recognised braai areas on Table Mountain and Lion's Head.

The Council is considering developing the upper portion of Van Riebeeck Park, extending from Tafelberg Road to about 500 m from the Highlands Estate housing line as its first controlled braai area. It is large, has many trees and offers excellent views over the city and Table Bay.

ELECTIONS

● City councillor Mr Ivan Kendal, who represents Ward 13, announced last night that he was standing for re-election in the September council elections in Cape Town.

Mr Kendal has served on the council for seven years. He is one of 17 councillors whose term of office expires this year.

Other sitting councillors who have already indicated that they will stand for re-election include executive committee chairman Mr Bill Peters, ward one councillor Mr Ronald Stephen and the present Mayor and ward councillor Mr Kosie van Zyl.

Bring the people into city planning

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By **BRIAN BASSETT**,
Chief Professional Officer,
National Monuments Council

RECENTLY The Argus carried several articles on the threat to a fine Victorian balcony in Long Street. This important environmental feature was saved by the actions of a small group of concerned Cape Town people who worked tirelessly for a greater public awareness of the effect of its demolition on the character of Long Street.

They bought the necessary time to allow the National Monuments Council to step in and to declare the balcony provisionally a national monument.

The success of this group has focused attention again on the need for greater citizen participation in environmental and conservation planning.

In the 1960s all local authorities were required to do was to inform citizens of new planning projects by advertising (these among the dozens of legal and official notices in local newspapers. Such notices set closing dates for objections. If none was received the project proceeded.

Often these advertisements were written in terminology quite unintelligible to the layman and the affected properties were identified by erf numbers only, making it difficult for the man in the street to locate them easily.

Then, of course, no planning project was ever advertised for comment before it had been completed.

That meant that, even if valid objections were received by local authorities, the planners or owners could justifiably claim that no major alterations could be made to their plans because of the millions already expended on planning and research.

We in Cape Town have faced this argument a number of times, it was used again recently as a justification for proceeding with the implementation of proposals for a new yacht harbour in Granger Bay. I do not wish to discuss the Granger Bay question now, or to enter into the dispute over whether the new harbour should be sited in Granger Bay or in the old harbour area which already exists.

I cannot, however, help wondering how many Cape Townians knew that a new yacht harbour was being planned in Cape Town, or how it would affect their environment.

Perhaps if their views had been obtained at the start of the planning process and an attempt made to incorporate these in the final result the current dispute might never have arisen.

Overseas, by the late 1960s, it was clear that

citizens were losing confidence in those who planned their environment and were themselves demanding a more effective role in its formation.

In Britain this led to the establishment of the Skeffington Commission and its report, the Skeffington Report, published in 1969, became a basic document in the struggle for more effective citizen participation in conservation and planning.

The Skeffington Report acknowledges the right of those, living in or who are affected by the planning or design of an environment to formulate and express an opinion on the future of such an environment and to have such an opinion taken into account by the planners.

It also states that a local authority's responsibilities go beyond the mere act of advertising new developments.

Its tasks include the explanation of the content and consequences of new planning to those affected by it, before detailed project work is commenced.

An authority should also elicit comments from its citizens on their requirements in the built environment and make

every reasonable effort to ensure that these are taken into account, reporting back on developments where necessary.

Of interest to our own situation is that the report also expresses the view that participation includes not only the interested and eloquent middle classes, but also those whose concern is more with survival in their environment, than with its quality.

Certain local authorities resented the additional tasks which Skeffington imposes and to this day many of the public education activities suggested in the report go unimplemented, but a real effort is being made to involve citizens in the planning process.

In South Africa citizen awareness of the need for effective public participation in planning and environmental decision making is only beginning to gather strength.

At present our techniques for public consultation are still elementary, although some local authorities give the consultation process more attention than others.

We have no system of public inquiry and citizens are therefore continually forced to appeal to the Press to publicise their predicament.

This is desirable from the point of view of public information, but often hardens attitudes as people believe that they are being pressurised into changing their plans.

Furthermore last minute, unforeseen and forced public participation in the passage of a planning proposal often results in delays in planning approval, while the local authority concerned rides out the storm of public protest.

From this it is clear that what is needed in South Africa is an officially recognised system of citizen participation in planning backed by a modern system of conservation planning control.

If such systems were to be designed and implemented it would put an end to delays in planning approvals caused by adverse public reaction, as well as to the risk of unannounced demolitions, like that of the Long Street balcony.

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Prosecution threat on green paper leaks

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By JANE ARBOUS

CAPE TOWN City Council has threatened to prosecute newspaper reporters who use information leaked to them from confidential green paper documents

It hopes the move will force reporters to disclose their sources

In a letter addressed to the Cape Times yesterday, the Town Clerk, Dr Stan Evans, said he had been instructed to use the powers of Section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act against reporters

The section requires people to divulge "material or relevant information" about an alleged offence. Refusal to co-operate can be punished with imprisonment of up to two years

In this case, the offence would be committed by a councillor or official divulging confidential information in contravention of Section 52 of the Municipal Ordinance of 1974

The decision to institute "immediate action" in terms of Section 205, should an offence of this nature be committed in

the future, was taken by the council in May. The motion was on green paper and confidential until yesterday

In his letter, Dr Evans said such a step would not suggest that the newspaper in fact published any material subject to the confidentiality embargo contained in the ordinance

"I am merely advising that the council has instructed that where information is published, which could only have been made available by a councillor or person connected with the council administration from confidential documents, I seek to use the powers of Section 205 to ascertain the source from the media concerned"

This would be done, to ascertain and punish, if necessary, the informant and not to penalize or embarrass the newspaper

The shock move by the council, which has always prided itself on its democratic procedures and tradition, was prompted by a report published last year

The article disclosed

the names of some of the men in the running for the post of Town Clerk. The item fell under staff matters and was regarded as confidential by the council

A row broke out in the council and the Mayor, Mr M J van Zyl, issued a strongly-worded statement, censuring the newspaper and the reporter concerned

In 1974 the council launched an inquiry into how a green paper report on beaches reached Mr John Wiley, MP for Simon's Town. Mr Wiley, who quoted from the report in Parliament, said he received it anonymously through the post

Call to abolish secret green paper

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THE practice of putting some council matters on confidential green paper should be abolished completely, in the opinion of leading members of Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association

And the chairman of Ward 17 Ratepayers and Civic Development Association, Mr A Katz, thinks that matters on green paper should be kept to an absolute minimum and that the Press has a duty to keep ratepayers as fully informed as possible

ON AGENDA

These were reactions to a letter from Dr Stanley Evans, newly appointed Town Clerk of Cape Town, threatening to take court action against any of the media publishing "leaks" of confidential green paper information to force them to disclose their sources

The matter will be on the agenda of a special meeting of Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association tonight

The chairman of the association's amenities committee, Mr Chris Joubert, said that he and several other members of the executive committee

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the ward had been unable to give the association information about a matter which was on green paper although they felt that the bulk of it need not have been confidential

Mr Hofmeyr said he could not condone the leakage of information on green paper by any councillor, because he felt the councillor should go through the proper channels to make the information available to the public

"But there have been occasions when our councillors have been concerned because they had to withhold information they would have liked to have given us," he said

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Committee to advise Govt on East Cape

SHELAGH BLACKMAN

A 19-MAN committee, which has not a single representative from the Port Elizabeth Municipality, has been appointed to advise the Government on the economic needs of the Eastern Cape and Ciskei.

Earlier this year it was decided to divide the country into eight regions, each with an advisory committee to keep the Government abreast of the economic developments and needs of that specific area

This forms part of the Government's plans for economic decentralisation

The names of the representatives for the Eastern Cape-Ciskei region were given today by the head of the economic planning division in the department of the Prime Minister, Mr Jan Dreyer

The area embraces the Port Elizabeth-Uitenhage complex.

Port Elizabeth has only three representatives on the committee although two other residents, the head of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr C Green, and the Director of the East Cape Administration Board, Mr Louis Koch, are also included

But Mr Green will repre-

sent the Association of Management Committees and Mr Koch, Ecab

A former president of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, Mr V L Ridgeway, will represent the Association of Chambers of Commerce (Assocom), while Mr H L Pretorius has been nominated by the Confederation of Labour Mr P H Meyer will represent the Afrikaanse Handelinstituut.

Other members of the committee are Mr L Borman, managing director of the Car Distributors Assembly (CDA) in East London, who has been appointed as an additional member to represent the motor industry, Mr F J de Klerk, Queenstown, nominated by the Border Regional Development Association

Mr R de Lange, East London, the representative of the Association of Divisional Councils, Mr V C Garisch, Cape Town, the Assistant Director of Local Government, who will represent the Cape Provincial Administration, Mr J A Landman, of Cradock, who has been nominated by the Karoo Midlands Development Association

Mr A T Meyer, Wittelsbos, who has been

nominated by the South African Agricultural Union; Mr C J Nel, of Jamestown, who will represent the Upper Orange Regional Development Association, Mrs T Neville, of Grahamstown, the representative of the South-Eastern Areas Regional Development Association

Mr M L Phillips, of East London, who has been nominated by the Federated Chamber of Industries, Mr A M Shadiack, of Queenstown, who will represent the Cape Province Municipal Association, Mr P J Tim, of Uitenhage, who will represent community councils

Mr N P R van der Watt, of Humansdorp, who will represent the South-Eastern Kouga Coastal Regional Development Association, Mr C Webber, of Elliot, who will represent the North-Eastern Cape Regional Development Association, and Mr H Wiersbowski, of East London, who will represent the Trade Union Council of South Africa (Tusca)

Mr Dreyer said it would be up to the committee to appoint its own chairman and decide on a gathering place

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Any dishonesty will render the candidate liable to disqualification and to possible exclusion from the University

Electricity to go up 12 percent

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THE Cape Town City Council yesterday announced a 12 percent increase in the cost of electricity and warned of a further substantial rise at the end of the year.

The price increase — the result of increased Escom charges and to a lesser extent, the cost of coal — takes effect on August 1.

The last price rise announced by the council was 13,5 percent, introduced late last year.

The item on the council's monthly agenda would have been passed without debate but for Mr Frank van der Velde, who demanded that Escom be made to answer for the reasons behind its "excessive" price increase.

He said one of the "political factors" was that Escom was having to spend millions of rands

By JANE ARBOUS
Municipal Reporter

on security measures to protect its installations — "the price we pay for apartheid"

Another was the use of old and uneconomic power stations because of difficulties experienced with the power supply from Cabora Bassa in Mozambique.

The City Council is purchasing more and more power from Escom and the cost of this is now the most significant component in the cost of electricity to the council's consumers.

Escom used to implement tariff increases in January each year but this year it introduced a mid-year increase as well.

Escom has publicly emphasized that this interim

adjustment would not in any way reduce the increase in tariffs expected in January.

In terms of a special off-peak tariff agreement, the council is entitled to Escom power in off-peak periods at a relatively low rate for night pumping at the Steenbras pump-storage scheme.

However, Escom announced that it was having a shortage of generating capacity and was obliged to temporarily withdraw this facility.

Higher coal costs

This necessitated the shortfall being made up by the council's Athlone power station at increased cost. The cost of coal was also higher than originally estimated.

The financial effect of these two factors was an increase of R2,3-million above the R16,9-million estimated by the council for 1982.

Taking other factors such as wages and income into account, the overall financial result was a net expenditure increase of R4,9-million.

To make up this shortfall, the council had to raise its tariffs to the consumer.

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GRAHAMSTOWN — The chairman of the Dias Divisional Council, Dr Hendrik Botha, was today refused leave to appeal to the Appellate Division against his conviction and sentence on a charge of arson.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer gave the judgment in the Grahamstown Supreme Court on an application which was made on Wednesday

Mr Justice Stewart concurred

Botha's bail was extended pending his petitioning the Chief Justice. This has to be done within 21 days, and if the petition succeeds the bail will stand pending the outcome of the appeal

Botha was convicted in the Port Elizabeth Regional Court last November on a charge of arson which arose from an incident on the farm Lakeside, near Port Elizabeth, during August.

He was sentenced to 18 months, half of which was suspended conditionally, and ordered to pay R1 000 compensation

He appealed to the Supreme Court in Grahamstown against the conviction and sentence in May. The court dismissed the appeal and confirmed the conviction and sentence

Mr Justice Kannemeyer said the question which had to be decided in the present application was whether there was a reasonable prospect that the Appellate Division might take a different view of the matter

He said only factual issues were in dispute as far as sentence was concerned

There was no dispute that the complainants' hut on the farm Lakeside was burnt to the ground. Nor was it disputed that Botha was on the scene when the fire started

It was common cause that Botha thought, albeit on wholly insufficient grounds, that the occupants of the hut were responsible for the theft and slaughter of a beast belonging to him.

It was clear that he wanted some action taken against those whom he suspected. He went to the hut in an excited frame of mind, armed with, according to him, an argun, but according to others a rifle.

The sole issue was whether he set fire to the hut or whether the fire was accidentally started as, he suggested, when the occupants ran out of the hut

The determination of this issue depended on whether the evidence of Cecelia, a State witness or that of the applicant should be accepted

The Magistrate's Court accepted the evidence of Cecelia. The magistrate approached her evidence with caution not only because she was a single eyewitness to the firing of the hut, but because there were differences between her evidence and that of her husband, and because she at times contradicted herself

He found support for her evidence in that of the Brown brothers and Mrs Brown.

In the application before the Supreme Court, it was not suggested that in dismissing the appeal the court has misdirected itself in respect of the facts

The gravamen of the submissions was that the court had erred in agreeing with the magistrate's conclusion that viewed against the totality of the evidence, Cecelia's evidence should be accepted and that of Botha rejected

In concluding his submissions on the merits, Mr J J Neppen (for Botha) summed up by saying that first there was no criticism of Botha's demeanour in the magistrate's judgment and there were no contradictions in his evidence

He said Cecelia was a witness whose evidence had to be approached with caution and that it contained material contradictions

Mr Justice Kannemeyer said no new points were argued and the court was satisfied that Botha's guilt was proved beyond a reasonable doubt. Nothing was said to persuade the court that there was any real prospect of an alteration of the sentence on appeal

BY CHRIS RENNIE

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ABOUT 50 children who attend regular activities of the Netreg Community Association on Saturday afternoons had to play in the rain outside their meeting hall last week when the doors to the hall were locked and the caretaker could not be found.

One of the children, Zelda Jonkers, 8, said she had arrived at the hall on Saturday and went to fetch the key from the caretaker. He was not at home and the children eventually had to go home.

On Monday morning the children and the organisers of the group decided to go to the local housing office to find out why they were locked out of the Netreg Community Hall on Saturday.

One of the organisers said the children had been locked out twice in the past and the decision to go to City Council offices on Monday had been made by the children.

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She said they had paid in advance for the hall until the end of July.

"We have complained to the Council in the past and we hope that this time they will see the seriousness of the situation when the children tell them of their problems," she said.

Admin Board

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finances to

be examined

Municipal Reporter

THE City Council is investigating the finances of the Administration Board of the Western Cape because the board cannot afford its own traffic enforcement in the townships and it wants to take over control of water reticulation in the areas

The Utilities and Works Committee yesterday refused a request from the board to provide traffic control in Langa and Guguletu

On the handing-over of control of water reticulation, the committee said it wanted to inquire further into the effect this would have on the board's financial position

At present the council which is under no obligation, provides traffic signs and lines in the townships and a limited enforcement service. It receives no rates income from the areas, only retaining the fines resulting from the limited enforcement

No payment has recently been made by the board for the cost of the signs and lines which come to about R10 000 a year

The accident and fatality rates in Guguletu and Langa are high and the council would immediately be obliged to reduce them if it assumed full traffic control. It does not have the manpower to do this

A proposal that the board appoint its own traffic officers could not be met by the board because of the "astronomical cost"

The board said it could not afford this but assured the council that provision had been made for the cost of signs and lines in next year's estimates

It asked the council to put traffic control "on a sound basis" until the function could be transferred to the Cape Town Community Council

Meanwhile, the proposal that the board take over the running of water reticulation in Langa and Guguletu once it had paid the council for outstanding loans of R118 000 for the laying of watermains, has not been decided on

Doubt over its ability to provide a satisfactory service was expressed during last month's council session

Experimental bus station shelter mooted

Municipal Reporter

AN experimental shelter will be constructed at the Windvogel bus terminal at an estimated cost of R7 500 if the Port Elizabeth City Council agrees with a report requested by the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha

Asked to report on steps necessary to control crowds at the boarding points at the Windvogel terminal the City Engineer,

Mr A Clayton, said the present facilities had certain shortcomings

- Passengers were reluctant to use the shelters for fear of being accosted by thieves and pickpockets

- The existing queueing rails were spaced too far apart to prevent queue jumping

- The exit through which passengers boarded the buses was too wide en-

abling more than one person to attempt to board the bus at any one time

- At present there was nothing to discourage passengers from queue jumping by boarding the bus without passing through the shelter

Some of these problems could be overcome by providing new shelters of an improved design, according to Mr Clayton

As a new bus terminal will be built in Windvogel, he has suggested that an experimental shelter should be erected which could be moved once the new terminal was built

Observations could be conducted at the experimental shelter to find out how effective it was in controlling passengers and it would provide valuable information which could be

used when designing bus shelters in the future

Some important features of the proposed experimental bus shelter would be

- Reduced distance between queueing rails

- Narrower opening in the barrier at the loading point

- Round boulders embedded in concrete in front of and adjacent to the bus shelter to discourage queue jumping

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Ecab health aid decision welcomed
D. Rishwath

EAST LONDON — The East Cape Administration Board's decision to pay towards health services in Duncan Village was warmly welcomed by the chairman of the city council's health portfolio, Mr Ivan Zulman, yesterday.

"I am absolutely delighted to hear it," Mr Zulman said.

Ecab decided on Monday to accept responsibility for the difference between the approved expenditure and the subsidy paid by the Department of Health and Welfare for Duncan Village health services.

Mr Zulman said the city council and Ecab had long been at loggerheads over the provision of health facilities in Duncan Village by the

city council.
"We felt that it is not for East London ratepayers to look after an area supposed to be under the control of Ecab," Mr Zulman said.

The city council has been providing health facilities in Duncan Village without any financial contribution from Ecab who are responsible for the administration of the village.

Ecab decided on Monday to pay R186 571 for services between September 1, 1973 and December 31, 1979.

The resolution also called on Ecab to request from the city council a quarterly report on the activities of the city's Medical Officer of Health, Dr J R van Heerden — DDR.

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Unpopular produce market heavily in the red

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By WAYNE ASHER

PORT ELIZABETH'S unpopular produce market at Markman Township, spurned by farmers, housewives and hawkers alike, has plunged heavily into the red after running at a loss ever since it opened six years ago

Its distance from the city (about 20 kilometres) is cited as the cause

Most of the produce comes from the Gamtoos Valley and farmers say it is crazy to carry this right through the city for vendors to bring back

They would rather support Uitenhage market, which is nearer, and they are doing so

At the same time they think it is crazy having two markets so close together

They say Port Elizabeth's new market should have been established midway between Uitenhage and the city — at Perseverance.

The City Treasurer, Mr A Strydom, said this week that the accumulated net or "actual" deficit remaining at the end of last year was R212 380, but if it were not for Government subsidies and reserve funds this figure would have been R2 503 984

After using a municipal "stabilisation fund" of R808 830, a replacement and removals reserve fund of R502 638 and a total Government subsidy of R908 136, a net deficit of R212 000 was left.

Town Clerk Mr P K Botha said last year's Government subsidy amounted to R174 540 — "50% of the annual trading loss".

"The municipality will have to absorb the loss when the market is profitable again."

Meanwhile, farmers in the Gamtoos River, Hankey and Patensie area prefer to go to the Uitenhage market because it is closer and "runs at a profit"

Mr J P Rens, a farmer in the Uitenhage area and member of the Port Elizabeth Market Advisory Committee said this week that the market should never have been taken out to Markman.

"It's in the wrong place — and who wants to travel an extra 60 kilometres a day on a return trip? That's nearly an hour's extra travelling time," he said

"Another factor which aggravates the problem is that the Uitenhage and Port Elizabeth markets are the only two in the country which are so close to each other — they're only about

20 kilometres apart

"A produce market should have been established in the Perseverance area and it could have served both towns. Now you've got two markets fighting each other for the same supply. If one gains, the other must lose."

Mr Rens said many farmers from this area were simply selling directly to large chain stores and hypermarkets instead of going all the way out to Markman

"The Port Elizabeth market is a good 30 kilometres further than the Uitenhage market and at the price of diesel fuel today many just can't afford it," he said

Large producers could only put a small quantity on the Uitenhage market which was more profitable and the rest had to go through to Port Elizabeth

The chairman of the Port Elizabeth Marketing Agents Committee, who asked not to be named, said the municipality took all the credit when the market turnover improved, but never admitted that they were still way below the amount they should be bringing in

"And when things are bad they hammer the agents. But the market's in the wrong place anyway. We're now out of the free delivery area which we benefited from before," he said

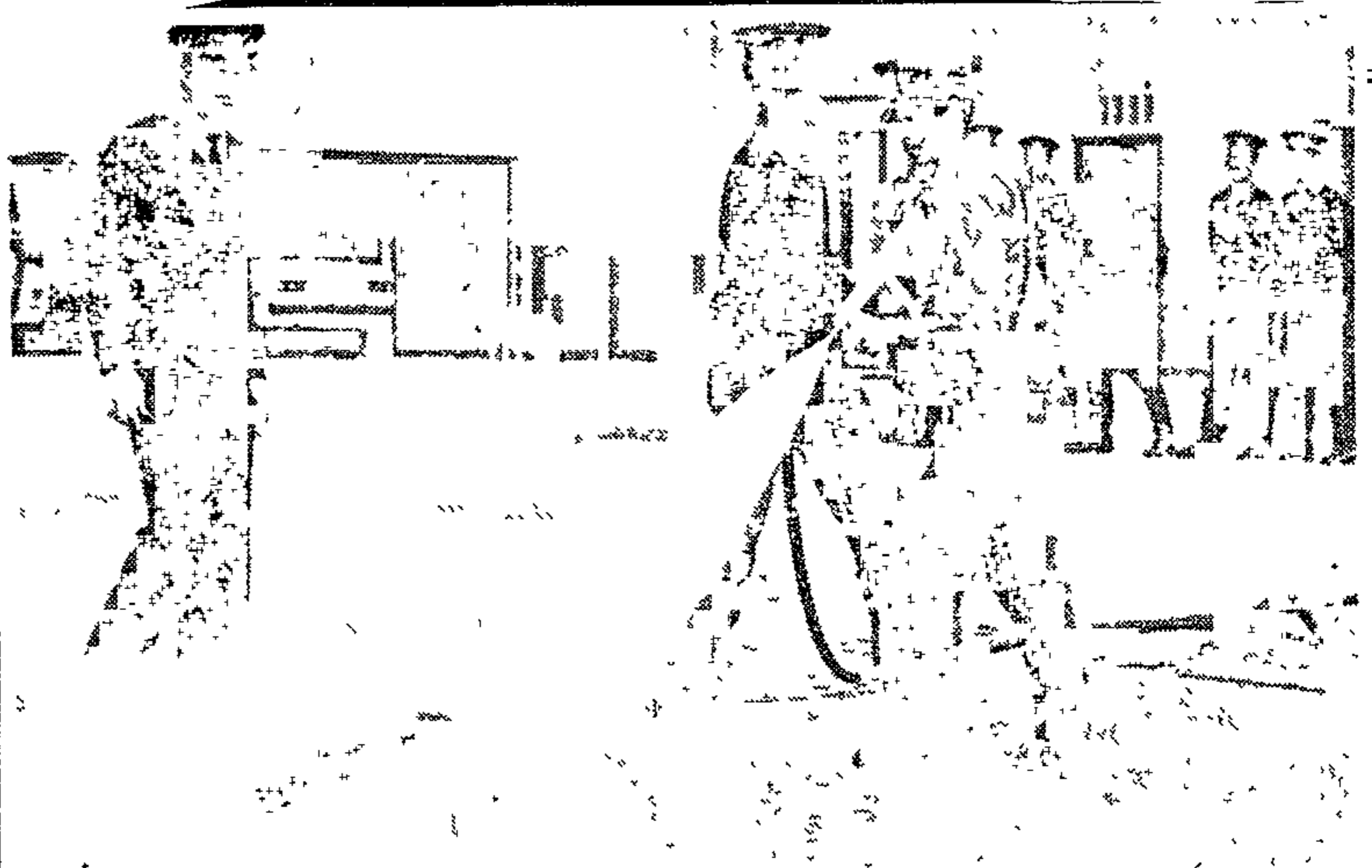
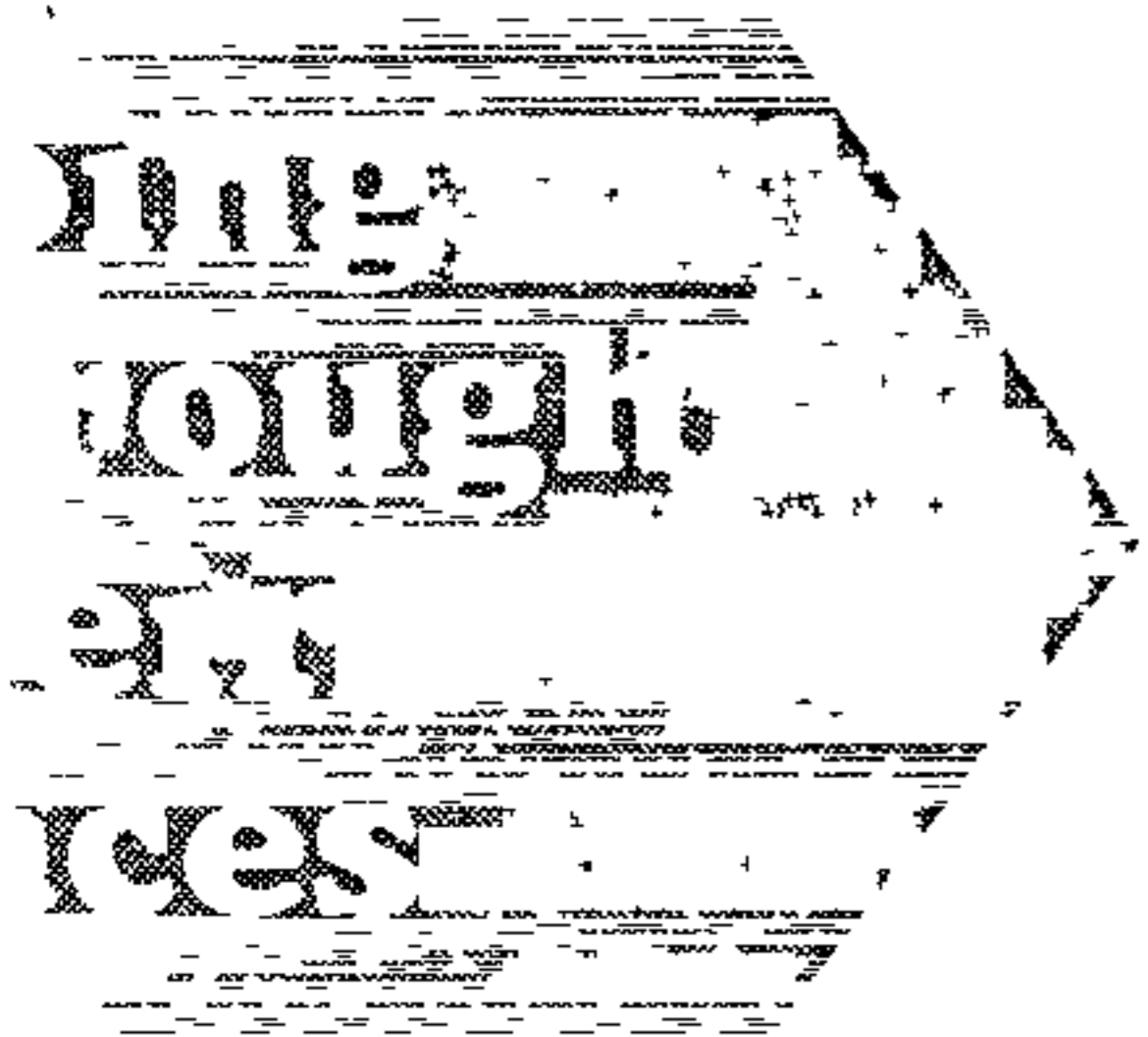
"It's really strange that farmers have to go through Port Elizabeth, bring their produce right out here, and then the buyers have to take it all the way back into the city

"We've also lost out a lot on the hawker trade. They don't want to come all the way out here in their vehicles, which are usually fairly old, because they're scared the traffic police will stop them."

Mrs Marie Vosloo, the consumer association's representative on the Port Elizabeth Market Advisory Committee, said that they had been asked last week to "think of ways to make the Port Elizabeth market a paying proposition"

"The trouble is we're right on Uitenhage's doorstep," she said

The chairman of the National Fresh Produce Markets Commission in Pretoria said this week that five of the 14 national markets received this subsidy, and Port Elizabeth would receive the subsidy until "25% of the capital cost of the market" had been paid



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**They've got
 the hottest
 job in town**
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EVERY morning 13 young men get up and go to blazes. And the reason is simple. They have the hottest job in town as new "coloured" recruits for the Cape Town municipal fire department.

This is two years after "coloured" firemen were first trained in the Western Cape, by the Divisional Council at their training centre in Ottery and presented with fireman diplomas in July 1980.

In the past job reservation in the mother city barred blacks from being employed as firemen. The ban was recently lifted after repeated requests from the Cape Town City Council.

The first 13 recruits are at present undergoing training at the Salt River Fire Station.

Eight of the firemen presently attached to the Divisional Council will receive further training from the Cape Town fire department from next month.

Mr Joop Hamel, Cape

Town's fire chief, said there would be no discrimination between the new recruits and their white counterparts.

They will be stationed at Salt River after completion of their training and some of them will be transferred to Mitchell's Plain when the fire station being constructed there is completed.

The station would, however, be staffed by both black and white firemen.

Shared accommodation for single firemen is to be provided at the station, while the aim is to house married firemen in homes opposite the station, he said.

Mr Hamel said there would be no disparity between the salaries of white and black firemen, qualifications being the only yardstick.

● UNDER the watchful eye of an instructor two of the recruits set about extinguishing a fire, while their colleagues look on.

● ATTENTION! Squaring up during a training session are some of the recruits.

Tales of two cities and their tariff fight

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By Louis Beckerling

Business Editor

	Actual bill	Escom equiv	Change	
Company A	R184 066	R120 034	+R64 031	+53,34%
Company B	R212 380	R128 463	+R83 917	+65,32%

But Mr Strydom was quick to point out that Mr Redelinghuys had based the equivalent Escom charge on tariffs applied in the Eastern Transvaal, and that had he done so on tariffs charged by Escom in the Eastern Cape, he would have discovered that Uitenhage users are in fact billed at a lower rate than that paid by users in, say, Despatch (which is billed directly by Escom)

"In fact this entire issue was discussed around the middle of last year when we raised the Uitenhage tariff, and Escom's board officials came to Port Elizabeth to investigate whether the new tariff structure was fair

"Far from penalising Uitenhage users when compared with the ruling Escom rate for the Eastern Cape, Port Elizabeth is in fact charging less

"The electrical engineer extracted some figures and demonstrated that the combined bill paid by Uitenhage consumers in January last year was R669 510, whereas if the power was supplied at Escom rates the bill would have been R703 080 - 5% higher than the PE rate"

It appears that Mr Redelinghuys has erred in his arithmetic and the subsequent conclusions he has drawn from that arithmetic. He has compared apples with pears and deduced that Uitenhage is left with a lemon - unfairly

What his investigation may reveal, however, is that initial estimates that the pending electricity subsidy will amount to some 25% (in order to reduce tariffs to the equivalent paid in the East Transvaal) could be way out of line

Based upon this assumption the annual subsidy for Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage users would work out to some 25%, the amount involved, said Port Elizabeth Town Clerk Mr P K Botha some time ago, would be R9 million

However, if Mr Redelinghuys is correct in saying that two Uitenhage consumers are paying 53% and 65% above the Eastern Transvaal rate, then this figure may have to be revised

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PORT ELIZABETH'S City Treasurer, Mr Amandus Strydom, this week called for an end to the war of words between PE and Uitenhage over allegations of "unfair" electricity tariffs

Leading the battle on behalf of Uitenhage is Mr J N Redelinghuys, a Uitenhage-based industrialist who claims he and his colleagues are charged a premium for electricity, which is then ploughed back into Port Elizabeth's general rates account

"Assessing only three bulk users of electricity in Uitenhage we find that they are faced with a monthly bill of R188 500 more than they would have been charged had they bought the current directly from Escom and not, as is the case, via the Port Elizabeth municipality.

"This represents almost 62% more than the account would have been if the current came from Escom," charged Mr Redelinghuys in an interview with BUSINESS POST

Mr Redelinghuys added there existed a "strong suspicion that the [Port Elizabeth] electricity account is used to subsidise other municipal expenses and return a net profit to the municipality"

So, what it boils down to is that Uitenhage industrialists are, in his view, subsidising the electricity accounts of Port Elizabeth's consumers

Mr Strydom dismissed Mr Redelinghuys's claims on several grounds

● In the first instance there was nothing underhand about making a profit on the electricity account, and following the recent Brown Committee Report local authorities were authorised to budget for surpluses of up to 10% on trading accounts as a means of raising finance to run their cities

● In any event the pending Government subsidy on electricity tariffs (which will be applicable to domestic consumers as well as industrial users), will reduce all tariffs throughout the Algoa Bay area to rates equivalent to those paid in the Eastern Transvaal

● The Port Elizabeth municipality in fact supplied power in bulk to Uitenhage at "normal tariffs less 2,5%" (to allow Uitenhage's local authority to raise the funds required for administering the service).

● While it was true that Uitenhage consumers contributed to the 10% surplus on the electricity account, they also benefited from the subsidised interest rates on finance raised by the Port Elizabeth municipality to provide the infrastructure for generating power

"And if the Uitenhage users wanted to scrap the 10% surcharge built into the electricity tariff, we should, in the interests of equity, also scrap the subsidy of the finance charges provided by the municipality's consolidated capital and loan fund," Mr Strydom remarked

In his breakdown of electricity bills paid by two Uitenhage industrialists, Mr Redelinghuys detailed all components of the bills and came up with these conclusions

Aid ahead for squatters at 'refuse paradise'

By SHELAGH BLACKMAN
Municipal Reporter

ILLNESS is rife at the Divisional Council workers' camp at Fitches Corner where 400 squatters are crowded into 60 hovels in filthy surroundings.

The settlement's conditions have been highlighted by the Dias Medical Officer of Health, Dr J H Meyer, and the council will spend R16 450 on improvements.

The camp was built by the workers some years ago when farmers refused to house them any longer.

Dr Meyer has described the place as a "refuse paradise" and a health hazard.

The Evening Post went to have a look this week.

The stench of poverty and dirt surrounded the settlement. Rubbish was strewn around. The children were runny-nosed.

The inhabitants interviewed were outspoken in their criticism of the camp and looked disbelieving when told that something was to be done to remedy their plight.

"It's the dirty water that makes us sick," one said. It was a point made by many.

Twice a week the council fills two water tanks. When this source is finished the shack dwellers draw unpurified water from a nearby farm dam.

Mr Hermet Makhaya Bhula has lived in the settlement since 1975. Last year he spent six months in the José Pearson Centre at Bethelsdorp recovering from tuberculosis. His four-year-old daughter now has the disease.

"This is the worst place to live in," said Mrs Jane Sceller, whose baby "coughed a lot" and always had a sore chest.

Mrs Regina July said "This camp is no good. All the children have TB."

When it rains the shacks flood with muddy water and the site is damp for days afterwards.

Toilet facilities at Fitches Corner are inadequate.

Only a few of the hovels have pit latrines and in most cases these are filthy and have no doors. People without toilets use the outdoors.

There are no rubbish bins nor is there a refuse removal service. Piles of uncovered trash lie around the camp.

In an interview, Dr Meyer said the council's engineer's department would start work on the camp immediately.

The money would be spent on fencing in the camp and providing three latrine blocks, three ablution blocks, a water supply, dust bins and a refuse pit. A caretaker would be appointed full time to supervise the camp and to see that hygienic conditions were maintained.

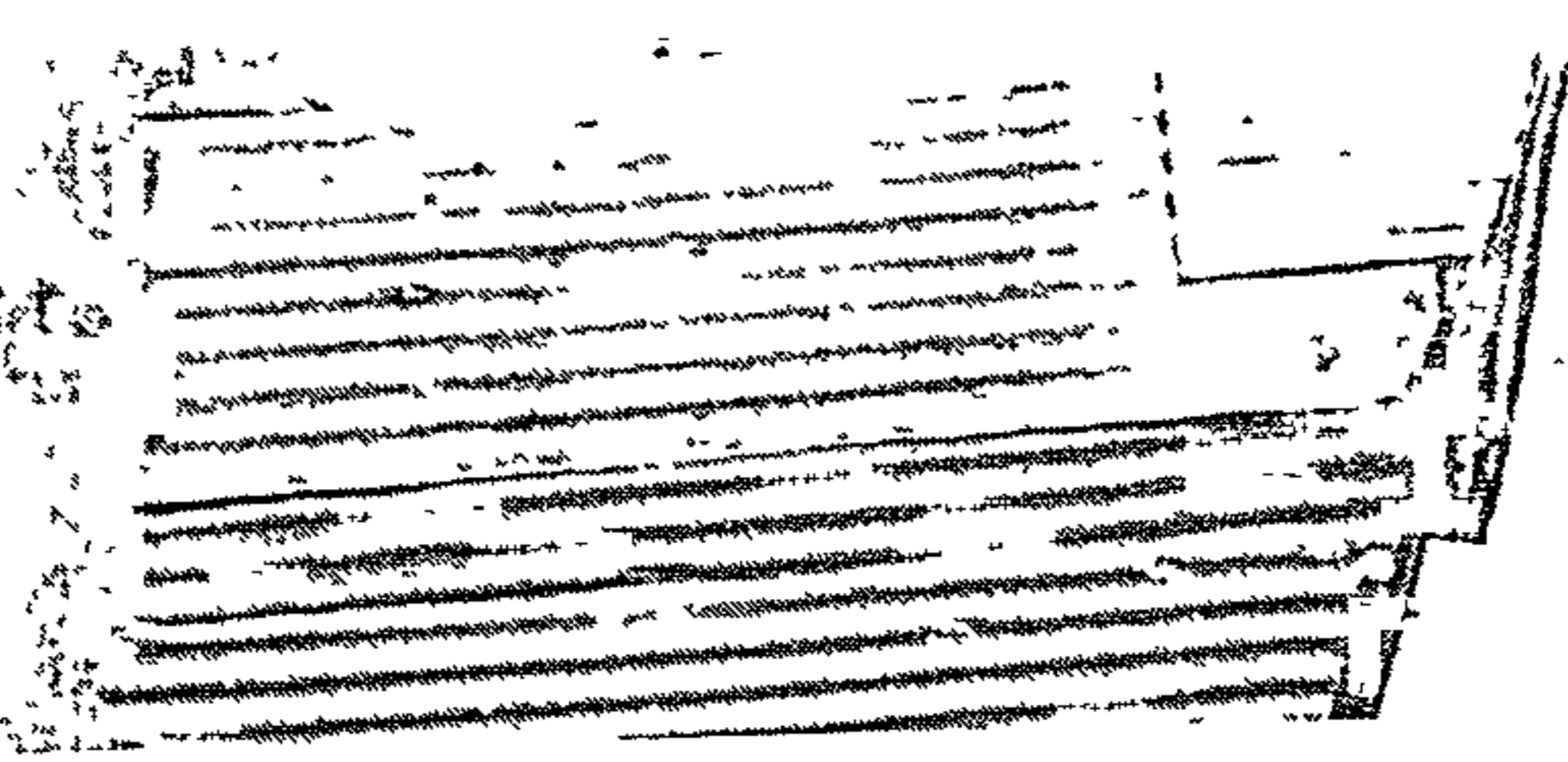
Dr Meyer feared an outbreak of disease. "The chances of an epidemic are good in such conditions," he said.

That was why he regarded the situation as urgent and its remedy was being treated as a top priority.

In his report, he said the council's inspectors could not enforce health regulations when the council was prepared to allow the present circumstances at its own camp.



Simple stone-covered graves stretch as far as the eye can see in the cemetery that adjoins the Fitches Corner camp.



Stand in front of the only Pictures by Mike Holmes



Dias to spend R16 450 on 'refuse' camp

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Municipal Reporter
THE Dias Divisional Council will spend R16 450 on improving conditions at the Fitches Corner squatter camp, which has been described as a health hazard by the council's Medical Officer of Health, Dr J H Meyer

About 400 people, most of them employed by the council, lived in "hovels" at the camp, Dr Meyer said in a report

Fitches Corner has been a long-standing problem. Years ago, workers employed by the council lived on farms in the area

When farmers later refused to house them, the men formed the Fitches Corner camp

Dr Meyer said only a few of the hovels had pit latrines

Water provided by the council in tanks twice a week was inadequate and many drew additional supplies from a nearby dam — a practice described by Dr Meyer as a health risk

There were no rubbish drums and the camp was strewn with refuse

"For the privilege of living in this refuse paradise, the owners of the shacks pay the Divisional Council R7 a month," he said

The situation was "highly unsatisfactory" and "explosive" and required urgent attention

"The fact that the council itself is mainly responsible for the unhygienic conditions and has allowed them to exist for many years, makes the situation even more critical," he said

It was difficult for health inspectors to enforce council regulations when such conditions prevailed in its own camp at Fitches Corner, he said

Today, the council agreed to spend R16 450 on providing fencing, three latrine blocks, three ablution blocks, a water supply, gravel surfacing, dust bins and a refuse pit

A full-time caretaker will be appointed to control the camp and to ensure hygienic conditions are maintained

During a recent meeting of the Health and Amenities Committee, the Chief Engineer, Mr John Kemp, said the council was trying to acquire a nearby site where adequate facilities could be provided

The council today agreed to give top priority to plans to resettle the labourers

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EAST LONDON — The city council has declared it has "no objections" to trade unions holding meetings in the City Hall

Details of the council resolution and background debate on the subject was on "pink paper" and the resolution was passed "in committee"

This means that details of the debate and background information

presented to the council are confidential and not for public release

However, the acting Town Clerk, Mr Les Kumm, confirmed yesterday that the council had resolved that it would not object to trade unions meeting in the city hall subject to the unions obtaining the necessary permit from the Department of Community Development — DDR

By RUTH GOLEMBO
FIREMEN tackling a blaze which badly damaged the Casa Mia hostel in Central, Port Elizabeth, yesterday have been criticised for the delay in getting their operation started.

Bystanders went so far as to call the firemen's performance "totally incompetent" and an eyewitness phoning Weekend Post accused them of "wasting time, fumbling with the hoses and shouting unintelligible orders at one another"

But the Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Mr Charles Nicholls, said today "From the report handed to me by the officer in charge, even though they had problems with their equipment, we are quite satisfied that the men did everything in their power to control the fire."

An eyewitness, who lives next door to the damaged building, gave the Weekend Post his account of what happened yesterday.

"One of the men went up the extended ladder with a

Firemen criticised for delay in fighting blaze at hostel

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hose, but after a while he brought the hose down again and took a new one up. About 15 minutes had passed by this time.

"He was spraying water at the roof, while the fire was blazing inside the room, so it was totally ineffectual. All this time he was screaming instructions at his colleagues on the ground. They could not hear what he was saying.

"While he was spraying the water at the roof he was looking down at the people on the ground and not even looking at where he was directing the hose, and the water coming out of the hose was at times only a trickle. They apparently had trouble with the pressure"

Another eyewitness said

it seemed the hose was twisted and they could not untangle it.

Mr Nicholls said he could not deny there were problems in getting the hose going and said the telecommunication set fitted to the extended ladder was out of order so the firemen had problems in talking to each other two storeys up, but they "did the best they could".

The telecommunications system had been out of order for some time, and because it was a specialised item imported from Germany, parts were not readily available, he said.

"The coupling on the hose is made of gun-metal and this was not functioning properly. What could have happened was that it re-

ceived a slight knock at some stage which dented it, making it not fit properly.

"These things do happen and every fireman is trained to expect this and knows how to deal with it. Hoses also often burst and the only thing he can do is to replace the faulty hose. This is what the fireman did.

"When we were notified of the fire, we were told it was a normal house fire. When the officer in charge saw the extent of the fire in the house he called the station and we sent out another unit.

"This was why there was something of a delay in getting into action on the outside, but the fireman started on the inside of the building the moment the

first unit arrived"

Mr Nicholls said he could almost guarantee that the men did not take a third of the time they were accused of taking.

"When a house is burning, it does seem much longer than it actually is," he said.

"The fact that the hose was twisted is quite normal when such a long hose is used. The men try to do things in a hurry and take the shortest possible way. This, and the force of the water coming through the hose, causes it to kink.

"We had two other fires raging at the time, one in the Walmer location and a bush fire in Willow Road, so we initially sent one fire unit and six men to the site," he said.

Estment supports new fire regulations

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Municipal Reporter

THE Port Elizabeth City Council will adopt the standard by-law for the Cape Province relating to the Fire Brigade services if it follows the advice of its Chief Fire Officer, Mr Brian Estment

The matter will be discussed by the Utilities Committee when it meets this afternoon

The Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, points out that the council's present Fire Brigade regulations, promulgated in 1930, need updating

The Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, has promulgated a standard by-law for the province, which Mr Estment believes the council should adopt

In an interview today, Mr Estment said the by-law would give the service "more teeth" He criticised the present regulations as being "very weak"

The standard by-law spelt out the responsibilities of the chief fire officer and defined his position very clearly, he said

The by-law would allow the chief fire officer to

● Stop anyone not employed by the service from taking any action with regard to a fire even if that person is the owner of the

premises

● Close off a street or a place for as long as he thinks necessary for the effective fighting of a fire

● Ask the owner or occupier of premises to remove combustible material or grass, weeds, trees, other vegetation or rubbish Where this is not done, the chief fire officer may take steps to remove the danger at the cost of the person who received the initial warning

● Enter any premises to inspect any fire-fighting appliance, any manufacturing process, the method of storing any inflammable gas, chemicals, oils, explosives, or fireworks constituting a danger of fire He may give directions for the reduction of the risk of fire or to protect life and property

Nobody will be able to fill any balloon, toy or other device with inflammable gas without the permission of the chief fire officer

Subject to the provisions of any other law, nobody will be allowed to burn any rubbish, wood, straw or other material in the open air (except for a braaivleis) without the prior written permission of the chief fire officer

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PE Sakekamer does not favour council politics

Post Reporter

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THE chairman of the Port Elizabeth Afrikaanse Sakekamer, Mr Ronnie Kruger, today denied the organisation was political and wanted to see party politics in the Port Elizabeth City Council

He was commenting on the latest newsletter issued by the sakekamer, which supported two candidates in the forthcoming municipal elections because they "broadly supported the National Party"

The candidates are Mr Frikkie Kotze in Ward 8, and Mr Bill Hayward in Ward 12

This led to Mr Hayward denying last night that he had stood for any political affiliation when he asked the Chamber of Commerce, the Central Business District Association and the sakekamer, for support in the election

Mr Kruger said he believed there was "no room" in the council for party politics

The newsletter merely commented on a recent article in Die Oosterlig, which claimed that a political party was dominating the City Council, he said

The newsletter urged its members to support candidates who "broadly" supported the National Party — but not slavishly — and who were willing to criticise

If the other candidates also indicated they "broadly" supported the Government, then they, too, would enjoy the support of sakekamer members

The organisation was a-political but supported the Government of the day, Mr Kruger said

But this did not extend to a point where everything the Government did was regarded as sacrosanct, he added

Buyer hits fresh produce market agents' attitude

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By WAYNE ASHER

AGENTS at the Port Elizabeth fresh produce market are "losing valuable business because of their attitude towards the buyers"

Mr Phidias Efstratiou, one of the major buyers from the market and the buyers' representative on the Market Advisory Committee, said this week that although the market had some disadvantages, people had learnt to live with it

"But business is being lost because some of the agents have a take-it-or-leave-it attitude"

Mr Efstratiou, who is the owner of Banana Supplies (EL) in North End, said Port Elizabeth's performance was very poor compared with East London's

"East London showed an increase in turnover of 40% over the last year after acquiring the services of one agent who took a lot of trouble to get business"

Mr J H D McKenzie, the Director of Markets for Port Elizabeth, said Port Elizabeth's turnover from June last year to June this year had increased by 15,5%

Mr Efstratiou said this was far lower than East London's

"East London has identical conditions to Port Elizabeth, the market is just as far out of town and the road there is certainly much worse," he said

"The municipality could also show more interest. A representative from the municipality should pay

visits to buyers and find out if they are satisfied with conditions at the market

"It is a pity there are these problems because a lot of money has been spent on this market and it has some of the best facilities in the country"

A spokesman for another large food chain buying from the market said he supported Mr Efstratiou's views

"Although we buy from the municipal market, we like to buy direct, firstly because it is convenient, and secondly because the farmers give us a far more reasonable price than the agents are prepared to offer

"And at the market, business is very much in the hands of the agents because

they hold all the trump cards. They can boycott you by holding out for a better price. Then they hold out for too long, the produce deteriorates and they let it go for a ridiculous price

"He has got you in the palm of his hands and if he wants to talk to you, he'll talk to you and if he doesn't want to, he won't

"They can pitch the price where they want to"

Mr McKenzie said the agents fell under his control and the best he could do was to try to motivate them to produce better results

"In the past when we have received complaints about the agents we have approached and reprimanded them," he said

"Mr Efstratiou is now the representative of the buy-

ers on the Market Advisory Committee and he is prepared to voice his opinions. The person we had before did very little in this way

"There are certainly some of the agents and their salesmen who have the wrong attitude towards buyers. Within the next few weeks, I will meet with both the agents and some of the buyers and thrash the matter out"

Mr Ray Murray, chief buyer for the East Cape Pick 'n Pay supermarket chain, which also supports the Port Elizabeth market, said this week that he could not comment on the agents as such but his company would go as far as Johannesburg or Cape Town to get their supplies if Port Elizabeth could not provide the service they needed

Land study is delayed



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AN "urgent" study of Port Elizabeth's industrial land requirements has been delayed indefinitely because of a shortage of council staff

This emerged in an interview this week with the city's executive planner, Mr John Mercer, who was unable to say when the report would be completed and was also unable to say what preliminary findings had been made since the report was commissioned five months ago

At least one estate agent was quick to point out that the council's tardiness in completing the report, and the unenthusiastic response of its officialdom, represented a serious obstacle to economic growth in the city

"And the other major bottleneck is the availability of ground," said Mr Bill Randall

The enquiry by BUSINESS POST supported Mr Randall's observations

No less than six of the nine industrial areas scattered about the PE area are completely sold out (Struandale, Deal Party, Neave Township, Kwaford, Lindsay Road and Papenkuis Valley)

And in three remaining industrial areas only 90 rail-served hectares and two hectares not served by rail are immediately available to industrialists

This conclusion, serves to



By Louis
Beckerling

Business Editor

reinforce claims that PE makes particularly poor provision for the establishment of new light industry

● Perseverance

Located some 15km from the city centre on the road to Despatch and 115ha in extent (less 17ha for services and open spaces)

In the late 1960s 43ha was fully serviced (including rail links) and to date some 15ha remain unsold

However, the remaining ground is all under option to Wellfit Oddy (3,5ha), Willard (Pty) Ltd (3,4ha) and Land Harvest (8ha)

Prices of these plots ran at some R40 000 a hectare

Another 16ha was made available without rail at a price of R30 000 a hectare and nine hectares have been disposed of

However, options to purchase have been granted on the remaining seven hectares

Finally, some 40ha is potentially available but at present has no road access

Despite this liability SA Breweries has already ordered 20ha, leaving only 20ha of ground available in Perseverance

In an interview with the municipality's Chief Estates Officer, Mr Bill Williams, it emerged that provision was currently being made for providing roads and other services "so we hope that these will be provided in the next year or so"

● Markman

Originally 420ha was zoned for industrial use in this area, but after the City Council experienced serious difficulties in selling the sites because of the distance from town and residential areas, 120ha was de-proclaimed in a "swop" for the zoning of Perseverance

After allowing 74ha for

open spaces and services, this left a total of 226ha up for sale to industrialists

(The "urgent" task to which Mr Mercer refers was to investigate the viability of bringing the de-proclaimed 120ha back to the market, and, if the arithmetic proved positive, making the necessary applications to Government)

Industrialists have described Markman as a "dead loss", and this view appears to be endorsed by the council's decision to seek ground elsewhere in an effort to attract industry to the city

Nonetheless some 100ha of the 190ha of rail-served sites have been sold (at prices of around R32 500 a hectare), leaving 90ha of rail-served land available

The remaining 36ha of ground in Markman, priced at R22 500 a hectare, was intended for light industry (in view of the absence of rail links)

Despite the serious reservations of industrialists this land has been sold, and only one hectare remains

● Korsten Dry Lake

Only one hectare of ground remains available for sale in this area

To this council land should be added privately-owned land which has been zoned for industrial use, but inquiries from estate agents reveal that nothing but "scraps" remain

Women now in PE ambulance crews

Weekend Post Reporter

If you're afraid of women drivers, then don't call an ambulance — the chances are that one of the crew members could be a woman

Women are making their mark and proving their worth in a previously all-male domain — the Port Elizabeth Municipal ambulance service

The Chief Ambulance Officer, Mr Bill Rheeder, took on the first ambulancewomen six months ago and the numbers have now grown to five — with a sixth woman due to start work in November

At first he had reservations about whether the women would be able to cope with the job but he is delighted with their performance

"They're doing pretty well," he said. All the women were put through a lifting and carrying test before they were taken on

We made them carry stretchers up and down three or four floors," he said. But they came out tops and they proved that they can manage"

The women were particularly good with child patients and with the elderly

The first woman was appointed six months ago. The women work the same shifts as the men — from 7.30am to 4pm, 3.30pm to midnight or from 11.30pm to 8am

They work a 45-hour week and start on a salary of R488,75 a month with a junior certificate, which is the minimum educational qualification

They have to pass a driving test and attain the ambulance certificate issued through the Cape Provincial Administration within their six months probation period

This certificate is the minimum qualification for ambulancemen

Mr Rheeder said the women were subjected to the same conditions and discipline as their male counterparts

Last year the ambulance service responded to 121 501 calls and conveyed 108 003 patients, covering a distance of 1 104 335 kilometres

The emergency cardiac unit — Echo 1 — responded to 907 of the calls

The PEM ambulance service is no longer a division of the fire department. It operates as a service, reporting to the Town Clerk's department

It is almost fully subsidised by the Cape Provincial Administration. Ambulance services throughout the Cape Province are going to be brought in line with one another — ambulancemen will wear the same uniforms and carry the same rank markings and insignia as the Cape Ambulance Rescue Service

Ambulancewoman Evelyn Black is a mother of two, with an understanding and supportive husband who looks after the children when she works night shift. I love the old people and enjoy coming into contact with people generally," she said

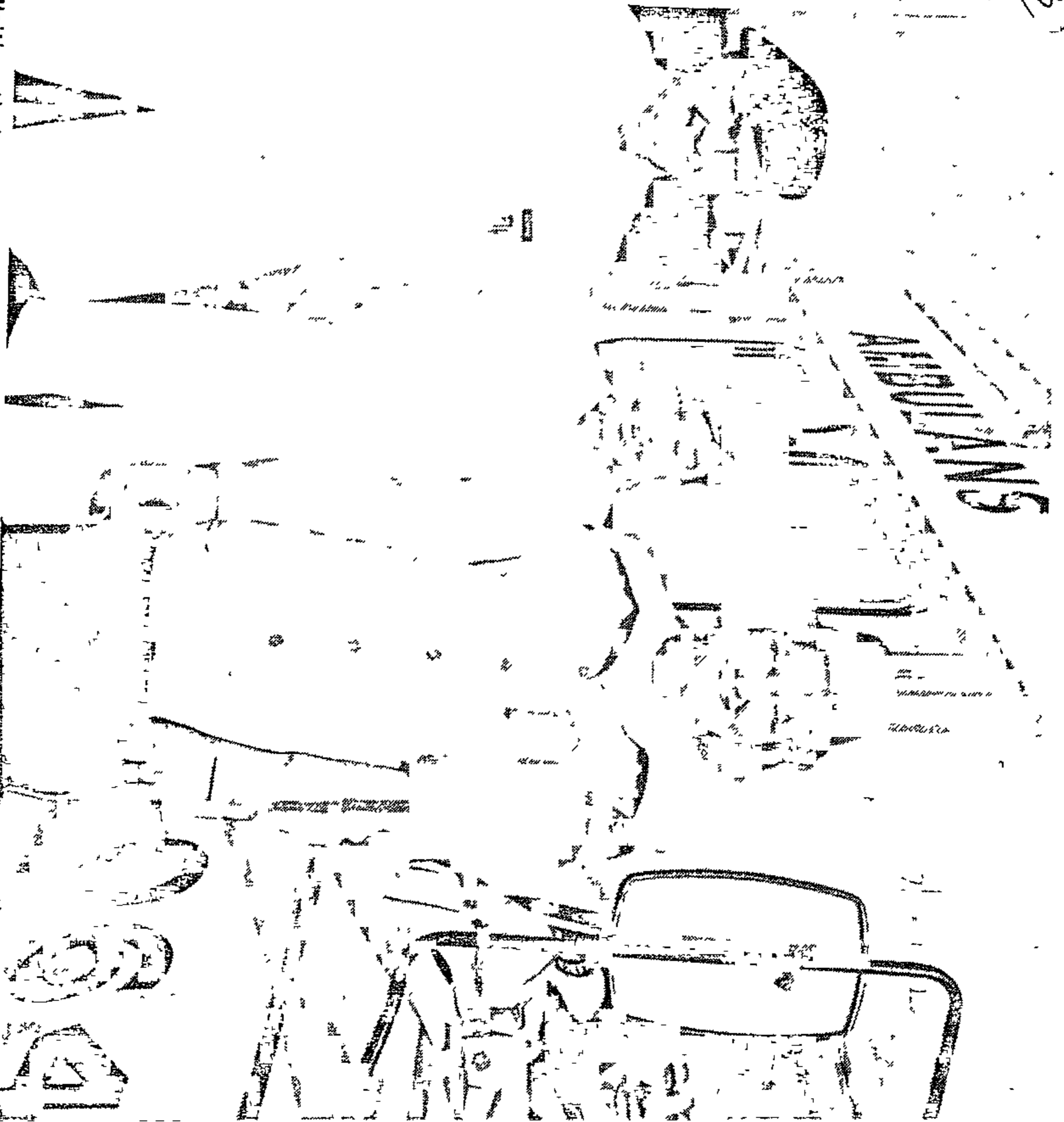
Ambulancewoman Sandra Fry is a mother of three. She likes being able to comfort patients while they are being taken to hospital

Both women have nursing experience and previously nursed at old age homes in Port Elizabeth

They said they did not find lifting heavy patients a strain on their backs because they had both been trained how to lift properly

There are a few vacancies for both men and women in the ambulance service

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Waiting their next call are (from the left) Senior Ambulanceman F A Snyman, Senior Ambulancewoman Sandra Fry and Ambulancewoman Evelyn Black. The crews have been milked

He has a plan to control loiterers



A candidate for Ward 2 in the City Council elections, Mr LOMO DU PLESSIS, explains his plan to control loitering in the city during a visit to Mavis Bank, the old age home in Belmont Terrace, Central. Listening are (from the left) the superintendent, Mrs H THIERSEN, Mrs P PEARSON and Mrs J VAN HEERDEN. Looking on is Mr ELNAR JOUBERT, the director of a security firm.

By SHELAGH BLACKMAN
Municipal Reporter

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Security men could aid the hard-pressed police

A CANDIDATE who is standing in Ward 2 in the Port Elizabeth City Council elections, Mr Lomo du Plessis, has undertaken an investigation into the possibility of having security men control loitering in Central.

This week Mr Du Plessis, the police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Major Gerrie van Rooyen, the director of a security firm, Mr Elnar Joubert, and his sales manager, Mr Edwin Winfield, drove around Central to see how security men could assist.

Mr Du Plessis said that

he had thought of the idea after many people urged him during his canvassing to do something about the muggings and vagrancy in the area.

He sent out 2 100 questionnaires to assess the extent of the support he would have in any effort to tighten up security. The results indicated that 63% of those who replied in Central saw vagrancy as a threat to daily life.

The sensitive areas

were "flatlands", bus stops and street crossings. Times when people felt most vulnerable were Saturdays and at the end of the month.

"The increase in muggings make it unsafe, especially for our senior citizens and commuters, to do their monthly shopping at ease," he said.

The idea was not to take over the function of the police, but to assist them as in their task, which was

made difficult by lack of manpower.

"Although security is not the council's function, I feel the representative of a ward has a moral obligation to his ratepayers to make Port Elizabeth, and particularly his ward, a place where we can once again work, live and play in safety," he said.

Major Van Rooyen said the incidence of muggings and bag-snatching in Cen-

tral was high and the police would welcome any assistance in fighting crime.

Mr Joubert said a study of the rate and nature of crimes in the area was necessary before he could assess the viability of the scheme.

Mr Du Plessis pointed out that if the Supreme Court building was erected in Bird Street there would be an increase of traffic and people in the area which could aggravate the existing problem.

The investigation was a preliminary step and it would be some time before he would be able to report back, he said.

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Polling stations announced

Municipal Reporter

THE polling stations in the four wards in Port Elizabeth which will be contested in the City Council elections in September have been officially announced by the Town Clerk, Mr P K Bôtha

The booths, which will open on September 1 at 8am and close at 7pm, are

● Ward 2 The University of Port Elizabeth Building (behind the UPE Auditorium), Bird Street, Central

● Ward 7 Newton Park Methodist Church Hall, Third Avenue, Newton Park, NG Kerk Hall, Broadway Avenue, Sunridge Park

● Ward 8 Sacred Heart Church Hall, 512 Cape Road, Kabega Park

● Ward 12 Walmer Town Hall, Main Road, Walmer

Mayor calls for unions to weigh up the consequences of strikes

Municipal Reporter

THE Mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr H van Zyl Cillie, called on trade union leaders to "weigh up carefully" the possible consequences of the present strikes

He said it would be difficult to increase job opportunities and existing job opportunities might even be decreased

If excessive demands for increased wages were granted, Port Elizabeth

products would be priced out of the market

The city had the finest facilities for training artisans in various fields of labour and industrialists elsewhere considered that the pool of trained labour here outstripped that of many other centres

Since the publication of the Louis Heyl report on the potential for economic development in the area, the Greater Algoa Bay Devel-

opment Committee, the City Council and other bodies had gone out of their way to attract additional industries

They had also done everything possible to persuade existing industries not to leave Port Elizabeth

Labour troubles could permeate throughout the country and labour leaders should ask themselves who would be the losers in the long term, he said

Latest detainee death opens old

DURBAN — Dr Neil Aggett's sister told a packed church in Durban last night that the latest death in detention had opened up old wounds and had shown the Government did not care about detainees

Addressing a singing, arm-waving crowd of more than 400 people in St Anthony's Church, Mrs Jill Berger said she had been comforted when her brother died "by the hope that his death would change the state of affairs and would not have been in vain"

But it was clear through the death in detention of Mr Ernest Dipale that things had not changed

All the hurt and anger returned when she heard about his

death — six months after her brother's cell at John Vorster Square

Another speaker, Detainee Su man Mr Zach Yacoob, criticised Order, Mr Louis le Grange, for his death

"We are not asking for detainee hotels. It is the deprivation of liberty

Mr Yacoob said the Minister had caused the latest death and his attitude was wrong — Sapa

Plan to speed leasehold townships

The Cabinet's new measures to speed up the implementation of the 99-year leasehold scheme for township development

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Koornhof said, had made recommendations which, if applied, would help greatly in speeding up implementation of the leasehold system

These recommendations had been approved by the Cabinet and were effective immediately

It was estimated, he said, that countrywide there were about 370 000 residential stands (excluding Soweto) where the leasehold system was applicable and which had to be surveyed eventually

"The Steyn Committee concluded that the only way to dispose of the necessary surveys as soon as possible is to undertake the work on a programme basis, supported by the necessary finance," Dr Koornhof said

The committee had negotiated with the surveying profession, which had responded positively, he said

Weather

FORECAST for the coastal belt from Pieterberg Bay to Port Alfred for the period ending 6pm tomorrow

CONDITIONS Fine and warm

WIND Light to moderate north-easterly to north-westerly

EXPECTED TEMPERATURES

Maximum 26C
Minimum 9C

TODAY'S CONDITIONS (1pm)

Sea Temperature 16C
Temperature 27C
Pressure 1 020 3mbar
Humidity 35%
Wind Calm

THE MOON

New Moon August 19
First Quarter August 26
Full Moon September 3
Last Quarter September 10

THE SUN

Sets today 5 45pm
Rises tomorrow 6 58am
Daylight yesterday 10hr 45min

THE TIDES

High Water
Today 9 41am 10 22pm
Tomorrow 11 08am 11 39pm
Low Water
Today 3 22am 3 38pm
Tomorrow 4 45am 5 19pm

THE WORLD

	Min	Max	Weather
	C	C	
Amsterdam	12	21	clear
Athens			n/a
Berlin	14	28	clear
Brussels	15	28	clear
Buenos Aires	9	16	clear
Chicago	8	25	clear
Copenhagen	15	21	clear
Dublin	10	19	clear
Frankfurt	15	27	clear
Geneva	14	26	clear
Helsinki	10	19	clear
Hong Kong	28	33	clear
Jerusalem	19	31	clear
Lisbon	19	27	clear

Jackpot stands at R450

Post Reporter

THIS WEEK'S Evening Post-Checkers-Checkers Hypermarket Jackpot offers a prize of R450 after last week's bumper prize of R1 650 was won by Mr Anthony Cronje, of Schauderville

To put yourself in line to win the jackpot simply forecast the winners of races THREE to EIGHT at Arlington tomorrow

Uitenhage and Despatch entries will be accepted today until 7pm

East London entries close at 4pm

Grahamstown entries have already closed

In Port Elizabeth entries can still be deposited up to 11am tomorrow

The following rules apply

● Only entry forms carrying the date of the current race will be scrutinised

● Entries must be pasted on the back of an envelope or card

● Entry is free and you may send as many entries as you wish, but only the official entry



Jackpot now

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City rates to go up in 1983 12 pc likely

Municipal Reporter

ALTHOUGH the State has started to pay rates on its extensive properties in Cape Town, a rates increase for all ratepayers is a certainty next year, according to the City Treasurer, Mr J B Watkins-Baker

It appears from his report that the increase is likely to be 12 percent — the same as this year's

In the report to the council's executive today, he said "Although the city's budget for the extended 1982/83 financial year will only be finalised in about three months' time early indications are that very little margin, if any, will exist between the upper expenditure limit the State Treasury will approve (a 13.5 percent increase on last year) and the total amounts that will be provided for essential municipal activities"

Mr Watkins-Baker added that the fact that the State would now make a contribution in lieu of rates had raised expectations that the council would be able to peg the rate levy at its existing level for several years

"In the light of the current rate of cost inflation this is unlikely to be the case," he said

Apart from the inadequacy of the council's sources of income to meet the demands placed on it, the State Treasury was now exercising control over the level of spending of local authorities

In the 1982/83 financial year local authorities may not spend more than 13.5 percent over their budgets for the previous year

Mr Watkins-Baker's report was the result of a City Council decision to investigate a scheme suggested by a councillor, Mr

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Eric Merrington, that a one percent rates levy each year — about R800 000 — be made to provide housing for the aged in Cape Town

Commenting on this, Mr Watkins-Baker said social welfare was the responsibility of the State

Even in the year of the aged it would be invidious to single out housing for senior citizens for extraordinary financial assistance when a large number of other welfare organisations including those dealing with child welfare, the blind, the deaf, the handicapped, the retarded and the poor were receiving grants in aid totalling some R150 000

"LIMITED"

"The city's financial resources are severely limited and they are insufficient to provide those very services that the council itself exists to provide

"Therefore, until such time as the council has satisfied the demands for basic civic services and amenities in all areas without resort to property taxation beyond the means of many of its citizens there should be no question of it assuming financial burdens of any nature that are not its function or responsibility"

Mr Watkins-Baker reported that the council this year made grants-in-aid of R736 000 and that as a gesture in the Year of the Aged a further R50 000 should be allocated to organisations which deal with homes for the aged

Bid to make central City 'residential'

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Municipal Reporter

INCENTIVES such as "significant" rates concessions could encourage residential development in the Central Business District, the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, reported yesterday.

The proposals could form part of the City Council's bid to counter the dying of the City at night

Mr Brand said people did not live in the City because of the high rateable value of properties, the availability of accommodation and schools in the more attractive suburbs, the high crime rate and noise and pollution

The City Council might lose in the short term if rate reductions were giv-

en, but a greatly increased permanent population could lead to the private sector providing not only much-needed accommodation but other facilities. This in turn could improve the rateable value of the CBD to the financial benefit of the City

In his report to the Executive Committee yesterday, Mr Brand said present conditions such as steeply rising costs of transport and scarcity of accommodation were right for residential development in the central City

But financial and other incentives had to be coupled to a co-ordinated programme to achieve a more attractive environment

He had in mind the greening of streets and squares, a determined campaign to reduce the crime rate, the conservation of historic buildings and places, and a publicity programme to tell the public what was planned

Another aspect deserving examination was possible residential development of Roggebaai where development had come to a standstill. This would entail a more flexible implementation and revision of the Foreshore Scheme as well as improved ways of marketing land which is still unsold

District Six

Mr Brand pointed to District Six as another area which had caused the council to lose considerable revenue from rates

He strongly recommended that all possible steps be taken to develop the area, even though the council had made its views clear on the racial and use-zoning aspects

"These views should continue to be expressed and changes urged in the racial and use zoning both before and after development

Hotel's sprawl 'justified'

Municipal Reporter

THE Strand Street hotel project was a particularly unusual development and because of the restricted area for construction and the extension of the underground mall, the encroachment on surrounding streets was justified, the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, said yesterday

In his report-back to the Executive Committee, Mr Brand opposed a City Council resolution that any encroachment during future building operations should be forbidden as a matter of policy

The street closures resulting from the Southern Sun's hotel construction have been criticized by pedestrians, motorists and retailers over the past 18 months

The situation is expected to continue for another 18 months

Mr Brand said this encroachment on streets was not usually permitted, or indeed requested, because of the costs and complications involved

The hotel developers were paying the council more than R72 000 a year for the extra space

Row over Tech board

Municipal Reporter

A BID to get the Divisional Council to take a stand against the Technikon because of its new site in District Six, was made by newly-elected councillor, Mr Neil Ross, last night

What was expected to be a formal election of councillors to committees after the election, turned into a heated exchange when Mr Ross said the council should no longer appoint a representative to the Cape Technikon Board

"The City Council has nothing to do with it and quite rightly so the people whom the Technikon displaced pay us rates"

Mr M J Aggenbach objected and the council chairman, Mr L J Rothman, told Mr Ross he could not proceed with his motivation as it would then be "a debate"

Mr Rothman said the council had a position to fill on the board as it donated a substantial amount of money to the Technikon

Mr Ross's amendment was defeated by nine votes to six and even after a recount, Mr Stuart Collins insisted on a division which entailed recording individual voting

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PE Mayor's help sought in dispute

By SANDRA SMITH

THE Midland Chamber of Industries has formally asked Port Elizabeth's Mayor, Mr H van Zyl Cillie, to intervene in the dispute between the South African Transport Services (SATS) and the General Workers' Union (GWU)

The union, which represents nearly 1 000 workers in the harbour, has tried for 10 months to hold talks with SATS on conditions of employment of its members and has now given the employers until Monday to respond

The SATS has consistently refused to meet a GWU delegation because approaches have not come through recognised SATS channels

The Transport Services have also said there will be no negotiations with any worker body other than its own staff associations

The Chamber of Indus-

tries, Opposition spokesmen and academics have called on the SATS to hold talks with the union, and have warned of international repercussions if negotiations do not take place

On Monday, the Chamber of Industries called for a delegation comprising the Mayor and labour relations experts to find a solution to the dispute

Mr Van Zyl Cillie today confirmed receipt of a letter from the chamber on the issue, but said the contents were confidential

It is believed he was asked to intervene urgently and hold talks with top SATS management on the issue

"I am very concerned about the labour unrest in the Eastern Cape and am doing everything in my power to try to reach a favourable conclusion in this matter," he said

No firemen in townships at night

By JIMMY MATYU

THE Grahamstown City Council has stopped sending its firemen into the black townships at night and at weekends to put out fires because of a small unruly element who endanger the lives of the firemen and damage their equipment.

This has angered civic leaders and residents of the black townships, who have described the decision as a "disservice" to the city's black community.

The chief director of the East Cape Administration Board (Ecab), Mr Louis Koch, said that establishing a fire service was expensive and neither the Ecab nor the Grahamstown Community Council had the funds.

The Grahamstown municipal fire chief, Mr L. J. Hickman, said "We had a lot of trouble in the townships when going there to help put out fires. We found there was a small unruly element who created problems for us and these put our lives in danger."

He said stopping the firemen from entering the townships at night and at weekends was a policy decided on by the city council after it had received complaints that firemen were stoned, hoses were cut and other equipment stolen.

"I know 90% of the residents are innocent of these created problems but we cannot endanger the lives of the firemen," he said.

Mr Vuma Nkosinkulu, vice-chairman of the Fingo Village Ratepayers' Association, deplored the council's decision.

"These so-called incidents do not occur regularly, but only when people are angered by the late arrival of firemen and after people have struggled for hours on their own to put out fires," he said.

"People have to fetch water in buckets from a street or two away from a burning house. There is a shortage of water taps in the townships. This is another irritating matter."

Mr Nkosinkulu called on Ecab to establish a fire service and to train blacks to man it as it had done in introducing its own Traffic Department.

Mr B. B. Zondani, a member of the Grahamstown Community Council, said he was strongly opposed to the council's decision particularly because his township, Fingo Village, was part and parcel of the city.

"Fingo Village residents pay rates to the city council. That being the case, they are entitled to the fire service

facility. We pay for it," he said.

The decision would do more harm to the sound relationship existing between the whites and blacks in Grahamstown, Mr Zondani said.

"I dispute Mr Hickman's allegations. We have a now community council constables who escort these fire engines into the townships," he said.

"I know for a fact that even Ecab asked our constables to be notified first before the firemen entered the townships in order to safeguard them," he said.

The need for a black-manned fire service under the community council had previously been discussed with Ecab.

Mr Koch said that the answer to the whole problem leading to the withdrawal of the service at night and on weekends rested with the residents to see that people refrained from molesting or abusing the firemen.

"If the firemen are abused as the city council has pointed out before, it is entitled to withdraw them because it cannot expose the men to danger and the equipment to damage," he said.

"We will have to follow up this matter as we cannot leave it like this."

Mayor may initiate meeting on labour

20/8/87 Post Reporter

THE mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr H Van Zyl-Cillie, has been asked by city councillor Mr Bill Hayward to call a meeting of top industrialists to discuss "labour unrest"

Mr Hayward said the mayor had asked for a list of those who should attend

Mr Hayward also intended raising the issue at a meeting of the Greater Algoa Bay Development Committee (Gabdec) on Monday

"It is important that labour unrest, as a disincentive to potential entrepreneurs, should be removed as soon as possible," he said

Industry understood the importance of negotiation but deplored wild-cat strikes and could not accede to "high" wage demands, he said

All traffic men have equal status — Evans

²⁶³ EAST LONDON — ^{23/8/52} All traffic officers, irrespective of race, colour or creed, have equal powers, including that of arrest, the city's traffic chief, Mr Brian Evans, said

Mr Evans was responding to a letter, a copy of which was sent to the Daily Dispatch, criticising "non-whites parading about in Traffic Officers' uniforms and interfering with us whites"

"A traffic officer is a fully fledged traffic

officer irrespective of race, colour or creed," Mr Evans said

"All traffic officers are appointed in terms of section 3 of the Road Traffic Ordinance and also in terms of the Criminal Procedures Act under which they are appointed as peace officer with full powers, including the power of arrest," he said

The letter was written by Mr W E Wilson of Voortrekker Road, Eureka, near Wilsonia. —
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Action taken against hawkers

EAST LONDON — Action against 27 hawkers has been taken by municipal officials during the past two days, the city's director of management services, Mr Leon Deetlefs, said yesterday

Mr Deetlefs said 16 hawkers were issued with summonses and 11 others taken to the Fleet Street police station and charged for allegedly hawking illegally

He said the action was part of a regular, ongoing campaign to control illegal hawking in the central business district

"People are being harassed by illegal hawkers in the CBD and we are taking steps to help

curb crime in the area," Mr Deetlefs said

"There are problems with handbag snatching and pickpocketing"

He said the main areas where municipal officials were taking action were in Buffalo Street and lower Oxford Street, the bus terminus area, the hospital area, Philip Frame Road in Chiselhurst and on West Bank

"People are not allowed to hawk in the CBD and some legitimate businesses are suffering because of it. We go through the area from time to time, but it is like a never ending cycle" he said — DDR

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No room in black areas, so officials turn blind eye to illegal homes on E Cape farms

By CLIFF FOSTER

A CORNERSTONE of the Group Areas Act has collapsed in the Eastern Cape under the weight of the housing crisis

Hundreds of black families, who cannot be accommodated in black areas, are now living illegally — but immune from arrest — in white areas

Most have makeshift homes on farms ringing Port Elizabeth and pay rent to the farmers. Officials accept that they do not work on the farms but are refusing, on humanitarian grounds, to move them

Some have established more permanent structures

and in at least one case — beneath the Witteklip mountain, near Thornhill — have become a recognised community

Throughout the area, the Dias Divisional Council, in co-operation with the Department of Community Development, has numbered many of the homes and recorded the names of the owners in a register

Asked if the council might take further steps to regularise the situation — like overseeing an adequate water supply — the council's engineer, Mr John Kemp said "We would like to regularise the situation — but it's politics with a big P. We can

do this only if it becomes policy

"In the majority of these cases, the people are living on privately owned land and it can only be with the consent of the landowner. But it's difficult to regularise a situation of this sort — supposing the landowner changes"

On the council's attitude towards the Group Areas Act, he said "Our powers are restricted. We have control over the buildings but not over the people in them. So we are reluctant to exercise our powers

"It would be stupid of us to demolish these structures without any guarantee that

the people in them would be looked after

"We know that, if we did, they would just go round the corner and erect the same building the next day"

Opinions vary on the degree of acceptance by white communities nearby

In the Greenbushes-St Albans area, a farmer said that stock theft was rife and he had lost sheep and pigs

A woman in the same area said the blacks were troublesome and police had to drive into their "settlement" with two vans at a time for safety

But a reporter went in alone without trouble and, at a nearby cash store, was told by the owner "I have been

here 11 years and have not had so much as a window pane broken

"They are no trouble to the whites and are generally well-behaved"

At Sunnyside, more than 20 houses have been numbered by the Divisional Council. Most of the owners work in Port Elizabeth and the understanding is that a house is broken down only if the owner leaves

The community is settled to the extent that the children have a school and the families live there with official consent

But although Sunnyside lies in pleasant, almost idyllic rural surroundings, life there is not without its hardships and the families are there only because no accommodation is available in the blacks townships of Port Elizabeth

"Some of the people have got their names down on the housing list with the municipality," said Mr Damons, "but they never seem to get anywhere"

There is no piped water at Sunnyside and a constant problem is fuel

"All the sailors kept coming past the galley saying 'What's that, sir? You can't possibly cook!'"

"I go at making one of his own favourite dishes for his crew — bread and butter pudding. He explains, 'I had to spend some time in the galley'"

"These days the prince is speaking even more openly. 'I go at making one of his own favourite dishes for his crew — bread and butter pudding. He explains, 'I had to spend some time in the galley'"

Municipal elections ²⁶³ this week

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Municipal Reporter

VOTERS in four Cape Town City Council wards go to the polls on Wednesday to choose four councillors from among eight candidates

'Heart swops should stop'

Argus Bureau

LONDON — Heart specialists at Papworth Hospital, Cambridgeshire, have urged the heart transplant programme there should be halted

The hospital's three consultant cardiologists have written to the surgeon in charge of the transplant team, dissociating themselves from his work and have sent a copy to the Department of Health and Social Security

CHARITY

No cardiologist now takes part in the programme which is run by the hospital's surgeons. Dr David Wainwright Evans, one of the three specialists, hopes that when the charity money for the programme runs out in January, the Government will not take over the funding

He is opposed to the transplant programme on ethical grounds because he thinks that hearts are being removed from people who are not yet dead, and on scientific grounds because he thinks it is impossible to predict accurately who will die without one

The candidates and the polling stations in each ward are

Ward 3 Mr Sam Gross and Mr Clive Bilski. Polling stations are the Sea Point Civic Centre, Main Road, Sea Point, the Temple Theatre, corner Upper Portswood and Main Roads, Green Point, and the Reception Hall of the City Hall in Corporation Street

VAN ZYL, CHAIT

Ward 7 Mr Kosie van Zyl and Mrs Esme Chait. Polling stations are the Small Exhibition Hall, Civic Centre, Hertzog Boulevard, Foreshore, Maitland Civic Centre, Voortrekker Road, Maitland, and Thornton Sports Club Hall, Poplar Avenue, Thornton

Ward 9 Mr Gerry Sullivan and Mr Tony Powell. Polling stations are Martin Adams Hall, Koeberg Road Brooklyn, Presbyterian Church Hall, Glanville Road, Tygerhof Gypsum Industries Building 16 Auckland Street Paarden Eiland and the Reception Hall, City Hall, Corporation Street

JOHNSON, KATZ

Ward 17 Rear Admiral James Johnson and Mr Abe Katz. Polling stations are Muizenberg Civic Centre Beach Road, Muizenberg, Kalk Bay Library, Main Road, Kalk Bay, and the Reception Hall, City Hall, Corporation Street in Cape Town.



Unions used politically, says Cillié

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THE trade union movement was being used as a political platform and this was the root of the present labour unrest

This was the opinion of the Mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr H van Zyl Cillié, who was addressing the annual dinner of the South African Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, in the city last night

Mr Cillié said the labour reforms introduced in South Africa evoked expectations of the creation of political outlets and without the necessary political outlets, the unions would continue to be used for political purposes

It was vital for entrepreneurs to accept the fact that discrimination stood in the way of South Africa achieving its full economic potential

He said discrimination was a vexed and complicated question requiring action from the authorities and private enterprise

There were not enough whites, coloureds and Asians to meet the demand for skilled labour and immigration provided only short-term relief

"We must, therefore, lead the black man from his Third World environment into our sophisticated First World, by introducing him as rapidly as possible to our institutions, our way of life"

He said this could be achieved by introducing

- Equal educational standards,
- Extended training facilities for all,
- Access for all to tertiary educational institutions,
- Equal pay for equal work,
- Entry for all to all facets of free enterprise,
- Assisted housing for all, and
- Constitutional adjustments to meet the just political aspirations of all

Luxury car for Divco despite opposition 263

2/9/82 Staff Reporter C. Hines

BY changing gears manually, winding up their own windows, going without air-conditioning, power steering and metallic paint and swapping leather seats for humble cloth, the Divisional Council could save their ratepayers an estimated R17 000 when they buy a new official car

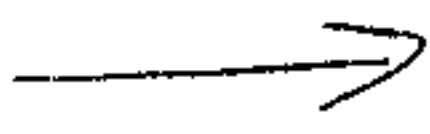
Instead, the councillors have decided to buy a more sophisticated model of a German luxury car despite strong opposition from several members of the council who claim the amount set aside for the car is excessive.

They agreed the council needed a new car but questioned the necessity of buying a luxury model and suggested a maximum of R20 000 should be spent

The bad news is that the car actually costs R37 155, R4 613 more than the budgeted price of R32 542 — because of a higher basic price than expected, expensive paint and general sales tax — with the prospect of a possible increase in price by delivery time late in the year.

The car has the latest in luxury features including leather seats, air-conditioning, central locking devices on all doors, three safety belts on the back seat, an automatic speed control, a radio-cassette tape combination which costs R677 and a specially-ordered silver metallic paint costing R438 more than conventional paintwork.

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Mayor says blacks must learn to be sophisticated

Call for equal education

A CALL for equal education for blacks and the opening of tertiary-educational institutions to all races was made in Port Elizabeth on Tuesday by the mayor, Mr Van Zyl Cillie.

Addressing the annual dinner of the South African Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, he said it was vital for entrepreneurs to accept the basic fact that discrimination and the achievement of the full economic potential of South Africa was not compatible.

He said discrimination was a vexed and complex question requiring action from the authorities and private enterprise.

"We must, therefore, lead the black man from his Third World environment into our sophisticated First World, by introducing him as rapidly as possible to our institutions, our way of life."

He said this could be done by initiating equal educational standards, extended training facilities for all, access for all to tertiary-educational institutions, equal pay for equal work, entry for all to all facets of the free-enterprise system.

assisted housing for all; union movement was used as a political platform. This was the root of all

There were not enough whites to meet the demand for skilled labour and immigrants provided only short-term relief. It was from the ranks of the Africans that this need would have to be met in the long term, he said.

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Mayor wants city freed from vote bar

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Municipal Reporter
THE requirement that municipal voters and councillors must qualify as parliamentary voters should not apply in Cape Town, the Mayor, Mr Kosie van Zyl, said today

This would give all owners and occupiers of property an equal chance to participate in local government, he said

Mr van Zyl was speaking at his installation for the traditional second term

DEMOCRATIC

He said "It is the clear democratic right of all persons who contribute to the prosperity and progress of the city, through their ownership or occupation of immovable property, to have an equal opportunity to participate in its local government"

Mr Kosie van Zyl

This should be by way of the right to enrol as voters of the city and election as councillors without discrimination on any grounds

"To this end the requirement that voters and councillors must qualify as parliamentary voters should be made inapplicable in the municipal area"

Mr Van Zyl said the council was also "impla-

cably opposed" to fragmentation of its municipal area by the creation of separate local authorities for different categories of citizens, and to the management committee system

"Council will accordingly continue to strive for so long as may be necessary, on every appropriate occasion, for the acceptance of these principles as the only basis for the local government of the city"

Mr van Zyl said housing contracts were being carried out at a fast tempo and 4 200 houses would be completed this year, 1 522 would be sold and 3 031 rented

PLANS

New housing was planned for Schotsche Kloof, Rylands, Steenberg, Athlone and Mitchell's Plain. However the council could not embark on new housing schemes this year because of a shortage of funds

He said the council was considering the introduction of a driver education programme at high schools

Also under consideration was an accident investigation unit which would also initiate constructive accident reduction measures

Cape Town 'should be run like any big business'

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Municipal Reporter
CAPE TOWN is a business and must be run like one

This is the philosophy of the City Council's new chairman of Town Planning, Mr Leon Markowitz, 44. He believes there is nothing that cannot be achieved by negotiation.

Mr Markowitz, an estate broker, became a councillor two years ago and was this week elected to the Executive.

CHAIRMAN

He takes over the Town Planning portfolio from the equally young Mr John Muir, who was elected Executive chairman.

He said: "John's act will be a hard one to follow, but I am tremendously pleased to have the portfolio because I feel there is a lot I can give to this important function."

He had come to the council on a "Cape Town is a business" platform and was now more than ever convinced this was the right road to follow.

"Cape Town is the biggest business we have in the Cape. Like any business, it must pay for itself or go under."

"I would like to see us getting away from the philosophy that if the books don't balance all we have to do is push up the rates. I believe we can go a long way towards making those books balance."

A lot could be achieved by negotiation with developers and other businessmen for the good of all concerned.

"What I envisage is,

for instance, a situation where an area badly needs an amenity like a library which is going to cost a lot of money. But, in the same area, a developer has applied to build a large development.

"I am confident that by offering some type of concession he would be willing to include a library in his development which would provide this amenity at a fraction of what it would have cost the city on a 'go it alone' basis.

"Like negotiation, it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all. And I should know I've been married three times."

At his first Town Planning meeting yesterday, the committee passed the contentious Areas of Special Architectural, Aesthetic or Historical Sig-



Mr Leon Markowitz

nificance policy. This gives the council control over preservation and development in specified areas.

He said: "I want to make it clear that we do not aim at stifling development. We need development and we welcome it."

"But having this policy and making plain the council's feelings on preservation of valuable old buildings will make developers and architects aware of what we want and what we will be willing to accept. It will get them thinking and working along similar lines."

EMPOWERED

"If negotiations should fail we have the power to pay compensation as a last resort to save a particular building."

Mr Markowitz said that though he was an estate broker there would be no clash of interests.

The fact that he was well-known and knew many architects and developers would stand him in good stead in the new position. "I intend being a public relations officer for Cape Town and its development."

Koeberg good case for cheaper power

Municipal Reporter

The erection of the Koeberg nuclear power station on Cape Town's doorstep provides the city with a good case for a favourable Escom electricity tariff, the chairman of the City Council's utilities and works committee, Mr Len Kendal, said this week.

And a better tariff would make Cape Town far more competitive in its quest for new industries

Mr Kendal, with eight years' experience on the council, has been elected to the new-look executive and given the utilities and works portfolio

He said Cape Town was barred by law from building its own new power stations — which meant it would have to rely more heavily on Escom in future.

LONG DISTANCE

"We have always paid a much higher tariff for power because it comes from the Transvaal and it has been our main stumbling block in attracting industries to the Western Cape

"Now that Koeberg is on our doorstep there is

no reason why we should not benefit from it and obtain our electricity at a preferential tariff"

He sympathised with those people who feared having a nuclear installation so close to the city

RADIATION

"We will do our best to see that it does not have any harmful effect on the city. We will have our own monitors under our control which will ensure that radiation levels will be kept far below acceptable limits"

The council was also represented on Koeberg's safety committee and would keep a sharp eye on developments

He is a great believer in Cape Town's economic potential because of its first-class labour force and healthy infrastructure

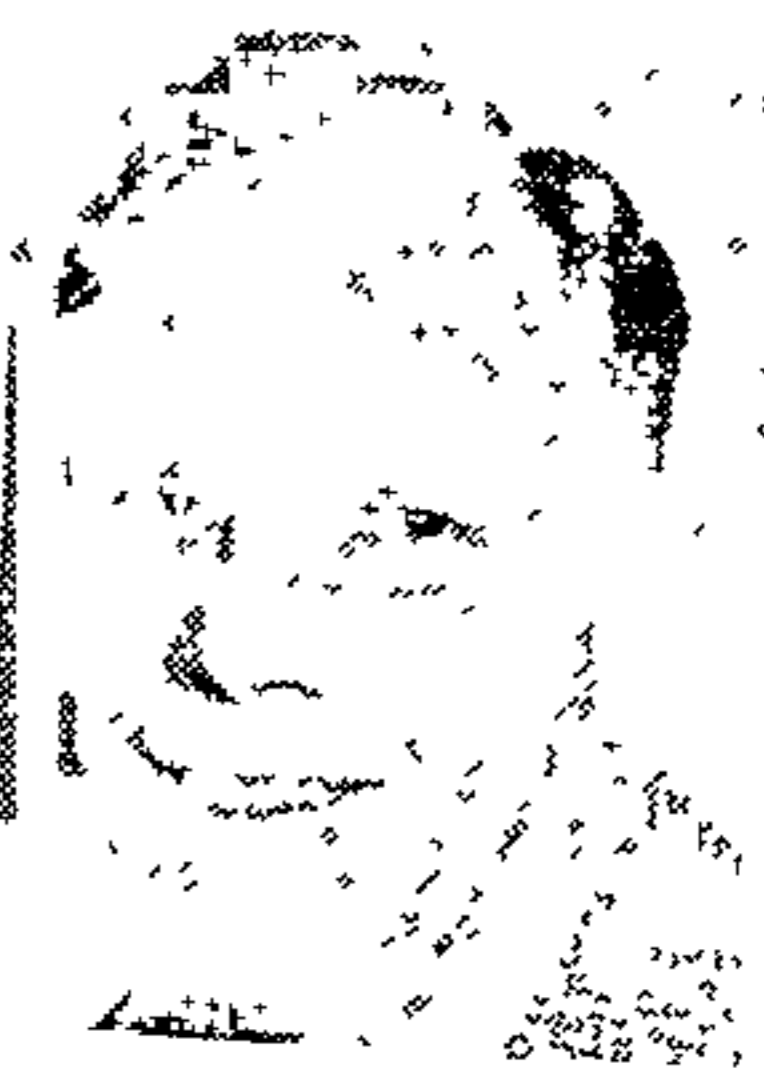
He believes the main reason why Cape Town has suffered less than the Vaal Triangle in the present economic recession is the fact that blacks' wages in the city have risen 100 percent in the past two years, creating a healthy and stable economy

He said the council was committed to revitalising the city's central business district (CBD)

LESS PARKING

One of the effects of this policy would be that less and less parking in the CBD would be available to all-day parkers

In future parking will be provided on the peripheries of the city. Parking in the CBD will be of short duration for the benefit of shoppers and those wanting to conduct business



Mr Len Kendal

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Back to school for ambulance men

Training for rescue crew is rigorous

By NOREEN SUTCLIFFE

BACK to school is a regular happening for the members of the Cape Ambulance Rescue Service, Port Elizabeth Municipal Division.

Few people realise the in-depth training given to members of the ambulance service whose actions in time of accidents and disaster help save lives.

Mr Bill Rheeder, Chief Ambulance Officer, told Weekend Post the training school, at the Dora Nguzwa Hospital, is a satellite of the Cape Provincial Ambulance Training Centre in Cape Town and has been in operation in Port Elizabeth for more than 18 months.

A similar satellite training school was started in East London at the beginning of this year.

In the last five years there has been a radical change in the training of the ambulance staff.

In the early days, a current first aid certificate issued by a recognised first aid organisation was acceptable for the men of the ambulance service.

Today the men undergo rigorous training and are required to gain as much knowledge as possible.

The Ambulance Rescue Service in Port Elizabeth is a fully autonomous division of the Port Elizabeth Town Clerk's Department, staffed by 127 men and women (the vehicle crew staff). With officers and control room staff the complement is 145.

A fleet of 38 ambulances, an emergency cardiac unit (Echo 1) and emergency rescue unit are at the ready 24 hours a day.

But for the people who man them the homework is never finished.

On joining the service today the person has to have an initial training of two weeks when he studies basic anatomy and physiology, light vehicle rescue and the use of specialised equipment, as well as proficiency in the use of light auxiliary equipment and the maintenance of human air ways, and resuscitation, including cardiac pulmonary resuscitation.

He then serves a six-month probationary period during which his capabilities are assessed.

After a minimum of a year he is sent to Cape Town on a two-month course which is far more involved and highly technical.

For the first month, the lecture room becomes his daily home where, after two weeks, he has to do a progress test, followed two weeks later by a similar test which qualifies him to continue with the course.

The second month is set aside for practical training. Two weeks are spent at Groote Schuur and Conradie Hospitals where the men receive training in intravenous infusions, how to take blood pressure readings and how to administer intra-muscular injections.

They also study advanced techniques in the maintenance of the human respiratory system.

All this is done under the guidance of doctors and



Watching the expert, ambulance training officer W R DE BRUGGE, demonstrate the kiss of life on a life-like baby doll, are five men who yesterday wrote their examination after a two-week intensive course to qualify for the ambulance service. They are (from the left) Mr J W FOURIE, from Vryburg, Mr C F DE LANGE, Hofmeyer, Mr P M TERBLANCHE, Port Elizabeth, Mr H K NTOTHO, of Somerset East, and Mr P J VOSLOO, of Cradock.

trained sisters.

Then comes the hard graft, the last two weeks being spent on the road with a qualified registered medical assistant. During this period the ambulance man's progress is monitored by a medical consultant of the Cape Provincial Administration, who is able to be on hand at any emergency.

And then the final sweat. The examinations occupy two days. A two-hour paper is written on the first day and the rest of the day set aside for practical examinations.

The second day begins with another two-hour paper, followed by an oral examination conducted by two doctors.

If successful, he is awarded a diploma and becomes an ambulance medical assistant, but his trial period is not over.

Back home he has to put into practice all he has learned and feed the information on his patients through to Cape Town where it is carefully scrutinised and critically appraised.

When the authorities feel that the person now has sufficient practical and overall experience he becomes a registered ambulance medical assistant — but it is not a registration which lasts forever. It is valid for

three years and then it is back to Cape Town for a refresher course and re-registration.

Becoming an ambulance medical assistant means a salary upgrading and this, said Mr Rheeder, is an incentive.

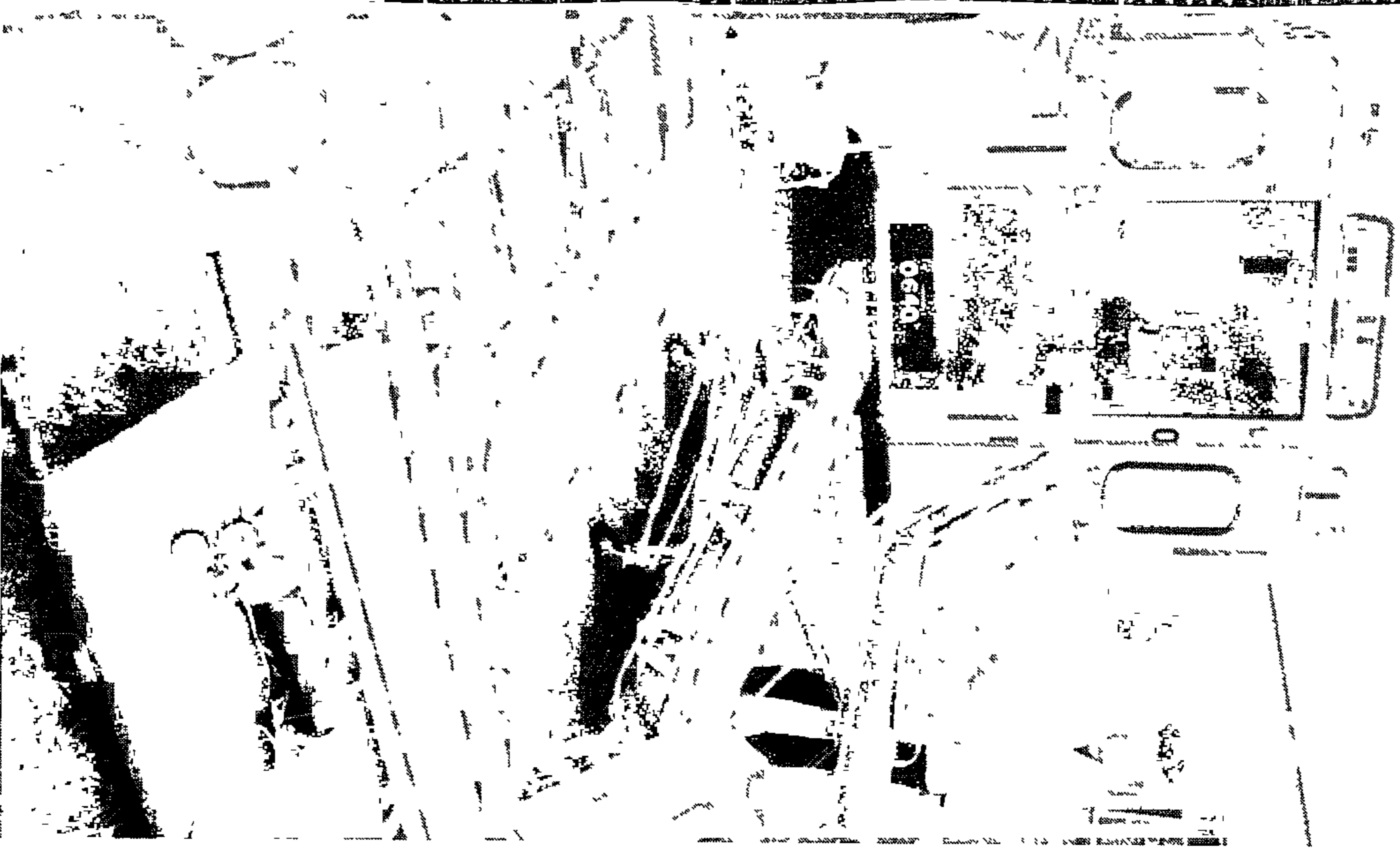
Talking about the "old days", Mr Rheeder said patients injured in accidents involving fractures of limbs had quite a problem when the old wooden splints, which had to be padded, were used to immobilise the limb.

"The shock and pain of moving the fractured limbs for the splinting was quite intense. Today we give the patient a pain-killing gas of 50% oxygen and 50% nitrous oxide which is an analgesic gas and which is self-administered by the patient.

"For 35 to 40 seconds it gives a 'no pain sensation' which allows the ambulance crew to put on the traction splints, which today are easily manipulated.

"So often, at an accident, the public tell us to hurry up, stop fiddling and get the patient to hospital.

"But they don't realise that today an important part of rendering assistance is to stabilise the patient's condition before we attempt to put him on a stretcher. "The assistance rendered is a boon to the patient and to the hospital because it has been proved that our work cuts the time the patient spends in hospital.



The pride of the Port Elizabeth Ambulance Service, the Metropolitan Mark III, seems to have elasticised sides. Here ambulance medical assistant G P FOURIE holds a resuscitator, the last piece of equipment to come out the unit. The ambulance is capable of carrying four stretcher cases in comfort and two walking cases.

Dias camp may move to Hankey

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Municipal Reporter

THE residents of the Dias Divisional Council workers' camp at Fitches Corner will be moved to the Hankey township as soon as possible if the council agrees with a recommendation from its Health and Amenities Committee

The proposal will be discussed by the council at its meeting tomorrow

Alternative housing for the workers was investigated by a sub-committee comprising two councillors, Mr D Saks and Mr P M Moolman, the deputy secretary, Mr J C Kotze, the chief engineer, Mr J Kemp, and the medical officer of health, Mr J H Meyer

They met three representatives of the East Cape Administration Board (Ecab) and were told that sites in Hankey would be available within 18 months

The sub-committee pointed out its advantages

- It was in a rural area so it would not be necessary to use the leasehold system and funds would not be needed to purchase the sites
- The workers, used to a rural atmosphere, would feel at home in such a settlement
- The wages of the council's workers would be in proportion to the wages of the other residents of the township and the council would not have to compete with a higher wage structure.

The committee has recommended that an application should be submitted immediately to Ecab for 50 sites at Hankey.

It has also recommended that Mr Kemp, together with the council's Treasurer, Mr F J Baker, and Ecab prepare plans for submission to the council together with estimated building costs and possible rental charges

Council's rent rise reprieve

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By JANE ARBOUS
Municipal Reporter

THERE will be no rent increases for the City Council's 40 000 tenants for the first six months of next year the Housing Committee resolved yesterday

The decision which still has to be ratified by the full council, will be widely welcomed by housing-estate tenants and their families

The committee's decision to absorb the loss of income was taken during yesterday's three-hour discussions on the draft estimates of income and expenditure for the first half of next year

Councillors agreed that the rent increases should be implemented only at the start of the new 1983/84 financial year, which is now July to June

The committee recom-

mended that the loss, estimated at more than R300 000, should be borne by the Rates Fund until the middle of the year

Income surveys are expected to be carried out in March before new increases are fixed

This year's rent increases met with widespread community protest

A campaign against them led to a Day of Action in February, with banner-waving protestors gathering outside rent offices throughout the Peninsula

A month later, a delegation of tenants, with representatives of the local authorities, met the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, to discuss a new rent formula He was also presented with a petition and a memorandum listing grievances

Local sites quarrel over local sites in boom times

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PORT ELIZABETH appears to run a very poor second to Uitenhage in the race to attract industrial investment and create jobs

This emerges in a detailed feasibility study conducted by a grant industrial company currently considering a R50-million investment in the Eastern Cape

In the interests of focusing attention on the "poor performance" by Port Elizabeth's city fathers, the study was released this week to Business Post

The first issue raised in the report concerns the availability and price of industrial land

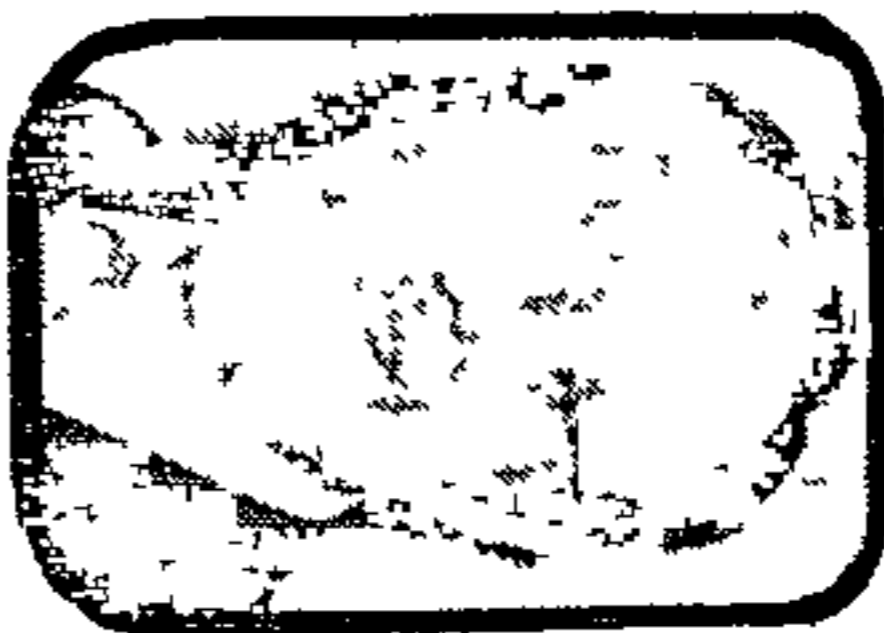
As the company concerned required 20ha of ground the only area available in Port Elizabeth at the time of compiling the report was at the Markman industrial township. Price? — a flat rate of R650 000

This compared with an immediate down payment of only R88 000 at Uitenhage's Jagtvlakte township, plus R1 920 a year over 15 years as a pro-rata share of the costs of the loan required to install the necessary services. Discounted at 16%, the total cost after 15 years emerges as R336 410

Difference, in favour of Jagtvlakte — R313 590

The next major item for comparison is municipal rates

The report notes that Port Elizabeth rates (in 1980), were calculated on a levy of 2,874c in the rand,



By Louis Beckerling
Business Editor

based on a 1973 valuation. Buildings would thus have a municipal valuation of about 40% of 1980 erection costs and on a building costing R6 million the rates would thus be R69 000 a year

The 20ha of land, notes the report, would "probably have a municipal valuation of R252 000", and rates on the land would thus be R7 000 a year, bringing the total bill to R76 000 a year

Uitenhage, by contrast, would bill the industrialist a total of R37 000. This figure was derived from a rate of 0,923c in the rand based on 1977 valuations, which would mean that buildings would be valued at 65% of 1980 erection costs — hence on a building costing R6 million an annual rate of R36 000. To this was added an amount of

and rail facilities are provided".

- A rates bill R39 000 lower than that charged at Markman
- Relief from the "foul smell" created by the proximity to Markman of the only R1 000 a year on land, based on a land valuation of R160 000

Difference, in favour of Jagtvlakte — R39 000

"It just so happens that this differential is maintained after the proposed 25% increase in rates in Uitenhage and 12,9% in Port Elizabeth — R47 000 as against R36 000", adds the report

Assessing the criteria in favour of the Port Elizabeth site, the report notes

- The negative impact of relocating the company's operation in "another town".
- A saving in distribution costs (as the company concerned produces in the consumer market its distribution costs are a major

factor, and Markman offered a saving of R93 000 over a 15-year period).

- A daily commuting distance for its white workers of 46km (compared with 57km to the Uitenhage site)
- A return busfare for black workers of 46c a day, compared with 70c a day to the Uitenhage site
- General amenities (such as the airport and specialised industrial concerns), are closer to Markman (46km), than Jagtvlakte (57km)

These criteria, notes the report, should be contrasted with those favouring the Uitenhage site

- A bill for land which would be R313 590 lower
- Further, from a cash-flow point of view, 20ha at Markman involves an immediate outflow of R650 000, while Jagtvlakte involves an immediate outflow of R88 000 and then R1 920 a year for 15 years from the time the road

abattoir and hides and skins industries

- A wider range of amenities at a closer distance
- Housing for a wide range of people at a distance of five kilometres from the industrial township (in comparison to a 46km trip from PE to Markman)
- The relatively shorter commuting distance to Jagtvlakte for the company's present coloured employees (who make up the bulk of its first-line

supervision)

- Lastly, at Uitenhage the company could "influence both the size and the shape of the site to suit ourselves"

Confronted with this compelling argument, the Port Elizabeth Council, to its credit succeeded in finding the last remaining 20ha site in the Perseverance industrial township, and the company concerned now has an option to the end of the year to buy this ground

The central location of

the site, between Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage, has provided the bait to keep the big fish in Port Elizabeth's waters

But what happens when the next one comes along and has to choose between Markman and Jagtvlakte?

The issue underlines a criticism frequently levelled by industrialists at the Port Elizabeth Council — that short-term commercial advantage is sought at the expense of the longer-term benefits of attracting large industrial concerns to the area

PE is in a 'water rich' area

By SHELAGH
BLACKMAN
Municipal Reporter

PORT ELIZABETH could be classed as being in a "water rich" environment, the City Engineer, Mr Arthur Clayton, said last night.

Addressing a meeting of the Wards 5 and 6 Civic Association, he said that with the commissioning of the Elandsjagt Dam in 1985, the city's water sources should supply it with sufficient water to last until the year 2000.

By contrast the prediction for South Africa as a whole was that by early next century the water "balance" would be on the "negative side".

Mr Clayton pointed out that the cost of water increased with each new scheme that was commissioned. Whereas water from the Lorie Dam cost 3c a kilolitre, water from the Elandsjagt Dam would cost 25c a kilolitre.

Water reclamation or recycling was one answer to water shortages, he said.

Mr Clayton, who headed the City Engineer's Department in Windhoek for 16 years, was in charge of the development of the city's pioneering water reclamation scheme where sewage effluent is recycled for human consumption.

But many people still found the idea of water reclamation unacceptable.

There were also inherent dangers in recycling. Research had indicated that chloroform was carcinogenic (cancer-producing), although many conclusions reached were subjective.

Mr Clayton said the principles applied in reclaiming water in Windhoek could not be directly applied in Port Elizabeth.

The water here was very heavily polluted with industrial wastes and there was a high total of dissolved solids in the water.

Mr Clayton said a reverse osmosis plant would be installed at the Fishwater Flats sewerage works next year. The plant would be carefully monitored to see whether it was worthwhile embarking on a large scale development.

Asked about the possibility of desalinating water, Mr Clayton said it was "prohibitively" expensive.

City govt: Views ⁽²⁶³⁾ CAPC Tants 15/10/82 wanted

Municipal Reporter

THE City Council wants to know what Cape Town citizens think about the question of a metropolitan government for the area

Mr M S Muller, acting chairman of the council's constitutional committee, appointed to study the President's Council proposals on local government, said yesterday that there were diverging views of the advantages and disadvantages of a metropolitan form of government for Cape Town

The council has adopted the committee's interim report and has asked it to monitor further developments and to investigate fully the question of "metropolitanization"

Public comment

Mr Muller said public comment would help the committee. Copies of the interim report had been distributed to ratepayers' associations and some were available from the council

When it first became apparent that a metropolitan government was a possibility, the council sent three of its senior officials overseas to study developments

Their reports, not yet been considered by the council, are available from the committee

Memoranda from interested parties should be sent to the Town Clerk before November 30

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**King resists
moving of
traffic HQ**

EAST LONDON — Borough Council officials are opposed to plans to move the headquarters of the regional traffic department for the Border from King William's Town to East London

"I can't see any reason for the move," the Mayor of King William's Town, Mr Eric Weyer, said yesterday

"King William's Town is the right spot. Officials work as far north as Aliwal North, and King William's Town is more central

"We had a meeting with the Provincial Administration pointing out our dissatisfaction and I said the plan was causing uncertainty about the future of King William's Town"

He was aware that a move was "being negotiated" but said he did not think it had been agreed. "We've heard no more"

It was earlier reported that the provincial traffic chief, Mr Johan Schoeman, had said that "geographic considerations" would necessitate the move to Wilsonia here

The deputy mayor and MPC for King William's Town, Mr Ray Radue, said he was aware that the borough council had made representations to

the administration to retain the regional offices of the traffic department in King William's Town, but no official reaction had been received

Mr Radue said the geographical argument was not well founded

"There surely is an agreement between the Ciskei Government and South Africa in relation to the free movement of provincial traffic officers along the main national roads

"The free access to the north surely is unhampered, so I don't see the validity of the argument that East London is more central to the entire region patrolled by the provincial traffic department"

The regional chief traffic officer for the Border, Mr Fanie Cronje, said regional traffic offices in the Cape Province — as well as other provincial departments — were situated near large centres, and that the move to Wilsonia would bring about uniformity "and make co-ordination between departments much easier

"We have a lot of unproductive kilometres to cover through Ciskei territory northwards, westwards and southwards before we are on South African roads where we can operate"

Mr Cronje said that there was an agreement with Ciskei allowing patrol officers to drive through the territory, "but we have no jurisdiction on their roads"

"We can render a much better service from East London. Eighty per cent of our court cases are heard in the East London magisterial district" — DDR

Staff shortages spark Queenstown hygiene concern



Weekend Post Reporter
HYGIENE is deteriorating at Queenstown food outlets as the municipality faces a critical shortage of staff in its health department

The outgoing mayor, Mr J I Koopowitz, said in his review of municipal affairs that there was now evidence of falling standards and there was "cause for grave concern"

The shortage was so acute that when anyone went on leave or was off sick only one person remained in the department to deal with health matters

He also disclosed that there was at present only one black health inspector, Mr De Villiers Sigenu, "who has the unenviable task of singly undertaking all the duties of health inspection in the black areas"

The importance of inspection and control over foodstuffs could not be

viewed in isolation from the control of infectious diseases, yet the Chief Health Inspector had reported it was not possible, with a depleted staff, to do inspections at the desired frequency

Milk supplies were drawn from 68 producers, some as far afield as Cookhouse, Steynsburg, Burgersdorp, Indwe and Komga. Excess milk was either sent to East London as fresh milk or processed into powdered milk

It had not been possible to inspect milk handling premises at the required frequency

Speaking of notifiable, infectious and formidable epidemic diseases, Mr Koopowitz said attention must be drawn to the danger of introducing milk-borne diseases though the illegal entry into Queenstown of unpasteurised milk

In order to monitor the spread of cholera, which had spread from the Transvaal and Natal into neighbouring black states, regular swabs had been taken from the Komani River as well as other points in the sewer system but so far all had proved negative

"The incidence of cholera has declined during the winter months, but there is every possibility the disease will recur during the summer," he warned

During the year a further vacancy occurred in the department. This had reduced the white inspectorate staff to the Chief Health Inspector and the Senior Health Inspector

"Every health inspector registered with the South African Medical and Dental Council was circularised with an advertisement of the post, but there was no response," he said

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VRYBURG WANTS NIGHT CURFEW BROUGHT BACK FOR BLACKS

THE town council of Vryburg in the Northern Cape has decided unanimously to ask for the return of the curfew which forbids blacks to be on the streets between 9pm and 4am without special permission from employers.

They asked for the curfew to be enforced in the Indian and coloured townships as well as white areas

By JEAN LE MAY
Political Reporter

The motion was introduced by Mr Willem Kotze, one of four Herstigte Nasionale Party supporters on the nine-man council.

Dr Walter Amundate, Mayor of Vry-

burg, said the NP supporters on the council had supported the motion because they felt the people of Vryburg wanted the curfew brought back.

"There has been a great deal of petty crime in Vryburg recently and it is vagrants who are responsible," he said. "We are not contemplating action against well-behaved blacks."

The chief director of the Northern Cape Administration Board, Mr Martin Kruger, said he doubted whether the curfew would be re-activated because of shortage of staff.

"Personally, I'm not in favour of it. It would place innocent people in difficulties," he said.

The curfew law is still on the statute

book but has been largely disregarded over the past few years.

● Three years ago it was reported that the Department of Co-operation and Development conducted 'experiments' in Pretoria and Bloemfontein to decide whether the law should be scrapped.

The experiment was quietly dropped without reasons being given.

City department hit by staff crisis

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By SHELAGH
BLACKMAN
Municipal Reporter

SEVERE staff shortages hampered the work of nearly all the divisions of Port Elizabeth's City Engineer's Department last year

This emerges from the annual report of the City Engineer, Mr Arthur Clayton

In the town planning division, the staff situation "declined to an all-time low" last year with the division having to operate "with half its usual professional staff complement" for most of the time, according to the Chief Town Planner, Mr T M V Sandham

Metropolitan planning virtually came to a standstill last year, he said

However, an active staff recruiting campaign towards the end of the year "bore fruit" and it was possible that a number of new town planners would be attracted to the city

The division was striving for a balance between experienced and less exper-

enced staff, which had not always been possible to achieve — the less experienced usually being in the majority, he said

The mechanical workshops lost one superintendent and 23% of its artisans during the year, the chief mechanical engineer, Mr M F Horn, reported

The loss of experienced staff presented a problem at times of high demand for skilled staff and ultimately implied a loss in efficiency, he said

"The importance of a constant labour force for the repair and maintenance of equipment associated with essential services, cannot be over-emphasised," he said

"A major factor in efficient maintenance is familiarity with the equipment maintained and this aim cannot be achieved with a constantly changing labour force"

Productivity fell in the automotive division last year with the loss of eight experienced artisans, the chief automotive engineer, Mr J A P Evans said

The only additions to the artisan strength were four apprentices who qualified during the year

Since these four only changed status from fifth-year apprentices to artisans, they did not represent a gain in manpower

In reality, the situation was worse because three more artisans were promoted to take the place of two chargehands and one inspector

Thus the real loss was 11 artisans, or 25% of the skilled work force, he said

The administrative officer, Mr J A Wignall, said his department had started the year with 111 vacancies and had ended the year with 136 vacancies

During the year the department continued to lose many of its professional and technical personnel, mainly due to higher pay offered by outside bodies

The chief land surveyor, Mr H Richards, said his division was faced with a "considerable backlog" of work which was causing inconvenience and delays in the processing of land mat-

ters

Measures to rectify this by recruiting qualified staff had not been "entirely successful", he said

The roads and stormwater division was not able to meet the demand for testing last year as two fully trained laboratory technicians resigned at the beginning of the year, according to the roads and stormwater engineer, Mr R T Street

The design engineer, Mr M W Watson, said the work of the design division was restricted because of staff shortages

"Despite countrywide and overseas advertising, no personnel were recruited," he said

The waterworks engineer, Mr T H Proudlock, said difficulty had been experienced in recruiting artisan staff and treatment works staff last year

A table in the report on the movement of salaried staff for the City Engineer's Department shows that 75 people resigned last year and 61 newcomers were signed on

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Debate today on PE's R264m draft budget

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PORT ELIZABETH'S draft operating budget of more than R264 million for the 18-month period until June 30 next year will be discussed by the Policy and Resources Committee of the City Council this afternoon.

Today's special meeting is a departure from the established procedure, the Deputy City Treasurer, Mr Eddie Landsberg, said today.

The five standing committees usually, each debated their section of the draft budget and adopted certain measures before the budget came before the Policy and Resources Committee.

Now this committee would give guidelines on certain issues so that the standing committees could discuss the draft budget within certain parameters.

The committee members will also consider a rates increase for the first six months of next year (after June 30, 1983).

An amount of R95 622 360 is the estimated expenditure on the rate and general service account for the next 18 months. Of this total R29 909 040 will be spent by the City Engineer's Department on general services and R20 729 410 on the cleansing and sewerage division.

Some of the estimated expenses on services outlined in the draft budget are

- Electricity — R127 428 060
- Water — R18 221 270
- Housing — R11 127 470
- Gas — R9 428 610
- Parks — R7 624 970
- Fire — R6 219 100
- Market — R2 319 970
- Beaches and swimming baths — R2 946 450.

Mr Landsberg said the State Treasury had limited the growth of local authorities' budgets to 13,5% for the financial year. Basically, all the departments had kept within the 6,75% allowed for the first six months of the year.

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Proposed 5% rates rise 'reasonable'

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By SHELAGH BLACKMAN
Municipal Reporter

THE proposed 5% rates increase in Port Elizabeth for the first six months of next year has generally been accepted as "reasonable" by chairmen of local ratepayers' associations

The increase only covers a six-month period because the city council, along with other local authorities, changes over to a June to July financial year with effect from June 30

Another rates increase can, therefore, be expected at mid-year

An increase of 5% was "not so bad after all", the acting chairman of the Central Executive of Port Elizabeth Ratepayers' Associations, Mr Leon Meiring, said today

Mr Meiring said he favoured small increases being imposed each year rather than massive in-

creases once every few years

The chairman of the Ward 3 Civic Association, Mr M Chappel, said all local authorities should strive to hold rates increases to a figure considerably below the inflation rate

The city council was doing a good job if it could hold its rates increase to 5% — a figure below the inflation rate

But the chairman of the Western Suburbs Ratepayers' Association, Mr Frans Marais, was less enthusiastic about the proposed increase

Port Elizabeth ratepayers paid just about the highest property rates in the country, he said

"It does not seem such a big increase, but, in the light of the present rates we pay and the forthcoming revaluation of properties, it could have a tremendous

effect on the ratepayers' pockets," he said

● The city's draft budget, which included the 5% rates increase, was accepted by the Policy and Resources Committee yesterday. It will now be discussed by the council's other standing committees before being presented to the Policy and Resources Committee once again. The budget will then be debated by the council at a special meeting in November

Meanwhile, the Port Elizabeth City Treasurer, Mr Amandus Strydom, has advised ratepayers to pay rate bills in monthly instalments from next year

Mr Strydom said the Provincial Council would probably make certain amendments to the Municipal Ordinance which would affect the payment of rates

Mr Strydom said the ratepayer who paid once a year would have to "watch

it" next year

He would receive a bill in January, 1983 for the first six months of that year and this would have to be paid by March 31

Then if legislation was passed by the Provincial Council, he would have to pay his rates for the year July, 1983 to June, 1984 by September 30, 1983. He would thus have to pay two accounts within six months

At present a ratepayer who paid his rates in a lump sum had six months in which to pay but one of the proposed amendments to the Municipal Ordinance would require the amount to be paid within three months

Besides, Provincial legislation was likely to raise the present interest of 15% on overdue rates to 1% above the 20% bank overdraft rate

"It's far better to pay in instalments," he advised the city's ratepayers

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Kensington

ratepayers

'shocked'

Municipal Reporter

SAMPLE valuations carried out in Kensington represented a 150 percent increase in the municipal price of land, while similar valuations in Bishopscourt cut a third off current prices, the valuations court heard yesterday

Opposing the latest sample valuations on behalf of 517 objectors, members of the Kensington/Factreton Ratepayers' and Tenants' Association gave evidence that the community was shocked by the samples

These valuations — to be used as a guide for setting new rates for the entire area — were "far-removed" from real values

Four properties with current prices of between R2,50 and R2,83 a square metre had been revalued to between R6 and R6,50 a square metre

Decreased in Bishopscourt

In contrast, the value of a sample property in Bishopscourt, although larger, had been decreased from R5,50 to R4,19 a square metre, while another had been reduced from R4,39 to R3 a square metre

Mr S Desai, the attorney appearing for the association, told the court that the implementation of the Group Areas Act had artificially raised property prices because of the demand for land by people moved out of areas declared white

The secretary of the association, Mr Trevor Manuel, said the suburb housed about 42 000 people who had insufficient amenities. By comparison, the adjacent white area of Maitland had four times the amount of developed public open space

'Very disadvantaged position'

Mr Manuel said one of the sample sites was in a "very disadvantaged position", with the Wingfield military base on one side and an industrial area on another

The second site was close to the railway and six-lane freeway to Paarl, the third was in a road with heavy pedestrian traffic to and from the industrial area, and the fourth in the flight path of the Ysterplaat air base

None of the valuation increases was warranted, he said, asking the court to either reduce or retain current valuations

● In a statement issued after the hearing, the association said its message had been underscored by one of the valuers who had requested a decrease in the sample valuation

The court agreed to inspect the area today

Wraps off VIP blueprint for *AKGWS* 263/82 263 'new' Cape Town

Crucial

On the crucial issue of autonomy, the report says "The creation of a metropolitan authority would not mean that individual local authorities would forfeit their present autonomy, but simply that the metropolitan authority would deal with major issues which are not peculiar to any local authority but are of common interest to all local authorities in the area."

It adds "Only by such a system is it possible for the lower tier authorities to retain their institutional identity and community life while gaining substantial advantages in the planning, co-ordination and operation of metropolitan functions."

Municipal Reporter

A BLUEPRINT for a metropolitan form of local government in Greater Cape Town which could save millions of rands has been released by the City Council after being kept confidential for several months.

The move could change the face of the Peninsula from Fish Hoek to Wellington, streamline services and

save large funds wasted through overlapping and duplication of services

The report, which has been kept under wraps for some time because of its controversial nature, is in the form of a 50-page summary of an in-depth 1 500-page report which took the City Engineer's Department two years to compile

Some of its recommendations are almost identical to the views of the President's Council and the Government on metropolitan government,

though this report was completed some time before the President's Council proposals were made known

The City Council has decided to air the report in public to obtain the widest possible reaction and to get other local authorities, public bodies, and the public to debate and comment on the proposals

Many vital and controversial issues which would have to be resolved if a metropolitan form of local govern-

ment was implemented, such as the question of Group Areas, have been purposely left open-ended to be completed once the system came into operation

One development it envisages is a 60-member metropolitan council elected through a common all-race voters' roll

Although the report, called Organisational Reform of Local Government Services in Greater Cape Town, examines several forms of local government, it concludes

that a metropolitan services authority would be the most efficient and effective

The report envisages a Greater Cape Town area including 21 other existing local authorities stretching from Fish Hoek to Wellington

The idea is to divide all existing services provided by all the local authorities into two categories, those that could be undertaken more effectively and more cheaply by the central metropolitan authority

and those best left in the hands of the local authorities

The report also envisages the metropolitan authority taking over some of the local government functions of the Province, the central government and those of the Divisional Council of the Cape

The report recommends that the metropolitan authority be an employer with its own staff and not just a controlling body

The idea would be to take existing staff from the largest local authority — which would be Cape Town — and make it the core of a new metropolitan department instead of scrapping all the existing authorities and reorganising

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Cape ratepayers face extra burden

EAST LONDON — Ratepayers in the Cape Province may be faced with paying 18 months' rates in the first nine months of next year

This is an indirect result of the change in local authorities' financial year from a calendar year basis to the July 1 to June 30 period, which comes into effect next year

Rates for the first six months of next year will be payable by March 31, and indications are that the account for the first new financial year will be payable by September 30, 1983

A spokesman for the director of local government's office said from Cape Town yesterday that the Executive Committee would probably make a decision on the September deadline next week

The spokesman said ratepayers could overcome the burden of paying two accounts in one year by switching to monthly payments on their rates accounts

His view was echoed by several Border municipal authorities approached for comment yesterday

Ratepayers who wish to change to the instalment system are required to submit written applications to their local authorities by November 30

The government-appointed committee investigating the financial affairs of local authorities has recommended a uniform financial year for local authorities in all provinces

It is also believed to favour a system whereby rates are paid on a monthly basis

One of the reasons cited for changing the financial year is to give local authorities the benefit of planning according to the annual economic forecast made by the Minister of Finance in his budget in March

In the past ratepayers had six months' grace to pay their accounts, but this appears impractical with the new financial year

A six months' period of grace would mean a deadline of December 31, during peak holiday season

"This would probably cause chaos in the municipal departments and mean great inconvenience for ratepayers, many of whom take their annual holidays at that time of the year," Mr John Howell, East London's city treasurer, said yesterday — DDR

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City blueprint backs a metropolitan govt

THE Peninsula's outdated management system must change. This was the blunt message from the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, this week.

Local authorities would not be able to cope with the mounting problems of shortage of money, disparities between the size and resources of individual local authorities, increasing central government control, and the new demands of modern society, unless organizational reform was investigated, debated and decided on, he said.

Choices are investigated in a confidential 1500-page report, which took two years to prepare. A 50-page summary has been released by the City Council.

The report notes that the last major change in the local government system was in 1927 when most of the small municipalities in the Peninsula combined to form the present city of Cape Town.

The population was then 300 000. It rose to 1,83-million in 1980. It is estimated that this figure will double by the year 2010.

The most important reason for maintaining local self-government is that the councils are better than provincial and national governments at identifying a community's needs, says the report.

In spite of the apathy of ratepayers towards local government and in spite of its shortcomings, local

be too large and impersonal, inhibiting community participation.

● Ad hoc and independent one-service authorities

It would be difficult to co-ordinate the work of these bodies with related services carried out by others.

The bodies would lack

ways, it is a device rooted in historical circumstances which would no longer apply if services were completely rationalized.

The core-city concept was only an attempt to gain some of the advantages of metropolitan services and would not strengthen local government.

● A more refined version of having a core city would be a form of voluntary co-operation on a highly organized basis, seeking to obtain mutual benefits.

However, this could — and does — work only on a piecemeal basis. If there were a loss of independence, argument about standards of services, and a lack of mutual short- to medium-term benefits, voluntary arrangements could not work.

● The last main choice would be to give the Provincial Administration control of all services.

This tier of government was, however, remote and it would be better to place the power at metropolitan level.

Municipal Reporter JANE ARBOUS takes another look at the blueprint for local government reform released in Cape Town by the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, on Monday.

government is more effective and efficient in providing services than the other two tiers.

Mr Brand's report on the feasibility of a metro authority has created tremendous interest in Cape Town.

Mr Brand reached his "only feasible" solution after investigating six main choices. These were:

● The total amalgamation of all local authorities in the metropolitan area.

This was ruled out as inappropriate because a single government would

accountability unless they were totally controlled by local authorities.

Private enterprise

● Although there were advantages in private enterprise running some services, private enterprise could not perform the major tasks nor offer the comprehensive range of activities provided by local authorities.

● Another choice was a core city, in this case Cape Town, providing metropolitan-scale services for the greater area. Although Cape Town already does this in some

EL beach land-use study completed

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EAST LONDON — A study on how the coastal land between the Nahoon and Eastern beaches could be used has been completed

The report, prepared by the head of the department of landscape planning at the University of Pretoria, Professor Willem van Riet, will be submitted to the city council for consideration.

Professor Van Riet was commissioned by the council to undertake the land-use study in respect of the proposed municipal sewerage works at Bats Cave, the sewage pumping station

at Nahoon beach and the marine botanic garden between Eastern and Nahoon beaches.

Yesterday the deputy city engineer, Mr Fraser Martin, said Professor Van Riet had suggested that no further investigation was necessary, although the council may decide on additional information.

Mr Martin said the report would be submitted to councillors before next Tuesday when the council and municipal officials will meet with representatives of the Department of the Environment to discuss water and effluent reticulation

The director of parks and amenities, Mr Bob Odell, said the report will also be used in considering the planning of a marine botanic garden between Eastern and Nahoon beaches

The garden, proposed by Professor Brian Rycroft of the Kirstenbosch Gardens, is expected to cover about 200 hectares and extend into the sea

Mr Odell said the boundaries of the garden would be finalised shortly and that the government may make its first contribution towards the cost of the garden in the 1983-84 financial year — DDR

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Call for pro-building councillors to resign

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Environment Reporter

THE Save Gordon's Bay Society has called for the resignation of two councillors who voted in favour of building homes on the slopes of the Hottentots Holland mountain range

The Deputy Mayor, Mrs Dulce Olivier, and another councillor, Mr Norman Hvidsten, voted in favour of rezoning to allow a scheme known as Marlin's Cove for flats over Gordon's Bay

The Town Clerk, Mr Charles Steyn, said their votes had been recorded as in favour of rezoning with the proviso that the proposed development be referred back to the developers for modification

A spokesman for the Save Gordon's Bay Society said that a referendum had given a clear indication to councillors that the people of Gordon's Bay

Dispute on disaster probe

BELGRADE — A new commission investigating the 1976 mid-air collision of a British Trident and a Yugoslav DC-9 at 10 000 metres has decided that both Zagreb air control and the two crews involved were to blame for the air disaster in which 162 passengers and 14 crew were killed

British aviation officials contending the sole responsibility rests with the air controllers, but according to a communique, both the British and the Yugoslav crews failed either to make visual observation or follow closely radio communication in the area — Sapa-AP

don's Bay rejected the development outright. Four councillors had rejected any form of the proposed flat complex outright

OUTVOTED

Recently, Mrs Olivier, who has consistently supported some form of high density development on the slopes overlooking the harbour, was outvoted in an attempt to retain the mayorship, which she had held for several years

Mr Des Riley said the Save Gordon's Bay Society was writing to the council asking for the

resignations of the two councillors

"As far as we are concerned they have lost the confidence of the rate-payers," he said

RECOMMENDATION

The final decision on the question of rezoning is in the hands of the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, but the strong recommendation from the Gordon's Bay council together with the 2 343 objections to the scheme, including objections from many influential people such as the former Postmaster General, Mr Louis Reeve, should carry enough weight for the conservationists to win the day

ry enough weight for the conservationists to win the day

"We feel it would be a total waste of funds for the Administrator to order a further detailed environmental impact study. He already has the benefit of the opinions of a wide range of experts including planners, architects and environmentalists

"It is clear that the experts and the general public don't like the scheme," said Mr Riley

The developers were not available for comment

SA planning a toll system for rural roads

PRETORIA — Draft legislation for a road toll system was being prepared for consideration during the next Parliamentary session, the Minister of Transport Affairs, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, said today

The projects being considered involved only toll financing of rural roads, he said in a statement

"The establishment of urban toll roads in South Africa is, at this stage, not considered feasible and is still the subject of further investigation

Way out

PASADENA — The California Institute of Technology has sighted Halley's Comet 1,6-billion km from earth — hundreds of millions of kilometres further than before. The comet will be visible to the naked eye in 1986 for the first time since 1910 — Sapa-AP

"The draft legislation is primarily directed at the toll financing of certain declared rural national road projects

"It will, however, also provide for the establishment of toll facilities in conjunction with provincial administrations and

local authorities for roads which fall under their jurisdiction

"In such cases, it is the intention that the National Transport Commission will operate these projects on an agency basis," the statement said — Sapa

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Fort Beaufort water: Morrison sees council

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FORT BEAUFORT — The agreement between the governments of South Africa and Ciskei on the Fort Beaufort water supply was one of nine matters raised by the Fort Beaufort Town Council when it met Dr G de V Morrison, the deputy minister of co-operation and MP for Cradock

The water agreement became necessary after the incorporation into Ciskei of the Kat River Dam at Seymour, the source of the town's water supply

The council, after seeking legal advice, decided that a clause whereby both parties could terminate the agreement, was unsatisfactory as the time stipulated before the cessation of water rights was not long enough for the Department of Water Affairs to find an alternative source of water

The council also asked

Dr Morrison to expedite the development and upgrading of the black township here and to proceed with the plan drawn up for the township over the past nine months by the East Cape Administration Board

It was felt that the provision of more sites there would provide alternative housing for the Hillside squatters, who, although living there illegally, had, in most cases, built homes superior to the normal squatter dwellings

The development of the local coloured township was also put before Dr Morrison. Although a lot of progress has been made, homes of all types are desperately needed, as the council has more than a hundred applications for houses, mostly from coloureds in Ciskei who wish to move here

In addition to the enormous housing costs,

the council stressed the lack of job opportunities here

Industrial development here is urgently required and the council is drawing up a detailed memorandum which will include all items of interest to would-be industrialists to this area. This memorandum is to be referred to the government's decentralisation board and to its regional committee formed recently under the new incentive scheme

Other matters discussed included the purchase of undeveloped state land in the town by the municipality to create erven for new townships, and the future of the Tower Hospital buildings when the new complex over the Kat River has been completed

Dr Morrison, gave the council a sympathetic hearing and promised to do all he could for the town — DDC

Fine of ²⁶³ R1 000 for fires on mountain

Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council has closed all braai places on Table Mountain because of the blaze last year but is battling to get the public to co-operate

In spite of dozens of signs erected in traditional braai areas as well as the less popular and accessible beauty spots on the mountain and warnings by patrolling council law enforcement officers, fires are still being made, especially over weekends

Now people are going to be fined. The maximum penalty for starting a fire in a prohibited area is a fine of R1 000 or two years' imprisonment or both

CARELESSNESS

The forester at the council's Kloof Nek Forest Station, Mr Ben Engelbrecht, explained during a tour of braai areas yesterday that the ban on fires had been forced on the council because of the public's carelessness

"Just because braai fires have been allowed, it was not unusual to see somebody making a braai fire during a howling south-easter with glowing coals blowing all over the place," he said

"We just cannot allow this type of thing to continue because it could very easily lead to another major fire on the mountain which would be a total disaster"

No fires are allowed on any part of Table Mountain including the

easily reached picnic spots between Camps Bay and the end of Tafelberg Road beyond the lower cable station

Also included in the prohibited area is Diepsloot on Camps Bay Drive, which has long been a popular picnic and braai area

Mr Engelbrecht said the stone and concrete braais had been removed and all signs of fires — such as blackened rocks — covered over

Each picnic spot and former braai place on the mountain had a sign prohibiting fires

Mr Engelbrecht said a major braai area was being developed at the top of Van Riebeeck Park

In the meantime The Glen at Camps Bay, which included braai facilities and toilets, was open from sunrise to sunset

For those who wanted to braai in the evening, the braai places on Signal Hill remained open after dark

The Signal Hill braai area, was surrounded by good fire breaks



Senior inspector Roger Wright, commander of Cape Town's Rapid-Deployment Force, with members of the anti-terrorism unit in one of the specially-designed vehicles

By Tony Spencer-Smith

Cape Town sets up first rapid anti-terror squad

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BEHIND the flaking walls of an old school building in the heart of suburban Cape Town is a crack new unit: ready 24 hours a day to hit back at urban terrorists.

The Rapid Deployment Force, a multiracial unit, is the first of its kind in the country and could form the basis of a municipal police force — something being considered by the council

The RDP — set up by Cape Town City Council to protect vital installations against the build-up of violent crime and terror attacks — became operational this month

It can rush men and dogs at a moment's notice from its dog squad to trouble spots in specially adapted, unmarked vehicles.

Director of the council's security services, Eric Bult, said this week that the unit's operation would be low-key

"We are not advertising our presence with marked vehicles and we are not going to give out key information on a plate to the opposition"

He said the unit wasn't a James Bond outfit even though his lapel security badge number happened to be 007.

He refused to allow pictures to be taken of the unit's vehicles

Mr Bult said his unit was an "exercise similar to the police flying squad"

He accompanied the Sunday Tribune this week on a tour of the RDF's headquarters

The office of the commander of the unit — Senior Inspector Roger Wright who was recruited from Zimbabwe — and the operations room with its huge map of the Cape Peninsula are in the former school's science laboratory.

Even the personnel manning the operations room are armed

Mr Bult said the men, who passed out of their intensive 10-week training course at a recent



Fangs of the force... a member of the unit puts one of the dogs through its paces

parade, had been recruited from other council units and from outsiders with police or military backgrounds.

They had come from all over the country and from Zimbabwe and had been picked on merit regardless of colour

There were no Africans in the squad, but there were coloureds and whites.

Mr Bult, himself, began his career with the London Metropolitan Police and had colonial police service in Africa before becoming an industrial security practitioner

He said the SAP — who had welcomed the force — had helped train the men together with

council legal experts and officers from Cape Town's ambulance, fire and traffic departments.

Asked why such a unit had first been established in Cape Town — which up to now has been relatively free of terror attacks and sabotage compared to other centres in the country — Mr Bult replied "It is not for us to criticise other centres.

All we can say is that we have recognised the need for such a unit. We are trying to learn from other peoples' experience. The council realises it has a special responsibility to maintain its essential services in view of the current national security situation

While at present the squad could only operate at council installations, it was possible that later it would be allowed to operate in the council's crime-ridden housing estates.

The unit will patrol council property continually.

Mr Bolt said the squad was "adequately armed" but would give no details of its fire power.

He said the unit was not set up purely for "protection against sabotage and terrorism"

"By providing an effective security and protection programme, we can help to prevent theft from stores and so on and determine fire and safety hazards early."

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Local authority for all — Heunis

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Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — The Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, today announced the first steps towards removing local government from provincial authority and placing it directly under central government

Addressing the first meeting of the National Liaison Committee in Durban, Mr Heunis committed the Government to establishing separate local government institutions for each race group wherever possible, with the proviso that suitable financial arrangements could be made

He appealed to local governments to assist the Government to promote a satisfactory and harmonious new dispensation by implementing the Government's constitutional guidelines, which included local government with self-determination for each group over its own affairs and co-responsibility for matters of common interest

"NOT INFERIOR"

"It should be stressed that the Government intends to take the necessary steps to make it possible for each group to establish local government institutions which are in no way inferior to that of another group"

Mr Heunis said this did not mean that the Government was intent on creating bankrupt local authorities for the coloured and Indian communities

His department would initiate and co-ordinate municipal development aid as well as ensure that



Mr Chris Heunis

the training of municipal staff was undertaken. The necessary financial arrangements would be made to ensure the viability of any newly created local authority

Mr Heunis said the existing geographic boundaries of local authorities would be reconsidered from a constitutional, economic, physical and social point of view, bearing in mind a balanced town or city which was not only a dormitory appendix of another town or city

The local authority would have the full range of human needs such as housing, recreation, education, religious and cultural amenities and places of employment

Mr Heunis said the Cabinet had decided this week to accept a further recommendation of the President's Council

The President's Council had recommended a co-ordinating council be established as a direct link between central and local government and that it be under the chairmanship of a Minister of Local Government

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City says new housing plan risks disaster

Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council today warned that the Government's new policy on housing would lead to disastrous result and decided to send a delegation to the Minister of Community Development

The Department of Community Development, which makes State funds available through the National Housing Commission, has decided it will now supply funds only for housing "the very poor (earning less than R150 a month), the elderly and the infirm"

A 10-page memorandum was adopted by the council, which decided to send a copy to the Minister, Mr S P Kotze

DESPAIR

The memorandum calls for a re-assessment of the housing policy and warns of a "major increase in slum conditions, despair and severe public reaction" if the policy is implemented

There are more than 19 300 families on the council's waiting list for rented accommodation, and 9 000 families who would like to buy houses

In June a survey showed that 30 percent of the applicants earned less than R150 a month, 27,6 percent earned between R150 and R200 a month and 18,5 percent between R200 and R250 a month

The memorandum says the demand for houses is likely to increase at a rate of 600 a month and that the supply of new houses will soon decline, then dry up in about a year's time

During the debate, Mr Clive Keegan said there was a long-standing tradition of State involvement in providing housing for citizens, and it was "transparent nonsense" for Mr Kotze to justify his policy by saying this was not so

"Were the majority of the poorly housed or unhoused in this country white, this so-called new policy would never have been contemplated

"The denial of effective municipal political rights to people of colour has illustrated the general tendency for unenfranchised groups to suffer discriminatory treatment" he said

CRIME

In his maiden speech, Mr Sam Gross said poor housing conditions were one of the main causes of crime and, by providing housing, the root cause of the problem could be eliminated

The memorandum also says a reduction in funds for public housing in Cape Town will "inevitably lead to major unemployment and a major financial downturn

"Besides this, it will of course lead to a great deal of hardship and frustration for those on the waiting list. Serious repercussions must be expected"

With regard to self-help schemes, the memorandum calls for a different approach for urban areas "where the community is more sophisticated and has a tradition of reliance on the public sector for the provision of various essential services and facilities"

Racially exclusive clubs may lose city aid

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Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council could in future refuse to grant financial aid to racially exclusive organisations

The council yesterday asked the Executive Committee to consider such a policy and report back at the next meeting

Proposing the motion, Mr G R Oliver said it was morally wrong to provide financial assistance from funds contributed by ratepayers of all race groups to organisations which excluded people from their membership on the grounds of colour

Facilities

At present the council contributes nearly R750 000 to a wide range of different organisations by way of grants-in-aid. More than 70 organisations have council loans totalling about R1,3-million

In addition there are 300 organisations which make use of council facilities. About 120 of these are sporting organisations and 180 are community organisations

Mr Oliver said the council had to play its part in showing the way towards a non-racial society in which it so strongly believed

"Inspiration"

He added that the council's commitment to non-racialism had to be "constantly reaffirmed and renewed publicly" so that it could act as a "source of inspiration and support to those in our society who were wronged and to those people who were unable to break the chains of racial prejudice with which they were fettered"

Mr Oliver said that organisations which were prohibited by law, religious or cultural custom to have open membership, would not be penalised

Mrs Agnes Beyer recorded her opposition to the motion

City warns on housing policy

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By JANE ARBOUS
Municipal Reporter

THE government's recent changes in public housing policy would have grave repercussions for Cape Town, according to a memorandum drawn up by the council for submission to the Department of

Community Development. The council will also ask for an interview with the Minister, Mr Pen Kotze.

The reduction in funds for housing would lead to major unemployment, a major financial downturn, increased slum conditions because of over-

crowding, despair, and a severe public reaction, particularly in the lower-income community.

Full details of the new policy still have to be given by the government, but the council's response to the main elements of the policy — no new houses for people earning more than R150 a month — is that the policy will not resolve the housing crisis in the Western Cape.

The memorandum also notes with alarm that some already approved schemes considered essential are to be "re-considered".

The council believes that the changes should be re-assessed with the emphasis on a re-evaluation of priorities, a re-allocation of resources, and a effort to find material additional sources of funding for housing.

This could be followed by a campaign for the provision of new homes, coupled with a realistic subsidy policy to ensure the money is used for low-income families.

Self-help

Self-help schemes, according to the memorandum, were only a partial solution. The huge demand required massive housing programmes.

Of the 19 300 applicants on the current waiting list, a staggering 76 percent (14 600) had incomes of less than R250 a month.

The nature and magnitude of the task in Cape Town was sobering, the memorandum said.

'Immoderate' attack by Kriel Mayor

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Municipal Reporter

THE MEC in charge of Local Government, Mr Hernus Kriel, was criticized yesterday by the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Kosie Van Zyl, for his "immoderate" attack on the City Council's constitutional debate.

He urged Mr Kriel to adopt an attitude more conducive to harmonious relationships in local government.

At yesterday's council meeting, Mr Van Zyl registered the council's dismay and regret at Mr

Kriel's statements made in George last weekend.

He said that in publicly identifying the Cape Town and East London councils as those planning to "sabotage" the government's constitutional proposals, Mr Kriel seemed to be denying that the City Council had studied and was continuing to study the proposals with "sincere and serious intention".

These efforts were part of a democratic contribution to constitutional reform on behalf of the citizens of Cape Town.

Keegan sees peace threat in cutback

Municipal Reporter

THE government was ignoring at its peril the fact that housing was not only a technical problem, but a social one, Mr Clive Keegan said during yesterday's City Council housing debate

Mr Keegan said the housing cutbacks were made at the cost of peace and stability in South Africa.

The Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, was incorrect in asserting it had always been government policy to place the onus of home provision on the individual

Pointing to the provisions of the Slums Act and Housing Act, Mr Keegan said housing for all races in the lower-income group was the responsibility of local authorities and the State Mr Kotze, he added, was ignorant.

After World War Two, the Nationalist Government had tackled the urban housing problem with zeal and effectiveness The State should continue to bear this duty, as history showed that the consequences of neglect were socially destructive

In the past it had taken disease to jolt authority into action Referring to the Medical Officer of Health's warnings on the medical consequences of overcrowding and inadequate housing, Mr Keegan said outbreaks of bubonic plague and the influenza epidemic between 1902 and 1918 had led to swift action in housing.

The government's cry of no money was false, as millions were spent on building a massive military machine and enforcement of bureaucracy

The real reason was a "disinclination" by economic and political power groups to direct money to the poor and needy

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Koeberg: Escom backs down

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Municipal Reporter

ESCOM was willing to liaise more closely with the City Council and its officials over an emergency plan for the Koeberg nuclear power station, Escom's manager for the Western Cape, Mr G F Hellstrom, said yesterday.

His reassurance, which was relayed to the Mayor, Mr Kosie van Zyl, yesterday, came after this week's criticism by the Medical Officer of Health, Dr R J Coogan, that there had been no technical communication between the two organisations.

Dr Coogan attacked Escom for keeping the council's medical, civil defence and air pollution experts in the dark over the formulation of emergency measures.

Although Escom had been in close contact with the Divisional Council, which was responsible for the immediate danger zone, most of the people likely to be affected in the event of a nuclear accident were in the municipal area.

Mr Hellström said in a statement that Escom was seeking the permission of the Atomic Energy Cor-



Mr Kosie van Zyl

poration to publish an information edition of its emergency plan for public comment as soon as

possible.

He pointed out that Escom had also set up a liaison committee on the plan and four representatives of the council sat on it.

Dr John Sonnenberg, a councillor and Opposition provincial spokesman on health matters, welcomed the willingness to co-operate more closely with the council but emphasised that only one plan for all the Peninsula's local authorities should be drawn up.

Individual contingency plans would only lead to chaos.

He said Escom's new position had probably been the result of the council's bid to have urgent discussions with the Atomic Energy Corporation on the approval of a safety plan before a licence for operating Koeberg was granted.

PE budgets are within State's spending limit

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Municipal Reporter

PORT ELIZABETH'S combined capital and operating budgets had not exceeded the 13,5% limit on expenditure laid down by the State Treasury, according to a report by the City Treasurer, Mr A Strydom

In his report, contained in the agenda of today's meeting of the city council's Policy and Resources Committee, he said that with the exception of the increased cost of electricity purchased from Escom and the cost of coal and railage, the city had kept within the 13,5% pegging on expenditure set by the State

Today the committee will consider the draft budget of more than R264 million for the 18-month period until June 30.

This is the second time the committee will be discussing the budget. It has been debated by the council's other committees and contains certain amendments

Although the proposed rates increase remains at 5%, Mr Strydom has suggested that instead of the 13,5% increase in the electricity tariff originally proposed for next year, the tariff should rise by 15,4% — the full amount of the Escom increase

During 1979 salaries and allowances represented 22,8% of total municipal spending. This had increased to 25,8% in 1981 and was expected to continue rising during the first six months of next year

Any increase in the percentage of the total municipal bill in respect of salaries reduced the amount available for repairs and maintenance

"This trend cannot be allowed to continue indefinitely," Mr Strydom said and recommended that the municipal staff establishment be reduced

He said the effects of the March floods had continued to be felt during 1982 and flood damage expenditure had amounted to R596 760, of which R288 000 was recoverable from insurance. During the year R831 800 had been received from Province as a subsidy for uninsured flood damage

The estimated deficit on the city's gas service for the 18-month period ending June 30 was R1 528 380, compared with a deficit of R1 363 060 for 1981

The market service was expected to incur a deficit of R572 010 by June 1983 compared with a deficit of R341 281 during 1981. Mr Strydom recommended that representations be made for the State subsidy on the capital cost of the market to be increased from 25% to 33%

The water service experienced negative growth in 1981 and growth of only 1,25% was expected in the 1982/83 budget period, he said. The Administrator's approval of an increase of 4c a kilolitre (to bring the tariff to 27,5c) in the water tariff was still awaited, he said

Provision had been made in the extended budget for a payment of R978,720 on Government buildings early next year. Should anything in excess of this amount be received it would be used in the reduction of rates in the 1983/4 budget. This year's contribution will be used for rates relief during the first six months of 1983

CITY'S RATEPAYERS TO RISE

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Municipal Reporter

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CAPE TOWN'S rates will rise 9,4 percent on January 1 — followed by a possible further increase in July.

In previous years the council has fixed its rate for the coming year at its annual budget meeting in November. But the Provincial Council has required it to alter its financial year and today's budget covers only the six months from January

Water and electricity rates will also go up in January — by eight percent. And these, too, may rise in July.

Council tenants' rents, which include rates, will not go up at this stage, although in his interim budget speech today the chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr John Muir, warned they would be faced with an increase in July.

Security

Mr Muir said his committee considered a marginal reduction in the rates in January, but decided on an increase now to avoid a huge increase in July 1983.

An amount of R3,5-million, brought forward from 1981, was left in the rate and general reserve to provide a cushion of four percent against an increase in the rate levy in 1983-84, he said.

His committee was "considerably concerned" about the escalating cost of protecting the city's major buildings and key installations against sabotage and other damage.

National

The estimated cost of operating the security division was more than R1-million and this excluded the security and law-enforcement activities of the beach constabulary, civic buildings and parks and forests department.

The protective measures were a national responsibility and the executive committee intended to make "appropriate representations in this regard".

The budget speech shows that ratepayers must provide R110,7-million to balance the extended year's books.

The 20 percent rebate enjoyed by house-owners, sectional title home-owners and the shareholders of share-block schemes remains unchanged.

The Administrator's permission will be sought.

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City's rates to rise

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to increase senior citizens' rebates. Those who receive 30 percent will then receive 44 percent and those who receive 52 percent will then receive 52 percent.

The rate in the rand for the next six months will be 168c, which must be met in full by commerce and industry.

The 20 percent rebate means that home-owners will pay 1,34c in the rand made up of a general rate of 90c and a health rate of 44c.

Sports

Mr Muir said the Executive Committee had been told that many sporting bodies were experiencing considerable difficulty in maintaining and developing sports facilities because of high costs.

It was claimed that many of these facilities were deteriorating rapidly and if this was not

brought under control vast sums would be required for reinstatement.

The Executive Committee therefore decided to set aside R160 000 to provide aid for those sporting organisations which were unable to meet the cost of maintaining their facilities to reasonable standards.

To ignore the problem could cost the council a great deal more money in the long run, he said.

Housing

An additional R200 000 had been provided for "essential maintenance" in housing estates. This would supplement the R500 000 provided in the 1982 budget.

The inclusion of these two amounts pushed up the rate levy from eight to 94 percent.

Mr Muir said the City Council's further electricity tariff increase was caused by Eskom's

11 percent increase, which would come into effect in January. With this revised tariff the council's revenue would be R22 million to the rates account.

The water rate had been increased above the council's average rate by the government. In addition, dumping costs had increased due to higher electricity charges.

The contribution of the water service was expected to amount to R2,7-million.

Cuts were made after the draft estimates were first compiled, said Mr Muir.

The main reduction was in staff costs where R519 500 was cut from the estimates.

Mr Cantwell told the court that Mrs McCullough surprised the party by declaring she should have married Harry Catterick.

"Mr McCullough was sitting at the table (when Mrs McCullough spoke of her friendship for Mr Catterick) but I don't know whether he was listening," Mrs Cantwell said.

HIRED GUNMEN

The prosecution alleges that Mrs McCullough hired gunmen for R16 000 to murder her husband and reign a burglar at their Peterborough home while she was staying with friends.

She was said to have telephoned him — a "kiss of death" call, says the prosecution — ostensibly to say goodnight but really to establish that he was there so the hit squad could carry out the plan.

The case is continuing.

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Municipal staff report could force changes

By MIKE CHANDLER
Municipal reporter

EAST LONDON — An in-depth report on municipal staff productivity, said to be a "bombshell", is to be considered at a special city council meeting on Tuesday night.

The report, prepared by the National Productivity Institute, is based on the results of a week-long NPI study into municipal productivity here in August.

The city's new director of management services, Mr Leon Deetlefs, said yesterday that the detailed results of the survey had been received by the city, but that the NPI report on the survey results was expected to arrive today or tomorrow.

Mr Deetlefs said the report would be formally submitted to the city council on Tuesday night at a special meeting.

The NPI conducted the survey into the efficiency of municipal staff between August 16 and 20.

The survey was commissioned by the city council following agreement between it and the South African Association of Municipal Employees at last year's salary and wage negotiations to investigate productivity.

The chairman of the council's staff portfolio, Mr Neville Randall, said the council may not reach any decisions on the report at Tuesday's special meeting.

He said it was possible that the council would either formulate recommendations or call for further advice from municipal heads of departments.

Mr Randall said he did not know if the council would release the report for public information.

Informed sources in the municipality said the survey was a "bombshell" that revealed a number of areas of inefficiency.

They said the municipality could face an almost total overhaul in administrative structure and staff gradings.

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Cost-push inflation looks at the supply side & can be believed when economy is not at full employment if workers are well organized and have power they can have increased wages in excess of net increased productivity. To meet wage increases, producers will raise price and this will cause further increase in wage demands as a result of price rise.

The economic consequence of inflation is vast. We must differentiate between anticipated and unanticipated inflation. If inflation is anticipated, then contracts will be written at proper prices and ^{nominal} interest rates will also be adjusted so that real interest rate remains the same. People who hold idle cash balances or checking accounts will lose out, whilst savers

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**Hope for
Dias
staff**

Weekend Post Reporter
HOPES were higher this week for a Merry Christmas for 156 Dias Divisional Council workers who face the sack if the council does not receive the extra R600 000 it is seeking from the Cape Provincial Administration

Two weeks ago the Chief Engineer, Mr John Kemp, told Weekend Post the men would have to be axed and 41 machines laid up should the money not be forthcoming. This week the chances of getting the money — or a good part of it — seemed good.

But Mr Kemp stressed that the machines would have to come before the men.

"If we only get part of the money, it is a likely probability this would have to go towards keeping some of the 41 pieces of roadworks equipment in use, at the expense of the workforce," Mr Kemp said.

In a report to the council this week, after a delegation visited the authorities in Cape Town, the chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Mr C J P Alberts, said "It would appear that Province is likely to increase the council's expenditure by R600 000"

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By SHELAGH BLACKMAN
Municipal Reporter

PORT ELIZABETH'S City Engineer, Mr Arthur Clayton, has warned the City Council that the call-up of key personnel by the Defence Force is severely affecting the city's operation of essential services and could lead to the collapse of the system.

Because of the call-up of municipal staff the stage had been reached on several occasions where the operation of a service in the city had ceased or had reached the point of collapse, Mr Clayton says in his report to the council's Works and Traffic Committee, which meets this afternoon

Mr Clayton says he believes that people occupying key posts should be exempt from military duty while occupying key positions, similar to the situation which exists in Government service

He suggests that a four-point recommendation should be included on the agenda of next year's congress of the Cape Province Municipal Association

He recommends that

- The Prime Minister be notified that the peacetime call-up arrangements of the Defence Force severely affect the ability of local authorities to operate essential services

- Each local authority should be required to keep and update a list of key posts

- People occupying key posts should be exempt from military duty while in those positions

- The service in a key position should be considered equal to a military call-up

Mr Clayton says the collapse of an essential services in peacetime because of the absence of personnel on Defence Force duties

could be very damaging to civilian morale

Already the water and sewerage services in the city had been close to this point on three or four occasions

"If a crisis did occur, I would have no hesitation in making public what I considered to be the cause of the failure," he says

He has no doubt this situation applies to all municipalities in the country which operate essential services such as water, sewerage, cleansing, electricity and gas

He says attempts to gain exemption from training by the Defence Force of key personnel have met with no success, although this system operates within Government departments such as the Post Office, South African Transport Services, Inland Revenue Department, Welfare and Pensions, Customs and Excise and Mineral Affairs

The only concession the Defence Force grants at present is a deferment of a call-up notice, he adds

This concession is inadequate because it merely postpones the problem, it does not solve it, Mr Clayton says

Mr Clayton says the amendments to the Defence Act do not appear to have improved the situation because periodical absences on military duty of between 30 and 90 days are still required

In addition, the call-up notices do not always give a month's notice, he says

Vital services
can collapse —
City Engineer

WARMINING ARMY CALL-UPS OVER

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Four to probe effect of call-up

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Municipal Reporter

A SUB-COMMITTEE of four has been appointed to investigate the effect of military call-ups on the Port Elizabeth Municipality

They are, the Mayor, Mr H van Zyl Cilhé, the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, the City Engineer, Mr Arthur Clayton, and the chairman of the City Council's Works and Traffic committee, Mr Sandy McGilivray

Yesterday the Works and Traffic Committee considered a report by Mr Clayton in which he said the call-up of key personnel in the municipality severely affected the operation of essential services

If necessary, once the investigation was complete, approaches would be made to the Government through local MPs

● At the meeting the committee discussed its share of the city's three-year capital programme. Projects valued at R77 million were proposed for the City Engineer's Department while buildings and extensions suggested for the Traffic Department amounted to R3,8 million

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'Black local govts not inferior' (263)

Municipal Reporter

MANY of the black community councils had larger budgets than those of the white local authorities in the Cape Province and they probably dealt with far greater issues than those handled by 80% of the Cape's white local authorities.

This was said last night by the chief director of the East Cape Administration Board (Ecab), Mr Louis Koch, when he addressed the Central Executive of Port Elizabeth Ratepayers' Associations.

He emphasised that black local government was not an inferior form of local government.

Since the inception of community councils, a tremendous amount of effort had been put into training community councillors.

This year, R69 000 had been spent in training community councils and officials in Port Elizabeth.

Black local government had elements of central government built in because the community councils dealt with issues such as health, education and law and order.

Many of the 56 community councils in the Ecab area had capital programmes running into millions of rands. The community council of Port Elizabeth had a capital budget of more than R16 million.

Next year, the concept of community councils would be replaced by the legislation aimed at making black local authorities even more independent and autonomous, he said.

The country was facing a tremendous urbanisation process where black communities were entering a growing period.

Services would have to be extended but, while most of the white communities had a sophisticated infrastructure, black local authorities needed those facilities at a time when money was expensive.

A change in thinking on the part of some white local authorities would be needed and also a greater awareness of needs, Mr Koch said.

Port Elizabeth's resources would have to be made available to all its citizens — not just to a section of its citizens.

Municipal job changes on way

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EAST LONDON.— Proposals for far-reaching changes to the organisation of the municipal workforce are being studied by the city council.

The council's action committee has accepted in principle the findings of a productivity study conducted by the National Productivity Institute (NPI).

The three volume NPI report was presented to a special meeting of the committee last night by the survey project leader, Mr Nic van der Walt, and researcher, Mr Leon Venter.

Commenting after the closed meeting, the mayor, Mr Errol Spring, said the committee would recommend to the city council that a working group be formed to study the lengthy report in detail to see how it could be applied to East London.

"The group will make its recommendations to the city council," he said.

Mr Van der Walt said the report recommended that a "stronger top management structure" be formed.

He said councillors and top municipal officials would have to "get in the same boat, and not remain in two boats going in different directions".

Top decision-making would have to be tighter, he said, and the objectives of top management would have to filter down to municipal employees.

Mr Van der Walt said a reorganisation of the existing municipal structure would have to take place to allow this to happen.

"The council must also do a lot of work with its staff in planning and developing future objectives.

"The people who work for the municipality make the municipality and they must have a long term plan and know where the council is going."

He said there was a lot of room for improvement in the municipality.

"A lot of areas are not problem areas, but some areas need some urgent attention."

The city's director of management services, Mr Leon Deetlefs, said the productivity drive was not a "witch-hunt".

"A lot of people have a misconception of the whole exercise. They think people are going to be weeded out — this is not true.

"It is simply a matter of reorganising the municipal structure and thereby becoming cost effective and more productive."

Mr Deetlefs said employees could rest at ease — although there would be changes.

"We must redistribute our resources to meet future challenges. The system the NPI are proposing has been studied in conjunction with the new government dispensation, and if the dispensation is implemented, it will enhance the proposed system."

"We are at a crossroads and we have to look ahead to the future now," he said.

Mr Venter said there was no way individual employees who participated in the survey could be identified.

"As soon as we had coded and summarised everything, individual responses were destroyed."

He said that of the 480 questionnaires handed out during the week-long investigation at the end of August, only 60 had been rejected as "invalid".

The questionnaires had contained "check questions", he said, and if the responses contradicted each other, the questionnaire was thrown out.

"This was a surprisingly good return and is a good indicator that the people took this very seriously."

Both Mr Spring and Mr Deetlefs said they felt the exercise had been worthwhile and that the NPI report wouldn't "end up on the shelf to collect dust" — DDR.

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THE possibility of rehous-
ing the residents of the
Dias Divisional Council
workers' camp at
Fitches Corner in the
Uitenhage black town-
ship of Kwanobuhle is be-
ing investigated by the
East Cape Administra-
tion Board

The council appointed a
sub-committee earlier to
investigate alternative
housing for the inhabi-
tants following a report
by the council's Medical
Officer of Health, Dr J H
Kemp, in which he de-
scribed the camp as a
"refuse paradise"

The sub-committee's
recommendation that the
residents of Fitches Cor-
ner be moved to Hankey
township was approved
by the council

However, according to
minutes (released to the
Press today) contained in
the agenda of a recent
meeting of the council's
Health and Amenities
Committee, the sub-com-
mittee met representa-
tives of Ecab who said
residents in the Hankey
area were against the
bringing in of black la-
bour into a coloured pri-
ority labour area

Although the board had ori-
ginally supported the
council's choice of
Hankey, the Commis-
sioner had indicated he
would not sanction such a
move

The Ecab representatives
asked the council not to
resolve anything at this
stage but to wait until
Ecab had investigated
the possibility of making
50 houses available at
Kwanobuhle

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Another electricity subsidy this month

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PORT ELIZABETH people who last month received unusually low electricity accounts will not get accounts as low this month though they will be reduced

Mr Andre Lemmer, Assistant City Treasurer, said that about half the city's electricity consumers had received 39% subsidies on their accounts last month

"The subsidy was an accumulated one for a four-month period and some people got unusually low accounts for November," he said "Those who received the subsidy last month won't get it again this month and their accounts, although slightly reduced, will not be as low again."

Those who received the November subsidy can expect a further 20% subsidy based on actual readings at the end of January Users who did not receive the November subsidy can this month expect a subsidy of 59% calculated on the total amount of electricity used for December.

The 59% is made up of the 39% subsidy received by some users in November and the 20% the same users will receive at the end of January.

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Council instructed to scrap Biko road name

By PETER MALHERBE

THE controversy over the naming of Steve Biko Crescent and Nelson Mandela Street in Port Elizabeth took a new turn this week when the city council was ordered to change the names.

A Cape provincial department directive to the council ended 18 months of silence on the issue.

New names have now to be found for the streets in the suburb of Gelvandale Extension 10, but it could take months before the renaming is completed.

The order has come in for

strong criticism from the Progressive Federal Party MPC for Walmer, Mrs Molly Blackburn, who described it as an "unacceptable and provocative" move.

"How dare they talk of democracy and healthy power-sharing and then impose this decision of a minority group on a majority?"

A request for submission of alternative names has been put before members of the North Areas management committee

The street signs have not been taken down yet

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Latest 'coloured political skinner'

SIR, — Here are some of the latest snippets on the "Leadership Stakes" to be held sometime in the foreseeable future

The prize money? Well if one likes the feel of folding money then it is bulky enough to make anyone's mouth water

● At a by-election in Atlantis, which forms part of the Dassenberg constituency, the non-colaborators won a spectacular victory

Final results were

Non voters	6250
Candidate A	57
Candidate B	26
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According to procedure for these non-events, Candidate A, Mr Wally Daniels, was declared the winner Interesting to note is a comment by the newly-elected "leader"

When asked why he stood for election, he replied blandly, "to gain experience" Now, considering that he will be getting something like R25 a meeting, to him, this must be a sort of "Earn while you learn" scheme

● Mr Wilhe Meyer, the India-rubber man of brown "leadership", has shown his resilience again — by rejoining the Labour Party

Let me recap on this gentleman's "political odyssey", first, the Labour Party, then the Freedom Party, then the Congress Of The People, then Constitution Action, then the nocturnal pow-wows of Stellenbosch, and now back to the Labour Party

Given the Labour Party's own record of transiency there seems to be nothing surprising in the enthusiasm that greeted his re-admission (Comparable only to what awaits Dr Treurnicht should he decide to mend his ways and return to the National Party)

● Under a cloak of secrecy, the Labour Party was launched in Atlantis According to the local SB (not Security Branch, but Sniffing out the Back-scratchers), it was difficult to identify those attending because they tended to hug to the shadows so to speak as they sneaked in and out of the hotel

However the SB did manage to take down a few car registration numbers (which are available to those interested), They include cars registered in the Worcester, Malmesbury and Stellenbosch magisterial districts)

● Chairman of this newly-formed Labour Party branch in Atlantis is none other than the versatile newsmaker of that area, Management Committee ex-boss and self-styled "community leader", Mr Abe Croutz

! Congratulations, Abie, nice to know that you are still around and active

● After spending more than R11 000 on renovating his house in Idas Valley, a director of Klein Kapitaal Bpk has now given it to the National Monuments Commission

! Fine patriotic gesture, I think, and may I suggest that this place be used to house records of our brown "leadership"

As a start, they can adorn the wall with portraits of our "leaders", past and present Perish the thought however, just visualise the damage the future University of Western Cape vandals will do to some of those portraits

ERNEST D ABRAHAMS

Glenhaven

Divco motion on squatters is defeated

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Staff Reporter

A DIVISIONAL Councillor's attempt to find a solution to the Hout Bay squatter problem failed today when his motion to approach politicians on behalf of the Divisional Council was turned down

Mr Len Pothier, who has campaigned for improved conditions for squatters in Divisional Council areas, particularly in Hout Bay, said he had been told the Hout Bay squatter problem would be discussed at Cabinet level if he could submit a properly formulated proposal

Mandate

To do this he had to obtain a mandate from the council to represent it in discussions

His motion was defeated by eight votes to five

He wanted to suggest that a site and service camp for squatters be created in Hout Bay as an experiment. If it succeeded it could well solve the squatter problem in other areas

He said a full census had been taken in Hout Bay which had shown that most of the squatters, apart from those who were social problems, were employed and accepted by the Hout Bay community

"Living" crime

"I would ask you to put yourself in their shoes, where the fact that you have nowhere to live is your only crime and the only thing you can do is to squat on an open piece of ground and be subject to raids"

He noted that the raids, which were carried out by Divisional Council officials, only strengthened the squatters' family ties and determination

He said he had obtained mandates from the ratepayers, landowners and the Hout Bay Harbour Action Committee to go ahead with his proposal

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Township elections

Staff Reporter

MORE than 46 000 people living in Cape Town's townships will be eligible to vote in Thursday's Community Council elections but if voting in previous elections is anything to go by, the poll will fall far short of this number.

Releasing details of

the elections at a press conference in Cape Town yesterday, the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) confirmed that the poll at the last elections was only 27 percent.

There are 49 candidates for 21 seats on the council. Three candidates will take their

seats unopposed.

In the last elections in 1979, 10 of the 15 seats went to candidates who were unopposed.

The elections will take place in terms of the old Community Councils Act No 125 of 1977.

At the press conference, the WCAB appealed to employers to give staff time off on Thursday to vote and where possible to provide employees with transport to polling stations.

"We appeal to employers to assist this democratic election," said Dr Gert du Preez, chief liaison officer for the board.

Voting will take place at the following points:

LANGA Ward 1 — Commissioner's Court, Bunga Avenue Wards 2 and 4 — Monwabisi Community Centre, Mendi Avenue Ward 3 — Old Court Building, Washington Street Ward 5 — Beer Hall No 4, Zone 3

NYANGA Wards 1, 2, 4 and 7 — Zolani Community Centre, Sithandatu Avenue

GUGULETU: Wards 2, 3 and a portion of Ward 1 — Luyolo Community Centre, Ny 126 (Employers Quarters of Section 3) Wards 4 and 5 — Ikhwezi Community Centre, Ny 2 Wards 6, 7 and a portion of Ward 1 — Civic Centre, Ny 50 Ward 8 — Elukhanyisweni Community Centre, Ny 74

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**Vow to
strive
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Staff Reporter

THE UDF boycott campaign against the Community Council elections, which take place on Thursday, was "propaganda" that strengthened the hand of the council, the council chairman, Mr Elliot Lubelwana, said yesterday

Speaking at a press conference called by the Western Cape Administration Board, Mr Lubelwana dismissed the campaign. He predicted a 90 per cent poll

Asked what his election promise to voters was, Mr Lubelwana said he would "strive for power" because "if you don't have power you can't promise anything"

Finance

In particular, the council aimed to take over two functions still controlled by the administration board — finance and personnel

"You may have the transport portfolio and that means you have a car driving up and down the road, but if you don't have the financial control of the car you don't have power"

He said representations had been made to the board for the council to be upgraded and granted town council status in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act of 1982

Land

But until land tenure was possible for Africans in the Western Cape, this would not be feasible "What's the point of accepting municipal status if you can't own anything?"

Referring to allegations that opposition candidates in the elections had been refused permission to use township halls, Mr Lubelwana said there was only one hall in Cape Town's townships

The council had decided two years ago that it would not be available for meetings because it had been "abused"

'Improbable'

Commenting on the possibility that the government might move the communities of Nyanga, Guguletu and Langa to Kayelitsha, he said he believed it was "highly improbable" that they would be moved

Mr Lubelwana said the Guguletu Residents Association had put up candidates for each of the Guguletu wards — and added that "Lubelwana the Great" was standing against "a novice"

Voters urged to boycott poll

By RIAAN DE VILLIERS

A WIDESPREAD campaign calling on eligible voters to boycott the community council elections is expected to intensify until polling day on Thursday this week.

A series of meetings held in Cape townships by the Western Cape Civic Association, which has largely conducted the campaign in conjunction with the United Democratic Front (UDF), will continue with a meeting in the AME church hall in Nyanga this morning.

More newsletters and pamphlets calling on voters to boycott the election are expected this week.

About 500 people attended a mass anti-community council meeting held by the UDF in Hanover Park on Sunday, and unanimously adopted a resolution pledging intensification of the boycott campaign.

The meeting also voted to resist the government's coloured preference policy in the Western Cape, and to strengthen their "democratic voice" by building democratic organizations within the UDF.

Among the speakers were Mr Oscar Mpetha, regional president of the UDF, Mr Wilfred Rhodes, chairman of the Cape Areas Housing Action Committee, and Mrs D "Mama" Sihlangu, president of the United Women's Organization.

Priests and ministers in several township churches read out an open UDF letter on Sunday, calling on eligible voters to boycott the election.

Posters calling for a boycott have also appeared in the townships and in the vicinity of Crossroads.

The Crossroads Committee has held meetings calling for a boycott in New Crossroads, where three candidates have made themselves available for election.

● The boycott campaign has been accompanied by a series of incidents which UDF officials have condemned as "repression and harassment".

These include death threats received by Mr Mpetha and Mrs Sihlangu. Mrs Sihlangu's house was stoned last week, and fire engines and an ambulance raced to Mr Mpetha's house after hoax calls.

Fire engines and an ambulance also arrived at the UDF meeting on Sunday after similar calls.

Later, Mr Trevor Manuel, Western Cape regional secretary of the UDF, was arrested in Nyanga when he took Mr Mpetha home after the meeting.

He was charged with being in the area without a permit, released and warned to appear in court on December 1.

Officials close to the boycott campaign have also sharply criticised the ban on meetings in township halls imposed by the current chairman of the community council, Mr Elliott Lubelwana.

They also say pressure has been brought to bear on priests not to make churches available for meetings.

Parbhoo walks IMC out of meeting wants council vote

EAST LONDON — Mr Harry Parbhoo, the former chairman of the Indian Management Committee, walked out of an IMC meeting yesterday, angered because additions which he had proposed to the minutes of an earlier IMC meeting were omitted from the agenda

He told the meeting before he picked up his briefcase and walked out. "Some of these additions were very important"

Mrs Elsabe Kemp, the MPC for East London City, immediately followed Mr Parbhoo out of the committee room.

She returned minutes later, with Mr Parbhoo, while proceedings were going on as normal

Mr Parbhoo did not go back to his seat, but sat at the back of the committee room, behind the conference table

He walked out of the meeting soon after the Town Clerk, Mr J J Human, said that in order to speed up the proceedings at IMC meetings, and save people with "heavy workloads" valuable time, additions to the minutes of previous meetings should be finalised before the next meeting

"Alterations and additions of minutes from earlier meetings are unheard of at following meetings," he said

Mr K. Martinsen, the director of housing and estates, supported Mr Human on this issue. Back in the committee room after he had stormed out, Mr Parbhoo ignored the proceedings from his seat behind the conference table

When the acting chairman, Mr M Williams, asked Mr Parbhoo to re-

sume his seat when a matter arose which concerned him, Mr Parbhoo retorted

"Do not use me as a tool and make a fool of me in front of others I gave you the info this morning so why don't you report on it?"

He said later. "Valuable sectors of the minutes were left out of today's agenda, and also matters arising from previous minutes"

Mr Parbhoo said that after the IMC meeting on September 27, he had circulated additions, deletions and alterations to the minutes of that meeting on October 11, which he wanted discussed at yesterday's meeting

"I sent these to Mr Williams, to the secretary of the IMC, and to the agenda compiler, Mr R Horn

"I think it is a waste of time attending these meetings, because if there is a change of method, procedure, or any rules and regulations, they should let me know," he said.

"For five and a half years we have had a system where additions and alterations to the minutes were done at the following meeting, or if it could save time, it was done a few days before and confirmed at the meeting" He said it depended "entirely on clarities tendered to me by the IMC and persons sitting around this table" whether he would attend IMC meetings in the future — DDR

EAST LONDON — The Indian Management Committee has requested permission to sit on East London City Council action committee meetings, with the right to vote on issues which concern Indians

A similar request has also been made by the Coloured Management Committee

This was revealed when the Town Clerk, Mr J J. Human, addressed an IMC meeting yesterday

Mr Human asked the acting chairman of the IMC, Mr M. Williams, what type of participation the IMC was requesting in local government

Mr Williams said the IMC was not requesting a seat on the city council, but wanted to be allowed to attend action committee meetings

"We want to vote on matters pertaining to the Indian community that can be dealt with expedience at these meetings," said Mr Williams

Mr Human said he would contact the Administrator, and the MEC in charge of local government, Mr Hernus Kriel, on the matter

He said he would report back on the issue as soon as possible

"I think a lot of good can come from this," said Mr Human — DDR

Misgivings about local govt plan

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EAST LONDON — Spokesmen for local authorities have expressed misgivings about whether separate authorities in the group areas — as envisaged under the new constitution — would be a viable proposition in the Border region

probably a representative committee of some sort will be formed incorporating members of all local authorities. The whole restructuring will be done with regard to local requirements and the aim will be to make government more effective.

we unable to support ourselves financially but such councils would be racially divisive — which is what the new constitution purports to be moving away from

“We want representatives on the different committees on the council and then the portfolio for Coloured Affairs should fall away”

Mr Ray Radue, MPC and mayor of King William's Town, said his council had not received any formal communication from the government on the proposals for local authorities but that the coloured township of Breidbach did not appear to be economically viable at this time. “We are in the process of establishing an Indian suburb but that certainly won't be a candidate for a local authority at this stage”

Mr Mike Bosser, chairman of the CMC in Breidbach, said “If there is to be any development in this township, we need money and that we don't have I don't see any sense in biting off more than we can chew and Breidbach certainly cannot support itself. We want to remain under the King municipality until such time as we can stand alone”

Queenstown's town clerk, Mr M Viljoen said he could not make any positive comment on the proposals at this stage because his council had not gone into the subject in any depth

“The Queenstown coloured community is a very strong one but whether or not it is economically viable in respect of running its own affairs is questionable,” said Mr Viljoen

Mr Winston Jasson, chairman of Queenstown's CMC and regional chairman of the national association, said the CMC was not interested in autonomous bodies

“We want direct representation and would automatically resist the creation of our own local authorities. Apart from our lack of finance we simply do not have the infrastructure for such an operation. The government cannot force such a measure on us”

—DDR
(Report by S Fletcher, 33 Caxton Street, East London)

Although third tier government structure is still under investigation, Mr H J Kriel, MEC in charge of local government in Cape Town, said that where viable, coloured and Indian areas will operate under their own local authorities

“A number of criteria will determine an area's viability. Finance is a very important one but also the availability of skilled manpower and the community's ability to handle its own affairs, come high on the list

“Under the government's guidelines, own affairs will be handled by the local authority and general affairs by the main municipality. The term local authority is more applicable to bodies in the group areas. The term municipality creates a slight misimpression,” said Mr Kriel

Mrs Elsabe Kemp, MPC for East London City, said that while no directives have yet been received from the government, the guidelines said that major metropolitan areas would be setting up separate local authorities under the new constitution. “I am sure East London is considered a major metropolitan area,” she said

There are six coloured areas in East London. These are Buffalo Flats extension 1, Buffalo Flats, Parkside, Pefferville, Parkridge and Duncan Village (the latter is regarded as a special case as it is not exclusively a one-race area). The Braelynn Indian areas are treated as one administrative area

Mr Peet de Pontes, NP MP for East London City, said “The setting up of local authorities in the group areas will allow for the greatest possible devolution of power. These communities will have exclusive control over their own affairs

“There will be no mixed council and no mixed voters roll but

Mayor of East London, Mr Errol Spring believed that there was nothing wrong with the theory of local authorities in the group areas

“Where people contribute to the coffers of the city they should be entitled to participate in the running of affairs, regardless of colour

“Separate authorities are fair enough if communities want them and if those communities are financially viable. However, I don't think at this stage any of the group areas in the East London area are capable of supporting themselves without considerable outside funding”

Mr Spring said the East London City Council did not advocate separate councils

“We believe the city should be divided up into wards and each ward should have a representative on the city council”

Mr Mike Williams, chairman of the Indian Management Committee, did not believe the Indian community in East London had a viable rates base for a separate local authority. “At our last meeting with Mr Heunis (Minister for Constitutional Development) he said that duplication of local facilities would be a waste of time in many cases and only in large and viable areas, like Chatsworth, would a separate municipality be envisaged

“We on the IMC work very well with the city council. I would like to see direct representation for Indians on the council on a ward basis”

Mr F N Barlow, chairman of the Coloured Management Committee in East London, said in his opinion the coloured communities here were definitely not viable

“We should be absorbed into the full council as it stands now. We are not entertaining the idea of autonomous councils. Not only are

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Cape Assomac rejects lower-tier reform plans

By TOS WENTZEL
Political Correspondent

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THE local-government aspects of the proposed new constitution have been rejected by the Cape executive of the Association of Management Committees (Assomac)

This was announced today Mr David Curry, chairman

He said the decision reaffirmed the association's policy of direct representation on a non-racial basis

A statement issued by the executive said

"THE ONLY WAY"

"The association believes that direct representation with the right to vote or be voted for, regardless of race or colour, is the only way in which local government can effectively be administered

"Apartheid is being entrenched in the constitution, and the financial implications of separate structures in local government have not been spelled out.

"The executive agrees that a referendum should be held to test the opinion of our respective communities"

Assomac represents both the coloured and Indian communities

ALLIANCE IN NATAL

The Argus correspondent in Durban reports that a loose alliance of white, black, coloured and Indian leaders and political parties is being formed in Natal to oppose the constitution plan

The alliance will form a powerful opponent to the combined National Party and New Republic Party referendum-coalition which is fighting for a "yes" vote in the province

The vote in Natal, particularly of English-speakers, is regarded by both sides as crucial

The alliance is likely to include Inkatha, the Progressive Federal Party, the

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yes/no What you need to know

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Reform Party, which is led by Mr Y S Chinsamy, and Mr Norman Middleton, former leader of the Labour Party in Natal.

SLABBERT, BUTHELEZI

The Leader of the Opposition, Dr F van Zyl Slabbert, and the Chief Minister of Kwazulu, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi are meeting today.

Mr Ray Swart, Natal leader of the PFP, has pointed out that one of the main objections of the PFP to the new constitution is the exclusion of blacks "This is of particular concern in Natal"

The New Republic Party Natal chairman, Mr Derrick Watterson, has emphasised that his party's co-operation with the National Party should not be seen as an endorsement of the constitution "It is only a step in the right direction It is definitely not the be-all and the end-all of constitutions."

CAPE MEETINGS

The National Party has arranged nearly 100 meetings in the Cape Province to be addressed by Ministers and Deputy Ministers

On Wednesday night the Minister of Manpower, Mr S P Botha, will speak in the Welgemoed primary school hall

The Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, will speak at the Cape show grounds, Goodwood, on October 21

(News by Tos Wentzel, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town, and B Cameron, 85 Field Street, Durban)

Muslims

Should CMC quit

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SHEIK Gamiet Gabier, chairman of the Muslim Judicial Council, has demanded that Muslims who were elected to office in last week's Coloured Management Committee elections resign their positions as they had gone against the teachings of Islam.

Muslims who were elected in previous elections should do likewise, failing which, the council will take further action.

Sheik Gabier did not want to specify, at this stage, what this action would be.

But the council and other Muslim organisations have a history of tough action against those who step out of line, and it is expected that Muslim members of the management committee and of other organs of the Government's political deal for coloureds and Indians will come under heavy fire.

In a hard-hitting reaction to the management committee elections, Sheik Gabier said:

ENLIGHTENED

"As far as we are concerned there are no Muslims on the management committees. Muslims are enlightened people and no enlightened person would entertain the idea of a management committee."

"We therefore demand that those with Muslim names who are management committee members resign immediately or face the consequences."

"They must remember that Islam does not classify people in terms of race and a Muslim cannot accept he or she is a coloured, Indian or whatever. If a Muslim does accept this, by for instance serving on a coloured management committee, then that person has turned his back on Islam."

"We call on such people to come out of the dark ages and to come back into the fold."

Asked for a comment on the elections, as such, Sheik Gabier, who last month made a fiery speech on behalf of the MJC at the launching of

the United Democratic Management Committee Front, said:

"Elections, what elections? One cannot call that exercise anything but a farce."

"And our people regard it as such too, as proved by the ridiculously low percentage polls. They have shown they will not be deceived by the Government and those who are prepared to do their dirty work."

Sheik Gabier said man-

agement committee members, and others often tried to justify their positions by referring to teachers and others who were also in state service.

"They should be told, once and for all," said Sheik Gabier, "that most teachers do not have a choice about where they can teach but no-one is compelled to serve on management committees."

All he needed was one vote

By Aneez Sahe

THIS is really a story about nothing, although some would describe it in less polite terms.

Upon going through the results of the Coloured Management Committee elections, I noticed something rather out of the ordinary in the Macassar constituency.

It was not the low percentage polled — 3.8 per cent. After all that's a whole lot better than Athlone with its 1.8 per cent.

What was interesting is that the official results showed that at the end of the day, after twelve hours of voting, only four votes had been cast for a Mr A Daries, one of two candidates in Ward 4, Macassar.

The strange thing is that Mr Daries won. How does one explain that, especially since there was no mass protest in the form of spoilt papers?

Simple, his opponent, Mr F Maarsdorp received no votes.

Mr Daries, as an elected member of a management committee, is now "a coloured leader."

APARTHEID STOPPERS

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said the rape had been "incomplete".
 Phillip Brown, 20, of Bryant Street, Cape Town, was sentenced by a regional magistrate in April this year for the rape of a 19-year-old woman in her bedroom on October 29, 1982. He appealed again his conviction and sentence.

SENTENCE

Mr Justice W J Vos said during the appeal hearing in the Cape Town Supreme Court that he found the sentence of six years inappropriate since there had been no serious violence used by Brown and the woman involved had suffered no serious injuries.

He added that the rape had been incomplete and that the woman's brother had agreed that Brown could enter her bedroom, while wearing only his underpants.

Mr Justice Vos altered the sentence to six years, four of which would be suspended for four years.

DAGGA

The brother had told the regional court that he had gone out on October 29 1982 to look for dagga and had met Brown.

They returned to the house where he lived with his sister and mother.

The brother, a confessed homosexual, said he and Brown had been in their underpants in the

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APARTHEID and, in particular, the management committee system — marked by abysmally low percentage polls in last week's elections and described as a fraud — has once again been rejected and should be scrapped.

This is the consensus of opinion of a sample of militant and moderate organisations and individuals approached for comment on the management committee elections held last Wednesday.

In the Athlone constituency, one of the biggest in the country with 35 416 eligible voters, only 1,81 percent went to the polls. However, in some rural areas the percentage was higher.

In Macassar, near the Strand, in Ward Four, Mr A Darries won by four votes. His only opponent, Mr F Maarsdorp received no votes. There

since lost the confidence of our struggling people and his attempt to discredit the UDF can only further earn him the contempt of our people."

The Labour Party, in its reaction, said most of its candidates in the elections had won.

Mr David Curry, national chairman of the party, said his party had been very successful.

The chairman of the Muslim Judicial Council, Sheikh Garniet Gabier asked "Election, what election? That was nothing but a farce."
 He called on Muslim members of the management committees to re-

NOT SUCCEEDED

Mr Daniels, who was forced to vacate his Cape Town City Council seat when coloureds were taken off the voters' roll, said that organs of gov-



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In Macassar, near the Strand, in Ward Four, Mr A Darries won by four votes. His only opponent, Mr F Maarsdorp received no votes. There was an official percentage polled of 3,8 percent.

Atlantis saw 6,8 percent of its eligible voters making their crosses.

However, it was a different story in Despatch where 80 percent, or 404 people, voted.

Uitenhage, the home constituency of the leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hen-

these management committees as a fraud and a farce. Last week's election was no exception."

NOT SUCCEED

Mr Daniels, who was forced to vacate his Cape Town City Council seat when coloureds were taken off the voters' roll, said that organs of government-imposed on people would not succeed.

"The new constitution is doomed to fail because none of us had a say in drafting or passing it."

"The only lasting solution is to call a national convention where everyone can have a say in drafting a new constitution."

In the run-up to the elections, the newly-formed United Democratic Front held a number of protest meetings at which they called on voters to boycott the poll.

REJECTION

Mr "Terror" Lekota, Publicity Secretary of the United Democratic Front, said the poor results were an unqualified rejection of Mr PW Botha's so-called new deal and a resounding victory to the UDF in its call to the people to denounce apartheid and stop apartheid legislation.

Mr Lekota noted that, "the percentage polls, as low as they are, are not a real indication of the extent of the people's rejection of management committees and the Government's grand scheme, in general."

"For the voters roll used, a municipal one, reflects only owners of property or those in control of property and their spouses."

Mr Lekota added, "If it is recalled that shortly before the elections there were hurried road repairs, among other improvements, with the credit going to the management committees, then it is clear that our people will reject these committees even if they were given increased powers under the new dispensation."

CONTEMPT

With reference to the attack on the UDF by the National Chairman of the Labour Party, Mr David Curry, Mr Lekota said "We wish to state that whilst the UDF has nothing against Mr Curry as a person it must be said that he and the Labour Party have long

party said his party had been very successful.

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Two killed in car smash

TWO Ocean View men were killed in a car smash on the national road outside Riviersonderend at the weekend.

Mr Charles Fritz, 28, of Zodiac Road, Ocean View and Henry Kesner, 17, of the same address were killed when the car in which they were travelling left the national road and crashed into a tree near Riviersonderend at 9 45 pm on Saturday.

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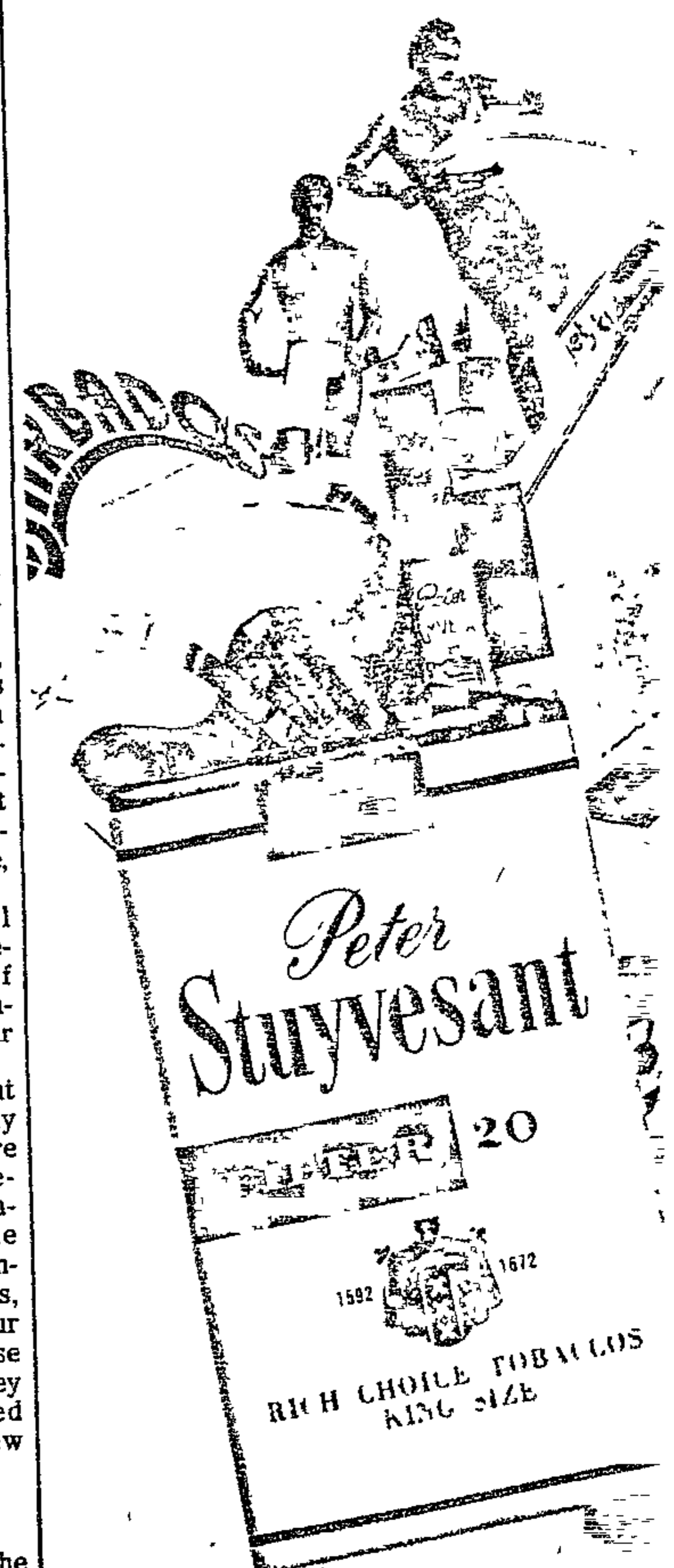
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Mr Justice Vivier accepted Mr Pam's version and ruled that the State had failed to prove that Mr Pam had not acted in self-defence.

Mr Justice Vivier presided with assessors Mr J W van Greenen and Mr G B Shapiro. Mr I B Maartens appeared for the State. Mr P J Laubscher defended.



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It's right up the polls in election that wasn't

A CANDIDATE in last week's elections for management committees in the Cape, Mr F Maasdorp, achieved a new South African record

He received a record low of no votes

His opponent in Ward 4 in the Macassar residential area outside Somerset West, Mr A Darries, was not much better

He got four votes — but he won

And the percentage poll — 3,8% — wasn't that low

After all, in Athlone, the heart of the so-called "coloured" area of Cape Town, it was 1,81%

Athlone has 35 416 eligible voters but only about 500 people bothered to vote

In Ocean View, a coloured group area to which people from Simon's Town and Kalk Bay were moved, there weren't even enough candidates for the three elected posts on the management committee

Mr L Clarke and Mr M Foreman were nominated for the three vacancies

The highest poll in Cape Town area was in Kensington with 11,98% of the voters turning out

In the new model area of Atlantis on the West Coast a poll of 6,88% was recorded — the highest of three divisional council areas

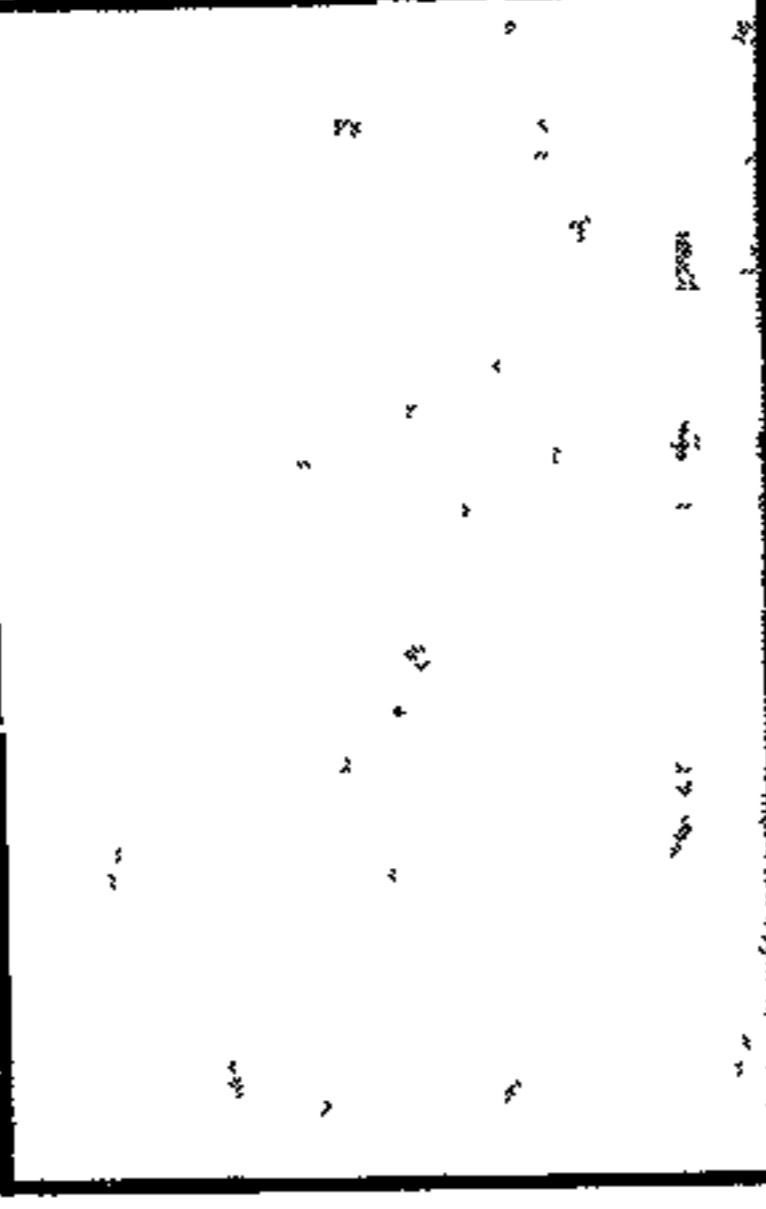
Outside Cape Town, polls were higher but only in Malmesbury (51,35%), Uitenhage (59,6%), Despatch (80%) and in one ward at George (73,8%) did more than half the registered voters turn out

In East London a mere 18,3% voted, in Port Elizabeth it ranged between 18,9% and 42,1%, in Worcester it was 28,6% and in Wellington it was 23,6%

Superficially, the results were good for the Labour Party and its deputy leader, Mr David Curry, said the party had done "very well"

The Nationalist mouthpiece in the Cape, Die Burger, headlined *Arbeiders blink in eleksie* (Labour shines in election)

Labour did indeed win in all but two areas, Despatch where the 404 people who constituted 80% of the voters



NORMAN DANIELS
Labour represents no one

opted for independents and Humansdorp, where the Freedom Party won

If one were to believe SATV, the Freedom Party and the Congress of the People, which won no support anywhere, represent significant elements of "coloured" opinion, but their dismal performance in the management committee elections has proved this to be nonsense

But if the Government, its Press and its allies in the new constitution believe this is a victory, it is a very hollow one

Someone like Norman Daniels, one of the last people of colour to be elected to the Cape Town City Council, believes the boycott was a massive defeat for apartheid — and the Labour Party

Now, Norman Daniels is no radical

When the old Progressive Party was allowed to have members of all races, he served on its national executive

He is national secretary of the Textile Workers Industrial Union, which is affiliated to the moderate Tucsa, and he has in the past bitterly attacked the new trade unions

His political stance has always been moderate, if not conservative

He says "People have consistently indicated that they want nothing to do with apartheid and that they reject these management committees as a fraud and a farce"

From BARRY STREEK in Cape Town

"The Labour Party can claim what they like, but today they represent nobody"

"They have taken part in elections no one supports

Yet, the Labour Party has consistently gone against the wishes of the people"

"As far as I am concerned the people said they want nothing to do with apartheid institutions, but the Labour Party has in fact accepted apartheid and the Population Registration Act, without which the new apartheid house cannot work"

"They simply do not represent the man in the street"

Mr Daniels doesn't believe there will ever be a "so-called referendum of so-called coloured people" because of this overwhelming opposition

And if a referendum was held, "it is going to be a resounding no"

A number of other groups, including the United Democratic Front which called for a boycott of the elections, also said the results were an em-

phatic rejection of the new constitution

Terror Lekota, the UDF's publicity secretary, said the unqualified rejection of the new deal was a resounding victory for UDF's call to the people to denounce apartheid and stop apartheid legislation

The chairman of the Muslim Judicial Council, Sheik Gamiet Gabier, asked "Election, what election? That was nothing but a farce"

Some people argue that the UDF boycott call actually promoted the polls by drawing interest in the elections

The weekly Cape Herald, for instance, said in an editorial there was "so little interest anyway that the UDF's involvement made a few more people aware of the election"

Whatever, the "coloured" people, one of the key elements of the new constitutional dispensation, gave a clear message about what they thought about it all in last week's "elections"



DAVID CURRY
Labour did "well"

Yet, the white debate about whether to vote "yes" or "no" continues as though nothing has happened — and as though no message was given

If the voters cannot listen to a moderate person like Norman Daniels, can they ever come to terms with the aspirations of the people of colour?

And Mr Daniels is blunt about the proposals "The new constitution is doomed to fail because none of us had a say in drafting or passing it"

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EAST LONDON — Mr Harry Parbhoo, chairman of the Indian Management Committee for the past three years, said yesterday he had resigned because his leadership qualities were being questioned by elements in the local authority structure

"To some people a million rands in the bank is everything to me my credibility is everything," he said in an interview

His resignation at the end of last month followed a series of incidents which culminated with remarks made to him in a telephone conversation by Mr Ken Martinsen, the director of housing

Mr Parbhoo said he subsequently discovered facts which were "tantamount to accusations" that he did not have leadership qualities

Parbhoo: why I quit

He was "very hurt" and disappointed that he had received no response from the City Council or the town clerk since tendering his resignation as chairman on August 30 Under the circumstances he saw no point in continuing as chairman of the IMC, but felt the public should realise that his resignation was not the result of a "dastardly" act of his own

Mr Parbhoo said he had served the local community for many years at "extensive business loss" Family commitments had also been neglected in the process

"Neither the committee nor the council has responded to my resignation To me this simply means they no longer want me as chair-

man" Regarding his future, Mr Parbhoo said this depended entirely on the IMC and the council He was waiting for their decision

Approached for comment yesterday, Mr Martinsen said the matter had been raised with the town clerk, Mr Jurie Human, who was the chief executive of the municipality

"If I have erred here, it is for the town clerk to do the necessary," said Mr Martinsen He declined further comment

Mr Human declined comment beyond saying "The town clerk in principle never discusses letters received from members of the public with the press"

The deputy chairman of the IMC, Mr Mike Wil-

liams, said he felt Mr Parbhoo's decision to resign as chairman was "one of those emotional things" which could happen to anyone

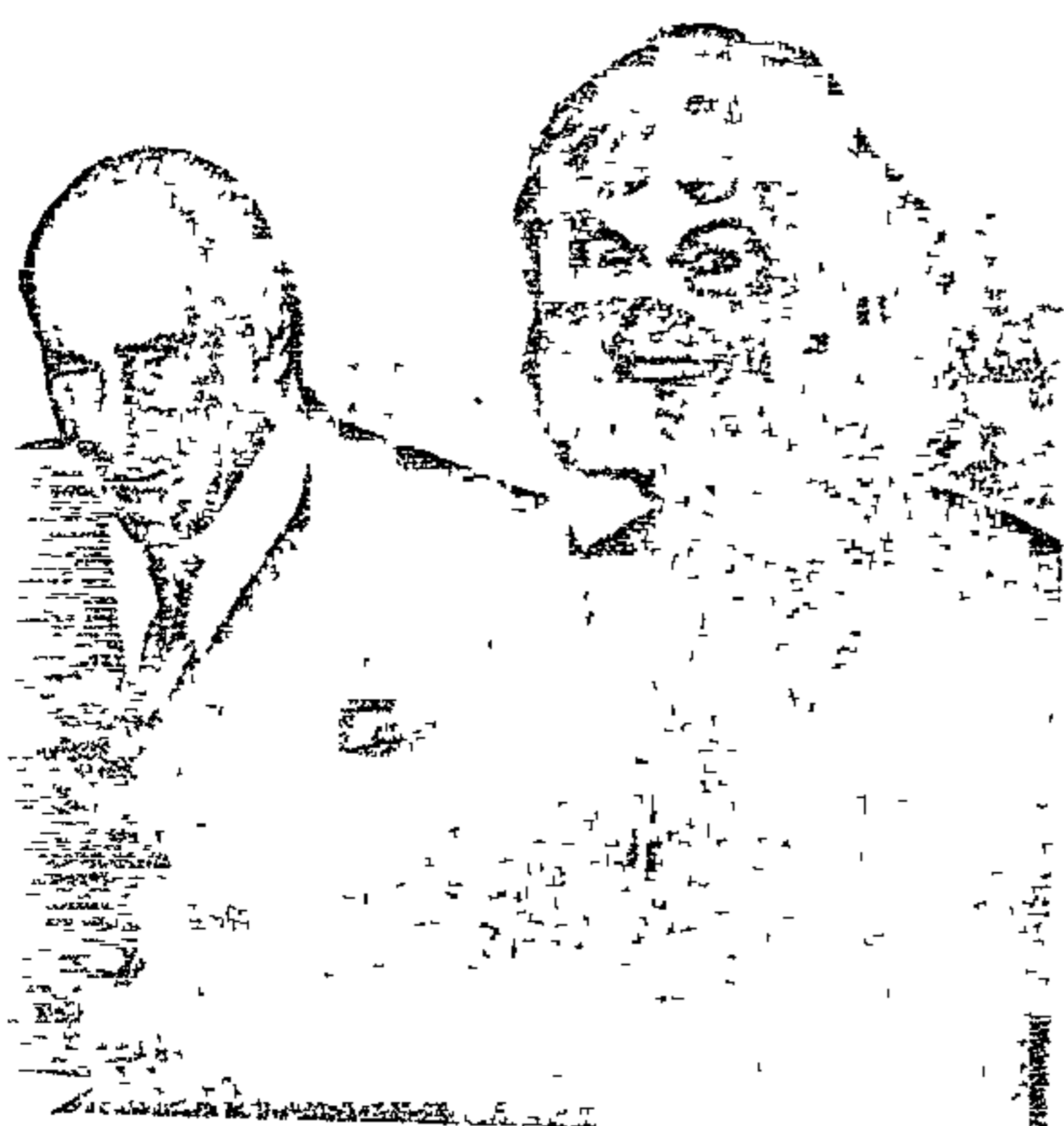
He said Mr Parbhoo had been the "backbone" of the IMC since its inception in 1978 and his resignation would be a "sad loss" to the community

"The committee feels he should come back. We would like him back as chairman, but if personal work pressures prevent this, we would like him back as an ordinary member," said Mr Williams.

The committee would discuss the matter with Mr Parbhoo, who had this week returned from a holiday, at the earliest opportunity and would forward its decision to the council — DDR

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receives a cheque for R10 000 from Mr Roger London city councillor Mrs Elsabe Kemp who has actor of Aloe Gardens

Grant for housing

Urban Foundation will contribute towards the costs of establishing the company Mr Bax said the company had already made an application to the East London municipality for a parcel of land of "between 30 and 40 hectares" which would be used for a white housing scheme He said the housing scheme was planned to cater for people whose incomes were too high to qualify them for subsidised housing, but too low to enable them to afford homes on the open market

The city's decision on whether to grant the land to Aloe Gardens was expected next week, Mr Bax said — DDR

Police station for Buffalo Flats?

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EAST LONDON — A meeting with the Divisional Commissioner of police, Brigadier J Bekker Mr Peet du Pontes MP and the Coloured Management Committee (CMC) will be arranged to discuss the possible erection of a police station in Buffalo Flats

A letter from the public relations officer of the police in the Border Major W W Brown stated that plans for the building of a police station had been approved but it could not be built before June 1986 The chairman of the CMC Mr F N Barlow

said if that was the only date at which the station could be erected the CMC should ask for another police caravan in the area

If that could not be done the CMC would ask for police patrols DDH

Power projects near completion

EAST LONDON — The electrical switch house and substation at the new Buffalo Flats extension were nearing completion, a report from the chief city engineer, Mr G B Keppie, stated at a Coloured Management Committee meeting last night

The electrical switch house was 90 per cent completed and the substation was 40 per cent completed

Storm damage at the building site after 183 mm rain fell during July 23 to 27 was rectified and a delay of nine days due to the weather had

been approved the report stated

Roadworks construction had started on August 8, but problems were experienced in obtaining compaction of the subgrade and stabilised foundation layers due to the high moisture content of the silty subsoil which could not drain because of the underlying clayey material

The saturated soil was being removed and replaced with dry, imported decomposed dolomite, which would cost more, but would be more effective — DDR

Barlow chairman again

EAST LONDON — Mr F N Barlow was re-elected chairman of the Coloured Management Committee (CMC) last night

Mr J F Temmers replaced Mr A V Green as vice-chairman

The different portfolios were allocated as follows, Housing Mr F N Barlow (chairman) Mr A V Green, Mrs L B George, Mr J A Alexander and Mr J L Segers

Personnel Mr F N Barlow (chairman), Mr J F Temmers and Mr W George

Finance Mr D W Alexander, Mr J F Temmers and Mr W George

Regional Development Advisory Committee Mr F N Barlow (chairman) and Mr J F Temmers (alternate member)

Transport Mr J L Segers (chairman), Mr J F Temmers and Mr W George

Hospital Mr F N Barlow (chairman), Mr J L Segers, Mr W George, Mr D W Alexander and Mr J F Temmers

Buffalo Flats 1-7 Mr J F Temmers, Mr W George and Mrs L B George

Old Buffalo Flats, Parkridge and C C Lloyd Mr D W Alexander, Mrs L George

Parkside and Durban Flats Mr F N Barlow Mr J L Segers

Pefferville and Duncan Village Mr A V Green, Mr D W Alexander

Technikon and Education Matters Mr F N Barlow

CMC calls for bus service probe

EAST LONDON — The Action Committee should investigate the immediate extension of municipal bus services into coloured areas, the Coloured Management Committee (CMC), decided here last night

The chairman, Mr F N Barlow, said the CMC wanted to protect its people from members of

the black community who were dissatisfied because the coloured community did not support the current bus boycott

He said this could lead to racial conflict, as the coloured people did not have an alternative means of transport — DDR

Witness: wind not unusual

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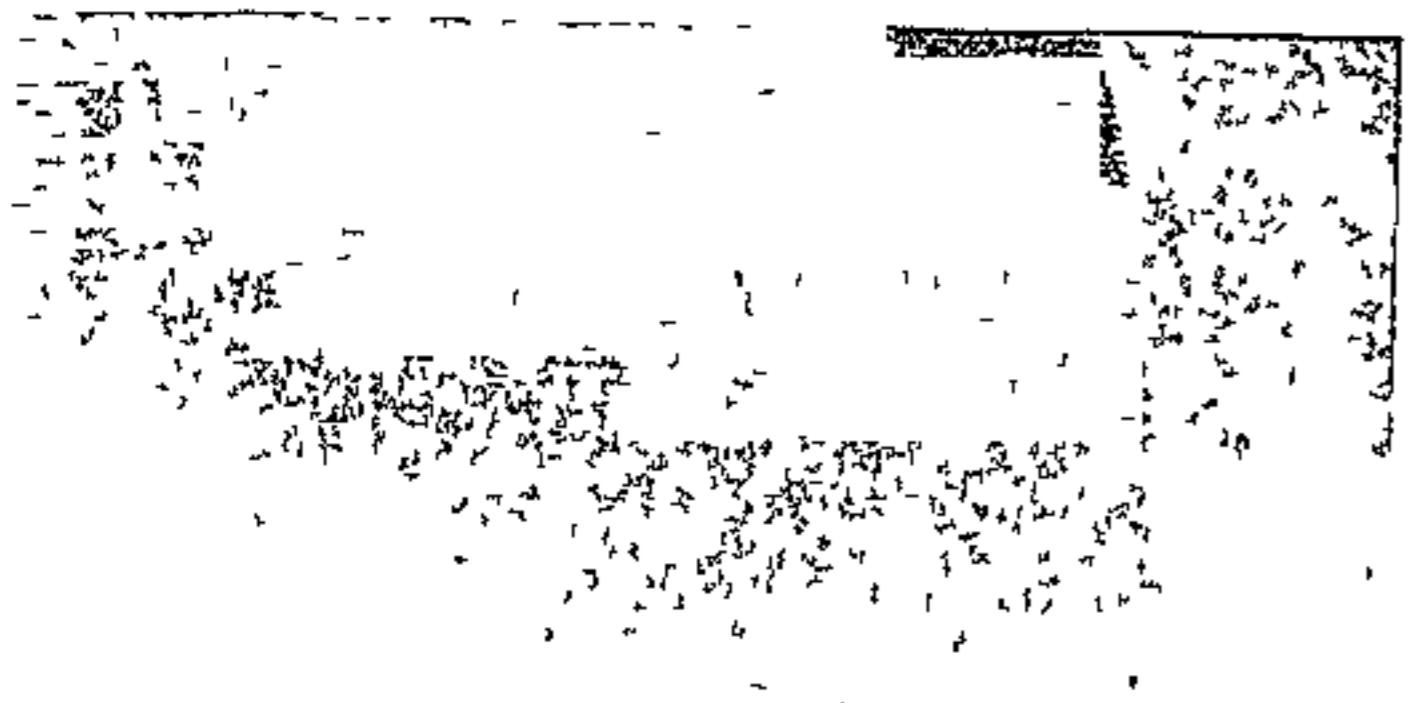
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EAST LONDON — Vessels had often been docked in East London harbour in weather conditions similar to the windy day when a foreign ship collided with a barge while making a turning circle before berthing, the Supreme Court here was told yesterday

tug close to the bow of the ship, he said, and asked the vessel's crew to throw a heaving line to the tug

"I got the impression they could not find a heaving line said Captain Meadows He said this caused a considerable delay

Captain Meadows said the weather was bad and the tug dropped



Chairman's priority is low-cost housing

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By RAYMOND HILL
THE new chairman of the Northern Areas Management Committee, Mr Willie Dietrich, who was elected yesterday, said he would concentrate on the provision of low-cost housing for home-seekers during his term of office

Mr Dietrich, who was vice-chairman of the NAMC, succeeds Mr Charlie Green

The Rev S M Arends was elected vice-chairman of the committee

Mr Dietrich said in an interview after being elected that he was very concerned about housing

for those who could not afford to buy their own homes

He said low-cost housing was the answer and the private sector could help solve the problem

"I believe we must look at completely different types of material to build houses for people with no money to buy their own properties. Low-cost housing is a big project and I will concentrate on it during my term of office

"I am also going to approach the private sector so that employers can help their workers to get houses

"In the past it was the

Government's duty to provide housing for the low-income group. But now employers have the opportunity to help their workers with accommodation. They should make use of the opportunity because they will also benefit," he said

Mr Dietrich said he wished to emphasise that he and his committee never accepted the management committee system as the solution to the "local government problem"

"We must at all times guard against attaching too much importance to management committees," he said

Toothless man p at parade, court

By CHRIS RENNIE
MEMBERS of an identity parade line-up were asked to open their mouths and a man with no teeth was pointed out, the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court was told today

This evidence was given at the trial of Mr Mhlangqara April Daliwe, 34, and Mr Zimimile Moses Myaca, 37, on charges of

- Murdering a Kwa-zakele shopkeeper, Mr Daniel Themvikile Maqagi, at his store on August 22

- Robbing him of R600
- Attempting to murder a Mr Nganyana, Mr S Nyati and Mr Z Phondoyi by

shooting at them when gave chase.

- Illegal possession of firearm and ammunition

Mr Solomon Nyati - he and two others were side the shop that night about 8pm

A man in a grey overcoat and wearing a hat approached and acted when the shop closed

He heard from the speech and sunken chin that he had no teeth

Not long afterwards he heard the sound of a from the shop and the and a companion ran from the shop

Tracking down the history of the East Cape

THE Eastern Cape historical records project still needs the help of those with roots in the region. The project is being conducted by the Rhodes University History Department in conjunction with the Cory Library for Historical Research

It aims to locate, collect and catalogue historical source material in the Eastern Cape. Mr Ian Phillips, a researcher in the History Department, has already tracked down some material

This ranges from John Fairbairn's personal correspondence and farm diaries from settler families to documents on the origins of the Kowie Pineapple Cricket Week. If you possess or know of material which could be useful, please contact Mr Phillips

The address is the Eastern Cape Historical Records Project, Department of History, Rhodes University, Box 94, Grahamstown, 6140, ☎ 0461-2023

A TALK on English hammered coins — of the era when they were beaten by hand — will be given by Mr Brian Walker at a meeting of the EP Numismatic Society at 8pm tomorrow in the lecture room of the PE Museum. Coins have been milled (made by machine) since the 1650s

Members are asked to bring along interesting items from their collections to show and possibly speak for a few minutes. Interested members of the public are invited to attend

FATHERS are asked to make a special effort to attend a symposium on "Bridging the gap between pre-primary and primary school" arranged by the Southern African Association for Early Childhood Education at 7.45pm tomorrow in the Trinity High School in Bird Street, Central

I was told it was usually the mother who attended these meetings and the father was mostly unaware of what was going on. A clinical psychologist will speak on "The value of a dangling carrot in a Sub A's life", a school psychologist on school readiness and a pre-primary principal on whether play is learning



It's All Happening... Just tell ROBIN STEVENSON

UITENHAGE children can see a selection from six films in the Jubilee Park Library at 2.30pm tomorrow. The movies will be shown in the Main Library on Friday at 2.30pm (four to 10 years) and 4pm (11 to 16). Among them are *Matrioska*, a film on dolls, and *Annansi the Spider*, an African folk tale

There is also *Picture for Harold's Room*, a cartoon, *Magic Whistle*, *Shoplifting Sharon's Story* and *Not so Easy*, a film for teenagers on motorcycle riding

A TALK on "The role of the Bureau of Mercantile Law" will be given by Professor Henk Delpont, of UPE, at the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of PE, at 12.30 for 1pm tomorrow in the Edward Hotel. The bureau was formed by UPE to help commerce and industry

Dr Delpont, who is professor of mercantile law, took his doctorate in law at the University of Pretoria where he was a senior lecturer before his present post

THE PE branch of the SA Diabetes Association meets at 8 tonight in the nurses training block of the PE Provincial Hospital. The various methods used in checking sugar levels will be discussed. Bring your own equipment for a check

Something happening in your area? If it interests you, it will interest others. Just phone our man in the middle, Robin Stevenson, at 523480, or write to him at "It's All Happening", Box 1121, Port Elizabeth, 6000

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Crime Reporter
A VALUABLE silver tique fob watch which missing from an am shop in Linton Gr... fortnight ago has turned up again

The Evening Post reported last week that watch was missing

This week the owner of the shop, Mr Ivan A was attending to customer when he spotted what he called like newspaper that had been crumpled into a

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By BARRY STREEK

ASTONISHINGLY low polls — as low as 1,81% in Athlone — were recorded in this week's coloured management committee elections in the Western Cape

It was a huge setback for the government and a Pyrrhic victory for the Labour Party, whose candidates won the elections

In all but two areas — Humansdorp and Despatch in the Eastern Cape — the Labour Party-backed candidates took control of the management committees in the Cape

The low polls, particularly in the Western Cape, made it a Pyrrhic victory and boosted the United Democratic Front (UDF), which called for a boycott of the elections

The UDF's Western Cape secretary, Mr Trevor Manual, said the results showed the management committees enjoyed little acceptability

"Only about 8% of so-called coloureds are registered as voters. If you are talking about 1,81% of 8% you have an idea of the kind of acceptability that the management committees have," he said

"The disaster is of course that the management committees will continue to exist and claim they are representative of these communities," Mr Manual said.

Labour's deputy leader, Mr David Curry, said the party had done well in the elections. He claimed the UDF had accomplished little, particularly in the rural areas

Two other coloured parties which have supported the government's constitutional proposals — the Freedom Party and its ally the Congress of the People — have nearly been wiped out of local government

The Freedom Party only won in Humansdorp and the Congress of the People did not put up any candidates

The highest poll in Cape Town was 11,98% in Kensington

Low voter turnout for CMC polls

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Staff Reporter

THE Coloured Management Committee elections yesterday were characterized by low percentage polls, with a 1,81 percent figure recorded in Athlone

Two of the four municipal wards, Athlone and Kensington, were opposed, as were three of the five Divisional Council wards — Grassy Park, Atlantis and Elsie's River

Those elected were

● Kensington Alice Winifred Emmanuel, Paul Johannes Kleinsmith; Robert Henry Fester. Poll 11,98 percent, four spoilt papers

● Athlone and district Cecil Patrick McKenzie, Kenneth Henry Lategan, Patricia Elizabeth Lategan, Arthur Stanley Poll 1,81 percent, 11 spoilt papers

● Elsie's River John Bam, Elizabeth Dreyer, Daniel Jacobus Stephens, Henry Spencer Timm Poll 6,12 percent.

● Atlantis Eugene Aston Alexander, Frederick Ernest Brandreth, Susan Nellie Jacobs, Cecil Ronald Smith Poll 6,82 percent

● Grassy Park. Moga-

mat Salie Allie Poll 4,75 percent.

The United Democratic Front called for voters to stay away from the polls and held meetings throughout last week to this end

Last night, the secretary of the Western Cape branch of the UDF, Mr Trevor Manual, said the percentage polls spoke for themselves

"Only about eight percent of so-called coloureds are registered as voters. If you are talking about 1,81 percent of eight percent you have an idea of the kind of acceptability that the management committees have," he said

"The disaster is of course that the management committees will continue to exist and to claim that they are representative of these communities

"When you look at the turnout at the launching of the UDF on August 20, when people came from the very centres in which these elections took place, the lack of representativeness of the management committees becomes even more apparent"

Leaders have mixed feelings

By RAYMOND HILL

THE results of yesterday's Northern Areas Management Committee elections were hailed by the Labour Party leaders as a triumph, while the Freedom Party blamed its setbacks at the polls on "intimidation"

The Labour Party's national leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, said he was pleased with the achievements of his party's candidates in the election, but deputy national leader of the Freedom Party, Mr P F Kivetts, said he was "shocked" by the results

Mr Kivetts said "The public allowed themselves to be intimidated by the Labour Party canvassers. The Freedom Party played it clean. But, unfortunately, the people were indoctrinated by the opposition"

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The Freedom Party's national leader, Mr Charles Julies, said he was pleased with the results in Uitenhage, where his party's candidates did "very well" under the circumstances

He was satisfied with the results in Despatch, where three Freedom Party members, who stood as independents, won

Commenting on the elections in the northern areas, Mr Julies said voters were "intimidated" by the Labour Party. He said he was "surprised" with the results there

Mr Hendrickse said there was an average percentage poll of 25% in Port Elizabeth and 56% in Uitenhage, which he described as "not bad at all"

The following are the results

Northern Areas Ward 1 (Schauderville) Mrs Shirley Frohck (Labour Party) 1427, Pastor S Brooks (Freedom Party) 84 Percentage poll 42,1%

Ward 2 (Korsten, Gelvan Park, Springdale) Mr P Kemp (Labour Party) 518, Mr P F Kivetts (Freedom Party) 97 Percentage poll 13,9%

Ward 3 (Parkside, Gelvandale Extension 7 and Gelvandale Extension 8) Mr N Erasmus (Labour Party) 525, Pastor P Maarman (FP) 192 Percentage poll 22,04%

Ward 4 (Helenvale) Mr J J September (Labour Party) 937, Mr J Jantjies (Independent) 387 Percentage poll 34,2%

Ward 5 (Missionvale, Windvogel, Hillside) Mr A Sayster (Labour Party) 750, Pastor S Graaff (Freedom Party) 110 Percentage poll 25,12%

Ward 6 (West End) Mr M Kuscus (Labour Party) 622, Mr G Blignaut (Freedom Party) 236 Percentage poll 30%

Ward 7 (Arcadia) the Rev L McCarthy (Labour Party) 899, Pastor P Grootboom (Freedom Party) 91 Percentage poll 33,9%

Uitenhage (no ward system) The following candidates were elected Mr J Plaatjies (Labour Party) 2 048, Mr P Miller (Labour Party) 1 943, Mr A Lillah (Labour Party) 1 892 and Mr J Dissel (Labour Party) 1 889

Those who were defeated were Mr C Anthony (Freedom Party) 979, Pastor J Arries (Freedom Party) 970, Mr A Tiry (Freedom Party) 1 015, Mr J Peterson (Freedom Party) 856, Mr D Botha (Independent) 750 and Mr F Isaacs (Independent) 743 Percentage poll 56%

Despatch (no ward system) The following candidates were elected Mr A Mpondo (Independent) 238, Mr H Andrews (Independent) 201, Mr J Jacobs (Independent) 176

The following candidates were defeated Mr K Absolom (Labour Party) 168, Mr P Plaatjies (Labour Party) 166 and Mr J Stuurman (Labour Party) 163 Percentage poll 80%

'Barbed wire best for controlling crowds'

Crime Reporter

THE barbed wire rolls, placed by police outside the Rosedale Community Centre in Uitenhage yesterday during the management committee election, were specially manufactured for crowd control, the police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Major Gerrie van Rooyen, said today

"We have found this to be the most effective way of crowd control," he said.

"Ropes are inadequate because people climb over and under them, and still surge forward."

Major Van Rooyen said

the decision to place the barbed wire rolls — which unfurl with a spring-type action and can be collapsed again into manageable proportions for transport and storage — was taken when police realised that people were streaming into the road

He said that in the past crowds had surrounded vehicles and rocked them. Police had wanted to prevent this happening yesterday because the crowds were swelled by schoolchildren in the afternoon.

Had the wire not been erected at least 100 policemen would have been

needed to keep the crowds back

The Rev Allan Hendrickse, national leader of the Labour Party, said he was upset when he saw the barbed wire at the scene of voting and complained to two police officers about it.

He said one of the officers told him the wire was placed there for the people's protection.

"It was a barbaric thing to do and completely unnecessary. It was terrible."

Mr Hendrickse said he had never seen barbed wire being put at places where whites voted

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Five candidates contest CMC election

EAST LONDON — Elections to fill four vacancies on the Coloured Management Committee (CMC) will take place here today

Five candidates will be standing. They are Mr A V Green, Mr D W Alexander, Mr J H Alexander and Mr J F Temmers, all of whom are standing on a Labour Party ticket, and Mrs R Labans

The manifestos of each candidate, as submitted by them, are as follows

Mr D. W Alexander

Some of the critics of the South African government have misinterpreted the Labour Party's stand on the new constitutional dispensation

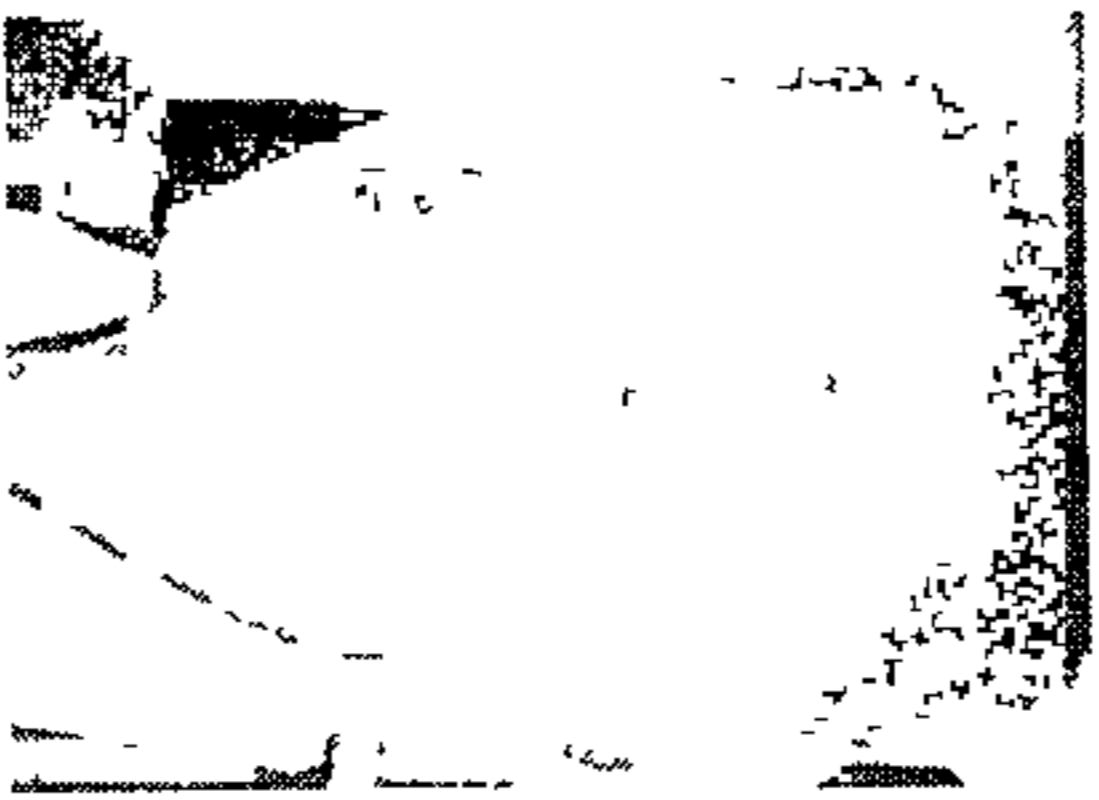
The party's principle was and is one man, one vote, but the strategy has changed. Instead of boycott politics we feel meaningful participation and dialogue would have our party within the grasp of all people

Unnecessary increases in rentals should be curbed. We will fight them with everything at our disposal

We do not want evicted people to be handed over to council attorneys, and we believe that sportsmen should control the sportsfields

We want to see the upgrading of Durban Flats, and a better deal for the people of Duncan Village and Buffalo Flats

Mr Human said the results should be known about an hour after the polling stations have closed



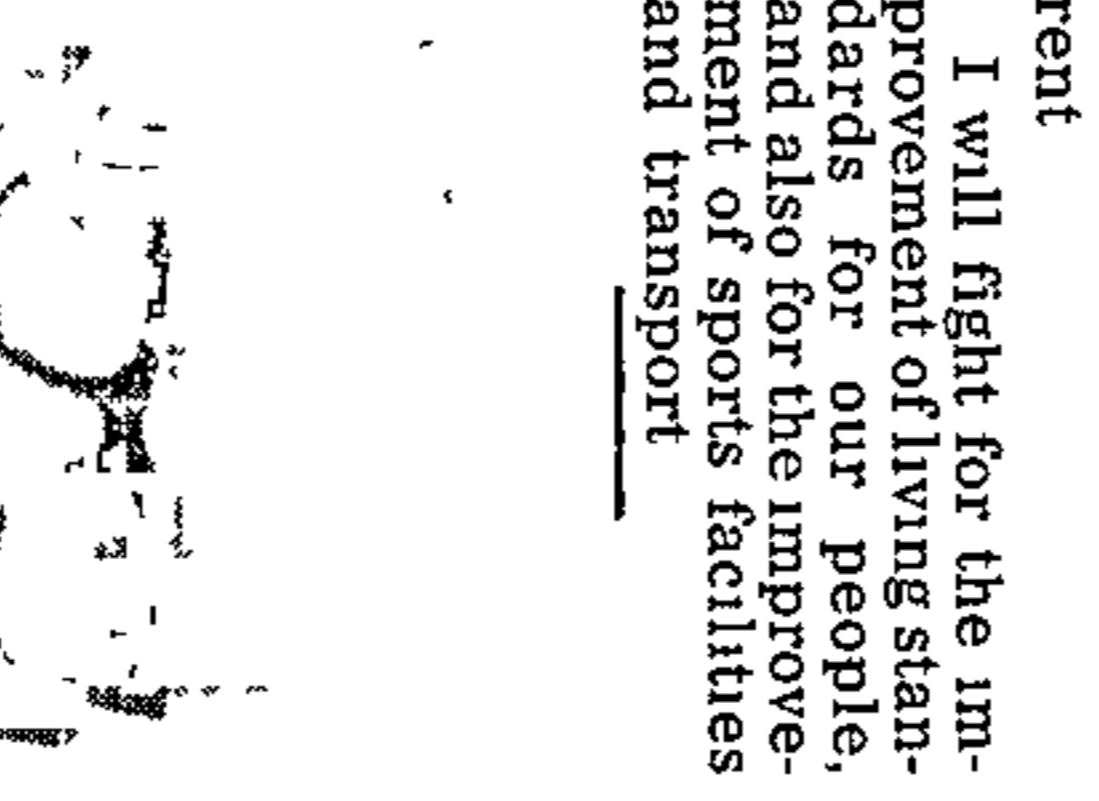
Mr D. W. Alexander

I was born in East London, serve on the Race Relations committee and am chairman of the Duncan Village Tenants Association

We have now succeeded in getting Duncan Village people on the voters' roll. They have never had the chance to vote

I stay in Duncan Village and know the conditions in which the people live. The rents are high, and many people can't afford it

I will do my utmost to stop rent increases. I will also fight against evicting people who can't afford to pay their



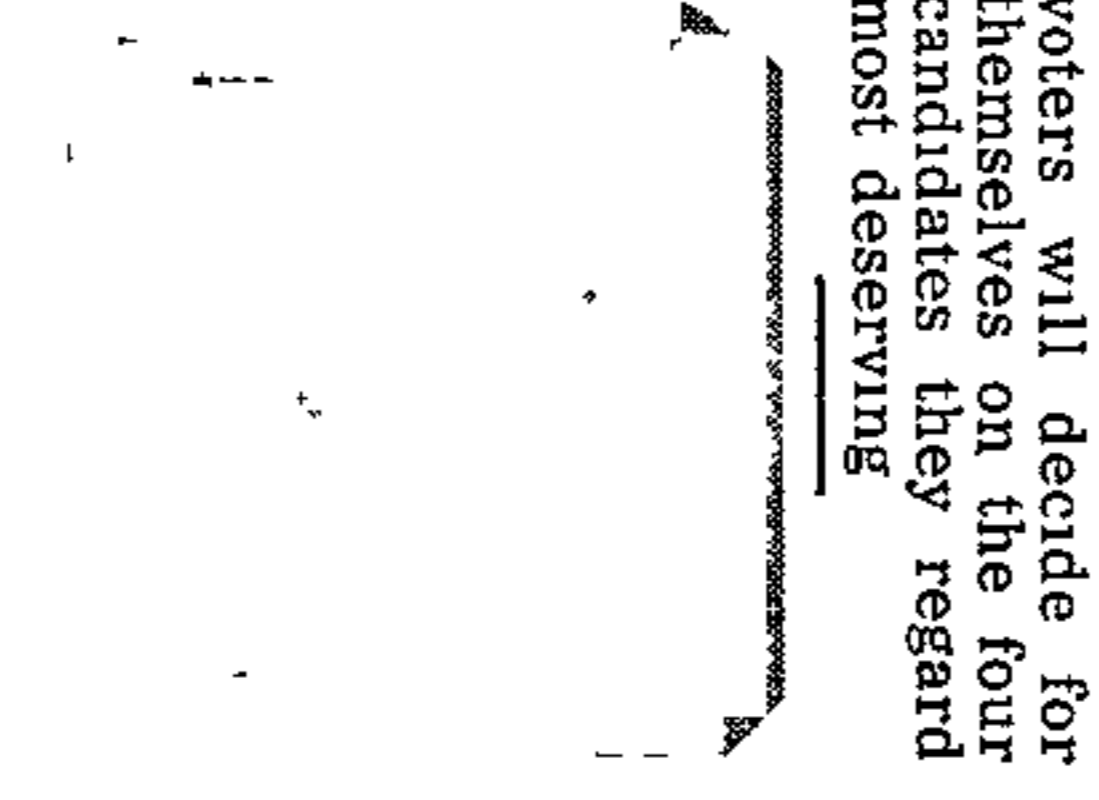
Mr A. V. Green

Boycotting the polls is an act of cowardice by irresponsible people who prefer hurling abuse at CMCs, but who themselves are not prepared to demonstrate their convictions in an orderly and peaceful manner

I have not and I shall not betray the confidence any voter has in my Labour Party colleagues and I hope that

I am fighting for rights and my people. Our township needs someone with a tough spirit. I am a woman you can depend on, and, although there are four men against me, I am prepared for them

I have been a member of the CMC for about a year, and my current



Mrs Rose Labans

There are four men against me, but I am a fighting woman

I am fighting for rights and my people. Our township needs someone with a tough spirit. I am a woman you can depend on, and, although there are four men against me, I am prepared for them

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Mr J. F. Temmers

The CMC is true to its promises to ratepayers, for instance, seeing that Adderley Crescent is being done by the council

The CMC will also give priority to the tarring of Fremantle Street, in which the Tomorrowland creche is situated

It was also largely through the efforts of the CMC that the council is now an equal opportunity employer

The new sports stadium is in an advanced stage,

and is catering for all winter sports, tennis, athletics, cycling and cricket

I am a teacher at the Bisseker High School. I was seconded from the primary school where I was deputy principal

I am studying for my M.A. degree in history — DDR

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D. D. Parbhoo
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EAST LONDON — The chairman of the Indian Management Committee here, Mr H L Parbhoo, has resigned as chairman following an argument with the director of housing, Mr Ken Martinsen, the vice-chairman, Mr M Williams, said yesterday

Mr Williams said Mr Parbhoo, had resigned as chairman but would remain a member of the committee

"However, the committee has not accepted his resignation yet and Mr Parbhoo has not handed his resignation to the city council," he said

Mr Williams said the cause of the argument was confidential

"We will discuss the matter as soon as possible Mr Parbhoo is away on holiday for two weeks," he said

Mr Martinsen was unavailable for comment yesterday as he is away from East London until Monday

The town clerk, Mr J J Human, declined to comment on the matter —
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Coloured voters in PE go to polls tomorrow

By RAYMOND HILL

COLOURED voters go to the polls in Port Elizabeth tomorrow to elect the new Northern Areas Management Committee

Nearly 25 000 voters are eligible to cast their votes. The booths are open for 13 hours — from 7am to 8pm.

Three wards are uncontested and a number of sitting councillors do not have to seek re-election as they are only halfway through their four-year term of office.

The candidates elected unopposed are

● Mrs S H Jegels of Ward 8 (Bethelsdorp and Salsoneville)

● Mr T D Lee of Ward 10 (Booyesen Park)

● Mr Mia Loonat, also of Ward 10,

● Mr D Beis of Ward 9 (Kleinskool)

Ward 10 is a new ward

The following candidates will contest the elections: Ward 1 (3 662 voters) Paster P Brooks and Mrs S Frohck, Ward 2 (4 488 voters) Mr P F Kivetts and Mr P Kemp, Ward 3 (3 316 voters) Mr N Erasmus and Pastor P Maarman, Ward 4 (3 980 voters) Mr J J September and Mr J Jantjies, Ward 5 (3 476 voters) Pastor S J Graaff and Mr A Sayster, Ward 6 (2 873 voters) Mr G Blignaut and Mr M Kuscus, Ward 7 (3 020 voters) Pastor P Grootboom and the Rev L W McCarthy

Only Mr Jantjies is an independent

Mr Kivetts, deputy leader of the Freedom Party, today accused the Labour Party of promising voters "the moon", knowing they were unable to fulfil their promises.

"The Freedom Party has

in the past done, and will always do, its best for the people. We achieved much for them when we represented the Port Elizabeth Coloured Management Committee a few years ago."

Mr Dietrich, the Labour Party's Eastern Cape Regional organiser, appealed to voters not to vote for an "unknown quantity".

"The Labour Party's past record demands that voters should cast their vote in our favour. Our candidates have proved themselves to the community in many ways, especially as far as their daily needs are concerned," he said.

Mr Dietrich said the NAMC, "with its Labour Party members, has brought about improvements in housing and amenities that the Freedom Party could not have achieved."

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Duncan Village residents to vote

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EAST LONDON — Coloured residents of Duncan Village have been declared eligible to vote in the Coloured Management Committee (CMC) elections next month

The chairman of the CMC, Mr F N Barlow, said in an interview he was happy that the Duncan Village residents had been included on the official voters roll

He said he was aware that regulations concerning local authority elections required that eligible voters be residents of their designated group areas

He estimated that 800 of the approximately

5 000 coloureds named on the voters roll lived in Duncan Village, which is not a proclaimed coloured area

Asked to comment on the apparent irregularity of the voters roll, the town clerk, Mr J J Human, said yesterday that the roll had been "duly approved by the revision court"

He said that the roll as it now stood was "in line with the wishes of East London, the CMC, and the central government"

"My policy was to have the roll as representative as possible," he said — DDR

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Damage to car: rivals blamed by candidate

By GARTH KING

A CANDIDATE for the Northern Areas Management Committee election, Mr Gerald Blignaut, today accused Labour Party supporters of smashing the windscreen of his luxury car and tearing down all 500 of his election posters in Ward 6.

Mr Blignaut, who is the national secretary of the Freedom Party, is one of the candidates for the Salt Lake Extension and West End Ward Election day is September 7.

He said he had informed the police of the two "intimidatory" incidents.

A "disgusted" Mr Blignaut said he was "sick of the hatred, cowardice and jealousy" in his community, exemplified by this "harassment".

"I won't be intimidated I will retaliate," he said.

The chairman of the Northern Areas Management Committee and Labour Party member, Mr Charhe Green, reacting to the allegations today, said "Where is Mr Blignaut's proof? He must identify the culprits and lay a charge against them."

The leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, was not available for comment.

CMC man's plan slammed

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SILVERTOWN residents have strongly attacked the promotion of the Government's latest housing sales plan by an Athlone management committee member.

The executive committee of the Silvertown Residents' Association said many people who had been given forms to fill in by Mr Kenny Lategan, were not aware of the implications of the sale of houses

On Mr Lategan's forms, tenants are asked to pledge to buy their houses and residents believe he is using this as a build-up for the coming CMC elections in which he and his wife, Pat, are standing

The SRA statement said

"The advice given by a management committee member Mr Kenny Lategan to tenants to 'buy now and not cry later' is typical of the arrogance displayed by this government-created body

DEVOID

"His claim that all details of the state scheme have been explained to tenants before the completion of the forms distributed by him, is devoid of all truth

"Scores of people have approached the SRA to obtain clarification on the source of origin of these forms and its implications

Tenants were allegedly told that these forms

would ensure that they could buy their houses

"Even people canvassing on behalf of Mr Lategan have no idea of the content of Circular 8 issued by the Department of Community Development. One of his canvassers, approached for information, had not even heard of the said document

DETAILS

"At a house-meeting arranged by Lategan, he is acting as a sales promotion officer for the state without pointing out the finer details of the scheme

"SRA has at no time opposed the sale of houses. Rather, we have opposed the present scheme as formulated by the state

"For the past two years, the SRA have been spearheading a campaign on the sale of houses based on the demands of the people

"This campaign is being continued and a special public meeting is being scheduled for Monday August 22 to explain all the details of the schemes to tenants and to take a decision on the discussions held. The meeting will be held at the Silvertown Community Centre and will start at 8 pm"

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House-sale forms: CMC man explains

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SIR, — As the headlines of your article (Cape Herald August 13) seem to insinuate that there is something sinister and underhand about the forms I have been

circulating to possible home-purchasers, I wish to explain why I drafted the form

Over the years it has been common knowledge that many resi-

dents in Athlone's housing estates were anxious to purchase their homes I should know about this as I have been resident in Silvertown for many years However, the City Council, in its wisdom, decided that it could not and would not sell off the houses to the tenants As a result tenants experienced annual increases in rental which the Council was unable to contain Notwithstanding the increases very little, if anything, was done to restore or maintain repairs to the dwellings

Now that the State has decided that all houses wherever possible could be sold, these same persons who wanted to buy their homes saw the opportunity of at last realising their dreams Yet they did not know where to start as the Council was still being stubborn and would not take the lead in initiating the sale of the dwellings

The forms were then drafted by me which made it simple for interested parties to declare to the Council their desire to purchase their homes I know that these forms are not the official forms, but they serve as a notice to Council that people want to purchase their houses It also serves as a survey so that Council now knows exactly how many tenants are interested

As far as people having to take an oath is concerned, I inserted this so that the city council would realise that the signatory DID understand the contents of the document

Also, these forms have not been circulated "willy-nilly" and to all and sundry

After the scheme had been announced by the Minister, Mr J Peters of the Bridgetown Civic Association and I held explanatory cottage meetings in Bridgetown and Silvertown Having been involved in meetings between the management committee and Minister Pen Kotze on the sale of dwellings, I felt that I knew what I was talking about

Forms were then circulated to those people who had attended our cottage meetings and who were knowledgeable about the sale of dwellings I therefore cannot accept the allegation that people are confused or that the document is confusing, unless of course your report implies that the people cannot absorb simple reasoning

That the sale of the dwellings arrived simultaneously with Management Committee elections is purely coincidental Even if I were to use this question to be re-elected it would be to the benefit of the people Someone who has knowledge of the whole matter will have to carry the fight for them, particularly as the Council and others are reluctant to do so

Lastly, permit me to say that the Council's standpoint regarding the selling of the houses is unfortunate

I want to appeal to people who are interested in buying their homes, to contact me for these forms They are available free of charge and will let the Council know that they are serious in their endeavours to buy their house I will only be to glad to explain all the details to them, if necessary

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'My forms are proof' says CMC man

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By NORMAN WEST
 MR KENNY Lategan, who a member of the Athlone Management Committee, said yesterday that he now has enough proof to convince the City Council that hundreds of tenants want to buy their dwellings.

He said he had handed out hundreds of forms to prospective buyers to make it easier for them to indicate in writing that they want to buy their rented dwellings.

"The response has been overwhelming. The forms were only handed to people who asked for them after all the ramifications of buying dwellings had been explained to them. I regard the response as proof that most tenants who can afford it would rather buy their dwellings than continue paying increased rentals," he said.

He claimed the City Council was "dragging its feet" about making council houses available for sale, and said he had conducted his survey primarily to prove to the Council that many tenants wanted to buy the dwellings.

He said certain civic associations had accused him of trying to coerce tenants into buying council dwellings, irrespective of their condition, to enrich the authorities.

"This is untrue. The only people to gain would be the buyers. It is a now-or-never chance and my advice to tenants is to buy now and not cry later."

"This has certainly nothing to do with my standing for re-election."

to the management committee, as has been insinuated in some

Whereas management committees have previously advocated the sale of houses to enable tenants to become home-owners, with the right to renovate and improve their dwellings, certain civic associations are now against the sale of houses

The argument for the sale of houses is that they will become valuable assets that could be bequeathed to heirs and would instil civic pride in the owners

Those against the sale say the houses are not generally in a habitable condition and should be improved by the council and then sold to tenants for nominal sums

Mr Johan Kruger, Department of Community Development housing sales co-ordinator, says the houses would be offered for sale to existing tenants at bargain prices

No one would be forced to buy or evicted for not buying. They would have an option to buy or to continue renting, he said

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LAC (763) gets one more year

Municipal Reporter
DURBAN City Council
has been overruled — the
term of office for Local
Affairs Committee mem-
bers has been extended
for a year.

Twice the council voted
against doing this — the
only local authority in the
province to do so — but
Natal's Executive Com-
mittee advised the Man-
agement Committee yest-
erday that all LAC terms
would be extended.

Acting committee
chairman Don Smith
said 'I am not surprised
since it appeared Exco
would go ahead no matter
what we said. What does
disturb me is that Exco
has not yet given us a
good reason for meddling
so seriously with the
'democratic system, as it
exists'.

'One would have
thought that the denial of
the electorate's right to
choose representatives,
would have been support-
ed by sound reason and
argument. Or have we
been caught in a domno-
ment leaning on Exco and
the South African Indian
Council leaning on the
Government?' Mr Smith
asked.

Extension

But last night LAC
chairmen welcomed
Exco's decision.

Mr Albie Stowman
said 'I've always felt that
when it comes to some-
thing affecting us and not
the white council that it
should be purely a matter
for us to decide'.

'Although we pleaded
for an extension the ma-
jority of councillors ig-
nored us. There is every
possibility of another lo-
cal government election
before the end of April. If
our term wasn't extended a
we could have faced a
second election campaign
within six months'.

The national body had
long asked for a start to
be made by giving LAC
chairman and members
serving on council stand-
ing committees a vote.

Mr Frank Martin, MEC
in charge of local govern-
ment, has said that this
could well be an interim
measure planned by the
Minister of Constitutional
Development, Mr Chris
Heunis and what the
April elections would be
about.

Council to probe CMC man's forms

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C-Herald

THE Cape Town City Council is investigating a document given to tenants by a management committee member to get them to pledge to buy their houses

The forms have been distributed in several areas over the last two weeks by Mr Kenny Lategan, a member of the Athlone CMC

the Engineer and Treasurer before they can take a final decision on the sale of houses

A management committee spokesman said they did not take a formal decision to distribute the forms to tenants

The forms contain Mr Lategan's stamp as a member of the CMC and a commissioner of oaths. Once signed, residents are requested to send the forms to the Director of Housing, whose address is on the top left hand corner of the page

The Silvertown Residents Association has accused Mr Lategan of using the forms to gain support for the coming management committee elections

A spokesman for the association said tenants were confused and did not understand the contents of the document

POLICY

"The document takes it for granted that people understand the Government's new housing policy and its implications

"In fact, Mr Lategan has been making people aware only of what seems like benefits, but not the real threats people face in terms of this new policy

"It is funny that he decided on it just before the elections," the spokesman said

Mr Lategan said the forms were distributed in Silvertown, Heideveld, Bonteheuwel, Hanover Park, Bonteheuwel, Hanover Park, Bridgetown and Bokmakierie

He denied that he was using the forms to get support for the elections

Mr A van der Merwe, Assistant Town Clerk (Housing), said the housing committee planned to discuss the matter with the management committee

WRONG

"This form can create a wrong impression among tenants. Some tenants think they have to sign to get a house

"The Council has not yet decided on which houses will be sold and when. People will be informed of the Council's decision

"It is not necessary to sign an affidavit if they want to buy. The only paper people need to sign would be the deed of sale"

Mr van der Merwe said the Council was still awaiting reports from

Municipal Reporter

THE Association of Divisional Councils of the Cape yesterday decided to ask the Department of Health to provide increased finance to divisional councils bordering on independent homelands for the provision of health services

Speaking in support of their motion, a Kaffraria divisional councillor, Mr M J Robb, said his council had received several delegations from local farmers objecting strongly to the high increase in the health rate

He said Kaffraria was sandwiched between Transkei and Ciskei and literally thousands of people from these areas made use of its health facilities

He said it was impossible to identify those from the independent states and on

Dept of Health aid sought by Cape divisional councils

moral grounds, it was also impossible to turn away sick people

"It is unfair that the ratepayers foot the bill for health facilities for these people"

Mr S Bekker, a Drakensberg divisional councillor, said his area, which shared a common border with Transkei, was in a similar situation

"Our ratepayers are under a great burden in providing health facilities for these people and I appeal for help from the Department of Health," he said

The Cape Provincial Council's MEC for Local Government, Mr H J Kriel, denied that divisional councils had been promised a reduction in rates and the eventual abolition of direct taxation when they accepted amalgamation

Mr Kriel was responding to a motion at the conference

Speaking in support of the motion from the Bokaroo Divisional Council, that the Provincial Administration fulfill its promise to reduce rates, Mr P Streicher, of Langeberg said at

the time the greatest argument for amalgamation was the promise of lower rates

Mr Kriel said he was not aware of these promises

He said he could not see how rates could go down with more effective government and service provided by the amalgamated councils

"I agree there is high taxation in the Cape, but there is better control over local areas in this province than in any other," he said

Rates had not increased greatly considering the in-

flation rate, he said

It would not be possible to finance divisional councils from other sources of revenue at this stage

Mr S J Smit, a divisional councillor, re-elected president of the Association of Divisional Councils

Mr S Bekker of the Drakensberg Divisional Council was re-elected vice-president. A former president of the association, Mr Robbie de Lange of Kaffraria, lost his seat on the executive committee



The 68th annual congress of the Association of Divisional Councils of the Cape opened in Port Elizabeth yesterday. Among those who attended a function at the museum complex after the opening were (from left) the president of the association, Mr S J SMIT, businessman Mr TED PARLABEAN, Mrs HANTIE LOUW, wife of the Administrator of the Cape, Mr GENE LOUW, and the chairman of the Dias Divisional Council, Mr JOHN BERRINGTON.

Province's policy 'to improve facilities'

By STEPHEN ROWLES

IT was the policy of the Cape Provincial Administration to provide improved beach facilities for blacks, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said in Port Elizabeth yesterday.

Speaking at the opening of the 68th annual congress of the Association of Divisional Councils, Mr Louw said the main problem was still a lack of funds.

However, his administration had spent R12 million in the past 15 years for the development of beach facilities for blacks.

In the current financial year a record amount of more than R10 million was earmarked for this

development, he said.

Mr Louw criticised divisional councils which had not read the "signs of the times" and had done very little to develop civil defence.

He appealed to councils to implement civil defence programmes while the Pretoria bomb blast, the South Coast oil disaster and the Laingsburg floods were still fresh in their minds.

The grading of rural civil defence showed half of all divisional councils organisations were in the lowest category.

Mr Louw said his administration gave a high priority to the construction and maintenance of rural roads.

Divisional councils had

been treated excellently in the current financial year in the provision of funds for repair and maintenance, he said.

Councils had budgeted for R42 million for repairs and had been granted R40 million.

Mr Louw said the co-ordinated health services rendered by various authorities had developed further in 1982.

To date almost 50 community health centres, clinics and district nursing services had been established in the Cape Province.

Another 50 clinics were being planned at present and several of these would be established in 1983.

Cape divisional council system 'could spread'

Municipal Reporter

DIVISIONAL councils gave such effective service in the Cape that the system could be successfully expanded to the other provinces, the president of the Association of Divisional Councils of the Cape Province, Mr S J Smit, said in Port Elizabeth yesterday.

In his presidential address to the 68th annual congress of the association, he said the divisional council system would make the implementation of a new system of rural local government throughout the country much easier.

The Cape divisional council system could be fruitfully considered for the other provinces in the light of the Government's requests for a uniform system of local government and its aim of devolving power.

He said he envisaged an increasingly important role for divisional councils as the local authority in rural areas if this system was adopted nationwide.

A uniform system of rural local government would also mean the rural areas in the other provinces would be represented on the United Municipal Executive.

This lack of representation was a serious failure in the present system of rural government considering the UME was regarded by the Government as the only official platform for local government in the country, he said.

● In his opening address the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said the divisional council or a similar system would form the backbone of third-tier government in any new dispensation.

Third-tier government would be based on regional representation.

He said he saw the divisional councils as local government that functioned successfully on a regional basis.

Heunis: review of powers needed

Municipal Reporter

THE powers and functions of divisional councils would have to be reviewed to determine the role that the councils should play in the new constitutional dispensation, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Mr Chris Heunis said today.

Addressing the annual conference of the Association of Divisional Councils of the Cape in Port Elizabeth Mr Heunis said consideration would have to be given to several matters as they affected divisional councils.

Power would have to be devolved to the councils, voting qualifications would have to be standardised throughout the country and structures for the rendering of joint services would have to be created.

There would have to be a change from the present system of administrative control over some local authorities to electoral control.

Development aid to the various population groups would have to be given to enable them to establish their own viable local government institutions.

Communities which did not comply with the criteria for the establishment of local authorities would have to be politically accommodated and provided with services.

Mr Heunis said the present divisional councils fulfilled an important function in rendering service to rural areas.

In South Africa, divisional councils were unique to the Cape, which was the only province in which the entire geographical area fell under either regional or local authority.

It was clear the councils had developed as a result of the large distances in the Cape, the need to develop the interior and the need for local involvement in government.

IMC calls for end to dispute over cemetery

EAST LONDON — The Indian Management Committee (IMC) has formally asked the city to settle a dispute over plans to develop a sports ground on the site of an old graveyard in Braelynn

At a recent meeting of the IMC, it was resolved to request the director of parks and amenities, Mr Bob Odell, "to attempt to settle the problem of the reinterment of remains amicably"

Mr Odell said in an interview that the request had been forwarded to the town clerk, Mr J J Human

The city would try to arrange a meeting of black, coloured and Indian community leaders to discuss the problem

The graveyard, which is no longer used or maintained has been said to contain remains of blacks, coloureds, and Indians

Plans for the Braelynn sports ground were first made in the mid-1970s, and the question of reintering the graveyard remains was raised at that time

Subsequently, according to reports from Indian and city officials the matter was dropped until late-last year, when the city informed Indian leaders that objections to putting the sports ground on the site of the

graveyard had been raised by local coloured leaders

"The graveyard has become a political football" said Mr M L Harry, a member of the IMC. He said the city had "dilly-dallied" for too long over approving construction of the ground

At the IMC meeting, Mr Odell suggested that Indians in the meantime supplement their existing sports ground in the North End by using local sports facilities that had been made available to all race groups

The chairman of the IMC, Mr Harry Parbhoo said yesterday that he was not aware of any multi-racial sports facilities in East London

Mr Parbhoo said the North End sports field was "sub-standard"

Mr Odell agreed that it was. He said the city had "never had any desire not to build sports fields at Braelynn"

"We understand and accept that the Indian community wants its own sports facilities," he said

The main stumbling block was financial. Once the dispute over the graveyard was settled the fact would remain that no funds were presently available from the Department of Community Development for the Braelynn ground —
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Outcry over deposits for hire of halls

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By DEBBIE REYNOLDS
CIVIC leaders have called for a review of deposits of up to R1 000 charged by the Port Elizabeth Municipality for the hire of halls to civic organisations in northern areas

The chairman of the Community Services Committee, Mr Ben Olivier, said he could understand high deposits being charged for halls that would be used for discotheques or wrestling matches. However he saw no reason for charging civic organisations such large deposits.

The chairman of the Gelvandale Civic Association, Dr Basil Brown, said he was asked for a deposit of R100 for the use of the meeting room at the Gelvandale Community Centre and R1 000 for the main hall. The association had been using the hall since it was built.

The civic association paid R3 for the use of the minor hall earlier this month and was not charged a deposit fee. Last week Mr

Brown was told he had to pay a R500 deposit.

A spokesman for the Housing Department, which controls the hall, said the deposit was in accordance with a City Council resolution taken in July, 1982.

"I'd like to look into this matter because it seems unreasonable that the deposit for regular civic meetings should be so high," said Mr Olivier.

A city councillor, Mr Terry Herbst said he was surprised recognised official bodies should have to pay a deposit.

"It is quite clear the matter should be reviewed," said Mr Herbst.

Commenting on the R1 fee paid by the Central Executive of Ratepayers' Association and the Ward 2 and 4 Ratepayers' Association for meetings held at the Military Road Conference Centre, Mr Herbst said he thought it unfair that recognised local bodies should be treated differently.

"In the case of political meetings, where halls could be damaged, the high deposit fee would be understandable," he said, "but if the meeting under question was a joint gathering of a number of community organisations and not open to the public it seems as if the matter definitely has to be reviewed."

Mr Mick Molyneux, Director of Housing in Port Elizabeth, said on Friday that he had full discretionary powers regarding the amount of deposit payable on hiring halls in the northern areas.

The idea of deposits for every meeting regardless of the nature of the meeting had been implemented in the last day or two and was a result of a recent council decision.

He said the difference between deposits in the northern areas and those in other areas had nothing to do with him and he was not prepared to comment further.

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Farmers angry at health tariff hike

EAST LONDON — Stiff protests against the Divisional Council's 68 per cent increase in its rural health rate will be made by farmers soon, the council was warned yesterday.

The councillor for Komga, Mr Dudley Lloyd, said he had attended a Komga Farmers' Association meeting yesterday morning — "and they are very unhappy".

He said the council could expect a flood of protests from other associations against the increased health rate and asked the council to approach the relevant Minister urgently.

The health rate in the rural area was increased by the council from 0,069c in the rand to 0,125c in the rand to increase the health budget from R63 000 to R106 000.

Mr Lloyd said an immediate approach to the government should be made to subsidise the rate further. The account is already subsidised by seven-eighths by State Health.

"The ratio of blacks to whites in this region is totally disproportionate

In this division we have the least number of whites to the most number of blacks," he said.

"If the government wants us to continue administering health in this manner, they should bear the responsibility.

"You can't levy increases like this on ratepayers who are going through a severe drought and economic climate."

The council's senior public health nurse, Sister Korsch, said that the divisional council's health service was for the farm labourers and families.

"We do not provide health services in black states."

The acting secretary, Mr B Q Andrews, warned the council that it could "bump its head" if it approached the government for help in lowering the health rate.

"Last year when the estimates were being considered, we all sat around this table, trimming the budget and deciding on the rates.

"The council decided on the rate, so it can't go running to higher au-

thorities now, crying that the rate is too high."

Mr Lloyd acknowledged that the council had slipped up and challenged any of the councillors to say that they knew the health rate was being increased by 68 per cent when the estimates were being considered.

He said the health rate was levied only on rural ratepayers and that those living in urban areas did not have to pay the rate.

"Is this fair?" he asked.

The council's senior administrative officer, Mr Naude, said municipalities had their own health services to which people living in municipalities paid their own rates.

"Is it fair to expect someone living in a town to pay for their health service and to pay for rural health services as well?"

"It was a stupid question, Mr Chairman, and I knew the answer," Mr Lloyd replied with a smile.

"I was just testing our officials" — DDR

Greening City will not help townships'

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THE R60-million that the Cape Town City Council intends spending on greening the City would do nothing to alter the hardships people experienced in the townships, the Cape Areas Housing Action Committee (Cahac) has said

In a statement, Cahac said people who made the decisions for the city were "far removed from the needs of the people"

"The decision by the council to green the city was applauded in the quarters of the wealthy but hardly noticed by the hundreds of thousands who inhabit the townships of Cape Town," Cahac said

"Greening the city is, for most people, very low on the priority list. How can they spend R60-million on trees, when there are thousands on the housing waiting list?"

MAINTENANCE

"R60-million would alleviate completely the acute maintenance prob-

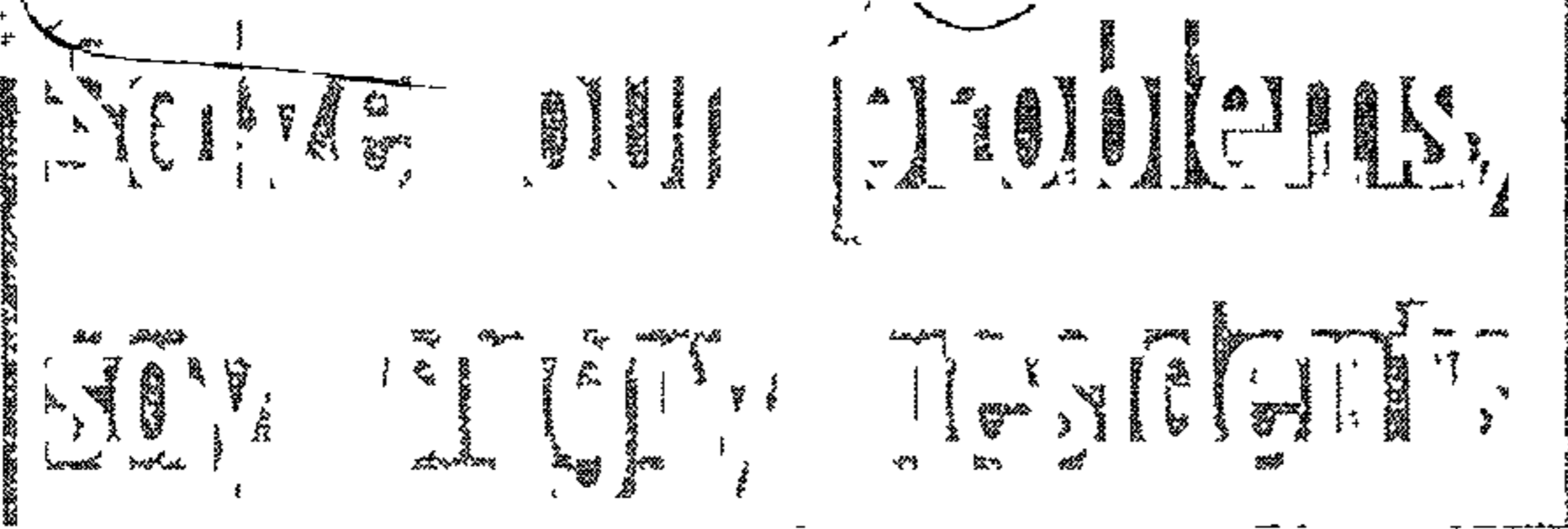
lem which people experience in houses owned by the council

"To spend R60-million on trees while thousands in the city are unemployed must be the worst form of arrogance. And R60-million on trees while the council has decided to increase electricity tariffs by 16,6 percent, adds insult to injury

EXTRAVAGANCE

"Cahac condemns this extravagance while people are being asked daily to tighten their belts. If the council does not know what people's priorities are, let them go the 'people's organisations to find out"

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RESIDENTS in Woodlands, Mitchells Plain, want their sand problem solved. They want their mud problem solved. They want their playground problem sorted out. And they want it done in a hurry.

Last week a delegation met with a senior Divisional Council housing official to discuss some of the pressing civic problems in their area and presented him with a list of "demands"

The angry residents — most of them working mothers with young children — met with Mr Dennis Maneveldt, the Divco Director of Housing, at the Council's Woodlands cash office last Thursday morning

Mr Maneveldt was presented with petition forms which demanded

- the completion of landscaping to eliminate the sand/mud problem,

- safe, equipped playgrounds for our children,
- a community hall,
- creches and nursery schools, and
- better service on repairs and maintenance at no charge

The delegation, which consisted of representatives from the Woodlands Action Committee which is affiliated to the Mitchells Plain Co-ordinating Committee, told Mr Maneveldt that the sand and mud problem in Woodlands not only caused health problems, but also extra cleaning costs

The parents said the backyards of their homes were too small for children to play in and that safe, equipped playgrounds were needed

Turning to the lack of a community hall in the suburb, the residents said "We cannot stress the importance of such a facility, as youth and other community organisa-

tions have no where to meet at present"

Mr Maneveldt told the delegation that the situation in Woodlands was "a definite problem"

He refused to make a statement but said that he would hand in a report to the Divisional Council secretary

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Council is offered productivity unit

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By LOUIS BECKERLING
Business Editor

The National Productivity Institute will visit Port Elizabeth next month to sell the City Council a tailor made productivity package.

Should the council agree to participate in the venture ratepayers should ultimately be able to assess how effectively their city is administered, according to the Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botna.

But first the NPI must persuade the city fathers that it's worth joining the "Municipal Productivity Unit" just extended to the Cape Province after a pioneering launch in the Transvaal.

And this explains the seminar, which is to be held in the City Hall auditorium at 10am on February 7.

NPI senior project man-

ager for the specialised unit, Mr Nic de Clerk who has been transferred to the NPI's regional office in Cape Town will present the seminar. In an advance statement on the Unit's activities in the Transvaal the NPI says these include:

- Research and development of the infrastructure to increase productivity and to assist local authorities with productivity improvement programmes

- The establishment and refining of a municipal data bank.

Such a data bank will provide local authorities with information on productivity indices and comparative statistics and may be employed to detect trends of productivity growth. It can also be used to determine priorities for productivity improvement.

- The "development and

refining of productivity orientation and/or introduction of the productivity concept. productivity measurement and productivity improvement'

- Special productivity projects which are of importance to local authorities in general

- A micro-approach, which is "tuned to assisting local authorities with their specific and unique problems"

Should a council participate in such an exercise, says the NPI, it will be presented with a management information system enabling it to make comparisons with productivity 'norms'

The NPI unit will also provide a regional training service (at the request of the inter-municipal productivity advisory council) which is presently available only in the Transvaal.

Among the additional services tied up by the package are:

- A study of budgeting practices in local authorities, with emphasis on a 'goal-oriented approach'

- A manpower planning system, taking into account the total spectrum of personnel supply, its development and utilisation, "to continuously identify problem areas in the external environment and the organisational and personnel structures"

"Its purpose is to assist management to allocate the correct number of suitable personnel where and when required"

- Programmes such as the Productivity Orientation Programme (Pop) and the Management of Administrative Productivity (Map) and a vehicle control system

Koeberg sirens spark new row

Cape Times 12/1/83

By JANE ARBOUS
Municipal Reporter

THE Divisional Council is angry because Escom ordered a R300 000 siren alert system for the Koeberg danger zone and expects the council to foot the bill

Another blow

The Works Committee yesterday refused to pay for the system, but the council might have no choice

In a further blow, Escom has told the council

that it will not help to pay for any special civil defence equipment, in spite of an earlier promise to do so

The council is responsible for civil defence in the area surrounding Koeberg. However, it believes it only fair that because Escom has introduced a special hazard (Koeberg) into the area, it should be liable for the additional costs of protective measures

Details of the latest row over Koeberg and the

emergency plan were disclosed in strongly-worded papers at the Works Committee meeting yesterday and the issue will be debated at the full council meeting at the end of the month

In a letter dated October 25, Mr G F Hellstrom, Escom regional manager, said Escom was prepared in principle "to provide financial assistance to establish the required capability to respond to a Koeberg emergency" He asked the council to send him details of the costs

Shock

In consequence, the council went ahead with its planning and did not consider it necessary to make any provision for the expenditure involved in the 1983 capital estimates

To the council's considerable shock, it was informed on December 10 that not only was Escom not going to provide any financial assistance but it was ordering an expensive siren system for which it expected the council to foot the bill

The council secretary, Mr W Vivier, told the Works Committee that the reason for buying the system was to enable Escom to obtain its licence from the Atomic Energy Corporation to load the reactors

The only money available for equipment was a R100 000 grant from the Provincial Administration, with no known prospect of more, he said

"The latest Escom attitude leaves the council facing a dilemma"

The committee accepted his recommendation that Escom be given permission to erect the siren system on council land, but that it meet all costs

'Displeasure'

If there is no financial assistance either from Escom or the Provincial Administration, the council might have to carry the costs by obtaining bridging finance

Mr Vivier recommended that the council convey its "displeasure" at Escom's change in attitude.

Cape Flats focus of R60m bid for beauty

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By JANE ARBOUS
Municipal Reporter

A 15-YEAR R60-million plan for the greening of Cape Town was unveiled by the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, yesterday

The illustrated report of 75 pages is likely to be received sympathetically by the City Council. It is an adventurous guide for future open space and amenity development, aimed particularly at the townships on the Cape Flats

The report, which should not be seen as a final master plan, is being circulated among rate-payers' associations, businessmen, architects and environmentalists. A public briefing will be held on January 19.

The main theme of the plan is a cohesive coast-to-coast pattern of open space, linking parks and recreational facilities to trails and bicycle path networks.

This represents a major effort to improve the environment in Cape Town.

Capital cost

Mr Brand has made it clear that the council cannot be expected to carry out the greening alone — the co-operation of local communities and the partnership of private enterprise will be needed.

The preliminary capital cost of the project amounts to about R42-million — an average R2,8-million a year over the next 15 years.

The capital cost of supportive items such as de-

pots and land is estimated at R18-million.

The cost of maintenance, which will receive high priority, is expected to be an on-going expense of about R150 000 a year, increasing each year.

The Cape Flats townships, which seriously lack both natural and landscaped open spaces, are among the main targets of the plan.

'Drab'

Surveys carried out for the report show that while there is no shortage of open space in the City (1 312 hectares excluding the Table Mountain and Silvermine Nature Reserves), nearly half of it is undeveloped and the rest unevenly distributed.

The result is that more than 40 percent of the population, mainly on the Cape Flats, live in areas with inadequately developed open space.

Mr Brand concluded that the uniformly poor and drab environments found in the townships contributed to social problems.

The Cape Flats environment was aggravated by monotonous township layout, large windswept open spaces and excessively wide, treeless streets.

Greening, he said, was a way of humanizing the City, with emphasis on small-scale neighbourhood improvements.

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King could be first with an open CBD

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KING WILLIAM'S TOWN — The Borough Council has applied to open the town's central business district to all races

According to a report in the King William's Town newspaper, The Mercury, Mr Henry Hutten, the town clerk, said the application would cover likely areas, approved by the Department of Co-operation and Development, where coloureds and Indians would be allowed to operate

Mr Hutten said another application had also been made to open the CBD to blacks. However, no reaction had been received from the Department of Co-operation and Development

Mr Hutten said other towns, in terms of Section 19 of the Group Areas Act, had approved trade areas for coloureds and Indians.

"But as far as I know King William's Town would score a first if we

were to open our CBD to blacks," he said.

Mr Hutten said it was legal for black businessmen to have shareholdings in King William's Town businesses. However a white partner must have the controlling financial share.

Mr Hutten said the proposed areas to be opened to all races were along Cambridge Road, the west end of Alexandra Road and the Anglo Cafe and Hoza Stores sections of the Market Square — DDR

Greening plan is ²⁶³ applauded

CAPE TIMES 20/1/83

By JANE ARBOUS

TOP City architects, planners, botanists, and environmentalists yesterday gave overwhelming support to the R60-million greening plan devised by the City Engineer's Department

The consensus was that the 15-year open space and recreation programme should be implemented as soon as possible, with the emphasis on community involvement

Several hundred people attended the official unveiling of the report yesterday, most of them in professions closely related to the greening proposals

The City Council has asked for written comment by March 18 after which it will consider suggestions and decide on the future programme.

Interviewed after the briefing, a leading architect, Mr Revel Fox, said nothing should be allowed to get in the way of the plan. "It's a knock-out"

Dr Douglas Hey, director of the National Monuments Council and chairman of the interim management committee for Table Mountain, described the scheme as "imaginative", but warned against the neglect of home-owners and their individual gardens.

"Far-sighted and magnificent" was the first reaction of Dr Anthony Hall, the chairman of the Co-ordinating Council for Nature Conservation in the Cape. He stressed the need for an educational campaign and suggested the "excellent slide presentation" be taken out to the suburbs

Professor Neville Dubow, the Dean of the Faculty of Fine Art and Architecture at the University of Cape Town, said the proposals were "the most imaginative piece of thinking that has come out of City Hall for a long time".

He praised the use of water as an integral part of the scheme

The president of the Cape Provincial Institute of Architects, Mr H Fish, suggested design competitions for the development of urban spaces and offered the assistance of the institute.

Mr Neil Wilson, chairman of the Wildlife Society's conservation committee, said the plan as excellent because it makes people aware of the environment, especially on the Cape Flats where the greening concept is sorely needed. It

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Louw: Congo Caves report 'not clear'

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Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The Administrator, Mr Gené Louw said yesterday that the Oudtshoorn Town Council's report on the Congo Caves was 'not clear at all' and denied that his administration was satisfied with present arrangements.

On Thursday the Mayor of Oudtshoorn, Mr Arnold de Jager, released a statement after a council meeting on the racial problem at the Congo Caves Restaurant.

The statement gave no indication whether the council had come to any decision about the issue, but stated that 'specific authorities' were satisfied that the council had "already acted" in solving the problem of facilities for all races at the caves.

Mr Louw said yesterday that the statement referring to approval from "specific authorities" for the council's plans and stating that present arrangements at the cave were "being maintained", was "not clear at all".

'Has not consented'

He said "The entire matter requires elucidation. The administration has definitely not consented to the present position being satisfactory."

Mr Louw said the Executive Committee supported the Town Council's statement in which "their declared policy was that the Congo Caves be administered and managed irrespective of race, colour and creed."

"Due to the fact that the Congo Caves is a national monument, great value is being attached to its accessibility to all population groups," Mr Louw said.

He said he had "upon inquiry" been informed that the caves were being administered "without any discrimination whatsoever against any member of any population group."

He had been assured that the Town Council was investigating what needed to be done to make the restaurant open to all.

"I sincerely trust that this latter aspect will be dealt with by the Town Council as expeditiously as possible," Mr Louw said.

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Motion on bus fare increase defeated

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Municipal Reporter
A MOTION by Mr Sam Gross that the City Council approach the Road Transportation Board about the proposed bus fare increases in Mitchell's Plan was defeated today

In a heated debate Mr Gross accused the council of being afraid to get involved in a matter which concerned the Cape Town community

The Mitchell's Plan Bus Service has applied for a 20 to 25 percent fare increase

Mr Gross said the proposed increase would affect people in the low income bracket and would

have a serious effect on their standard of living

Mr Frank van der Velde described the motion as a "pious" one. The bus company, he said, was not to blame for wishing to make a profit — the system was to blame

Mr Clive Keegan said the issue of bus fares was a "dangerous field" and the council had no right to dictate to the private sector, especially when the council itself was increasing rents and rates

Mr R M Friedlander said the city could not be expected to subsidise a public transport system — although it was al-

ready heading in that direction by providing termini, streets and shelters

The motion was defeated by 20 votes to six

Council censured on Cango racial issue

PORT ELIZABETH — The Oudtshoorn Town Council's report on racial issues at the Cango Caves was not clear at all, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said yesterday

He also denied that his administration was satisfied with present arrangements at the caves

Last week the Mayor of Oudtshoorn, Mr Arnold de Jager, released a statement after a council meeting on the problem of restaurant facilities for all races at the Cango Caves

The statement gave no indication whether the council had come to any decision about the

issue, but stated that "specific authorities" were satisfied the council had already done enough to solve the problem of facilities

Mr Louw, however, said yesterday that the statement — referring to approval obtained from "specific authorities" for the council's plans, and stating that present arrangements at the cave were being maintained — was "not clear at all".

He said "The entire matter requires elucidation. The administration has definitely not consented to the present position"

Mr Louw said the executive committee supported the town council's statement in which "its declared policy was that the Cango Caves be administered

and managed irrespective of race, colour and creed

"Due to the fact that the Cango Caves are a national monument, great value is being attached to their accessibility to all population groups," Mr Louw said

He said he had, upon inquiry, been informed that the caves were being administered without any discrimination whatsoever against any member of any population group

He had been assured that the town council was investigating steps to be taken to open the restaurant to all

"I sincerely trust this will be dealt with by the town council as soon as possible," Mr Louw said — Sapa

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Delayed response to beach issue 'madness'

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LACK of discussion on the Bethelsdorp-Salsonville Ratepayer's Association threat to withdraw from the Central Executive of the Port Elizabeth Ratepayer's Associations unless a firm stand was taken against beach apartheid was called "madness" at the executive's monthly meeting last night

The association had earlier attacked the chairman of the executive, Mr L Meiring, in a letter, criticising him for "smoke-screening" the beach amenities problem by referring to it as a political issue in the hands of central Government

A delegate criticised the lack of response to the threat saying it was madness just to take note of the issue and delay a proper response

It was resolved to defer the matter for two months

The letter to Mr Meiring had said "It seems there are still people who need to be dragged, screaming, into the 20th century"

A delegate at the meeting, Mr Denis Glendinning, said the restricted use of the dirt access road to King's Beach was "grossly undemocratic and grossly unjust"

Mr Glendinning said the restricted use by cars with trailers was catering for a select few and ignored the needs of the elderly who could drive right up to the beach and enjoy the wonderful amenity

He said the bumpy, potholed road should be "made decent", developed properly as a holiday amenity and thrown open to everybody

Some delegates sharply

criticised the proposals calling them "ridiculous" because of the short distance to the beach from the parking lot and the high cost of establishing a tarred road on a primary dune

Recommendations that extensive fire paths and the use of volunteer civil defence fire fighters be used to combat ravaging bush fires in Port Elizabeth were referred to the Action Committee last night

Delegates mooted an extensive multi-discipline symposium on the issue. They expressed alarm at recent fire threats to property which culminated in the partial destruction of the University of Port Elizabeth's nursery and workshop

A city councillor, Professor G L Simpson, warned that fire breaks in the area could cost R3 million to R4 million

crease in site rents for bungalows in Clifton, Camps Bay and Bakoven is still under consideration in spite of protests from the residents

Although the decision by the City Council's housing committee has still to be ratified by the executive committee and a full council meeting, the proposed increases — up to 800 percent in some cases — could result in many of the residents having to move

The increase raises little-known and little-understood aspects of commonage

The Clifton commonage or leasehold land owned by the Cape Town City Council came into being after World War 1 when returning troops added to the housing shortage in Cape Town

Such were the overcrowded conditions that after the crippling effects of the 1918 flu epidemic, something clearly had to be done

Exclusive

So the council gave the go-ahead for the erection of seaside bungalows along the then deserted stretch of Atlantic coastline below Victoria Road from Clifton First Beach to Bakoven, now one of the Peninsula's most exclusive areas

Classified as a sub-economic scheme, the homes were makeshift — wood and iron — and the council allowed it to become a permanent housing area by tacit consent

The land was leased by the council and homeowners paid a nominal rentals for the ground the houses occupied, and a slightly lower rate for the buildings, based on their value

Today there is a risk attached to owning one of these houses as there is nothing on paper to assure residents of "permanent" leasehold

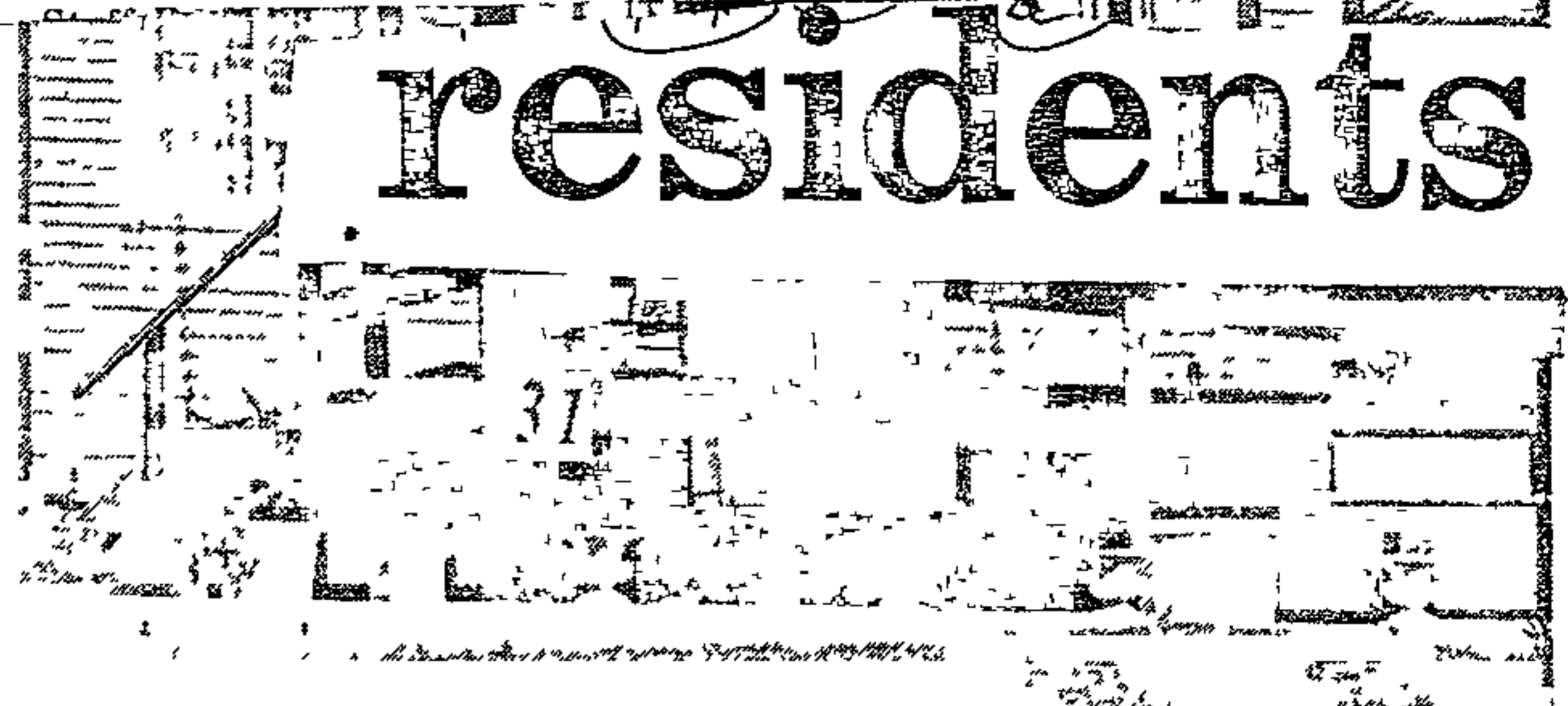
"World's worst"

Staff reporter Carol Gey van Pittius interviewed a number of residents about their feelings on the proposed increases

"The council is making a mess of this place — they are the world's worst"

These were the words of one of Bakoven's oldest residents Grey-haired and bent, Mr Len Violett, 81, said angrily "What do they think we are millionaires? We used to be so happy here before"

You're driving us out, say residents



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A typically styled bungalow at Bakoven.

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For Mr Violett and his wife Peggy the increases could mean a move from the bungalow that has been their home for 25 years

"We will be very sad to leave My husband's family has lived in this area since 1908 — it's almost the only home he has known

They are pensioners, and Mrs Violett has to continue working to supplement their meagre pensions

No rebate

"Because I work — though only half-days — we do not qualify for a rebate," she said "To qualify for this rebate, a couple's income has to be less than R500 a month"

Another resident of Bakoven, Mrs Thelma Kaye, was shocked at the proposed big increase in rentals

"We do realise that there is a need for the rentals to be updated in the light of today's rising costs, but it will not be long before many of us are priced right out of our homes

"It does seem tough that after living at Bakoven from the time of our marriage — almost 32 years ago — thinking we would continue to live out the rest of our lives here, we are suddenly confronted by a committee of officials who see fit to make it impossible for people like ourselves to remain living in the environment to which we are accustomed We could be forced to relinquish our homes"

When the Kayes first discovered "this little bit

of heaven" it was not like it is today The bungalow was nothing more than a beach shack, the grass was waist high and the trees were sky high and growing wild

"With no help from the council we, the bungalow owners, have with hard labour and money made it the delightful spot it is today"

Mr Kenny Paarman of Glen Beach said that one aspect which had not been highlighted was that the bungalow owners, with no title of tenure, paid rates and taxes on the rented council property

"I'm not a Johnny-come-lately — I have been living here a long time My bungalow has been in the family since 1894, and I don't want to lose a family heirloom"

Also approaching retirement, Mr Paarman said with that the proposed increase in rentals would mean he would soon not be able to pay the rent

Not happy

Above Clifton's fashionable Third Beach Mrs Betty Sacks — soon to be another affected by the rent increase — has spent 44 years building and improving her bungalow

"We are unhappy about the news Although we do own the bungalow we do pay rent and rates on the property Does it have to be such an enormous increase?" she asked

The chairman of the Clifton's Bungalow Asso-



Mr and Mrs Len Violett, on the balcony of their Bakoven home. Soon they may have to move because their pensions will not cover a rise in rentals.

ciation, Mr Geoffrey Hirschmann, said "Many residents have lived here all their lives and do not want to give up this uniquely simple lifestyle But the mammoth rental increases would force some to move"

Mr Hirschmann, who is also an owner of a bungalow above Clifton's famed Fourth Beach, said that some of the bungalows would be bought by "jet-setters" who would add to the number of absentee owners creating a "most unsatisfactory" situation

He said it was not denied that the rentals may

be subject to adjustments because of inflation, but it should not be overlooked that the bungalow owners were also paying municipal rates on their sites on the same basis as freehold properties, and were now paying rent on their garden areas when, until 1974, rental was charged only on the ground covered by the bungalows

"The best solution would be for the council to offer the land to the tenants at a realistic price, which would give a substantial boost to the council's coffers while providing peace of mind to all residents"

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EAST LONDON — The Kaffraria Divisional Council's ambulance service is developing into a taxi service, according to a divisional councillor

Mr Dudley Lloyd of Komga told a council meeting the ambulances were not only taking patients to hospital, but taking them back home again

"We are not running a glorified taxi service," he said

"I move that ambulance drivers be instructed to deliver patients only to the hospital and not return them home again"

The acting secretary, Mr B Q Andrews, said it was a provincial hospital department ruling that ambulances return patients to their homes from the hospital

Mr Robbie de Lange agreed with Mr Lloyd and said there were bus services to take people back to their homes

"It is not the duty of ratepayers to pay for a taxi service," he said

"This is a matter which we should raise at the divisional councils congress"

Mr Lloyd said that although there may be exceptions because of extenuating circumstances, the service had become a general taxi service

"Some people jump out of the ambulance and go to do their shopping," he said

The council's senior public health nurse, Sister Korsch, said ambulance drivers had been instructed not to allow anyone carrying shopping parcels onto an ambulance

She said ambulance drivers fetched patients from the hospital and were instructed not to let them off the ambulance until they reached their destination —
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Assomac region to fight Curry over local affairs Bill

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MOVES are afoot in the Association of Management Committees (Assomac) to reverse the support given by their president, Mr David Curry, to Minister of Constitutional Development Mr Chris Heunis on aspects of the Promotion of Local Government Bill.

The matter will be raised on Tuesday at Assomac's 10th annual congress to be held in Ravensmead, near Parow, Cape Town. Assomac represents about 160 coloured and Indian management committees in the Cape Province.

The Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kötze, will open the congress and will also deliver a paper on housing.

Sent letter

The secretary of Assomac's Cape Peninsula Region (CPR), Mr Billy Jacobs, confirmed yesterday that, on the instructions of the CPR executive, he had sent a letter to Assomac's director, Mr Eddie Samuels, who is also the association's chief executive.

The letter asked that Assomac's alleged "support" for the Bill on local government be placed on the agenda "as a matter of urgency".

Mr Curry said yesterday the matter had already been cleared up by him and Mr Heunis.

Mr Heunis had given an assurance that the controversial clause 18 (1) of the relevant Bill would be scrapped and therefore, said Mr Curry, the Bill would not make provision any longer for the establishment of "coloured" and "Indian" local authorities.

Elements

Mr Jacobs told me, however, that certain elements in the Government's proposals on local government remained "anathema" to

By **NORMAN WEST**

Assomac's principles

The planned opposition to the certain aspects of the Bill appears to fly in the face of a recent joint statement by Mr Heunis and Mr Curry, who is also national chairman of the Labour Party, which indicated they had reached accord on the issue.

In the statement on June 6, Mr Heunis and Mr Curry said it had been "agreed" the Bill on local government was necessary to achieve the establishment of a co-ordinating council and municipal development aid boards, and to empower the Minister to take steps to improve communication between local authorities and management committees.

While Mr Heunis gave the assurance that the Bill was not intended to be used for the establishment of local authorities (for coloureds and Indians), he said local authorities could be established in terms of existing legal and statutory provisions and the Bill would be amended to remove any ambiguity about this.

Alarm

The letter Mr Jacobs sent to Mr Samuels asking that the issue be put on the agenda reads, in part: "The Peninsula region's executive committee, at a meeting on June 4, expressed alarm at the Promotion of Local Government Affairs Bill which, in Clause 18, makes provision for separate local authorities for coloureds and Indians."

Port Elizabeth's housing department monitors urbanisation

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Post Reporter

PORT ELIZABETH'S municipal housing department is monitoring the flow of people to the city from platteland towns hit by the crippling drought.

Mr Eddie Samuels, deputy Director of Housing for the Port Elizabeth Municipality, said he was personally not aware of any influx of people to Port Elizabeth who had been "starved out" in drought-stricken platteland towns.

It was most unlikely that any of these people would report directly to the housing department to put their names down on housing lists.

Since 1971 the housing department has been monitoring the migratory history of the coloured people in the Eastern Cape.

Mr Samuels was commenting on a statement made by the chief director of the East Cape Administration Board, Mr Louis Koch, to a housing conference in Johannesburg in which he claimed that the present drought would accelerate urbanisation to a point never before experienced.

Mr Koch was reported as saying that those people who moved to the towns because of the drought were not going back

— only a very small percentage would return.

Mr Samuels said that although he believed this movement from the platteland to the city was extensive in the black community it was not the case in the coloured community. The black community was the least urbanised of all the racial groups and historically more coloureds had been living in urban areas than any other group.

Mr Samuels said that in 1971 over 60% of the coloured population aged over 14 years living in the Port Elizabeth-Uitenhage area were native to the area.

Of the other 40%, the breakdown was as follows: 4% came from the immediate surrounding areas, 3% from the south and south-eastern Midlands, 10% from the south-western areas, 9% from the northern midland areas and 7% from the western midland areas.

It appeared from another socio-economic demographic study done by the housing department in 1978 that the flow of coloured people from the platteland to the city had peaked in the late 60s.

Mr Koch was not available for comment on the position in the black communities.

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R1,6m needed for Indian facilities

EAST LONDON—About R1,6 million will be needed to provide community facilities in the Indian area, the chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr H L Parbhoo, said at a meeting last night

Facilities needed were for sport, a swimming pool, a creche, the renovation of the Assembly of God church, a re-

creation hall, and a general clinic

He recommended that the heads of departments involved in the provision of these facilities make a final decision, and then get the Department of Community Development's approval

The committee wanted to know the exact amount of funds needed

for each facility in view of starting construction in 1984

Monthly reports of the progress would also be needed, Mr Parbhoo said

Toilet facilities for servants in the new Braelynn township extension would be provided after a survey was done to establish how many were needed, the

committee decided

The agenda stated that servants employed at the new houses were using the bush in the vicinity for a toilet, owing to lack of facilities for them

A proposal that toilets be provided in the form of "outbuildings" was accepted. This would entail the construction of separate toilet blocks with a screened entr-

ance

The toilets would be situated on the side boundaries of the erven

The buildings should be located to allow direct connection to existing on-site drainage and water reticulation in the backyards of the properties

An estimated R63 250 will be needed to build the toilets — DDR

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PE may get 11 local authorities

By STEPHEN ROWLES, Municipal Reporter

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THE Government's acceptance of the principle of separate local authorities for different racial groups would lead to a proliferation of local authorities, Port Elizabeth's Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, said last night

Speaking at the monthly meeting of the Central Executive of Port Elizabeth Ratepayers' Associations on constitutional change, Mr Botha said there could be as many as 11 local authorities in Port Elizabeth in the future

He said the only clear indication available on the future of local government were the guidelines published by the Department of Foreign Affairs

The President's Council recommendations had not been accepted by the Government and the future role of the Provincial Administration in the control of local authorities was not yet clear, he said

The guidelines on constitutional change at the local level accepted by the Government included the principles of decentralisation of administration and the devolution of power, separate local authorities for the various population groups and the provision of joint services on a metropolitan basis

"I envisage the implementation of these guidelines and the Black Local Authorities Act will result in separate municipal councils for the white, Indian, coloured and black communities of Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage and Despatch and possibly village councils for the Indian community of Uitenhage and the coloured community of Despatch"

Mr Botha said that until separate authorities had been established certain interim measures to improve inter-group relations would be introduced

Possible measures could include joint committees to handle matters of common concern, the chairmen of coloured and Indian management committees could be given a seat on city councils with voting rights, city councils could constitute special committees to liaise with coloured and Indian local authorities, and full city councils and the coloured and Indian management committees could hold joint discussions

During question time a Ward 4 councillor, Mr Terry Herbst, expressed concern at the great increase in administrative costs and the problem of finding trained staff to man the separate local authorities

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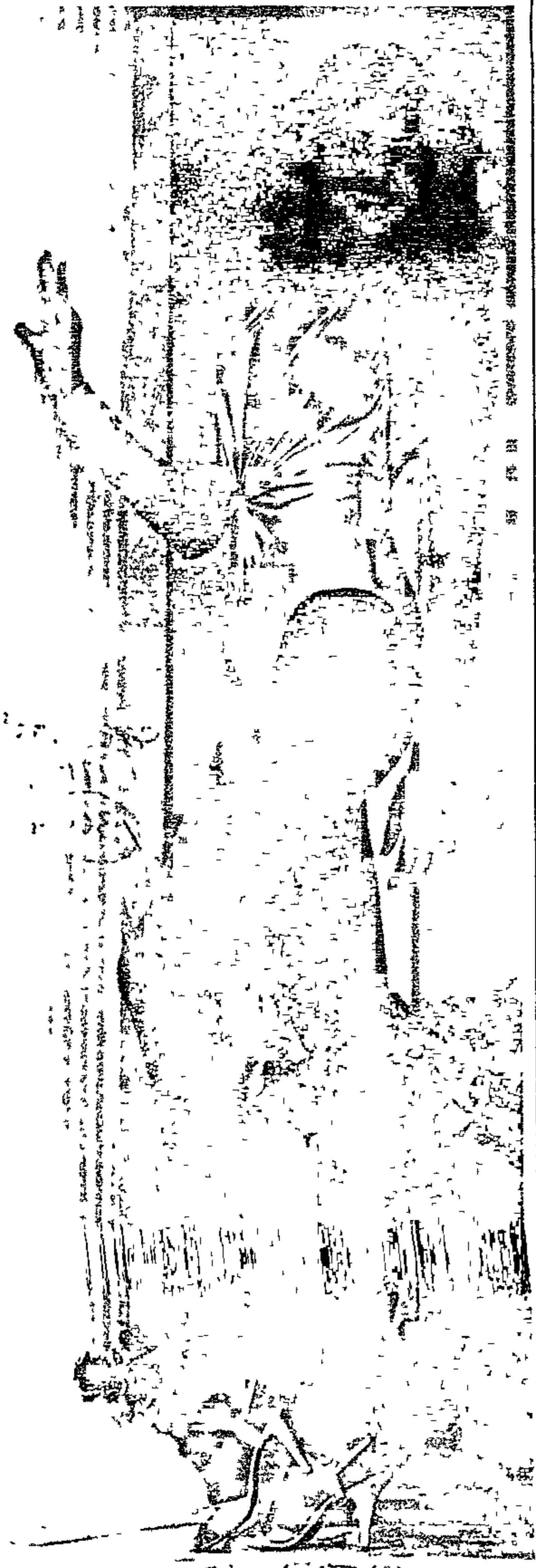
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Miss South Africa 1983 — Leanne Hosking, 19, of Durban. She was crowned at a Johannesburg hotel on Saturday night.

City blunders: Buyers to pay

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By JANE ARBOUS

AN administrative blunder by the City Council's Housing Department which resulted in more than 3 000 Mitchells Plain home-owners signing the wrong deeds of sale, has cost the council about R1,8-million.

The council is making up the loss by building the amount into the purchase price of the other homes in Mitchells Plain.

The people who signed the incorrectly worded deeds of sale have escaped paying the full price for their houses while most residents are having to pay more to make up for the loss.

The full effects of the departmental error, made in the late 1970s, were unearthed yesterday.

Armed with details, the Cape Times asked a senior council official for comment but was told that the matter was "confidential".

However, three members of the Housing Committee confirmed the matter.

The former Director of Housing, Mr Hymie Bloom, who recently retired, authorized reprinting the deeds of sale for Mitchells Plain.

The reprint was intended to include a clause allowing the council to increase the purchase price if necessary once final costs had been calculated — a lengthy process.

However, the previous document, which did not include the special clause, was printed by mistake.

About 3 100 home-owners were sent the incorrect deeds of sale. Having signed them, they were not liable for the extra costs.

The council decided to spread the burden over the rest of Mitchells Plain. It is expected to take years for the amount to be recovered.

Girl, in Pre

PRETORIA — Precious, an old schoolgirl who was raped by Elise Smit, a 17-year-old schoolboy, at a school near Cullinan, has been charged with the murder of the girl.

"Somebody must be a distraught father, out at night as if he doesn't understand air, and yet nobody knows," Elise also knew her sister Ina 11 Manie, 12, while she was in school.

"They asked her to go into brown pants instead of into shorts," Elise was appar- ently and kept looking up when her sister was talking to her parents return.

Anybody with a telephone the Cullinan police should ask for Sergeant Sapa.

Keep the rodeo out, appeals City SPCA

Staff Reporter

THE Cape Town branch of the SPCA has appealed to the public to support them in stopping the controversial rodeo show from coming to Cape Town from Johannesburg where it began last week.

Mr Keith Goudie, secretary of the Cape Town SPCA, said the Federation of SPCA's was already telling magistrates throughout the country that rodeos were intrinsically cruel.

The Johannesburg show was stopped by the SPCA in Johannesburg

at the weekend because the organizers had failed to get the proper licence under the Performing Animals' Protection Act of 1935.

Mr Goudie said yesterday he believed the organizers intended to take the show to other towns in South Africa.

"We don't believe that the children of Cape Town should be exposed to this type of entertainment, and therefore appeal to the public to support us in trying to stop this show from coming to Cape Town," he said.

Man killed woman, lord, court told

Reporter

A man yesterday was found guilty of murdering a woman who had been hit on the head with an axe by a woman who had been told to evict his pregnant wife.

Miss Stuurman pleaded not guilty to both counts.

They also pleaded not guilty to alternative culpable homicide charges.

Mr Matsabe, a tenant in Mr Lewendal's house, said he had drunk wine with Mr Lewendal that morning and had gone

to the house where I saw him fall and I was shocked. He twitched once and it was over. I did not intend to kill him."

On the second charge Mr Matsabe said "After I had stabbed Norman I left the house. I met Miss Lutherin at the door and she demanded that Lorraine and I go

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Dr. Aggett was not the first in 1963, 53 people have lost their lives whilst in the crisis years after Sharpeville lost their lives whilst in 1976 25 people died between the numbers have picked up in the period 1980 to 1983.

South Africa is faced with demonstrations and guerilla countries refuse sporting a worstening, and people are government has attempted to The President's Council was most people have rejected the TASC Congress in Johannesburg

RAVENSMEAD Management Committee has asked the Government to get tough with shebeens and unmarried fathers who don't support their children.

BY NORMAN WEST

He has also appealed to the authorities to be "less lenient" with unmarried fathers and mothers.

"I agree with the school of thought that unmarried mothers should not be 'rewarded' for their promiscuity and immorality with State grants, which simply encourage the woman to have more illegitimate children

"The State must evolve the necessary

Anti-booze campaigner Mr Hansie Christians and his Ravensmead Management Committee (RMC) have asked Dr Dawie de Villiers, Minister of Industries, Commerce and Tourism to introduce new legislation that will increase admission of guilt fines for shebeening from R100 to R1 000

The committee also wants tougher laws to deal with unmarried mothers who don't work while living on State grants, and fathers who won't support their children

Meeting told residents live in fear

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EAST LONDON — Residents of Braelynn No 4 lived in fear, a meeting of the Indian Management Committee was told last night

The deputy chairman of the IMC, Mr Mike Williams, said complaints of break-ins, molesting of residents and short cuts taken to the bus stop at Amalinda by people walking through yards were common

Other complaints included breaking into motor cars and theft from washing lines.

He said many residents were even afraid to hang out their washing

He was aware there was some police patrolling of the area and asked that patrols be more regular

Other complaints received from the area were poor finishing on the houses by the builders

Seven letters were delivered to the IMC last night from people concerned about this. They were passed on to the Director of Housing, Mr

K. Martinsen for scrutiny

Mr Martinsen said his department was aware of some shortcomings in the buildings in the area

He added the Department of Community Development had sent an official to have a look last week

"They are also unhappy about some aspects and it would be to the benefit of all of us if we got together with the consulting architects to iron out the problems," he said

Mr Williams said residents accepted they had to report problems but there had been a case in which a resident reported a problem to the builder concerned, had the fault attended to but had been told by the builder he would have to pay if he called him again

Mr Martinsen said such problems should be brought to the attention of the housing officials immediately and they would take the necessary action — DDR

IMC calls for open sports facilities

EAST LONDON — Any sports facilities provided in the Indian areas had to be open to all races, the deputy chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr M Williams, said yesterday

Mr Williams was speaking on the provision of facilities in Braelynn 4 at an Indian Management Committee monthly meeting.

He said all sport in the Indian area was affiliated to the South African Council of Sport which was against the permit system and it had to be made clear to the City Council that all facilities provided in the Indian area had to be open.

At issue was the involvement of the community in the running of sports facilities to be provided

The City Council had said that a swimming pool and a recreation hall to be provided in Braelynn 4 would have to be maintained by funds from within the community

Mr L Harry opposed the move. He said the problem with the Indian

area was that there were no sports facilities in schools where sport was generally nurtured and interest built up so that when the pupils became adults they would take an interest and provide the funds for the upkeep of such facilities

He added that in East London many sports facilities were run at a loss and the municipality provided finance for their upkeep

It was surprising that when this was coming to the Indian area, the first move should be that the community pay for the running of such facilities.

Mr Harry said the problem with sports facilities in schools was that there was no land to provide for them

Until such time that such land was provided, asking the community to run sports facilities could not be regarded as reasonable

It was agreed that a meeting of all interested parties be called so that the problems of the provision and running of facilities could be tackled — DDR

Request to change revision court date

EAST LONDON — The City Council here is to be asked to consider changing the date for a revision court to hear claims and objections to the voters' roll for the Indian Management Committee (IMC)

The date for which the sitting of the court is set is Friday, June 10

The chairman of the IMC, Mr Harry Parbhoo, said a Friday was not a good day for the court to sit

He asked that the City Council be requested to consider changing the date to another day

The length of time for which the court would sit would depend on the number of objections raised, the IMC was told

The Indian Voters' Roll will be open for inspection in the City Hall during normal office hours from Tuesday, May 17 to Monday, May 30

Last night's IMC meeting agreed that the Postmaster of East London be approached and asked to extend postal delivery facilities from neighbouring areas to Braelynn No 4 — DDR

Committee against exclusion on political grounds

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SIR, — The Management Committee is not against the local Sports Board because it follows a staunch Sacos line, but it is against the exclusion of any resident of Atlantis or sporting organisation of Atlantis from using the sports facilities because they might follow a political line other than that of Sacos

In short, the Management Committee will not support any sporting organisation which discriminates against any ratepayer on the grounds of his political beliefs

The Management Committee wishes it to be made known that it sought the dissolution of the present Sport Board of Control not for political reasons, but purely on the grounds that the sports board

- Failed to obtain a quorum at its past regular monthly meetings,

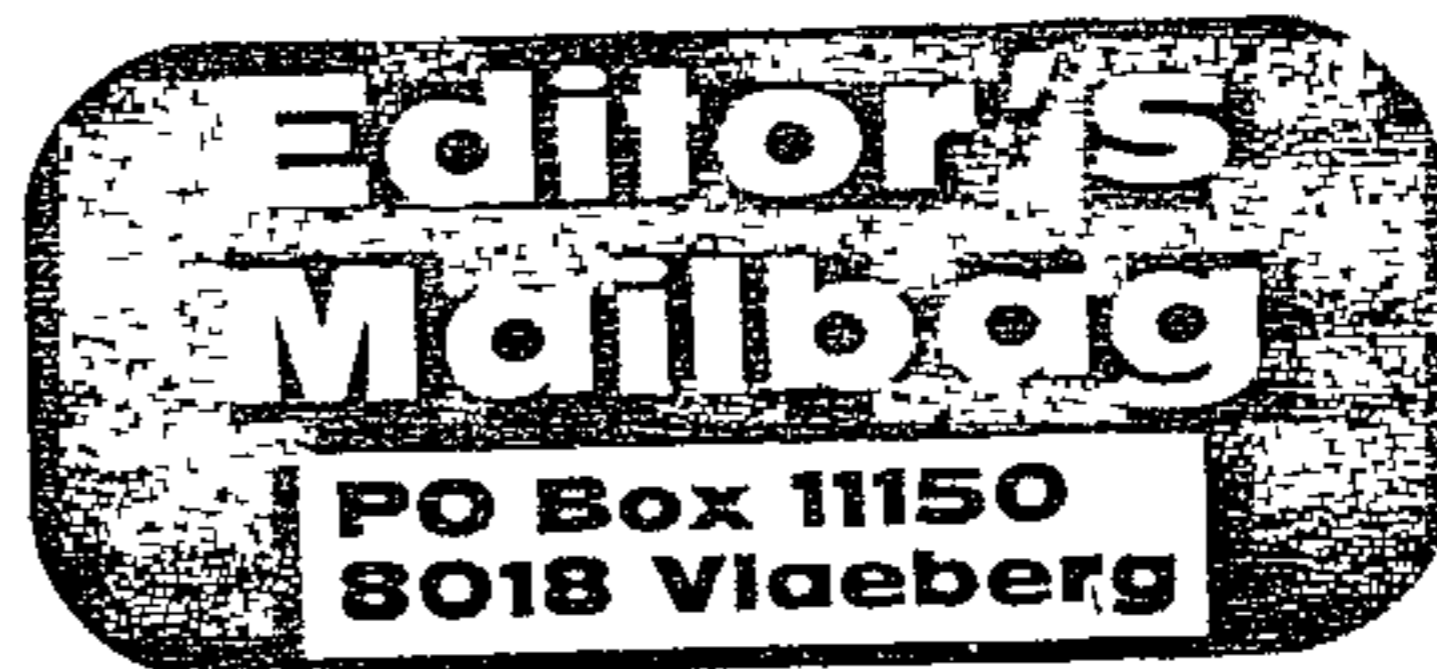
- Failed to administer the existing sports facilities in the best interest of the entire community, irrespective of political line or affiliation,

- Failed to operate within the stipulation of its constitution and/or accepted meeting procedure

The management Committee is happy in that it has now presented Mr Williams with the opportunity to issue Sacos's customary warning — in this case to schools in Atlantis

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ATLANTIS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Adding objection

SIR, — Babs Kew Town, would like to add its objection to, and concern with the detention of Daphne Williams, primary school teacher at Athlone North

We have known Daphne Williams for many years As a teacher, her pupils loved her

As a teacher working in a disadvantaged community, she was concerned, committed and hard working She

helped with the arrangements on many community fundraising events We are indebted

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- Miss Williams was released from detention during the past weekend

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LEADS TERRORIST ATTACK ON FARM

Rhodesia. The farm of well-known attorney and racial sympathiser, Mr Joseph Mahoney was yesterday all but destroyed in a wave of racial unrest. The attack, by a band of terrorist disidents, is believed to have been led by Mr. Mahoney's former personal servant Mr Mahoney was not available for comment.

Hold My Hand I'm Dying Unbanned After 4 Appeals, it's a story of Africa seen through the eyes of Joseph Mahoney, it's Rhodesia from before the war. A story of the African veldt, the relationship of the people to the land — and to one another. John Gordon Davis allows us a good, lingering look at how the camaraderie of Black and White turned to the clash of politics.

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Knife gangs threat to municipal men

EAST LONDON — Municipal employees sent to repair burst water mains in Buffalo Flats have twice been threatened by youths armed with knives

In a report to the Coloured Management Committee the city engineer, Mr G B Keppie, said one of the water servicemen had been "confronted by a gang of four males who threatened him with a knife

"Fortunately the burst was within an intersection and the valves in such a position that the serviceman was able to isolate the burst and abandon repairs until the following day," Mr Keppie said

"More recently a similar incident was reported when another water serviceman was threatened by youths armed with knives"

Mr Keppie warned that further threats against municipal staff could result in consumers being deprived of water "because of it being unsafe for staff to enter the townships over

weekends"

Members of the CMC suggested that the two-way radios used by the repair crews be tuned to a police frequency

Mr J L Segers said "prevention was better than cure" and said something was wrong with the water pipes in the area, as they were continually breaking down

Members of the CMC also asked the municipality to remove squatters living in bush behind the John Bisseker Secondary School as it was becoming "unsafe" for passing pedestrians

Mr J F Temmers gave an example of a young schoolchild who, he said had been tied up in the bush by some of the squatters. He said the child managed to free himself and was found later that day

The CMC also asked for a municipal bus service to take nurses to and from Frere Hospital

Mr Temmers said

nurses working at Frere had to make use of Ciskei Transport Corporation buses and were continually late for work

He said it was the city council's duty to provide a bus service

The chairman of the CMC, Mr F N Barlow, suggested that an area near Leaches Bay be made available to private developers to open a multi-racial caravan park

Mr Barlow said "private people" were prepared to invest in the land, and this could mean the park would be established sooner

He said the area should be developed as a resort, not only as a caravan park

The CMC also decided to join the East London Publicity Association

The head of the association, Mr Ted Walsh, said he was aware of the shortcomings in entertainment for coloureds and said the CMC should get involved in the association — DDR

No special accommodation

EAST LONDON — The municipal housing department will not provide special accommodation for municipal or government employees, the Coloured Management Committee was told yesterday

The director of housing, Mr Ken Martinsen, said in a report submitted to the committee that municipal employees wanting to buy houses could make use of the

council's housing subsidy scheme

It was also stated that municipal employees who wanted houses in the coloured housing schemes were given preference and accommodated as soon as a house became vacant. Mr Martinsen's report followed a request from the CMC for the council to build houses for its employees "as most big employers are doing"

A housing department official, Mr K Barichievi, told the CMC no houses were available at the moment. He added that five members of municipal or government staff were at present without accommodation

City councillor Mrs Elsabe Kemp recommended that certain areas be reserved for employees so key personnel could be housed sooner — DDR

EL lion cubs put down

EAST LONDON — Three lion cubs born at Queen's Park Zoo last week Wednesday had to be destroyed, said Mr Bill Van den Doel, the curator

"It was in the interest of the cubs that we destroyed them because they were very weak and

Crash victim dies

EAST LONDON — An elderly man who was seriously injured in a collision between two cars at the intersection of Oxford Street and St George's Road has died

He was Mr R E Born, 70, of Mead Mansions, St Peter's Road

Mr Born died after being admitted to Frere Hospital following the collision on Monday

Two women were injured in separate accidents here yesterday

One was involved in a collision with a vehicle at the corner of Gateley Street and Botha Road. She fractured her pelvis and femur

The other was involved in a collision with a vehicle in Fleet Street. She had a cut eye and abrasions to her face and left leg — DDR

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No room for the housing staff

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THE new Civic Centre is too small for the City Council. And ratepayers will be alarmed to know that the council is still paying for its monument in more ways than one.

The building, costing between R50-million and R100-million (will we ever know the final cost?), was erected in the mid-70s, ostensibly to get all its far-flung employees under one economical roof.

But believe it or not, no provision was made to house its housing branch — one of the council's most important sections. At the time, it was planned that housing would be moved from the CBD to Athlone, but that idea fell through. Worse still, I only learnt last week that the housing employees have been working under appalling conditions in an old building in the west City, Beau-

fort House, since November 1969.

(What fools people is the fact that the branch's telephones are routed through the Civic Centre and in spite of the different address on the housing letterheads, people still pitch up at the Civic Centre).

About 120 employees have grown into all corners of the leaking Beaufort House building. And the ratepayers who have to go to the letting office the condition of the waiting rooms are intolerable, say employees.

At long last, renovations are going to be done. But the original cost has risen from R100 000 to over R200 000. Councilors at last week's meeting were appalled at the increase, but sanctioned it for the sake of the staff.

It is common knowledge that no provision was made to accommodate the headquarters of the library and traffic departments in the Civic Centre — more than R1-million has just been spent on the new library HQ in the old Drill and renovation are planned at the cramped Gallows Hill offices.

Perhaps the Civic Centre was already too small when City Hall moved in, or perhaps according to Murphy's Law its workforce grew to fit it.

The greatest disgrace, however, is the wasted space in its grandiose concourses and halls while the busy and vitally-important housing administration is left out in the cold.

TONIGHT'S concert at the City Hall is a little unusual — for the first time, the sponsors are

the City Fathers themselves.

The battle against rising costs has been going on for years and the orchestra is expected to lose a record R2.2-million during this current financial year.

Matters reached a head early in 1980 when the annual bill stood at R900 000. A development committee was formed to start a system of public sponsorship to supplement the funds for the orchestra, which until then depended solely on the City Council.

The orchestra, believed to be the only municipal one in the world which does not receive direct financial support from the State or province, is highly regarded, and heavy subsidization will continue.

So much so that the city councilors, as well as the development committee members, are

personally footing the R5 000 bill for tonight's first concert in the Mozart Festival.

A laudable case of putting their money where their mouths are

THE City Council's first fully-fledged public relations officer starts work in a week or two.

For public reference, the new PRO is Mr Kendal Jarvis, a former Johannesburg-based public relations consultant in his late 40s.

He's expected to earn every cent of his R2 000 a month salary. Not only will he have to keep the council's image shining bright, but he'll be expected to devote time to internal projects and perk up communication between the council and the people it serves.

Confusion over hiring of halls

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By NORMAN WEST

CONFUSION reigns on the question of whether Indians may hire halls in coloured areas or only attend functions in them as spectators

On the one hand, the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, has informed them, in his "viewpoint" they may not, while the Director-General of Community Development, on the other hand, has said they may use the halls in coloured areas without having to apply for permits

"This effectively puts us between the devil and the deep blue sea," said the Rev Edward Manikkam, chairman of the Rylands Estate Management Committee (Remancom) this week.

Racial peace

"The Minister says 'no', yet his Director-General says 'yes' while the Prime Minister appears not prepared to commit himself on a definite 'yes or no'

"The Prime Minister must, in the interest of his oft-proclaimed policy of promoting racial peace, remove this confusion," Mr Manikkam said

Remancom earlier sought the direct intervention of the Prime Minister in a letter dated

October 18 last year

The Prime Minister never replied but, apparently, referred the letter to Mr Pen Kotze whom he wrote back saying he "wished to confirm my viewpoint that I am not convinced of the need and desirability of the unrestricted opening of all public facilities to all population groups"

This reply evoked heated discussions at the monthly meeting of the Remancom this week.

"We want the Prime Minister's viewpoint, not Mr Pen Kotze's. Is this how Mr Botha wants to win over people to support his constitutional proposals?" Mr Manikkam asked

The Association of Management Committees (Assomac), to which all management committees in the Cape Province belong, has declared its opposition to separate facilities

Many white local authorities, notably the Cape Town City Council, have also publicly declared themselves opposed to government control over facilities under their jurisdiction

According to Mr Manikkam, government policy has created a situation where Indians, in spite of living cheek by jowl with coloured people in areas like Rylands Estate and

Athlone, may not hire halls in coloured areas. They may only attend as "spectators"

There are no Indian halls for them to hire

The Rylands Estate Management Committee (Remancom) wanted the city council to have the sole authority to open all facilities under its control, to all races, Mr Manikkam said

'Happy to share'

This is also the city council's policy, but it clashes with central government policy

Mr Manikkam said Indians did not want "separate" facilities, they were happy to share facilities in "coloured" areas but were not allowed to do so without a permit.

Another member of the Remancom, who is also a member of the S A Indian Council for the Rylands constituency, Mr Hassan Osman said

"It's a disgrace. The nearest available civic centre is the Athlone Civic centre and this is over-booked because it can seat only 500 people. It is almost never available over the weekend

The committee resolved to send another strongly-worded letter to the Prime Minister demanding that he end confusion on the issue

Curry call to Kriel

to give names

By NORMAN WEST

MR DAVID CURRY, chairman of the Association of Management Committees (Assomac), this week challenged Mr Hernus Kriel, MEC in charge of local government, to "name" the members of coloured management committees Mr Kriel claims approached him for "separate beaches".

"Let Mr Kriel once and for all remove doubts

about the accuracy of his claims and have the matter debated in public"

Mr Kriel came under heavy fire from the Progressive Federal Party in the Provincial Council and from management committee spokesmen for having claimed coloured

leaders in the Peninsula did not want "open" beaches and had "pleaded" for separate beaches

Mr Kriel told the council many coloured management committees had in the privacy of his office asked him for separate beaches

He was responding to a PFP motion, which was defeated, calling for all beaches to be declared "open"

Mr Curry said the declared policy of Assomac, which represents about 160 management committees in the Cape Province, was for open facilities and was opposed apartheid in any form

"We have in the past asked province to develop existing beach facilities for our people. We have never asked for separate facilities for different racial groups to be created or retained"

He said they had approached province to do to improve the bathing facilities at Strandfontein and this had "conveniently been construed by the likes of Mr Hernus Kriel as a plea for separate beach facilities"

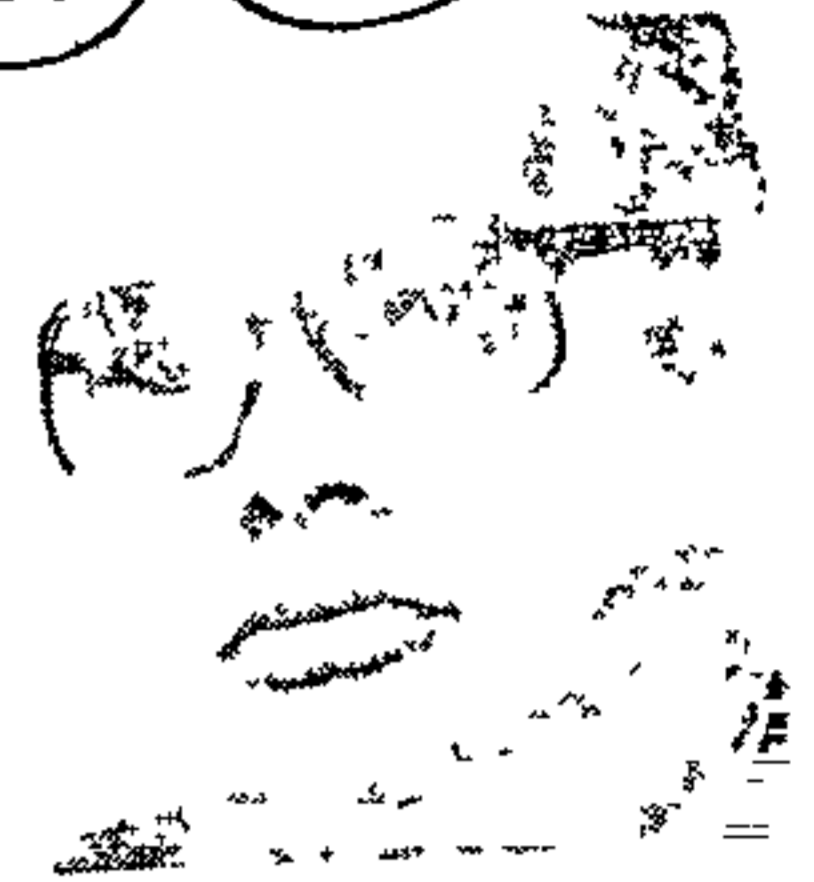
The Rylands Estate management committee also demanded at their monthly meeting that Mr Kriel name the management committee members who had asked for separate beaches

The chairman of the Wynberg-Wittebome management committee, Mr M S Moerat, has issued a statement dissociating the committee from any move to retain beach apartheid

"We strongly condemn

the decision of the Provincial Council (to retain beach apartheid), and particularly wish to censure Mr Hernus Kriel, for claiming that separate beaches were necessary to maintain good race relations

"In addition the committee calls upon Mr Kriel to name those people he claims, have requested separate beaches as we feel that such people have no right to pretend to speak on behalf of the majority of so-called coloured persons"



Mr David Curry, president of Assomac.

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Officials told to take action on cemetery

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EAST LONDON — Municipal officials were told to get moving on exhuming graves in an old, disused cemetery and to start building sports fields on the site for Braelvnn residents

The Indian Management Committee at its meeting yesterday set its next monthly meeting as a deadline for the controversial matter to be settled

The IMC chairman, Mr Harry Parbhoo, said the committee was tired of excuses as to why the sportsfields have not been constructed

Plans for the sportsgrounds were first mooted in 1970

The plan has been opposed by a former Ciskei cabinet minister, Mr L. Siyo, who says that although the cemetery is disused, it has great cultural significance for blacks as a number of leading Xhosa figures are interred at the burial ground

Although Coloured Management Committee members have also spoken out against the plan, the CMC has officially decided to "wash its hands" of the matter, the director of housing, Mr Ken Martinsen, told the IMC

Mr Parbhoo charged the director of parks and amenities, Mr Bob Odell, with the task of resolving

the matter

Mr Odell said that even if the issue was resolved, exhumations could not start until money had been allocated

"The simple fact remains that we can't do anything without money"

Mr Parbhoo said he did not care how or where Mr Odell found the money

"This thing must be resolved now and get a move on with the exhumations I want this matter finalised by our next meeting I must know, are we going onto that field or not?" —
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Dumping area for Braelynn

EAST LONDON — Uncontrolled dumping of rubbish in Braelynn 4 was a serious problem which the city would now take steps to alleviate, it was decided at a meeting of the Indian Management Committee (IMC) here yesterday

City parks director Mr Bob Odell said that a staked-off dumping area would be provided in a plot opposite numbers 19 and 21 Himalaya Road

Mr Odell said that residents were dumping garden waste such as sub-soil, concrete, and builders' rubble, directly onto the pavements

IMC chairman Mr Harry Parbhoo said that it was important to make residents aware, either in writing or by word of mouth, that such dumping was illegal

The IMC also agreed to a proposal from Mr Odell and the city housing manager, Mr Kelvin Barichievy, that a model garden be laid out in Braelynn 4 and a garden competition be held in order to encourage residents to lay out their gardens attractively

● Mr Odell said he had recently received written objections from two families to the exhumation of buried remains from the site of the proposed Braelynn sportsfields. The Siyo and Rubushana families informed Mr Odell that they had relatives buried at the site, which was formerly a graveyard. The question of exhuming remains before developing the sportsfield has been debated since the fields were first proposed in the mid-1970s — DDR

Press for sports amenities, IMC told

EAST LONDON — The Indian community here "must start pressing" the government to provide it with sporting amenities, city councillor Mrs Elsabe Kemp said at the Indian Management Committee meeting

Mrs Kemp said that the deputy director general of the Department of Community Development, Mr P D

McEnery, had told her when he was in East London last week that "the time has come for more sporting amenities" for East London's Indians

"Mr McEnery made no promises, but he told me he was with me 100 per cent, and said he would try from his end to come up with the necessary money" — DDR

Council destroys 11 100 shacks

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Staff Reporter

MORE than 11 100 authorised and numbered squatter shacks have been demolished by the Divisional Council of the Cape since 1975, according to a report on squatter control passed by the council

The report says there were 13 716 numbered shacks in the council's area in 1975 of which 2 524 remain today. Most of the shacks — 7 389 — were demolished in Elsie's River.

The report also states that 8 393 unauthorised shacks have been demolished since 1975. Most of these — 2 279 — were in Philadelphia.

During a discussion of the report at a meeting of the Housing Committee, reference was made to the 267 unauthorised shacks demolished between December 27, 1982, and March 22, 1983.

Origin and income

A councillor, Mr P L Andrew, said details such as family size, place of origin and income were needed to help the council tackle the problem of unauthorised families and of providing housing for them.

The families existed and they could not be ignored, he said.

It was noted that the council had decided to undertake a "simple form of social survey" of the unauthorised families to obtain a more accurate idea of the problem.

Mention was also made of the 64 authorised shacks demolished in the same period and several councillors asked where the families were being accommodated.

It was decided that the progress report be noted and that details of the 64 numbered shacks and 267 unauthorised dwellings be submitted to the council as soon as possible.

The Housing Committee has been criticised by a councillor, Mr N Ross, for "dragging its heels" on squatter control.

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Wepcos slams City Engineer's sports plan

Staff Reporter

THE Western Province Council of Sport has condemned a recommendation by the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, as "dictatorial"

He has recommended to the Executive Committee that the City Council refuse to lease sports facilities to organisations affiliated to the South African Council on Sport

Wepcos president Mr Yusuf Ebrahim said today "Wepcos totally condemns the dictatorial stand of this municipal employee and his open and unashamed attempts to support the Government's multinational sports policy"

Wepcos is the largest national affiliate of Sacos

VICTIMISATION

Mr Ebrahim said "The recommendation by Mr Brand is blatant racial discrimination and political victimisation by a paid functionary"

"It glaringly exposes an orchestrated campaign on the part of the Government, the provincial administration and its counterparts to force multinational sports down the throats of the voteless and oppressed sportspersons who belong to nonracial sports organisations"

Mr Ebrahim said Mr Brand's recommendations simply underlined the standpoint of the City Council, which solely re-

presented and protected the interests of the white electorate

The City Council could not consider Mr Brand's recommendation yesterday because he is out of town

The Cape Areas Housing Action Committee, which represents more than 30 civic associations in the Western Cape, said the "arrogance of the council was well demonstrated by Mr Brand's statement"

A statement released by the committee read "What the City Engineer is saying once again is that the people are incapable of deciding and that the council must decide"

"If the City Engineer knew the aspirations of the inhabitants of this city he would know that the overwhelming majority have freely chosen to participate in non-racial sport"

"It is the job of the City Council to provide facilities out of the rates they receive from people. If they tried to do their job there would be no shortage of decent facilities"

"Cahac believes that the control of amenities is a right of residents and that no bureaucratic official is going to, or will be allowed to, take away this right"

"We believe that such control can only be possible by the participation of democratic community organisations"

trade union movement and accept it as a legitimate partner for economic development the lesser the chances are of labour unrest"

First

Mr Jeff Lever, a lecturer in the Sociology Department at UCT, said the independent, emerging unions were "setting the pace" for other, more established unions

The strength of the independent unions lay in the fact that they were the first to "wholeheartedly commit themselves to the organisation of the mass of African workers"

Mr Chris du Toit, chairman of the South African Co-ordinating Committee on Labour Affairs (SACCOLA), which represents 10 employers' federations, said a participative society in the workplace would build the basis for a participative society in the social and political arenas

Record number of plans passed

Staff Reporter

THE Durbanville Municipality passed a "record" 39 building plans for new houses last month

According to the Town Engineer, Mr M Pollet, alterations to the Durbanville Primary School valued at R450 000 were included in building statistics showing that plans valued at R7 753 000 were approved by his council in March

Figures for March 1982 and 1981 were R6 310 000 and R5 829 000

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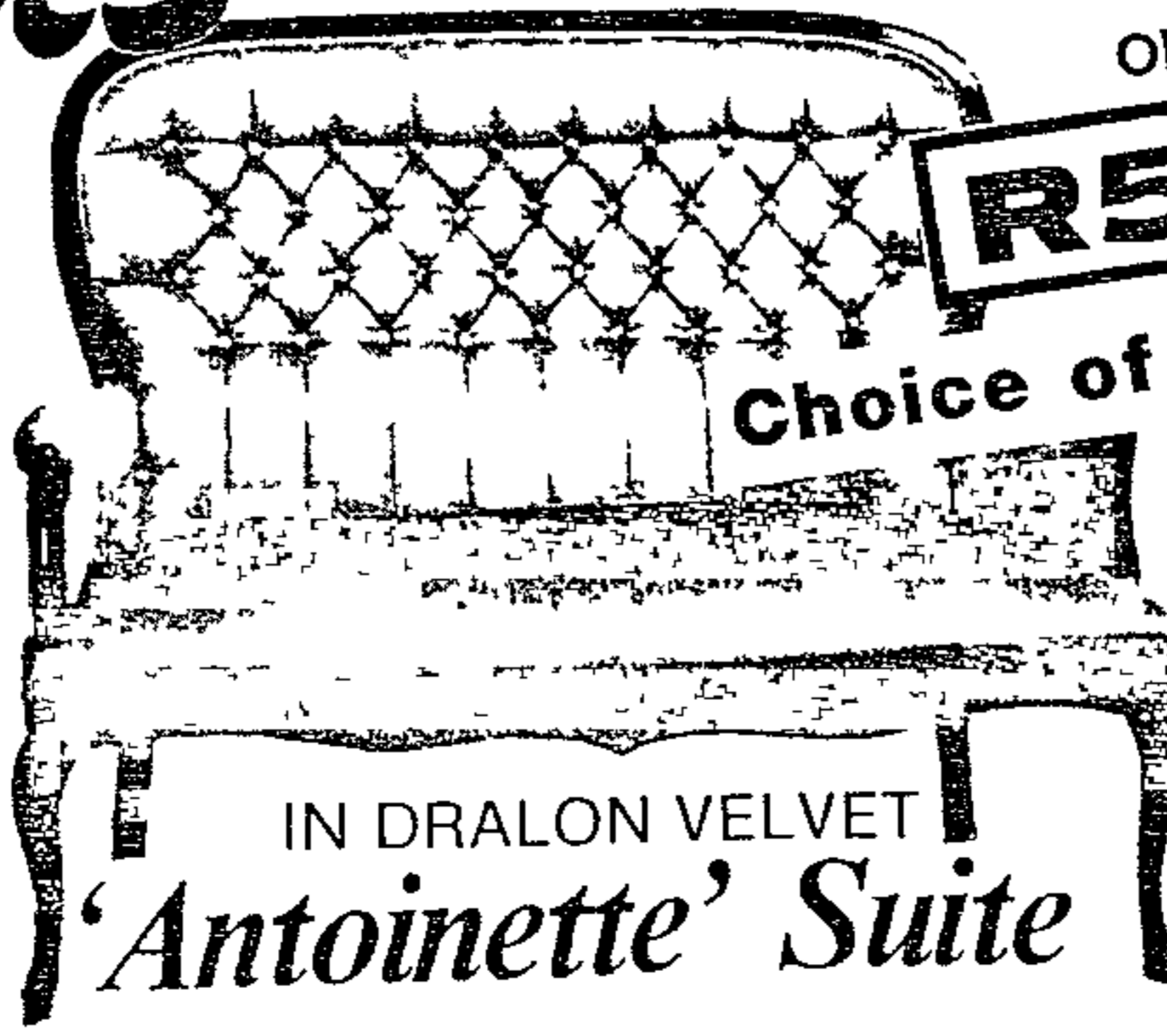
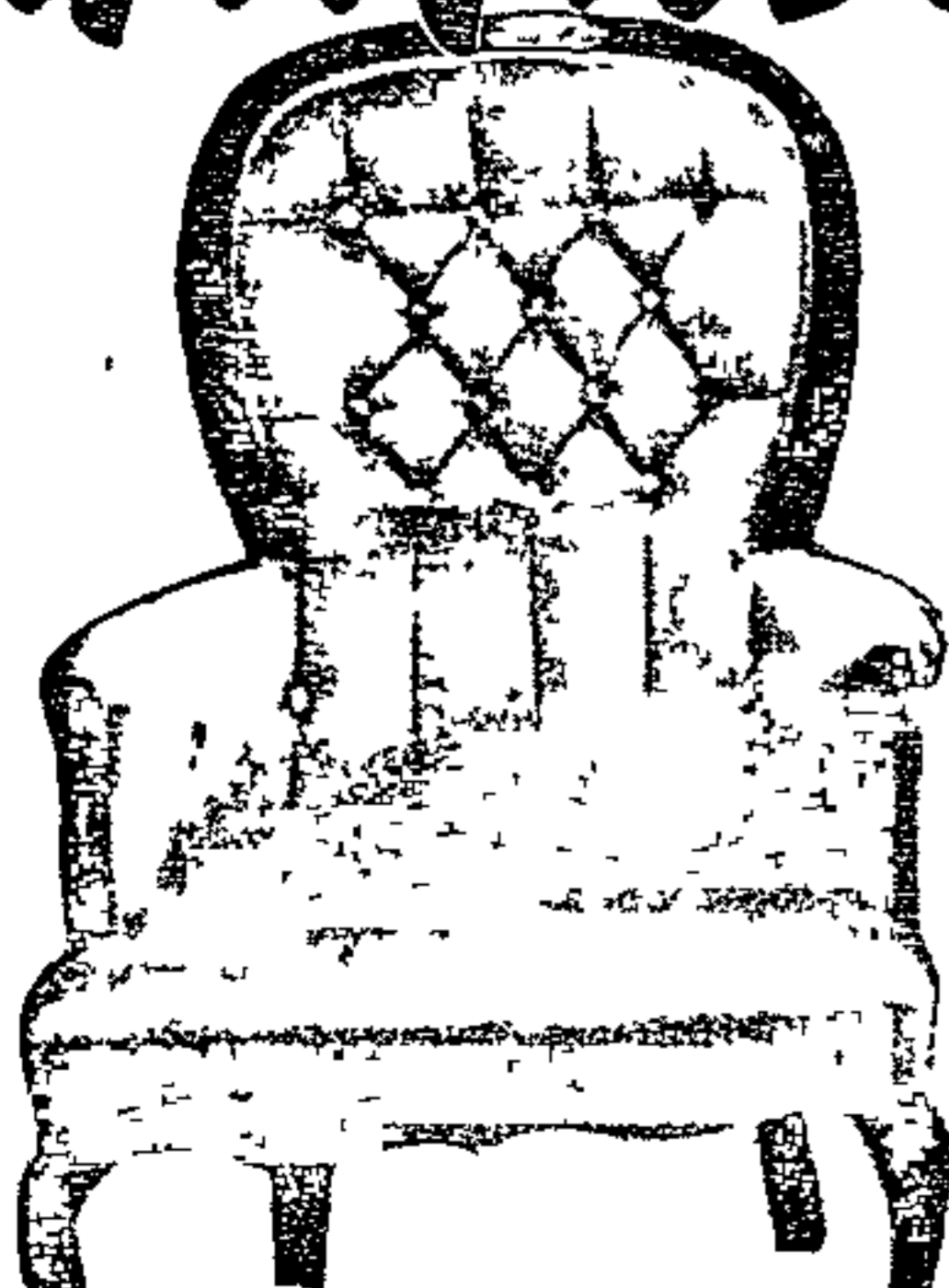
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Work colonies

It advocates work colonies where the unmarried parents can earn the support of their offspring and learn that illicit sex can be expensive," said Mr Christians

Dr De Vilhiers has replied to the RMC saying that he is considering the matter

Mr Christians said yesterday that the chief target of their campaign is the shebeens which, he claims, are ruining the lives of thousands of men, women and children on the Cape Flats

His committee has also approached the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange on the issue

down delinquent fathers who have an illegitimate child by a woman, and sometimes more than one, by different women in different townships

"These men who irresponsibly father children, then drop them in the lap of the State, must be forced to face their responsibilities and pay for their own offspring. They must learn that illicit sex can be expensive

"If shortage of work is given as a reason for their unemployment, work colonies should be created for both males and females where they sweat it out, like anybody else, for their piece of bread," said Mr Christians

Fines

The RMC has asked in letters to the ministers that admission of guilt fines, be drastically increased for first offence shebeen keepers from R100 to R500, and R1,000 for second offenders

The RMC asked for legislation to be introduced and motivated their request with actual case histories

In one example, a mother had complained to the "Complaints Committee" of the RMC, which meets each Wednesday, that her son, who works at a local hospital, earned R306 a month, while his shebeen account was R307

"The shebeen keepers are heartless people and do not hesitate to resort to thuggery and violence if they are not paid in full

"In this way the alcohol dependant victim is caught up in a vicious circle. The result is that he ends up as the full-time slave of the shebeen keeper," said Mr Christians

Arrears

He quoted figures which showed that sometimes tenants are up to R300 in arrears with their rent, while the shebeen accounts of the man in the house were always up to date

"Because we do the allocation of dwellings, we are responsible for the collection of rents, and the Administrator has the right to claim the money directly from the management committee," said Mr Christians

Surprise nominations for MC elections

By NORMAN WEST

THERE HAVE been several surprises in the nominees for the forthcoming management committee elections on September 7.

If two of the women contesting the elections get in, they could join their husbands and become the first two husband-and-wife teams in the management committee system.

Another surprise is a newcomer to management committees, well-known Athlone businessman and hotelier Mr Reggie Webb, who will contest in the Athlone constituency.

Two other personalities have come out of their political hibernation for the elections.

They are Mr J D Petersen, who represented Kensington in the CRC as a Federal Party member, and his successor, Mr Paul Kleinsmidt, who represented Kensington in the CRC as a Labour Party member. He defeated Mr Petersen in the 1975 CRC

elections.

Both are standing for election to the Kensington Management Committee.

The two women standing for election are Mrs Patricia Lategan (Athlone) and Mrs S N Jacobs (Atlantis).

Mr Kenny Lategan is also standing for election, while Mr Jacobs is a sitting member already.

If both Mr and Mrs Lategan and Mrs Jacobs are elected, they will create management committee history.

There will be no elections for the Wynberg-Wittebome committee as the existing three members — Mr B I Cloete, Mr F Moerat and Mr G R Swan — have again been nominated.

In Athlone, seven candidates will contest the three vacancies. They are Mr G F Bowers, Mr

K H Lategan, Mrs P E Lategan, Mr P C McKenzie, Mr T J Maclaughlin, Mr A Stanley and Mr R J Webb.

In Kensington, seven candidates have been nominated for the three vacancies. They are Mr C Britten, Mr E G Cleinwerck, Mr A W Emmanuel, Mr R H Fester, Mr N T Jacobs, Mr P J Kleinsmidt and Mr J D Petersen.

Four vacancies

In Atlantis, eight candidates are standing for the four vacancies. They are Mr E H Alexander, Mr F E Brandreth, Mr H J Cedras, Mr W A Daniels, Mr O Fakir, Mr K Ismael, Mr C R Smith and Mrs S N Jacobs.

In Matroosfontein, five candidates will contest the four vacancies. They are Mr E Barlow, Mr R R Barthus, Mr C Lewies, Mr L Scheepers and another newcomer

Mr Kenny Lategan, who will be standing for election along with his wife, Pat.

to management committee affairs, Mr W J Sluimet, a retired teacher.

In Elsie's River, eight candidates were nominated for the four vacancies. They are Mr John Bam, Mr J P Clark, Mrs E Dreyer, Rev A J Louw, Mr W Nero, Mr D J Stephens, Mr G Thomas and Mr H S Timm.

Grassy Park has been divided into five wards. Only in one ward will there be an election.

In Ward Four, the candidates for the single vacancy are Mr M S Alie and a former member of the CRC, Mr W B Pieterse.

Miss J Janodien is the single nominee for Ward One, Mrs B J Solomons for Ward Two, Sheikh M Jassiem for Ward Three and Mr S Ebrahim for Ward Five.

In Ocean View, only two candidates have been nominated for the three vacancies. They are Mr L V Clarke and Mrs M Faulman.

This means the Cape Divisional Council will have to nominate a third member to the Ocean View management committee.

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Bhana accuses Committee of Six

By RAYMOND HILL

THE chairman of the Port Elizabeth Indian Management Committee (IMC), Mr Raman Bhana, has accused the recently-formed Committee of Six of misleading the people of Malabar.

Mr Bhana said at the monthly meeting of the IMC in Korsten yesterday that the Committee of Six should realise that the IMC was the mouthpiece of the people of Malabar

"Malabar falls under the jurisdiction of the IMC

Whether they like it or not the Committee of Six must realise that we are the mouthpiece of the people concerned," he said

Members of the Committee of Six were the "very same people" who called upon the IMC for assistance

One of the members, Mr Bhana said, was an "illegal" tenant in Malabar and the necessary steps had already been taken against him

"We will not tolerate this mischief-making. It is being done at the ex-

pense of the community," he said

Malabar's people supported the IMC, and its members were the officially elected representatives of the residents

Mr Bhana said the Committee of Six was prepared to negotiate with white officials instead of with members of the IMC, who knew the people concerned better

Members of the Committee of Six did not understand local government, he said

Mr Bhana advised the committee to negotiate

directly with the IMC, whose door was always open to them

His criticism of the committee was the result of the rent issue in Malabar and the "taking over" of the suburb by the Port Elizabeth City Council on July 1

Malabar was formerly administered by the Department of Community Development

The Committee of Six compiled a list of "demands" which was submitted to the Town Clerk earlier this month. One of the de-

mands was that rent increases in Malabar should be deferred until January, 1984

Members of the Committee of Six and the IMC subsequently interviewed the Director of Housing, Mr M Molyneux, to discuss the matter

At the meeting, the Committee of Six made it clear that they did not acknowledge the IMC as the representatives of the residents and that they accepted their attendance at the meeting "under protest"

Housing plea to Divco fails

Cape Times 27/7/83

Municipal Reporter

A PROPOSAL that the Divisional Council rethink its policy on "illegal" squatters and provide them with accommodation or temporary site-and-service schemes was rejected by the council yesterday

Mr N D Ross introduced the motion after the council had noted the Squatter Control Operations Progress report of the Housing Committee

He pointed out that in the past eight years, 8 393 "illegal" shacks had been demolished a year. This meant that 80 were demolished a month. In the three-month period from March to June, 148 had been demolished

This rate of demolition perturbed him as the council was dealing with people, he said. He moved that the housing committee turn its attention to establishing a new policy on these squatters

Mr P J Grobbelaar said the council should "not make it so easy for

people to come to Cape Town from the Boland to lie in the bushes". The cost of accommodating them became the burden of the tax-payer

These people came to Cape Town without knowing if they had jobs or houses, and then appealed to the mercy of Capetonians with "heartrending" stories in newspapers

Mr D Lambert said some type of influx control was needed, but the council should keep demolition to a minimum. Mr J J Walsh said he was not in favour of "indiscriminate squatting", but the council had to face up to welfare problems

Mr P L Andrew said he dissociated himself from the statement that influx control, as it was practised, was needed. South Africa was only 47 percent urbanized, as opposed to 57 percent in other industrialized countries. It was "stupid" not to expect a higher degree of urbanization, he said

Mr Ross's motion was lost by nine votes to six

City again urges open representation

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Staff Reporter

CAPE Town has repeated its plea for direct coloured and Indian municipal representation on the City Council, because the management committee system is "unworkable"

The call came during a meeting yesterday at which the council's executive committee and leaders of the city's four management committees agreed to meet monthly in future to discuss municipal affairs

The plea was made to Mr Hernus Kriel, MEC in charge of local government, who presided at the meeting

"Useless"

The Rev Edward Manikkam of the Reformed Church in Africa, who is chairman of the Rylands Estate (Indian) management committee, said "The crux of the difficulties between management committees and the City Council is that the management committee system is useless

"We want direct representation, but we are told that the law does not allow that

"But in spite of the fact that the system is useless, something has to be done for our people. It is no good saying things will only improve when we are allowed direct representation"

Dialogue

He hoped regular monthly meetings between the city's Exco and the chairmen and deputy-chairmen of the management committees would provide essential dialogue

Mr John Muir, chairman of the city's Exco, said "We are battling with a system that everybody agreed was not successful

"We put our case fairly strongly. We said there will always be frustrations and unhappiness when people are not represented in decision-making

Suggestion

"What Cape Town said was that if the Government will not accept open franchise on city councils on a national basis, they should let Cape Town be the 'guinea pig' in a system in which all ratepayers are represented

"Direct representation is the only way. There is no doubt of it"

Mr Muir said that, although still inadequate, he hoped regular meetings between Exco and management committee heads would be a "constructive move"

Mayor

The Mayor, Mr Kosie van Zyl, said in welcoming the move "I sincerely hope it will improve relations

"I have always been in favour of co-operation between the City Council's executive committee and the management committees"

By NORMAN WEST

MANAGEMENT committee (Mancom) members are angry over a decision taken by the Cape Town City Council to pay some of them lower monthly allowances than recommended by the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Eugene Louw.

Some members claimed they had made written representations to the City Council three months ago about the issue, but had had no response so far.

Only members of the Athlone and District Management Committee receive the maximum allowance of R240 a month, effective from the end of March this year.

Members of other management committees receive either R200 or R150.

The Sunday Times could not obtain an explanation from the City Council on the apparent discrepancy.

The Council's Director of Administration, Mr Joe Adams, said the allowances were decided upon in terms of a resolution taken by the City Council Executive. He offered no further comment.

All Cape Town management committee members previously received R100 a month as an allowance.

At present, management committee chairmen receive an additional R50 a month as an entertainment allowance.

However, ordinary members say they receive disparate allowances, depending on the management committee to which they belong — unlike city councillors.

Anger at differences

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who receive the same allowances, irrespective of the size of the wards they represent.

In December, last year, the monthly allowances of ordinary city councillors were increased from R372 to R427, and retrospective to July, last year.

The management committees have also asked that, not only they be paid the maximum allowances approved by the Administrator, but

they also be made retrospective to July 1, last year.

At present, the Athlone and District members receive a monthly allowance of R240, Wynberg-Wittebome and Kensington members R200 per month, and members of the Rylands Estate management committee receive only R150 a month.

Mr Hassan Osman of the Rylands Estate mancom and member of the

South African Indian Council (SAIC) said "There can be no justification for this discrimination in allowances."

"We are not demanding increased allowances for personal financial gain, but we are attacking the principle of the matter."

"After all, the size of a ward or community one represents can never be a yardstick of the amount of effort and resources one spends."

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES ROW

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Assomac split over new local govt Bill

S Times 26/6/83

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By NORMAN WEST

THE Association of Management Committees (Assomac) was sharply divided this week over the Government's new Bill on local government — even though the association has decided to accept it.

Now, the Peninsula region are seriously rethinking their strategy to persuade Assomac to take a stronger stand against the Bill before it passes its final stages.

This week's Assomac annual congress at Ravensmead, near Parow, was filled with controversy over the Promotion of Local Government Affairs Bill.

Mr Tony Schoeman, secretary of the Kensington Management Committee which is an affiliate of Assomac's

Peninsula region, said "It is obvious that people are ignorant of the real ramifications of the Bill and that it perpetuates our present inferior position regarding town and city councils."

"These people have been subtly persuaded to throw in their support with the Curry group."

Meanwhile, in the House of Assembly Mr Heunis moved an amendment deleting part of a clause in the Bill which would have enabled him to declare "any person or institution to be a local authority."

Mr Heunis moved his amendment during the committee stage of the Bill, which makes provision for the creation of

an advisory council for the co-ordination of white, coloured and Indian local government affairs.

Mr Curry came under fire for not having carried out the mandate given him at last year's congress when Assomac rejected separate local authorities for coloureds and Indians, as originally proposed in the new constitutional plans.

The mandate was that Assomac's executive negotiate with the Government for direct representation on town and city councils and, as an interim measure, demand to sit on standing committees of existing local authorities.

Those against the Bill maintain it doesn't give coloureds and Indians

direct representation on town councils

Spokesmen in favour of the Bill said direct representation would work for large metropolitan communities, but not in smaller platteland communities.

Platteland delegates, for whom Grabouw's Mr P Carolus was the chief spokesman, argued that integrated town and city councils might suit metropolitan areas where a reasonable number of "coloured" councillors could be elected.

He said, however, the case was different in platteland towns, where there might be only one "coloured" councillor and six white — and he would have little clout.

Mr Curry was re-elected president. The Rev Edward Manikkam, chairman of the Rylands Estate mancom, was elected vice-president.

'I must be a political target' says arson victim

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S. Times 17/4/8

By NORMAN WEST
ATLANTIS management committee chairman Mr Abe Croutz, whose garage and car were badly damaged by a mystery fire this week, says he will not be intimidated.

He says he will just have to live with the fact that he is a target for "political radicals", as he is a public figure

Mr Croutz estimates the

fire, in the early hours of Thursday morning, caused about R2 000 damage to his garage and his car parked inside

"I take the matter very seriously and regard the fire as an attempt on my

life
"I will not be intimidated and will continue my work for the community as chairman of the management committee and in other ways," said 40-year-old Mr Croutz

The police liaison officer for the Boland, Major George Kershoff, confirmed to the Sunday Times that the police were investigating a possible attempt at arson

Political

Mr Croutz said he had reason to believe the fire had "political connotations"

"I would not be surprised if radical anti-management committee factions were behind the arson attempt.

"Perhaps the success we have had in solving certain problems of the community, which have enhanced our standing and acceptance as not mere 'puppets', proved too much for certain people," said Mr Croutz

Mr Croutz, a relentless campaigner against the high transport costs of commuters between Cape Town and Atlantis, recently enjoyed wide publicity when he led his committee in a successful campaign to benefit from incentives, like electricity subsidies

Ire

These subsidies, granted to industrialists in growth areas (like Atlantis) by the RSA Decentralisation Board, are also now paid to Atlantis residents

He also aroused the ire of a certain section of the Atlantis community because of his published views on the use of recreational facilities in Atlantis

On Wednesday evening, Mr Croutz and a delegation of his management committee, returned from Cape Town, where they had had discussions with the Cape Divisional Council officials in connection with community problems in Atlantis



Mr Abe Croutz, chairman of the Atlantis Management Committee, ruefully surveys the damage done to his garage door after a mystery fire this week.

— Picture by ADA STUIJT

He said he and his family were asleep when he and his wife, Loretta, both smelt something burning

what could have happened if the petrol tank of my car had exploded," said Mr Croutz

His other three children continued sleeping right through the drama

He said yesterday that members of the security police had also visited his house to take a statement from him

Illuminated

"It was about 2h55 We jumped up and when we entered the lounge and pulled open the curtains, it was illuminated by the light of flames from outside the lounge window

"While my wife telephoned the police, my son Alan, 19, and my neighbour, Mr Claude Brown, who were both awakened by the commotion, used a hosepipe and buckets of water to douse the flames

"It would appear that some person or persons set alight some wooden planks which were lying in the yard between my garage and my lounge

"It was clearly a hurried attempt to set my house alight.

"Fortunately, the fire spread to the garage instead. It gutted my wooden garage door and partially damaged the back of my car

"We detected a very strong smell of petrol in the garage and it could not have come from my car

"I shudder to think

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CMC to discuss

children's home

EAST LONDON— At a meeting held here last night the Coloured Management Committee decided to meet Mr J Mauritz of the Department of Internal Affairs to discuss the possibility of establishing a coloured children's home

The possibility of establishing a rehabilitation centre for methylated spirit addicts will also be discussed

The minutes stated that the concept of providing an institution to house homeless children had changed about three years ago, and instead of building new homes, foster parents should be found

Mr W George pointed out that when he did an investigation on foster parents, he found that these people did not care about the children,

but about the money they received

Mr J Temmers said as housing was the greatest problem in the coloured community, the foster-parents concept could not work

The meeting was addressed by the vice-principal of Pefferville Primary School, Mr H Kroutz, who said the need for a "place of safety" for methylated spirit addicts was increasing, as children suffered most

"Some children ask me if they can call me 'daddy', as their parents are always intoxicated," he said

Mr Kroutz said "meths-drinkers" were usually arrested when they were found lying in the streets, when they should be rehabilitated
—DDR

Voters' roll on display in May

EAST LONDON — The coloured voters' roll will be open for public inspection at the City Hall during office hours from May 17 to May 30, the Coloured Management Committee (CMC) decided last night

The revision court will hear claims and objections in the committee room in the City Hall on June 9 at 9 am

The court will comprise Mr F Barlow, Mrs L George and Mrs R Labans

Alternate members are Mr A V Green, Mr W George and Mr D Alexander

Mr Barlow and Mr J Temmers were selected

to go to the annual Association of Management Committees (Assomac) meeting on June 20

The CMC voted for the sale of the Parkridge Market Hall and adjoining land to the East London Mental Health Society and the Cripple Care Society

The committee also decided to investigate whether the property could be sold for less than the valued price of R15 000 for the building and R2,50 per square metre for the land

The CMC was informed that Round Table would assist the organisations financially only if they owned the property — DDR

Second woman dies after shooting

PRETORIA — A second woman has died from a gunshot wound in the head after a small calibre revolver was fired during an alleged argument between a man and a woman in a house in Jan Niemand Park, Pretoria, yesterday

Mrs Elsie de Lange, 54, of Springkaanvoel Street, died shortly after 9am today. Her daughter, Mrs Petro le Roux, 28, died soon after the incident yesterday

Police arrested a 34-year-old man at a plot near Cullinan late yesterday

Today, detectives were still searching for the revolver allegedly used in the shooting

Mrs Le Roux's seven-year-old daughter, Cecile, witnessed the shooting

The man allegedly entered Mrs De Lange's home. An argument apparently broke out and Mrs De Lange was shot in the head. Another shot hit Mrs Le Roux in the head — Sapa

New names are suggested for 'Biko Street'

Post Reporter

THE executive members of the Korsten Ratepayers' and Voters' Association have asked the Port Elizabeth Town Clerk to replace the controversial Steve Biko Street and Nelson Mandela Streets, in Bethelsdorp with names of coloured pioneers who lived in the area

Mr P F Kivetts said today that he and other executive members of the association were "very anxious" to know the outcome of their request

The executive submitted five names to the Town Clerk last month. He informed them that the list of names would be sent to the Northern Areas Management Committee for approval

The committee is expected to discuss the matter at its monthly meeting

In 1981 the Northern Areas Management Committee named a street in

Cleary Estate Bethelsdorp Extension 10, after Steve Biko the black consciousness leader who died in detention

In the same year another street in the area was named after the jailed ANC leader, Nelson Mandela

There was an outcry from certain authorities because of the naming and this year the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, ordered the Port Elizabeth City Council to rename the streets

The Management Committee was requested to submit a suitable list of names for the renaming

The executive members of the Korsten Ratepayers' and Voters' Association have submitted five names to the Town Clerk for consideration

The council could choose two names from the following list: Piet Stuurman, Cherry Stuurman, Willem Elias, Harry Triegaardt and Andrew Koen

Girl, 12, talked out of suicide

Post Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — A girl of 12 intended to kill herself yesterday by jumping from the eighth floor of a Hillbrow building — but was talked out of it by Suicides Anonymous

For nearly an hour the girl, whose identity cannot be revealed, slid down the banisters of the eighth floor fire-escape while a crowd watched horrified

Each time she reached the end of the banisters she held on to the railings with her fingers

The police were called and also Mr Sam Bloomberg, head of Suicides Anonymous, who eventually coaxed the girl into revealing why she wanted to kill herself

He talked to the girl for nearly an hour and she was later taken to hospital

THE opening betting for Saturday's meeting at Arlington appears on Page 4

Police said the parcel contained a note saying it was sent by the English People's Liberation Army a previous known group

There has been a wave of letter-bomb offences in recent months involving three mailed letters a week to Mrs Thatcher and safely defused. The fourth sent last week exploded at the Navy's European headquarters in London, slightly burning Petty Officer John Williams on one hand

The incendiary device to CND was in a hollowed-out book which was spotted by a woman opening her morning mail

Monsignor Bruce Kent, Roman Catholic priest who is general secretary of the CND examined the parcel. He later said it looked like some type of kung fu book, which isn't a sort of thing we would expect to receive. I'm very lucky it did not explode in my hands

Police were called to the office defused the device and took it away. Mr Kent also said he has been receiving letters telling him "get out of the church" — Sapa-Reuter

admits he always wanted to be a professional

— Naas Botha, who yesterday retired from amateur rugby, thus last night admitted he always wanted

to be a professional

at the University 100 Rugby Club

to be leaving both Northern Transvaal rugby

"But I had a good innings and in every game I played I went out of my way to do my very best", Botha said

"However, kicking points won't put food on my table, or pay my bills"

He confirmed that he had already undertaken a trial with the Dallas Cowboys and had been successful with all 21 kicks at goal

Referring to the tricky situation of South African players being paid, he said his recent decision could have major consequences "My belief is that players should be paid per game to compensate for transport and family costs"

"I also feel that what I have done will set a precedent,"

he said

Botha treated last night's meeting on an informal basis and preferred to have questions thrown at him rather than deliver a speech

The Evening Post's Johannesburg correspondent writes that Botha is still waiting for the SAP to inform him about the possible granting of leave so that he can go to the States. Botha said that if leave was not granted, he would leave from the force

"I'm not trying to duck doing my military service," said "The Defence Force can call me up with the intake next year — I'll be ready"

FIREMEN today damaged national traces of Baakens Valley destroyed a vegetation Walmer golf course The Port Elizabeth Department full yesterday bush fires from various city The most



Fire destroys large area of bush

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Not enough candidates for mancom elections

C. Herald 6/8/83 (503)

By Aneez Sahe

SOMEONE is letting down the side in Ocean View. It's management committee election time again but they cannot find enough candidates.

There are three vacant seats and only two nominations have been received, that of Mr L. Clark and Mr M. Foreman

However, finding people to stand for election was not a problem in the past

Why then is there a shortage of nominations in Ocean View? we asked Ocean View management committee chairperson, Mr Yusuf Chothia, a leading light in Assomac, the association of Management Committees

After slamming down the telephone on me three times, Mr Chothia shouted "I don't want to

talk to you people You write poison about us"

REFUSED

Mr Chothia also said our stories were one-sided. He was asked, several times for his side, but he refused to give it

"Go and put your questions to the Divisional Council (which controls Ocean View)," Mr Chothia said

Mr Curry David Curry, chairman of Assomac, also refused to speak. When it was pointed out to him that the leader of his party, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, had no hesitation in commenting, and had in fact, had said that Mr Curry's refusal to speak had been wrong, he said "I'll have to

check on that and I'll come back to you"

Mr Curry did not contact us again

REJECTION

A former Ocean View management committee member, Mr Albert Thomas, said the lack of nominations was an indication of the extent of the residents' rejection of the management committee system.

Mr Thomas, who quit the committee in disgust at the system in which it operated, said "The boycott of these bodies by the people has been so successful that these so-called leaders are too scared to serve on them"

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Post Correspondent

LONDON — The eradication of measles, mumps and German measles is possible, according to a report in the British Medical Journal

The Swedish report says this can be done by a combined vaccine now available against these three diseases, given at the ages of 18 months and 12 years. The report is based on use of the vaccine in 150 children aged 18 months, which produced 96% protection in the case of measles, 93% in the case of mumps and 99% in the case of German measles.

There were no serious adverse effects. A few of the children developed temporary fever or rashes, but in a report on these the Swedish Adverse Drug Reaction Committee comments on the "almost negligible incidence" of such reactions.

JOHANNESBURG — The widow of a passenger killed in a plane crash near Vereeniging three years ago was awarded R95 000 damages by the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Mrs Robyn Joyce Penney, of Robertsham, claimed the money from the executor of the estate of the pilot of the plane, Mr V T Kilburn.

Mrs Penney said in papers her husband, Mr Peter Norman Penney, was a passenger in a Cessna aircraft piloted by Mr Harold Kilburn when it crashed on the farm Muldersrus near Vereeniging on June 6, 1980.

The plane flew into telephone wires, Mr Justice B Moll heard.

Mrs Penney claimed Mr Kilburn was negligent because he had failed to keep a proper lookout and to keep the aircraft under proper control — Sapa

Freedom Party 5 are out of election

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Post Reporter

TWO candidates withdrew from the September Northern Areas' Management Committee elections and three others had their candidature rejected by the returning officer, Port Elizabeth's Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha.

Yesterday was nomination day.

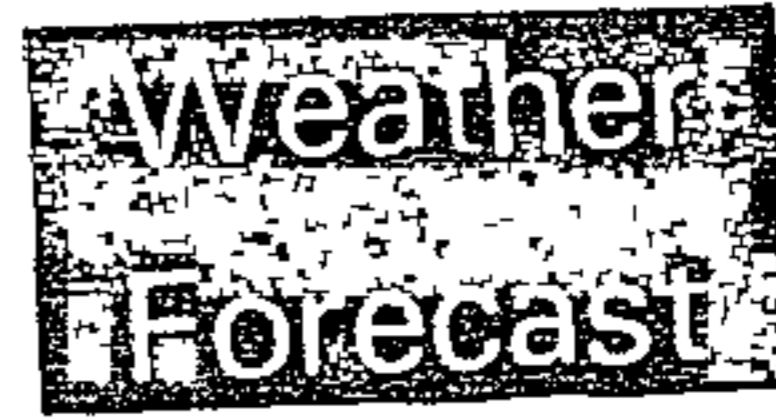
Mr I Cannon and Mrs S de Bruin, both of the Freedom Party (FP), withdrew.

Mr S A Blignaut, Mrs H K Dyson and Mr A Sampson, all of the FP, had their candidature rejected for non-compliance with the regulations.

The elections are on September 7.

The following candidates will contest the elections for either the Labour or Freedom Party, except for Mr J Jantjies, who is an independent. Mr S Brooks (FP) and Mrs S Frolick (LP), Ward 1, Mr P J Kemp (LP) and Mr P F Kivetts (FP), Ward 2, Mr N W Erasmus (LP) and Pastor P Maarman (FP), Ward 3, Mr J Jantjies and Mr J J September (LP), Ward 4, Pastor J J Graaff (FP) and Mr A R Syster (LP), Ward 5, Mr G J Blignaut (FP) and Mr M Kuseus (LP), Ward 6, Mr J Grootboom (FP), and Rev L W McCarthy (LP), Ward 7, Mrs S Jegels (LP), Ward 8, Mr D Beis (LP), Ward 9, Mr T D Lee (LP) and Mr M Loonat (also LP), Ward 10.

The candidates and their agents will be sworn in at a date to be announced.



FORECAST for the coastal belt from Plettenberg Bay to Port Alfred for the period ending 6pm tomorrow

CONDITIONS Fine and slightly warmer. Cold overnight.

WIND Light to moderate north-westerly to north-easterly.

EXPECTED TEMPERATURES

Maximum 19C
Minimum 4C

TODAY'S CONDITIONS (1pm)

Sea Temperature 15C

Temperature 17.3C

Pressure 1 031 4mbars

Humidity 43%

Wind 7.2km/h NE

THE MOON

First Quarter Aug 15

Full Moon Aug 23

Last Quarter Aug 31

New Moon Sept 7

THE SUN

Sets today 5 43pm

Rises tomorrow 7 02am

THE TIDES

High Water Today 4 25pm

Tomorrow 4 47am 5 08pm

Low Water Today 10 35pm

Tomorrow 10 51am 11 21pm

THE WORLD

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New York	24	35	clear
Paris	14	27	cloudy
Rome	17	30	clear
Sydney			n/a
Tokyo	28	34	clear
Amsterdam	15	25	clear
Athens	20	32	clear
Berlin			n/a
Brussels	15	24	clear
Buenos Aires	9	14	clear
Chicago	22	34	cloudy
Copenhagen	14	24	clear
Dublin	19	23	clear
Frankfurt	13	22	cloudy
Geneva	9	22	cloudy
Helsinki	13	22	clear
Hong Kong	25	34	clear
Jerusalem	18	27	clear
Lisbon	17	24	cloudy
Los Angeles	26	36	cloudy
Madrid	23	32	cloudy
Miami	27	31	cloudy
Montreal	20	32	cloudy
Moscow	16	28	clear
New Delhi	27	35	cloudy
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Involvement evidence

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Chad will stay only a short time — but officials hint there could be a key role for the planes if Libya persists in fighting on the rebel side.

Mr Reagan made his statement in a letter formally notifying Congress that he had dispatched two Awacs surveillance planes and eight F-15 fighter escorts to the region along with 550 support personnel.

In addition, Pentagon sources said the US also sent an RC-135 "Big Ear" jet specially equipped with

listening devices to the region, presumably to monitor conversations between Libyan pilots and their ground control.

France has still not provided aircraft and this foot-dragging has angered the Americans. Until French planes arrive the Awacs will stay grounded.

Yesterday Libya broadcast a warning that its air force had been ordered to shoot down the Awacs whenever they "affect Libyan territory" — Sapa

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PE Good Samaritan injured

Post Reporter

A PORT ELIZABETH woman who tried to help an injured pedestrian found herself in the Provincial Hospital yesterday after her stationary car was hit by a truck.

Mrs J Naude, of Rhodes Street, Mount Pleasant, had gone to the assistance of Mrs Annie Booysen, of Steytleville, when the accident occurred.

Mrs Naude was admitted to the Provincial Hospital with injuries to her left shoulder and elbow.

Mrs Booysen, who was badly bruised, was admitted to the Livingstone Hospital.

A new era rings in at Patensie

Post Reporter

A NEW automatic telephone exchange will be brought into operation at Patensie at midday on Thursday.

A Press release from the Eastern Cape office of the Posts and Telecommunications Department said all the numbers would change.

The new numbers appear next to the old numbers in the front of the 1983/84 issue of the East London and Eastern Cape Country telephone directory.

To dial a number at Patensie after automation, the code 04232 followed by the number required should be dialled.

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tells you where to buy, sell or hire all the goods and services you need

39-2200

We don't want it, say residents

Weekend Argus
Reporter

MORE than 400 Observatory residents have signed petitions calling on the Cape Town City Council to move the Rapid Deployment Force from their present premises and turn the old school buildings into a community centre.

When the former Observatory Boys' Primary School became vacant in 1980 the Community Arts Project, the Gilbert and Sullivan Society, and several welfare groups expressed their interest in the buildings.

"An ad hoc committee was set up to investigate the matter and then suddenly, out of the blue, a decision was taken to hand over the premises to the Rapid Deployment Force," said city councillor Mr Frank van der Velde this week.

"The priority for Observatory is a community centre and the old school is ideally situated. I still think it's wasted ground to be used as a 'Dad's Army' headquarters," he said.

A group of concerned residents who have persisted with the issue, the Observatory Community Action Group, have collected more than 400 signatures and will be sending letters highlighting their cause to all city councillors.

"There's strong feeling about this," says Ms Annamia van den Heever, a member of the group. "Observatory lacks community facilities, the few playgrounds are in an appalling state and with the whole urban renewal process going on it is essential to have some kind of community centre."

"The old school grounds would have made a wonderful park, but instead they're being used as a car park for hospital staff, and now we have squads of uniformed men going for runs through the suburb."

"But they are not here for our benefit and they give our children a military model. We want the City Council to remove the unit from the premises and turn it into a community centre."

2,3m City dwellers by 2000 forecast

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Municipal Reporter

BY THE year 2000, Cape Town's population is expected to be 2.3-million — more than half of whom will be coloured people.

Whites will make up 30.4 percent of the population, blacks 16 percent and Asians will remain in their 'minority position' of one percent. The present population is 1.5-million.

This is one of the predictions made in the latest report on the 1980 census released yesterday by the City Engineer's Department.

Although the report is not intended as a blueprint for the future, the population projections can be used as a guide to research and planning.

The City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, said that important issues — not least of which were housing and education — must be faced now. The report, which supersedes the one released in September last year, would help decision-makers meet the needs of tomorrow's com-

munities.

Several methods were used for projecting the population groups. Mathematical projections for blacks and Asians were based on past trends since the turn of the century. For white and coloured people, a technique establishing the fertility and migration rates was used.

Mr Brand said the accuracy of the predictions depended largely on the validity of the following assumptions:

- Whites living in the area will have an almost zero population growth, with overall increases due largely to people coming to live here from other areas.

- A significant drop in the birth rates for coloured people has resulted in far lower figures than anticipated in previous projections.

- Past trends in black population increases are likely to continue, with the figures more than doubling over the next 30 years.

'No' to rates rebate on flats

Municipal Reporter

THE City Council yesterday voted against extending the 20 percent rates rebate to flat tenants

The deputy chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr Dick Friedlander, said there were valid reasons for excluding flat dwellers — and not owners of sectional title or share block flats — from the current rebate system

One was that the council could not "police" landlords who did not pass on the rebate to their tenants. Landlords of blocks which were not rent controlled could still charge the rebate by building it into the rents

Mr Friedlander questioned an across-the-board rebate to any class of property, suggesting that the council take a new look at its system

By way of example, he said owners of houses bought for R120 000 were paying rates on property valued on a municipal level of something like R30 000

Mr Sam Gross, the new councillor for Green Point, said he was trying "to right a wrong" with his proposal that the rebate system include tenants of Cape Town's more than 25 000 units

The rates loss could be made up from the commercial and industrial sector which, in turn, could set off the rate charges against taxable income

All councillors had flat dwellers in their wards and were morally obliged to try to help

Councillors voted 14-9 against Mr Gross's motion

By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

THE dilapidated municipal house in Military Road in which Mrs Alice Lehmann lives has not had maintenance work done on it for almost a decade

That is if one discounts minor electrical repairs and some essential plumbing done because the bathroom floor had warped so badly the pipes twisted

A gaping crack spans almost the entire length of the front room wall

There are also structural cracks inside the house

Paintwork is peeling off the ceilings

Mrs Lehmann's plight was spotlighted by the Port Elizabeth Child Welfare Society.

A divorcee, she lives with her 11 year-old son, Paul, who is mentally handicapped

The back garden is very small and bounded by a sheer cliff Mrs Lehmann has a washline strung half-way up the cliff and has to climb to get there

The low-lying property is prone to flooding

Because drainage is poor, water seeps through the kitchen door and down the passage in heavy downpours

The guttering at the back of the house — above the kitchen door — was ripped down by Mrs Lehmann because it was completely rusted and had begun to fall

This has compounded the drainage problem

Water gathers in stagnant pools which she clears by hand

She does so because Paul enjoys playing in the water Mrs Lehmann believes it could be a source of disease

Why does Mrs Lehmann

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A decade without maintenance for decrepit PE municipal home

continue living there?

She claims she has little choice, her rental being R64 a month

Her income is the maintenance she receives from her ex-husband and what she gets from a single care grant

She cannot work because she does not believe she can leave Paul in the care of a domestic worker

Mrs Lehmann, who admits that she is feeling the strain of looking after her child, has been trying since 11 days after his birth to get Paul admitted to an institution

He is affectionate, but demanding

The social worker in charge of the case has submitted a report to the Department of Health and Welfare strongly recommending that Paul be committed to a training centre

Mrs Lehmann said she was first told that Paul could be admitted when he was seven years old. Soon after his seventh birthday she was told that the centre could not take him any more

She had been trying without success since then to get him admitted to a training centre

Electrical wiring in the house also does not appear to be up to standard. A length of plastic coated electrical wire is fed from the main electrical board in the passage through to a light switch on the wall of a

nearly bedroom which is occupied by Paul.

It is easy for Paul, an inquisitive child who likes to touch everything, to pull the wire out of the light switch.

This wire was strung up by an electrician from the municipality more than a year ago who said at the time that "it was only temporary".

The lights in the passage and on the front verandah do not work

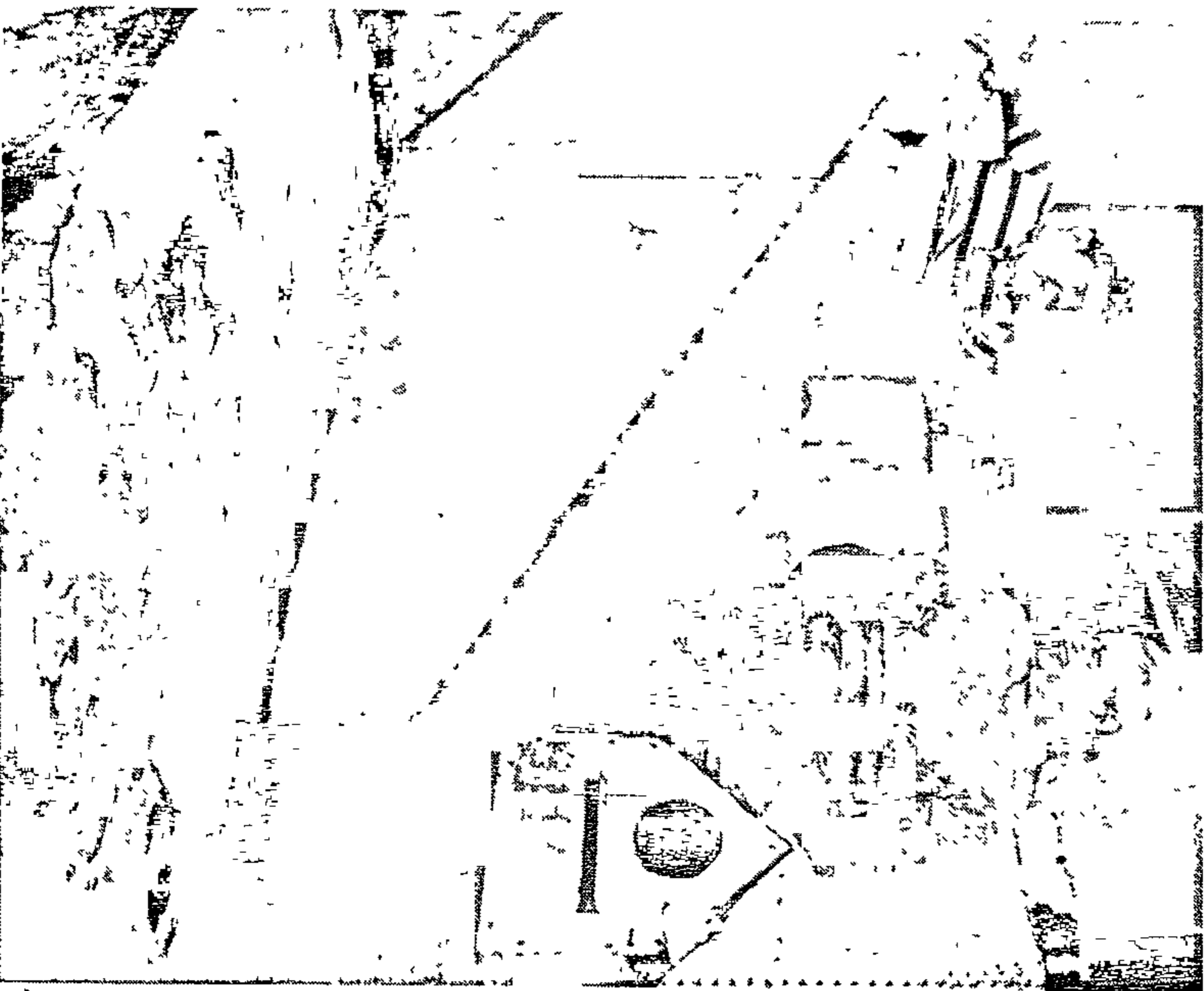
The Director of Housing for the Port Elizabeth Municipality, Mr M F Molyneux, said the property was an expropriated property and tenants were expected to carry out their own maintenance — that was why they paid such low rentals

The tenants were responsible for all repairs other than repairs caused by structural defects. The municipality would attend to structural defects

Mr Molyneux said he would send a maintenance inspector to compile a report. But the municipality would not spend any money on repairs because the property is one of those due to be auctioned

Mr Molyneux could not say when it would come under the hammer

He said the housing department would try and assist Mrs Lehmann to find alternative accommodation if she applied to the department personally



Mrs ALICE LEHMANN and her son, PAUL, 11, outside their municipal house, which is in a state of disrepair

Any dishonesty will render the candidate liable to disqualification and to possible exclusion from the University

Rethink on Cape Town police force plan

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Mail Correspondent
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CAPE TOWN — The application for a R1-million annual subsidy for the establishment of a municipal law enforcement patrol by the Cape Town City Council will be further considered by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange

Last month the Minister told the council he had rejected its request because if the South African Police shared the responsibility for maintaining law and

order with an independent police force, it would be tantamount to admitting the SAP was unable to fulfil its functions

In a letter to the council he said crime in Cape Town was well under control and "being satisfactorily contained at a level which is not inordinately high"

The Minister rejected the council's claim that Cape Town had the highest crime rate in the Western world, saying their information had been obtained without consulting the SAP - "which is

the only proper authority on the crime situation in South Africa"

The Minister said he had no objection to the council reforming its law enforcement agencies into one body, but could not grant officials the same powers as were granted by law to the SAP

Yesterday the mayor, Mr Kosie van Zyl, told the council meeting the Minister had said he would consider the matter again and would contact the council soon

Biko, Mandela roads in PE get new names

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By RAYMOND HILL

THE renaming of Biko Street and Mandela Street into Koen Street and Fontein Street has disappointed the chairman of the Northern Areas Management Committee, Mr Charlie Green

Mr Green said he did not want the names changed.

The streets with the controversial names are in Cleary Estate, in the Bethelsdorp area

Biko Street and Mandela Street were named by the Northern Areas Management Committee in 1981

Yesterday, the Port Elizabeth City Council's Works and Traffic Committee changed the names to Koen Street and Fontein Street.

The Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, had instructed the council to change the names because they were

named after two controversial black political figures

Mr Green said he was "disappointed and surprised" at the renaming

"My committee and I were determined not to rename the streets because the Administrator did not give us any reasons why it was necessary. We would have reconsidered the matter had he given us proper reasons.

"A list of alternative names were submitted by various interested parties," he said

Mr Green was unable to say whether the streets were named after prominent people

He said he did not know how the renaming would affect people who had bought plots in Biko or Mandela Streets

Cape refuses to toe line on franchise

Municipal Reporter

THE Cape is refusing to fall into line with the rest of the country on the issue of voting qualifications in the new constitutional dispensation for local government.

In spite of a central government order that there be consensus among the four provinces, delegates at the Cape Municipal Association Congress yesterday were unanimous that the Cape was not prepared to drop its traditional beliefs on the franchise.

The municipal voting qualification in the Cape is based on ownership of fixed property, while municipal voters in the Transvaal and Natal are taken solely from the parliamentary roll.

For example, white students are allowed a municipal vote elsewhere in the country but not in the Cape, unless they own property or are appointed to occupy it. The Cape also grants votes to "fictitious" people — businesses for example.

A Cape Town City Council delegate, Mr Dick Friedlander, said uniformity as an end in itself was undesirable. The City's key recommendation was that if people contributed to the rates, they should be entitled to

the vote in that area.

There had never been a national voting policy before, he said, but local government had managed to do its job.

The Mayor of Calvinia, Dr N S Burnett, said South Africa could not leave itself open to more international criticism that only a small group had the vote.

Another Cape Town City Council delegate, Mrs Eulalie Stott, said that if the CPMA's franchise policy were accepted by the authorities, then discussion on the rest of the President's Council recommendations such as additional income sources and liaison committees, was unnecessary.

The United Municipal Executive meets on Friday to thrash out the issue and one possibility is that the Cape will propose marrying the two voting systems.

During the debate on the CPMA's response to the constitutional proposals, Mr Hernus Kriel, MEC in charge of local government, said local government did not fully comprehend the new concept of decentralization.

Appealing to delegates to give the constitutional guidelines a chance, Mr Kriel said the retention of the status quo would lead to confrontation.

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Local authorities object

Municipal Reporter

CAPE local authorities object strongly to their decisions being overruled by the Administrator without being given reasons for successful appeals.

Mr John Muir, a Cape Town City Council delegate at yesterday's Cape Municipal Association Congress, said a municipality as large as Cape Town faced real problems when it went through the democratic process of investigating an application, sometimes taking two years, only to have its decision

reversed with no reasons given by the Administrator.

A recent example of this was the Cape Showgrounds development. After lengthy investigation by the council, the application was turned down. The Administrator upheld an appeal by the developers but gave the council no reasons for the decision.

A recent case cited by the Kleinmond municipality involved the contravention of a number of building regulations. The Administrator appeared to have ignored the contraventions

when he overruled the municipality on an appeal.

While recognizing the right of an individual to appeal, what was needed was more investigation and consultation with the local authority concerned before a final decision.

Replying to the criticism, Mr Hernus Kriel, MEC in charge of Local Government, said the Province could be exposed to litigation if it divulged reasons for its appeal decisions.

● The Cape Municipal Association yesterday refused a re-

quest from the Department of Health and Welfare to provide health services in black schools.

The association's executive committee said the extent of the current health services in black schools was "completely unknown".

Faced with a shortage of health staff, the association could not "see its way clear" to agreeing to the request.

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Platteland plea for housing aid

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Municipal Reporter

THE local-government spotlight fell yesterday on the critical shortage of housing which could be afforded by elderly people, with a special plea from platteland councils for housing funds to combat the depopulation of rural areas.

The United Municipal Executive agreed to investigate and will try to find ways in which local authorities can help pensioners, directly or indirectly.

The housing debate among delegates to the Cape Municipal Association Congress which closes today, linked two motions put forward by Hopefield and Fish Hoek.

Hopefield — supported by many small municipalities who are deeply concerned over the exodus of people to urban centres — proposed that the Department of Community Development channel funds to small towns for housing for middle- and lower-income whites.

Pensions were being eroded by inflation and elderly people were finding it increasingly difficult to cope with expensive housing and the high cost of living in the bigger towns, Hopefield said.

"To be able to offer them housing in country towns would make life much easier for them".

Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairman of the Cape Town

City Council's housing committee, said that while she sympathized with the problems of platteland towns, housing funds were in such short supply that they would be better used in the larger municipalities where low-cost rental accommodation was desperately needed.

Her amendment to the motion that the depopulation problems of small towns would be better investigated by the Executive Committee, was adopted.

The congress also adopted a motion put forward by Fish Hoek that the Executive Committee investigate all possible ways in which local authorities could assist pensioners with limited incomes.

This included a suggestion that authorities ease building regulations where it would result in housing for elderly people.

Problems with power supply

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Municipal Reporter

A SPECIAL committee of the United Municipal Executive was making progress with its investigation into Escom supply problems experienced by local authorities, especially those in the Eastern Cape, the Cape Municipal Executive congress was told yesterday. The lack of a uniform electricity tariff, among other problems, poses special hardships for the Cape which has long pleaded with Escom to drop the existing system of differentiation on a regional basis.

This policy adversely affects the less populated areas.

According to a motion submitted by Cradock and adopted at last year's congress, tariffs in the East Cape Undertaking were 50 percent higher than other undertaking areas

"when the cost of power in the Cape is measured against that of the other provinces"

The East Cape Undertaking used a fraction of the power of the other areas, Cradock representatives said. A fractional increase in the price for other areas would result in a big reduction in the cost of electricity in the Eastern Cape.

A point of information at yesterday's congress was that the recently increased Escom electricity tariffs showed a lower percentage increase for the Cape than for other areas.

While it was not specifically mentioned, it would appear that by applying a differentiated percentage increase, Escom could eventually reach a uniform tariff if this practice (lower Cape increases) was continued.

Call to ban lead in fuel

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Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Province Municipal Association congress has asked the Government to give "urgent attention" to a ban on lead in fuel.

Dr H B Reich, of Milnerton, told the association's congress that lead poisoned and destroyed brain cells — particularly in children

It had a detrimental effect on intelligence and behavioural and learning abilities and gave rise to illnesses such as gout, arthritis and cholic

The biggest source of lead in the atmosphere came from internal combustion engines which operated on petroleum products to which lead had been added

"In the interests of the health of our children and generations to follow we must ask the powers that be to reduce lead in petrol to an acceptable level and eventually to take it out completely," he said

A clause asking for an investigation into the effects of the Milnerton oil refineries on allergies in Cape Town was added to the motion

ANNUAL valuations of property could possibly be carried out by local authorities in future

The association unanimously passed a motion calling for the Valuations Ordinance to be changed

Cape Town city councillor, Mr Dick Friedlander, told the congress that rates in Cape Town were based on 1971 property valuations which were completely out of date. Valuations made in 1979 would only come into effect in 1985

Mr R Friedlander

People who paid up to R200 000 for Cape Town homes still paid rates on 1971 valuations and got 20 percent rebates

"These people are not paying their fair share for services," he said

A MOTION calling for monthly salaries for town and city councillors was defeated

Speakers said councillors would lose their "dignity" if they were paid salaries instead of monthly allowances to cover their expenses

THE association supported the establishment of youth hostels throughout the country

Move to ban Sacos from City Council sportsfields

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THE City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, has recommended that the Cape Town City Council refuse to lease council land and sports facilities to organisations affiliated to the South African Council on Sport (Sacos)

In a report to the Executive Committee on tariffs and control of sportsfields, Mr Brand outlined Sacos policy and recommended that the council refuse to lease facilities to "sports bodies who are not able to maintain the council's assets to proper standards and/or may prevent other organisations from using the

facilities for political, racial or religious reasons"

Included in his report is a copy of the 1977 Sacos "double standards" resolution and a newspaper article about coloured parents' anger over Sacos's control of sportsfields

Mr Brand said that political differences had caused friction among coloured sportsmen and care had to be taken that "sections of the community do not prevent any sports group from using council facilities"

He suggested that advisory sports boards be estab-

lished to ensure that fields were put to optimal use and were allocated fairly. The boards would be elected by sports clubs and be independent of the council and its officials

Mr Brand recommended that a 10 percent tariff discount be allowed on all pre-season jump sum payments and on sportsfields at Mitchell's Plain. He also recommended that the charge for turf wickets be reduced from R30 a session to R10 a session initially and R15 a session later. The existing tariff for all other sports facilities would remain the same

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Howa attacks advice on grounds

Staff Reporter

THE FORMER president of the South African Council on Sport (Sacos), Mr Hassan Howa, reacted last night to the City Engineer's reported recommendation that the City Council refuse to lease its sportsgrounds to Sacos affiliates

"I cannot understand how Mr Jan Brand can think in these terms," said Mr Howa "The City Council claims to be a non-political body

"His attempt is anomalous, since the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, and the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, have been trying to pass a law or by-law ensuring that nobody can be banned from sportsfields"

Mr Howa, said part of the price paid by homeowners in Mitchells Plain covered the cost of sportsfields. It was therefore absurd to ban them from the facilities.

Mr Howa gave an explanation on the incident which may have sparked Mr Brand's move. Two weeks ago a player who had participated in Defence Force sport was ordered off the field at the Athlone Stadium during a Sacos meeting.

"We regard him as an 'agent provocateur', as we have made clear since 1977 that anyone who furthers racialism or takes part in racial sport may not be a Sacos member. Why can't we kick him out? We have to ensure orderly behaviour in the stadium," Mr Howa said

Conservative

R450m budget

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Municipal Reporter

CITY councillors yesterday passed a conservative R450-million budget, which they described as "realistic in these difficult times".

For Cape Town ratepayers, though, the budget delivered a triple blow. From July 1, rates will go up by an average 9,6 percent, water by 12 percent, and electricity by six.

Rents in the vast Cape Flats housing estates which have been pegged for the past six months, will be going up at the same time.

The increases take effect six months after a 9,4 percent rise in rates and eight percent rises in water and electricity tariffs.

The budget, announced by Mr John Muir, chairman of the Executive Committee, set the scene for a low-key 1983/84 financial year.

Good news for ratepayers is that the rebate system will continue, with pensioners getting a better deal.

Limits up

The income limits of pensioners have been raised by R100. A 40 percent rebate will

apply to those with a monthly income of not more than R300, a 30 percent rebate for those with up to R400, and a 20 percent rebate for those with an income of not more than R500.

This scheme has also been extended to include ratepayers who receive disability pensions from the Department of Health and Welfare and have a income of not more than R500 a month.

The average combined general and health rate for all principal area will be 3,68 cents in the rand for 1983/84.

The total rate for private home-owners and certain sectional title and share-block schemes — taking into account the 20 percent rebate — will be 2,94 cents in the rand.

Rates for those qualifying for the additional rebates will be substantially lower.

The biggest single item in the Budget is once again the electricity service, with an estimated expenditure of R180,2-million.

The total expenditure on rate and general services is expected to be about R189,9-million.

Income for the rate and general services account will be about R67,5-million. This leaves R128,1-million to be made up by the Rate Fund.

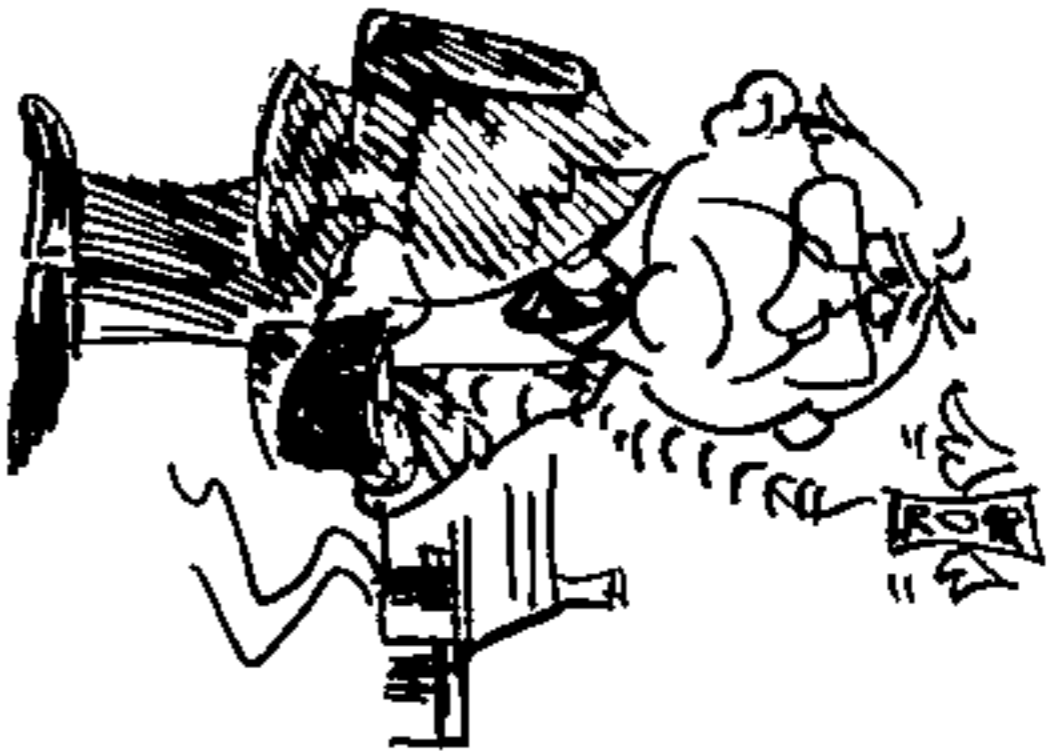
Rates income

Income from rates over the next year will amount to R87,2-million.

Two of the council's most vital services, health and sewerage, will have R11,4-million and nearly R24-million spent on them respectively.

The library service will operate at a loss of R4,7-million and the council's halls and civic buildings at a loss of R13,5-million.

Any questions?



RATEPAYERS will have a chance to question the chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr John Muir, and officials on the budget next week. The public question-and-answer session, which was introduced last year, will be held at 9am next Thursday in Committee Room A on the fifth floor of the Podium Block at the Civic Centre.

Constitutional proposals 'vague'

Municipal Reporter

THE government's constitutional proposals were so vague that it was almost impossible to gauge their effect on local government, Mr John Muir, chairman of the City Council's Executive Committee, said yesterday.

This "climate of uncertainty" had made the budgetary process more difficult than usual.

If adopted, the constitutional proposals would make sweeping changes to the structure of local government. But because many of the proposals were couched in "such generalized terms", the effect on the finances of local government, including any possible redistribution of costs between various classes of ratepayers, could not be judged.

Mr Muir cautioned against a proliferation of new institutions or levels of government because there were not enough trained staff to operate them.

The government, he said, should not create intense competition in the public labour sector by constituting too many additional authorities.

Govt housing details awaited

Municipal Reporter

THE City Council had not yet received full details of the government's new housing policy, in spite of promises of further information, Mr John Muir, chairman of the Executive Committee, said yesterday.

Speaking on the housing "dilemma" in his budget address, Mr Muir said little new information had been received in the past six months.

A circular dealing with the sale of 500 000 State-owned houses and a new rental structure had been promised by the end of February by the Department of Community Development, as well as a manual on the structure and operation of "self-help" housing schemes. Nothing had been sent so far.

Although the government's 1983/84 financial year started in April, no allocation of National Housing funds had been received, except for R15,5-million to meet ongoing contractual commitments.

Far short

This was far short of the total R77,6-million for which the council applied, Mr Muir said.

At Mitchell's Plain, two of the three major contractors were wind-

ing up their operations by the end of April, the remaining contractor had completed and handed over 4 740 houses. The rest of the 6 440-house contract was expected to be completed by September.

Cost increases

Because the council had decided not to increase rentals in the housing estates in January this year, the increase now required reflected the effects of inflation over 18 months, Mr Muir said.

Cost increases on items such as administration and repairs resulted in an estimated deficit of R3,6-million for the housing service in 1983/84, but the council had agreed to use nearly R2-million of the rates income to meet various costs.

The balance would be passed on to tenants and purchasers in the housing schemes. The increases would take effect from July 1.

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R21,4m profit from trading services

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Municipal Reporter

THE City Council's trading services such as the electricity and water undertakings continue to play an important role in balancing the budget, with an estimated R21,4-million profit for the 1983/84 financial year.

Expenditure on all four trading services for the coming year is expected to be R232,8-million.

A reasonable R768 000 surplus is expected to accrue to the abattoir service during the next year in spite of expenditure that is likely to increase at a greater rate than income.

Although the drought in the rest of the country has affected the volume of produce, market prices and the commission earned continued to increase. About R650 000 will go towards rates and about R1,4-million to the Market Reserve

Provision.

No difficulty is expected in meeting the increased capital charges for the market extensions that will come into use within the next month or so.

Improved operational results in the electricity service during the past financial year, as well as the eight percent tariff increase on all accounts from January, mean that about R4,7-million less than anticipated will be withdrawn

from the Tariff Stabilization Provision.

Because the undertaking has been faced with additional capital charges, coupled with a further 10 percent increase in Eskom charges for bulk purchases of electricity, the electricity tariff will be raised by six percent from July 1.

The initial draft estimates for the water service showed the present income level from water sales would not meet the anticipated

of R42,8-million expenditure.

Apart from usual cost escalations, higher payments to the government will be incurred for the purchase of water, capital charges are to be increased, and both the use and costs of chemicals for the purification of raw water are expected to rise substantially.

The water tariff will be increased by 12 percent overall from July 1.

commodate the abnormal increases in capital and finance service charges, recourse is likely to be necessary to the undertaking's Tariff Stabilization Provision.

Mr John Muir, chairman of the Executive Committee, expressed the council's sympathy for the drought-stricken areas and said Cape Town should ensure that its own good fortune did not make it complacent.

ooting star

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IZARETH — She's cute — but she heads and dribbles and shoots like a the FA Cup final

3 year-old Charne Bester, her own among the boys football's soccer team, and has gone out for a soccer club years

ook the Standard 4 pupil in her third match for primary School here, and won the first three min-

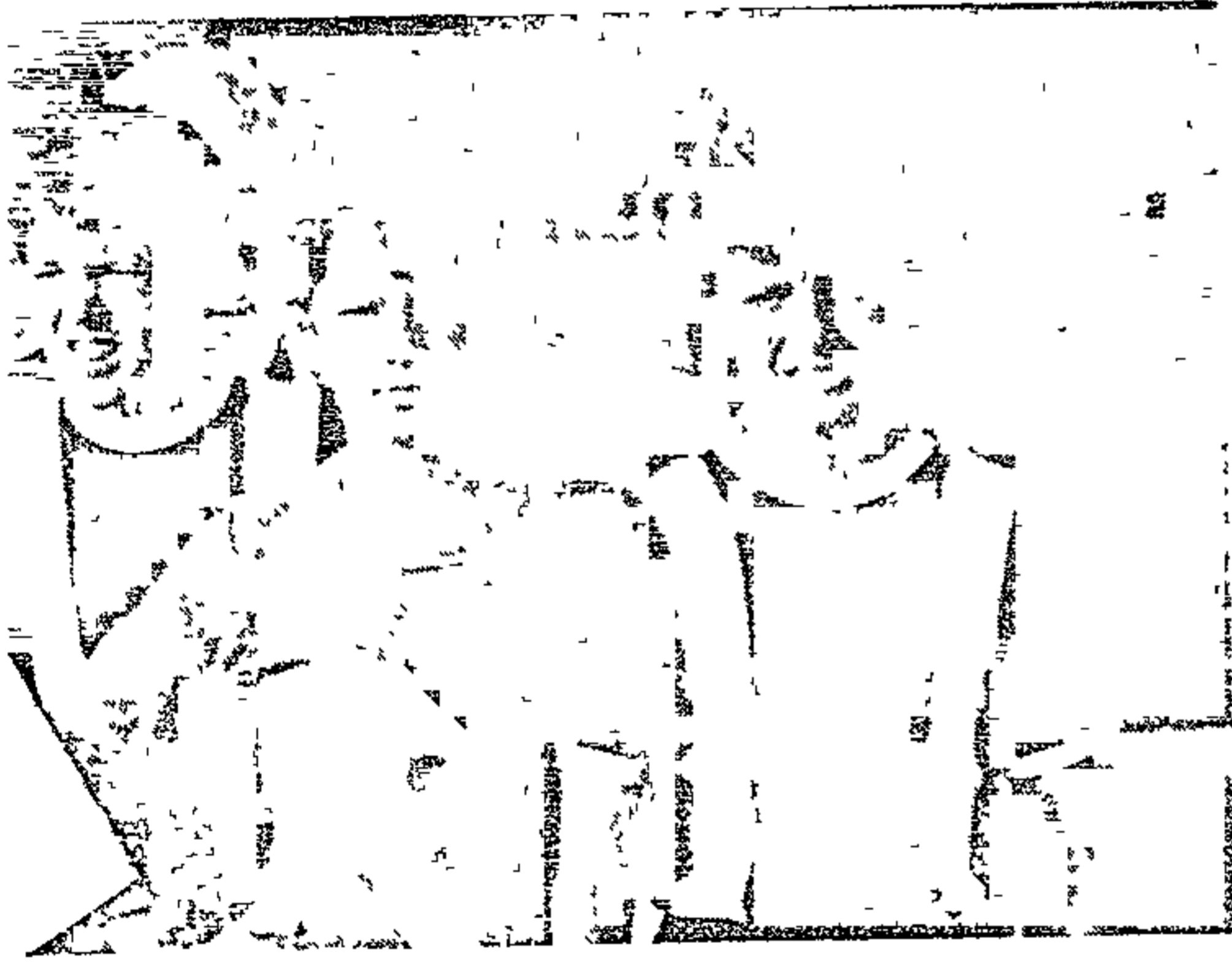
says she and her brother kick a ball around, often by a neighbour, "Uncle is a soccer coach. One he was short of players, her in

"It was strange in the beginning to be among the boys, but once we started playing I concentrated on the game and forgot the rest," she said this week. "After the first match I wasn't shy any more"

And what does Dad say about her? "As long as she enjoys it, I don't mind. She can play soccer as long as she wishes," says Mr Deon Bester

After all, she also does well at cross-country running and has won 20 trophies in bicycle motor cross (BMX) races

In between, she finds time for schoolwork — with first-class results



WITH the boys behind her, she's tops.

Cape Town may soon take steps to shake its label of . .

City of crime

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By KEVIN JACOBS
Weekend Argus
Reporter

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"Still valid"

Now former Mayor David Bloomberg, who chaired a committee that in 1981 investigated and reported on municipal law enforcement and crime prevention in Cape Town, says the specially trained Rapid Deployment Force must be assigned the duties it was intended to have

In a letter to the Council, Mr Le Grange dismissed University of Cape Town researchers' findings that Cape Town had one of the highest crime rates in the Western world, and that crime here was 'well under control' and was being contained 'at a satisfactory level' which was 'not inordinately high' in comparison with other South African cities

Monitor security

As a highly visible deterrent, it could make Cape Town's streets safer, he says, particularly when large numbers of

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What of homebuyers in Britain and the United States? Do they face similar problems of a soaring market outstripping average earnings?

In the accompanying reports, Weekend Argus correspondents in London and New York look at overseas property markets

for a Tory win . . .

And with signs of an economic recovery, the banks are diverting money into industry, at the expense of the home-buyer. Bernard Thorpe's official forecast for 1983 — made before the election was called — says that house prices would rise by between five and eight percent throughout Britain. Mr Enton pointed

Plain bus terminus wrangle

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Municipal Reporter

A WRANGLE between the City Council and the Mitchells Plain bus company over who is going to pay for safety barriers and signs in the new bus terminus, has left passengers wet and cross

And until the problems are ironed out, the recently-built R430 000 complex is unlikely to be used

Commuters complained yesterday that they were forced to queue for buses in the winter rain while the covered terminus stood empty

Asked to comment, a senior spokesman for Mitchells Plain Bus Services said the terminus, built with government funds, had not been completed "to our satisfaction".

The company was aware that its passengers were suffering. However, it was not prepared to use the terminus until safety barriers and signs had been erected because of the danger of hitting pedestrians

This equipment was part of the company's original "requirements", he said. The company was negotiating with the council on temporary means of getting passengers under cover, but until then

only the outside perimeters of the terminus would be used

The City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, said it was originally expected that the bus company would equip the terminus and foot the bill

However, as in the case of the newly-built Castle Street bus terminus, the company had asked the council to equip the complex

Mr Brand said the cost of providing the facilities at the Mitchells Plain terminus would be about the same as those at one in Castle Street — R20 000

In the latter case, the council had claimed R18 000 from the Department of Transport and expected to receive about 80 percent back.

However, the council had not yet agreed to the Mitchells Plain request.

The Department of Community Development had "generously" paid for the terminus and it was unlikely that it would pay the additional bill, Mr Brand said

The City Engineer's Department was considering recommending to the council that it do the work and "hopefully" claim the money back from the Department of Transport.

Brand

Cape Times 27/5/83
City hampering
work on District Six

Political Correspondent

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — The Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, yesterday accused the Cape Town City Council of doing its best to hamper the redevelopment of District Six

He said during the Budget debate on his department that he did not usually cross swords in public with the council, with which the government usually had good relations

However the council, with the PFP, was trying to make a political football of District Six

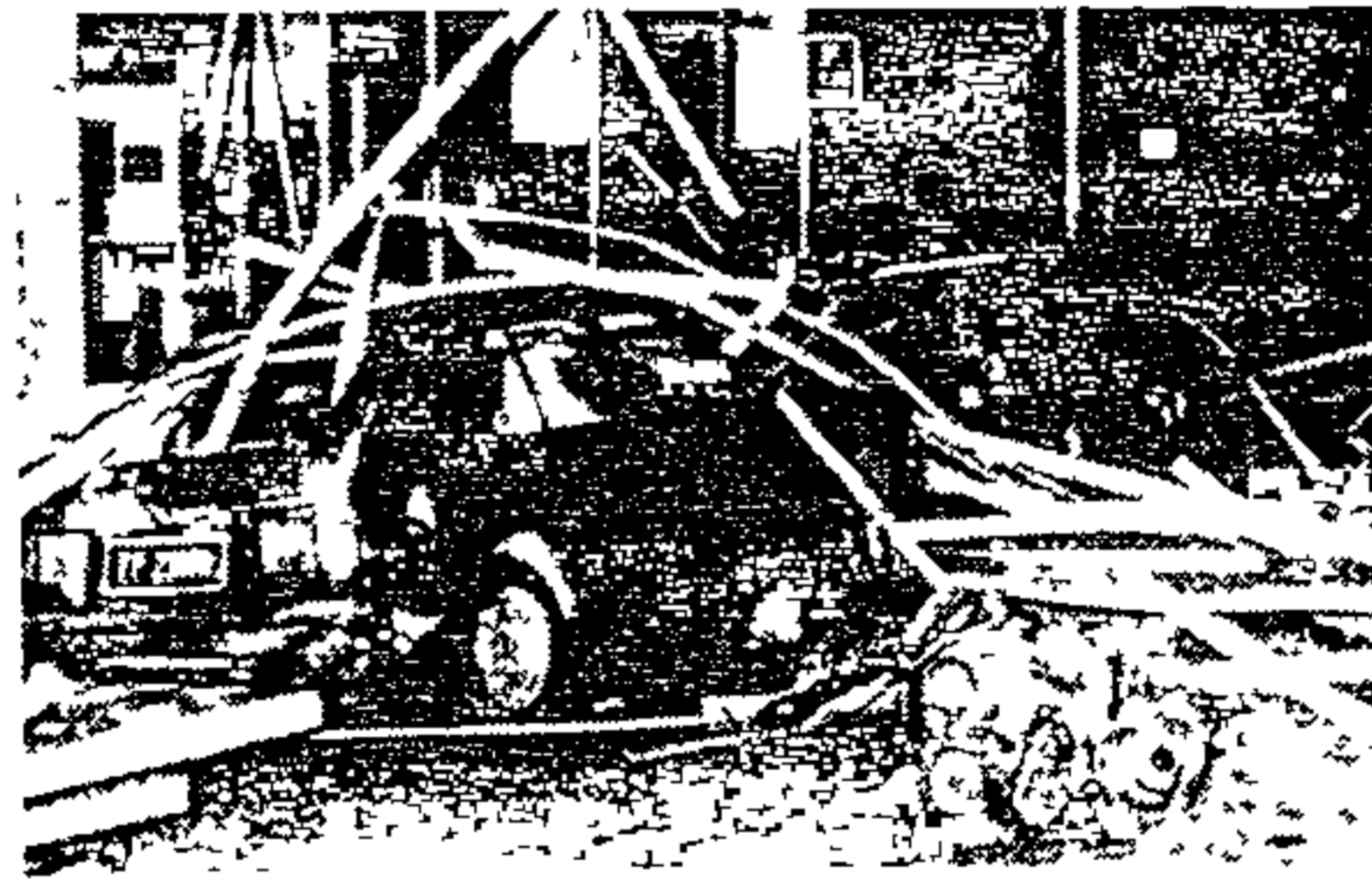
"The City Council did all it could to put a spoke in our wheel and hamper development of that area

"They don't want the Technikon there Well I want it there, and it will be built there," he said

Mr, Kotze regretted the recent resale, at a substantial profit, of one of the houses his department had renovated in District Six

He said the purchaser had offered it back to the department as stipulated when it was first sold The department had declined to pay the R64 000 asked and the house was then sold privately

The person concerned had been transferred to East London and had a genuine reason to sell New regulations, however, would enable the department to prevent speculation in redeveloped houses sold to the public



Wreckage left by last Friday's bomb blast in Pretoria

City to contest Tech rezoning

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By JANE ARBOUS

THE Cape Town City Council announced yesterday that the Administrator's rezoning of the Technikon site in District Six was "illegal".

The council said it could not pass the plans submitted for the first construction phase of the new campus and it was prepared to go to court to have the rezoning approval set aside.

The council offered an alternative 12,6ha site at Valkenberg at the nominal price of R1 million — a saving of several million rands for the Technikon, which is battling to get enough funds for the project.

The dramatic new development came at yesterday's monthly City Council meeting.

In an interview, the chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr John Muir, made it clear that the next logical step for the council was to go to court over the "incorrect" rezoning if the Technikon authorities again refused the alternative site offer.

'Incompatible'

The council also reaffirmed its belief that a Technikon in District Six, apart from the historical factors, would be incompatible with the Town Planning Scheme. Councillors were told by the Executive Committee yesterday that the Department of Community Development — technically still the owners of the District Six site — had applied directly to the Adminis-



Mr John Muir



Mrs E Harding

trator to have the land rezoned private open space (educational purposes).

The usual procedure for a town planning change is to go through the council, which then has to advertise for public comment on the rezoning proposal. The council was told

that in the opinion of its own law advisers, as well as senior counsel, the Administrator's approval was "not competent". The rezoning had been passed in terms of Section 27 of the Community Development Act of 1966, instead of the procedures laid down in the Townships Ordinance.

The legal opinion was that "appropriate steps" could be taken to have the Administrator's decision set aside.

The council has notified the Department of Community Development, the Administrator, and the Council of the Technikon of its views.

Turned down

The Technikon Council has already replied, turning down the alternative offer. However, it said it was willing to discuss the matter further with the council.

The council's representative on the Technikon Council, Mrs Bronnie Harding said yesterday that the council had been "flabbergasted at the letter at this late hour", she said.

The Executive Committee's action so far was confirmed by the council yesterday. Although some councillors abstained from voting, no vote against the decision was registered and in terms of procedure, this means that it was a majority council decision.

'More suitable'

After the meeting, Mr Muir said he believed the District Six site would cost the Technikon about R5-million because the council was convinced that the council-owned Oude Molen site near Valkenberg was far more suitable, it was happy to give it to the Technikon.

In an earlier debate on a grant-in-aid to the Technikon, the council decided to reconsider a donation of R10 000 suggested by the Executive Committee. Many councillors wanted more money to be given to the Technikon on condition that it was used for operating purposes only. The council stopped its annual grant-in-aid when the Technikon announced that it would move into District Six.

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Port Elizabeth shooting incident

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the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) Whether a charge has been laid with the South African Police in connection with a shooting incident in the central area of Port Elizabeth on or about 30 May 1983, if so, (a) how many shots were fired and (b)(i) by whom, (ii) at whom and (iii) why were they fired,
- (2) whether the South African Police have instituted or will institute an investigation into the circumstances surrounding this incident?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) Yes
- (a) Three
- (b) (i) A traffic officer
- (ii) A person suspected by the traffic officer of having been involved in an armed robbery
- (iii) To prevent the person from fleeing

Cape passes controversial law aimed at Sacos

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The Cape Provincial Council has approved a law empowering the Administrator to act against the South African Council on Sport (Sacos) in the allocation of sports facilities.

The official Opposition fought the measure through all its stages in the Provincial Council yesterday, accusing the National Party of continuing its own policy of racial discrimination in sport.

Progressive Federal Party speakers said the measure was aimed at Sacos only, which was involved in coloured sports activities, without affecting the many white organisations that practised sports discrimination.

Mr Jan van Gend (PF, Constantia) told the council that the legislation was totally unacceptable and it would not serve any purpose to rephrase a badly worded measure.

He doubted whether the Administrator could enforce the legislation by altering contracts between sport bodies and municipalities "It was a total waste of time to debate this the whole day," he said.

The municipal ordinance laid down a fine of R200 for disobeying a directive of the Administrator — but it did not make it compulsory to incorporate these directives.

Mr Hermus Kriel, MEC in charge of local government, denied amid a barrage of interjections that South Africa's sport isolation was due to National

Party policy.

The world demanded black majority rule in South Africa and sport was being used in an attempt to bring this about. That pressure would not decrease even if the PF came to power, Mr Kriel said.

The measure would help Indian and coloured sportsmen who were being victimised because they co-operated with whites.

Mr Jan van Eck (PF, Grootte Schuur) said the new law would not contribute to better race relations in the country because white sports bodies would continue to deny people of colour use of sports facilities.

The legislation was approved by 39 votes to 10. Mr Ray Radue (NRP, King William's Town) voted with the National Party.

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Council plan to sell homes on subsidies

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Municipal Reporter
THE Cape Town City Council's Housing Committee met today to work out strategies for selling municipal-owned homes

The council was working in terms of the Government's latest plan to sell subsidised housing to the low-income group

Reports before the committee show that more than 48 000 houses and flats in various housing estates could be offered for sale, but details of prices and monthly repayments were not made available

Recommendations

In his report on the matter, the acting Town Clerk, Mr J G Adams, recommended that

- All council cottages be sold to occupying tenants, while the sale of flats be delayed until provisions of the Sectional Titles Act were met

- If the council decided to sell only a percentage of the cottages, it should be done on a first-come first-served basis. In this way the sales would extend to all housing estates

- The council should continue with repairs to houses, but a discount should be given when a house was sold before the repairs were completed

- Dwellings in the Malay Restoration area as well as the Jutland and Clovelly avenue units should be included in the sales drive

Between 10 000 and 12 000 units would be available for sale in about a year's time when the necessary formalities had been completed

Most of the remaining units could not be sold in

for some time because of legal limitations

The report said the level of income according to which interest rates would be charged would relate to the head of the household's income and not to the family income as was previously believed

Staff

People who earned less than R300 a month would be charged three percent interest, those with between R301 and R350 five percent, between R351 and R450 seven percent and between R450 and R800 11,25 percent

Another report said business organisations could soon be allowed to buy vacant sites in the City Council's coloured housing estates to build houses for their staff

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City-Govt talks on use of District 6

Municipal Reporter

THE Minister of Community Development, Mr S F Kotzé, has invited City Council officials to talks on the controversial siting of the Technikon campus in District Six

The council believes the site should be used for housing and has offered an alternative site for the Technikon on the border of Mowbray and Pinelands

It has also questioned the legality of the Administrator's zoning of the District Six site as private open space (educational purpose) and has indicated that it will go

to court to have the decision set aside

A council spokesman said the Technikon council would meet City Council representatives on the matter, but a date had not yet been set

● The Executive Committee of the council yesterday decided to increase the grant-in-aid to the Technikon from R10 000 to R25 000, provided the money is used only for operating purposes

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Technikon: Sense could still prevail

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THE greatest feat of salesmanship is supposed to be selling a refrigerator to an Eskimo. The easiest must surely be selling 20-odd hectares of flat open land near freeways and railway lines in the heart of a beautiful city for the bargain price of R1.

So why is the City Council having so much trouble persuading the Cape Technikon to buy the Valkenberg site? There's nothing wrong with the City Council's salesmanship. It's just that the Technikon — for all the wrong reasons — is determined to build its new campus in District Six.

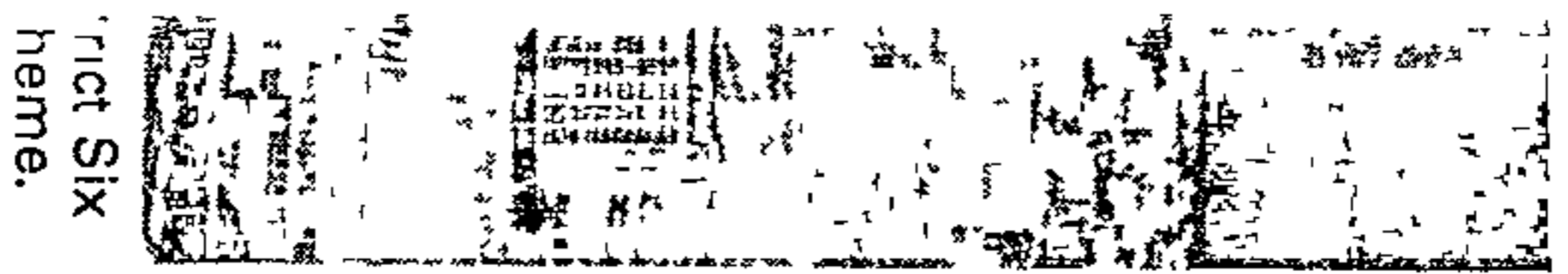
The council's strong opposition to the District Six site since it was first mooted has been well recorded. Putting aside the emotional colour issue, the council has an overwhelming case based just on the Town Planning Scheme. The new Technikon will displace a meaningful workforce which could live close to employment areas, the economic base of the City will be eroded, the huge area that it covers will be sterile during holidays and after-hours, and the City traffic and parking facilities will be overloaded.

Simply put, the Technikon in the central City will disrupt efficient planning and development. Haying stuck to these arguments for so many years, the council has now put its money where its mouth is. The alternative site at Valkenberg, suitable in every way for a new campus, would save the Technikon authorities several million rands. What beats me is how the Technikon will have the gall to ask for donations to the construction fund when it has refused this R1 offer. Any good businessman will point out what a good deal the Technikon is missing out on.

The council is due to meet the Minister of Education and the Minister of Community Development on the latest developments next week. It is not too late for common sense to prevail.

GIVING away money is one thing, losing it is another. The City Council's handling of the loss-leader Good Hope Centre continues to amaze

the latest news is that the portable wooden floor put down for most events there is infested with woodborer. It now turns out that the wood was never treated! The cost of replacing the worst half of the floor units and treating the rest will top R100 000. The cheapest option is to replace the entire floor at a cost of R40 000. And the council has no recourse against the contractors. How did it happen? The original plan was to have a Wrot softwood and Oregon Pine floor but because it was unavailable, the consultants instructed the contractors to build a Wrot Meranti one. No regulations exist governing the treatment of that particular wood. The woodborer an active and progressive infestation was discovered by accident. Rentokil tests then showed that not one treatment chemical was present in the wood. The council has little choice but to replace the floor. The woodborer reduces the wood to dust and if the floor should collapse, the council could face public liability claims. As in many of these muck-ups, no-one is ever to blame. But it is public money and it would be nice for a change to see someone else's pocket raided.



Homes on sale Friday

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THE Government's massive sale of 500 000 economic and sub-economic houses kicks off this Friday — as rent, water and electricity for all Divisional and City Council tenants are increased

Indications are that the selling scheme is not being received with the enthusiasm the Government wanted and the Cape Town City Council's housing committee chairman, Mrs Eulalie Stott has warned that it would aggravate the present housing shortage

The Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, has warned that those people who did not buy their houses would face rent increases

The Divisional and City Council have announced that their rent, water and electricity charges will be increased from Friday July 1

ADVERTISING

A circular sent to local authorities throughout the country by the Department of Community Development last week said that the Government would embark on a large-scale advertising campaign involving the Press radio television and pamphlets to advertise their selling campaign

The Divisional Council has accepted the selling scheme in principle and planned to discuss the issue in more detail this week

Houses in the African townships are not affected by the selling scheme, according to an Administration Board spokesman In terms of South African law, Africans cannot become home-owners in the Western Cape

City Councillor Mrs Eulalie Stott said that Cape Town's biggest landlords, the City Council, were still undecided on how they should respond to the scheme

"The Government's circular does not leave us with any choice as to whether or not we want to sell We will just have to sell

"This will lead to many problems We will have no more houses left for transfers for those people wanting to live in specific areas

"We have gone through the Government's circular but there are still many cardinal points which will need to be clarified The housing committee will have a special meeting as soon as our questions are answered" Mrs Stott said

SHORTAGE

Mrs Stott said that the housing problems stemmed from the shortage of houses for the 30 000 people on the waiting list and from overcrowding in existing houses

"One cannot expect enthusiasm to buy from people who are already living in these houses One could expect enthusiasm if people without houses learn they will at last get a house"

Mrs Stott said that the response to the council's pilot selling scheme in Hanover Park and Heideveld could be an indication of tenants' attitude towards the sale of houses

"In nine months, fewer than 40 out of 330 people came forward to buy their houses," she said

Many community organisations have rejected the selling scheme, calling on the Government to make more money available for housing and to take full responsibility for housing

Primitive services for blacks

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Municipal Reporter

PUBLIC transport services for blacks in the Western Cape were "primitive" and could cause "very serious problems" for the metropolitan road system in future, the Cape Town City Engineer has warned.

A report before the Utilities and Works Committee today recommends that about R80 000 be spent during the next five years to upgrade bus termini and routes in Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu.

According to the report, signed by the Deputy City Engineer, Mr A E Thorne, "most of the public transport interchanges for blacks are unsurfaced, poorly drained and flooded at times in the winter, causing extreme discomfort and possibly hazard."

In summer the areas were dusty and difficult to keep clean and the lack of permanent surfaces made effective traffic management difficult.

"Lacking"

In addition "facilities for the sheltering and convenience of passengers are also lacking"

"Latest statistics show that the black population is the fastest growing sector of the metropolitan population and the use of private cars, whether individually owned, lift clubs or informal taxis, cannot but cause very serious problems on the metropolitan road system."

The report recommends that bus termini in Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu be redeveloped and that bus routes in Langa be upgraded.

The costs of the projects would be shared by the Western Cape Administration Board, the National Transport Commission, the Metropolitan Transport Plan and the Provincial Administration.

Khayelitsha road users will 'seriously overload' system

Municipal Reporter

THE City Engineer has warned that commuting by people living in Khayelitsha will "seriously overload" the metropolitan road system and has called for an "urgent study" into a rail link with the new town.

A report before the City Council's utilities and works committee today says the new town could ultimately accommodate 200 000 people, of whom at least 40 percent would be economically active.

"The transport of such a large number of people by road, even if bus transport were used, would seriously overload the existing metropolitan road system and in particular the already heavily trafficked Settler's Way," the report says.

The position would be considerably worsened if private vehicles were used, whether in the form of private cars or car pools or taxis.

The proposed extension of the metropolitan rail system to serve Khayelitsha had been discussed by "all the officials concerned" but the SA Transport Services needed a report showing the "feasibility and viability" of the system.

The report recommends that private consultants and the Transport Research Centre at Stellenbosch University be appointed to do the study since it is imperative "that this investigation be carried out without delay."

R400 000 rec hall agreed

EAST LONDON — The government will spend R400 000 on a recreational hall for Indians. Mr P D McEnry, deputy director of the Department of Community Development (DCD) told the Indian Management Committee here yesterday

The Assembly of God church in Braelynn will be converted into a recreational hall, and construction will begin almost 'immediately' Mr Harry Parhboo said

The hall will seat 3 000 people and a swimming and paddling pool will be built at a later stage, Mr McEnry said

The IMC were given a choice of having either a creche or a sports complex for Indians

The IMC after a meeting last night decided to accept the sports complex which will cost approximately R380 000

"We decided to accept the sports complex as there will be no delay in its construction, whereas the creche could not be built immediately," Mr Parhboo said

Mr McEnry said the IMC could make an application for funds for the creche next year, when funds will be available — DDR

Govt finances 72 houses

EAST LONDON — The government will finance the construction of 72 houses costing R1.2 million for whites in Morningside, Mr P D McEnry, the deputy director of the Department of Community Development (DCD), told the city council delegation at a meeting here yesterday

The construction of these houses will start in the 'near future'. Mrs Elsabe Kemp, chairman of the housing department said

"These homes will be for white lower income groups, but we cannot at this very early stage say what these houses will cost

"It is now government policy to sell all homes built by them, but residents will have the choice of either renting or purchasing them," she said

Thirty-two more houses will be built by the government in

Stoneydrift at the cost of R500 000 which also cater for white lower income groups, Mr McEnry said

Mr McEnry said the city council could also look for more residential ground in Stoneydrift for the construction of another 32 houses

The government has also approved the spending of R700 000 for the upgrading of 175 houses in Milner Estate which will begin immediately, Mrs Kemp said

"There is a tremendous backlog of white housing, with approximately 400 families on the waiting list," Mrs Kemp said

"Therefore we will make an application for more funds to alleviate this problem"

Mr McEnry said East London's housing problems could be solved within the next few years — DDR

EAST LONDON — Braelynn 4 residents who were to have their rents increased by about 100 per cent have received a reprieve from the government, Mr P D McEnry deputy director general of the Department of Community Development (DCD) said yesterday

Mr McEnry who addressed the Indian Management Committee (IMC) and the finance and housing departments here yesterday said residents will not have to pay the initial increases served on them on July 1, but normal increases will be charged

He said residents will begin paying normal rent increases after the housing and finance departments have worked them out

"There will be increases of between seven and twenty-five per cent," he said

"These increases will be levied according to the resident's income, but we have been told there will be astronomical increases next year, not only in East London, but throughout the country, affecting all council dwellers," Mr Harry Parhboo, chairman of the IMC said

Mr Parhboo said the meeting was very successful and the IMC achieved what it set out to achieve

"Mr McEnry showed a very positive attitude to our problems here and was also very sympathetic," Mrs Elsabe Kemp, chairman of the housing department said

"We were also told by Mr McEnry we could look for more residential land, which will be sold to residents who wanted to build their own houses," Mr Parhboo said

"We will also offer this residential land to industrialists, who want to build houses for employees who are from other parts of the country"

There will be further council dwellings for Indian lower income groups, but this was a long term plan which will start after the Buffalo Flats project was completed, Mr McEnry said

Mr Parhboo said more than 50 per cent of Indians living in council houses have either purchased or signed to purchase their homes.

The government has declared North End a light industrial area, and any industrialist was free to start a business there, Mr Parhboo said — DDR

Braelynn rents rise settled

Mr McEnry said Braelynn residents could still purchase their homes at R23 000 They would cost R40 000 if built by private developers

He also said they would receive a "tremendous" discount if they purchased their homes now.

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Divco members clash on unequal pay, squatters

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Staff Reporter

LIBERALS and conservatives on the Cape Divisional Council clashed today on the issues of unequal pay for blacks and whites and on squatters

The liberal councillors, with Mr Neil Ross, national director of the Progressive Federal Party in the vanguard, won the unequal pay issue but lost the squatter issue

The first dispute occurred over the issue of

allowances for road construction staff

The recommendation before the council included camp allowances of 52c an hour for married whites and 49c an hour for unmarried whites. The corresponding allowance for other races was to be 30c an hour for married employees and 27c for unmarried

Mr Ross said this would mean that black and white people with the same qualifications

would be paid differently and proposed this aspect be discussed with the Cape Provincial Administration.

Mr M J Aggenbach, deputy chairman of Divco, said he was not prepared to go to the province on the matter

The item was put to the vote and Mr Ross won narrowly by eight votes to seven

Mr Ross later raised the issue of Divco's demolition of squatter

shacks. He moved that the housing committee be directed to consider a squatter policy including the question of alternative accommodation and temporary site and service schemes

But Mr P J Grobbelaar said he felt strongly about the subject as farmers in the Boland complained that labourers left the roofs over their heads to go and squat in the cities

"We should not make it

so easy for them to lie the bushes," he said

Mr D Lambert, chairman of the housing committee, said there must be some form of influx control, but he was taken to task by Mr P L Andrew who dissociated himself from the idea of influx control and said South Africa must accept the world trend to urbanise

Mr Ross's motion was defeated by nine votes to six

Mobile home decision

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CERTAIN types of mobile homes will in future be allowed on normal residential plots in Divisional Council areas, following a meeting of the council yesterday

It had previously been the council's policy not to allow prefabricated houses to be erected

The council has now agreed to the erection of two types of mobile homes approved by the South African Bureau of Standards — the Cedarberg and Tulbagh units, constructed by C I Industries

The Cedarberg, which, according to the Engineer's report, gave the "impression of semi-permanence" and had a bland facade, would be limited to the Scarborough area and rural areas, excluding the Noordhoek/Sunnydale area

The Tulbagh, which gave "a more favourable impression of permanence and aesthetic acceptability", would be allowed throughout the Division. However, property-owners alongside each proposed site would have to consent in writing

The Engineer states that neither of these units was designed as a low cost product. The Cedarberg, consisting of two bedrooms, cost about R25 000, while the largest Tulbagh unit, comprising four bedrooms, cost about R45 000 from the factory

Boreholes could boost city water

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Staff Reporter

UNDERGROUND water pumped from the Cape Flats could be a valuable addition to Cape Town's water supply, and the City Council has been authorised to arrange with the Department of Environment Affairs to run a pilot scheme.

Khayelitsha to get help from city engineer

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The scheme, to be known as the Cape Flats Groundwater Development Pilot Abstraction Scheme, would test a borehole field model, and monitor yield, quality and the effect on the environment

A report the council considered yesterday says the Cape Flats sandbeds store a large volume of water, which is recharged from surface run-off over about 300 sq km

In 1980 a working committee was formed representing the council, the Department of Environment Affairs (formerly Water Affairs), the Water Research Commission and the National Institute for Water Research

Best area

Preliminary investigations by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research indicated that the best area for extraction is in the western part of Mitchell's Plain

The working committee has recommended a pilot scheme of 10 boreholes to be tested under concentrated high pumping rates for up to two years

The water would be used for flushing sewage and for irrigation

The report said it is proposed that the department assumes overall responsibility and funds the development and installation of the pilot scheme, with the city council bearing the running costs and acting as agents for the department.

Staff Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council has agreed to the secondment of one of its engineers to the Western Cape Administration Board to act as the project engineer for development at the new black township of Khayelitsha

The council agreed yesterday to the WCAB's request for the secondment of Mr L A Rault, if he chooses, but not to a WCAB request for the Deputy City Engineer (Housing), Mr DS Mabin, to advise on the development

OPPOSED

The council also decided against WCAB's request for the opportunity to call on other specialist resources of the Engineering Department for specific tasks

This was because the council is opposed to the removal of established residents from Langa and Guguletu

City councillors clashed on whether the council should be involved in Khayelitsha before deciding only to complete the work it initially undertook there to alleviate the plight of people without shelter

Mr Clive Keegan argued that the council's involvement in the planning and execution of development at Khayelit-

sha should be great. He referred to a possible social and economic "disaster on our doorstep" and said he believed the council was duty-bound to prevent this if it could

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The council had for years provided welfare for the city's black population, he said, and there had been unhappiness when, with the creation of administration boards, responsibility had been taken over

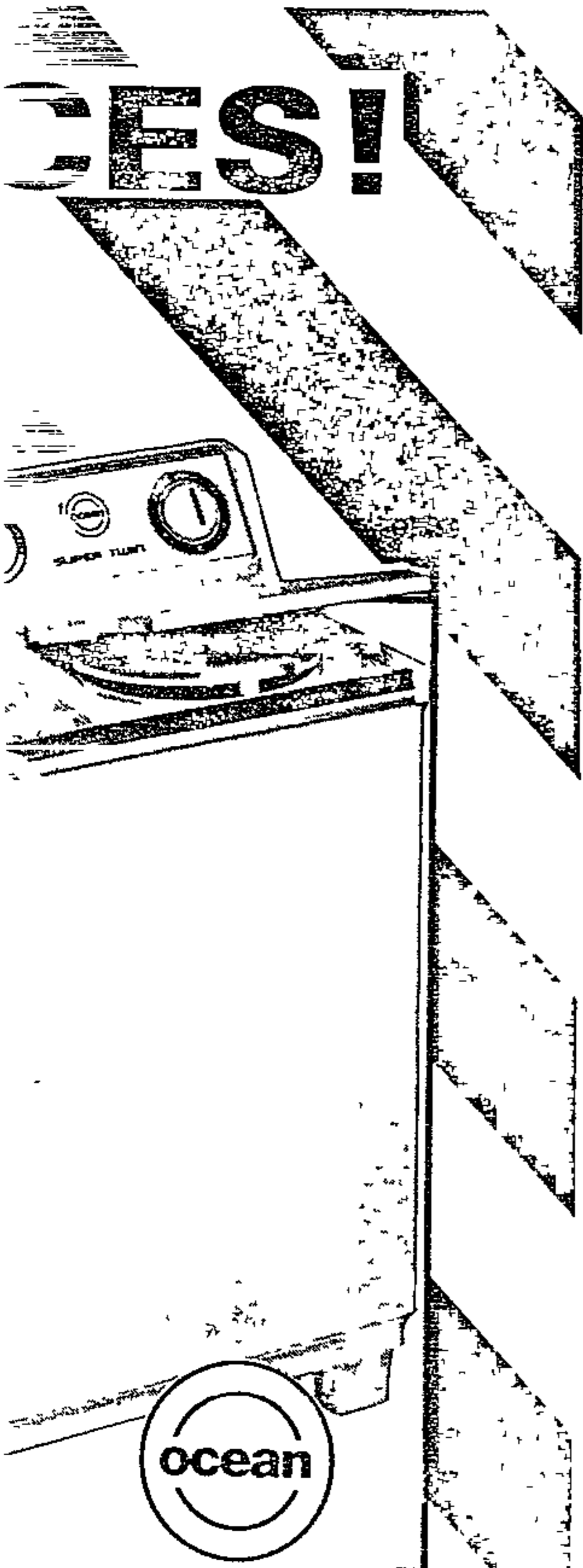
The problem of Mitchell's Plain had been similar, he said, and the council had moved in voluntarily and had made a success of it

"I believe we have no alternative today but to accept we have a duty to Khayelitsha as a matter of civic responsibility," Mr Keegan said

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Mr Frank van der Velde said he was "torn" between this very valid argument and that the city could neither be part of nor condone "another District Six"

He said the council could not become involved until it received an assurance that Khayelitsha was not going to be a "dumping ground" for people.



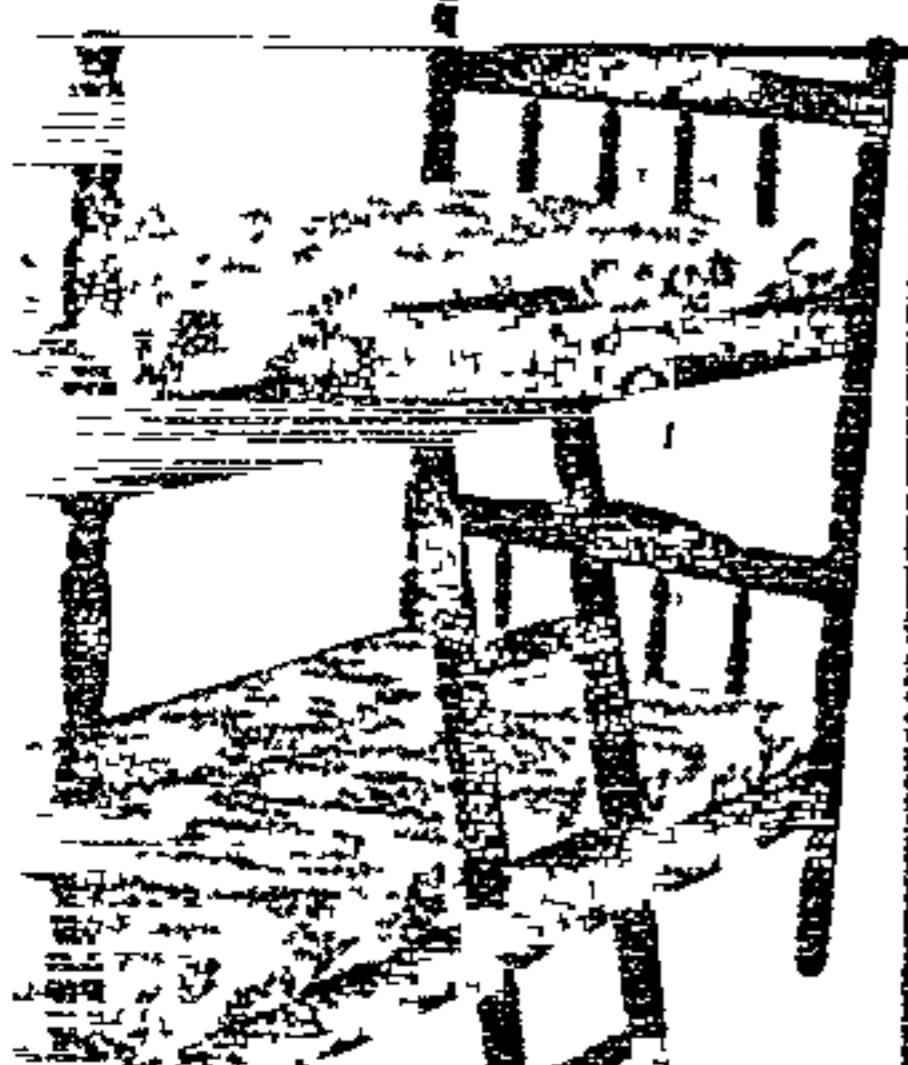
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CITY

Cape Town 'no longer such a special place'

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By MELISSA LANGERMAN
Environment Reporter

CAPE TOWN now offers an "infinitely poorer quality of life" in the areas of its old city than it did 30 or 40 years ago, according to Mr Brian Bassett, chief professional officer of the National Monuments Council

Writing in the first issue of a new magazine, Environ, Mr Bassett says Cape Town has already lost many of the environmental elements that made it a special place to live in and warns that the rate of change in the central city must be controlled and the characterful areas protected

"The loss of District Six, that once bustling, lively Victorian suburb, which was so human and appeared ideal for rehabilitation and redevelopment as a major amenity for both tourists and the citizens of Cape Town, has further isolated the city," he writes

"The process of strict environmental control and rehabilitation in the central area of a city like Cape

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New journal

looks at a changing scene

Town is one of the most difficult any local authority can contemplate

"The success or failure of the process will decide whether the Mother City is to remain a special place to be or whether it will become just another faceless modern city"

The De Hoop issue, the Black Eagle, the use of the controversial drug Scoline in culling and the urban environment are among the topics discussed in the first edition of the new magazine

Environ is entering a market which many people regard as being flooded with conservation and environmental magazines, but the editor, Mr Graham Ferreira, maintains that his magazine will succeed because it aims at an untapped section of the public

Aimed at unconverted

He said it was aimed at the "unconverted" in nature awareness

The first edition is slickly presented and features glossy colour pictures accompanied by short commentative articles which seem to aim at coffee table glossing rather than in-depth study

The articles are based on topics of South African importance, which have been related to issues of general importance in the fields of conservation and the environment

Copies of the monthly cost R2.50 and can be obtained from MER Publishing, PO Box 7358 Roggebaai, 8012, 22 5701/2/3 The magazine is co-edited by conservationist Professor Anthony Hall

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More powers soon for black councils

By CLAIRES PICKARD-CAMBRIDGE
 BLACK local authorities are gradually to receive more powers from August 1 under the new dispensation provided for by the Black Local Authorities Act of 1982

This was announced today by the Chief Commissioner for the Department of Co-operation and Development, Mr George Reynolds

This Act provides for wider decision-making and administrative powers when town, city and village councils are elected with a range of powers comparable to white local authorities

Mr Reynolds also said the Act provided, in addition, for the creation of a Directorate of Local Government under the Department of Co-operation and Development

This is the equivalent of the Directorate of Local Government in the Provincial Council

He said the Act provided for elections, the dissolution of the community

councils as these gradually qualified for the implementation of phase two, the constitution of local authorities and the election of mayors and councillors on these new bodies

An important feature was that local authorities would be empowered to make by-laws for the area under their jurisdiction and would be able to negotiate with other local government bodies for the provision of facilities

Mr Reynolds said four out of the 50 community councils in the Eastern Cape had already applied for the implementation of the Act to their areas

They were those of Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage-Despatch, Grahamstown and Cradock

"The applications have been investigated at the local level, criteria have been applied and certain recommendations put forward. They will now be considered by the Minister

"We anticipate these four councils will qualify under the new system and we are proceeding to the first step,

namely the holding of elections towards the end of November this year

"Once councils have gone through the election exercise they will be approved by the Minister of Co-Operation and Development and proceed as local authorities with village, town or city status"

The Chief Director of the East Cape Administration Board, Mr Louis Koch, said there were seven criteria for establishing whether a community council qualified for village, town or city status

The most important criteria were its financial independence, the development of the physical infrastructure in its area and the number of staff for administration purposes

Other criteria were the existing community facilities, household stock, the population and development of commerce and industry

Mr Koch said the new black local authorities would be making by-laws affecting all the areas normally included for local au-

thorities such as finances, auditing, licencing of businesses, handling of food in shops, the keeping of animals, health matters, libraries, bursaries, building regulations and slums areas

He added that Ecab would begin identifying another 10 to 15 community councils early next year which could qualify for local government status

A considerable amount of money had already been spent by Ecab and the development boards on the preparation of new staff for the proposed black authorities

The main role of the administration boards would be the implementation of black local authorities, the development of housing and community projects and the provision of agency services such as the paying out of pensions and running of placement and advice centres on behalf of Government departments

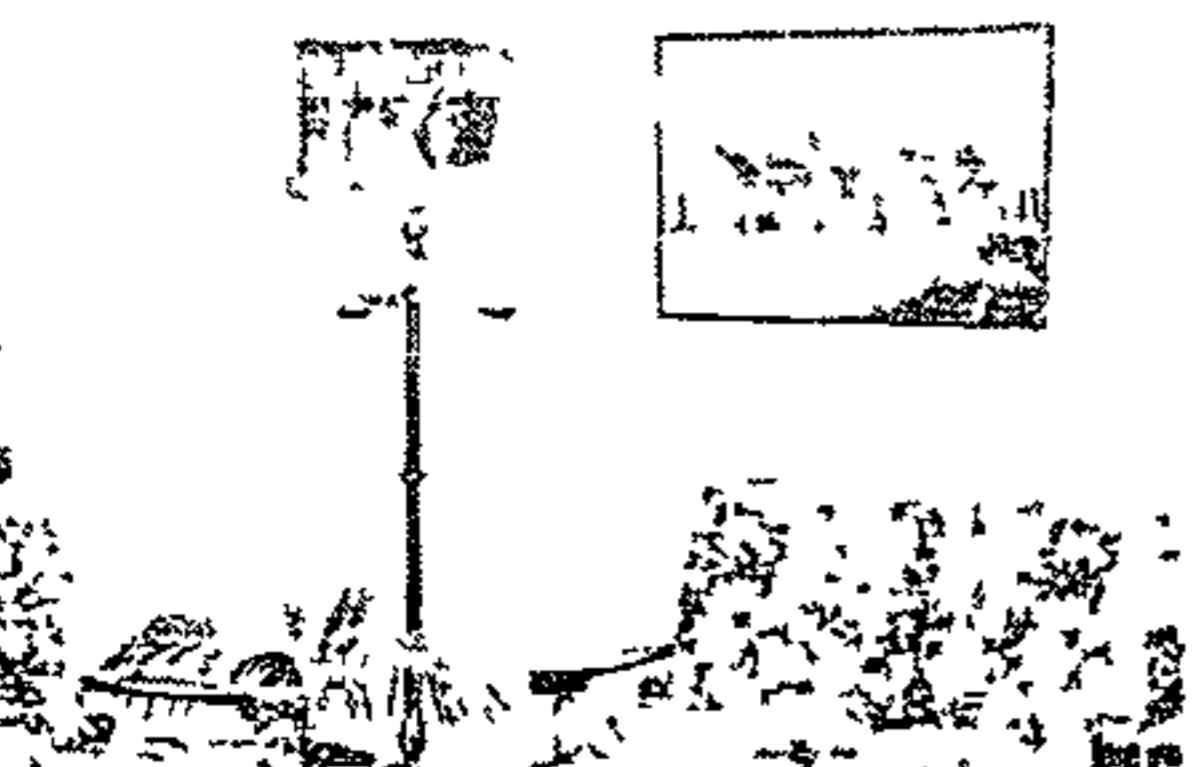
The new legislation on the role of administration boards is awaited next year

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The City Council's Rapid Deployment Force is developing into an efficient unit

The troubleshooters

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THIS WEEK 24 recruits to Cape Town's security enforcement unit — the Rapid Deployment Force — began a concentrated two-month training course

By BRUCE HOPWOOD
Pictures by PIERRE OOSTHUYSEN
Weekend Argus staff

They are the second intake since the unit was formed last year after Cape Town City Council decided to reorganise its security activities under a central controlling body

The squad's main function is to protect the council's vital installations against crime and urban terrorism. It does not have the same powers of arrest and search as the South African Police

The recruits arrive at the Security Services Division headquarters in the former Observatory Boys' Junior School buildings at 7.45 every morning and after a short drill parade, they start a five-kilometre jog

Unarmed combat

After the run the men change into their judo gear. For the next 30 minutes they do physical training and learn about unarmed combat from black belt Mike Job

The men, aged between 20 and 40, were selected from more than 200 applicants and most have previous security experience either in a council unit, the SAP or the military

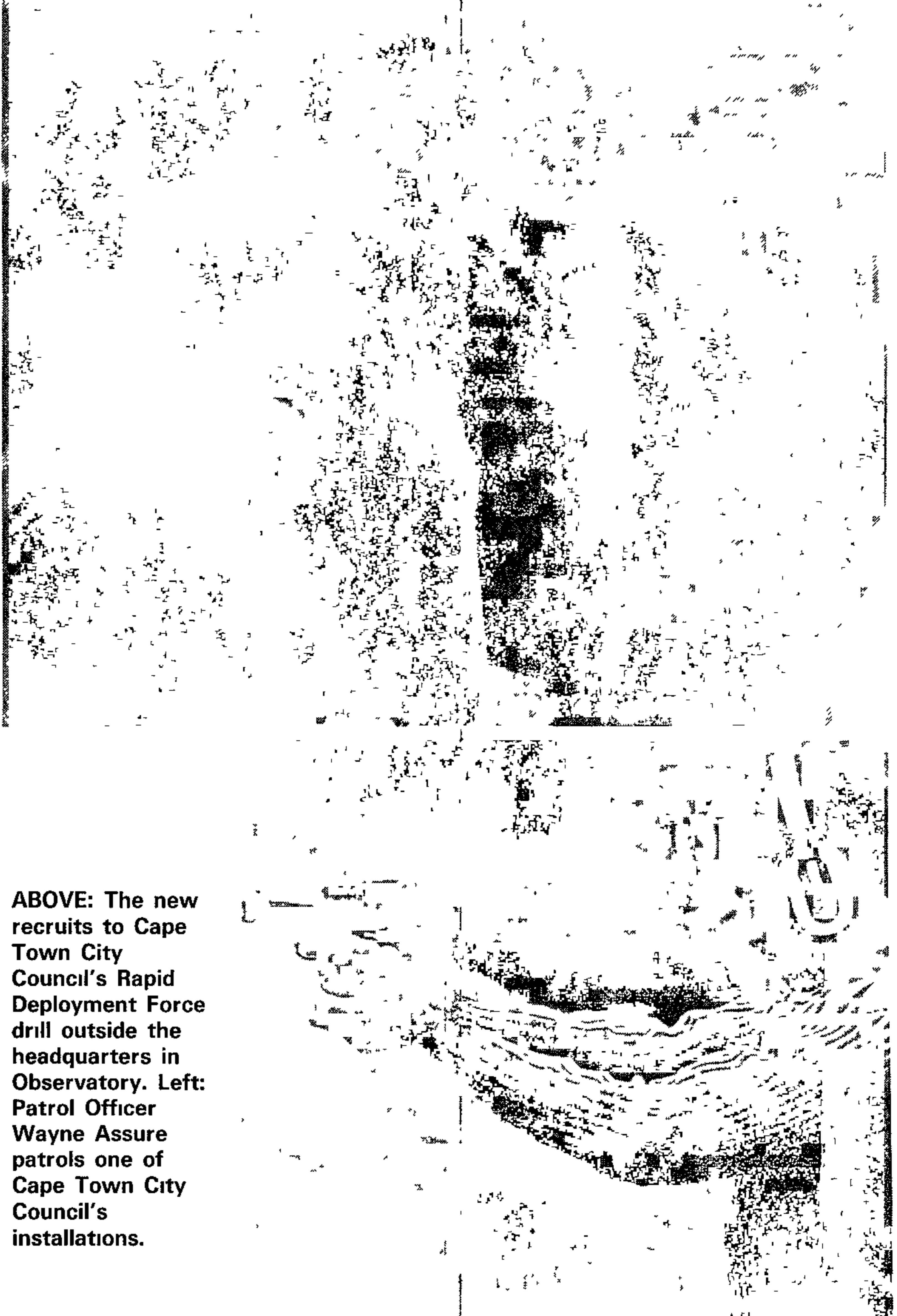
"There is a lot of square-bashing to start with, but within two months we should reach a high standard of efficiency," says the director of Security Services, Mr Eric Bult

The lesson on self-defence ends with 30 sit-ups and a round of judo falls on the mat. The recruits spend the rest of the morning in a lecture room.

Subjects covered include emergency procedures, municipal regulations, the powers and responsibilities of civic security guards, first aid, and communications

In the afternoon, lectures are given in fire-fighting, dog-handling, swimming and life-saving, and shooting drill

The city council's legal experts and officers from Cape Town's ambulance, fire and traffic departments are used during the training course.



ABOVE: The new recruits to Cape Town City Council's Rapid Deployment Force drill outside the headquarters in Observatory. Left: Patrol Officer Wayne Assure patrols one of Cape Town City Council's installations.

SENIOR Patrol Officer Cupido Reede, who joined the Rapid Deployment Force last year, at shooting practice.

"We have access to very good lecturers within the council's service so the standard maintained is very high. There are very few organisations that can put their security men through such an extensive two-month course," says Mr Bult

Mr Bult began his career with the London Metropolitan Police and had colonial police experience in Africa before moving into industrial security. The commander

of the Rapid Deployment Force, Senior Inspector Roger Wright, was recruited from Zimbabwe

"It's an enormous task looking after council property and it involves just about every aspect of security except retail security," says Mr Bult

"The opposition have

the advantage of being able to choose their target, their time and their method. We've got to lay on a 24-hour protective screen seven days a week and that's a big task

"We are not an armed army and we don't have the power to arrest or search. So it's up to us to see that the Rapid De-

ployment Force's manner of patrol is so random that anyone watching can't predict what the next movement is"

At present the unit operates only at council installations. In the future it may be allowed to operate in the council's crime-ridden housing

estates. "The function of the security division is to protect council-owned premises and facilities, as well as the staff and the public that go there. Although the council owns a lot of housing we are not in the position to protect all places. I am giving some

thought to ways of reducing damage and vandalism to unoccupied council housing as there is tremendous damage done and theft from houses which stand empty for a few days before the new tenants move in

"It's a quite a job and we intend to win," says Mr Bult

District Six: local authorities helpless in face of government power

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By THE ARCHITECTURAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Cape Town City Engineer's memorandum dated April 1982 against siting the new Technikon campus in District Six is old news and yet re-reading it again now, one could not but be completely convinced by its arguments

On every count — threatened traffic congestion, inconvenience of access, the sterilizing of valuable strategically located residential land near the central city, the adding of a large additional parking requirement to an already overstrained central city situation — the siting of the Technikon in District Six is categorically wrong

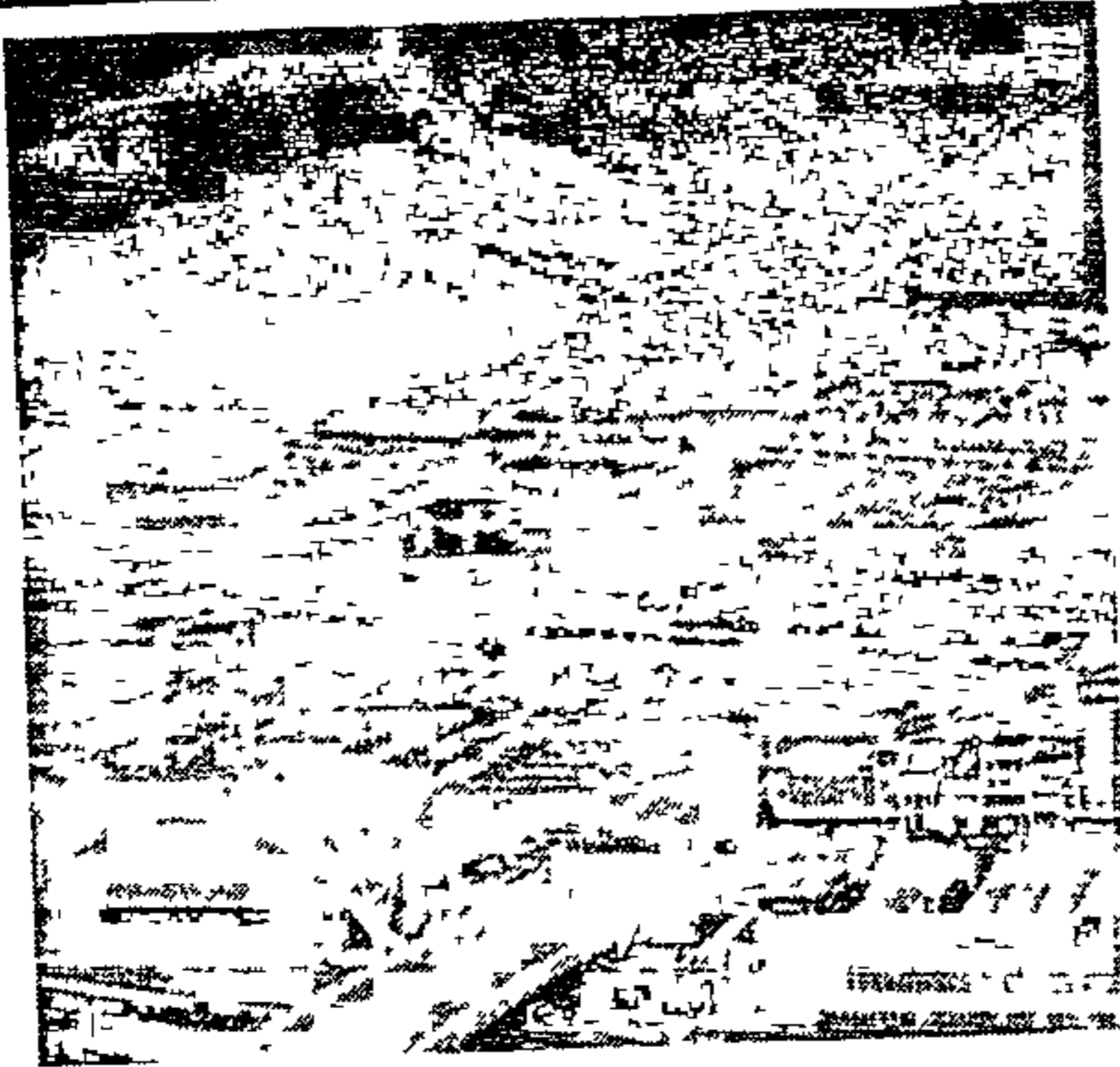
Not only did the City Council, through its Engineer, produce detailed statistical and planning evidence why the Technikon should not be built in District Six (pardon me, Zonnebloem) but it even proposed suitable alternative sites to the Government, including the offer of a superb site in Observatory free of the central business district. The memorandum carefully avoided the political issues, concentrating rather on planning considerations in relation to the future of the central business district

Loud and clear

The feelings of Cape-tonians against the removal of people from District Six on both moral, social and technical grounds have been loudly and clearly expressed many times through numerous political, financial, press, religious and cultural institutions

From the Cape Provincial Institute of Architects to the Chamber of Commerce, protests against the siting of the Technikon in District 6 have been made since the ideas was first proposed. One of the architects appointed to design the new buildings resigned this very lucrative commission because he was so convinced the wrong site had been chosen

Even the President's Council — hardly a radical body — strongly advised that it be returned



The Technikon site in District Six

to the coloured community

Yet, where has this avalanche of protest led? To the rubbish bin. Last week builders were invited to tender for the first part of the Technikon complex, thus underlining the vast gap that divides the lip service paid by Government to the powers of local authorities and the reality of political power

In this land of wishful nomenclature where saying one thing is supposed to cover up the fact that the opposite is actually being done, the harsh decision of Government regarding the Technikon site is quite in keeping

The question has often been posed before "Who's city is it?" It could be the city of corporate businessmen — they seem to get away with a lot — or it could be the city of developers and speculators, city councillors, city engineers, even many of the city's architects, one regrets to say

The one group who's city it quite obviously is not is the citizenry. They seem to be quite powerless to initiate or hinder projects, or being shuffled holus-bolus from one area to another, either being Mitchell-Plained or Atlantissed (or would-it be Atlantized?) or Constantia-ed or Khayelitsha-ed, like so many flocks of sheep being confined to their respective kraals

It was one of these

group area. It was the Prime Minister, at that time Minister of Community Development (why not Community Destruction?) who promulgated the declaration, and who has ever since stuck to this bad decision through thick and thin

and finally block the restitution of District Six as a residential area

In the face of the power of politicians, the city bows in defeat, and sinks deeper into itself. Decent people give up, because there seems so little use in whistling against a hurricane

Bows in defeat

That area of the city has carried a curse on it ever since, and no person or company who values his, her or its good name will buy a bit of it. Faced with this phenomenal display of moral principle, and not to surrender in the face of it, there was probably nothing else to be done but to locate some large institution on this polluted territory

Hence the siting of the Technikon, which by covering nearly a third of the land, will for ever frustrate the return of the dispossessed inhabitants to their old habi-

On occasions, this column has used harsh words to describe the high handedness of the City Council in respect of certain issues. The City Engineer's report on the siting of the Technikon and its rejection by the Government underline the helplessness of the local authority itself in the face of government power

The law of the sea seems to apply, where each fish is the natural enemy of the smaller and itself the natural prey of the larger. The people of Cape Town are the smallest fish, the national power the largest Gobble, gulp!

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Council urged to house its black workers

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By STEPHEN ROWLES
Municipal Reporter

THE Port Elizabeth City Council was last night urged to give urgent attention to providing adequate housing for its black workers

Speaking at the monthly meeting of the Central Executive of Port Elizabeth Ratepayers' Associations, a Walmer delegate, Mr Bill Hayward, said it was incumbent on the ratepayers to provide not only single quarters but also houses for workers who were allowed to live in the city with their families

A Wards 2 and 4 Civic Association representative, Mr Denis Glendinning, said the Government had made it clear it was not in a position to provide housing for everyone

He urged the council to follow the lead of the private sector, which was assisting employees to buy houses from the East Cape Administration Board

The association decided to write to the Town Clerk

asking for information on what was being done to house black municipal workers

At the meeting both opposition and support was expressed for a proposed restaurant complex between Humewood Beach and the Red Windmill Roadhouse

The chairman of the Wards 2 and 4 Civic Association, Mr Patrick Bracher, said with the addition of another restaurant complex Marine Drive would become a "roadhouse drive"

Mr Terry Herbst, a Ward 4 councillor, said the council was often criticised for not providing amenities

He said there was a need for another restaurant complex because at present it was not possible to get a "decent meal on the beachfront"

Mr Herbst said the site for the proposed complex was part of a development node in the beachfront structure plan

It was hidden from the road and would not inter-

fere with beachfront walks

Mr Hayward said he supported the idea of the restaurant complex because it was absolutely essential to provide beachfront facilities

He said the site was serving no purpose at present

The council was also urged to provide a solution to the traffic congestion at the dangerous Kragga Kamma interchange

Mr M Martin, a Ward 13 delegate, said it was only a matter of time before a major accident occurred at this "suicide intersection"

He said as a result of poor planning, road rules were ignored. Motorists experienced problems traveling from Sunridge Park to Cotswold in the mornings and crossing from Cape Road over the N2 bypass into Kragga Kamma Road in the afternoons

Mr Frans Marais, the vice-chairman of the Central Executive, said the road network had not kept pace with development in the western suburbs

Island Zoning

could go on

By JO-ANNE RICHARDS

THE Milnerton municipality will not be advertising again for objections to the rezoning of the Milnerton island, in spite of allegations that the R45-million developed plans of the proposed obsolete land survey are based on an obsolete land survey determined from undetermined general residential close on September 2.

A recent land survey of the island has shown that about four hectares of useable land has been lost since the last survey was conducted in 1947.

A diagram based on the old survey — and used in the developer's presentation document — states that the area of the island being considered was at that time about 17,9 ha.

This was brought to the notice of the Cape Times by a Milnerton councillor, Mr Basil Kenney, who had asked a City land surveyor to conduct a survey.

The Town Clerk, Mr J S de Villiers, said yesterday that he knew about "this technicality". However, the municipality was going ahead with the rezoning application as prescribed by the Council, he said. "Whatever plan on which the rezoning is based is just a starting point," he said.

Stability

Mr De Villiers said that when the proposed development was approved in principle by the Council, one of the conditions stated that the legal status of the shore boundary would have to be preserved, as well as the preservation and stability of the shoreline, before development took place.

Mr Kenney expressed the opinion yesterday that the application for rezoning would have to be advertised again. "How can you tell the public they can view a plan of the island at the municipal offices, when that plan is incorrect?" he said.

"Some of the land shown on the diagram now belongs to the State because it is below the high-water mark. How can that be included in a rezoning application?"

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IMC elections postponed

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EAST LONDON — The East London Indian Management Committee elections have been postponed until next year, a member of the committee, Mr M Williams, said last night

meeting yesterday, the committee was requested to elect a chairman and vice-chairman for the interim period between the expiry date of these terms of office and when the election is held

the recent death of the vice-chairman, Mr M L Harry, the committee requested the postponement of the election until the Administrator appointed a person to fill the vacancy for the unexpired period of office — DDR

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Council, MCI in clash over electricity accounts

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THE City Council and the Midland Chamber of Industries this week crossed swords on the question of the city's electricity account

Behind the argument was a critical comment in the MCI's latest Information Bulletin urging the council to reconsider its attitude towards subsidising the city's general revenue account from its electricity trading account

"In Port Elizabeth there is general unanimity that the city needs more industry, and that government should assist this plea for more industry by making it attractive for industrialists to come here, by granting this area financial incentives," noted the MCI

"Government has responded to some extent and one of the incentives granted is an electricity subsidy which the chamber believes will amount to some R13 million over a full year

"In the city's operating budget for the period January, 1982, to June, 1983, is an estimate for the transfer of R11 684 000 from the electricity account to the rates and general services account (R7 million for '82)

"If the city is sincere in its support of the plea that

we need industry and that concessions are needed, then the chamber must ask why the city is pursuing a policy where the effect of the concession is virtually nullified by using the electricity account to subsidise other expense accounts

"The actual amount transferred for the period ended June '83 will be available shortly and this would be the appropriate time for the council to reconsider its attitude on this issue"

Reacting to the comment, Town Clerk Mr P K Botha said yesterday that what the MCI did not appear to appreciate was that making such transfers was a standard practice "with all local authorities in South Africa"

"It has been endorsed by such bodies as the Brown Committee and the Croeser working group"

Mr Botha added that another factor overlooked by the MCI was that "this is a transfer from a trading account to relieve the burden on ratepayers"

"If it is not made it would simply mean an increase in rates To balance its overall account the council would then have to look to the ratepayers"

Mr Botha said the MCI should also bear in mind that whereas the commercial and industrial sector paid full rates, residential ratepayers were subsidised

"Finally, all the capital financing of the electricity account is made from the consolidated loans fund at a lower rate of interest than might be charged on the open market — and it is this that makes it possible for the electricity account to show a profit"

Braelynn funding delay causes concern

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EAST LONDON — The Indian Management Committee (IMC) here has asked city officials to intensify efforts to obtain a grant of almost R1 million from the Department of Community Development for construction of community facilities in the Indian suburb of Braelynn

Concern was expressed at an IMC meeting this week that the proposed grant would be of little or no use to the city if it was not granted soon

The department has already indicated that the money — if granted — would be for use in the current financial year which ends in March next year. Any money not spent by that time would be lost, and the city would have to make a renewed application for it

Construction of the Braelynn community facilities — which would include a sportsfield, swimming pool and indoor recreation centre — was approved in principle by the department in July

It now remains for it to decide whether or not to

give East London the R948 241 earmarked for the proposed development

The acting chairman of the IMC, Mr Michael Williams said at the meeting that the IMC was "concerned about the slow pace" taken by the city in applying for the grant

He urged the city to take a "more positive attitude" in its attempts to secure the grant, and said that the municipal departments concerned "must act as soon as possible"

"We expect some answers at the next IMC meeting," he said

The deputy city treasurer, Mr Derek Falkenberg, said in an interview yesterday that the city had sent a request to the department "some time last month", asking it to advise the city when money would be available for construction of a portion of the R1 million scheme, involving the sportsfield and adjoining buildings

"We are in contact with the department regularly about this. There's nothing more we can do than to send regu-

lar requests. There's a lot of red tape and frustration involved," he said

He expected the decision "any day now" on whether to give East London the money

He said application had not yet been made for the remainder of the proposed development — involving the swimming pool and recreation centre — because plans for these projects had not been completed

The city engineer, Mr Graham Keppie, said yesterday that the drawing-up of plans for the pool and recreation centre was "well advanced" and would probably be completed "by early October, at the earliest"

● Residents of Braelynn extensions 4 and 5 can expect postal delivery service to begin "within 14 days", the city postmaster, Mr Gus Swanepoel, said yesterday

Braelynn 4 and 5, which are recent extensions, have been without mail delivery so far, and this had caused "hardship for people in the area," Mr Williams said at the IMC meeting

Man admits theft

EAST LONDON — A Duncan Village man was found guilty yesterday of stealing 84 litres of cold drinks from the Summerpride Supermarket

Mr Ackerman Platjje, 30, of Rapport Street, Duncan Village, pleaded guilty before Mr D Cronje

He said that on the night of September 24, he broke a window at the supermarket and took out the cold drinks, which he intended to sell

He did not manage to sell them before he was arrested, and half had been stolen

Mr Platjjes said he had drunk some of the cold drink.

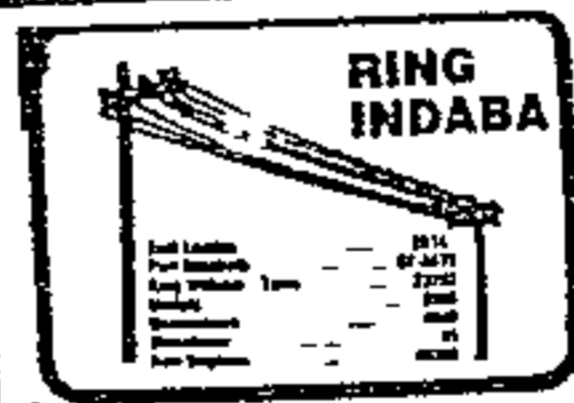
The value of the 84 litres was R78

Mr Platjjes was remanded in custody until October 28, when he will be sentenced — DDR

Mr E Lotz appeared for the state

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Child's decapitated body found in bush



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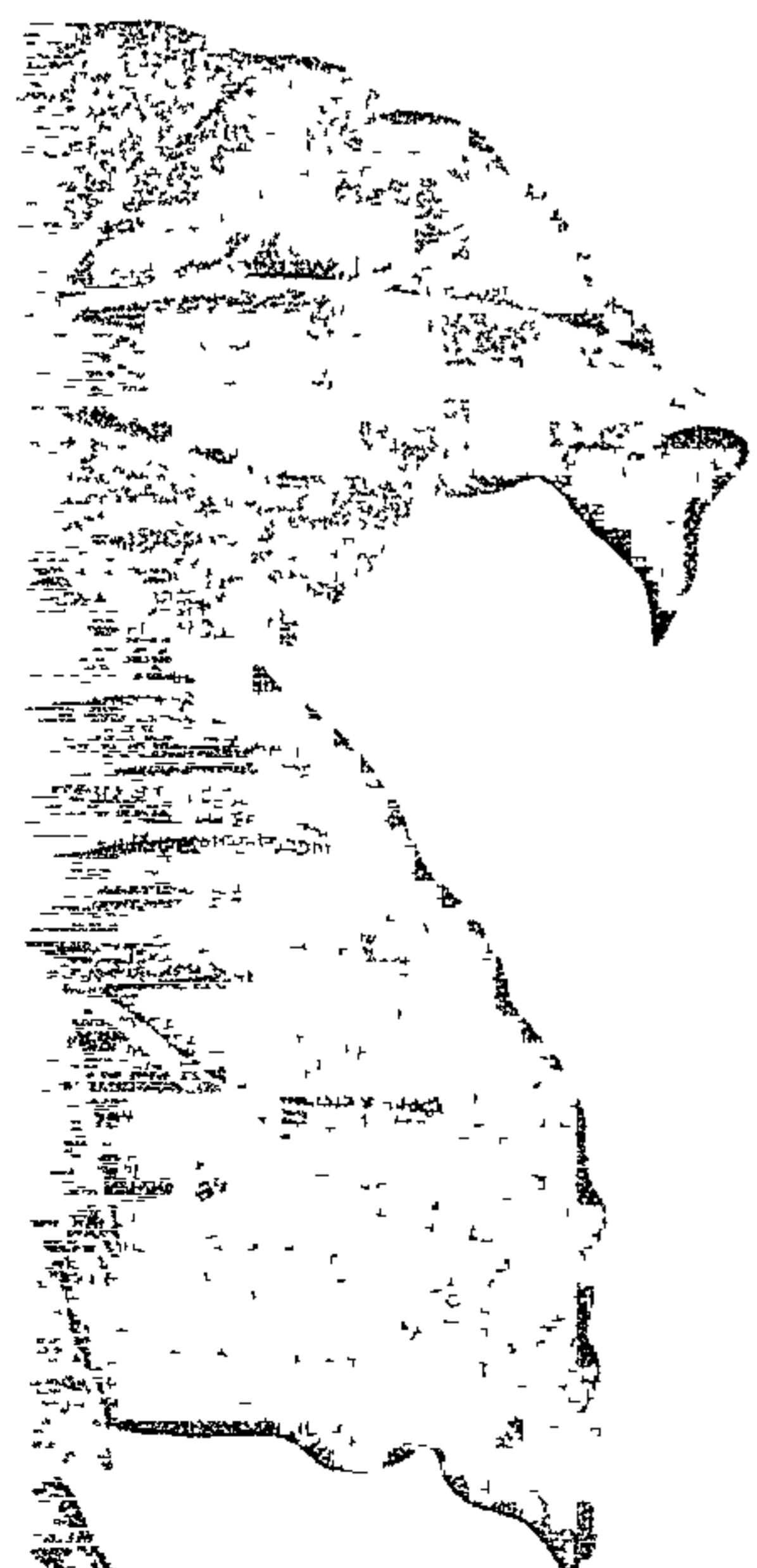
By W. M. Mphahlele
INDABA
The discovery of a decapitated body in a bush near the village of Mphahlele in the Transkei region has shocked the community. The child's mother, Mrs Mphahlele, is pleading for help in identifying the body.

The body was found on the morning of September 28, near a bush in the village of Mphahlele, about 10 km from the town of Mphahlele. The child was found with a severe head injury, and the body was decapitated.

Mrs Mphahlele said she had been looking for her child since the night of September 24, when she last saw him. She said she had been with her child in the village at that time, and she was sure she would have seen him if he had been there.

The police are currently investigating the case, and they are asking for any information that might help them identify the child.

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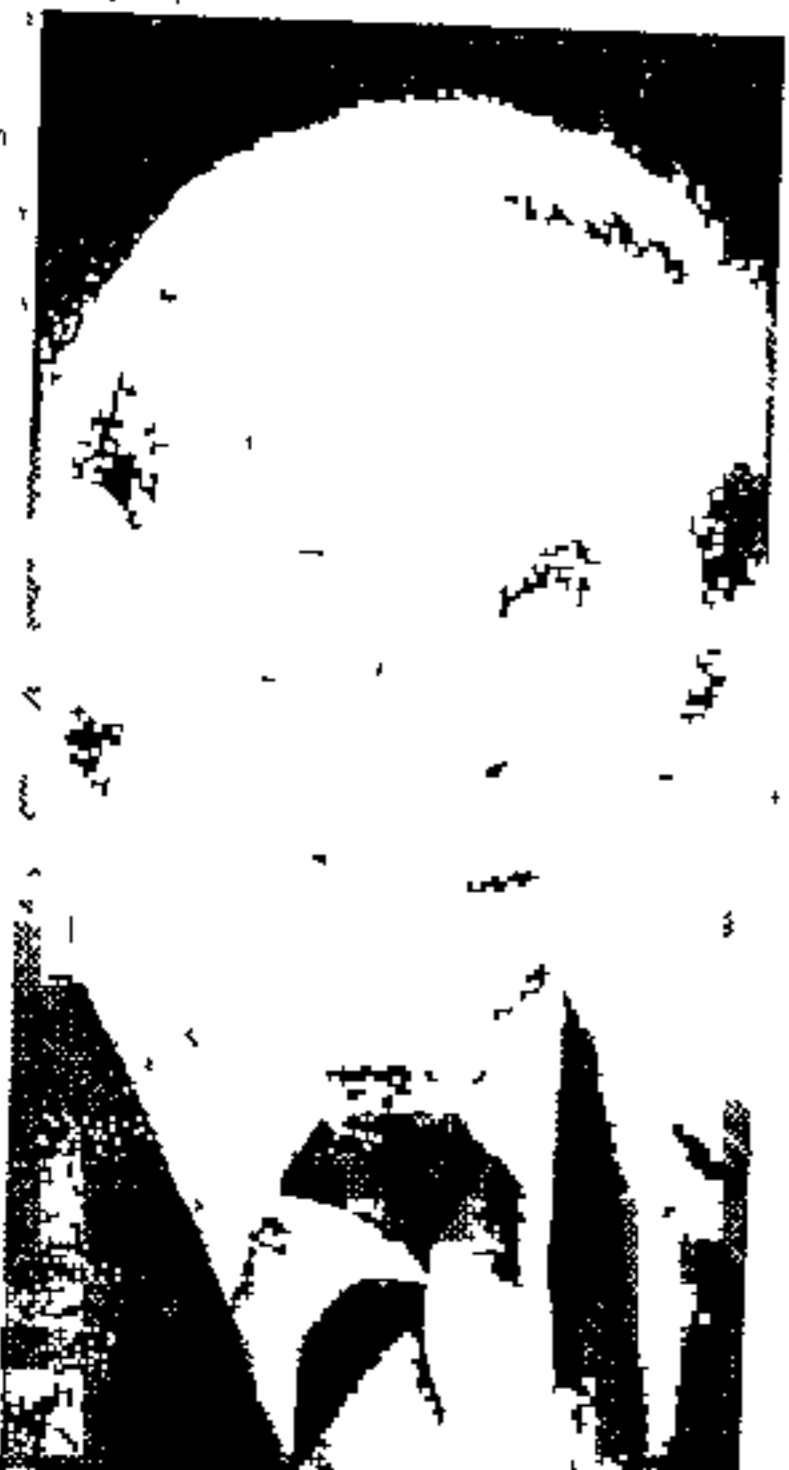
City rejects plan for local govt

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By JO-ANNE RICHARDS
Municipal Reporter

THE City Council has rejected the local government aspects of the constitutional proposals and expressed concern at the extra financial burden their implementation would create for Cape Town.



The chairman of the ad hoc committee, Mr Norman Osburn.

At a meeting yesterday, the council accepted the recommendations of an ad hoc constitutional committee and rejected the constitutional proposals as they affected local government.

The proposals would "dismember the Municipality of the City of Cape Town along racial lines based upon proclaimed Group Areas", it was stated.

The council accepted the recommendation that "all such proposals be opposed with vigour on every possible occasion in order to preserve the integrity and autonomy of the City".

The chairman of the ad hoc committee Mr N Osburn, reported to the council that it was im-

portant for people to consider the local government aspects of the proposals before the referendum.

It was clear the government intended that there be separate local government areas for each racial group and that these follow group areas as proclaimed.

This meant that separate local authorities could be formed in all such areas as Athlone, Rylands and Mitchells Plain.

According to Dr J Sonnenberg, this would result in "a total fragmentation of our traditions. Are we to expect municipalities of Athlone and Schotsche Kloof?" he asked. "The idea is mind-boggling, but the intentions of the government are clear."

Financial viability

Mr F van der Velde said a most important aspect of this was that a residential area without a commercial and industrial base could not be made into a financially viable local authority. "Not even Bishop's Court, for all its wealth, could be a viable local area," he said. "How much less could a poorer area?"

To achieve this end, extra funds would have to be found, he said. The burden of bolstering unviable local authorities would inevitably fall on the ratepayers of Cape Town.

Mrs E Stott said "All it (the implementation of the proposals) will achieve is that we will pay more for what the government thinks is good for us."

be "non-negotiable" and have called for salary parity to be introduced as soon as possible at all levels

This was contained in a statement issued this week after an extraordinary meeting of the joint council of the two organizations — representing the white teaching profession in the Cape Province — had been held to discuss the position of married women teachers

The statement called for the question of career advancement for all teachers to be investigated once again at the highest level, and for an increase in the number of promotion opportunities for teachers to be given high priority

The present quota system whereby a percentage of the married women of each school's staff could be given permanent posts had given rise to dissatisfaction

The recommendations of an inter-departmental committee which was appointed some time ago to investigate better service benefits for women were still awaited, it said

Poison kills baby, mother

Crime Reporter

A PRINCE ALBERT woman who allegedly administered a fatal dose of ant poison to her seven-month-old son and later swallowed some of the deadly substance herself, died in hospital on Wednesday, two days after her child

Major Eddie Snyman, police liaison officer for the South Western Districts, said yesterday that the woman, Mrs Anna Claasen, 26, of Cyprus Street, had died soon after being admitted to Prince Albert Hospital

Mrs Claasen's son, Stephen Albertus Cupido, had allegedly been fed the ant poison on Monday, he said

Stephen was certified dead on arrival at Prince Albert Hospital a short while later

WCAB union to be formed

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THE works committee of the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB), representing 934 black workers employed by the board, has applied for registration as a trade union

The union is to be known as the Western Cape Administration Board Workers' Union and is believed to be the first black union representing Administration Board workers

Mr George Ntuli, chairman of the works committee, said the works committee had proved powerless to fight for workers' rights and the union was being formed to take up issues which the works committee could not

He said the decision to form a union had been taken by the workers, who were employed in a number of occupations from supervisors to inspectors and wardsmen used in pass raids and squatter demolitions

Mr Ntuli said that in their duties, these people were merely "carrying out the instructions of the bosses"

Mr F van Eeden, the WCAB's director of administration, said he frequently liaised with the works committee on behalf of the board

The WCAB would not lodge objections to the union's application for registration and the workers could have a trade union as far as he was concerned

He said that at the moment the works committee had no power to negotiate wages and there were no statutory minimum wage rates for Administration Board officials

Streaker's close

Staff Reporter

A STREAKER narrowly missed being hurt by a motorcycle on Thursday night when he stumbled into the Main Road in Mowbray

A man, part of the group of 20 streakers, knocked against the handlebars as the motorcyclist brought his machine to a halt

"I saw a person step into the road. The motorcycle braked but a

second man stumbled into it. It was only then that I realized they were naked," a bystander said

As the motorcyclist pulled off the road, a "whole pack" of naked men jogged past, disappearing into the ground of the University of Cape Town's College House residence

Deserted by his comrades, the lone streaker was left standing at the road-side where, in the

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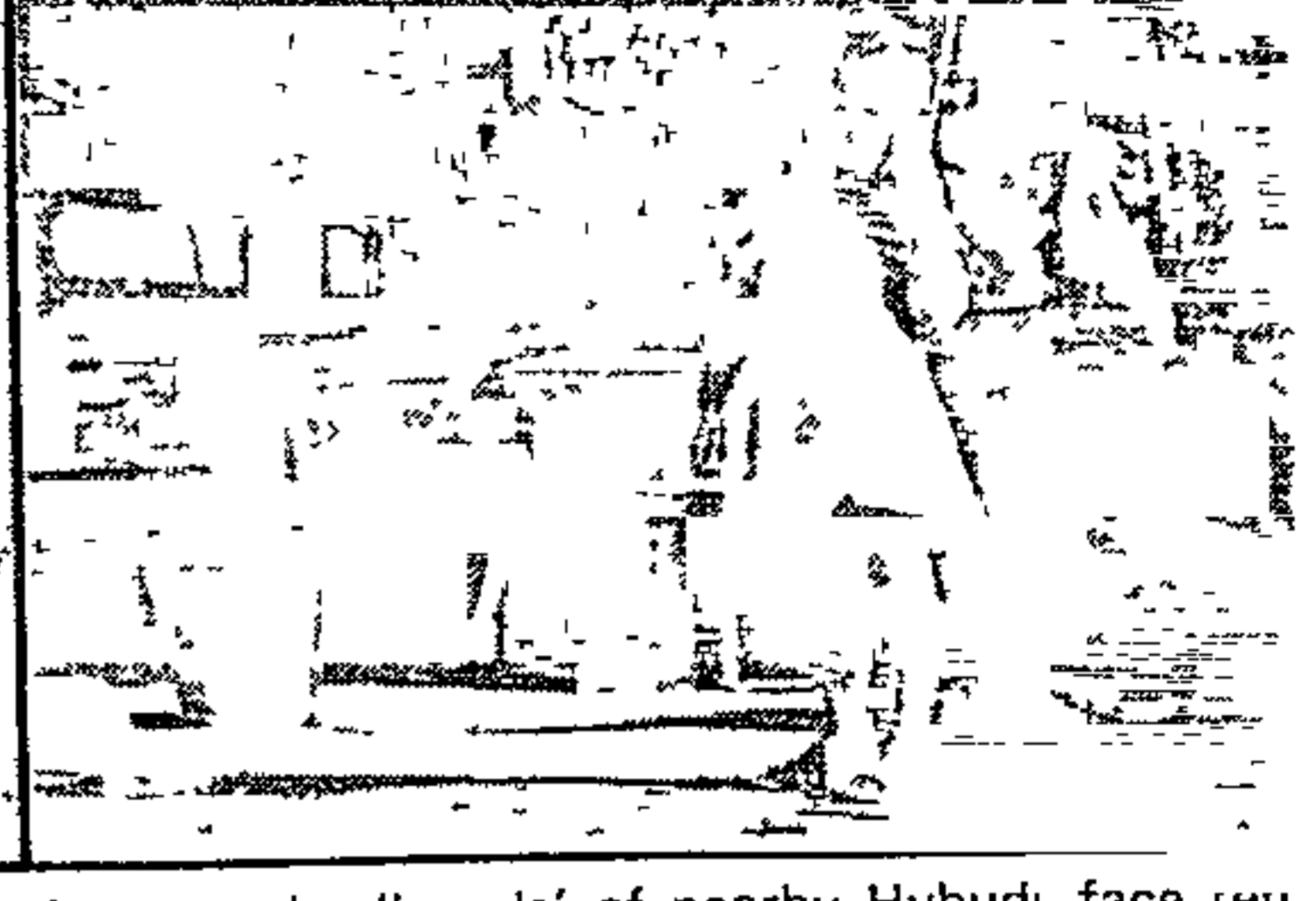
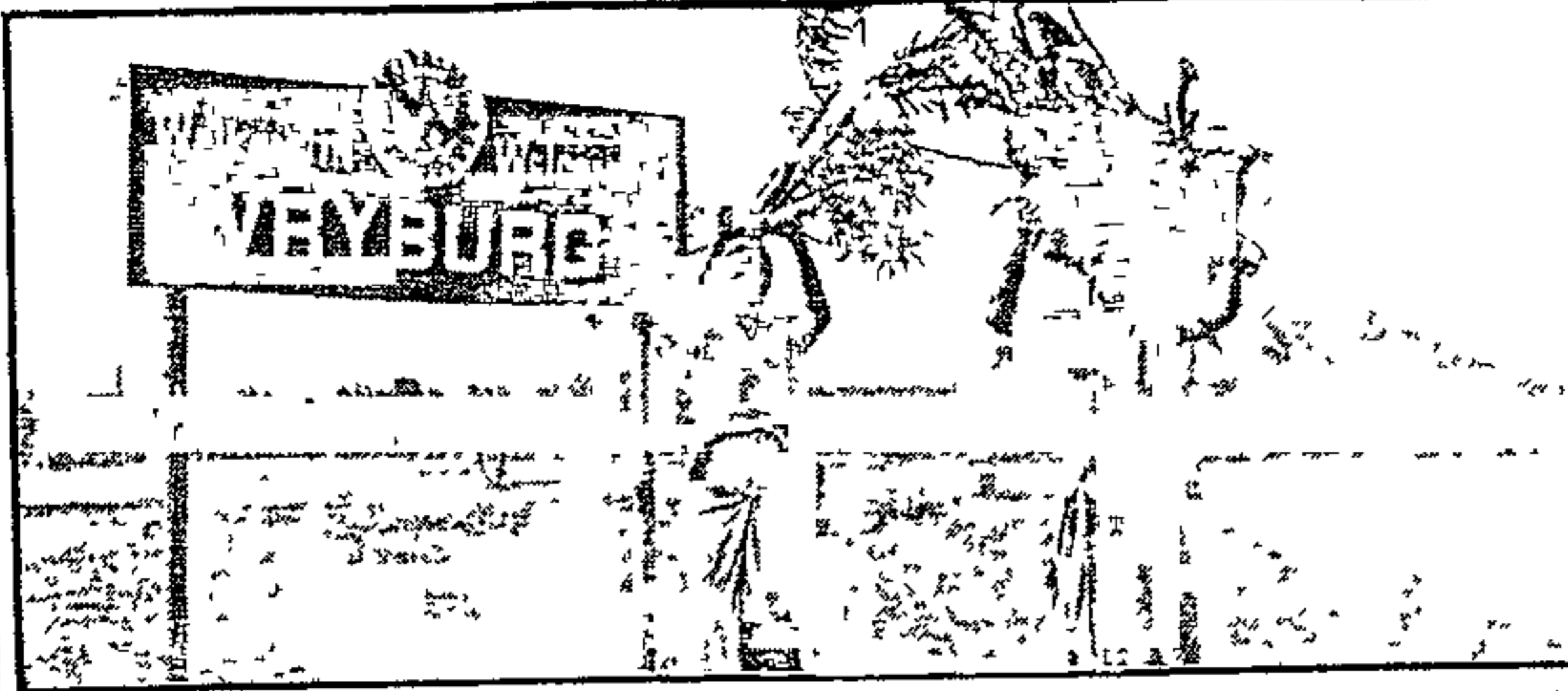
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Welcome to Vryburg



● The different faces of Vryburg — a sign of welcome, but for whom? Blacks living in the 'hovels' of nearby Huhudi face rent

(But if you're black, not after 9pm. An

By ARLENE GETZ
 BLACK people are not allowed to walk the streets of Vryburg after nine at night — but half of the town's council would like to hear a siren or a bell ringing to remind them about it

They would also like to see the 20 000 residents of the nearby Huhudi township moved lock, stock and barrel to the Bophuthatswana town of Pudimoe, 50km away, and fences built around the town's parks to keep out black servants

Clearly the Northern Cape town is one of the bastions of the far-Right. It is also a prime example of the schizophrenic results of trying to 'reform' apartheid. While town councillors who support the far-Right Herstigte Nasionale Party and the Conservative Party are quite open about their hard-line black policies, National Party members toe a more enlightened line.

"We're the Left-wing here," remarked an NP councillor wryly this week. Yet they aren't quite 'liberal' enough to reject totally the racist moves advocated by those they term "the ungodly"

Last year the Vryburg town council unanimously decided to ask for the return of the curfew which forbids blacks to be on the streets between 9pm and 4am without special permission from their employers.

The motion was introduced by HNP supporter Mr Willem Kotze and supported by the NP "because they felt the people of the town wanted the curfew brought back"

NP members were not, however, in favour of such an unsubtle device as a bell or a siren. A curfew already on the statute books was acceptable as a device against "inadequate" vagrancy laws and "suspicious" behaviour, but the Nats did not want to act against "well-behaved blacks".

The issue surfaced again with the September induction

ROW OVER AXING OF LAWYERS

VRYBURG was rocked when the town council axed its legal firm at a meeting this week

The dismissal — which had immediate effect — has caused a bitter political row in a town council split between supporters of the National Party and the far-Right parties.

NP sources have accused Herstigte Nasionale Party councillor Mr I A Mollentze of suggesting the change because a member of the former legal firm, Mr Jo-

han Scheepers, successfully opposed him in the last provincial council elections

HNP members have denied this

The mayor, Mr Willem Kotze, said this week he had agreed to dismiss the former lawyers because one of the members of the newly-appointed firm was experienced in council work.

"There was nothing political about the move," said Mr Kotze

of Mr Kotze as mayor His appointment gave him the casting vote in a council deadlocked by an equal number of Right-wing and NP supporters.

But in an interview this week he said his plea for a siren had continued to fall on

the deaf ears of police and administration board officials.

"It is out of our hands now," he said with regret.

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A Vryburg police man confirmed this was the case, but police would question body — black or white acting suspiciously

The issue of "whites only" signs and off Vryburg's parks blacks — rejected because of the R30 involved — is also be resurrected.

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The dam that's destroying

ORDER a meal in Vryburg and you're likely to find yourself facing a portion of food overflowing from the plate Vryburg's like that.

Situated in the far northern reaches of the Cape It is a place where everybody thinks big

The town itself isn't that big — it has about 30 000 people of all races — but the 200km-long Vryburg district is so large residents jokingly claim it is bigger than the Free State

HNP town councillor Mr 'Flip' Venter has lived in Vryburg for 22 years and has stood as a parliamentary candidate in several

general elections For him the prosperous little town has plenty of activities to offer its residents "There are lots of political meetings and sometimes we have wrestling matches," he explains, adding with a smile "Of course, a lot of drinking goes on too"

The town's younger generation don't agree with all of this

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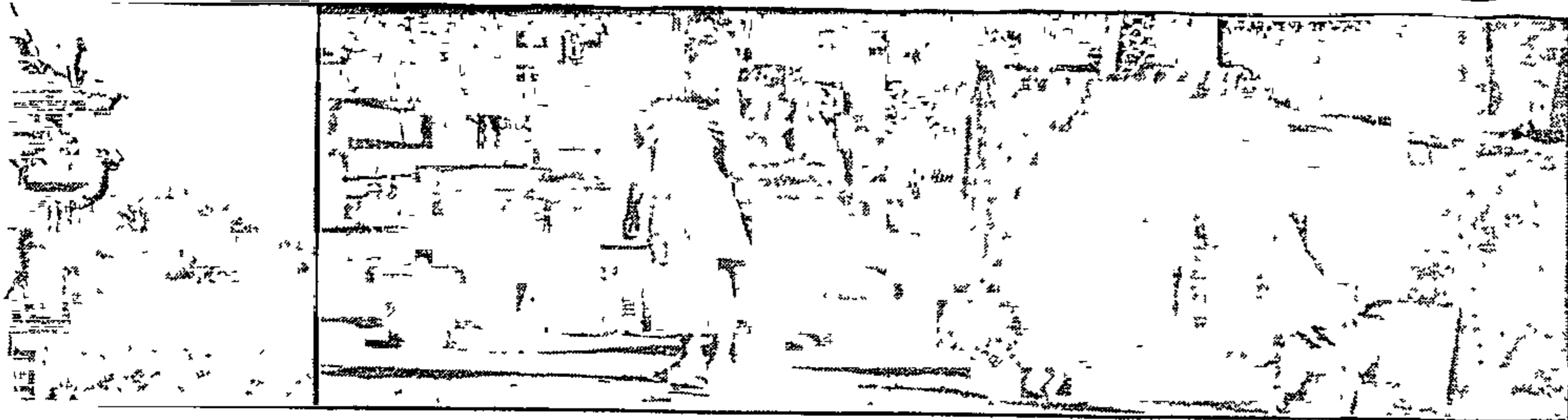
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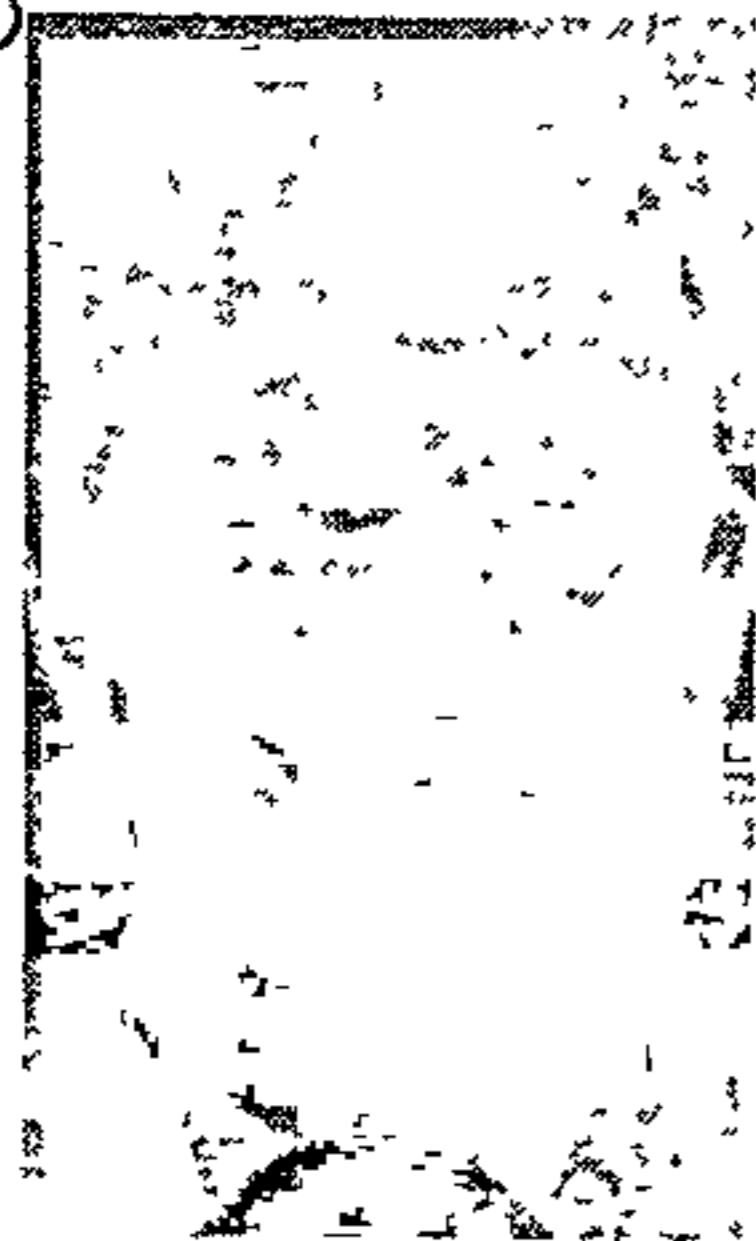
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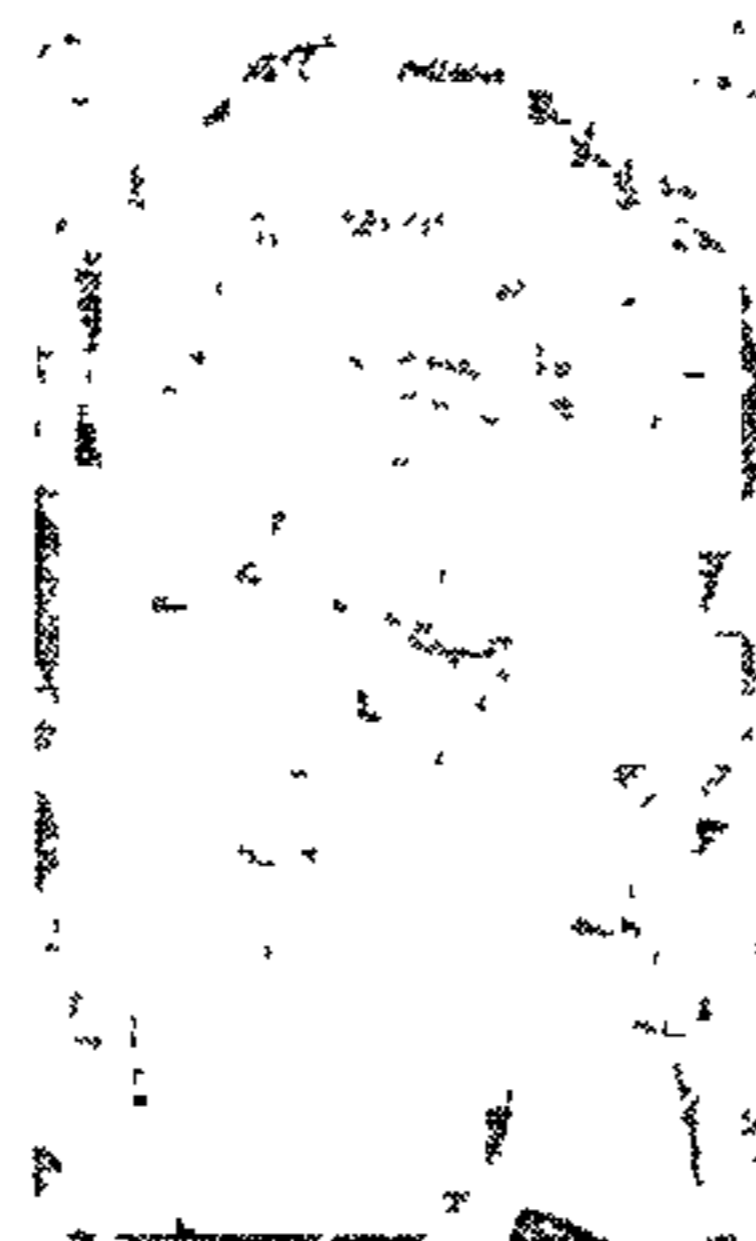
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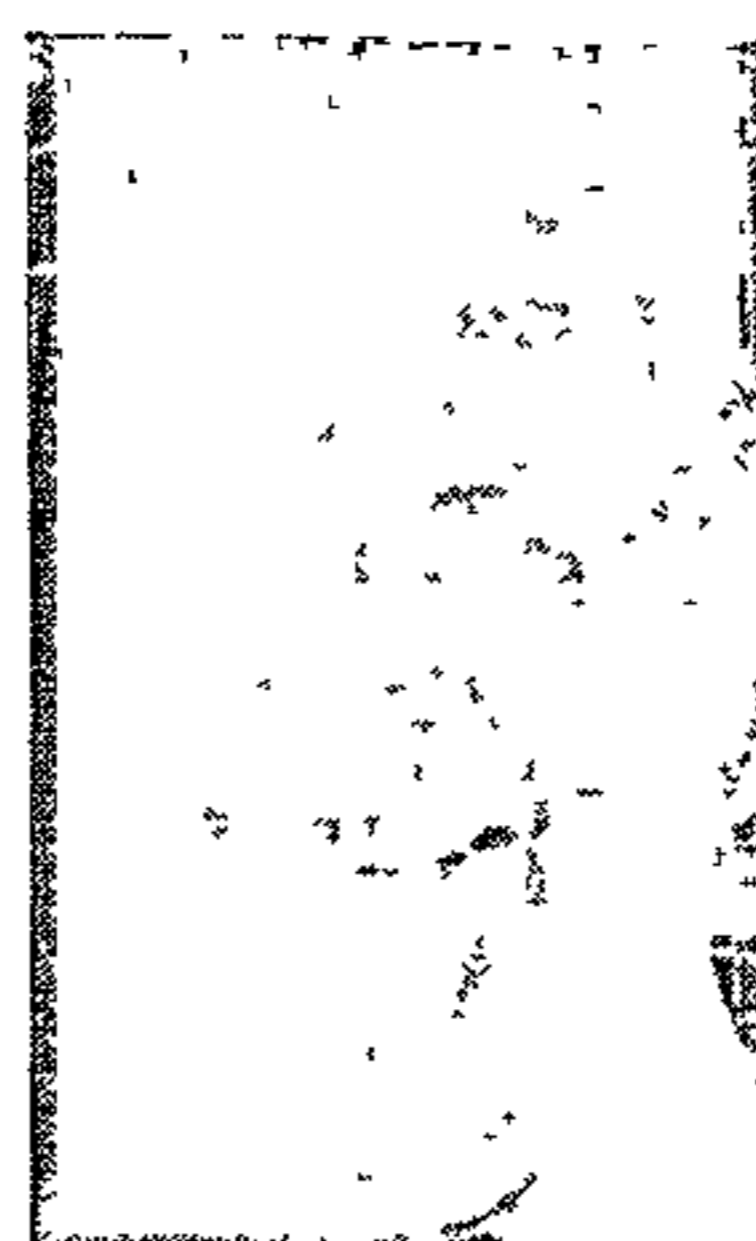
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It's not that they're open to



● Mr Edwin Frylnk backed by Nats

all races — NP policy dictates that parks should only be used by residents in their own group areas — but the occasional black nanny does visit with her white charges.

"We would still like to see the parks closed to blacks," HNP councillor Venter said.

Also high on the HNP's list of priorities is the removal of residents from Huhudi.

The move was first placed on the government's agenda almost 10 years ago, but a 1981 Sunday Express investi-

gation highlighting the seven years of uncertainty for Huhudi residents elicited a promise from the Department of Co-operation and Development that people would not be moved against their will

The move was vigorously opposed by the local business community, but, according to the HNP's Mr Venter, trade would not be adversely affected.

"Live-in workers and hostel residents would still be in Vryburg and the people would still come here to work and shop," he said.

Again local NP members are reluctant to condemn it completely and speak of "a gradual and responsible movement" of people living in "hovels"

Huhudi was the scene of unrest in July when a secondary school was forced to close for a month and 31 people were arrested after more than 500 pupils complained of corporal punishment for overdue school fees, medical and library fees and a shortage of textbooks

It is not known exactly how many Huhudi residents have already agreed to move to Pudimoe.

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One of the current issues is division within the city council over the building of a 10km-long dam at nearby Tiger Kloof.

Consultant engineers have reported it would not be viable and could take seven years to fill, but HNP councillors are determined to go ahead

NP councillors claim the idea is ludicrous and decided last year to build a 100-mega-litre reservoir for R4.2-million

However, the appointment of HNP mayor Mr Willem Kotze has seen Right-wing councillors again trying to obtain council appro-

val for a dam and holiday resorts

The issue was almost resolved this week when former bank manager Mr Hennie Venter — a supporter of the proposed dam — stood as an independent candidate in a municipal by-election

Had Mr Venter been elected, he would have held a deciding vote in a council evenly split between HNP and NP supporters, but he was narrowly beaten by former councillor Mr Edwin Frylnck.

Although Mr Frylnck also stood as an independent, his candidature was supported by the National Party and he has refused to state his position on the dam issue

Tight security planned for black polling stations

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Staff Reporters

AS feelings mount over the boycott campaign against Thursday's Community Council elections, comprehensive security measures are planned at polling stations in Cape Town's three black townships

Dr Gert du Preez, a spokesman for the Western Cape Administration Board, said today that voters would be able to go to the polls with "easy minds" There were adequate security arrangements

The Cape Town Community Council elections are being held in terms of the Community Council Act of 1977 and not in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act of 1982, which applies in the black urban areas of the Transvaal

Councils upgraded

A WCAB spokesman said 25 councils in the country had been upgraded in terms of the new Act to municipal status and the position of the Cape Town Community Council was under consideration

As the Western Cape Civic Association, an affiliate of the United Democratic Front, calls on voters to boycott the polls, there have been several incidents of harassment and disruption

The latest involved a hoaxer who called two fire engines and an ambulance to a UDF meeting in Hanover Park

Time off to vote

Forty-nine 49 candidates in 21 wards are contesting council elections

And as the boycott campaign intensifies with a meeting planned in Nyanga tonight, the Western Cape Administration Board has appealed to employers to allow workers time off to vote in "this democratic election"

"This will prevent a rush on the polls at 5pm," said Dr du Preez

There are 46 805 people in Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga entitled to vote in the elections

Eight members of the Guguletu Residents' Association are standing in opposition to the present council

The chairman of the existing council, Mr Elliot Lubelwana, is standing in Ward 8 in Guguletu against Mr Gideon Sigabi

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Former Pebco head injured in PE clashes

By JIMMY MATYU

A FORMER president of the Port Elizabeth Black Civic Organisation (Pebco), Mr Ntsiki Sapeta, was seriously injured and a car overturned and set alight during violent clashes between klerie-wielding men of the Zamukulungisa Party and members of the Port Elizabeth Youth Congress (Peyco) outside the Centenary Great Hall, New Brighton, yesterday.

The party was having its final meeting in its bid to get votes in the black town council elections on Thursday and at the same time hosting the celebrations for the second anniversary of Ciskei's independence, organised by the PE committee of the Ciskei National Independence Party.

According to eye-witnesses, the owner of the car was asked by youths to stop urging people to vote for the Zamukulungisa Party and when he refused they set upon him, overturned his car and set it alight after he was dragged out.

Police who arrived in six patrol vans fired teargas to disperse the crowd of on-lookers. Two fire engines also arrived on the scene.

Major Gerrie van Rooyen, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, today said the car, driven by Mr Jackson Anthony, stalled when it reached a crowd of about 200 youths. He and his wife, Mavis, climbed out before the youths set it alight.

The Evening Post was told by eye-witnesses that the attack on Mr Sapeta happened earlier on after he was chased and caught near Norongo Street. He was taken

to the Livingstone Hospital.

Dr E W Michaels, deputy superintendent of the hospital, said today that Mr Sapeta was admitted last night with an eye injury and was in a satisfactory condition.

The leader of the Zamukulungisa Party, Mr Norman Kaulela, said today "We, as a party, are sorry about this incident. We are against violence and we don't want any stigma on the party. Our campaigns have been characterised by peace."

The secretary of Pebco, Mr Vuyisile Ohphant, last night condemned what he called the "unprovoked act of aggression against unarmed and defenceless youths."

A stern warning was given today by Major Van Rooyen to youths who took part in last night's stonings and incidents in Ntshekisa Street not to repeat their actions.

"These actions will not be permitted or condoned. Strict action will be taken against the youths unless they stop their activities and police will give the necessary protection to those who want to vote in the elections," he said.

Major Van Rooyen appealed to people whose property was damaged last night to contact Major G J Alberts or Lieutenant J P Minnaar at New Brighton Police Station.

He said people need not fear because their statements and information would be treated as confidential.

The police needed help in trying to track down the ringleaders so that normality could be restored.

(Report by Jimmy Matyu, 19 Baakens Street, Port Elizabeth)

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Five placard carriers held for questioning

By JIMMY MATYU

A TRADE unionist and four members of a youth organisation were picked up by security police in Kwanobuhle and MacNaughton townships in Uitenhage today while carrying placards demonstrating against the elections of the first black town council for the town.

They are Mr Tembani Sibidla, Mr Mongameli Madaki, Miss Nopetese Spayi, Mr Norman Kona, all members of the Uitenhage Youth Congress and the Uitenhage Black Civic Organisation, and Mr Aubrey Mali, the organiser of the Uitenhage branches of the Motor Assemblers and Components Workers' Union of Africa (Macwusa) and the General Workers Union of South Africa (Gwusa).

The message on the placards was "Akuvotwa" ("We don't vote").

Colonel G Erasmus, head of the secur-

ity police in the Eastern Cape, said the people were hindering people at bus stops. They were released after they were questioned.

There were no elections in Uitenhage today because all members who were serving in the Community Council were re-elected unopposed to the new black Town Council.

The four congress members were demonstrating at the bus terminus in Bantom Street, Kwanobuhle, at 6am, while Mr Madaki was at Maduna Street bus terminus in McNaughton township.

Mr Fikile Kobese, an executive member of Macwusa and Gwusa, said the security police photographed the demonstrators with the placards before picking them up and confiscating the placards.

(Report by Jimmy Matyu, 19 Baakens Street, Port Elizabeth)

Petrol bomber election

Homes of five
black council
candidates hit

By JIMMY MATYU

PETROL bombs were thrown through the windows of the homes of five candidates taking part in the elections for the new black town council in Port Elizabeth, during the early hours of today.

Some damage was done to the homes belonging to Mrs Mabel Cetu, of White Location, who is contesting Ward 4 for the Zamukulungisa Party, and two party colleagues, Mrs Martha Makelemi, of Kwazakele, who is standing for Ward 10, and Mr Tamsanqa John Ncama, of Kwazakele, who is contesting Ward 11

The other homes attacked were of two candidates for the Asnamah Party

One was that of Mr Norris Singapi, of New Brighton, former chairman of the Port Elizabeth Community Council, and the leader of the party, who is contesting Ward 3. The other home attacked belongs Mrs L Salayi, of Kwazakele, who is contesting Ward 13

All the candidates were at the polling booths today

A spokesman for the Cetu family said they were awakened at 3am by a loud explosion

"We woke up to find the whole house dense with smoke and there were flames. We were frightened but we managed to keep calm"

She thanked their neighbours for responding immediately to their cries for help

She said two petrol bombs were hurled through a lounge window and Mrs Cetu's bedroom window. She said the walls and ceiling were scorched, and a couch and small stool destroyed. Damage was estimated at R600

Mr S A Mpondo, a candidate for the same party, said there was slight damage to the homes of Mrs Makelemi and Mr Ncama

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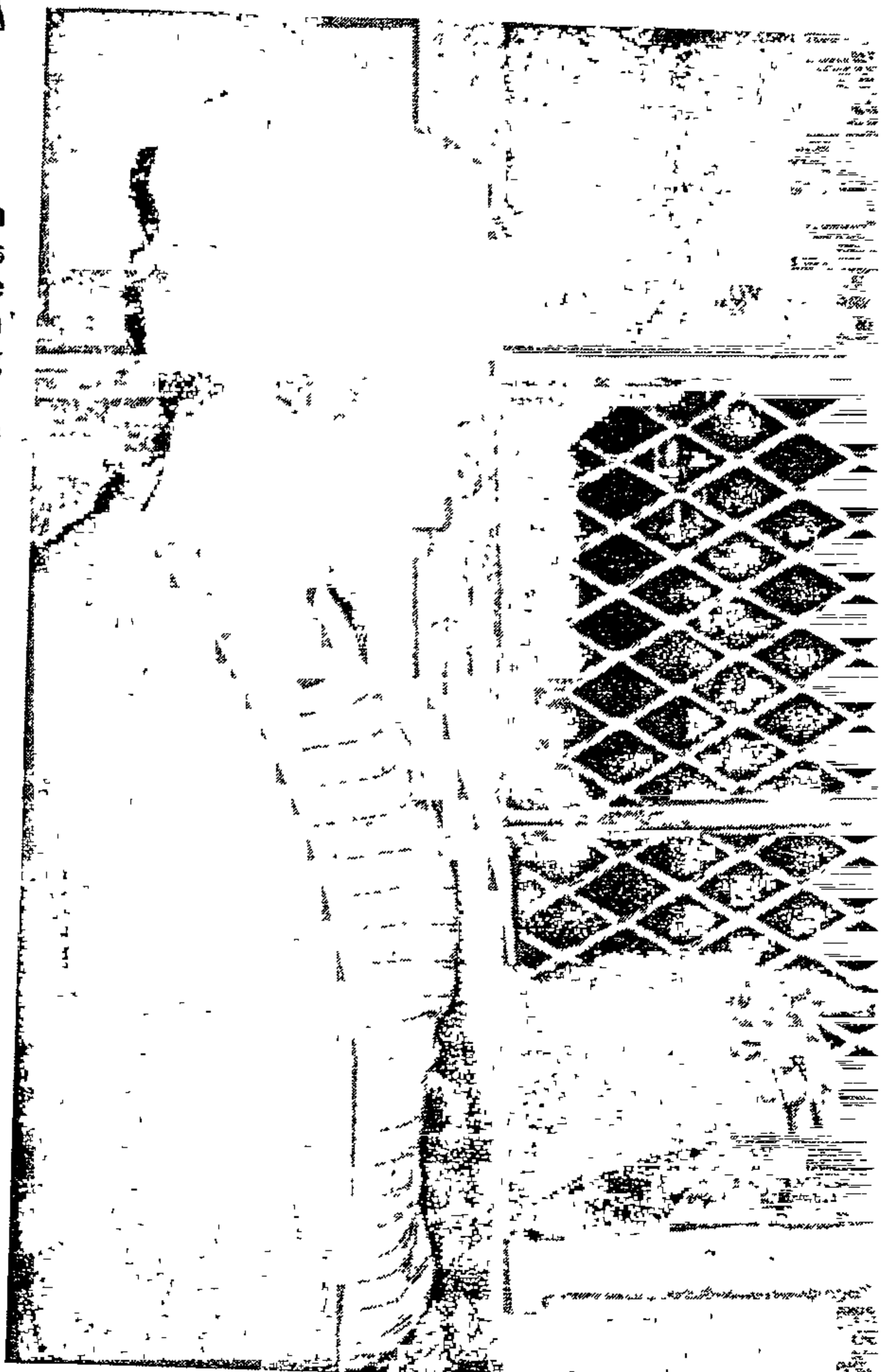
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(Report by J Matyu, 19 Baakens Street, Port Elizabeth)

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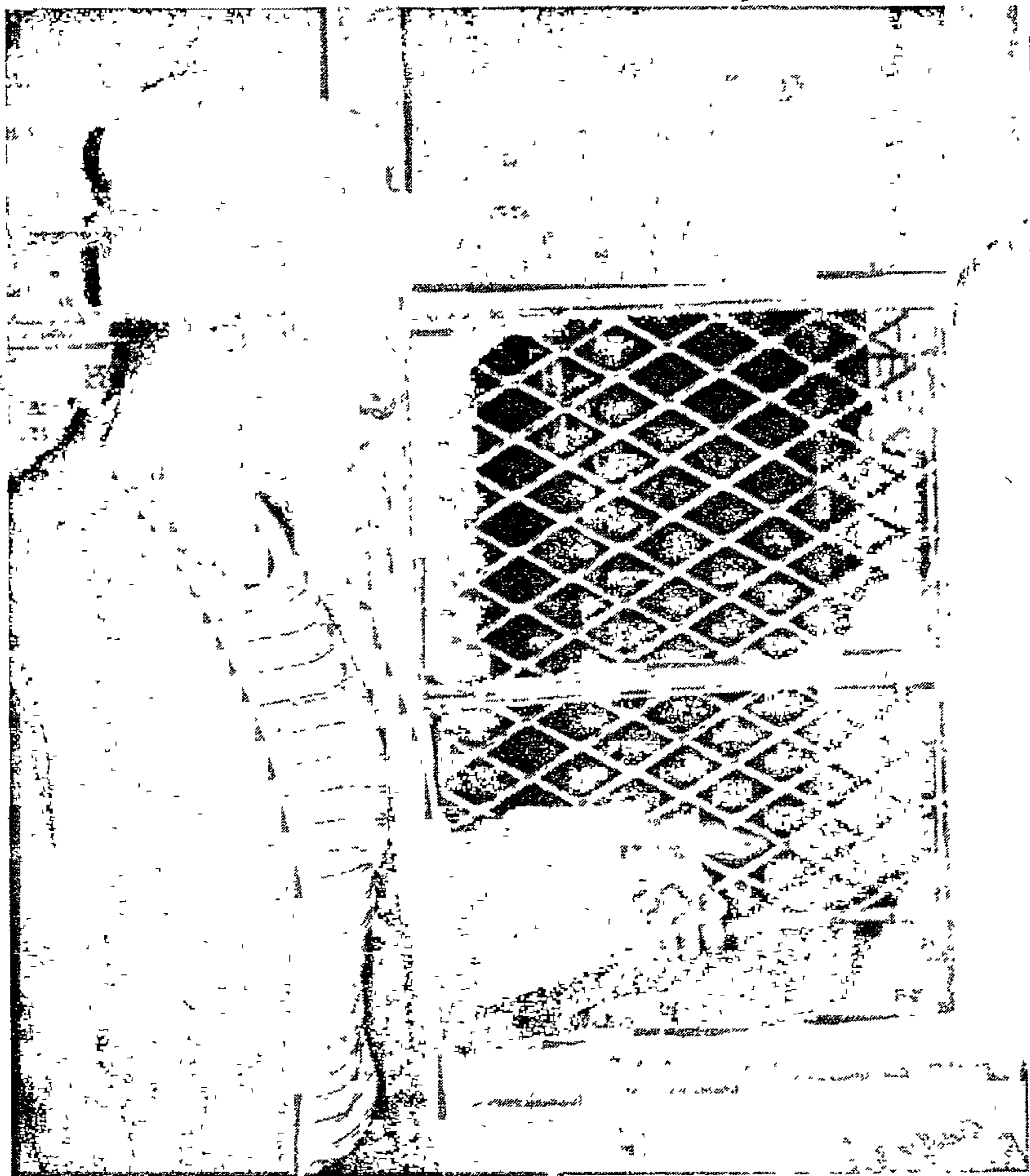


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BLITZ ON THE LAW-BREAKERS



Beach constables are going to tighten up control of Atlantic coastline beaches over the summer.

Big increase in police for beach patrols

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By GRAHAM BROWN
Weekend Argus Reporter

CAPE TOWN municipality's beach constabulary will increase by 50 percent this month allowing it to extend patrols along the Atlantic coastline to watch out for, among others, unleashed dogs, pitching of tents, surfing in bathing-only areas, illicit hawking and loiterers

They will also be keeping an eye on power-boats and jet-skis, which for safety reasons may not approach within 100 m of any bather. This regulation is broken particularly often at Clifton.

The warning comes from the city council's manager of seaside attractions, Mr Jack Kloppers, who added that 35 new beach constables were being trained to spring into action on December 17, bringing the force's strength to 104.

The larger force means that regular patrols will be extended to Clifton and to Mnandi beach, between Strandfontein and Macassar. Last year, they added Camps Bay and Strandfontein to their beat.

The constables will also be on duty at the various vleis. At Sandvlei they now use a patrol boat on weekends to keep board-sailors out of harm's way during yacht races.

The number of spot-fines handed out to offenders has soared from 57 in 1980/81 to 532 in 1981/82 and 1 213 in 1982/83. Warnings jumped from 573 in 1980/81 to 1 202 in 1982/83.

Arrests — mainly for drunkenness and smoking dagga — have remained constant at around 100 a year. But Mr Kloppers said that public beach behaviour had shown a big improvement since the patrols started in December 1979.

Spot-fines include R15 for having dogs in a bathing area or boating too close to bathers, R10 for loitering, playing ball games in a crowded area or removing beach sand, and R30 for drunken driving of a power boat on the vleis.

The beach constables are not used to enforce beach apartheid.

The Divisional Council has launched a campaign this year to crack down on horses, trailbikes and dune buggies on the beaches, which can mean fines up to R20 and automatic prosecution for reckless driving.

The council's chief traffic officer, Mr Les Kirk, said it had bought two trailbikes to patrol for offenders — one for areas such as Long Beach, Kommetjie and Noordhoek, and the other for Bloubergstrand and Melkbos.

The Divisional Council's biggest problem after carelessly lit fires is the feeding of baboons — a well-meant tourist habit that in fact means death for the animals.

Council officials have to shoot baboons that they find have been fed — particularly in the Kommetjie, Scarborough, Miller's Point and Smitswinkel's Bay areas — because they become aggressive and a danger to people.

The council's chief administration officer for amenities, Mr Christopher Molyneux, said "When you feed a baboon, it thinks you're being subservient to it. The next time it won't wait to be offered food, it will demand it."

Among the improvements at Western Cape beaches this year are a new tidal pool at Maiden's Cove, together with sun-bathing lawns and parking space, a "super-tube" slide at Strandfontein Point, and a new children's playground behind the promenade at Muizenberg.

The Strand boasts the first watershoot in the Western Cape, and is about to open a mini go-cart racing course and a miniature golf course.

Early next year the Gordon's Bay municipality plans to start work on a large tidal pool and beach promenade.

Equal treatment is black 'mayor'

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By JIMMY MATYU

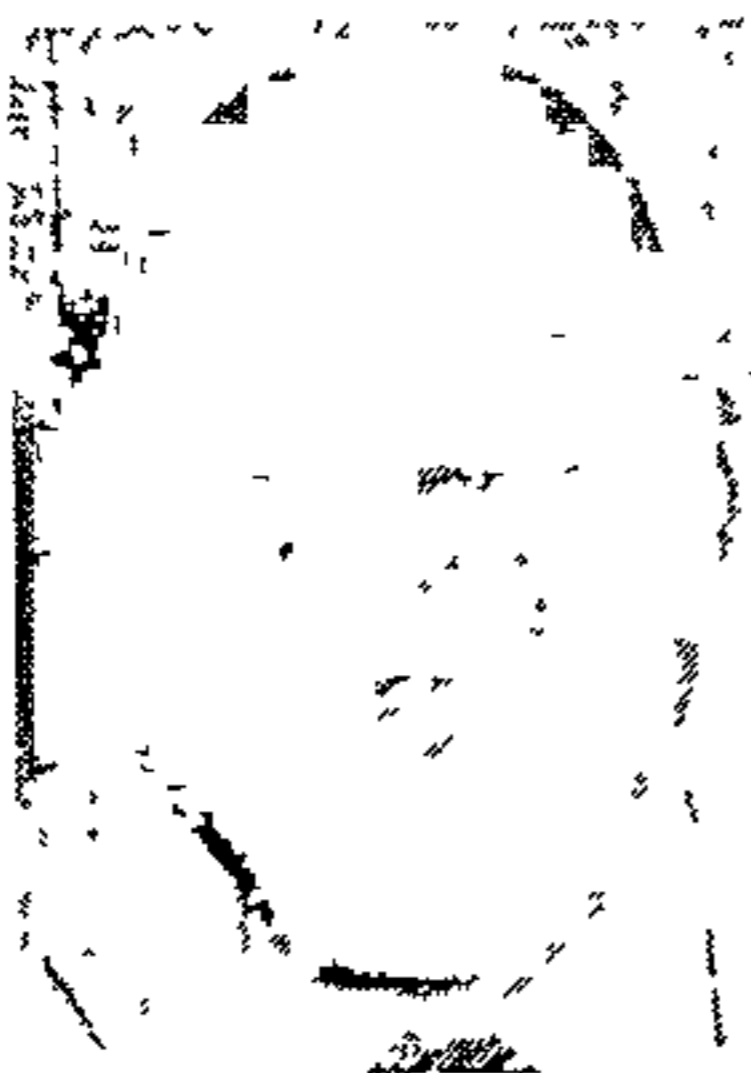
EQUAL treatment for all residents was the promise made yesterday by the winner of the first election for the Kayamandi Black Authority

Mr Norman Kaulela, leader of the Zamukulungisa Party which carried the day in the election for Algoa Bay's first black town council — and set to be its first mayor — assured residents of fair treatment irrespective of party affiliations

Speaking after the announcement of the election results, a relieved and jubilant Mr Kaulela — a New Brighton higher primary schoolteacher — said

"I must express my party's gratitude to our supporters and to the media for the fair and objective reporting of our campaigns"

The Zamukulungisa Party scored a resounding victory over their rivals, the Asinamali Party led by Mr



Mr NORMAN KAULELA .. first promise

Norris Singapi, former school principal and first chairman of the Port Elizabeth Community Council

"We really deserved to win because of the months of hard work and sweat we put into our campaigns

Mr Kaulela said the eyes of the community, the country and of the world would now be focused on the newly-elected black councils and how they fared in running the affairs of the

community

"I want to tell everybody my council will be realistic in its dealings with each member of the community and I want to assure everybody that my party members bear no grudges against those who opposed either them or the elections

"All we want to do is to be of good service to the community We don't want divisions

"In fact, our main wish is that people should come forward with suggestions for improving conditions in the townships All these will be forwarded to Pretoria," he said

Mr Kaulela said his council would press for the introduction of all the new, greater powers the Government had promised

Mr Vuyisile Oliphant, secretary of the Port Elizabeth Black Civic Organisation, felt the low turnout of voters — the percentage poll was 16,9 — showed the

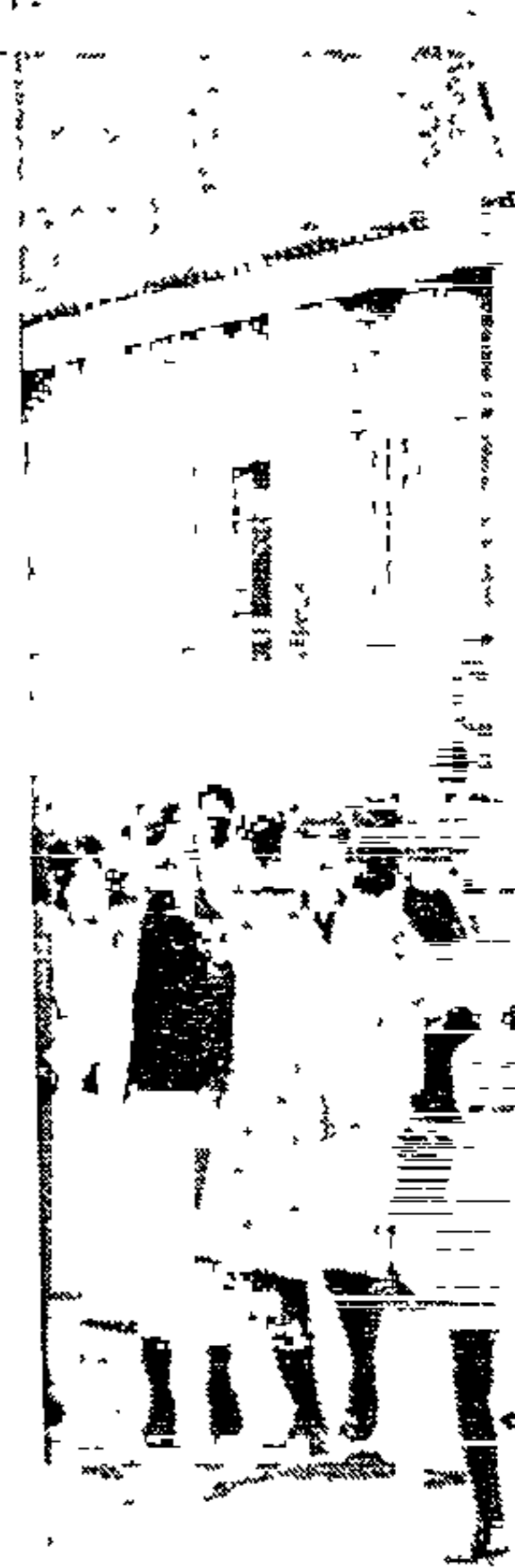
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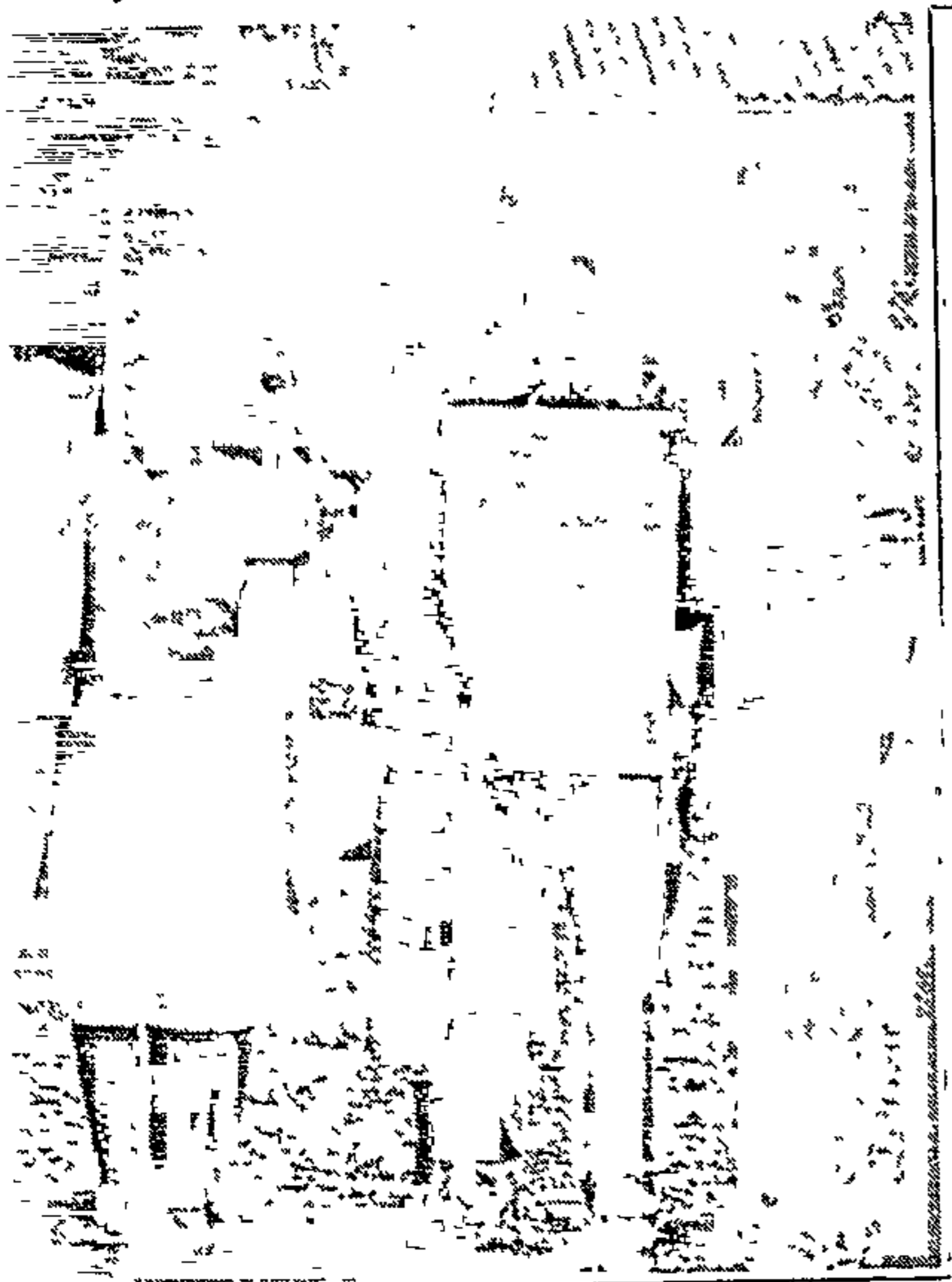
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Above: A long queue of Kwazakele voters at the Daku Hall polling station.

Below: Youths hold placards outside the Molefe Higher Primary School polling booth in New Brighton. Behind them are women singing and urging people to come forward and vote.



Election 'war' in PE

PETROL BOMBS were thrown through the windows of the homes of five candidates in the black Port Elizabeth "Town council" elections early yesterday.

The homes that were damaged were those of Mrs Mabel Cetu of White Location, who is contesting Ward 4 for the Zamukulungisa Party, Mrs Martha Makeleni of Kwazakele, standing for Ward 10, Mr Tamsanqa John Ncama of Kwazakele, Ward 11, and two can-

~~314~~ ~~11A~~ ~~214~~ ~~263~~ candidates of the Asinamali Party, Mr Norris Singapi, of New Brighton, former chairman of the Port Elizabeth Community Council, who is contesting Ward 3, and Mrs L Salayi of Kwazakele, contesting Ward 13.

A spokeswoman for the Cetu family said that they were woken at 3 am by a loud explosion.

"We woke up to find the whole house dense with smoke and flames"

She said two petrol bombs were hurled through a lounge window and Mrs Cetu's bedroom window Mrs Cetu and two other people were sleeping in the room.

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tioned at all the polling stations

Meanwhile the president of the Port Elizabeth Youth Congress, Mr Mkhoseni Jack, was held on Wednesday by Security Police.

Mr Jack said he was questioned about the clash between members of his organisation and that of the Zamukulungisa Party at a meeting in New Brighton last Sunday

Govt to launch new local affairs council next year

By CHRIS FREIMOND
Political Correspondent

THE Council for the Co-ordination of Local Government Affairs, which is expected to play a leading role in developing the Government's plans for regional and local authorities under the new constitutional dispensation, will be established on January 1, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, announced yesterday.

Speaking at a Press conference in Pretoria, Mr Heunis said the establishment of the council represented "another milestone in South Africa's constitutional development".

The council will include representatives of local and regional government for whites, coloureds and Indians. Its establishment is in terms of the Promotion of Local Government Affairs Act, which was passed by Parliament earlier this year.

The council has been described by

some observers as the "President's Council" for local and regional government. Its recommendations are likely to form the basis of future developments on regional and local levels.

The council's main task will be to investigate all aspects of local government and then make recommendations to the Government.

Mr Heunis said yesterday one of the council's first functions at its inaugural meeting on January 30 would be to appoint investigating committees into matters affecting local government under the new constitutional deal.

The Council will be used by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning to co-ordinate central, provincial and local levels of government in terms of a President's Council recommendation that there should be a department at central level responsible for local government, he said.

The council will be chaired by the

Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning and will include the four provincial Administrators, the members of the executive committees responsible for local government, the directors general of Constitutional Development and Planning and Internal Affairs.

It will also have a representative of the Department of Finance, the secretary of the United Municipal Executive, and the secretary of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Associations of Coloured and Indian Consultative, Local Affairs and Management Committees.

There will also be 10 representatives of local authorities, two for regional rural authorities, 10 for the Ad Hoc Committee, two for the Association of Management Boards of Rural Coloured Areas, two for the executive committee of the SA Indian Council, and representatives of the Institute of Town Clerks, the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants and the Institute of Municipal Engineers.

Move for more cash for municipalities

By JEANETTE MINNIE
Municipal Correspondent

COMMERCE and industry will become major sources of revenue for the country's hard-pressed local authorities if the Government approves the recommendations of the Croeser Working Group, which is looking into municipal finances.

Informed municipal and Government sources disclosed yesterday that the Croeser Working Group was likely to make final recommendations early next year about additional sources of revenue for municipalities.

But there are also indications that the private sector fears the proposed sources of revenue could lead to price increases, damage the country's economic performance and even undermine financial control.

In the latest issue of "Local Government" the Director-General of Finance, Mr Gerhard Croeser, chairman of

the Croeser Working Group, outlines some of the recommendations.

These are that.

- The turnovers of all business institutions, industries and service industries be taxed

- Commerce and Industry should be taxed on the value of their investments in buildings and production equipment.

- Taxes should be levied on the overall amount paid out to company employees in wages and salaries irrespective of their race.

Mr Croeser also recommends that the traditional source of municipal revenue — assessment rates — be continued but that the rates be levied on both the value of property sites and improvements such as buildings and houses, and not only on site value as at present

He says the turnover tax will essentially replace trade licences and that it would amount to a very small tax

"I am thinking in terms of only tenths of a percentage point on the turnover of the

previous year as the basis for a scale," he says

Mr Croeser says in the report that taxes on investments would also be very low and that this would help to counter the possible effect of employment tax leading to more mechanisation and the creation of less employment opportunities.

"I realise fully that commerce and industry will have to pay these taxes, but I also know that they will pass on the load to the consumer, who will reap the benefits of the system."

The chief executive of Assocom, Mr Raymond Parsons, said yesterday that Assocom had approved a motion as a result of the recommendations at its national congress in October and as a result of the motion the Government had promised to consult Assocom early in the new year.

The Assocom motion says Assocom fears that the recommendations would "lead to the undermining of overall financial control and discipline, would result in addi-

tional taxes which would have a cascading effect on prices at the national and local level and that it would damage the economic performance of South Africa".

The chairman of Johannesburg's management committee, Mr Francois Oberholzer, welcomed the Croeser Working Group's recommendations yesterday and said such additional sources of revenue would especially benefit emerging local authorities, who could not rely on traditional sources such as assessment rates

He also said the recommendations were welcome in view of the failure of the Browne Committee of Investigation in 1981 to recommend any additional sources of revenue for local authorities

The Browne Committee report was met with an outcry from local authorities in 1981 when it said local authorities could solve their financial problems by better management and training and generally improved effectiveness

Council move on public transport

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Staff Reporter

THE City Council has recommended the establishment of a metropolitan transport authority (MTA) which would be responsible for fares and the control of public transport

Commenting on a report by the City Engineer, Mr J Brand, on the recommendations of the Welgemoed Commission on bus passenger transportation, Mr Frank van der Velde said yesterday that it was an "outstanding statement of policy on public transport"

"Teeth"

Mr Brand's report was adopted by the City Council

Mr van der Velde said the "urban transport scene" should be headed by a local body "But an MTA must have teeth and finances"

One source of finance for subsidising fares would be a petrol tax, Mr van der Velde said

"People in our cities who most need public transport have been moved out to the periphery They are forced to use public transport over long distances Tariff structures should subsidise commuters and not the companies"

Mr Sam Gross said that while he supported the Welgemoed Commission's recommendation that applications for public transport tariff increases be made on a regular basis, he could not support the suggestion that the applications be heard in camera

"This would mean that the public will not be able to express its views on issues of this kind"

Mrs Eulalie Stott said public transport would not be adequately supported "until the safety, comfort and convenience of people who have to use it is given priority"

She said it was essential that people who sat on the MTA be accountable to the local population

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AMC head attacks Council

By **EBRAHIM MOOSA**

IN AN attack on the City Council yesterday, the Rev Edward Manikkam, acting-president of the Association of Management Committees (AMC), termed the council's rejection of management committee involvement in its affairs as "racist".

At its monthly executive meeting on Thursday, the council reaffirmed its vow to fight for direct participation of all Cape Town's citizens in council affairs. It thereby rejected a management committee plea to be allowed to be involved in council affairs even without the right to vote.

'Contempt'

Reacting to this decision yesterday, Mr Manikkam, who is also a member of the House of Delegates, said "I cannot understand the City Council's stand. They don't represent all the citizens of Cape Town. They represent people on the white voter's roll, which is a racist roll and discrimination at the highest level.

"Who are they trying to cheat?" he asked "I treat their decision with the contempt it deserves"

City Council elections also had low polls, he said in response to Councillor John Sonnenberg's reference to low management committee polls.

The AMC was committed to direct representation and called for one common roll.

Previous direct representation council elec-

tions operated on the basis of a "qualified franchise" which eliminated most of the people living in Bonteheuwel, Manenberg and Bishop Lavis, Mr Manikkam said.

Asked if he was prepared to serve on the council without a vote, he replied "Yes, only under duress. In the meanwhile we will use every available mechanism to fight for the civic rights of our people."

Mr Fred Peters, Labour Party secretary and member of the House of Representatives for Silverton, yesterday termed the City Council's decision as "their typical pink liberal attitude".

Conscience

The matter would be raised at the LP's coming conference in Kimberley, he said.

Councillor David Bloomberg, responding to Mr Manikkam's criticisms, said yesterday "My conscience affirms that of the City Council is absolutely clear that we would welcome an open roll where all people of the City would be on one voters' roll. No citizen would be disqualified from standing for election."

Mr Jack Heeger, former councillor for Ward 17 who was barred from his post as councillor following legislation which disenfranchised coloured voters, yesterday "applauded" the council for fighting to keep the franchise open to people of all races.

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On Wages

Staff Reporter

THE migrant labour system, as well as influx control and the coloured labour preference policy in the Western Cape, had kept wages for unskilled labourers artificially high Professor J L Sadie, a professor of economics, told an industrial court hearing yesterday

He was giving evidence in the hearing to arbitrate on the wage dispute between the Cape Town Municipal Workers Association and the Cape Town Municipality, in which the 11 000-member association is demanding a "living wage"

Euphemism

Professor Sadie, a former director of the Bureau for Economic Research, told the court that additional forces which caused the "contrived scarcity" of unskilled labour and higher wages in the Western Cape were trade unions who catered for the interests of their members only

He said it made "absolute economic nonsense" to raise wages according to increases in the cost of living. This would perpetuate the spiral of "senseless inflation".

To raise municipal rates in order to pay a big increase would be "unjust to others", he said. If a living wage was defined as being what people needed to survive, it had to be noted that needs for different employees would be different according to their circumstances and their

'Contrived scarcity'

The term "living" in the demand for a "living wage" could easily become a euphemism for middle-class comfort

Professor Sadie warned that paying workers wages that were not determined by the free market would mean that South Africa would "price itself out of the international market"

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Cape Times 13/12/86

Sadie opposes 'living wage'

Staff Reporter

THE number of unskilled workers without full employment in South Africa would grow to more than five million by the end of the century if present labour practices continued, Professor Jan Sadie, emeritus professor of economics at the University of Stellenbosch, told an Industrial Court hearing yesterday.

Arguing against paying workers a "living wage", Professor Sadie said a "living wage" which caused labour to be overpriced meant a "no-wage situation for millions".

Giving evidence in the hearing to arbitrate on the wage dispute between the 11 000-member Cape Town Municipal Workers Association and Cape Town Municipality, Professor Sadie said there would be less capital available for the creation of jobs the more the country's national in-

come growth was absorbed by wage rises.

A policy of paying a "living wage" had to be weighed up against the "poverty and squalor" of those whose chances of employment were lessened by such wage practices.

He argued that the ripple effect of a "disproportionate rise in wages" of employees of Cape Town Municipality would mean there was a danger that the Western Cape would become an economic backwater, and that the action of the municipality in respect of wage policy could be emulated by others.

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TV a necessity for poor people — court told

Labour Reporter

TELEVISION was the only form of entertainment for many people living on the breadline, an Industrial Court has been told

Mr Denis Kuny SC, for the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, yesterday told a hearing to arbitrate on a wage dispute between the CTMWA and the council that TV was becoming a necessity rather than a luxury

Cross-examined by Mr Kuny, Mr Martin Brand, senior lecturer at the University of Stellenbosch graduate school of business, said he could not understand why some workers bought television sets with their annual bonuses rather than refrigerators

Mr Kuny replied that people living in poorer areas were afraid to go out at night or could not afford the transport for other forms of entertainment

CHALLENGED WAGE FIGURES

Earlier Mr Kuny challenged comparative wage figures produced by Mr Brand

Mr Brand had compared the actual minimum of R1,65 an hour paid by the council with gazetted minimums laid down by industrial councils in other industries. In many cases industries paid more than the legal minimum, Mr Kuny said

Mr Kuny also challenged Mr Brand's calculation that the average household income of municipal labourers was R463,80 a month.

Although, according to a union survey, only 32 percent of municipal labourers' wives worked, Mr Brand had averaged the extra income earned across all households

"This presents an incorrect picture. If I were one of the 68 percent of labourers without a working wife my income would be R386,50 a month"

Referring to Mr Brand's evidence on benefits received by labourers, assessor Mr Alec Erwin asked whether annual leave, which employers were legally obliged to provide, constituted a "quantifiable monetary benefit"

"Yes. Leave constitutes a cost to the employer," Mr Brand said

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Facts not checked — expert

Staff Reporter

MR A M BRAND, senior lecturer in Manpower Management at the University of Stellenbosch, yesterday told an industrial court hearing that he had not checked the accuracy of the material on which he based calculations presented to the court as evidence

Mr Brand, giving evidence in the hearing to arbitrate in the wage dispute between the Cape Town Municipal Workers Association (CTMWA) and the Cape Town City Council, acknowledged this during cross examination by Mr Dennis Kuny, appearing for the CTMWA

He said there had not been enough time to do full investigations for his evidence which showed that the average household size of municipal labourers was 2,4 Mr Brand has argued that the figure of a 5-member household on which the CTMWA based its demand for a "living wage" is not representative of the real size of workers' households

Tax forms

Mr Kuny argued that Mr Brand had no grounds for claiming he had "clear evidence" for saying that the average household size of CTMWA workers was 2,4 He asked Mr Brand if he had checked whether the information he based his calculations on — taken from tax forms filled in by workers when they began working for the municipality — had ever been updated

Mr Brand said he did not know Mr Harry Snitcher, appearing for the Cape Town City Council, interjected that he had told the court earlier the forms were updated "from time to time"

Documents were available they would show a different picture to the one arrived at by Mr Brand

In further cross-examination Mr Kuny quoted from a document presented to the court in which Mr Brand criticised a survey conducted for the CTMWA and set out criteria for assessing the credibility of research Among these Mr Brand said the question should be asked "Does the design answer the research question?"

'Best material'

Mr Kuny argued the tax forms on which Mr Brand based his calculations of household size were not designed to show the household size of employees The questions did not show if a worker was living with a woman without being married to her, he said Such information could alter calculations

Mr Brand acknowledged this but added the tax forms were the best material available on which to make calculations

Training

Mr Brand's document had also stressed the importance of the proper training of research interviewers so as to ensure that all questions were properly understood, said Mr Kuny He submitted it was not known whether the details of questions on the forms had ever been explained to employees filling them in and it was also not known whether all questions had been answered by all employees

Mr Brand said the guidelines he had set out were for the purpose of scientific research To apply them stringently in business situations would be "unrealistic" The hearing continues next week

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Too little

Mr Kuny said he was dubious about this since workers in the categories being discussed were earning too little to pay tax Changes in family size would make no difference to the workers' tax obligations He asked for the original documents to be made available for him to study

Mr Kuny said he suspected that if updated

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Evidence on City labourers' wages

By MARTINE BARKER

THE basic wage paid by the Cape Town Municipality to its labourers compared "well" with market rates, Mr A Brand, lecturer in Manpower Management at the University of Stellenbosch, told an Industrial Court hearing yesterday.

Mr Brand was giving evidence for the second day in the hearing to arbitrate in the pay dispute between the 11 000-member Cape Town Municipal Workers Association (CTMWA) and the municipality.

Mr Brand contended that although the average wage paid to municipal workers was below the market rate it did not follow "that this justifies a general wage increase" for labourers.

A problem in structure of wage scales in the municipality meant that individuals might be kept at the top of one job category and be unable to be promoted to the

next, said Mr Brand.

This problem could not be resolved by "piece-meal tinkering" with the structure but by a "pending job evaluation exercise".

Mr Brand said any meaningful assessment of wages received by employees had to include fringe benefits.

A 13th cheque added 8,33 percent to yearly wage earnings. If this was taken with such benefits as two weeks annual leave, pension fund and medical aid contributions, labourers added 30,83 percent to their earnings.

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Living wage 'not defined'

Staff Reporter
EVIDENCE put forward by the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA) had failed to establish what a "living wage" was, Mr Harry Snitcher, QC, told an Industrial Court hearing yesterday.

Mr Snitcher was opening the case for Cape Town City Council in the Industrial Court hearing to arbitrate in the wage dispute between the council and the CTMWA.

'Not proper'

The 11 000-member CTMWA has demanded an increase that would represent a 100 percent increase in minimum wages on the grounds that this would be a "basic living wage".

Mr Snitcher said he would lead evidence to show that the "so-called living wage formula" put forward by the CTMWA was "not a proper formula to be used to formulate wages".

The CTMWA's emphasis on an employer's duty to pay a "socially responsible wage" was designed to create an atmosphere which detracted from the proper function of wage determination which was the duty of the court, he said.

The first witness called by Mr Snitcher, Mr Abraham Martinus Brand, a senior lecturer in Manpower Management at the University of

Stellenbosch, presented a lengthy document to the court, arguing against points raised in evidence presented by the CTMWA.

Mr Brand contended that the approach of the CTMWA in calculating a living wage was flawed because the union had seized upon "arbitrary figures" in respect of the cost of rent and education.

Figures calculated by the CTMWA for these costs were "contrived, unrepresentative and without adequate factual foundation", he said.

Mr Brand said the union had seized upon the figure of a five-member household upon which to base its calculations, while there was clear evidence that the average household size among CTMWA members employed in the J903 and J904 categories was 2,4 members.

'Benefits'

Calculations by previous witnesses called by the union had not taken into consideration benefits of up to 30 percent of the cash wage that municipal workers received.

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Williams: no help for non-voters

EAST LONDON — Indians who are not registered voters will not get any help in civic matters from the acting chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Mike Williams

Mr Williams confirmed his stand yesterday following claims that he had refused to help people with housing matters because they were not on the voters' roll "As far as I am concerned, if a person shows such disinterest by not registering and participating in matters which affect his civic life, then he has no right to ask me to help him"

He explained that he was not asking anybody to vote and that his stand did not have anything to do with the August elections for the House of Delegates

"Some people say they will not register and vote for sell outs but when they have a housing problem, they know where to run to

"My stand is not victi-

misation I just feel that if people want community services, they must be prepared to participate by merely registering as a municipal voter which they are entitled to"

He agreed that less than 10 per cent of the Indians in East London participated in elections and said those who were not registered through ignorance, should be helped to do so

"They need merely go to the city hall and ask to be registered," Mr Williams said

The chairman of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr Johannes Temmers, said he did not ask anybody whether they were voters or not if they approached him for help

"Mr Williams may have a point but I have never questioned whether a person is a voter or not"

Mr Temmers said he helped people of all political persuasions

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By HILARY VENABLES

HUNDREDS of tenants in Divisional Council houses in Elsie's River live in fear of losing their homes because of an "inhuman" clause in their leases

According to a local attorney trying desperately to delay the inevitable eviction of her clients — mostly invalids — the lease allows the council to give tenants seven days' notice without having to give reasons

"These people are desperate. They have nowhere else to go and they just don't understand why they have to get out," she said

The attorney said most of her clients, after refusing to leave, had been served summonses giving three grounds for eviction

Alternative clauses

In addition to the clause allowing for seven days' notice, the summons quotes two alternative clauses claiming the tenant sold liquor illegally from his or her house, or caused a nuisance to neighbours

"In response, I sent the council requests for detailed particulars of the alleged offences," the attorney said

"Instead of supplying information to back its accusations, the council has sent the tenant an amended summons quoting only the first clause giving seven days' notice.

"It is completely arbitrary and leaves no grounds for defence," she said

One couple, Mr and Mrs W Solomons, and their six children, were thrown out of their flat last Friday after another attorney had failed to inform them of the date of their court appearance

"All their things were outside on the pavement and they had nowhere to go," the attorney said

"Mr Solomons is an asthmatic and has a heart complaint and his

Tenants fear 'inhuman' eviction clause



Mrs Maria Johnson, declared an "illegal tenant" after 12 years

wife, Joyce, is paralysed on one side after a stroke

"It was a desperate situation but I eventually managed to get a court order compelling the council to return their house to them," she said

"We are expecting the council to bring another action against them"

Another client, Mrs Maria Johnson, recently

received a summons addressed to her husband who died three years ago

As in other cases, the initial summons quoted the two alternative clauses as grounds for terminating the lease

"We made the same request for further particulars but nothing was forthcoming. The council then withdrew the action

"Now they tell her she is an illegal occupant because the lease is still in her husband's name

"She was married in community of property. The council has accepted her rent for the past three years but never offered her the option of signing the lease when her husband died"

Other cases which are still *sub judice* have followed the same pattern

"None of my clients have been in arrears so we just don't know what is behind all this. It is all so unjust," the attorney said

"The Divisional Council is directly responsible for the welfare and survival of these people. If it must evict them, it must find alternative accommodation. Otherwise it will force them to become squatters"

The chairman of the council's housing committee, Mr Dennis Lambert, said the controversial clause was common in leases

"It is there for a purpose and I see no reason to have it changed," he said, conceding he did not actually know why it was there

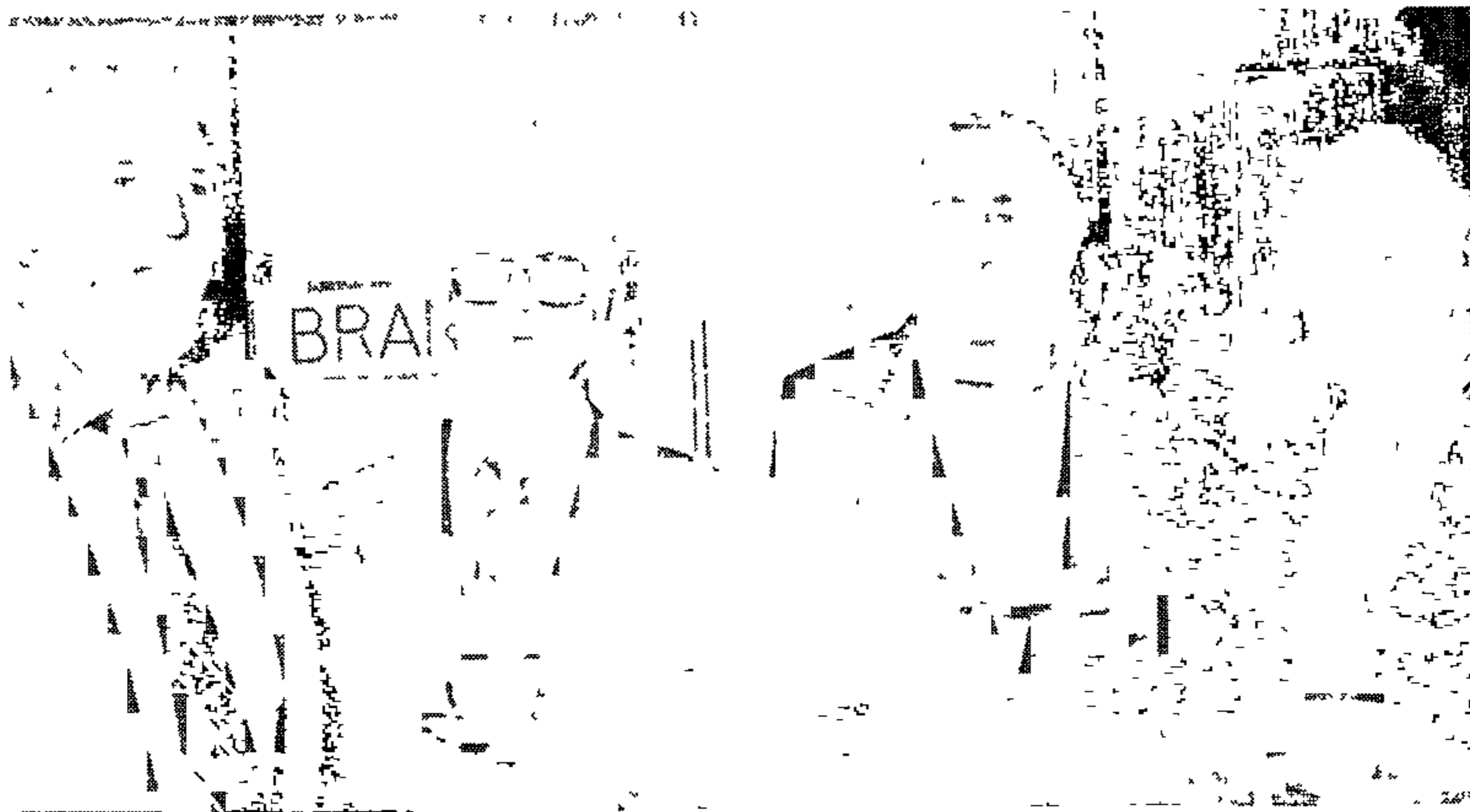
Proof of guilt

"We get our information from the police and it is only on production of proof of guilt that any ejection is instituted"

He said he could not comment on the council's failure to furnish proof of the alleged offences but said he would look into the matter

"I can assure you our sympathy is with these people. Our policy is to be as long-suffering as possible and we certainly don't want to add to the squatter problem," he said

The secretary of the Divisional Council, Mr W R Viviers, declined to comment unless queries were sent to him in writing. He had not responded last night to a telex requesting an explanation for the evictions



Councillors enjoying a cup of tea before listening to a speech by Mr Heunis in East London yesterday were (from left) Mr Brian Snell, Mr Wally Botha, Gonubie councillor Mr B Turton, and Mr Robbie de Lange

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Call to accept change in spirit of co-operation

EAST LONDON — The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, yesterday appealed to participants in local government to accept change in the spirit of co-operation

"No government system is complete without the different levels of government being bound together as a whole," he told a meeting of participants in local government

Mr Heunis said South Africans were living in serious times where there was resistance to change and adaptation

"We are living in times of rising expectations — expectations beyond the means of this country to satisfy

"Because this country is a country in transformation, there are inherent dangers in the sphere of reform. But no country or government will be prepared to have the process of transformation impeded or obstructed or destroyed by radicals who have other goals for our country"

It was not just good enough to accept that the status quo could not remain. People must be practical about their approach to change.

Local government was part of the political structure and it was quite obvious that the third tier of government

must implement national policies

"We must understand national policies. And here I am not talking about a political party. There can only be one national policy and that policy is laid down by the government of the day

"We must understand that and I may say in passing, very flippantly, that there are one or two councillors who think they run the country. But that does not apply here"

Earlier Mr Heunis outlined what he called the important milestones in the development of local government within the new dispensation including the crucial role of the Council for the Co-ordination of Local Government Affairs

whose recommendations on several investigations had been largely accepted

Six investigation committees had been established and reported on uniform electoral qualifications, the demarcation and areas of jurisdiction of local authorities, criteria for the establishment of viable local authorities, joint provision of services and regional services, supply of personnel for local authorities and control over local authorities

"In total the six committees made more than 120 recommendations, but all the recommendations have not yet been considered by the government

"Priority was given to those recommendations

which required legislation and which were important for the implementation of the new constitutional development on local government"

Mr Heunis said that with few exceptions, unanimous decisions were taken which gave hope for the scope of consensus government

"Although some members did and may still not agree with the guidelines laid down by the government, they were willing to co-operate in the search for appropriate and acceptable proposals for the complex problems of South Africa

"This is indeed practical evidence that unanimity is not a prerequisite for positive co-operation"



Also at Mr Heunis' meeting yesterday were Mr Len Cooper, East London councillor, and Mr Pat Rogers, MP for King William's Town



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New deal bodies on equal footing

EAST LONDON — Local authorities for the different ethnic groups participating in the new dispensation will all have equal status

This was confirmed by replies from the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, at a meeting here yesterday with councillors, municipal officials, politicians and members of

the coloured and Indian Management Committees

Mr Heunis also outlined clearly in replies how power would be devolved yet services would merge at the regional level

Replying to a question on regional councils by the mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, Mr Heunis said there was a fundamental

point of departure in that people lived in their own communities in South Africa.

"We must accept this as a point of departure but we must also accept that there are common matters between local authorities. When decisions affect all, all must be part and parcel of that decision

"The intention is to give all a chance to sit and decide on matters of common interest. This has not been the case up to now."

Mr Heunis said there were also economic considerations as services could be supplied cheaper on a bulk basis

Replying to a question by the deputy chairman of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr

Corrie Alexander, on where the CMC should go when it felt it was being left out of a decision affecting it, Mr Heunis said "Up to now there is no place you could have gone. With the establishment of regional councils and boards for matters of common concern, you will not go anywhere. You will be part of that council and if you still feel grieved in that council, you can appeal to the Administrator"

City councillor Mr Wally Botha wanted to know the exact area of jurisdiction of the CMC and Mr Heunis replied that it would have the same status as any other local authority

The Mayor of Beacon Bay, Mr Cyril Manthe,

wanted to know whether the elections in 1988 for all tiers of government would not break the continuity in local government

Mr Heunis explained that there had to be uniformity in elections as it would be impossible to have elections all over all the time

He also explained that there would be more continuity in the five-year term for councillors

"I know councillors and politicians. A year before the election you have to look after the voters instead of your job. A year after the election it is more the job I think you will understand what I mean."

Witness lied to CTMWA inquiry court

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Staff Reporter

A WITNESS for the Cape Town Municipal Workers Association this week told an industrial court that she repudiated part of her testimony after admitting that it was "not scientific"

Miss Alison Curry, a CTMWA projects organizer and witness, also said that she had lied, misled the court, and fabricated some of the documents which were part of her testimony on the living conditions of City Council labourers

Under re-examination by Mr Denis Kuny for the CTMWA, Miss Curry told the court that her association was not equipped to perform a detailed and scientific survey of living conditions of labourers and that she repudiated the whole of her survey submitted to the court.

The 11 000-strong CTMWA and the council are in a wage dispute. The CTMWA is demanding a minimum living wage of R116 a week—an increase of nearly 100 percent

Earlier this week under cross examination by Mr J J Gauntlett, for the council, Miss Curry admitted that she had lied and had misled the court by giving an impression that all the original

source material relating to the survey was submitted to the court.

Counsel for the council said only 73 survey questionnaires were received and not 178 as Miss Curry claimed. The other 105 had disappeared, she told the court

Another 14 questionnaires submitted to the court by Miss Curry were "fabricated" from computer processed data, Mr Gauntlett told the court

However, under re-examination by Mr Kuny for the CTMWA, Miss Curry denied that she "deliberately excluded" information regarding bonus payments from her testimony, as it was put to her under cross-examination by Mr Gauntlett

"I was scared and under pressure during cross-examination and take full responsibility for what I have done," she said

The hearing continues on December 3

Mr Kuny, SC, assisted by Mr A Omar both instructed by Cheadle, Thompson and Haysom is appearing for the CTMWA. Mr Harry Snitcher, QC, assisted by Mr Gauntlett and instructed by Silberbauers, is appearing for the City Council. The presiding officer is Mr J J Human, with Mr Alec Erwin and Mr G Powell acting as assessors

Workers seen as 'HP people'

By RIAAN DE VILLIERS
Labour Reporter

THE majority of over 6 000 Cape Town City Council workers interviewed in a major union investigation lived "from hand to mouth", the Industrial Court was told this week.

Mr John Ernstzen, secretary of the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, described them as "hire-purchase people" who

spent their pay packets before they received them and had to borrow money for necessities — including food

He was giving evidence in an industrial court hearing which started on Wednesday to arbitrate in the pay dispute between the CTMWA and the council

Sketching the findings of an eight-month-long union investigation into circumstances among its

11 000 members, he said families attending cinemas were "unheard of" and visits to the beach were "annual occurrences"

Low pay levels led to conflict within homes, resulting in separations and broken marriages

There was a "scramble for overtime" and many council workers undertook after-hours casual labour to make ends meet. Workers were often forced to take young children out of school to help pay off loans

Because rentals were difficult to meet, council workers lived under conditions of "abject overcrowding" leading to "tragic human conditions", he said

When wage negotiations started earlier this year, the union demanded that minimum wages of R59 in the lowest category be increased to R116 — an increase of nearly 100 percent. The council offered R75

When negotiations deadlocked, the parties agreed to arbitration in terms of the Labour Relations Act.

Sketching the background to the dispute, Mr Ernstzen said from 1974 to 1979, the position of the bulk of the union's membership had worsened relative to the cost of living

Pay levels

From 1980 workers had also felt increasingly unhappy about their pay

Members resolved last year that a special committee be appointed to evaluate pay levels and formulate a "comprehensive set" of pay demands

The hearing was adjourned yesterday for discussions between legal representatives on the council's grading system

Mr Denis Kuy, SC, instructed by Cheadle, Thompson and Haysom, is appearing for the claimants. Mr Harry Snitcher, QC, instructed by Silberbauers, is appearing for the respondents

The presiding officer is Mr J J Human, with Mr Alec Erwin and Mr G Powell acting as assessors

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Municipal union official admits she misled court

Labour Reporter
A CAPE Town Municipal Workers' Association official has admitted misleading an Industrial Court arbitration to determine a wage dispute.

Mr J J Gauntlett, appearing for the City Council, yesterday told Miss Alison Curry, projects organiser for the union, that survey questionnaire forms on which her evidence about municipal labourers' living conditions was based, were "manufactured" and "fabricated".

During cross-examination, Miss Curry admitted that questionnaires handed into the court at the request of the council's legal team were drawn up by her, last Friday, based on data on a computer print-out compiled earlier.

Apologising to the court, Miss Curry said she could not

find the original questionnaires, completed by 60 labourers, which formed the basis of her survey. She reconstructed the originals from the completed results.

"I made a grave error. No one else in the union is to blame for it."

She said neither the secretary of the CTMWA, Mr John Ernztzen, nor the union's legal team was aware that she had lost the original forms.

"I was in such a state of mind that I did not think of it," she said.

"Brutal truth"

Mr Gauntlett replied "To tell you the frank and brutal truth, we are not concerned with your state of mind."

Miss Curry said she should have handed in the original computer print-out containing data on the household budgets of 60 labourers and said no

original forms were available.

"But you produced the forms and knew that we would look at them and see that they were bright and white and shiny. You knew that we would see a liberal use of Tippex. You knew that we would find part of each form completed and the rest blank," Mr Gauntlett said.

"I honestly don't know where the original forms are. I was so scared of the court thinking that the survey was fictitious that I produced those," Miss Curry said.

Describing a report by Miss Curry on labourers' living standards as "intellectually dishonest", Mr Gauntlett said the "living wage" it recommended of R505,27 a month was calculated after an "emotional" mass meeting of council workers had demanded R2,53 an hour — equivalent to a monthly wage of R505,27.

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evidence fabricated

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Staff Reporter

THE evidence of the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association's chief witness was "misleading" and "fabricated", it was alleged in the Industrial Court yesterday

Mr J J Gauntlett, appearing for the City Council in its wage dispute with the CTMWA, told the court that documents submitted to the court by the witness,

Miss Alison Curry, were "false and fabricated"

Miss Curry is projects organizer for the CTMWA

Mr Gauntlett told Miss Curry during cross-examination that she had lied in her evidence on Monday and yesterday, after she had admitted that she did not submit all the source documents, relating to her testimony, as she had claimed earlier

Counsel for the council said only 73 survey questionnaires relating to living conditions of labourers were received, as opposed to the 178 the witness reported. Another 14 survey questionnaires submitted yesterday were "fabricated" by Miss Curry, Mr Gauntlett told the court

Miss Curry replied that some questionnaires were lost during their return from a computer data-processing firm. She told the court it was a "grave error" on her part to have submitted the evidence in the first instance

Her survey was "illustrative" and not a "descriptive" one, she repeatedly told the court. Mr Gauntlett told Miss Curry that she could not repudiate her in-depth survey with such "alacrity". As far as the CTMWA was concerned it was "a normative moralistic approach", he added

Mr Denis Kuny, SC, for the CTMWA, told the court that his client's wage demand was not based on Miss Curry's survey on workers' conditions, but was based on the justification of a basic living wage. The 11 000-strong CTMWA is demanding a minimum living wage of R16 a week — an increase of nearly 100 per cent. The council offered R75

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EAST LONDON — Mr Harilal Parbhoo, who recently resigned as chairman of the Indian Management Committee, has now resigned as a member of the IMC, because of "dilly dallying" in the local authority structure on issues concerning the Indian community here

In an interview yesterday, Mr Parbhoo, who was nominated as chairman of the IMC in 1980, but was involved with the organisation before then, said the outcome of a November meeting of the IMC with the heads of municipal departments made him decide to resign, a step which he took last month

"It was the last straw. A very important resolution that I made at the November meeting was not put into the minutes in its proper context, yet I rewrote two pages on the issue the day after the meeting and ten-

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dered it to my colleagues and the secretary. But to date I have received no response at all"

Mr Parbhoo said his resignation was also sparked by the outcome of "three valuable meetings" between the IMC and the deputy director general of the Department of Community Development, Mr P D McEnery, also in November

After these meetings, he said, "valuable commitment items" concerning the Indian community were deferred until the end of January this year

"To me the heads of departments are evading the issues by doing this"

Mr Parbhoo said after

a meeting with Mr McEnery and Community Development officials in Cape Town in August last year, he was promised that R1,548 million would be made available for projects the IMC was concerned with

He said he was also told by Mr McEnery that funds allocated by his department last year which were not applied for and put into use by April this year would become invalid

"In the past five months I have become disillusioned when it seems to me that all attempts made in the last five years towards these community requirements are fruitless because of statements made at both IMC meetings and other official

meetings. It is this dilly dallying by the heads of departments which caused me to ask myself whether it is worth remaining on the IMC"

Mr Parbhoo said he was annoyed that the following projects, to be financed with the R1,548 million, had not been dealt with more quickly

● sports facilities, a swimming pool and recreational facilities in Braelyn Hills — and parking for these facilities

● a R295 000 creche for Braelyn Heights for the 84-85 year

● the removal of buildings and businesses in North End for the widening of St Johns Road and the proposed bridge over the railway

● the completion of the Mdantsane access road, which he feels will be a lifeline for the Oriental Plaza, has been delayed for many years because no department wants to take responsibility for it

"In one breath we are told that all community facilities have been approved and in another we are questioned are they approved?"

He said a head of a municipal department had made a remark at a recent IMC meeting which was "shocking" and no action had been taken against him for the remark

"He said that if Mr McEnery made a statement that there is money available, we will not necessarily get it"

Mr Parbhoo said he was shocked to hear this because "I have full faith in the Government allocations made"

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Living wage formula 'is inadequate'

Labour Reporter

COLOURED families in Cape Town living on the breadline are cutting down on food, clothing, transport, medical expenses and recreation to spend more on personal hygiene, housing and insurance, an expert witness told an Industrial Court

Miss Debbie Budlender, a researcher at the South African Labour and Development Research Unit, gave evidence in an arbitration case which concerns a wage dispute between the 11 000-strong Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association and the City Council

Miss Budlender said that poverty datum lines — including the Supplemented Living Level (SLL) of R338,65 a month for a family of five, which were often used to set wages — were not adequate guides

to a "living wage"

Calculated by the Bureau of Market Research at Unisa, the SLL specified theoretical amounts that a family spends on food, clothing, rent, medical expenses, transport and other individual items

The SLL was a measure of day-to-day survival that did not cater for contingencies or long-term survival. Among the items it allowed were

- Two pairs of panties a year and three pairs of stockings for adult women

- One toothbrush a person a year, one medium-sized tube of toothpaste for six people a month and deodorant for adult women only

- Rental of R30,05 a month. Most rents in Cape Town, particu-

larly in newer areas such as Mitchell's Plain, were substantially higher than this

- One cinema show a month for all people over six, two soccer or rugby matches a month, four litres of wine, 200 grams of tobacco and 10 boxes of matches for men over 18, a toy allowance for children, one magazine a month and radio batteries

Recreation was so narrowly defined in the SLL that "even enjoying yourself is a pretty serious matter", Miss Budlender said

- There was no provision for education, child care or creches in the SLL

The hearing is proceeding

The presiding officer is Mr J J Human with Mr H Powell and Mr A Erwin as assessors

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Poverty level 'full of fallacies'

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Staff Reporter

THE minimum subsistence level on which wages were based was "full of fallacies and anomalies which expect human beings to be machines", an Industrial Court was told yesterday

Expert witness for the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, Ms Debbie Budlender, a researcher at the University of Cape Town-based South African Labour and Development Research Unit (Saldru), said in papers submitted to the court that

"We need to ask whether the maintenance of health and decency is

what we normally term 'living', or is it mere existence"

The 11 000 strong CTMWA, in a wage dispute with the City Council, is demanding a minimum wage of R116 per week.

In the research document presented to the court, Ms Budlender said the popularly-used poverty datum lines, the Minimum Living Level (MLL) and the Supplemental Living Level (SLL)—both designed by the University of South Africa—had several inherent "anomalies"

"The MLL does not constitute a living wage

And it has been empirically proved that the MLL living level is not reached until the wage is at least equal to the SLL and by extension the SLL is also not a living level

"Human beings are not plants for which some might argue that one can calculate fairly exactly the scientific requirements for existence

"Living necessitates the requirements for full psychological and mental as well as physical existence Poverty datum lines had been constructed with increasing accuracy and sophistication, which gave a false sense of security," Ms Budlender said

"People will not be happy to earn just enough to keep body and soul together if they see people around them living in the lap of luxury

"They feel that if they contribute to creating the wealth of a society, they have a right to a share in that wealth"

Data submitted on the basis of a 1980 Unisa Bureau of Market Research in the Cape showed that an average coloured family of five with an average annual income of R2 500 to R2 999 overspent on essentials such as rent, insurance, washing and cleaning and personal care

'Crude stereotype'

This went against the "crude stereotype" that coloured people "drink their money away", she said This showed that "more people are insuring against an insecure future", she added

Although access to coloured education was free, the subsistence level models did not make provision for post-secondary education

"In effect this condemns the children of all those who are living at this low level to low-paying jobs, which means that they in turn will live at low levels This goes against all notions of equal opportunity."

The hearing continues today

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Workers earn too little for house subsidy

Staff Reporter 25/10/84

MEMBERS of the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association would stop "moonlighting" if their demand for a basic living wage was met, an Industrial Court was told yesterday

Mr John Ernstzen, CTMWA secretary, said during cross-examination in the hearing of a wage dispute between the CTMWA and the City Council, that CTMWA members did not gain the same benefits as other council employees

He said only 8,2 percent of CTMWA members qualified for a share in the council's monthly housing subsidy of R293 698. The workers' share was equivalent to 18,39 percent or R54 003

On the other hand, 36,6 percent of the membership of the white South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME) qualified for the subsidy. This was equivalent to 81,61 percent or R239 695

Most CTMWA members were disadvantaged because of their low incomes and did not qualify for this subsidy because not more than 25 percent of a salary could be used for bond repayments

Questioned Mr A Omar, for the union, Mr Ernstzen denied that his union was responsible for incitement or creating unrest among workers, as suggested by counsel for the City Council, Mr Harry Snitcher, QC. Giving evidence on behalf of the CTMWA, Mr S Daantjies, employed by the council for 24 years, said he earned a gross income of R97 a week.

"I'm like a prisoner on weekends because I cannot afford any form of recreation," he said

Another witness, Mr John Abrahams, a father of five and employed by the council for 21 years, told the court he earned a gross sum of R97 per week which, after deductions, came to R81

"I live from hand to mouth," he said, adding that several applications for promotion and better pay had been turned down

The hearing continues
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Few qualify for council house subsidy, court told

Labour Reporter

ONLY eight percent of members of the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, which represents mainly black workers, received City Council housing subsidies, compared to 36 percent of members of the white municipal workers union, an Industrial Court heard today

Mr John Ernstzen, secretary of the CTWA, was answering questions put by counsel for the City Council, Mr H Snitcher SC, in an arbitration to determine a pay dispute

In reply to questions about allowances other than wages paid by the City Council, Mr

Ernstzen said most of his union's members did not qualify for the council's housing subsidy as their income was too low

Of a total housing subsidy of about R293 600, members of the white SA Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME) received R239 695

"I am not making a submission that denies SAAME's members the subsidy, but this portrays a picture of the inability of our members to own houses," he said

Questioned by Mr A Omar, for the union, Mr Ernstzen said all major decisions taken in the union had to be referred to the

rank-and-file membership through a shop stewards' council

Referring to submissions by Mr Snitcher this week that council workers may have been "incited", Mr Omar asked Mr Ernstzen whether he had "created industrial unrest"

Mr Ernstzen replied "On the contrary It is quite a task to explain to workers what the legal provisions are (of the Act forbidding them to strike as they perform an essential service), but it is my duty as general secretary to advise them on industrial law"

Mr J J Human is the presiding officer, assisted by assessors Mr H Powell and Mr A Erwin

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Staff Reporter

CITY Council labourers had little chance of promotion and had to wait for "dead men's shoes" before there was a chance of promotion, the Industrial Court was told yesterday

Mr John Ernstzen, secretary of the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA), said this under questioning by Mr Harry Snitcher, QC, representing the council, on the fourth day of the arbitration hearing on the pay dispute between the CTMWA and the council

Mr Snitcher said a CTMWA poster informing its members of their dispute with the council "was redolent of the black power salute, engendering into the dispute an element of emotion"

There was laughter from a large section of the public in court.

Mr Snitcher said the council provided a very important source of income for workers

Mr Ernstzen said that while this was so in theory, it was not always so in practice. He provided evidence of the low number of labourers who had been promoted

The City Council had been "disrespectful" of the wishes of the union which had demanded that the offered increase not be applied until the dispute was arbitrated. The council had, however, increased wages and in doing so had weakened the collective bargaining power of the union

Mr Snitcher said the council had increased the wages "without prejudicing the union's right to arbitration"

The hearing continues

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Housing on top of NAMC chairman's list

By RAYMOND HILL

THE newly-elected chairman of the Northern Areas Management Committee, the Rev Sam Arendse, said yesterday that housing would be on his list of priorities while he was in office.

Mr Arendse, who is the minister-in-charge of the Bethesda Congregational Church, Schauderville, has already served as both chairman and deputy chairman of the NAMC. Mr Arendse, who replaced

Mr Willie Dietrich, the Member of Parliament for Bethelsdorp, said in an interview after his election that he believed the time had come for management committees to be replaced by one municipal system.

It was time to "move away" from the management committee system, he said. The image of the NAMC had improved with the community it was chosen to serve. "There were people in the

community who thought the Northern Areas Management Committee would be a puppet body — but they were proved wrong," he said. During the coming year, he said, he would encourage the community to become "home conscious", as part of the emphasis he would be placing on housing and the "beautifying" of neighbourhoods.

Mr Dietrich referred in his chairman's annual review to the tendency of certain standing com-

mmittees of the Port Elizabeth City Council to override the decisions of the NAMC. That tendency, he said, was not conducive to a healthy relationship between the council and the NAMC — particularly when the council had not heard the viewpoint of the NAMC. "It is my sincere hope that we have seen and heard the last of this type of attitude," he said.

He repeated the NAMC's request for a fulltime public relations officer

to be appointed to liaise between the council and the NAMC.

Mr Dietrich said he thought the time was right for some form of direct representation where matters of general concern could be fully discussed.

"The State has emphasised the need for a consensus outlook in the new deal at central Government level and it makes common sense to me that this should apply at local government level," he said.

Referring to the Government's national housing sales campaign, Mr Dietrich said interest had not been so great in the northern areas, where only 11,8% of the 8 538 units offered for sale were sold by June 30 this year.

The first phase of Booysen Park had been completed and 998 houses built there by the housing authorities. The houses were subsequently sold to the tenants. Most of the 939 residential plots at Cleary Estate,

Bethelsdorp, Extension 23 and Bethelsdorp Extension 26 had been sold during the past year.

Mr Dietrich said he was confident there would be more low-cost housing schemes made available in future, like the one at Klemskool where 40 families were given shelter. He referred to his term of office as an "exceptionally busy" one and referred to the office of chairman of the NAMC as a "very demanding" task.

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D. Dispatch

EAST LONDON — Yesterday's municipal elections — despite the low poll — ushered in a new era for the third tier of government that has deep ramifications for the Border area

Although the actual structural design for local government has not been completed to enable the man in the street to see the operational context of the new dispensation in action at home level, broad principles have been outlined

Three basic principles underpin local government devolution of power, separate local authorities and joint decision making

A trilogy of bills on local government was introduced by the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, during the last parliamentary session

But two key bills — one the all-important regional services council bill which has the potential of changing the format and evolution of local government in the Border area — were sent to a parliamentary select committee

The committee will now report to the gov-

New local govt: independence vs consensus

By **MATTHEW MOONIEYA**
Local Authorities Reporter

ernment and the final decision will be taken by the new tri-cameral parliament

A change already accepted by the government alters qualifications for the municipal franchise. The new system is a fusion of the old Transvaal system which automatically gave a parliamentary voter a municipal vote and the Cape system which was tied to property ownership

The new deal gives all parliamentary voters the municipal vote automatically with an additional vote if the person owns property of a certain value. Estates and

trusts also have the vote

Further than the alteration to the franchise qualifications, nothing much is known except speculation based on the broad principles and the original concept of the regional services councils

While the concept of devolution of power from the central government has been accepted by the government, with municipalities seen as key vehicles for the implementation of government by consensus, there will be a greater amount of regional co-operation which is the basis for the operation of the regional services councils

Through the councils, local authorities of a particular region can come together to supply and administer particular services to all the participating authorities

Any number of white, Indian and coloured local authorities can come together to supply and administer particular services more cheaply and make better use of scarce commodities such as space and qualified personnel

Control over the council will be based on the input of the participants and, to prevent domination, it has been suggested that no local authority can have more

than 50 per cent of the control and all decisions will have to be taken by a two-third majority

The imagination need not be stretched to see the implications of such a council where places such as East London, Beacon Bay and Goubaie are concerned

While the question of amalgamation has long been debated and independence jealously guarded, the onward march towards greater independence with services has continued unabated

It is for this reason that the new deal which preaches devolution of power, jurisdiction over its own affairs and joint decision making perhaps has exciting implications

The political stances too of the participants will not go unnoticed and will perhaps be more evident in the operational context of a home environment

Time will tell if the politics of consensus will be able to transcend the deep divisions that characterise South African society

EAST LONDON — Municipal voters in eight Border towns go to the polls for the last time under the old system of local government today

The finer details of the new system are still being worked out, and will bring it into line with the new constitutional dispensation

Mr Hernus Kriel, the MEC in charge of local government, said in an interview from Cape Town that no changes in style could be expected overnight

Basic guidelines for the third tier were devolution of power, separate local authorities for decisions on own affairs and joint decision making on general affairs

He said the Co-ordinating Council for Local Government had been created to investigate how the system would work and certain reports had been sent to the government

"New franchise criteria have been accepted There are also new criteria for the establishment of new local authorities — either separate or jointly

All other decisions

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on the structure of local government will be taken by the new tricameral parliament," he said

"There are many aspects of local government being worked out and it is an extremely complex matter which needs considerable thought"

He said the select committee looking into regional service councils would have to work out the finer details to present to the new tricameral parliament for a final decision

"It is for this reason I cannot say too much at this stage on the format of local government although it is the last time people will be voting on the old system," he said

Meanwhile, the election battle in East Lon-

don with its 11 000 voters has raised temperatures The accusation that the National Party is trying to gain control over the city council has divided the six candidates

In Port Alfred, matters such as the shortage of water and the establishment of a provincial hospital have become election issues

Adelaide rates and road planning are the issues for the town's 476 voters, who will choose between five candidates fighting for three seats

Industrial growth is the key issue for Queenstown's 2 150 voters in the two wards which have two candidates each In Fort Beaufort, 979 voters have to choose between five candidates for three seats — DDR

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Call for meeting on demolitions

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By RIAAN DE
VILLIERS
Labour Reporter

FOUR Divisional Councillors of the Cape have called for an urgent council meeting to discuss the massive council demolitions at the Brown's Farm squatter settlement in Philippi this week.

The demolitions left scores of families homeless. Many squatters said they had nowhere else to go and no housing had been made available for them elsewhere.

"As councillors we were not made aware that the demolitions would take place," one of the four, Mr Neil Ross, said yesterday.

"Also, I am quite appalled that the demolitions have taken place without any alternative accommodation being made available to the squatters."

'Obligated'

Mr Ross said the councillors had delivered a letter to the council chairman, Mr Gideon Basson, requesting a full meeting of the council.

"In terms of the council ordinance, he is obliged to call the meeting," he added.

The other councillors involved are Mr Len Pothier, Mr Stuart Col-

lins and Mr Jock Sturrock.

Meanwhile, the stricken squatter camp at Philippi was raided again yesterday by Western Cape Development Board and Divisional Council personnel.

No more corrugated-iron structures were demolished but squatters said council officials had demolished plastic shelters built after their houses had been torn down, and had confiscated the plastic sheets.

'No mercy'

"They have no mercy," a woman said. Squatters added that council social workers had brought them blankets and clothing.

Late yesterday afternoon squatters were struggling to build makeshift shelters in driving rain. Many items of furniture, clothes and other personal possessions were lying in the rain.

Board inspectors arrested four black men and three black women living in one shack for being in the Peninsula illegally.

Among them are Mr James Jack, a 54-year-old widower who has TB. Five of his children at the camp said yesterday that they had been left behind with no one to care for them.

Nine more blacks, including children, were found to be legally in the area. A board spokesman said they had been taken to board offices. "Their situation is being investigated and we intend providing them with alternative accommodation."

He added that the board had acted "at the request of the Divisional Council."

Meanwhile, the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), which has been helping the community, expressed its concern at the plight of the Brown's Farm squatters yesterday.

'Aggravation'

In a statement, the organization said it had alerted the Divisional Council to the "appalling" health conditions in the camp in a letter earlier this year, and expressed concern that the present demolitions would further aggravate these conditions.

"We believe it is the right of every individual in South Africa to have the basic needs of accommodation and family unity fulfilled," it said.

"Further, we do not believe that peace can be built on foundations of injustice."

Local government: CPMA favours alternative system

Municipal Reporter

OUTDSHOORN — The Cape Province Municipal Association is in favour of creating an alternative system of local government which will satisfy the political aspirations of coloured people and Indians and allow them to be accommodated in one organisation.

The CPMA, meeting at its 77th annual congress here, accepted a number of key points as a response to the new constitutional dispensation. These are

- Coloured people and Indians should not be expected to accept independent local authorities against their will

- When these communities are ready — in terms of financial viability and other requirements — to accept their own local authorities it will be necessary to satisfy their political aspirations through an alternative system which will allow both groups to be accommodated in one organisation.

- Transition to fully fledged local government should be evolutionary.

- While seeking to satisfy the political aspirations of coloured people and Indians, existing executive organisations should not be dissected.

- Local government systems should be allowed to differ between provinces.

- Voting qualifications for all groups in all provinces should be the same and should be linked to ownership or occupancy of immovable property

The president of the Association of Management Committees, Mr David Curry, told the congress "There is a challenge in front of us on how we are going to solve the conflict of how local government is going to work in future

"We are prepared to accept responsibilities, but we must have a say. You cannot expect advisory bodies to have responsibilities when they have no say."

Mr Curry emphasised the need for reconciliation between all groups in South Africa for the sake of peaceful coexistence in the future

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Divco liaises on squatters

Municipal Reporter
THE Divisional Council decided at its monthly meeting yesterday to liaise with adjoining municipalities about squatters

A motion by Mr Stuart Collins called on the council to re-examine the question

The Divisional Council had an obligation towards squatters, especially the undefined,

semi-permanent squatters in unnumbered shacks". Their shelters were constantly being torn down but no alternative housing provided for them, he said.

Many of these squatters were employed in adjoining municipalities in which they were not allowed to live because of the laws of the land

Those councils should

also meet their responsibilities towards the squatters, he said

Mr P J Grobbelaar said the problem had to be seen in perspective. Unlimited black influx into the Peninsula would mean that even more coloured people would be unemployed and inadequately housed

It was to the coloured population already settled here that the council owed its primary obligation, he said

Mr Clive Bilski said the motion should be amended to call for a referral of the squatter issue back to the housing committee so that it could liaise with the other municipalities on a fact-finding basis

CAPE Times 26/4/84

Councils in joint plan to stop Flats flooding

By EVELYN VOSLOO
Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council and the Divisional Council are planning jointly to build a closed outlet culvert from Princess Vlei to Rondevlei at a cost of nearly R2 million to help eliminate periodic severe flooding in different areas of the Cape Flats

According to a report by Cape Town's City Engineer before the Executive Committee last week, there is a risk of flooding at Flintdale and the surrounds of the Vlei if the outlet is not completed

Flooding in Flintdale and Grassy Park in 1974 and 1977 led to money being allocated in 1978 and 1979 to remove the main bottleneck in the vlei outlet system by replacing the old and "totally inadequate" stormwater pipes under Sasmeer and Scottsville roads and Prince George's Drive, with twin box culverts

This was completed in 1980

During the winter months last year there was more flooding in Grassy Park

The City Engineer's report said that while historical research had found no evidence that a natural water course originally existed between Princess Vlei and Rondevlei, old survey plans indicated a natural drainage valley in a south-eastern direc-

tion through Grassy Park.

Since before 1935 there had been a man-made channel along Italian Road linking the two vleis, the report said

As flows had since increased considerably, it was considered fair that the City Council and the Divisional Council of the Cape should share the responsibility for constructing the outlet

A report before the Divisional Council's Works Committee said the cost of the culverts would be R1 800 000 of which Divco would pay R900 000

All stormwater collected from a huge catchment area which includes Philippus Industria, Philippus Farms and Nyanga and which is bordered by Wetton Road and skirts Princess Vlei, is eventually discharged via Zeekovlei and the Zeekoe Canal into False Bay.

Apart from the joint scheme to improve the outlet to Rondevlei, Divco is completing two other sub-systems of what it calls the Zeekoe Drainage System

One is the Little Lotus River System which drains parts of Young's Field, Ottery and Grassy Park. Upgrading of a concrete-lined canal is needed at a cost of about R600 000

CMC still holding out for agreement

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EAST LONDON — The Coloured Management Committee (CMC) yesterday reaffirmed its resolution, taken at last month's meeting, that the CMC be adjourned until agreement was reached with the city council on rent increases and refuse removal charges.

It was also resolved at last month's meeting that no policy decisions be taken by any committee member until a meeting with the council had been held.

The vice-chairman of the CMC, Mr J F Temmers, said the committee had not been consulted about the new refuse removal charges that coloured tenants of council houses now had to pay.

"The council is lagging behind in this age of enlightenment where even the apartheid government is attempting to give recognition to coloureds to enable them to work out their own future."

He said the CMC's fight was with "the city councillors of this city". He added that the CMC was prepared to attend joint meetings with the council.

"The CMC will still carry on with its day-to-day tasks."

He said there was a lot of confusion about the sale of houses to coloureds under the present council scheme, and in the current economic climate it was asking a bit much for people to have to find additional revenue for the new charges and increases.

Mr D Alexander accused the council of being "high-headed" and said the CMC and the council must agree on any increases.

"We want to be in on any decisions. We want to be involved."

He said the CMC was being denied the chance of being involved in decision-making. "We are not being heard."

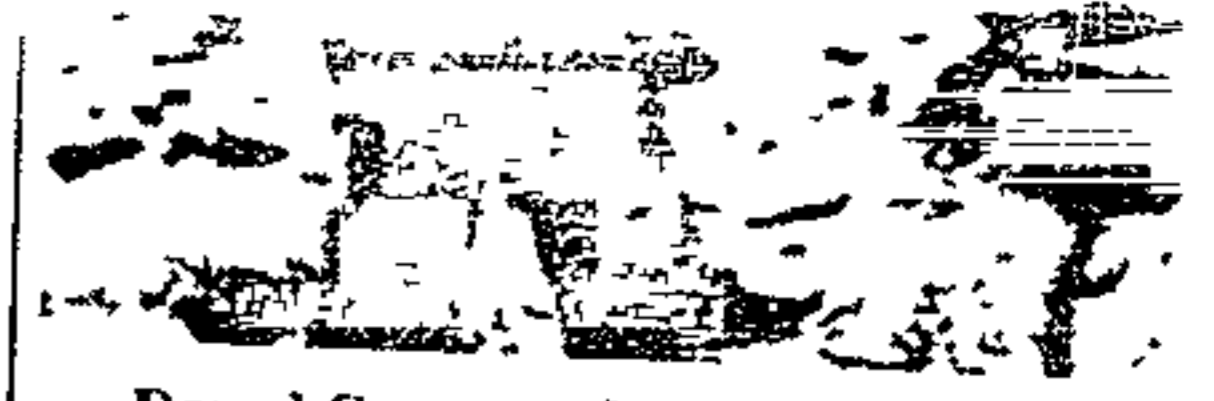
Council officials at the meeting suggested the

CMC furnish it with a memorandum stating the committee's reasons for opposing the refuse removal tariff and ways and means of solving the problem. The committee agreed to this.

Mr J L Segers told the meeting the CMC didn't want a meeting with the council's action committee at which just one CMC speaker would only be allowed to speak for ten minutes — as had originally been proposed by the action committee.

At the start of the meeting a representative of the Department of Internal Affairs (coloured division), Mr J Mauritz, said a high school at Buffalo Flats Extension would be completed and ready for use in 1986.

In reply to an objection by Mr A Green that the school should be ready in 1985, Mr Temmers said that 1986 was not too long to wait since they had been trying for 40 years for more schools for coloureds — DDR.



Dazed Crossroads residents begin...

JOHANNESBURG — A Germiston school teacher who is offering her life savings — R1 200 — for the safe return of her pet Alsatian dog received a number of calls yesterday from people believing they had seen the dog, Sasha.

An SPCA spokesman in East London phoned here yesterday to say a dog matching Sasha's description was being kept at the SPCA there.

Sasha is tan and black, with two front teeth missing from his lower jaw.

Mrs Ann Harrington, of Klip River, near here, immediately phoned her brother, Mr Charles Kantor, in East London so that he could check if the dog was her eight-year-old companion.

The dog wasn't Sasha.

"We thought it was a long shot, although we always took Sasha on holiday with us to Port Alfred," Mrs Harrington said.

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OOM Hansie Christians' Ravensmead Management Committee was described last week as a "power-drunk clique who go around the area trampling on people's rights". C. Herald

This followed their directive to prospective buyers of plots in the area to attend a meeting at the local community centre and to "bring along your bank books or other evidence of your financial standing".

An angry resident contacted the Cape Herald last week and said "I'm fuming with rage — absolutely fuming."

"In the first place, they did not even have the decency to post the notice of the meeting to us. It was dropped in our letterboxes. Secondly, what right have they to demand to see how much I have in my savings account? That is my own business

"These people are power-drunk. They must be stopped," said the man, who asked not to be named for professional reasons

At the meeting, names of prospective buyers

were called out. They were then required to walk onto the stage, and into the wings, where their bank books were scrutinised

They were then told whether they qualified to buy a plot or not

Ravensmead Management Committee chairman, Oom Hansie Christians, told his audience. "If people fetch the forms at the Department of Community Development offices themselves and do not go through management committee channels, they will not be considered for plots.

NOTHING
"I won't give any reasons for this. I don't care if people hate me for it. I have very powerful strings I can pull if I want to."

Only a few details of prices of the plots and the size and payment were released to residents

After the meeting, I tried to speak to Mr Christians about the issue. But he said "I'm saying nothing."

He accused the Press of stirring up trouble and of not being available when needed. He cited an example of a recent funeral to which, he says, the Press had been invited and had not attended.

"You people stay away from important events like this but want to come and find out about the sale of plots."

● The plots were made available by the Parow Municipality.



● OOM Hansie Christians — "I have very powerful strings I can pull."

**COMME OFFIT
OOOM HANSIE!**

11484 By Estelle Randall (ES)

It bears fruit

THEY'RE calling Mrs Irene Kay the green-fingered granny after seeing her latest project come to fruition

For standing on Mrs Kay's kitchen window sill in her home in Albert Road, Lansdowne, is a pineapple. So what? Well, this pineapple almost never was.

Mrs Kay, 60, takes up the story "About three years ago I was cutting up a pineapple and thought to myself, why not stick the core in some water in a jar and see what happens?"

"PET"

Well she fed it water and sunshine but nothing much happened for a while — and at one stage she was even tempted to throw out her "pet", which, by then had sprouted a bit of greenery

"I wanted to give it away to my son-in-law, but he said I should keep it," she says

"Then a little while back a little purple flower appeared and last week I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw a tiny green pineapple on my plant"

By now the pineapple has ripened and should be ready for picking any day now. As you can see from the photograph, though, there's not much of it to go around — yet. And, Mrs Kay says, there is no truth in the rumour that she is to go into pineapple farming

Glimax Festival

glittering ceremony in the Athlone Civic

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Council 'scared' to face tenants'

MANAGEMENT committee and Divisional Council officials were described as "scared" and "evasive" after not turning up to answer Elsie's River tenants' questions on the State's new housing deal at a public meeting at the weekend

The meeting, held in a local cinema, was organised by the Avondale Tenants' Association

A speaker told the 400 people present that the Elsie's River manage-

ment committee and the Divisional Council had been invited to the meeting to explain points related to the Government's new housing policy. The Management Committee wanted peo-

ple to submit written questions before they (the committee) could attend a public meeting

INVITATION

The Divisional Council had written to the tenants' association to acknowledge receipt of the invitation to attend the meeting

Speakers at the meeting, mainly members of the tenants' associations, said the council and Management Committee were "evasive" and "scared to face the people"

The meeting resolved to invite the council to a next meeting to be held within the next few weeks

They rejected the Elsie's River Management Committee and the management committee system. Speakers said that the committee had promoted the Government's sale of houses in Elsie's River without finding out how tenants felt about the matter.

The new housing policy — which includes the sale of 500 000 houses throughout the country, and lower housing standards — was rejected as an attempt by the Government to "increase our oppression"

"This new housing deal will mean higher rents and fewer facilities for the people of Elsie's River," one resolution said

Death of top Eoan Group man

RENOWNED Eoan Group baritone Cecil Tobin who until his retirement six years ago was the principal of the Myhof Primary School in Lansdowne, died on Monday

At least two generations of Athlone school-children knew him too, he having taught at the then Athlone Central School, and at Sunnyside Primary, before his promotion to a principalship

It was as Cecil Tobin, baritone, that he was well-known to Cape Town audiences as a performer in Eoan Group operas, and at one stage he served as chairman of the Group. He threw himself into his stage performances with gusto, and with a never-failing sense of humour, and harmless fun

GLEEMOOR

It was as Laxie (from his second name, Alexis) that he was known by family and friends in Gleemoor where he lived for most of his life. He came from a noted sporting family, though he himself was not a nota-



● MR Cecil Tobin — noted Eoan group baritone.

ble performer. He did play rugby for Temperance for a while, though. But he frequented the sports fields where his sons and latterly, grandsons, played their sport, offering sage advice, or just casting a critical eye over younger generations of Tobins

He paid one visit to Europe, and spent most of three months in the opera houses of the continent, but mainly in Italy. He had been ill for the past year or so, and died in Groote Schuur Hospital.

He leaves his wife Hetty, three sons, a daughter and 11 grandchildren, the eldest of whom, Russell, is the Metropolitan and, until recently, Western Province Under 21 cricketer

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If Power uncertain

too soon to tell whether Wolf Power will win the country's first race, the R300 000 International, on 12th said trainer Margard this

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CLOSING DOWN SALE

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OF OUR MEN'S

NP's 'whites-only' vote move angers Curry

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By HUGH ROBERTON

ONE of the National Party's chief coloured allies in the new constitutional plan, Mr David Curry, has sharply rebuked the NP leadership in the Provincial Council for introducing a new ordinance restricting the municipal franchise to whites

Mr Curry, president of the Association of Management Committees and a prominent member of the Labour Party, is one of the committee chairmen of the Government-appointed Co-ordinating Council on Local Government

The council is discussing the whole question of municipal franchise qualifications, and Mr Curry alleged today that the NP in the Provincial Council had "gone over our heads, without even consulting us" and was retarding the whole reform process

"It is regrettable that the NP has taken the initiative in introducing new legislation on the municipal franchise when we in the co-ordinating council are still negotiating a new formula for local government," Mr Curry said in a statement

Highest level

"The Government must not blame us for interpreting this move as one which is re-laying the foundations of apartheid in local government. The matter should have been referred to the co-ordinating council first. One of the committees of the council is now investigating the whole question of municipal franchise qualifications"

Mr Curry added that he intended taking up the matter "at the highest level" and indicated that a strong protest at the Provincial Council action would soon be lodged

The new whites-only ordinance has been defended in the Provincial Council on the grounds that it closes a loophole created by the new constitution

Under existing provincial legislation, all persons who qualify to vote in Parliamentary elections — only whites qualify — are entitled to vote in Cape municipal elections. Since the new constitution gives coloured people and Asians the right to vote in parliamentary elections, they would thus be entitled to vote in Cape municipal elections too.

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Cape Times 21/1/84

Deadline threat to housing deal

By EVELYN VOSLOO
Municipal Reporter

THOUSANDS of people could lose benefits, including cash discounts of up to 40 percent on the price of houses they could buy through the government's housing sales campaign, if a June 30 deadline set a year ago is not extended

An assistant City administrator, Mr Attie van der Merwe, said yesterday that the City Council had identified 12 400 houses — mostly

in Mitchells Plain, with some in Hanover Park, Heideveld and Manenberg — as suitable for sale to tenants in terms of the scheme

But, he said, the scheme had been announced without any prior warning to the council and without any discussion on details like which houses qualified, or the formula for determining the price, and whether old houses should be renovated before being sold

These factors had to be dealt with within the

deadline of one year set in July 1983. This had not allowed enough time for the council to iron out all the difficulties and inform all the tenants in the houses that qualified, he said

"The council is on the point of sending out 300 letters to tenants telling them they can buy their houses, setting out the price and the procedures they should follow

"The majority of the remaining 12 100 people concerned should be informed by the end of March. But this will not allow enough time for them to make their decision and set the wheels in motion by June 30"

He said representations had been made to the Department of Community Development to extend the deadline. The department had indicated that tenants merely had to state in writing before the due date that they wanted to buy their house to qualify for the concessions, which include

Discounts

- A 25 percent discount if the house is bought for cash
- A 30 percent cash discount if the house costs less than R2 500
- A further five percent discount if the tenant has lived in the house for more than three years
- A further five percent if the tenant buys before the end of this year
- Possible government loans for people earning less than R450 a month

The first 3 800 houses the Divisional Council will make available in terms of the scheme come on to the market at the end of this month. Another 6 200 will become available later.

Officials of the City Council and the Department of Community Development are to meet on January 25 to discuss the campaign and the possibility of extending the deadline

28/2/84

Housing: 'Tragedy for poor'

Municipal Reporter

LOW income families in Cape Town will be "tragically affected" by the sale of more than 29 000 municipal housing units, says housing committee chairman Mrs Eulahe Stott

The council today formally approved the sale of 29 492 units — more than half the city's municipal houses and flats — as part of the Government's large-scale house-selling scheme

Mrs Stott is preparing a statement on the affect of the scheme on Cape Town's low income families "which will flow from the sale of these houses"

COUNCIL'S CALL

This coincides with the council's call for talks with the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, on the reinstatement of the old mass housing scheme policy

The new State policy is aimed more at self-help schemes and the Government has initiated the sale of about 500 000 municipal houses countrywide

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● The council has put its stamp of approval on Muizenberg's proposed flyover bridge over the railway line, aimed at reducing traffic congestion along Main Road

The new bridge will be built where Boyes Drive and Main Road meet and will provide access to Henley and Promenade Roads which run beside Sandvlei

LEVEL-CROSSINGS

This will cut out the Oxbridge and Albertyn Road level-crossings and take the pressure off the Atlantic Road underpass which will remain open only to cars, motorcycles and bicycles

Work on the R6-million project, still to be passed by the provincial roads engineer and South African Transport Services, is expected to start in 1988

A city engineer's department report says Atlantic Road, now the main road into and through Muizenberg, is heavily congested at its intersection with Main Road at weekends and during holidays and cannot be altered to cope with more traffic

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Divisional Council tenants can buy homes

Staff Reporter
MORE than 10 000 tenants living in Divisional Council areas will be able to buy their homes from today

The council's sales campaign was launched yesterday by the chairman, Mr G M Basson

The Department of Community Development announced last year that it would sell 500 000 of its houses, and existing tenants would have first option to buy

The Cape Town City Council announced its housing selling scheme recently

COMPANIES

The scheme is being advertised widely, and tenants are encouraged to buy now. Companies are being urged to assist their employees with loans

Mr Basson said the Divisional Council had 10 500 letting units for sale to existing tenants. At this stage it did not intend selling composite buildings, such as flats

He emphasised that tenants would not be forced to vacate their

homes if they declined to buy but would be allowed to continue to rent under the present agreement with the council

"I can assure tenants that the prices in all instances are below market value and, with the discounts of up to 35 percent being allowed, the loan repayments should be within the financial ability of the tenants"

EXAMPLES

Examples of selling prices

In Grassy Park a two-bedroomed economic maisonette will sell for R5 412 and, with the 35 percent discount, R3 536,

In Ocean View, a similar two-bedroomed maisonette but built later, will sell for R9 425 and, with the discount, R6 159

A 25 percent discount is offered if the purchaser can raise the finance to pay the purchase price in full, 5 percent if the purchaser has been a tenant of the council for five years or more, and 5 percent if the purchaser indicates a willingness to buy, in writing, before June 30 this year

Parow calls for ^{AKSUS 17/2/84} ~~261~~ ~~262~~ ²⁶³ stricter influx control

Tygerberg Bureau

PAROW Town Council has called on the Government to exercise stricter control to curb the "apparent uncontrolled influx of blacks into the Western Cape"

The council has also sent circulars to northern area municipalities asking them to adopt a uniform policy to combat problems arising from influx

The circulars include copies of a memorandum sent to the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, and to the Department of Manpower

The council said in the memorandum that it had repeatedly expressed serious concern about apparent uncontrolled influx of blacks into the area

INADEQUATE, INEFFICIENT

It appeared as if the coloured labour preference policy was not being implemented meaningfully and that influx control was inadequate and inefficient

Large numbers of blacks were competing with coloured labour and were prepared to accept lower wages while unemployment among coloureds had doubled in the past year

The council believed that influx control should be stricter and be stepped up at homeland border posts

The council could not understand that while this was a coloured labour preference area, many applications for employment of blacks which were referred to the council for comment, were accompanied by Department of Manpower certificates saying, in ef-

fect, that suitable coloured labour was not available

"It appears as if these certificates are being issued simply as they come without much investigation"

Parow Town Council's policy had, for 20 years, been not to allow the housing of blacks except in exceptional cases

The council made minimum use of black labour, never employed more than 15 blacks at one time and at present had only six

The memorandum refers to reports of 72 000 illegal blacks in the Western Cape and says "the more blacks establish here, the more rapidly the standard of living of both legal blacks and coloureds deteriorates because of inadequate job opportunities"

The council calls for an explanation why more effective control cannot be exercised at border posts

"Once the blacks are in the Western Cape, influx into the urban areas cannot be stopped"

Town clerk Mr J P Barnard said in an interview "What irks the council is when the Department of Manpower says no suitable coloured labour is available when this is not true, as the coloured just tend not to register as unemployed"

Durbanville town clerk Mr Dennis Smit, whose council considered the issue this week, said that Parow would be informed that the council agreed to a certain extent that influx control could be stricter and that the Administration Board was too lenient

Divco gets R33m for housing

By EVELYN VOSLOO
Municipal Reporter

THE Department of Community Development is to grant R33-million to the Divisional Council of the Cape during the next three to four years to build houses for 1 588 families at present living in shanties in Elsie's River, and to upgrade and beautify the area.

This decision, described by a senior Divco official as "extremely generous" in the light of the government's new self-help housing policy, was taken after a visit to Elsie's River last week by the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, and senior officials of his department.

Libraries

They were accompanied by the chairman of the Divisional Council of the Cape, Mr G M Basson, its secretary, Mr W R Vivier, and other senior Divco officials.

Mr Vivier said yesterday that the purpose of the inspection had been to demonstrate the consequences of moving people from shacks to conventional housing without providing essentials like community facilities and landscaping.

The R33-million will be spent in the following way:

- R18-million at the rate of R4,5-million a year for four years on landscaping and beautification, community facilities like libraries,

sports fields and public halls, and services such as water, sewerage and drainage.

- R15-million at the rate of R5-million a year for three years on rehousing people presently living in shanties. According to Divco statistics there are 160 shanties on council land in Elsie's River housing 676 families, and 555 shanties on private land housing 912 families — a total of 1 588 families in 715 shanties.

Mr Vivier said the Divisional Council had started redeveloping Elsie's River as the agent for the Department of Community Development in 1971.

"The initial aim was to complete the whole redevelopment within 10 years, but for various reasons this could not be accomplished and a new target was set at 1986," he said.

'Worst slum'

"From the point of view of the Divisional Council, last week's tour was most successful."

Mr Vivier said these allocations were "extremely generous" considering the government's new housing policy, which was aimed at promoting housing self-help and cutting back on direct State housing aid to local authorities.

"It will now be possible to finalize the redevelopment — started in 1971 — of what was once the worst slum in the Republic," he said.

Staff Reporter

THE DEPARTMENT of Community Development will allocate R33-million for the Divisional Council of the Cape to complete redevelopment of Elsie's River over the next four years

The chairman of the divisional council, Mr G M Basson, said today that the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, had given the undertaking following an inspection tour of Elsie's River late last week

For four years from April 1 this year, Mr Kotze had undertaken to allocate

- R15-million, at R5 000 000 a year, to re-house people still living in squatter shacks

- R4,5-million a year for landscaping and beautification, community facilities, and services such as water, sewerage and drainage

"GREAT SYMPATHY"

Mr Kotze, the Director-General of the Department of Community Development Mr P C van Blommenstein, Deputy Director Mr Patrick McEnery, and senior regional officials of the department accompanied Mr Basson and other senior divisional council officials on the tour, which was undertaken at Mr Basson's request

The main purpose, Mr Basson said in a statement, had been to demonstrate what happened when people living in shacks were re-housed in conventional housing but essential matters such as landscaping and community facilities were not provided

Mr Kotze had shown great sympathy for the problems which had been pointed out to him on the tour, Mr Basson said

"WORST SLUM"

With the allocations Mr Kotze had undertaken to make, it would be possible to finalise redevelopment of what was once the "worst slum in the Republic", Mr Basson said

The divisional council had begun redevelopment of Elsie's River as agent for the Department of Community Development in 1971. The initial aim to complete the entire redevelopment within 10 years could not be accomplished, and a new target of 1986 had been set

R33m for Elsie's River redevelopment scheme

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IMC on action body: positive reply ?

EAST LONDON — The Indian Management Committee is still waiting for the Provincial Administration to agree to the IMC having direct representation at City Council action committee meetings

The acting chairman of the IMC, Mr Mike Williams, said "The matter is being dealt with but nothing definite has so far been done about it"

Late last year, the town clerk, Mr J J Human, told an IMC meeting that he would inform the Administrator of the IMC's willingness to participate in action committee meetings

Mr Williams said in the light of the acceptance of the new constitution, he was expecting positive feed-back on the issue in the near future

He said direct IMC representation on action committee and city council meetings would create more efficiency in the local government structure here

"Instead of duplicating issues, it will save time And there will be

no need to jump from one body to another," he said

At present, a shortage of IMC members is hampering their efficiency

The IMC now only has three members, following former chairman Mr Harilal Parbhoo's decision to quit the organisation, and the transfer of teacher member Mr C A Pillay to Pretoria

"It's difficult to handle the situation at the moment," said Mr Williams "We are trying to get more members before the IMC elections, which will be held shortly"

At an IMC meeting this week, confidential reports on the redevelopment of North End and the rehousing of people in "frozen" areas were discussed

Approached after the meeting, Mr Williams said the reports were not immediately available for publication, as they had not been properly discussed and passed by the IMC yet

"We will finalise these issues in the near fu-

ture," said Mr Williams

He said the rehousing of people in frozen areas concerned an IMC plan to temporarily house people in North End homes that became vacant

"We are going to ask the government for permission to house people there This will help solve the housing shortage here for the moment"

A progress chart of IMC projects was attached to the meeting's agenda

The chart showed that the city engineer's department had tenders for the proposed construction of the road over rail bridge near St John's and St Peter's Roads

These tenders have to be screened and then approved by the City Council before the development can commence

Mr Williams said the bridge would create a more efficient traffic flow to North End, injecting interest into business and the Oriental Plaza there The chart also showed that

tenders are still to be called for the establishment of a day care centre in Braelynn's Extension Two, the building of a recreational hall in the suburb's extension four and the building of a swimming pool and sports facilities in the area

Mr Williams said the IMC would have a special meeting next week to discuss when work on these projects would begin

"They have started clearing the bush for the swimming pool already," he said — DDR

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Municipal Reporter

IT was high time the Port Elizabeth City Council began to educate its voters to accept change willingly rather than face compulsion later

This was said yesterday by the chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Raman Bhana, in a joint statement after discussions between the City Council's Policy and Resources Committee and the Indian and Northern Areas Management Committees on the long-standing beach apartheid issue

At the meeting, the management committees proposed the establishment of a joint Beach Desegregation Committee to "identify some acceptable beach area which can be desegregated as a starting point"

Mr Bhana made it clear that the committees were not interested in considering the northern beaches for desegregation

"We will have to look at beaches south of the harbour wall," he said

"If any councillor is thinking in terms of New Beach, he is wasting his time. This is already desegregated and it is a complete flop," he said

Mr Bhana said white fears about racial friction were not healthy and pointed to Happy Valley and Pleasureland as examples of racial mixing without problems

A decision on the formation of the committee would be taken next month

After the meeting, Policy and Resources Committee chairman Mr Alan Ward Able said the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, would be asked to draft a report of the proposals and comments for consideration at the next meeting on February 14

Councillors would thus have time to consider the proposals. He said none of the councillors at the meeting had been negative about the proposed committee

Committee 263 praised for blocking UDF move

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THE Port Elizabeth Coloured Management Committee was today congratulated for "having blocked the United Democratic Front, which was forced to apply for a permit in a white area to hold their recent conference"

The congratulations came today from the national secretary of the Labour Party, Mr Fred Peters, when he delivered his annual report to the party's congress here

In a brief interview later Mr Peters confirmed that this had referred to the mid-December meeting of the UDF, which was finally held in the Feather Market Hall

He told the congress the party's membership growth in the past three months had been "fantastic" He would be requesting the national executive to consider appointing more office personnel to cope with this

He said the Eastern Cape remained the party's strongest and best organised region, followed by the Transvaal where 26 new branches had been formed, five of which were "snatched from the Freedom Party"

Mr Peters said the Cape Peninsula still faced "the old political illness,

that of political inertia including the personality cult".

He declined to give detailed membership figures, saying only this was "in the thousands"

In the interview he said it was not customary to give exact membership figures, because outsiders, by multiplying this by the membership fee, would be able to calculate the financial standing of the party

Mr Peters said there was no better starting point than scrapping beach apartheid for spreading goodwill among the country's people

"For how long must people of colour be prepared to make do with second-hand and overcrowded facilities, while a lonely policeman or two stands guard over an almost deserted beach demarcated for whites"

He called for the appointment of a national delimitation committee to prepare for a general election on a constituency basis He said the party should undertake a mass registration of voters and assist those who did not yet possess identity books

Earlier today the deputy leader of the party, Mr Miley Richards, said the party should dedicate itself to be "the instrument of destroying apartheid"

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City to act on Govt housing

Staff Reporter
CAPE TOWN City Council plans to take its concern over the Government's "inadequate" housing policy to the Cape Province Municipal Association

It will voice its feelings at the association's next congress

It will draw attention to the effect of the new housing policy on the council's growing housing shortfall — about 32 000 families are waiting for homes

A draft motion on the

issue, discussed by the council yesterday, suggested that the United Municipal Executive draw Government attention to the council's concern

The housing committee said the council viewed the Government's new policy of concentrating on providing serviced sites, welfare housing and some accommodation for the very poor, as inadequate to cope with the current major housing shortage

Government policy in past years to provide

good-quality housing for those with limited means — which the council considered wise — had created expectations of such housing for all in due course

The proposed motion emphasised that the council favoured the new policy of controlled self-help as an acceptable option of providing homes for those inadequately sheltered

It also said the council felt that the reduction of public housing would prolong the high unemployment rate in the Western Cape

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Cape councils under fire for lack of liaison

Municipal Reporter

COUNCILS which are apathetic in liaising with coloured and Indian management committees have come under fire from the Provincial Administration

Cases in which some management committees were poorly informed by councils over meetings on the Government's house-selling scheme are to be taken up with the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, and the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze

The councils and management committees involved are not named in a provincial circular put before Cape Town's Executive Committee yesterday

The circular, signed by the Director for Local Government, says the Administration had made "purposeful efforts for many years to promote better liaison between councils and management committees

DISSATISFIED

"It appears some councils are apathetic about encouraging liaison"

The issue arose with the announcement that the Government planned to sell 500 000 houses to tenants. Instructions on the sale were given in a circular sent to councils, which were asked to pass on the information to management committees

The Department of Community Development also held informal meetings to discuss the implications of the plan with councils and management committees

"There is dissatisfaction in the ranks of many management committees because they did not know about the meetings and in many cases did not see the circulars until recently," the circular said

The Administration appealed to councils to "do everything in their power" to keep management committees informed

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Ward 1 issues: Beaches, security

environment

Municipal Reporter
CAMPAINING for the City Council by-election in Ward 1 has begun with the two candidates outlining their policies on the main issues of beach control, security and preservation of the environment

Both candidates, businessmen Mr Chris Joubert and Mr Rodney Mazinter, addressed a meeting of Camps Bay ratepayers this week.

Ratepayers in Ward 1, which covers the Atlantic seaboard from Friesnaye to Camps Bay and Bakoven, will go to the polls on March 7 to choose a councillor.

● Mr Mazinter says the principal concern with beach control is to prevent vagrancy and anti-social behaviour

"The problem is one of policing. We should have more unarmed beach constables to control the beaches
"I am totally opposed

to the erection of a permanent or temporary fence. It would be like an iron curtain or a wall of shame. We must sort this problem out in a civilised way

"As far as I am concerned, the biggest problem in the area is massive development and disfigurement of the mountainside. Apart from problems relating to traffic and congestion, this is also a historical and environmental issue

"If there was a major disaster in the area and people had to be evacuated,

ed in a hurry, there would be chaos"

● Mr Chris Joubert is opposed to a permanent fence along the beach but favours a temporary one

"Sharing of amenities is correct but proper security and control can be achieved on beaches only if constables are armed with guns and properly trained

"It is also important that Camps Bay retains its village atmosphere, with stricter enforcement of the three-storey limit on new developments

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Lost library books added to the rent

Staff Reporter

A SPOKESMAN for the Housing League confirmed last week that the organization debited Bishop Lavis residents' rentals for lost or unreturned books which were borrowed from the library it runs in the area

Mr D Lambert, secretary of the league, said, however, that the amounts were not as large as claimed by a resident who said she paid R69 extra on her rent.

Dissatisfaction with the scheme emerged at a meeting of the People's Congress Party in Bishop Lavis, the party's leader, Mr Peter Marais, said

In many cases, he said, parents did not even know that their children had joined the library. Teachers had signed their membership forms, he added

"What this means, is that people can be evicted because of library books they did not even know about in the first place

"I have written to Minister Pen Kotze about this I think it is a very unfair system," Mr Marais said

A Bishop Lavis resident, Mrs Magdalene Cupido, said that her youngest son Adrian, 12, had lost a book last year

"They added R38 to my November rent. That was the first time I knew about any library books. Then, in January, I had to pay an extra R31 for the same reason I did not sign any library card," said Mrs Cupido

Entitled to two books

However, Mr Lambert said it was unlikely that anyone could be debited with as much as R38 and R31

"A borrower is only entitled to take out two books at a time and the overdue fee per book is five cents a week," he said

"Children could have joined the library without the knowledge of their parents in the past, but in October last year we had a re-registration of our members, who needed their parents' consent.

"This was when the system of debiting peoples' rentals was introduced," Mr Lambert said

He said the library, which has a membership of under 1 000, borrows its books from the provincial library service and that losses have to be replaced at cost.

During 1982, the library's first year of operation, he said, 1 329 books could not be accounted for and 1 082 books were not returned

"The alternative to individuals paying their fines is to levy the whole community, even those who are not members of the library," Mr Lambert said

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Eight families out in the cold

EIGHT families in the tiny Karoo hamlet of Prince Albert have been sleeping in the open for the past two weeks after being evicted from their homes by the local municipality.

The evicted tenants, most of them elderly, have been sleeping in the open with their belongings while their former homes remain unoccupied and locked. The municipality alleges that the evicted people owed rent. But some of the affected tenants have denied this, claiming that they are ahead with payments.

According to Oom Jan Schoeman, spokesperson for the people, "It is difficult to show that the municipality is in the wrong because many of the receipts issued to people for rent paid were not filled in properly. Some didn't bear the signature of the relevant municipal representative, others had incomplete dates."

"The municipality has accused people of being in arrears with rent of a year or more ago. How can the municipality now, suddenly, after a year or more say that someone is in arrears? This is not right. They let people go on paying, saying nothing, and now suddenly say they owe money for 1982 and must pay it in about two weeks' time or be evicted."

NOTICE

"The amounts are not small. Mrs Windvogel, for instance, had to pay in R39,77 by February 27. She received a notice dated February 14. People are poor here. Many of us don't even have permanent jobs. We have to do a bit of everything to earn some money."



● OOM Jan Schoeman — spokesman for eight Karoo families evicted.

"Now even the few comforts people have managed to get over the years are being ruined because of the evictions. Furniture belonging to evicted tenants stands outside."

"This issue of improperly completed receipts is something I, on behalf of people in Prince Albert, have been fighting for more than three years. But it is very difficult for people like us with little schooling and little money to fight the State."

Oom Jan himself took the municipality to court after having been kicked out of his own home in 1980. He returned home one day in July 1980 to find his belongings dumped in the street.

EVICT

He said "They did tell me before this that I would have to get out of the house I'd been living in for 14 years but I ignored them. They could give no reason for wanting to evict me except to say that I was a troublemaker."

"I have never allowed people to ride roughshod over me. And there were many injustices which the municipality inflicted on us which I objected to."

"In 1972 they used to dump nightsoil in the location, near peoples' homes. I organised a petition among the people. We sent this petition to the Department of Health in Cape Town. Soon after the petition had been sent off, some people from the Department arrived to investigate our complaint. No more nightsoil was dumped in the location after this. But the municipality resented our action."

"I think they evicted me out of spite. But because I felt very strongly that their action was unjust, I took the case to the Supreme Court in Cape Town after the Prince Albert magistrate had ruled in favour of the municipality — and I won my case. In 1982, the Prince Albert Municipality was found guilty of unlawfully evicting me."

OFFER

"But despite this, I am still without a proper house today. The municipality tried to make me an offer so that their injustices wouldn't become public. They offered me R1500. I refused to be bought like this."

"I knew they weren't really interested in my welfare, all they wanted to do was keep me quiet. I was proved right in this when about six days after the court case they removed my bucket toilet and told me to make my own toilet arrangements. Since then they have refused to collect my nightsoil."

"The same kind of injustice is continuing today with these recently evicted tenants. We are very worried about these people who are sleeping in the open, especially with winter approaching."

ALL of the 1400 pupils at Valhalla Senior Secondary School in Elsie's River were subjected to a thorough search by their teachers last week without warning.

Confiscated were eight knives, one cudgel with a lead tip, one S-shaped pointed steel hook and nine packets of cigarettes of which two belonged to girls.

"At about 11 am on Friday morning four teachers walked into our classroom saying they had permission from the principal to search us," said a 17-year-old Standard 9 pupil whose class was searched first.

"They said we'd find out why later."

Mr Davis explained why he had taken this step. "I've warned them repeatedly not to bring sharp objects to school. 'This is a school and not a place for fighting,' he said."

SEARCH

He said that it was a domestic affair. "I gave the orders to search the pupils because it was my duty."

"I know some pupils were humiliated," he said, "but that was the only way we could find the culprits."

"There have been a few incidents at school — nothing serious yet — but I decided to put a stop to it now."

Pupils found with knives were sent home to get their parents while those caught with cigarettes were caned.

● A 15 year-old Standard 8 pupil, was caught with a knife in his bag.

HUMILIATED

"I felt humiliated and embarrassed," he said. "They went through my bag without my permission."

"I always carry my knife in my bag. You have to be realistic. This is Elsie's River, not Constantia, and you have to be able to defend yourself," he said.

● A 16 year-old Standard 8 girl said "They let me take off my blazer and jersey, and a woman teacher ran her hands up my legs and all over my body."

Mr N Eales, the Department of Internal Affairs (Coloured Education) liaison man, explained that the search had been prompted by an incident at the recent senior school athletics

when two of the school pupils had allegedly threatened each other with knives.

In addition, and as the principal had to warn pupils, Standard 9 and 10 pupils asked departmental heads to take action against pupils carrying dangerous weapons and after discussion among staff members all the classes were searched in groups by groups of teachers which included a lady teacher in each group.

After the investigation the attitude of the school pupils was tested, added, and they were pleased with the way which it had been carried out.

Spotlight on the plight of detainees

By Est

NATIONAL Detainees' Day on which attention is drawn to the real South African situation, means hardship for the most basic needs.

It is a time when the uprisings of 1976 and 1977, daughters, sons, brothers and friends were detained. They bore the brunt of South African apartheid.

According to the Detainees' Act, people have died in detention since 1963. This was first introduced. The detainee deaths occurred under the Terrorism Act — a total ban on political activity.

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South Africa's security forces are becoming progressively more stream-lined. It is increasingly difficult for the International Commission on Human Rights to provide a good example of Mr Louis Le Grange, who had been detained under the Act this year.

The Act provides for trial and its scope is so broad that Thabane Ntshwa, who spent months' imprisonment in 1977, is now being used at work. He is one of others "Amandla Gwede" and "PW we want



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'Take less water with it,' Beaufort West tenants told

SORRY, but you'll just have to pay up, says Beaufort West Municipality to several residents who are still reeling from the shock of astronomically high water bills — one for more than R1 000.

The huge bills were caused by penalties imposed by the local authority in a water restriction drive.

And despite protests from residents, who have threatened not to pay up, the local authority is sticking to its guns after meeting those who had

complained about their accounts

Meters have been tested and found to be in order, say officials, and no accounts would be cut. They did offer to take payment over six months, though.

When confrontation loomed, a meeting was arranged with council officials. There people told of their hardships in the drought-stricken, jobless town

Mr van der Merwe said the offer of payment over six months still stood.

In an earlier interview, Mr van der Merwe said the municipality had had no choice but to impose fines.

BANNED

"We asked people to save but we received little co-operation. Then we banned the use of garden hoses.

"The drought worsened and so did the people's

will to restrict themselves. In the end we had to force them to save," he said.

From December last year a fine of R5 a kilolitre for every kilolitre over 18 used per month was imposed.

Building contractor Mr David Fortuin received a R1 031.29 bill for January. His neighbour, Mr Gert van Wyk, who had to fork out R159 for December, faced a January bill of R400.

Both said they had no idea how they were going to settle the debts.

REQUESTS

The officials agreed that a sitting on February 27 of the full council would consider requests that the fines be dropped.

The requests were turned down according to the Town Clerk, Mr J van der Merwe.

"We are very sorry," he said, "but the fines are legal and we cannot make exceptions to the law; not for anyone at all."

Council gets tough on lawless tenants

Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town City Council plans "strong action" against lawless tenants in housing estates — and if warnings go unheeded the offenders will be evicted.

Escalating crime has prompted a stern warning from the council that tough measures await tenants who harbour gangs or allow gang meetings in their homes, deal in drugs or liquor or disturb neighbours through drunken behaviour.

A circular letter on the behaviour of residents and their visitors, to be printed in the next quarterly housing newsletter, says it is not meant to offend the well-behaved families, but is specially for those "who are disturbing the peace of other people".

"In the past the council has been lenient with inconsiderate and offending people."

Now, with an increase in crime, the council intends to take action against tenants who disturb neighbours and upset relations between families through disorderly behaviour, being noisy and using foul language, or allowing their children to damage neighbours' property.

Eviction

A sterner warning is levelled at tenants who harbour gangs or allow their homes to be used for gang meetings or deal in drugs, dagga and liquor.

The circular says these tenants will be evicted if repeated complaints are found to be correct.



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Drivers go back on the buses

City Press 18/3/24

TWO HUNDRED sacked Durban bus drivers have been given their jobs back after seven hours of talks between their union and management — and a massive one-shift bus boycott by sympathetic workers.

**CP Correspondent:
DURBAN**

The drivers were fired earlier this week when they refused to drive in protest at management's handling of a union recognition dispute.

Unions factories in Pinetown, who wanted to show that the community supported the drivers

They were told after their dismissal that it was "the end of the road" for them as far as the company was concerned, and threatened with prosecution for striking illegally

The shop-stewards said they would be prepared to "take action" in support of their colleagues.

In a bid to tell the Durban City Council their problems, a delegation went to Durban City Hall on Tuesday to meet Mayor Sybil Hotz

On Wednesday, bus company management met representatives from Transport and General Workers' Union and an arbitrator.

Included in the delegation were the sacked drivers and shop stewards from Federation of SA Trade

On Friday morning, workers accepted the proposals made during the marathon talks, and returned to work immediately with no loss of privileges and status.

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"AT DAMELIN WE DON'T ONLY PROMISE A GOOD EDUCATION, WE GUARANTEE IT."

Mr J.P. Brummer, Principal, Damelin Correspondence College



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Refuse, lighting cause concern

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Municipal Reporter

REFUSE collection, the state of roads in residential areas, street lighting and conservation of natural beauty have been highlighted as priorities by Cape Town ratepayers.

This appears from a preliminary sampling of responses to the City Council's questionnaire project. The city engineer, Mr Jan Brand, said the project appears to have been welcomed by ratepayers, who in some cases wrote lengthy comments, some up to four pages long.

Mr Brand said, "Dissatisfaction over some services — excluding library services, health services, grass and flowers along roads and the state of main roads and freeways — indicates the need for improvement."

Nearly eight percent of the 171 370 questionnaires the council sent to ratepayers to canvass their opinions on city services and priorities have been returned.

Cities and suburbs

"Rates of response have varied markedly from one area to another. For example, from about 26 percent in Bishopscourt to one percent in a few less affluent areas."

"It is expected, however, to permit a sufficiently accurate assessment of the opinions of all sections of Cape Town's population."

"Initial impressions gleaned from the questionnaire must obviously be viewed as cursory and provisional. Nevertheless, it is clear that the survey as a whole will benefit the council and officials in assessing what Cape Town people want most for their city and suburbs."

All questionnaires received up to the end of April will be processed and an analysis of the survey should be complete by the end of May.

Priorities the key to city obeying govt budget order

By EVELYN VOSLOO
Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council is carefully evaluating priorities for this year's budget — a task complicated by the government's decision to drastically limit expenditure by local authorities

Draft capital estimates are already moving through the council's various committees for adjustment before announcement of the budget on May 22

In a letter on March 8, the Department of Finance told local authorities to limit expenditure for the 1984/85 financial year to only 10 percent more than budgeted expenditure for the previous financial year

The letter says expen-

diture by local governments has increased appreciably faster than either the provincial or central governments

"In fixing this limit the present condition of and outlook for the South African economy had to be taken into account"

Two factors, in which local authorities had important roles to play, directly affected the welfare of each community, the letter said

These were the inflation rate, which local authorities could help keep in check by stabilizing demand for capital, skilled labour and materials; and current unemployment

They could help counteract unemployment by creating job opportunities in areas where the problem was most serious.

To "give effect to the spirit of this recommendation", the department laid down guidelines under which it would consider allowing local authorities to exceed the 10 percent limit

The guidelines laid down included

- Projects had to be labour intensive

- They had to employ workers who would otherwise have been jobless

- Priority had to be given to projects in areas where unemployment was most severe

- Workers recruited had to be permanent inhabitants of the area in which a project was undertaken

- Projects had to be financed entirely by the local authority

A member of the city council's executive committee, Mr Peter Muller, said on Wednesday the limit on expenditure meant in real terms that local authorities had less money to spend than last year

This was because the 10 percent increase virtually equalled the inflation rate and because building and labour costs were escalating rapidly

"This means that some things have to be done now or they will become too expensive for the council to afford later," he said

"In the poorer areas we are going to have to spend more than the inflation rate to keep pace with the rise in the standard of living

"Unmade streets and pavements and lack of street lighting are just not acceptable any more"

The mayor, Mr Sol Kreiner, said there were tremendous demands on the municipality for all services but because of the limit the council had to decide on its priorities.

Whites enjoy cheap energy

CAPE TOWN 16/4/84

Labour Reporter

WHITE households in Cape Town spend much less to buy more energy than poorer households in the townships, a study presented to the Carnegie conference on poverty says

It shows that households in Pinelands pay R44 a month for electricity while poorer households in townships without electricity spend up to R73 a month on paraffin, gas, coal or wood.

On the basis of an extensive survey conducted in Cape Town, Dr Anton Eberhard, of the Energy Research Institute at the University of Cape Town, reports that households with electricity in Valhalla Park spend on average of R25 a month, while those without spend R65 — or nearly triple

Households without electricity in Grassy Park spend on average of R73 per month on fuel, against R44 in Pinelands, R40 in Heathfield, R21 in Bonteheuwel and R25 in Guguletu

Additionally, wealthier households spend proportionately less of their income on electricity

Poorer households earning less than R50 a week buy about a third of the energy which Pinelands households consume, but spend on average 38 percent of their income on energy, and in extreme cases more than 50 percent, he says

In many poorer areas of Cape Town which are electrified, households do not have electricity because they cannot afford the high installation costs, or because their supplies have been cut off as a result of defaults

"It is clear that poorer households are struggling to pay for their energy requirements," he says.

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Hospital apartheid

THERE are conflicting versions of what took place at Klerksdorp hospital as Mr Vivian Solomons lay grievously injured after a car accident. If one version of the facts is correct, it is tragically ironic that the first coloured announcer on TV 1 should have died in circumstances that epitomized the effects of apartheid. No one can say whether the alleged switching of the desperately injured Mr Vivian Solomons from one hospital department to another contributed directly to his demise, if this indeed, did take place. According to newspaper reports, Mr Solomons was first taken to the white Lichtenburg hospital after his involvement in an accident. Then he was transferred to the Klerksdorp provincial hospital. At the coloured section, he was apparently thought to be Indian. At the Indian section, he was thought to be white. His racial classification, on this version of the facts, therefore, assumed greater importance than the need to treat him with the utmost urgency. If this was indeed the case, the government should send a directive immediately to *all* hospitals, ordering them to waive whatever racial rules still apply if life is at stake. They should waive all racial

rules whatever the circumstances, but that would perhaps be too much to expect. The director of hospital services in the Transvaal, Dr Hennie Grove, said Mr Solomons' death would be investigated *if his department received a complaint*. This complacent response was quickly overtaken, however, when the incident raised a storm of protest and exposed what appears to be naked racism in hospital services. Mr Kirstein, MEC in charge of hospital services in the Transvaal, and presumably more responsive to public opinion than the departmental head, said everything possible had been done for Mr Solomons and there had been no delay in admitting him to the hospital.

It is some advance that Mr Kirstein should be at pains to dispel an impression of racism. What the full and precise facts of the matter may be has yet to appear. In any event it is noteworthy that the Nationalist press has been moved to comment in strong terms. Yet they should not be too surprised that less advanced elements in their ranks still adhere to a policy that not even the Prime Minister has yet specifically asked them to discard.

Beaches come under spotlight

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Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town City Council today passed several recommendations aimed at improving control on Peninsula beaches.

These include the removal of the fence at the Camps Bay tidal pool, though the Provincial Council has yet to be consulted on this.

A call was also made by councillor Mr Emil Riese for all beaches to be opened to all. He said this would relieve the pressure on certain beaches and lead to a more widespread use of all beaches.

After lengthy debate at its meeting today the council approved setting up a temporary police station on the Camps Bay beachfront lawns next summer, extending Maiden's Cove parking area, permitting braaing at Maiden's Cove from sunrise until 10pm and increasing the maximum littering fine to R50.

Ball games

Other recommendations passed are that the lifeguard service at tidal pools be continued next summer from November to February and that ball games be permitted at Second and Third beaches, Clifton, during the next December/January period.

These measures follow a report from the director of bathing amenities, Mr J S Kloppers, saying drunkenness and dagga-smoking are still serious problems on beaches.

He said he believed the only solution to overcrowding was to create facilities on the False Bay coast.

Constables

Mr Herbert Hirsch MPC and Mr Joseph Rabinowitz emphasised the importance of increasing the beach constable force.

There was considerable discussion on whether or not the fine for littering should be increased to a minimum of R50.

'Beaches can be shared if people behave right'

Municipal Reporter

THE new city councillor for Ward 1, Mr Chris Joubert, says he believes beaches should be shared by all races on condition that "civilised norms and decent values" are upheld.

Beach control was the key issue in his maiden speech at today's council meeting.

He supported a number of recommendations accepted by the council, including the establishment of a temporary police station at Camps Bay during summer and the removal of the tidal pool fence.

He also called for a ban on alcohol on beaches, a ban on buses parking all day along the Camps Bay beachfront, a ban on fires along the beach area and the demarcation of all picnic sites along the Camps Bay beachfront, limiting the number of people on each site.

"GOLDEN CHANCE"

He said he had written to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, and the Minister of Justice, Mr H J Coetsee, for clarification of legislation covering liquor and beaches.

Commenting on the demarcation of picnic sites, he said "This measure should not be enforced by the law enforcement agencies, but left to the civilised discretion of users."

"We have a golden opportunity to prove to the rest of the country's seaside resorts who have a similar problem that amenities can be shared on condition that civilised norms and decent values are upheld and numbers of users are curtailed."

"I believe this is a purely domestic matter and the Provincial Council's "big daddy" should not be asked to wield the big stick."

"I believe I speak for the people of Camps Bay when I say we are prepared to share amenities, but on condition that civilised norms and decent values are upheld. If this fails we will have to go back to the drawing-board and find harsher measures," he said.

Mr Sam Gross said he felt this would be unfair as it could be a severe hardship on an accidental litterer. Dr John Sonnenberg MPC agreed. Mrs Eulalie Stott said a R50 fine would be grossly unfair to poor people.

One of the councillors in favour, Mr James Johnson, said "A whacking sound fine is the answer."

Mr Chris Joubert

'Keep power station ideas open'

Staff Reporter

DEBATE on the future of the disused Table Bay power station should be kept open, city councillor Mrs Joan Kantey said today.

She told the monthly council meeting that she had attended the recent presentation by two UCT architecture students on possible preservation of the power station.

"I feel it is very important that the city does have this sort of fresh input from young, idealistic and sometimes quite practical students," she said.

She felt the City Council should give people the chance to voice their opinions on the power station and "open debate on the subject."

One of the suggestions for preserving the old building includes an indoor swimming pool, shops and offices.

"I do hope that this debate will not be smothered and that we will very seriously consider the proposals of these students," Mrs Kantey said.

The City Council decided not to include a swimming pool in plans for the Maynardville Park and carnival site, and adopted a priority list of swimming pools for the city. Regional baths for Athlone and the city centre, and neighbourhood baths in Tafelsig and Hanover Park are at the top of the list.

City plans for 7 000 new houses

By MICHAEL MORRIS
Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN City Council is negotiating a R50-million overseas private-sector loan for a giant home-ownership scheme for thousands of waiting-list families

In the first major step towards solving Cape Town's critical housing shortage — with more than 30 000 families on waiting lists — the huge loan will allow the council to start building about 7 000 new houses, possibly within the next six months to a year

It is also aimed at eliminating dependence on subsidised housing

Negotiations

Loan and land negotiations are still under way. More funds, from the National Housing Fund have been pledged by the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, after meetings with the mayor, Mr Sol Kreiner

A statement issued late yesterday after a 90-minute council debate said "Cape Town, with the support of Mr Kotze, has adopted a new self-help approach as a solution to the city's chronic housing shortage

"The mayor has achieved a major breakthrough in initiating this approach which will meet the urgent need for more affordable housing

Meetings

"After meetings with Mr Kotze and senior department officials, Mr Kreiner has taken the lead in bringing together the Government and private sectors to help solve Cape Town's critical housing shortage

"The Government has given verbal approval to the council to raise a foreign private-sector loan of R50-million at an expected low interest rate to build houses for ownership

"Mr Kotze has agreed to make National Housing funds available to the city in line with the new housing policy

"The city will initially subsidise interest rates on a sliding scale to assist those citizens who work in the city and who cannot afford to help themselves"

Foreign housing loan for City

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By EVELYN VOSLOO
Municipal Reporter

IN what has been described as a major breakthrough, the Cape Town City Council has been given permission by the government to borrow R50-million overseas for housing.

The loan has been arranged on the initiative of the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Sol Kreiner, who personally undertook negotiations with the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze.

It will be the first time any South African municipality will raise a foreign loan for housing, although the Johannesburg municipality raised a foreign loan for other purposes several years ago.

All the details of the loan have not yet been finalized, but it is believed that the general terms are favourable.

The Department of Community Development has also agreed to finance the purchase of property and the infra-

structure which will be needed for the 6 000 to 7 000 houses to be built with the money. All the houses will be for sale.

The department's contribution could also amount to R50-million, the Deputy Director-General, Mr Patrick McHenry, said yesterday.

The City Council agreed at its monthly meeting yesterday that its Executive Committee should carry on with the negotiations.

The loan was widely welcomed last night, although the chairman of the council's Housing Committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott, warned that it should not be seen as the final solution to the City's housing problem.

The chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr John Muir, said the loan would provide a "marvellous opportunity" for the City to do something meaningful to accommodate some of the 32 000 families on its housing waiting list.

"We have had excellent co-operation from

everyone concerned, including the government," Mr Muir said.

"We could make a start on building the houses within six months."

The chairman of the Town Planning Committee, Mr Clive Keegan, said the loan was extremely exciting.

"The State has surrendered its responsibility for housing the poor and the private sector does not have the capacity to make a significant contribution, so we should be rejoicing about this loan," he said.

The president of the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce, Mr Robert Stern, said the Chamber endorsed the initiative.

"One of the City's most pressing problems is the housing backlog. We welcome the flexibility of the scheme, which will allow employers to buy houses for their employees or serviced sites. This is an opportunity for employers to consider helping their employees to full homeownership," he said.

struggle against apartheid for majority rule in South Africa

CALL ON APARTHEID

The communique called for the abolition of apartheid preferably by peaceful means and called for talks between the country's whites and blacks. However, it said apartheid must be abolished by whatever means were necessary.

The communique was endorsed by the presidents of the C, and Swapo.

The president of Swapo, Mr. Nujoma said South African troop withdrawal from Angola would in no way affect the struggle for SWA/Namibia independence.

Municipal workers demand pay rise

Staff Reporter

MUNICIPAL workers, "tired of begging", are to demand higher wages from Cape Town City Council.

A meeting of more than 3 000 council workers in the City Hall yesterday rejected the council's wage structure as "discriminatory" and "loaded against the lower-paid workers", said the secretary of the Cape Town Municipal Workers Association, Mr J H Ernstzen.

He said the workers claimed that labourers were paid "starvation wages" and could not

manage on their pay packets.

"How must we feed our children and send them to school when we hardly have enough money to pay our rents, bus fares and train fares to work?" was the sentiment expressed, according to Mr Ernstzen.

R119,55 MINIMUM

Workers were "tired of begging", Mr Ernstzen said, and the CTMWA would demand that all workers employed by the council be paid a "living wage".

The executive committee and general council (shop ste-

wards) of the union had been instructed to demand that

● Labourers be paid a minimum wage of R119,55 a week as opposed to R59,77 a week at present.

● Pay scales of all workers earning more than labourers be increased accordingly.

Workers would consider further action if their demands for a realistic living wage were not met, Mr Ernstzen said.

● A City Council spokesman said today that as soon as the CTMWA's representations were received they would be placed before the Executive Committee for consideration.

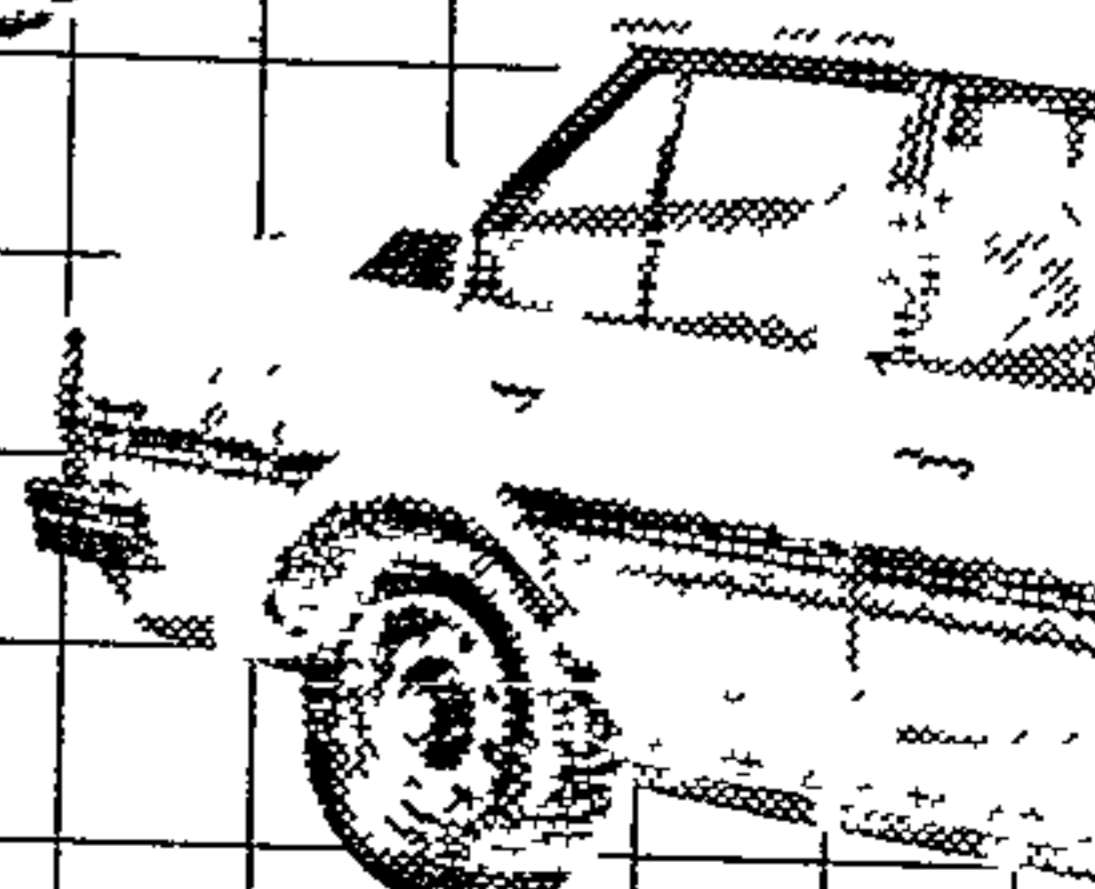
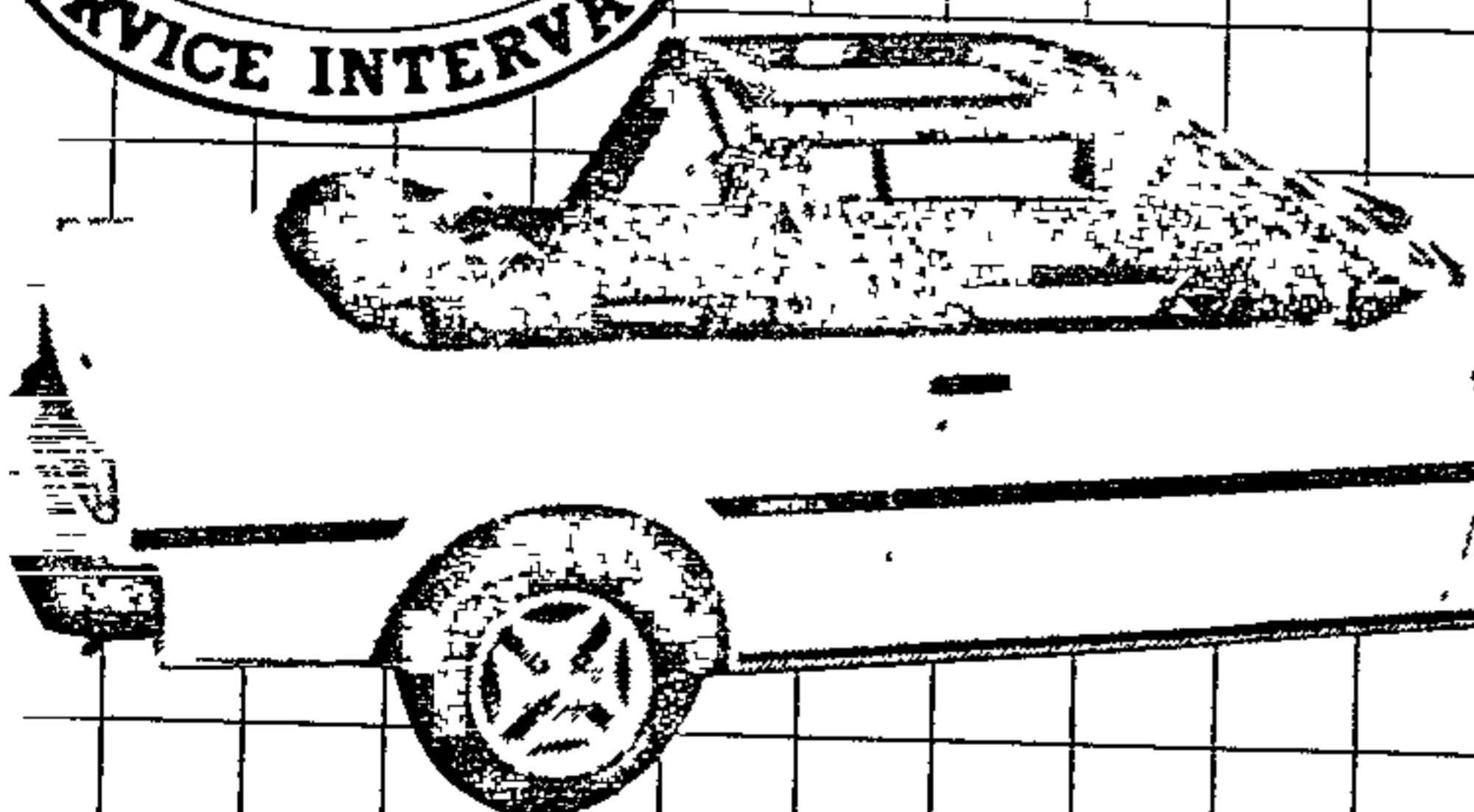
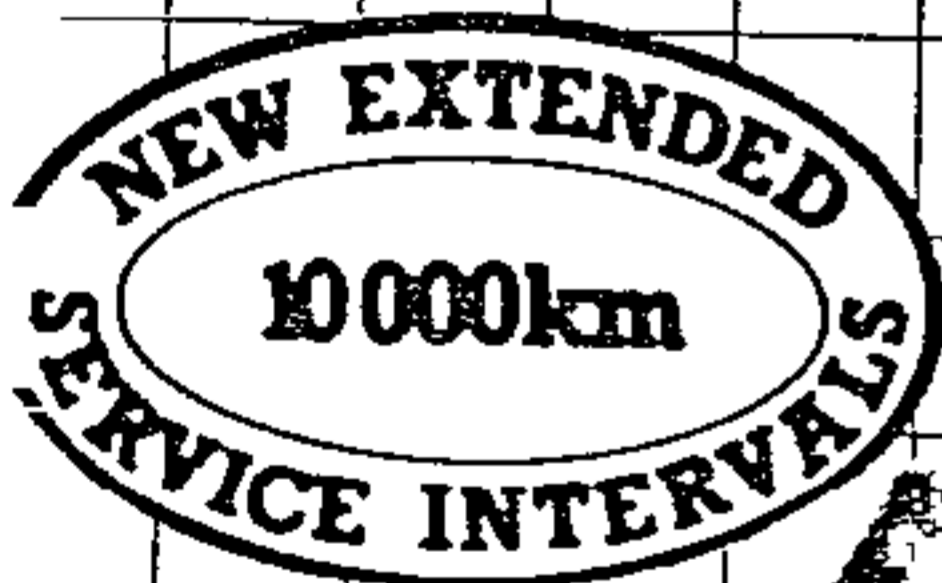


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Council workers demand more

Municipal Reporter

MORE THAN 3 000 Cape Town City Council workers unanimously rejected the council's present wage structure as "discriminatory" and "loaded against the lower-paid workers" at a meeting at the City Hall on Saturday. The secretary of the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, Mr J H Ernstzen, said labourers were being paid starvation wages and were tired of begging.

"Workers say they are finding it hard to make ends meet and cannot feed and educate their children when they hardly have enough money to pay their rent, bus and train fares," he said on Saturday.

"They say they can no longer bear to see their children go hungry at

night, go to school without decent clothes and be driven to crime in desperation.

"And so CTMWA has unanimously resolved to demand that all workers in the employ of the City Council be paid a living wage. The Executive Committee and General Council of the union have been instructed to submit immediately the following demands to the City Council."

- That labourers be paid a minimum wage of R119 55 a week as opposed to the present R59 77 a week.

- That the scales of pay of all other workers earning more than labourers be increased accordingly.

Workers would consider further action if workers were not paid a living wage, Mr Ernstzen said.

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City delegation rejects new plan for local bodies

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From
MICHAEL MORRIS
Municipal Reporter

OUDTSHOORN — Cape Town City Council's delegation to the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) congress has rejected the new constitutional set-up for local authorities because they fear it will dismember the city.

Inroads feared

The delegation, comprising executive committee vice-chairman, Mr Richard Friedlander and councillors Mr Norman Osburn, Mrs Eulalie Stott and Mr Clive Keegan, insisted that the congress record their votes against the dispensation

Theirs was the only objection among more than 600 delegates at the 77th CPMA congress today

Mr Osburn told the congress "We are unable



Mrs Eulalie Stott

to accept the reports by three association committees on the new dispensation because of the brief given to local government

"Cape Town's system of local government has worked effectively for a long time and we are concerned that the implementation of the new

dispensation will lead to the dismemberment of the city, and grave inroads will be made into areas of the council's responsibility"

He was interrupted by CPMA president, Dr T G Schlebusch who said "We must accept that the government in power will dictate the policy. It is not for this congress to enter into political discussions"

Along own lines

He said the reports would be considered by a co-ordinating council — due to meet in Cape Town next week — which would make recommendations to the Government

"We do not want to enter into political discussions. It is our intention to raise points and make representations to the powers-that-be to permit certain authorities to evolve along their own lines," Mr Osburn said

"Local government has never been uniform. It has developed in accordance with the history and tradition of the various regions. This national concern regarding uniformity should be looked at again"

Dr Schlebusch said the City Council was represented on the co-ordinating council and should make its representations there

Mrs Stott's request for a vote was turned down. But after a show of hands, Dr Schlebusch said it was clear the congress accepted the reports.

City rejects CPMA report

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Own Correspondent

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Local government: CPMA favours alternative system

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Municipal Reporter

OUTDSHOORN. — The Cape Province Municipal Association is in favour of creating an alternative system of local government which will satisfy the political aspirations of coloured people and Indians and allow them to be accommodated in one organisation

The CPMA, meeting at its 77th annual congress here, accepted a number of key points as a response to the new constitutional dispensation. These are:

- Coloured people and Indians should not be expected to accept independent local authorities against their will

- When these communities are ready — in terms of financial viability and other requirements — to accept their own local authorities it will be necessary to satisfy their political aspirations through an alternative system which will allow both groups to be accommodated in one organisation

- Transition to fully fledged local government should be evolutionary

- While seeking to satisfy the political aspirations of coloured people and Indians, existing executive organisations should not be dissected

- Local government systems should be allowed to differ between provinces

- Voting qualifications for all groups in all provinces should be the same and should be linked to ownership or occupancy of immovable property.

The president of the Association of Management Committees, Mr David Curry, told the congress "There is a challenge in front of us on how we are going to solve the conflict of how local government is going to work in future.

"We are prepared to accept responsibilities, but we must have a say. You cannot expect advisory bodies to have responsibilities when they have no say"

Mr Curry emphasised the need for reconciliation between all groups in South Africa for the sake of peaceful coexistence in the future

Pay us more or else, Council told

a Herald
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CAPE Town City Council workers have given their bosses an ultimatum "Pay us a decent wage, or else"

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ers unanimously rejected the council's present wage structure as "discriminatory" and "loaded against the lower-paid workers" at a meeting at the City Hall on Sunday

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- Two resolutions supporting other local workers' organisations were passed. The first expressed support to the Clothing Workers' Union (Clowu), whose members at Cape Underwear and Rex Trueform are having pay disputes with their bosses and the second backed City Tramways bus drivers who are working to rule

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Post Focus

Keeping hopes high for PW's mystery tour



Scott on Saturday

THE most exciting aspect of travelling with a South African Prime Minister is that you are never sure which countries you will visit, when you will leave and what your movements will be once you have left

It's a mystery tour, par excellence.

(Got to practise my French, just in case).

When I first learned of my good fortune that I would be on Mr P W Botha's European trip, it was already officially known that he would visit Bonn and Lisbon. Then I read that I would be in London on June 2.

"Look, if it's only those three capitals I am not going to complain," I confided to my wife "It gives one a fairly broad sweep across the Continent."

There were also rumours about Vienna, Rome, Madrid and a stopover in Israel, but I tried to pay no attention to them. What's the point of looking forward to meeting the Pope or watching a bullfight, only to discover they are not on one's itinerary?

Next thing we were also going to Switzerland. A logical place, really. It is more or less en route (excuse my French) between Portugal and Germany.

The day after that it was announced that I would spend June 7 in Brussels.

There was a further rumour that we would visit Paris and Madeira.

I started studying the map of Europe with increasing interest. There were still quite a few countries that hadn't even been mentioned yet.

"What's wrong with Greece?" I asked my wife "That would be a great country to cement relations with. And it's practically next door to Italy. I'd love to go there."

The rumours had also missed out on Holland, Scandinavia, Finland and the Channel Islands. Nor was there any mention of Iceland or Crete.

"If these countries want to get in on the act, they had

better shake a leg," I said. "At this rate we could ignore them completely"

At least I can discuss the trip with my wife, even though I don't know where I'll be except London on a Saturday, Bonn on a Tuesday and Brussels on a Thursday

I couldn't before I went to Israel with Mr Vorster eight years ago. He spoke to journalists individually about "a secret trip", making each of us promise we wouldn't tell anybody, though at first we didn't know where we were going, anyway.

"Not even to your editor," I remember him saying.

"What about my wife, Mr Prime Minister? She's bound to notice my absence"

But he felt it would be wise to keep it from her, too. For as long as a man was able to keep anything from his wife, he conceded.

He was a man of the world, was John Vorster.

This time we all know where we are headed, roughly, give or take a stopover in places for which you need inoculations against horrible diseases. But we don't know when.

A friend invited me to take part in a golf outing towards the end of this month. I turned him down.

"I may not be here," I explained. "And if I am still here, I don't know how I am going to fit in half the countries I am alleged to be visiting. It is all very worrying."

"Better not play," he agreed. "It could affect your putting."

If takes a golfer to see a trip in perspective.

Survey rev of water problem in townships

By CLAIRE PICKARD-CAMBRIDGE



Hard daily hauls with buckets to collect water are typical scenes in the Albany region.

ENDLESS mud-shuffling queues in miserable early morning conditions are a daily reality for thousands of township-dwellers in the depressed Albany area

In the townships of the Albany region there is an average of one tap for every 190 people

At the township of Kenton-on-Sea, not far from expensive holiday homes on the East Cape coast, there are 775 inhabitants for every tap

"It can't be easy to stand in drizzling conditions just to get enough water to fulfill basic functions," says Mr Andrew Stone, a senior geography lecturer at Rhodes University, who calculated these averages after a survey in the region

He regards water consumption as an index of the standard of living of a community and his analysis reveals a shocking disparity between township dwellers and white urban residents who have about one tap per person

And the average daily water consumption of blacks in these townships is thought to be double that calculated for rural communities

Mr Stone's new findings, based on data supplied by town clerks, town engineers and the East Cape Development Board, reveal that the average white urban dweller in the region consumes about 300

Reveals seriousness



Sundown sees a crushing queue develop at one of the few taps in Port Elizabeth's thirsty Soweto township. Conditions here are marginally better than in townships in the Albany area where a survey has revealed there is, on average, one tap for every 190 people. At the Kenton-on-Sea township there are 775 people for every tap.

litres of water a day, in comparison to an 18.58 litre average for blacks.

The region referred to includes Alexandria, Adelaide, Alicedale, Bathurst, Bedford, Cookhouse, Cradock, Fort Beaufort, Grahamstown, Glenmore, Kenton-on-Sea, Paterson, Port Alfred and Somerset East.

Statistics of water use in Port Elizabeth reveal a situation which is marginally better for blacks, who have an average daily consumption of 80 litres a person. However, Mr Stone believes the Port Elizabeth figure is possibly a

"gross overestimate" because it fails to take many of the squalor-ridden settlements on the fringes of the townships into account.

He also emphasises that the financial cost of water is not a consideration for users in the townships. Instead, the variation in consumption relates to the enormous effort involved in collecting water and the difficulty in disposing of waste water.

Mr Stone also conducted a survey among 19 villages in the Chalumna/Hamburg area of the Ciskei, which revealed that the average house-

hold spent 1½ hours fetching water each day.

The arduous trips to fetch water were often made by women who had to walk bare-footed over rocky terrain with heavy containers on their head.

The survey also revealed the extreme primitiveness of the situation with 90% of the rural population obtaining water from open sources shared with livestock.

Mr Stone presented both these reports at the recent Carnegie conference of inquiry into poverty and development

in Southern Africa, where he stressed that socio-economic conditions could not be advanced without the availability of water or the infrastructure for its distribution.

If everyone is to enjoy the same levels of water supply as the white communities then the establishment, utilisation and distribution of water supplies must receive the highest priority from local, regional and national government, he says.

However, simply upgrading the water supply in the Eastern Cape is likely to place severe

strain on available resources in this drought-ridden area.

This major hydrological problem can only be alleviated by the discovery and development of new water sources.

Mr Stone's appeal to the Government is summed up by a recent statement by the British Overseas Development Administration.

It said that when questioned, people living at the lowest subsistence levels had indicated that they considered "water" to be the first priority in services their government should provide.

By MICHAEL MORRIS
Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town was dealt a multiple blow by the City Council budget today — rates rise by about eight percent, electricity tariffs go up later in the year and rented council houses will cost more

And no provision has been made for across-the-board increases in staff salaries, wages and benefits

Executive Committee chairman Mr John Muir announced in his budget speech that the long-awaited 1979 general valuation was completed a few days ago and city property will be valued at between 55 and 67 percent more from July 1

While Mr Muir announced a decrease in residential rates from 3,68 to 2,58 cents in the rand and an increased rebate, new rateable values of property will result in a net increase in rates of about eight percent

The rate rebate for residential properties goes up from 20 percent to 26 percent and, in certain cases, to 30 and 40 percent, which means that homeowners entitled to the 26 percent discount will, in effect, pay 1,91 cents in the rand on the new values of their properties

Mr Muir said Cape Flats housing scheme rents and home-ownership rates would go up during the next financial year but gave no details

Costs up

The cost of maintenance and administration of the housing schemes meant the portion of monthly rent representing a contribution to rates would increase by 1,91 percent

A rent increase as well as an increase in the monthly administration charge to homeowners would be necessary

Mr Muir said increased electricity charges — the last rise was six percent in July 1983 — were inevitable and an extra R10-million had been included in budgeted income as a provisional tariff adjustment

Mr Muir said "An amount of R95-million needs to be raised to meet the net deficit on the year's operations"

The Executive Committee had decided to recommend an increase in the rebate to avoid the rate burden falling more heavily on residential rate-payers than on others.

The following examples show the effect of the new rate structure on residential property whose rateable value goes up by the average of 67 percent

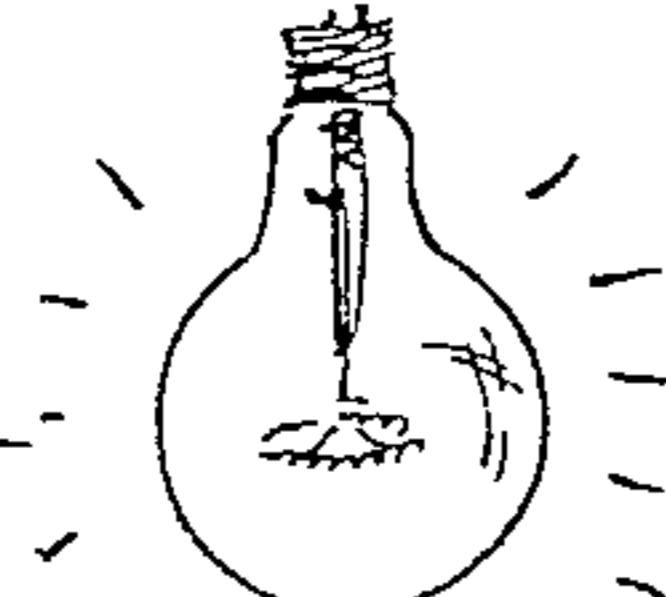
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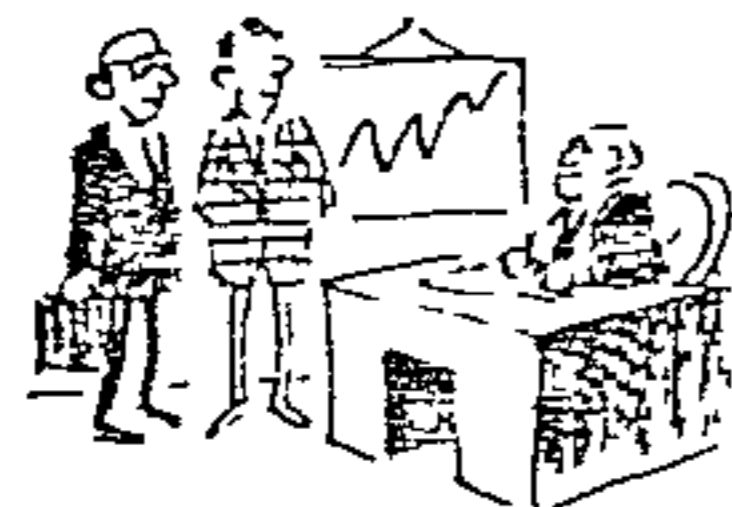
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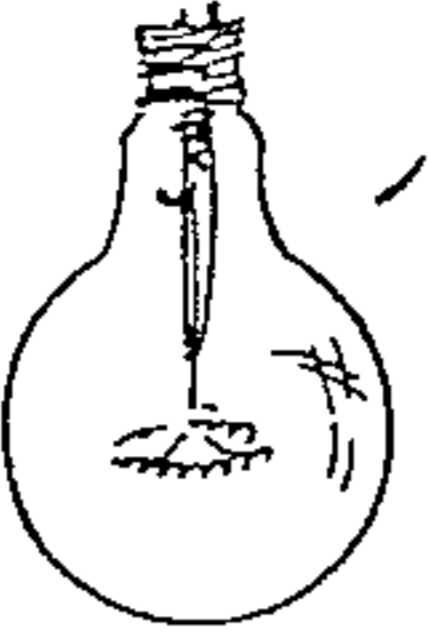
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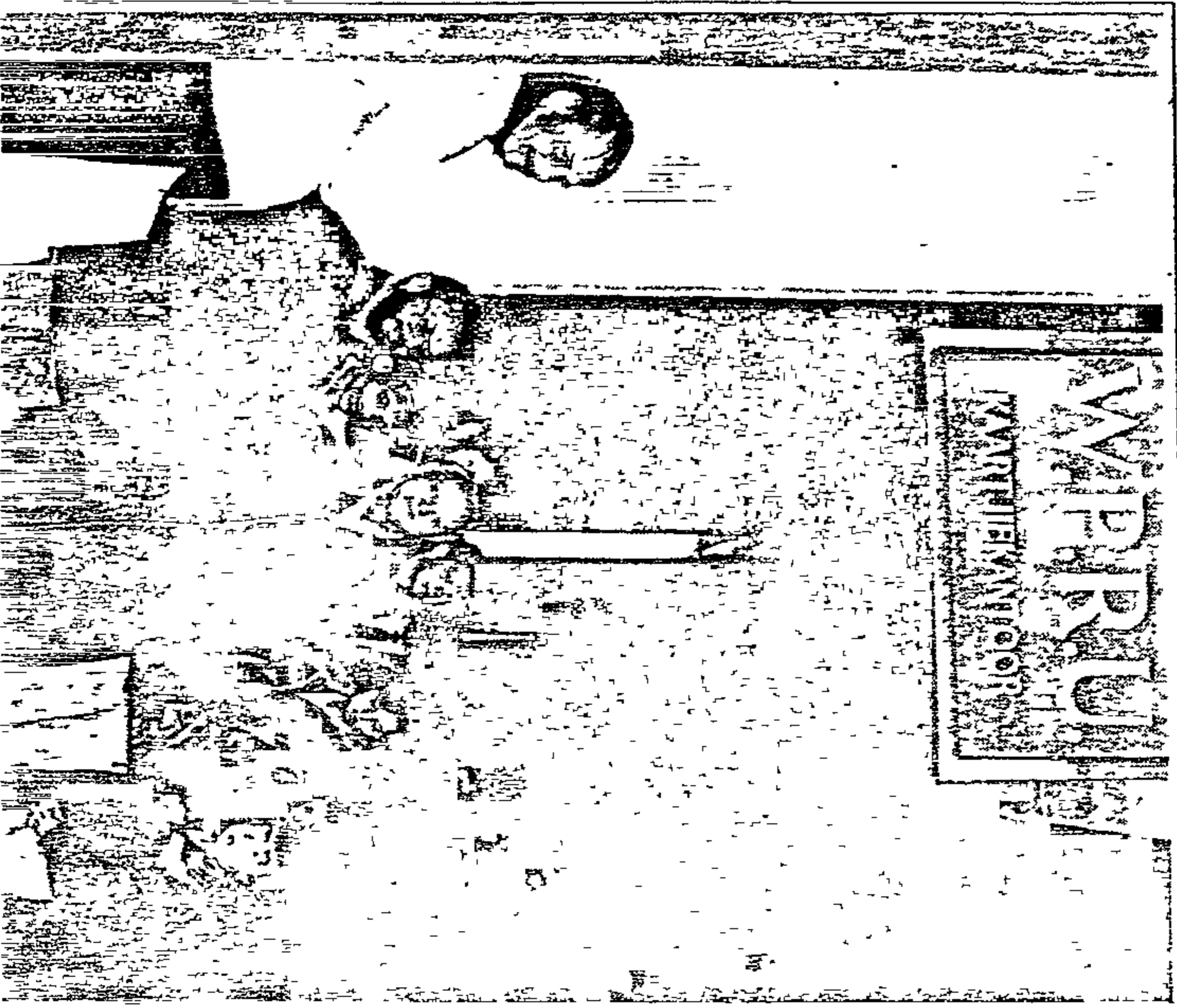
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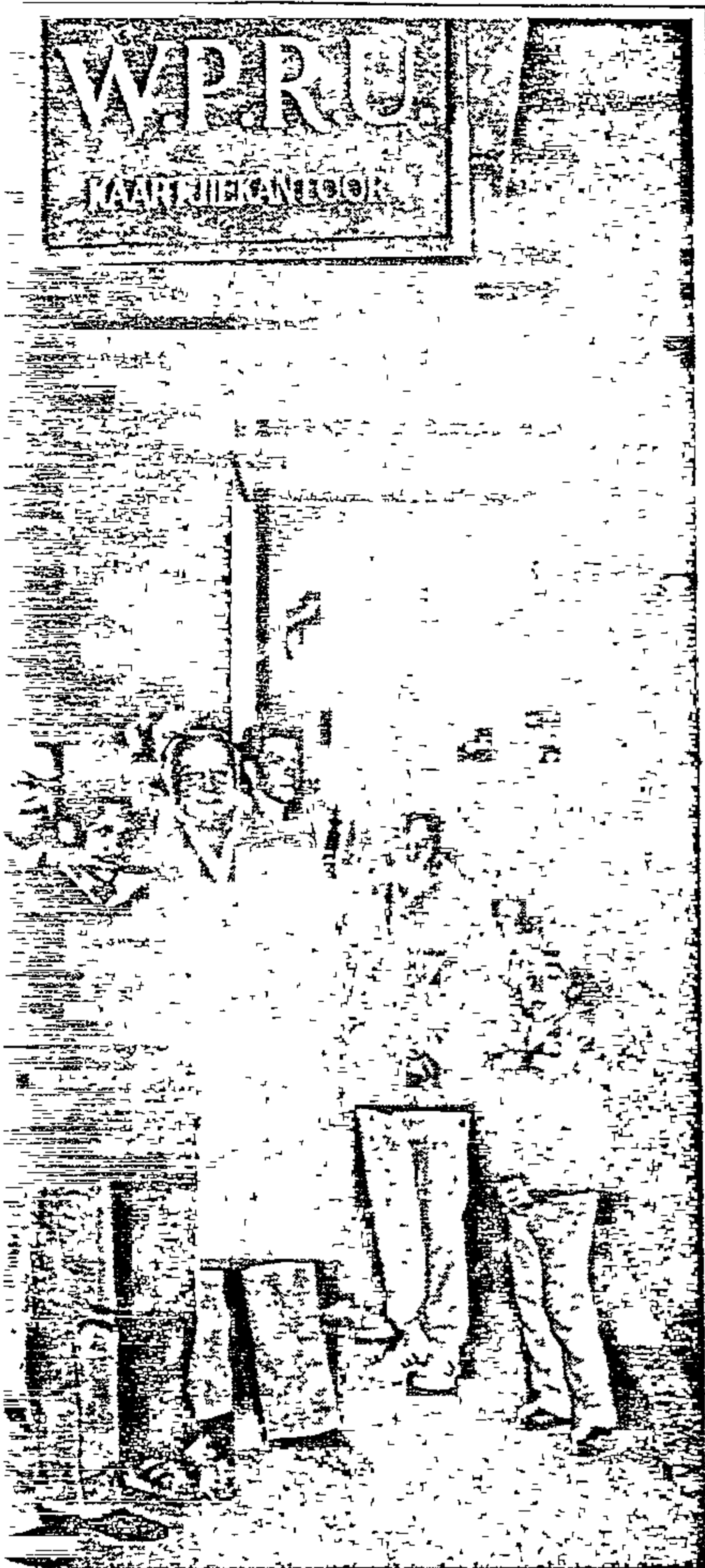
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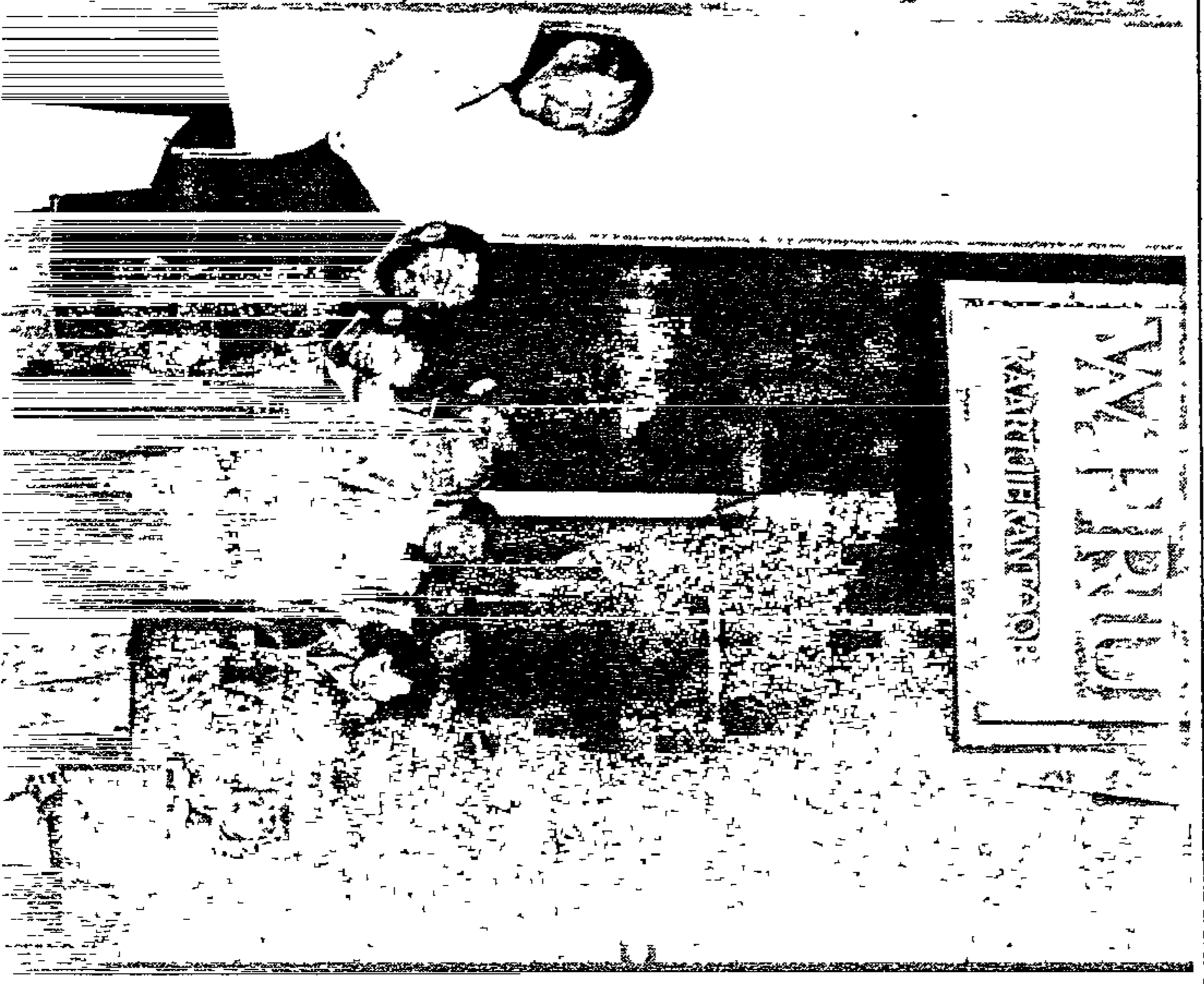
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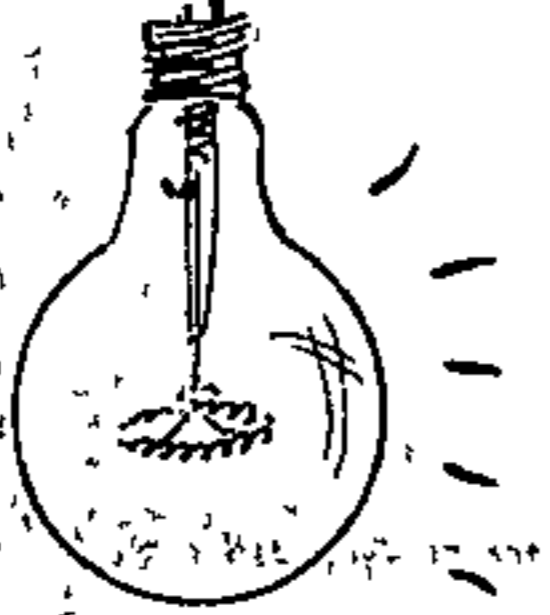
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THE middle and lower-income groups were going to be hardest-hit by the rates increase announced in the City Council's budget, a councillor and member of the Provincial Council, Mr Frank van der Velde, said in the budget debate yesterday.

He called on the City Council to ensure that ratepayers subject to the increase in valuations and rates knew exactly what was going on.

"We must dispel the fear that, for instance, a 70 percent increase in valuation does not necessarily mean a similar increase in rates," Mr Van der Velde said.

City Councillor Mrs Joan Kantey said that after the damage caused

by last week's storm, the council should consider changing overhead electricity wires for underground cables.

"Although the capital outlay will be greater, underground cables will be safer, will need less maintenance and will be better from an aesthetic point of view," she said.

City Councillor Mr J S Rabinowitz appealed for a better deal for old people who found themselves victims of rising prices.

Most people could not afford to buy their flats, he said, and faced the prospect of having nowhere to go.

Mr Rabinowitz appealed to the council to try to provide low-cost housing for the elderly.

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Municipal workers ready to declare dispute over wages

Labour Reporter

CAPE TOWN Municipal Workers' Association, representing about 11 000 black municipal workers, was ready today to declare a dispute with the Cape Town City Council

Wage talks reached deadlock yesterday when a meeting of municipal workers rejected the council's offer of pay increases ranging from 12 per cent for higher-paid workers to 27 percent for labourers

"Workers describe the offer — which would bring a labourer's minimum wage from R59 a week to R75 — as an insult," Mr John Ernstzen, general secretary of the CTMWA, said today.

The CTMWA would ask the council to agree to go directly to the Industrial Court to settle the matter if negotiations were not reopened

The union, which claims that the majority of its members live below the breadline, has demanded a minimum wage of R116 a week for labourers and corresponding increases for the rest of its members

Mr Ernstzen said between 4 000 and 7 000 of the council's workers fell into the lower-paid categories

"Municipal workers are unable to make ends meet, and now they are faced with increases in rent, bus fares, train fares and basic food-stuffs"

The chairman of the council's executive committee, Mr John Muir, said today he had not been officially notified of the workers' rejection of the wage offer and did not want to comment further

The committee will meet on Thursday

Workers get increases against wishes

By RIAAN DE VILLIERS, Labour Reporter

CAPE TOWN City Council yesterday declared it was giving all its workers pay increases because it believed it would have been "discriminatory" to pay increases to members of a white trade union only.

This came after the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association yesterday asked the Industrial Court to adjourn instead of hearing an urgent application for an order restraining the council from paying wage increases to its members today.

The association has been trying to prevent the council from paying any increases to its members before their wage dispute is settled.

It asked the court to adjourn yesterday because the Minister of Manpower has not yet declared a formal dispute in terms of the Labour Relations Act.

On Tuesday night, more than 3 200 union members met in the City Hall and condemned the council's plans to pay them increases against their wishes this week as

"encouraging industrial unrest".

In its first statement on the dispute, the council said yesterday it had taken a "sincere decision" to pay all its employees a new wage or salary in the conviction that the money was needed now because of inflation.

It also believed it must treat all its employees equally because it had always adopted the principle of equal pay for equal work: "To pay only the employees of the white trade union, some in some cases doing the same work, would in the council's view have been discriminatory."

It added the council wished to make it clear that employees who accepted the increased wages would not "in any way lose or prejudice any of their rights in respect of their demands made to the council for improvement of their conditions of service".

Mr John Ernstzen, secretary of the association, confirmed it had "very regrettably" been forced to ask the court to adjourn, but would pursue the matter further as soon as a dispute was declared.

LABOUR NEW

Council faces court action

Labour Correspondent

THE Cape Town Municipal Workers Association is to launch an urgent industrial court action today in an attempt to prevent the Cape Town City Council implementing a wage increase for its workers next week.

The union, which represents workers employed by the council, alleges that the increase is being implemented despite the fact that pay talks between it and the council have deadlocked and the two sides have agreed to refer the dispute to an arbitrator.

It charges that, by granting the increase before arbitration has begun, the council is attempting to "subvert collective bargaining".

It is understood that the council plans to implement the increase — which ranges between 15% and 27% — next Thursday.

In today's hearing, the union will ask the court to order the council to file replying papers to its charges next week so that the court can hear the case before the increase is implemented.

It argues that this is necessary to prevent a situation in which the court would only hear the case after the increase had been granted.

Lawyers acting for the union said yesterday that the action followed wage talks between the union and council in which the union had demanded a change in the council's system of wage grades.

This is aimed at boosting the pay of lower-paid workers and closing the wage gap between them and those at the top of the pay scales.

The council had replied with its 15%-27% offer, which the union rejected.

According to the lawyers, the two sides then agreed to settle the dispute by arbitration, but an arbitrator has not yet been appointed.

The union alleges that, despite the agreement to submit to arbitration, the council has decided to go ahead and implement the increases. It claims that this is an attempt to persuade workers that they can win wage increases without the union's aid and is therefore aimed at "subverting" bargaining.

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Industrial Court order on Council

Labour Reporter

THE Industrial Court has ordered the Cape Town City Council to respond today to an application by the 11 000-strong Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association to prevent the Municipality from unilaterally implementing new pay increases

The CTMWA, which has been locked in a wage dispute with the council for the past two months, has applied for a status quo order in the Industrial Court to prevent the council from implementing pay rises ranging from 12 to 27 percent, until the dispute is settled

The union, which represents mainly black municipal workers, has asked the council to refer the dispute to arbitration and not to implement any pay rises until it is settled.

POSTPONED

An application for a status quo order, due to have been heard on July 3, was postponed after the City Council, did not respond.

The CTMWA made a further application in the Industrial Court last week, asking that the council be compelled to file papers

Thousands of council workers are expected to attend a meeting in Athlone tonight to discuss wages

Many workers in the lower-paid categories claim they are living below the breadline

Man for trial in Supreme Court

Court Reporter

A 23-year-old man was told by a Wynberg magistrate today that he will be tried in the Cape Town Supreme Court next month on a charge of murder

Mr John Steyn of 128 Lake Road, Grassy Park, is accused of murdering Mr Bertram Gonsalves, on January 27

The magistrate, Mr A L Laubscher, told Mr Steyn of the Attorney-General's decision to transfer the case to the Supreme Court for trial on August 3

Mr Steyn asked for pro Deo defence and said he would call his wife to give evidence in his defence

Bail of R50 was extended

Mrs C Teuterberg appeared for the State. Mr Steyn was not represented.

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CAPE Town City Council was "undermining" the municipal workers' union by unilaterally implementing new wage increases which had not been accepted by the workers, according to a resolution adopted at a union meeting.

The meeting, organised by the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association and attended by about 3 000 workers, also accused the council of "encouraging industrial unrest" by trying to sow division among the union's membership.

The resolution, unanimously adopted, called on the council to "co-operate with the union in bringing the matter to finality before the Industrial Court".

Sit today

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The wage increases will cost the municipality approximately R79 000 more for the rest of this financial year ending on March 31 next year

The chairman of the council's action committee, Mr Joe Yazbek, said last night that the increases had been allowed for in the municipal estimates

He said that as a result of increases in the maize price, general sales tax and interest rates, employees were buying less for more money spent

"The basic wages earned by the employees of the Mdantsane Special Organisation are approximately 20 per cent less than the employees of the East London municipality, the main reason being that the employees of the East London municipality have to commute daily between East London and Mdantsane"—DDR

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Municipal employees accept pay offer but workers in deadlock

Labour Reporter

THE South African Association of Municipal Employees (Saame), representing about 4 400 Cape Town City Council workers, has accepted the council's wage offer on condition the new rates come into operation next month

The Cape Town branch secretary of Saame, Mr D W Archer, said the council had offered an increase of 12 percent for those earning more than R9 528 a year and up to 27 percent for those earning less

Mr Archer said the council had originally said the new pay scales would come into operation in August but, after negotiations, had agreed to institute the new rates next month

"We have accepted the new rates on behalf of our members," he said

However, the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, representing about 11 000 black council workers, and the council are still deadlocked over wages

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BREADLINE

Members of the CTMWA say they are living on the breadline and the increase is not sufficient to keep pace with the rising cost of living

The chairman of the council's executive committee, Mr John Muir, said the wage issues were discussed yesterday

A full meeting of the council would have to ratify the agreement with Saame, he said

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By BRIAN STUART
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New Local govt: independence vs consensus

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By MATTHEW MOONIEYA
Local Authorities Reporter

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The imagination need not be stretched to see the implications of such a council where places such as East London, Beacon Bay and Goubaie are concerned

While the question of amalgamation has long been debated and independence jealously guarded, the onward march towards greater independence with services has continued unabated

It is for this reason that the new deal which preaches devolution of power, jurisdiction over its own affairs and joint decision making perhaps has exciting implications

The political stances too of the participants will not go unnoticed and will perhaps be more evident in the operational context of a home environment

Time will tell if the politics of consensus will be able to transcend the deep divisions that characterise South African society.

LONDON — Yesterday's municipal elections — despite the rush to usher in a new era for the third tier of government — have implications for the Border area. Although the actual structural design for local government has not been completed to enable the main in the street to see the operational context of the new dispensation in action at home level, broad principles have been outlined.

Three basic principles underpin local government: devolution of power, separate local authorities and joint decision-making.

A trilogy of bills on local government was introduced by the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, during the last parliamentary session.

But two key bills — one the all-important regional services council bill which has the potential of changing the format and evolution of local government in the Border area — were sent to a parliamentary select committee.

The committee will now report to the gov-

ernment and the final decision will be taken by the new tri-cameral parliament.

A change already accepted by the government alters qualifications for the municipal franchise. The new system is a fusion of the old Transvaal system which automatically gave a parliamentary voter a municipal vote and the Cape system which was tied to property ownership.

The new deal gives all parliamentary voters the municipal vote automatically with an additional vote if the person owns property of a certain value. Estates and

trusts also have the vote.

Further than the alteration to the franchise qualifications, nothing much is known except speculation based on the broad principles and the original concept of the regional services councils.

While the concept of devolution of power from the central government has been accepted by the government, with municipalities seen as key vehicles for the implementation of government by consensus, there will be a greater amount of regional co-operation which is the basis for the operation of the regional services councils.

Through the councils, local authorities of a particular region can come together to supply and administer particular services to all the participating authorities.

Any number of white, Indian and coloured local authorities can come together to supply and administer particular services more cheaply and make better use of scarce commodities such as space and qualified personnel.

Control over the council will be based on the input of the participants and, to prevent domination, it has been suggested that no local authority can have more

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By MICHAEL MORRIS, Municipal Reporter

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MORE THAN 500 migrant workers employed by the Kayam-nandi Town Council as refuse and bucket collectors said this week that they would stage the town's first major strike if their pay demands were not met by the end of the month.

At their hostels in Kwazakhele — where they live in squalid bungalows — they complained that they were receiving a "measly salary".

"First we were badly underpaid by the Port Elizabeth Municipality, later by the East Cape Administration Board, and now we are being underpaid by our very own brothers.

"They promised to give us an increase — but that ended there," a worker from Mount Frere in the Transkei complained bitterly to City Press

He has been collecting refuse for 12 years.

He said his gross salary of R200 a month was "peanuts" compared to their counterparts who work for the Port Elizabeth municipality.

"I can't feed myself and my family in the Transkei on this salary."

The workers said their strike would not only last a few hours this time. "We are determined to show them that we mean business," they said.

The workers, who clean the township's rubbish and change its buckets, stopped work for five hours on September 5, demanding a pay in-



So this is home? A Kwazakhele resident.

By MONO BADELA

crease All are from Transkei and employed under contract. They said the R200 they receive was only enough for a fortnight.

"We stated our demands through a foreman — but we only received promises," they complained.

On the day of the strike, Kayamnandi mayor Norman Kaula addressed them and promised that the council would look into their complaints.

The hostel dwellers claim that the Kayamnandi Town Council treated them like 'slaves' and — like its pre-

decessor, the ECAB — completely neglected their welfare.

"We live in filth and are exposed to many dreadful diseases," worker complained.

The men told City Press that while other firms were upgrading the living conditions of their employees by spending money to brighten up their bungalows, the Kayamnandi Town Council carried on as if everything was fine with them.

When City Press visited the bungalows, it was found that their living conditions were appalling. There were no adequate basic facilities and there was a constant stench from the toilets.

The buildings are of a poor standard, the lighting is poor, the bungalows are congested and the cement floors are filthy.

In an effort to brighten the smoke-blackened rooms, men have stuck magazines, pictures and discarded photographs on the dirty walls.

Toilets and showers are dirty, and water is heated in boilers. There are no gardens.

Kayamnandi council town clerk R J Scholtz told City Press that the council would meet the request to provide the worker's pay fortnightly.

The demand for increased pay was also receiving the council's attention, he said.

City wage dispute hearing tomorrow

Labour Reporter

THE long-standing wage dispute between the City Council and the 11 000 strong Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association will be aired before the Industrial Court tomorrow

The CTMWA, which represents mainly black municipal workers, asked the Minister of Manpower to declare a formal dispute when it deadlocked with the council over wage increases

In terms of the Labour Relations Act, the dispute goes to arbitration before the Industrial Court. The hearing begins at 9 30am in the Civic Centre

During wage negotiations earlier this year, the CTMWA demanded an increase of nearly 100 percent for lower paid workers, while the council offered 27 percent

The 27 percent increase, which has been paid by the

council since July, brings a labourer's minimum wage from R59,77 a week to about R75

The CTMWA argued that workers needed a "living wage" of at least R116 a week

At a sitting in July the Industrial Court postponed the matter indefinitely because the Minister of Manpower had not at that stage declared a dispute

Workers' living conditions a 'tragedy'

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THE living conditions of many municipal workers could be described as a "tragedy", a Cape Town trade unionist has told the Industrial Court

Mr John Ernstzen, secretary of the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, was giving evidence at a hearing to arbitrate on a wage dispute between the Cape Town City Council and the association

He said he had found many of his members living in "abject, overcrowded conditions"

MINIMUM WAGE

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Mr Ernstzen said his union canvassed about 6 000 members to work out a formula for a "living wage"

"People are also very concerned about giving a proper and decent education to their children," he said

The hearing continues today.

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Pay-row peace in sight — court officer

Labour Reporter

AGREEMENT in the long-standing pay dispute involving the city's municipal workers can be reached, according to the court officer presiding in the arbitration case

Mr J J Human, presiding officer of the Industrial Court, told the two sides in the dispute there was a possibility of "curtailing the proceedings and bridging the gap"

The court was told that wage demands put to the City Council by the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association were based on an evaluation of the work done by union members and on calculations of a minimum living wage

The secretary of the 11 000-strong CTMWA, Mr John Ernstzen, was answering questions by Mr H Snitcher QC, for the council

Comparative

The union has asked for a 100 percent increase in the lower grades to bring a labourer's minimum wage to R116 a week. The council has offered and already implemented wage increases ranging from 12 percent on the higher to 27 percent on the lower grades

Mr Snitcher asked Mr Ernstzen whether the union had collected comparative data on wage rates in other municipalities

Mr Ernstzen said that except for traffic officers, whose wages compared unfavourably with traffic officers in other areas, it had been "very difficult" to get information from other municipalities

Mr Snitcher "You are unable to tell me of a single comparison of wages for labourers, other than traffic officers. I suggest you are not interested in comparative figures for the purpose of this inquiry"

Mr Ernstzen "I deny that"

Orchestra

There was laughter when Mr Snitcher asked Mr Ernstzen on what the union had based the wage demand for a "rank-and-file tutti" — a category applying to orchestra members

"It is very like the name of the man recently awarded the Nobel Prize. Perhaps you and I will both be awarded Nobel Prizes when we are through here," Mr Snitcher told Mr Ernstzen

Mr Ernstzen said the union had only one orchestra member and, to determine her salary, it had asked the advice of the father of a "prominent orchestra member"

Answering questions, Mr Ernstzen said the council did not discriminate racially "on paper" but in practice it did

Union members were often doing more skilled work than that for which they were being paid, he said.

Mr Ernstzen denied a suggestion by Mr Snitcher that his union was "following a line put by a group of unions to get a minimum wage accepted in this country"

He said "It is totally untrue that we have been involved with any other union in trying to set minimum levels"

The hearing was adjourned until today to allow the council's legal representatives to study union documents

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Council, union settle 3 points

Labour Reporter

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Dispute centres on wages claim

Staff Reporter

THE CITY Council and the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association yesterday agreed to settle some major aspects of their industrial dispute out of court

At an industrial court hearing both parties agreed that the court would arbitrate only on the key issue concerning the CTMWA's demand for a basic living wage

Mr Joe Adams, Deputy City Administrator and acting Town Clerk, yesterday confirmed that some issues under dispute had been removed from arbitration

The council will now, in consultation with the union, negotiate all elements of rationalization within the grading system, and the regrouping and evaluation of all jobs raised in the dispute

The council has agreed to accede to the union's demand for reward on promotion. An employee promoted to a scale with a higher maximum will now also be given an extra notch on promotion

The decision to settle these issues out of court will substantially reduce the length of the hearing

Counsel for the council asked for the adjournment because the documentation had to be revamped after the focus of the arbitration had changed

Mr Denis Kuy, SC, instructed by Cheadle, Thompson and Hayson is appearing for the claimants. Mr Harry Snitcher, QC, instructed by Silberbauers, is appearing for the respondents. The presiding officer is Mr J J Human, with Mr Alec Erwin and Mr G Powell acting as assessors

City tells council its wishes

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By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S first mass opinion survey, the results of which were released last night, is a major step towards involving every citizen in the City's decision-making process according to the City Council.

The survey, the first of its kind in South Africa and one of the largest civic surveys in the world, was designed to give citizens a chance to voice their opinions on their local government and to help the City Council decide how best to satisfy their needs with the limited resources at its disposal.

Almost 10 percent of the 171 270 questionnaires distributed to electricity-users with their accounts earlier this year were returned to the council, which has compiled a comprehensive summary of the results.

This will be used as a guideline for next year's budget and as an index of ratepayer's demands for both councillors and officials.

Efficiency

The survey covered households throughout the municipal area and listed 23 selected services to be rated in order of efficiency and importance by respondents.

The results have been broken down to establish the different needs of various areas and to distinguish between the concerns of the more affluent and poorer households.

The breakdown also helps to counteract the "swamping" of issues in the townships by those of the more monied suburbs which had a considerably higher return.

The council has also published a summary of comments from respondents on issues such as facilities for the old and disabled, pollution, crime and politics.

Housing for poor

The following are just a few of the interesting facts which emerged from the study.

- The provision of mass public housing for the poor is considered the least satisfactory municipal service among residents throughout the Peninsula, while refuse removal earns almost universal approval.

- Most ratepayers are willing to pay higher rates for improved services.

- The more affluent areas are more satisfied with the services provided than the poorer ones.

- The council housing estates, Woodstock/Kensington and the Home Ownership/Cape Flats areas are the most dissatisfied.

- People in many areas considered the provision of housing for the poor to be the responsibility of central government.

- Beach amenities and rented council housing are also considered unsatisfactory by respondents in all areas.

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City's transport causes discontent

Municipal Reporter

CAPETONIANS have voiced their general dissatisfaction with bus and train services in the Peninsula, in the mass opinion survey conducted by the City Council

Although public transport does not fall under City Council control, the service was included in the questionnaire and the results are to be submitted to City Tramways and South African Transport Services -

The most telling indications of discontent came from the comments at the end of the returned questionnaires rather than from the survey's "scale of satisfaction" section.

Trains were repeatedly described as "ineffi-

cient, dirty, irritating and highly inadequate" by respondents throughout the municipal area, with subways, lack of security, high fares, overcrowding and the train route emerging as common areas of concern

Buses were described as "filthy, noisy and uncomfortable" and the drivers "rude and careless"

High fares, smoking on buses, delays, overcrowding, and the high step on to buses were singled out by many respondents

Buses caused most dissatisfaction in the wealthier areas, while the poor quality of the train service was a more frequent complaint from less affluent commuters

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Housing problems: (12/15/12) 'Govt is (263) to blame'

Municipal Reporter

THE blame for inadequate and inferior mass housing for the poor rests squarely with central government, according to the chairwoman of the City Council's housing committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott

Responding to the results of the council's opinion survey, in which Capetonians rated the provision of council housing the least satisfactory municipal service, Mrs Stott said the council could not build more or better homes without government funding

"Cape Town and most other cities in the country have had a housing backlog for decades for generations," she said

"Every single household in Cape Town knows of an employee or a relative who has been waiting endlessly for a house"

She said the main areas of dissatisfaction were the housing shortage, overcrowding, the inferior standard of houses and "the building environment to which we are confined by government policy"

"The blame for all this must lie with the public authorities who have not found it possible to provide enough funds for adequate, decent housing," she said

She emphasized, however, that the situation was better now than it had been in the Sixties when the government had insisted that a sub-economic family with three children under 10 had to live in one room with a kitchen

"Although we are not allowed to paint the inside of sub-economic houses or provide floor coverings or perimeter fences, at least we can build three-bedroomed sub-economic houses"

City fight

for open

council committees

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By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

THE CAPE TOWN City Council has rejected a plea from local management committees for greater involvement in its affairs and has reaffirmed its vow to fight for the direct participation of all Cape Town's citizens on the council.

At its monthly meeting yesterday, the council adopted an Executive Committee recommendation that the extent of its liaison with management committees "already exceeded" the government's requirements and "the only practicable form of local government for the City is direct representation of all its citizens on the present City Council, irrespective of race and without discrimination of any kind".

Bloomberg tells of 'tragic chapter' of 'tragic chapter'

Municipal Reporter

THE day the municipal voters' roll was closed to coloured citizens and the council swore to fight to restore their rights was Cape Town's "Day of the Vow", according to city councillor Mr David Bloomberg.

"When the coloured people were disenfranchised, in spite of protests and petitions from the council to higher authorities, we swore we would do all in our power to restore the municipal vote to them."

Mr Bloomberg, who served on the council when the government closed the roll, said the vow, written on the wooden plaque in the foyer of the old City Hall, should serve as a reminder of "one of the most tragic chapters in the City's history".

made by management committees at a meeting with the council earlier this week for representation on standing committees, the Executive Committee, and for permission to attend full council meetings.

Describing the management-council system as "unworkable and discredited", City Council members repeatedly stated they had a duty to stand by the vow made by the council when the voters' roll was closed to coloured citizens in 1971, to continue to fight for

the "full and direct" participation of all Capetonians on the council.

'Frustration'

"By no stretch of the imagination can we regard management committees as representatives of people of colour. If we do, we will be breaking faith with the overwhelming majority of coloured people who have rejected the system," he said.

The only three remaining members of the council who were present when coloured citizens were "disenfranchised" — Mr Richard Friedlander (who was Mayor at the time), Mrs Enalibe Stott and Mr David Bloomberg — called on the council to reaffirm the council's "historic" vow to previous coloured councillors to "fight for the restoration of their rights".

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More people will want a place in the sun

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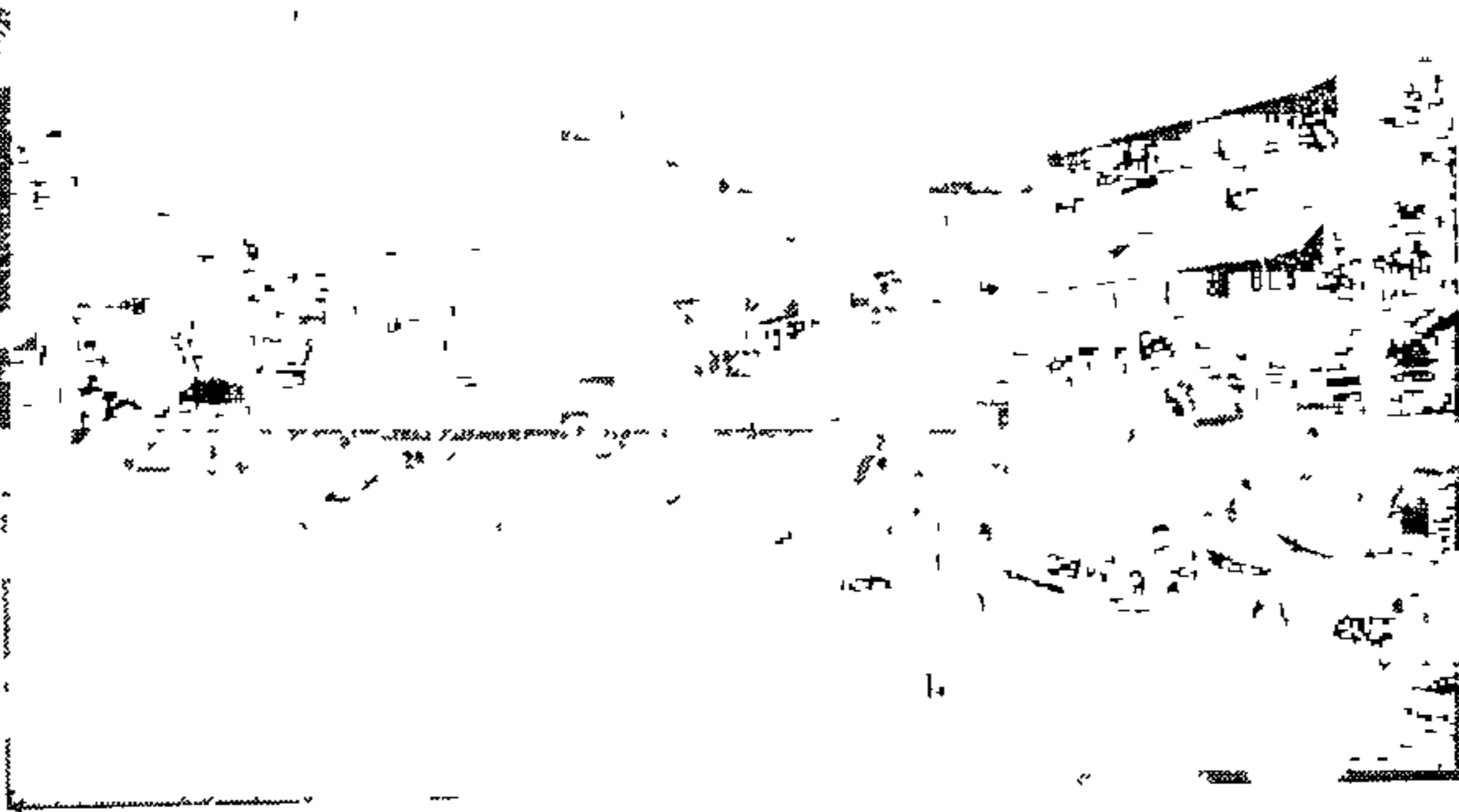
From Mrs EULALIE STOTT (Newlands)

IT IS common knowledge that many residents of Sea Point, Clifton and Camps Bay have been concerned at the large numbers of people from elsewhere who find their seaside suburbs attractive for recreational and bathing purposes in the summer season and who consequently picnic on the lawn

The population of Cape Town, even without its visitors, is going to increase in the next decade or so by about 600 000 people. In addition, the expectations and standard of living of the poorer sections of our community are increasing all the time, thus more and more people expect to be able to find a place in the sun and have the right to be able to do so. This is just not going to be possible with any comfort for all concerned unless additional space is available.

Whatever is done to make the False Bay coast attractive, it will always have the serious disadvantage that on most summer days the wind comes up at least by lunchtime. The ever-increasing popularity of the Atlantic seaboard is therefore inevitable.

The Clifton bungalow areas are all zoned as public open space, that is land which the public at



Clifton Beach . . precious public open space

able to use when needed

It is against this background that I believe nothing should be done which will prevent the City Council's future development of this popular area as "public open space", as this will inevitably be necessary in the foreseeable future.

Maiden's Cove, which the council is now developing, will when completely developed obviously provide considerable amenities in the near future, but that area

will not in itself be sufficient in 15 years' time.

One has only to look at the number of bungalows and their close proximity to each other to realize that this public open space has become overbuilt. Originally sites were leased out for camping after 1907.

If all the citizens in our town were represented in the City Council, I have not the slightest doubt that they would in no circumstances contemplate the sale of this precious land to the

privileged few who are now residing there on a monthly leasehold basis.

The other residents of the Atlantic seaboard who are concerned about the crowded beaches and picnicking on the grassed areas, should also see the advantage of the City Council keeping its options open for the future so that development of the open space variety, such as swimming pools, change-rooms, toilets, braai areas, refreshment kiosks and other lido-style amenities, can be pro-

vided when needed.

The support of the National Monuments Council is understandably being sought by the residents of the Clifton bungalows so that their monthly leasehold rights can be made into permanent freehold rights, but everyone of them has known full well that they are legally entitled to nothing more than a monthly leasehold right. I can think of nothing more irresponsible than for the City Council to part with that precious land which should be retained so that in due course it may be available for use by the wider public.

It is a mistake to compare what has happened at First Beach, Clifton with the council's bungalow areas. The land at First Beach on the cliff side was privately owned and was given flat rights many decades ago. It would have been quite impossible for the City Council to have prohibited the development that has been taking place there without paying out vast sums of money as compensation.

We should certainly not present future generations of Cape Town citizens with the prospect of buying up the city's once owned open-space land from private owners in order to get it back for use by the public.

City faces bleak year in 1985

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Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN is facing a bleak year financially and City Council spending will have to be limited to only the "most essential of projects", according to the chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr John Muir.

In his New Year's message to the citizens of Cape Town, Mr Muir called on all Capetonians to "unite and work together so that we all may contribute to the solution of our problems and all share in the benefits of our city and its economy".

Referring to the new business levies announced by the government earlier this month, he said the council had decided to make "strong representations" to the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, and the Margo Commission of Inquiry into the country's tax structure.

Rejected levies

The council rejected the levies unanimously at its monthly meeting in December.

Mr Muir said he hoped the government would implement its declared policy of power devolution and greater local autonomy for municipalities, as this would help to keep costs down.

In his review of the year's highlights, Mr Muir paid tribute to the municipal staff "for their sustained and courageous efforts in dealing with the damage and restoring services during

the devastating storm which hit the city on May 15 and 16".

The government go-ahead for the council's proposed new housing scheme at Blue Downs, the rehabilitation of the Grand Parade, the progress made in the "Greening of the City" campaign, the revolutionary new Upper-Table Valley policy plan and the new valuation role are among the successes mentioned by Mr Muir in his message.

He also thanked all citizens who took part in the recent mass public opinion survey conducted by the council.

Mr Muir said TB remained "a major problem" in the city and, while commending the City Health Department for its efforts in caring for sufferers, stressed the need for adequate housing as the best means of combatting the disease.

Despite the recently-announced 20 percent hike in the price of ESCOM electricity, he said the council hoped to restrict any increases in its tariffs to a lower rate and to hold any increases till after winter.

Major cuts in road subsidy funds have had a "serious" effect on Cape Town's future road building programme, according to Mr Muir.

"Should these cuts continue, schemes such as the Klipfontein Road and the Stanhope Road Bridge will be delayed and this will have a serious impact on the city's development," he said.