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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 committee 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.
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 16 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," he said.

DDR
PE one of SA's cheapest cities for ratepayers

Municipal Reporter

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

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.

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

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

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

By comparison the figures for Port Elizabeth are fairly modest at R65,86.

Cheaper places to live than Port Elizabeth are Johannesburg (R80,15), Potchefstroom (R77,84) and Bloemfontein (R72,44).

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

Next on the list was Kimberley (R108,72), followed by Welkom (R107,33), Durban (R102,89), Roodepoort (R102,26), Benoni (R95,61), Pretoria (R97,47) and Newcastle (R97,47).

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

At last night's meeting of the Ward 13 Ratepayers' Association, the mayor, Mr H van Zyl Cillie, 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.
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 Murray, 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 unjustified, 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 685 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 R1 798 078 for construction of ablution and toilet blocks along Marine Drive.

It is expected that two change rooms and toilet blocks at the Schoemakerskop Caravan Park will be completed by December 15.
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 chairman, Mr John Berrengton, 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 Berrengton, said the voting had been nine to one 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

PE man dies under truck

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

Mr Jack Pretorius, 35, of Booysoos 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 £419 yesterday.

In Zurich, the noon price was £425.25.

In Hong Kong, gold rose to $354 today to close at $419.17, compared to yesterday’s $416.25.

Kwazulu ‘no’ to federation plan

By JERRY Mc

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

The rugby clinic was held by Dr Dane 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 Battin, apparently banned 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, Dr J J Naude, who said the decision had been taken in accordance with the Interchurch Commission on Education.

Chairmen have been expressing in the town that the 1976 Craven Rugby Week, which local rugby administrators have been trying to clinch for the town in its bicentenary year, will now be taken elsewhere.

The local newspaper, the Graaff-Reinet Advertiser, has also been inundated with letters to the editor from parents and past pupils of the school complaining of Mr Battin’s actions.

Mr Johan Bouwer, 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 Gerard Vlok, about the matter and intended writing to the Prime Minister as well.

"The Government is trying to convince us, about vital changes in the country, and it needs all the assistance it can get," Mr Bouwer said.

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

"We are not living in the Transvaal where such sort of things can be expected in certain quarters," Mr Bouwer said.

He had received many calls from residents of the
Dias conflict threatens

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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

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 Louis, 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 minutes 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

Municipal Reporter
IT was the duty of the Dais Divisional councillors to give their ratepayers the “fullest information” concerning the affairs of Dais, 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, preferably 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 Scharges 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 that was preferable to the procedure presently being followed by the Dais Council.

After further debate it was decided that the council would maintain the status quo regarding liaison with the Press.
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 desisted from any PFP collusion with verkrampie 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 verkrampie 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 verkrampie 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 Batterby, 77 Burg Street, Cape Town)
CMC dealt ‘severe blow’ by dispute

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 internal 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 597 houses would be built in Bethelsdorp Extension 21.

Summer season programme to be reconsidered

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 Oliver, 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 discussion were the Mayor, Mr H van Zyl Sithole, the chairman of the CMC, Mr Charlie Green, the chairman of the IMC, Mr Rajman Bhana, his vice-chairman, Mr Jay Kathan, Mr Oliver and the vice-chairman of the Community Services Committee, Mr Peter Sullivan.

Mr Oliver, 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 these 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 have another look" at the programme with the possibility of redrafting it.
season talks on new winter

summer

BY RAYMOND MILLER

MEMBERS of the Fort Collin City Council and Mayor R.H. Van Wyk discussed the upcoming winter season and the need for new winter talks. The meeting was attended by representatives of the local community, including members of the Fort Collin Chamber of Commerce. During the meeting, it was decided that the community should be involved in future discussions and that the winter season should be planned with the input of all stakeholders.
CMC will hold a special Press conference soon

Post Reporter

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, Gelvand Park, while the CMC preferred a site in Bethelsdorp.
CMC in talks with Frere 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 insurmountable.

"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 Oliver, 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 recorded 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 lobbed off with delaying tactics.

Yesterday the Community Services Committee also recommended that a request to open the miniature train 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 train was nearby other facilities which were not open to all races, Mr Oliver 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 IMC, in charge of local government, Mr Hermuz 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 "kneehole" to debate the issue of open beaches on a democratic basis, he added.
CMC adamant about Biko street name

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 Clerys Estate, Bethelsdorp Extension 10, after the black leader last year.

The move caused a furor and resulted in the MEC in charge of local government, Mr. Hermus 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 fort 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 R50 000 houses.

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

The council, however, is determined to have its way.
Liaison body has 17 members

Municipal Reporter

The newly-established Eastern Cape Regional Liaison Committee comprised 17 members, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr. G. Leouw, 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. Leouw 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 on 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

By Shielagh 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 at Port Elizabeth today.

Mr Louw, who was addressing the inaugural meeting of the Eastern Cape Regional Liaison Committee, said population groups should not have unilaterally 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 coordination 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 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 committees failed in solving the problem, a delegation would be appointed from among its ranks to conduct joint consultations with the city council and management committees to find a solution.

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, provisions for the establishment of which had been made in 1953, were not functioning effectively and their position in local government had to be reviewed, he said.

The present system of local government for the Indian and coloured population group was not functioning satisfactorily because their aspirations in 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 effective powers for the management committees.

The Eastern Cape 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.
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 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," she said.

"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 continual 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 Edgemead, Bothasig and Pinelands."

Mr D O Palsen, 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 Escom at a price of about R4 million a year."

"It's unfortunate and I sympathise, but one has to do what is best for the community as a whole."
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' third annual conference in Kimberley on September 30.
Voters 'chose to work within system' 265

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 Doordhat, who polled 316 votes, Mr Hasseu Noorshub (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 Jesus Joges, 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 Fort 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.
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 approval of his motion were the chairman, Mr L J Rothman, the deputy chairman, Mr C M Basson, Mr J J Aggenbach, Mr P J Grobbelaar, Mr W J Schultz, Mr A L Powell, Mr H C Langley, and Mr D Lambert.

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

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 effectiveness 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 gov't**

**Chief Reporter**

A WESTERN CAPE regional liaison committee under the chairmanship of the Administrator, Gene Louw, aimed to improve cooperation between municipality committees on one hand and management committees on the other. It was formally constituted in Cape Town yesterday.

Mr Louw said that it was one of the several regional committees being established in the Cape Province under his chairmanship.

A Northern Cape committee had already been constituted at Kimberley, with a Karoo committee being brought into being at Beaufort West today and an Eastern Cape committee was to be established at Port Elizabeth on September 1.

**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 Heugel, as chairman.

The Administrator said there was an urgent need to bring more people through the boundary fence that separates our ethnic groups.

"A position of frustration even confrontation has developed in management committees because these people have been able to make every trouble feel the show up and turn these regional municipal committees to identify problems and seek solutions," Mr Louw said.

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

**Interim means**

- Bodies represented at the meeting included the Western Cape region of the Association of Municipalities in South Africa (AMSA) and the South African Council of Municipalities (SACOMU).
- The meeting was attended by the Administrators of the five provinces.
- Mr David Courrier, the Assistant Secretary of the Western Cape, said afterwards: "We see this as part of an ongoing process as an interim means of discussing our problems and seeking for a change which must eventually be given a more concrete form."

**Crime Reporter**

A 20-YEAR-OLD Athlone woman was shot yesterday morning while taking a short cut to work across the "Tann's" 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 a nearby bush.

No arrest has been made.

A man was shot dead last night in the law enforcement in a car which they identified as stolen.

Police liaison officer Lieutenant Gerhard van Rooven said Constable C Brink and A J Fourie came upon the men in Simonville Avenue at 3.15am and tried to question them.

The men fled and the constables chased them to near Klaver Avenue, where one shot was fired. It hit Noesgatn Abrahams, 20, of no fixed address in the right hand.

The other four men have been traced.

A Landbouw nightwatchman, Mr Will Johnston, said he had received a peace.

A taxi driver and a bus driver were the victims.

A police spokesman said the man was shot and the other man was shot near the border.

Mr Johnston was threatened with a man who he said he had been picked up in Kensington and there were reports of shots fired.

**Loup: Neglect of animals 'sinful'**

**Staff Reporter**

The Administrator of the Animal Protection Society, Mr John du Plessis, yesterday that neglect of animals was one of the most gruesome and kind of offenses which could commit.

Speaking at the society's meeting in Kempton Park yesterday, he said the society had received an "incredible service" by providing care and helping 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 offenses 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 dog which was being shot by a slumber lady near Sandton and to SPCA inspector Mr Philip Baugher.

**'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 (Alsa), Mr D E Knoll, said yesterday.

Mr Knoll was commenting in an Alsa 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 government which had "substantial degree of power should be made and would be feared to be made in a manner designed to ensure as far as possible the total independence of the judiciary from political influence of any kind."

This could perhaps be best achieved by means of an appointing panel consisting 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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People will ignore boycott 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 Sicos and Peleo 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.
Should party politics play a ‘local’ role?

By DIRK VAN ZYL

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 inquires 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 aggrieved 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 deputie chairman of the NPs Matfield district council.

Die Burger designated his opponent Miss Mary Olsen, as “a prominent PF member.” The newspaper also referred to the election in Ward 2, noting that Mr Stuart Collins, a member of the PPP, had ousted former Divco chairman, Mr Ivan Hampshire, with a large majority.

Divco chairman, Mr J. J. Rodham, said this week that party politics should not play a role whatever 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,” he said.

All divisional councilors 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. P. Beckman, who saw the system being run on party political lines in the Netherlands. In these councils the government representative before coming to local government 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 it is. Beekman said.

“LECTURE”

“I would see no valid reason why local issues should not be the concern of political parties.”

Senior lecturers in public administration at the Stellenbosch University, Mr Andrew 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 have to vote on party lines and not on the merits of issues and it would mean that people who were not elected to party political positions could be elected to party political positions “people who for professional or work reasons did not want to be labelled would be put off from getting involved, and if the candidates could be nominated not on merit but purely to reward their 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 PPP — said that his party’s future 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.

Secretaries of the Cape National Party, Mr Erik van Biewet, NPC, for Matfield said “We do not get involved in such things except to the extent that is allowed.”

Ward 6 Divisional councillor, Mr Powell also felt party politics should be kept out.
Cape launches PM's new plan

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. Henrus 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 Houman.

The four Cape regional authorities will be:

- Western Cape, based in Cape Town, comprising:  
  • Namakwa, 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:  
  • Colesberg, De Aar, Philippolis, Hopetown, Prieska, Victoria West, Francesburg and Williston.

- Northern Cape, based in Kimberley, comprising:  
  • Gordania, Kenhardt, Herbert, Kimberley, Barkly West, Warrenton, Vryburg, Kuruman and Postmasburg.

- Eastern Cape, based in Port Elizabeth, comprising:  
  • Allwal North, Beaufort West, Maclear, Queenstown-Kongwa, Cradock, East London, Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth.
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" (Kellier, 1968, p. 49)

Although the generality of the formulation is obvious, and in a way theoretically so major areas in which the answer to the deceptively simple question of the findings origina the compartmentalizations, resulting in an

4. BIOCHEMICAL THEORY

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 (Kaj, 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

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

Bid to solve problems of Pacaltsdorp

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
Economic boost for coloured municipality

PROVINCIAL REPORTER

PACALTSDOOR, 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 Dr 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 Pacaltsdorp.”

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 bodies involved in the last few meetings.

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’

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 spacecraft and docked their craft with the space station about 24 hours later — Sapa-AP

SONIC SILENCERS

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 24-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.

BICYCLE

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

In Bloemfontein, 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 reportedly falling off a camper van.

GROOTE SCHUUR

All were taken to Groote Schuur Hospital.

“Mr Saban and Mr Craig were discharged. The others are in satisfactory condition.”

The accident caused a traffic pile-up for several kilometres in the Mitchell’s Plain-Landwater-Philippi area.

BIKERS

Two motorcyclists and their pillion passengers were killed on Saturday night when they collided head-on on a road near Bellville South.

Mr Calvin Morris, 23, Miss Maureen Walters, 18 both of Bellville South and Mr Charles Simons, 24, of Mitchell’s Plain, died instantly.

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

FENCE

Mr R F Steenokkers, 25, of Davenport Road Vredehoek, died when his car 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 struck by a car and knocked down and killed on the national road near Kuils River on Friday night. He is thought to have been in his 30s.

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Yet another blow to PW's constitution proposals

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 29 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 Port Elizabeth 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 addressed 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 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.
What Dives are all about

BY WILLIAM STEENKAMP

quote me, please don't.
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 crèche and proper sport fields, 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 were 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 to 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

EAST LONDON — Seven regional liaison committees are to be established throughout the country to improve cooperation 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 two committees.

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 dispensation had come into effect.

"The liaison committees are established to make possible effective consultation and cooperation 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
John Wessten

Police Report

BY TAILLE MAY

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PROPS BOOK SAYS THE NATION'S MOST LIBERAL CITY IS NOW THE MOST SEGREGATED

SUNDAY EXPRESS August 1, 1986
CMC votes for secrecy

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 discussion.

His decision was preceded by heated exchanges between the members when Mr 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 area 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 confidential 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’ proposition.

Mr Alexander challenged Mr Segers to explain his reasons for asking that the items 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 Plate 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 Trueman 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 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 vetoed the housing committee's proposal 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 are 54 unauthorised structures in Factreton and many more in other townships.

"It seems, therefore, as if the council is not taking the situation seriously ... or taking action..."

"With regard to the illegal, squatters in Factreton as well as your other housing projects, your attention is drawn to the Prevention of Unlawful Occupation of Land Act which stipulates that you are aware that even if those unauthorised structures are not erected on your land," the letter added.

RATEPAYERS

The plight of the people who were affected by the 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 look into the matter, the council said.

The action followed a meeting with the housing committee, which dealt with the issue of unauthorised structures in the townships.

The council's action was welcomed by the Kensington-Factreton Ratepayers' and Tenants' Association.
CMC, IMC to discuss Group Areas

Municipal Reporter

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.

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 Shums 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.

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

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 Garfious Ebrahim, the Rev. Edward Mouttsin, Mr Dowray Mohamed and Mr Gopie Murdock.

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

The Thorns Hill 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 Dais 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 R2 000 cost of the 125th anniversary party of the council last year, including a bill of R200 for the hire of a baby-grand piano.
- Mr Anderson's shock
- Alleged irregularities in the purchase and programming of a computer and two cars for the use of two council officials.

The Dais Divisional Council was formed nearly three years ago as a result of the amalgamation of the councils of Port Elizabeth, Albury, 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 Dais Divisional Council elections took 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 May 27.

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 suspects the labourer of stealing his Freeiland cow.

If Dr Botha's sentence stands he will automatically lose his seat on the council.
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 Petre 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 R20 million housing development in Buffalo Flats.

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Everyone has a stake in this city

Municipal Reporter

The concept that everyone in a city in which they lived 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 last night that the Town Council of Cape Town, led by the Hon. Ernest Stander, was to consider extending the democratic representation of the city.

The Town Council, he said, was seeking to adopt a new approach to its representation of the city's population.

The Town Council was currently considering extending the democratic representation of the city to include the following:

1. The City Council, which is responsible for the general administration of the city.
2. The Town Council, which is responsible for the local administration of the city.
3. The City Planning Committee, which is responsible for the development of the city.

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'Day of rule by whites only is gone'

'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 30 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 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. 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," he said. "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

Consumer Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council had 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 had 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

- 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 formula 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 committee of PE City Council

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 two 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, described 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 Clearway Estate (Bethelsdorp Extensison 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 Wonder Huis as 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.
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 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.

†, 12 MAY 1982
Pressure on Labour to accept new plan

By Hugh Roberton

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.

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 Hendricks, 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 Hendricks 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 meetings, 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

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.
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 the 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 telephone interview ended.

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

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

"TWAW"

"This tweak, pure nonsense. How on earth can we reject power sharing? Of course we support the proposals," said a shocked Mr Charles du Plessis, chairman of the Oudtshoorn Management Committee, when I contacted him.

Mr du Plessis said his committee had met with Mr Greet, 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 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 W Viljoen. Hanover's town clerk Hanover is on the national road between Richmond and Caledon.

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

Mr Arnold 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 African staying check by jowl with their coloured brothers.

And you can only have a management committee if there is a proclaimed coloured area for it to represent. Quite simple.

Mr Arnold, the principal of the J Arnold Primary School (enrolment 550) said:

"Mr Arnold is as of the firm conviction that coloureds should serve coloureds ("Last onse mense onse eie mense diem").

"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?" said Mr Arnold.

"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 Arnold.

"Hanover is not ready for that."
A plea to release Mandela on "trea son"
The reply contains:

"And these, sir, are the people with whom you associate yourselves and on whose behalf you are seeking support from me and others. Support, sir, which to my mind would come perilously close to treason."

SOUTH AFRICA

The mayor of a town, speaking for "the community of Brackenfell and decisions made by council are not politically influenced"

"REFORM"

The chairman of the Democratic Lawyers Association, Mr Mike Govundasamy, said the responses were "illustrious" because there was no change in white political thinking.

"No mayor in South Africa can honestly say he is above politics. Be the very nature of South African society every individual plays a crucial role in politics."

Mr Govundasamy said his association was proud to be associated itself with the call to release Nelson Mandela on the basis that he has a rightful role to play in society and in the formulation of constitutional reform.

TREASON

The mayors of two Natal boroughs, Isipingo and Verulam, responded favourably to the petition.

The mayor of Pietermaritzburg said he would be relieved if the petition could be rejected by the government.

If the petition is not rejected, he said, the government would be faced with the task of finding a new mayor.

No part of an answer book is to be torn out.

All answer books must be handed to the commissioner or to an invigilator before leaving the examination room.
Schlebusch slams Zurnamer move

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 Karoo 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 spurt displayed at the congress was any yardstick, "our deep political differences could be settled in spite of the fact that we are 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 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.
Determining Inquiries

New Procedure for Determining Inquiries

The real estate market is on the rise, and home prices are escalating. Whether you're a buyer or a seller, it's important to have a clear understanding of the process. Here's how it works:

1. **List a Property:** If you're selling a property, list it with a real estate agent. If you're buying, search for properties that meet your criteria.

2. **Make an Offer:** Once you find a property you're interested in, make an offer. The offer should include a deposit, a loan pre-approval, and a guaranteed purchase price.

3. **Negotiate:** The seller will review your offer and may counter with a higher price or different terms.

4. **Inspections:** The buyer and seller will conduct inspections to ensure the property meets the agreed-upon standards.

5. **Closing:** If everything is in order, the property will be transferred to the buyer. A closing attorney will facilitate the transfer.

Remember, the process can vary depending on the location and the type of property. Always consult with a professional to ensure you understand each step.
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 "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 abolition of the management committee system," Mr Zurnamer said. "Contrary to the other proposals, they advocated the establishment of separate municipi-
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. Schlebusch, 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.

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Management committee seen as top

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Yesterday, the Provincial Municipal Association's Conference heard that unanimous approval of the Cape Town Councillors' roll for ward 10 is the only way to avoid a repetition of the situation of wards other than that of the Councillor's roll.

The proposal, if passed, would remove the need for a special election in ward 10 and would ensure that the same number of Councillors would be elected as in other wards.

The proposal was supported by all the Councillors present, and it was moved that the proposal be adopted as a single vote.
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.
Municipal Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Cape Province Municipal Association's 'power-sharing' proposals were described here by the CPMA president, Dr T G Schlebusch, as a step towards peace and harmony in South Africa.

The proposals would place property-owning coloured and Asian people on municipal voters' rolls with whites.

Dr Schlebusch piloted the plan to acceptance by the executive.

He told the CPMA annual congress last night that it was logical, just and workable.

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.

"This is the communal interest, this is the principle for which we have worked," Dr Schlebusch also appealed to municipalities 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.

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.

UNIONS

Dr Schlebusch said the formation and registration of more workers' unions could affect local government.

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.

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Municipal ombudsmen needed, says Louw

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 emphasized 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. 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

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, Outshoorn 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 Outshoorn, Mr S M Greeff, said the Outshoorn Town Council was against the CPMA proposal and had given its own evidence to the President's Council.

'The Outshoorn 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 Low, said today.

Speaking at the 75th annual congress of the Cape Province Municipal Association Mr Low 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 Zurriemer, 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 1983 congress to formulate the proposal 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 council.

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

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, he 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
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.

He pointed out that the CPMA proposals had been formulated by people of diverse political views.

Dr Schlebusch 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 capitalize 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 the 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 Industrial Council had not been completely 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 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 delegations 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.
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,” 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 cooperation 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 officials. He suggested that the possibility of making town clerks ex-officio members of council be considered. — DDR
CPMA congress to consider key issues

Municipal Reporter

DELEGATES from nearly 200 municipalities will attend the 78th 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. Gede 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. Hailever 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.
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 J A Zurnamer and the town clerk, Mr J W Yibben — 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 a 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 president’s 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 brass on the Orient Beach on Wednesday night.
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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 spelled out for its members what it recommended to the President's Council on constitutional reform at local government level.

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 luxury 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.
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 32-member organisation.

AGREED

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 26.

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.

FEAST

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 26 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.

STRONGHOLD

He added that management committees were created by Government, but a 'plattelandse verkrampte town' which is a stronghold of Dr. Treurnight, does not want to make them work.

They have a nice way of saying 'Hotneus gaan maak mask'
Mancom observers for Divco committees

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 committees to serve in an advisory capacity on the standing committees of the Cape Divisional Council.

The decision was announced 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 committee members were already serving in an advisory capacity on several local authorities. 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 Croux, 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 Croux 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 Croux and Mr R P Jacobs. Mr Croux and Mr A J Lottering also serve in an advisory capacity on the Atlantis Development Committee.
EAST LONDON — East London's mayor, Mr Errol Spring, said yesterday that an impression had been gained that the Indian Management Committee had been inactive on the issue of Braelyn 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 Braelyn," "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 Braelyn Extension 4.

"This is a totally erroneous impression I wish to correct. The Indian Management Committee which was constituted in 1976 and is the official channel of the Indian Community to the 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 Braelyn Township Extension 4, the IMC has been concerned 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 Braelyn 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 Braelyn Extension 4 until such time as arrangements had been made for the rehousing of the group occupying the neighbouring slum area. The IMC also dissociated itself from any decision to allow Indian occupation of Braelyn Township Extension 4 before this element was removed.

The city council gave assurances that the 488 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 had 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 Braelyn 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 Pillei, the spokesman for housing on the IMC, said a mass meeting would be held tomorrow to give a report-back on the Braelyn 4 issue — DDR
IMC renews call for opening of a ‘free trade area’ in PE

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, criticized 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 Embassy Street, as well as a portion of Commercial Road.

The Rekert 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 growing 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 90% 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.
MPC’s slate damaging effect of management committee system

Post Correspondent
CAPE TOWN – Addressing the Cape Provincial Council, Mrs Molly Blackburn (FFP, 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 Frans van der Velde (FFP, 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.

“This 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 Hermus 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 (FFP, 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, driving 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 Andrews Tournefaire hanged himself for nothing.”

The NP amendment was accepted by 41 votes to 10.

Mr Radue voted with the...
The Cape Town City Council had sabotaged the management committee system from its inception, the ANC in charge of local government, said yesterday.

Mr Herman Kriel, the private member's motion brought by Mr Frank van der Velde, ANC for Wynberg, 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 revolution", as opposed to revolution. Evolution lay at the heart of apartheid, he said.

He said that 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.

Mr. Kriel referred to local councils. The National Party was determined to destroy the system at all costs. They had tried to sabotage the system on the interests of the coloured community, not in the interests of politicians opposed to mancoms.

The National Party's principles were clearly stated in a mixed voters' roll and in favour of self-determination.

Mr. R. J. Radley, chairman of the National Party's Town Council, also opposed the motion. He said the present system of a majority-racial domination would be replaced by majority-racial domination, which his party rejected.
Residents air housing gripes

A DELEGATION of Casson Park and Linde, 106, residents threshed out a number of complaints about the area at a face-to-face confrontation with members of the Local Council on Tuesday.

The delegation of 11 (which, at 1 a.m. the day before, was held by the local council officer) put forward their main concern that housing maintenance was inadequate and that the latest repairs to the electric lighting, water, gas and sanitary equipment were not up to standard. In the absence of a council member, the delegation represented the views of the local residents. The council members, however, did not agree with the complaints and stated that the problems would be resolved at a later meeting of the council.
Divisional councils can’t seem to agree

Municipal Reporter

THE recent amalgamation of some of the Cape’s divisional councils has led to such “inseparable 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 Groopriver and the main problem is the choice of towns for their headquarters.

“The Administrator, Mr. G. N. Louw, said after thorough investigation in 1979, 84 divisional councils were re-constituted 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 1979, 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.”
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 yester-
day.

When the chairman, Mr W George, called for apologies and Mrs Kemp’s name was men-
tioned, 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 recalcitrant about this but every time there is an Indian Management Committee meeting Councillor Kemp is present.”

It was explained that 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 debated for discussion when matters came up for general discussion.

Mr J Temmenga said the apology should be allowed to stand and be noted with others but felt the meeting should come to some resolution about the “continued absence” of Mrs Kemp at the CMC 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 from Cape Town at 4.35 pm — the meeting started at 3.45 pm — said 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 Lombey, the MEC in charge of local government, Mr H Kruyget and the director of education, Mr Willem Boffeon, 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 CMC 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 only IMC representative on the CMC and councillors Morrison and Moodley 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.

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Asked to change
Driedoorn St to Freedom Ave

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 leaders 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 overruling 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 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 "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.
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 Martens.

"Mr George viewed our absence from the meeting with Mr Martens as a slap in the face and castigated us for seizing a mandate from the public while we did not have the 'facts and figures' to substantiate 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?"

"It there had been no uncertainty regarding the availability of the hall I would have been able to publicise it better."

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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 commit-
tee 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 com-
ment, a member of the IMC
delegation, Mr Hassan
Noorshah, said he was not
prepared to make a state-
ment unless Mr F H Koze,
chairman of the commit-
tee, made one.

The matter would be dis-
cussed 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.

As if there was any
rule or regulation that pre-
vented 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.
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 restrained, 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, and blacks are being accommodated in shacks there."

Fellow committee members Mrs R Labana — who lives in the area — said she was "terified" of what she called "natives" (natives) who live in the back gardens of coloured residents.

"Sometimes there are Africans fighting in front of our door. I 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 control 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 Outside, 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 segregation regulations." — DDB
Halt call on rent rise

EAST LONDON - The Coloured Management Committee has called for immediate suspension of the recent rent rise order for one month.

The committee predicted "it is an indication of the city council's failure to meet our requirements for housing." The committee said the rent increase was "up to 50 percent whose income is 80 percent of the minimum." The committee called for an urgent meeting with the city council action committee after finding it was "unfair and not being considered for the subsidy which one pays rental purposes." The committee also said that the action committee is "likely to be present at the meeting."

The meeting with the action committee will be held as soon as possible. It is expected that the CMF will be attended by representatives of the tenants who were not included in the meeting."

The committee ordered the city council to suspend the rent increase and to meet with them immediately. The committee called for an urgent meeting with the city council action committee after finding it was "unfair and not being considered for the subsidy which one pays rental purposes."
FAST LONDON — An urgent appeal was made by right-thinking schoolmasters for better schools for coloured residents here.

The Coloured Management Committee decided to put in a question that a new coloured secondary school be used as a primary school for a few years.

Reacting to a letter from the Department of Interior Affairs, the committee decided to ask that the school be used as a primary school from the outset.

"Our children are suffering because of overcrowding," said Mr B. Le Mmere. "There are complete high schools for blacks and whites, but we still only have one for non-whites."

Mr D. Alexander added, "When we say non-white, we are told money is not available. But we are sick and tired of being second class citizens. We want the best for them."

The committee decided to press for the new school to be used as a primary school the year after. Two new primary schools are to be built in the area: one at Buffalo Heights and the other in Crown 2. It is expected to be completed by 1944.
Scramble for homes in city housing crisis

EAST LONDON — A housing crisis has gripped the city — and there is little chance of a rescue 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 of the well-afforded.

"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 definitive action to try to ease the crisis, according to Mr. Tribe Kemp, the council housing the housing portfolio. Plans for development include:

- The erection of about 20 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 1,000 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," Mr. 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 is nowhere for the people to stay," Mr. Batting said.

- 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 house. 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 an almost impossible problem as getting a house, as Mr. Batting explained: "If you only have a deposit on a house and are looking for a maximum bond to cover the rest of the purchase price you will 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 to 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 1965 forecast was 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 designing and building 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, there is no use in just that — a home he can only dream of.

"I can't see any real solution to the problem," Mr. Batting said. "It's the old game: if there was more of it builders would be able to build stumps. Unless there was to be drastic economic political upheaval there is no real short or long term solution."

A snap survey of 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 the shortage — exploitation of the crisis.

"Quite a few people push their rent up because they know people are desperate," the agent said.

"In the last month a flat that was leased for R100 a month a few years ago, will cost you up to R300 a month today. But people will pay anything we can even have married couples moving into bachelor flats, even if there's nowhere else to stay."

LONDON — snow storm from Conwy to Harland and Wolff shipyard, 80 km 100 cut off, 900 workers killed and 191 feared dead.

Margaret from London: "We're not going to last this time."

The appeal's social service was down in the dumps.

One of the areas was where all 11 people were evacuated, 200 cut off by in three metres of water.

In Scotland, at least 1,000 Scottish were in pl floods in River Clyde.

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Johann: Nearly half an AEC ministers including the Luthern Chie dom have in the acting gary of the Church of Rev. Ruhl, said yesterday.

But the h. National Po T R. Malan rejected the action. The Luthern Ch. Raith, Fenton.

A telegram from Bishop of the last two home, Matho Dr.

Factory told to clear up smell

EAST LONDON — The Kalfaria Divisional Council has served a notice on the pineapple canning factory Colloindale Canners requiring the company to clean up the smell nuisance from the factory's face prosecution.

This follows two letters from a neighbour, Mr. N. H. Henklof complaining about the foul, offensive and unbearable smell which daily permeates the air in Willow Park and adjacent areas.

"It's difficult to believe that a responsible authority like the divisional council could have allowed such a situation to develop,

The other residents of Willow Park, have the inalienable right to breathe fresh clean and air.

factory was discussed and it voted for it on the occasion.

In a reply the secretary of the council Mr. F. Bell, Dauermann, wrote that as a result of a number of complaints and expert advice the chief health inspector for the district had written a second letter the factory manager, December 21 re requiring the smell nuisance be abated. All legal proceedings would be instituted.

In the reply it was also stated that the election of the council had partially not been approved by the East London Divisional Council because in terms of the regulations in force at the time there was no need for plans to be approved.}

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DAILY DISPATCH, SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1965
RESIDENTS in most Western Cape townships have been drawn together by the Cape Areas Housing Action Committee (CAHA) to fight against rent increases in what seems set to become the biggest joint community campaign since the 1980 bus boycott.

Already several 'kamap' 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 Gugulethu on Sunday, residents of the Peninsula Avenue...
BONTEHEUVEL residents were not fooled by the City Council's extra R500 000 for the housing maintenance budget and would put more pressure on the Council to make maintenance a priority.

So says Mr Mark Abrahams, chairman of the Bonteheuwel Civic Association who have been campaigning for months to have houses repaired free of charge.

He was commenting on an announcement that R500 000 would be added to the maintenance budget as an interim measure to improve housing maintenance.

"They should see that there is always money for something as important as maintenance," he said.

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The Council had announced the allocation of this sum would be discussed at the Housing Committee's February meeting together with a report on the upgrading of houses and the money received for the sale of Bloemfontein Flats.

They have also agreed that people should be made to pay for their own maintenance once houses have been brought to an "acceptable standard". Mr Abrahams saw this as "a crafty way of pass ing the buck".

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"First they said only new tenants had to pay. How can they expect a person living in a house for 20 or 30 years to suddenly start paying for maintenance?"

"The Bonteheuwel Civic Association will continue putting pressure on the Council to see that tenants do not get a raw deal," he said.

Any dishonesty will render the candidate liable to disqualification and to possible exclusion from the University.
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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 specializing 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 seek 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.

"We tried hard," one of the agents said, "but we soon found out that the city had nothing to offer us."

The only remaining sites are at Markman Township and Pre 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 plots on the part of Port Elizabeth have fallen on deaf ears.

"We have battled to get industrial use for a half-hectare site in Saddell, which was formerly industrial ground. It adjoins existing factories and was reserved as a residential area by mistake," Williams said.

"We have tried time and again to get it rezoned, but the Government has opposed it. Saddell ratepayers are against it, although nobody is going to build a house there unless it's got industrial use," Williams said.

"For Port Davey, 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


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Mr. Hafner, suggested that land in the western suburbs could be re-zoned for industrial purposes.

"Town planning in Port Elizabeth has made no progress for any industrial land in the western areas," he said.

Another agent who asked not to be named, suggested Greenbushes as an area for light industrial expansion, forming a second ring 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 call for 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."

Mr. Williams, the city's Chief Estates Officer, agreed there had been a small rush about a dozen or so years ago for industrial land, but he blamed the Government for holding back development.

"Municipal attempts to open up new industrial sites had not succeeded, he said. "It's a battle to find people that are willing to come off the farm."

"The office has run out of space dealing with people looking for new premises. There have been a lot of people wanting to expand, and others moving in from outside."

Mr. Hafner said: "Something we didn't expect. Two years ago the chief officer of the City统筹推进 development - two hectares we had acquired from the City Council - had knocked down around Juta Road, Xolobeni, and we split it up into 20 sites. They were sold over night."

"There are a lot of people who are interested in developing new industrial sites in the area, and we are looking for more land."

Mr. Rigby, chairman of the Greater Ugu Bay Development Committee, said he was surprised to hear the situation had reached that point. "The matter could be taken up on the agenda of the committee's next meeting later this month."

"The Government official with whom the matter had been discussed, was under the impression that the Department of Industries had already given the go-ahead for the development."
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 Police and Resources Committee chairman, Mr Alan Ward-Abie, 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 meter of normal bus fares – the rest to be made up by PE Tramways and a supermarket.

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 Haward, chairman of the Works and Traffic Committee, pointed out that, whereas the Johannesburg scheme (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 Tram Council for the Elderly which they could use to help needy elderly people.

When the Mayor, Mr H. van Zel Cillié, was approached, he said he had an open mind on the question of subsidised fares.

The item, he said, was not on the 1983 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, he 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 soaring costs.
Villagers fight for fresh water

The recent drought has caused a shortage of fresh water in the village. The river that used to provide water for the village has dried up, and the wells that used to provide water are now depleted. The villagers are forced to walk long distances to fetch water from a distant river. This has become a daily chore for the villagers, who are struggling to meet their basic needs.

The situation has become so critical that the village council has decided to install a water pipeline from a nearby town. The pipeline will provide a steady supply of fresh water to the village. The project is expected to be completed within the next few months.

The villagers are grateful for the council's decision and are looking forward to the day when they will have access to fresh water again.
Strong reaction to ‘freeze’ advice on border business

CAPTAINS of commerce and political leaders have reacted strongly against a provincial Administration circular sent to local authorities throughout the province to freeze the setting-up of new businesses within five kilometres of national state borders.

The circular states that no further business rights should be granted by any authority unless it could be reasonably be assumed that the aim of the business concerned was to serve its immediate neighborhood within South Africa.

The introduction says that the guidelines set out are comparatively restrictive, and that trading within five kilometres of boundaries, but this circular goes on to be far more specific, and in many instances, it is a matter of concern, said Durban's Acting Provincial Secretary in Natal, Mr W. B. Boudendahou, said the Government's concern arose from the fact that trading undertakings within South African border towns exposed considerable competitive advantages because of greater skill and better equipment.

However, the reaction of the general manager of the Chamber of Commerce in Mafikeng and Durban was that the guidelines were virtually unenforceable. The first paragraph talks about the need to discourage much as 12 500 sq km of Natal, the present boundaries of KwaZulu were affected.
Coloured firemen
fill manpower gap

By SHELagh
BLACKMAN

PORT ELIZABETH has
solved the acute manpower
shortage in its fire depart-
ment by employing col-
oured firemen

It is the first city in the
Cape to have a fully in-
tegrated fire department

Coloured firemen, the
first of whom were em-
ployed in December, have
given an "excellent ac-
count" of themselves in fire
fighting, the chief fire of-
cer, 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 re-
sponse to advertisements
but in December things
looked up and two coloured
applicants were taken on.

In January the situation
improved further and an-
other 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 an-
swer" 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 Al-
bany Road.

Their uniforms, accom-
mmodation and facilities are
exactly the same as those
for white firemen.

"They are fitting in very
well but then I never antici-
pated 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 De-
partment by having
the first fully inte-
grated staff in the
Cape Hero newcom-
ers, JACOBUS FRIS-
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 De Pontes, held discussions about the implementation of the Government’s decentralisation proposals.

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.
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 continues, 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 10 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 RS 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 RS 215 000 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.
Although attendance is not compulsory, students are strongly advised to attend all lectures. Evaluation of students' work is based on a combination of class tests, assignments, essays, and University examinations.

The mid-year and year-end University examinations are organised by the University Administration, and any problems which you may encounter with respect to these should be taken to the Examinations Officer, Bremner Building, without delay.

READING

While the Department will try wherever possible to facilitate reading by placing texts in the short loan section of Leslie Library and distributing selected prescribed articles, you are strongly advised to make the fullest possible use of the Library. It would stand you in good stead to attend an orientation course conducted during the first
Abolition of city's municipal job reservation hailed

THE announcement that job reservation in the Cupola municipal service will be abolished has been welcomed today by members of the Executive Committee.

The Council held a special meeting this morning, where the council members present agreed the motion. A former councilor, Mr. John Grant, who was present, said the decision was well-received by the public.

The police branch president, Mr. Thompson, said the move would help to prevent discrimination in the police force.

A number of the council members agreed with Mr. Grant. Mr. Hamilton, who is the leader of the council, said the council was making a step forward in addressing racial discrimination.

The council has been under pressure to make changes to the police force, which until now has been predominantly white.

The police force has been under scrutiny for a number of incidents in recent years, including the death of a black man in police custody.

COMMISSIONER

The council told the Commissioner for Police that job reservation should be abolished but the commission recommended that it should only be done with a special application from the police force.

A former councilor, Mr. John Smith, who was present, said the decision was well-received by the public.
City welcomes scrapping of job reservation

Municipal Reporter

THE losing of job reservation in Cape Town's municipal service, was the conclusion of more than 20 years of City Council representations in the government, through a Colth, an African Colth, an African Colth...

The move was prompted by yesterday's decision of the Council itself, of the Chief Councilor, the Mayor, and the Councilors of the opposition to lift the cap on the last resort of job reservation.

The policy was already abandoned in both the District and the National-

'Council must think of future'

Municipal Reporter

For further generations would hold the dream of respectability, and, once the decision was made, would go on...
African job bar still applies

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 Cape Council of 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 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.

It's the same in other countries where the residents of the country 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. G. H. O. Jordan, said today the council would continue its policy of employing the best person for the job irrespective of race.

01 June: Insurance Expiry
Solution to GL.

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 M J 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 participants 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."

"When 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 decided 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."

"At present, the association for the promotion of the Western Cape's economic growth - Wesgroad, 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 2000, 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 councilors 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 200 of the council's mistakes there could be observed.

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.

11,846 copped in December

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 319.
Plea for Province branch in PE

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 Potchefstroom."

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 not continue to "pull 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 Meerung were re-elected chairman and vice-chairman respectively.
New local Govt deal sought

Provincial Staff

Mr Frank van der Valde (PPP, Wynberg) gave notice of a private motion to be introduced upon the Administrator and Executive Committee to introduce legislation to provide for a system of local government where all will have equal franchise rights on a common voters' roll.

NOTICE of a motion proposing the introduction of equal franchise rights for all races in local government in the Cape was given in the Provincial Council yesterday by the unofficial Opposition.

It reads: "This council, recognising that the deterioration of race relations is aggravated by the inadequate system of franchise rights on a common voters' roll."
Call not to pass the little budget

Provincial Staff

THE official opposition in the Cape Provincial Council did not to approve the 1982-83 budget as long as some South Africans are denied the right to participate in decision-making. The debate is on the part appropriation of R110-million for 1982-83 to run the province from April until the 1982-83 budget is approved at the May-June sitting of the council.

The amendment by Mr. Geoff Everingham (PPV, Paarl) is 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."
NRP sides with PM

Staff Reporter

THE New Republic, Party's sole member of the Provincial Council issued 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 belittled was an overused 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 NNP, would become "totally irrelevant!

When this happened the English press would have to find another horse to back.

E Cape plea for autonomy

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/Utshwayhe 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, as in the words of a former Nationalist prime minister - consequences too.

In addition, Mr Trent said, the Port Elizabeth/Utshwayhe 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 1.700 sq km of the Cape Province were handed over to Bophuthatswana at the beginning of 1962.

This was stated in the Provincial Council yesterday when Mr R F Hurry, 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.
Lean times for local govt likely

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 R33,8 million excluded expenditure financed from the three local housing funds which amounted to R4 million, as well as the R3,4 million expenditure on the Riverzendersend 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 Heran Kriel, said the measures to be taken by Mr Horwood were "fair" as the state could not formulate policy unless it 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

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 specialised 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 strategies 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 in engineering and other technical posts — posts to which we had failed to attract the right people in the country although unceasing advertisement over a number of years..."

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 Stanislaw F. Skotnicki.

Mr Heugh said the municipality's salary structure was already lagging 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 debilitating effect on local government.

He cited the central-city Golden Acre project of the 1970s as an example.

Delays

"That whole scheme nearly stumbled through delay, part 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.

"We... our relationships with provincial and government departments are pretty good but there is always the danger of a very worth while project being subverted 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 "insta... tion" of the City's chief executive and administrative officer.

Daily burdens

The Town Clerk was in an extremely vulnerable 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 endeavours.

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 first 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 intended to continue living at their home in Newlands.
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 Yaacov, said after the meeting.

"The chairman of the staff portfolio, Mr. Nott-Leven 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. Yaacov said. -- DDR
Dias health work hit by lack of staff

Pest 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 freeing 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."
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 controlling 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, sets 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 percent. This would have to continue, he said.
Salt River meeting called

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 facing 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 rectify the social injustices that face us and our children," the committee said.
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.
Township board did not approve house scheme

GEORGE — A controversial housing scheme at Klenkranitz, on the sand dunes of the Wilderness, is in the news again with the revelation that the Department of Community Development went ahead with the scheme before allowing the Township Board — or the public — the usual preview of the township plans.

Cautious spokesmen for the board are saying nothing for the record, but are reported to be furious at the breach of procedure.

"It is unusual, but legally the department is permitted to proceed before our approval is given," said Township Board chairman Mr. K. Friedlaender from Cape Town yesterday.

"As a matter of fact, the Province has only just been notified of the scheme and in the latest Provincial Gazette we have advertised the scheme for objections from the public," added Mr. Friedlaender.

Because about 35 hectares of land has already been stripped of its vegetation and more than one million tons of sand shifted — at a cost of R2 million or more — it seems very unlikely that any objections registered by the public or by the Township Board will carry much weight.

"I am afraid I don't think very much can be done about it at this stage unless the matter is raised in Parliament," said Mr. Friedlaender.

More news about Klenkranitz is that the Department of Community Development is to rewrite its subsidy formula to provide electricity to the scheme at rates which the proposed inhabitants may better afford.

In a letter published last week in an agenda of the George Town Council monthly meeting, the department noted:

"In view of the exceptionally high cost of external services and the major impact this has on the National Housing Fund — particularly in cases where occupants earn less than R150 a month — the National Housing Commission has decided that funds for the provision of such services in such areas will in future be provided at an interest rate of 1%.

The interest rate will increase thereafter to 3.5% in the case where breadwinners earn between R151 and R250, to 5% for earnings of R251 to R350, 7% for earnings of R351 to R450, and 9% for breadwinners earning more than R450.

Former loaf, 97 aboon in 11 days.
Details of court inquiry to AG

A transcript of the proceedings of last week's inquiry conducted by a magistrate and at which Port Elizabeth city councillor Mr Jamie Derfling testified, has been sent to the Attorney-General.

This was confirmed today by Senior Public Prosecutor Mr John Seiff, who said a transcript of the proceedings, held in terms of Section 205 of the Criminal Procedure 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

EAST LONDON — A move to rescind the city council’s support for the Duncan Village Community Council in opposition to the removal of residents from the village failed at last night’s city council meeting.

The motion of rescission by Mr Robbee 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 full constituted council has 16 councillors, at least nine votes were needed last night for 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 Malini, 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, Mr 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 moral decision to support the community council and allow Duncan Village to remain,” Mr Card said.

“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 secion 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 establish Duncan Village in two years, there were even more people living there.

The deputy mayor, Mr Joe Yabzek, said that all the council was doing was helping people whose birthright was being threatened in South Africa.

Mr Yabzek said Mr Morrison had talked of a shortfall of 160 000 houses for blacks in the East Cape area alone. He also quoted the Ecb’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 Yabzek said.

“We need these people, they belong to us and it is our duty to support them.”

Mr Yabzek 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, such as an investigation into whether Duncan Village should remain or another area be developed and futher 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 Village.

“Why are we taking this decision — it is just stirring up trouble.”

She said there had been an agreement between the Ciskeis 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 intellectuality” 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 move 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 Vosnie Bezudenbou, Robbee de Lange (Snr), Robbee de Lange (Jnr), Elsabe Kemp, Willem Morris, Neville Randell and Tony Recsei.

Those against were Councillors Errol Spring, Joe Yabzek, Donald Card, Brian Snell, Bob Snoedgras, Fred Stakemire and Glen Warner.

Councillor Ivan Zulman was not present at the meeting — DDR.
Recovering foiled PE’s traffic cops
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 is 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 97½% 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.
Committee’s no site for industrial use

Weekend Post had difficulty establishing the committee’s reasons for the rejection of the Town Planning application to rezone the land, and 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 drawback to the village of Swartkop 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 to 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 look for another suitable 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.

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.
Technikon 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 R4.3 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.'
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 ratepayers' 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 the 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 $6,000 grant-in-aid of $6,000 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 R1,800,000 has been collected so far."

Dr Shippey noted that payment of the annual grant-in-aid - paid by the council since 1954 - 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

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 obtained 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

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 miltify 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-oriented 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 unprecedented 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 ratespayers.

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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Officer 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.

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.

CAR LICENCES

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.

See Page 19.
EAST LONDON — The State, which recently became a ratepayer, is to keep a fatherly eye on municipal finances in the future.

At 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 in the Treasury chief troubleshooter, 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 always cut hair a trim mouth gold-rimmed glasses and smokes a 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 protests which greeted the long-awaited 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 secret.

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.
Exclusion of blacks 'weakens' CPMA plan

Municipal Reporter

THE call by the conservative Cape Province Municipal Association to give coloured and Indian ratepayers 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 community or minority 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," he said.

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.
‘Agitators oppose single roll’

Municipal Reporter

EAST LONDON. — Opposition to equal municipal status for whites, coloured and Asians is the result of confusion sown by a few agitators, Dr T G Schlebusch says.

Dr Schlebusch, president of the Cape Province Municipal Association, said that he had expected some opposition to the power-sharing plan, which was probably the most important decision taken by the CPMA in its 17-year history.

He denied allegations that his efforts had been politically motivated.

"NO PLACE"

"I believe there is no place for politics in the CPMA. "That's why I don't mind these people turning their anger on me. Rather that than cause a split in the association on a vital issue."

Dr Schlebusch has been under constant attack during the congress by the deputy mayor of Hanover, Mr B A Zirn, who has criticised his refusal to allow Hanover to challenge the CPMA's power-sharing recommendations.

Dr Schlebusch said the CPMA would be prepared to act immediately when the decision of the President's Council on local and regional government was published next month.

RE-ELECTED

If its proposals differ radically from our thinking, I will not hesitate to call a special congress of the association," Dr Schlebusch, who was re-elected for his sixth term as president, said.

Another congress milestone was its decision to go into its responsibilities under the Industrial Conciliation Act.

Local government is going to have to deal with trade unions in future, and some form of collective bargaining for municipalities will become essential."
Malcomess denies EL is controlled by PFP

CAPE TOWN — The claim by the Deputy Minister of Co-operation, Dr George Morrison, that the East London City Council is controlled by the Progressive Federal Party has been rejected by Mr John Malcomess, MP for Port Elizabeth Central and former MP for East London North.

"In a statement yesterday, Mr Malcomess said, "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 Robbies de Lange or David Lazarus and certainly it was doubtful that there were any councillors who were members of the PFP."

"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 deplorable practice," Mr Malcomess said — PC.

In the meantime, the community housing development agency in the Mdantsane Special part of the council has been made a separate and is in with the other organisations in the Mdantsane Special Organisation. The community housing development agency is now in charge of the latter. The council's building plans have not been affected by the merger. These are all the same.

Mr Malcomess also denied the PFP's claim that it would take over the council's buildings if it was in power. He said the council was "not taking the council for granted".

Call to rate

The original plans for raising the rates were not to be changed. The council had not yet decided on the amount of extra to be charged, but the council had not made a decision on the amount of extra to be charged.

Exemption

The Exemption for elderly persons was to be extended. In the past, elderly persons were not eligible for the exemption, but they would be entitled to it now. The exemption was to be extended to all elderly persons who were pensioners and who were disabled. The exemption would be abolished and the pensioners would be entitled to it. It would be more beneficial and offer more security and protection for the elderly.

Overdue rates: hike in penalty carried
Minister misinformed about council — Card

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 Dyer, 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 FFP youth league.

In a letter to Mr 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 "personal vendetta" then he should hand the letter to the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, 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 Mantsane.

"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 Mantsane has plus minus half a million people."

"In fact when you went to the press on the Lande report in 1981 you identified eight crucial points which you described as leading to violence, strikes and disruptions and you said that the government had embarked on a R42 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 fall in 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 any work done unless we have harmony and goodwill between all races?"

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Malcomess denies EL is controlled by PFP

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 Bobbie 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 Mantsane 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 Mantsane Special Organisation. This is a
Confidentiality
for town clerks

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON — Town clerks may be given the
to declare any
document "confidential" if the
decides to do so.

The move is an attempt
to tighten security on
discussions held "in commit-
tee" during a city council
meeting.

At its annual meeting
here, the executive
committee resolved to re-
commence the CPMA
with the existing ordi-
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Three detained in Soweto

Three of the people
deported from their home
in Soweto were among
24 who were deported from
the province.

The deportees, who had
been living in Soweto for
several years, were
detected by police and
arrested.

The deportees were
charged with
" outraging public
morals".

City insurer broker dies

Staff Reporter

MRS. MARY WEBB, a
known "good neighbour" and
long-time resident of Cape Town,
died in a car accident in the
early hours of the morning.

The accident occurred on
the corner of Main Road and
Trestle Avenue.

The car, driven by Mrs.
Webb, collided with a
pedestrian and a cyclist,
resulting in the deaths of
both individuals.

Weir fight: No live TV

Staff Reporter

TREVOR QUINN, SABC's
head of English

"We have no alternative but to
confiscate the TV sets of all
viewers who have a licence,
but who are not watching the
coverage of the match.

The licence fee, which is
charged on a per-set basis,
will be used to support the
coverage of the match.

Hullay speech full text

Mr. Hullay's speech
was broadcast live from the
Hornbill. He thanked the
people of Soweto for their
support during his tenure.

ARMED ROBBERY TRIAL

R1,000 bail grant

Staff Reporter

THREE Bonteheuwel
men have been granted R1,000
bail each after they were
charged with armed robbery.

The State alleged that the
three men, who were identi-
cified as Mr. Davids, Mr.
Kosinski, and Mr. Bester,
were involved in the
armed robbery of a bank.

They are accused of
"outraging public morals".

The case is set for trial
next week.
Exemption for staff urged

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," said a Cape Town representative.

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 — DDR
Two civic bodies in the Athelone area have joined several major sports

FIELDS PAIRED

The increased fees for the hire of fields

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THE CPMA TAKES 'ONE GIANT STEP'

WHATEVER the President's Council and the Government decide about a new dispensation for local and regional government, it will be to the lasting credit of the Cape's municipalities that they chose to recommend the road of equality for white, coloured and Asian.

The Cape Province Municipal Association's historic decision in East London last week for equal status for property owners and occupiers in a multi-racial municipal council is believed to go further than that stand taken by the other provinces. This is borne out by the fact that the United Municipal Executive, which represents all the provinces, would not reach unanimity on this vital issue.

The CPMA, which represents all Cape municipalities, accepted the proposals made by its executive almost unanimously—proposals which only a few years ago would have been unthinkable.

The CPMA, dominated to a large extent by conservative plateaumunicipalities, for a long time refused to even consider anything but separate municipalities for each race group. It is due to the efforts of people like Que-town dentist, Dr T J Schlebusch (who has just started his sixth term as CPMA president), that they managed to pilot the new dispensation proposal to almost unanimous acceptance.

Non-political councils have been championed by successive CPMA executives for many years and it is being assumed that managers have managed to stay off the road taken by the Transvaal and experience the sort of chaos that can result from politically elected councils as in the recent Johannesburg debacle.

The CPMA has made it clear that it firmly believes this form of multi-racial authority is the answer for the future and it is poised to take strong concerted action if the President's Council and the Government do not see eye-to-eye with it next month.

By PETER GOOSE

The Argus Municipal Reporter

Basicall, the CPMA advocates the abolition of management committees and a single town or city council for all. The council would be elected on the basis of a voters roll for each ward. Coloured and Asian seats would be included in new wards.

Although the association stopped short of suggesting the abolition of Group Areas, it had advocated relaxing Group Areas enough to allow the establishment of some "open" suburbs where well-to-do coloured and Asians could live side-by-side with whites.

It was fitting that when these decisions were made last week, representatives of the Association of Management Committees and the Transvaal Municipal Association were present for the first time. Also attending for the first time with full membership status was the coloured municipality of Paarlshoop.

The most important lesson to be learnt from the CPMA's decision on non-racial municipalities is that if Cape Town and city councils were elected on a political basis, this accord would probably not have been possible.

NATIONAL UNION OF FURNITURE AND ALLIED WORKS OF S

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Five on corruption charges

The men were not asked to plead and no evidence was led.

The case was postponed to July 7 for trial.

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No finality on advisory body

Staff Reporter

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, MP for Constantia, Mr F. Sturrock, ward councillor, Mr W. Timms of the Tokai Ratepayers' Association and Mr N. McCarthy, chairman of the Constantia Property 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 Hamphire 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.

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 demand pay rise

ABOUT 40 PINDOWN and Southmead roadmen and 
refuse collectors yesterday assembled outside Town Hall 
and presented a deputation to the Town Clerk. 

They demanded an increase in wages of 30 per cent. 

The Town Clerk promised to consider their demands. 

The men have been working under the same conditions for 
the last year and a half.
Municipal officials' task is very difficult, says Clayton

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 council 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.

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 R46.59 million and a capital expenditure of R19.75 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.
Court dismisses Botha's appeal

GRAHAMSTOWN — An appeal by Dr Hendrik Botha, chairman of the Dass 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 which is conditionally suspended. He was also ordered to pay R160 in compensation.

His appeal was heard by Mr Justice Stewart and Mr Justice Rannemeyer.

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.
Joe Adams, Cape Town's new Civic Chief, looks the city he loves from the top of the Civic Centre.
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 not been canvassed.

Mr Kai and the other leaders, Mr R Allan, the vice-chairman of the Lennox Residents’ Association, and Mr H Khan of the Westridge and Portland Residents’ Association were asked to leave.

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.

Midway through Mr 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.

Eventually representatives of each of the community bodies, including the chairman of the Cape Areas Housing Action
Power cuts anger Plain residents

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, Portlandia, 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 80 percent 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

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.

CATEGORIES
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.
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.
Waldford: Council digs in

THE fate of the "Waldford" 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 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 — keeping the buildings facing Greenmarket Square as 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 historic 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.

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. The plan 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 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 much against developers going up against developers who want to modernise the city because somebody has to pay for conservation and the city can't afford to lose the battle.

This was the main reason, 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 R2 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 mountain-side 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 Waldford 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, in the form of a petition containing more than 4,000 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 out to their tenants and telling them they could stay on for the time being on a monthly basis at increased rents 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 wanted 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.

I am willing to take a bet that the Council's Town Planning Committee, which must finally deal with the matter, will not accept the fact that the developers want to throw the tenants out as a good enough reason for approving Kimberley House, certainly not until they have seen what the developers have in mind for the site and have accepted it.

By Peter Goosen
Municipal Reporter

By George!

"Don't jump, darling. It'll all be in. The Argus."
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 Ewlyn 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.
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 "muddling 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’

Post Correspondent

GRAHAMSTOWN — The Dnas Divisional Council chairman, Mr 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 Qxana, 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 R100 in compensation to Mr Qxana 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 full sentence would have raised 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 Dnas 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 69-page judgment giving the reasons for the court’s decision was only tabled yesterday.

In their judgment, the regional magistrate and judge 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.”
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.
Call for Sebe to resign  

‘not view of EL Council’

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 and "Why does the council issue a statement which is contradictory to 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.

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

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 16.

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 it is expected that the views of the council’s own proposals and those of the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) will be invited.

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 areas until they can be phased out.

- It is part of a council plan to guard against fires on the mountain and follow the devastation that occurred last year.

At present the council has 124 braai units in seven recognized braai areas on Table Mountain and Lion’s Head.

The Council is considering developing the upper portion of Van Riebeek Park, extending from Tafelberg Road to about 900 m from the Highlands Estate boundary 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

By BRIAN BASSETT,
Chief Professional Officer,
National Monuments Council

The Argus published several articles on the threat to a fine Victorian balcony in Long Street. This important environmental feature was saved by the efforts 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 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 avenues of legal and official notices in local newspapers. Such notices set closing dates for objections. If none were received, the project proceeded.

This practice was open to criticism. The advertisements were written in esoterically by the layman and the affected properties were identified by erf numbers. This made it difficult for the man on the street to locate easily.

Then, of course, no one was advanced for comment before it had been completed. That meant that, even if valid objections were received by local authorities, the planners or owners could justify that no significant alterations could be made to their plans because of the millions already expended on planning and research.

In Cape Town have found 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 Capetonians 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 into the final result the current dispute might never have arisen.

Overseas, by the late 1960s, it was clear that every reasonable effort to ensure that these are taken into account, reporting back on developments where necessary.

Of interest to the writer 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 the charm.

Certain local authorities resisted the additional task which Cape Town imposed on them, saying that 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, the main techniques for public consultation are still experimental, although, some local authorities give the consultation process more attention than others.

Further more, 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 continues to ride 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 probably lead 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'

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 informer 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, and who received it anonymously through the post.
Call to abolish secret green paper

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 Ratz, thanks 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.

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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.
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.

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.

De Klerk, who is part of the committee planning for economic decentralization, said the names of the representatives for the Eastern Cape region were given today by the head of the economic planning division in the department of the Prime Minister, Mr Jan De Beer.

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 represent the Association of Management Committees and Mr Koch, Ecab, A former president of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, Mr V L Rideway, will represent the Chamber of Commerce Association (Assocom), while Mr H L Pretorius has been nominated by the Confederation of Labour.

Mr P H Meyer will represent the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut.

Other members of the committee are Mr L Bornman, 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 District Councils, Mr V C Garsch, 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, Wintelsbos, 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 Shaddack, 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 Walt, 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 R Wierszewski, of East London, who will represent the Trade Union Council of South Africa (Tusca).

Mr De Beer said it would be up to the committee to appoint its own chairman and decide on a gathering place.

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Judgment 'soon' on appeal move

By CHRIS RENNIE Court Reporter

GRAHAMSTOWN — Judgment in the application made by the chairman of the Dusi Divisional Council, Dr H "Stompie" Botha, for leave to appeal to the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein was reserved today.

After hearing argument about Dr Botha's conviction and sentence to 18 months' jail by a Port Elizabeth Regional magistrate last November, Mr Justice Kannemeyer said he would try to give judgment as soon as possible.

Half of Dr Botha's jail sentence was suspended but he was ordered to pay R1 000 in compensation — R900 to Mr William Nguvana, a farm worker, and R100 to Mr Brian Brown, who employed him.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer said that if the court refused the application, Dr Botha's bail would be extended to allow him to petition the Chief Justice.

Dr Botha was sentenced for burning Mr Nguvana's hut on Mr Brown's farm, Lakeside, which borders his property. He had presumed Mr Nguvana to be responsible for killing a cow.

The magistrate found him guilty of arson but not guilty of attempted murder and of pointing a firearm.

"In May his appeal against the conviction and sentence was refused by Mr Justice Kannemeyer with Mr Justice Stewart concurring.

Today, Mr J J Nepgen, SC, argued that the Supreme Court had erred in not finding the magistrate had not misdirected himself in inferring from a conversation between Dr Botha and the Browns that Dr Botha admitted "overstepping the mark" by burning the hut.

The admission of "overstepping the mark" was more consistent with his behaviour of going to the Brown's farm and frightening..."

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Made in South Africa
Electricity to go up 12 percent

By JANE ARBOUS
Municipal Reporter

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 15.5 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 rand.

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 Stenberg 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 R5.3 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 Kammeyer 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 petition by the ChiefJustice.

This had 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 Kammeyer 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 the 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 an armed frame of mind armed with, according to him, an arimun, 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 Cecilia, a witness for the prosecution, or that of the defendant could be accepted.

The Magistrate’s Court accepted the evidence of Cecilia. The magistrate approached her evidence with caution not only because she was a single eye-witness to the firing of the hut, but because there were differences between her evidence and that of her husband, and because she always 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, Cecilia’s evidence should be accepted and that of Botha rejected.

In concluding his submissions on the merits, Mr J. J. Nepgen (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 Cecilia was a witness whose evidence had to be approached with caution and that it contained material contradictions.

Mr Justice Kammeyer 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.
Hall lockout

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Reason demanded

ABOUT 50 children, who why they were locked out attend regular activities of the Netreg Community of the Rondeauville Civic Hall on Saturday. Association on Saturday, One of the children, afternoons had to play in Zella Jonkers, 8, said she the rain outside, they said arrived at the hall on meeting hall last week Saturday and went to when the doors to the fetch the key from the hall were locked and the caretaker. He was not at caretaker could not be home and the children found eventually had to go home.

On Monday, morning, the children and the organizers of the group decided to go to the local housing office to find out 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 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 towns 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 towns 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 water mains 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.

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 queuing 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.

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 queuing rails were spaced too far apart to prevent queue jumping.
- The exit through which passengers boarded the buses was too wide enabling more than one person to attempt to board the bus at any one time.

As 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.
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, 1978 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
Unpopular produce market heavily in the red

By WAYNE ASHE

PORT ELIZABETH'S unpopular produce market at Markman Township, spurred 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 30 kilometres) is cited as the cause.

Most of the produce comes from the Gamtoos Valley and farmers say it is crazy to carry that 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 that week the accumulated net or "actual" deficit remaining at the end of last year was R126 200, but if it were not for government subsidies and reserve funds the figure would have been R2 165 900.

After using a municipal "stabilisation fund" of R200 000, a replacement and removals reserve fund of R62 031 and a total government subsidy of R93 136, a net deficit of R125 000 was left.

Town Clerk Mr. P.K. Botha said last year's government subsidy amounted to R174 549 — 75% of the annual trading loss.

"The municipality will have to absorb the loss when the market is profitable again."

Meanwhile, farmers in the Gamtoos Valley, Hankey and Patensie area prefer to go to the Uitenhage market because it is closer and "runs at a profit."

Mr. J.P. Ross, 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 to Markman.

"It's in the wrong place — and who wants to travel an extra 30 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. Ross 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 to day 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 markets in the wrong place anyway. We're now out of the free delivery area which we boasted 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 and the city."

"We've also lost a lot on the hawkers trade. They don't want to come all the way out here in their vehicles, which are usually fairly old, because they've scared the traffic police will stop them."

Mrs. M. 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.
They've got the hottest job in town

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 1968.

In the past, reservation in the mother city barred blacks from being employed as firemen. The ban was recently lifted after requests from the Cape Town City Council.

The first 13 recruits are at present undergoing training at the Salt River Fire Station.

Mr. George 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 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.

ATTENTION! Squaring up during a training session are some of the recruits.
PORT ELIZABETH’s City Treasurer, Mr Amandus Strydom, this week called for an end to the war of words between EE 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 Esscom and not, as is the case, via the Port Elizabeth municipality,” Mr Redelinghuys charged.

“This represents almost 62% more than the account would have been if the current came from Esscom,” Mr Redelinghuys charged.

Mr Redelinghuys and his colleagues raised a strong objection to the Port Elizabeth municipality’s policy of adding a charge to the electricity account of each household to assist in covering the costs of providing a service that is not only unaffordable but also uneconomic.

Mr Redelinghuys and his colleagues are in a legal dispute with the Port Elizabeth municipality over the rate at which they are charged for the electricity they consume.

The dispute centers around the issue of whether the Port Elizabeth municipality is charging a premium for electricity that is not only unaffordable but also uneconomic.

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.

What the industrialists have failed to do is to demonstrate that the combined bill paid by Uitenhage consumers in January last year was R111 500, whereas Uitenhage consumers in January this year are paying R188 500, an increase of 68% above.

Based on this assumption the annual tariff increase has been 68% and not the 10% the industrialists have claimed.

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Simple stone-covered graves stretch as far as the eye can see in the cemetery that adjoins the Pikes Corner camp.

In the foreground, the camp's surroundings are dotted with trees and shrubs, creating a peaceful atmosphere. The stone walls that enclose the camp are sturdy and weathered, adding to the camp's historical charm.

As you stand in front of the only picture of the camp, you can't help but feel a sense of nostalgia. The camp has been a part of this area for many years, and it's hard not to feel a connection to its history.

If you look closely, you can see the names of those who lived and worked here etched into the stone. Each name tells a story of its own, and it's easy to imagine the lives of the people who once called this place home.

The camp is a testament to the resilience of those who built it and the stories that have been told within its walls. It's a place that invites exploration and reflection, and it's clear that Pikes Corner will continue to leave its mark on those who visit it.
Dias to spend R16 450 on ‘refuse’ camp

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.

“The situation was ‘highly unsatisfactory’ and ‘explosive’ and required urgent attention,” 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 latex blocks, three ablation 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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Union can meet in City Hall

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.
Firemen criticised for delay in fighting blaze at hostel

By RUTH GOLEMBI

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 each other."

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 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 ineffective. 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 thus was not functioning properly. What could have happened was that it received 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 they 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

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 1990, 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 spells out the responsibilities of the chief fire officer and defines his position very clearly, he said.

The by-law would allow the chief fire officer to:

1. 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.
2. Close off a street or a place for as long as he thinks necessary for the effective fighting of a fire.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Nobody will be able to fill any balloon, toy or other device with inflammable gas without the permission of the chief fire officer.
6. 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 braai) without the prior written permission of the chief fire officer.

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PE Sakekamer does not favour council politics

Post Reporter 4/8/82

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 Oostergo, 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.

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 Frikke Koets 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.
Buyer hits fresh produce market agents' attitude

By WAYNE ASHER

AGENTS at the Port Elizabeth fresh produce market are "losing valuable business because of their attitude towards the buyers."

Mr Phidias Elstratious, 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 Elstratious, 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 24.8%.

Mr Elstratious 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 the supported Mr Elstratious' 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 fair 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 hand and if he wants to talk to you, he will 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 Elstratious is now the representative of the buyers on the Market Advisory Committee and he is prepared to voice his opinions."

"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 the 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.
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 officials, 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 (Strandale, Deal Party, Neave Township, Kwaford, Lindsay Road and Papenkula 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 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 48ha was fully serviced (including rail links) and to date some 15ha remain unsold.

However, the remaining ground is all under option to Wellfit Oddy (5.5ha), Wilkard (Pty) Ltd (5.4ha) 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.

- **Markman**

Originally 42ha 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, 12ha was de-proclaimed in a "swap" for the zoning of Perseverance.

After allowing 74ha for open spaces and services, this left a total of 25ha up for sale to industrialists.

(The "urgent" task to which Mr Mercer refers was to investigate the viability of bringing the de-proclaimed 12ths 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 200ha of rail-served sites have been sold (at prices of around R22 500 a hectare), leaving 50ha of rail-served land available.

The remaining 36ha of ground in Markman, priced at R25 000 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 "scrap" remains.
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. THIERNSEN, Mrs P. PEARSON and Mrs J. VAN HEERDEN. Looking on is Mr ELDAR JOUBERT, the director of a security firm.

By SHELAGH BLACKMAN
Municipal Reporter

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 Eldar 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 "flatslands", bus stops and street crossings. Times when people felt most vulnerable were Saturdays and at the end of the month.

The increase in muggings makes 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 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 Central 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 in 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.
Polling stations announced

Municipal Reporter

THE polling stations in the four wards in Port Elizabeth that will be contested in the City Council elections in September have been officially announced by the Town Clerk, Mr P K Robb.

The books, which will open on September 1 at 8am and close at 6pm, 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

Mmmbaal Reporter

THE Mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr H van Zyl Colle, called on trade union leaders to "get tough" in the face of 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 was overstuffed that of many other centres.

Since the public went on the Louis Heyl report on the potential for economic development in the area, the Greater Algoa Bay Development 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 wounds

DURBAN — Dr Neil Aggett's sister told a packed church in Durban 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 be in vain."

But it was clear through the death in detention of Mr Ernest Daple that things had not changed.

All the hurt and anger returned when she heard about his death — six months after his brother, his cell at John Vorster Square.

Another speaker, Detainee Sam Mr Zach Yaacob, criticised Order, Mr Louis le Grange, for his death.

"We are not asking for detaining hotel. It is the deprivation of liberty," Mr Yaacob said.

The Minister he the latest death and his attitude man — Saps.

Weather

FORECAST for the coastal belt from Port Alfred to Port Elizabeth for the period ending 6pm tomorrow

CONDITIONS: Fire and warm

WIND: Light to moderate north-west to northerly

EXPECTED TEMPERATURES:

- Maximum: 29°C
- Minimum: 9°C

TODAY'S CONDITIONS (1pm):

- Sea temperature: 26°C
- Temperature: 27°C
- Pressure: 1002 mm Hg
- Humidity: 35%
- Wind: Light.

THE MOON

- New Moon: August 19
- First Quarter: August 26
- Full Moon: September 3
- Last Quarter: September 10

THE SUN

- Sirius today: 6:50pm
- Rise tomorrow: 6:48am
- Daylight yesterday: 10:40am

THE TIDES

- High Water: 9:41am 10:22pm
- Low Water: 11:08am 11:38pm

THE WORLD

- Amsterdam: 19° 21' 11" N
- Athens: 14° 28' 28" N
- Berlin: 15° 28' 19" N
- Brussels: 9° 16' 28" N
- Chicago: 8° 25' 15" N
- Copenhagen: 10° 19' 10" N
- Dublin: 10° 19' 10" N
- Frankfurt: 15° 27' 10" N
- Geneva: 14° 26' 10" N
- Helsinki: 28° 23' 10" N
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Mr R. B. Rowsby, 66

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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 15.5 percent increase on last year) and the total amounts that will be required 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...
Bid to make central City 'residential' enhanced.

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 given, 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."
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 motion 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.
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 Cilllé,
to intervene in the dispute
between the South African
Transport Services (SATS)
and the General Workers' Union (GWU).

The union, which repre-
sents nearly 1000 workers
in the harbour, has tried for
10 months to hold talks with
SATS on conditions of em-
ployment of its members
and has now given the em-
ployers until Monday to re-
spond.

The SATS has consis-
tently 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 spokes-
men and academics have
called on the SATS to hold
talks with the union, and
have warned of interna-
tional repercussions if ne-
egotiations 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 Cilllé today
confirmed receipt of a let-
ter from the chamber on
the issue, but said the con-
tents 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.

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Mayor may initiate meeting on labour

THE mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr H Van Zyl-Stihé, 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

EAST LONDON — 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 Wilsomia.
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 Chatsworth 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
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 residing, on humanitarian grounds, to move them.

Some have established more permanent structures and in at least one case — beneath the Witteklip mountains, near Thornhill — have become a recognised community.

Throughout the area, the Dinas 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 ensuring 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 Greenhills-St Alberts 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.
Municipal elections this week

Municipal Reporter

VOTERS in four Cape Town City Council wards go to the polls on Wednesday to choose four councillors from among eight candidates.

The candidates and the polling stations in each ward are:

Ward 2 Mr Sam Gross and Mr Clive Bliski. Polling stations are the Sea Point Civic Centre, Main Road, Sea Point, the Temple Theatre, corner Upper Portside and Main Roads, Green Point, and the Reception Hall of the City Hall in Corporation Street.

Ward 3 Mr Kose 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 4 Mr Gerry Sullivan and Mr Tony Powell. Polling stations are Martin Adams Hall, Koeberg Road, Brooklyn, Presbyterian Church Hall, Glenville Road, Tygerhof Gypsum Industries Building 16 Auckland Street, Paarden Eiland and the Reception Hall of the 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.

'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 heart failure.

He says the transplant technique was developed to help people who were very ill, not to be used to create new heart patients.
Unions used politically, says Cillie

THE trade union movement was being used as a political platform and thus was the root of the present labour unrest.

Thus was the opinion of the Mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr H van Zyl Cillie, who was addressing the annual dinner of the South African Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, in the city last night.

Mr Cillie 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

BY changing gears manually, winding up their own windows, going without air-conditioning, power steering and metallic paint and swapping leather seats for lumbar 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, R4,013 more than the budgeted price of R33,142 — 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 R77 and a specially-ordered silver metallic paint costing R438 more than conventional paintwork.
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Mayor wants city freed from vote bar

Municipal Reporter

THE requirement that municipal voters and councillors must qualify as parliamentary voters should not apply in Cape Town, the Mayor, Mr Koosie 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 Koosie 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 "impli-
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, 1,322 would be sold and 3,081 rented.

PLANS

New housing was planned for Schotsche Kloof, Bylands, 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'

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 Mnd, 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 and 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 Significance 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.
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Rescue crew
Training for
Back to school for ambulance men

The pick of the Portland Ambulance Service. The Metropolitan
equipment is more than good. The ambulance is capable of
using all its means to bring emergency aid. Here are
on the Fire Department of Oregon.

When you see the 'squad' you'll recognize it as the
you've been talking about. Look for the red and white
truck with the stretcher. They are all Perambulon-
EQUIPMENT

By NESTA ALTFELD
Dias camp may move to Hankey

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 F 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

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 recommended 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 in Balance

Industrial Grain Puts
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 1965, 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 Loerie Dam cost 3c a kilolitre, water from the Elandsjagt Dam would cost 23c 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 sewage 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 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.
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.J. Koopowitz, said in his review of municipal services 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 Sgenu, "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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City department hit by staff crisis

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 Chef 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 experienced 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 106.

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 matters.

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.
Debate today on PE’s R264m draft budget

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 099 040 will be spent by the City Engineer’s Department on general services and R20 729 410 on the cleaning and sewerage division.

Some of the estimated expenses on services outlined in the draft budget are:

- Electricity: R127 420 060
- Water: R13 221 270
- Housing: R11 127 470
- Gas: R9 428 619
- Parks: R7 624 970
- Pore: R8 210 100
- Markets: R2 310 970
- 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.

Municipal Reporter
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).
Proposed 5% rates rise ‘reasonable’

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 Merinig, said today.

Mr Merinig said he favoured small increases being imposed each year rather than massive increases 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.

“It’s far better to pay in instalments,” he advised the city’s ratepayers.

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.
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/Pactreton 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 revised to between R6 and R6.90 a square metre.

Decreased in Bishopscourt

In contrast, the value of a sample property in Bishopscourt, although larger, had been decreased from R6.50 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 facilities. 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.
new Cape Town blueprint for WRAPS off VIP

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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.

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.
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 100-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 1928 when most of the small municipalities in the Peninsula combined to form the present city of Cape Town.

The population was then 360,000. It rose to 1,83 million in 1980. It is estimated that the figure will double by the year 2010.

The most important reason for maintaining local self-government is 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 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:

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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.

The result was too large and impersonal, inhibiting community participation.

- Ad hoc and independent one-service authorities.

It would be difficult to coordinate the work of these bodies with related services carried out by others. The bodies would lack 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 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 lack of independence, a standard 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.
EL beach land-use study completed

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
Call for pro-building councillors to resign

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 Hottenrots Holland mountain range.

The Deputy Mayor, Mrs Dulce Olivier, and another councillor, Mr Norman Hudson, voted in favour of rezoning to allow a scheme known as Marks'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 this referredendum had given a clear indication to councillors that the people of Gordon'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 mayoralship, 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 ratepayers," 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 243 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.

"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 involve 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 Californian 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
Fort Beaufort water: Morrison sees council

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 in 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 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 batting 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 year’s 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 Deepfoot 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

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 multicultural 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, Ernie Bult, said this week that the unit's operation would be key.

"We are not advertising our presence with marked vehicles and we are not going to give out any information on a plate to the opposition," he said.

The unit wasn't James Bond outfit even though its 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 Times on a tour of the RDP's headquarters.

The office of the commander of the unit, Mr 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 handling the operations are armed.

A people's police, the men who used to head the unit, had been recruited from the military.

All we can say is that we have recognised the need for such a unit. We are trying to learn from other people's 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 unit 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 the city's property continually.

Mr Bult 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."

Fangs of the force...a member of the unit puts one of the dogs through its paces.
Local authority for all — Heunis

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 and as well as ensure that 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.
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 R250 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 500 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 un-housed 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 unfranchised 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

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 100 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.
No City money for whites-only clubs

Municipal Reporter

CLUBS and organizations wanting grants or loans from the Cape Town City Council will have to open their membership to people of all race groups in future.

A private motion that the Executive Committee formulate an official policy along these lines was put forward yesterday by Mr Gordon Oliver and accepted by the council. Only one councillor, Mrs Agnes Beyers, abstained from voting on the issue.

R750 000 in grants-in-aid

Mr Oliver said it was morally wrong for the council to provide financial assistance from funds contributed by ratepayers of all races to organizations which excluded members on grounds of colour.

The council contributed nearly R750 000 in grants-in-aid to a wide range of organizations. In addition, it had long-term agreements with 300 bodies of which 120 were sports organizations.

The council also provided loans with attractive interest rates to more than 70 organizations, virtually all of which were sporting bodies. The original value of these loans was more than R1-million.

Mr Oliver said although the council had frequently stated its policy on colour discrimination, it was regrettable that it was compelled by law to implement certain discriminatory legislation.

However, the council owed it to its citizens to be constantly aware of the need to explore those areas of council policy or administration where it might still be falling short of its non-racial stand.

With talk of political reform in the fashion, the council had a responsibility and a duty to bring about changes in attitude, giving strong leadership, example and challenges to those hesitant to make the required changes.

Bodies which were not open to people of all races would have to put forward reasons acceptable to the council, he said.

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City warns on housing policy

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 overcrowding, 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 reassessed with the emphasis on re-evaluation of priorities, a reallocation of resources, and an 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 19,800 applicants on the current waiting list, a staggering 75 percent (14,650) had incomes of less than R250 a month.

The nature and magnitude of the task in Cape Town was sobering, the memorandum said.
THE MEC in charge of Local Government, Mr Hernus Kriel, was criticized yesterday by the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Konie 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 "disenchantment" by economic and political power groups to direct money to the poor and needy.
Koeberg:
Escom backs down

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 Corporation 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

Municipal Reporter

PORT ELIZABETH’S combined capital and operating budgets had not exceeded the 15,5% 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 fuelage, the city had kept within the 15,5% pegging on expenditure set by the State.

Today the committee will consider the draft budget of more than R254 million for the 16-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 15,5% 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 1983 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 R86,760, of which R58,600 was recoverable from insurance. During the year R31,800 had been received from Province as a subsidy for uninsured flood damage.

The estimated deficit on the city’s gas service for the 16-month period ending June 30 was R1,525,393, compared with a deficit of R1,583,060 for 1981.

The market service was expected to incur a deficit of R572,010 by June 1983, compared with a deficit of R34,281 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 27,6c) in the water tariff was still awaited, he said.

Province had been made in the extended budget for a payment of R975,720 to the 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 1983/84 budget. This year’s contribution will be used for rate relief during the first six months of 1983.
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 fund generally 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 thus 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 R116.7 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.
City’s rates to rise

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brought under control that rates would be returned to normal.

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 in the long run, it was said.

Housing

An additional R100 000 had been provided for "essential maintenance" in housing estates. This would supplement the R560 000 provided in the 1982 budget.

The inclusion of these amounts pushed up the rate levy from eight to nine cents.

Mr Murie said the City Council’s further electricity tariff increase was caused by ESCOM’s 11 percent increase, which would come into effect in January with the revised tariff the city council would lose R1.2 million from the rates account.

The existing rate had been in place since 1964 and was, in fact, below the average rate across the region. In addition, the costs had increased due to higher electricity charges.

The construction of the water service was expected to amount to R2.7 million.

Cuts were made after the draft estimates were first compiled, said Mr Murie.

The main reason was a cut in staff costs, which was R19 500 a year.

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" to the town council, was discussed at a special council meeting on Tuesday night.

The report, prepared by the National Productivity Institute, disclosed 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 would be received by the city council on Tuesday night at a special meeting.

The report would be formally handed over 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 to 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 until Tuesday's special meeting.

Deetlefs said the report would be formally submitted to the city council on Tuesday night at a special meeting.

The survey was a "bombshell" that revealed a number of areas of inefficiency.

He said it was possible the council would either formulate recommendations or call for further advice from municipal heads of departments.

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.

A wide demand for staff ability to produce approach, was greater than the most common cost pull of the demand side of the demand exceeds more extra demand price level. Since production and since labour has goods and production the price it is better worse.

The price and income shown at the supply side can be achieved when economy is not at full employment if workers are well organized and have power they can have increased wages in excess of new increased productivity. To meet wage increases, producers will raise price and this will cause further increase in wage demand as a result of price rise.

The economic consequence of a price is vast. We must differentiate between anticipated and unanticipated inflation.

If inflation is anticipated, then contracts will be written at proper prices and interest rate will also be adjusted so real interest rate remains the same. People who have idle cash balances or checking accounts will lose out whilst savers...
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 that 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. P. Alberts, said: "It would appear that Province is likely to increase the council's expenditure by R600 000."
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 peace-time 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 whilst 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 service in peace-time 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.
Four to probe effect of call-up

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 Cillie, 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 McGillivray.

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 R17 million were proposed for the City Engineer's Department while buildings and extensions suggested for the Traffic Department amounted to R3.8 million.
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 Coast 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, R80 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 rand. The community council of Port Elizabeth had a capital budget of more than R18 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 these 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

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 must 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 Deelstef, 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 more effective and more productive."

Mr Deelstef 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 20 had been rejected as 'invalid'.

The questionnaires had contained "check questions", he said, and if the responses contradicted one another, the questionnaire was thrown out.

"This was a surprising good return and is a good indicator that the people took this very seriously."

Both Mr Spring and Mr Deelstef said they felt the exercise had been worthwhile and that the NPI report wouldn't "end up on the shelf to collect dust".
Better housing sought for camp dwellers

Municipal Reporter

The possibility of rehousing the residents of the Dias Divisional Council workers' camp at Fitches Corner in the Uitenhage black township of Kwanobuhle is being investigated by the East Cape Administration Board.

The council appointed a sub-committee earlier to investigate alternative housing for the inhabitants following a report by the council's Medical Officer of Health, Dr J H Kemp, in which he described the camp as a "refuse paradise.

The sub-committee's recommendation that the residents of Fitches Corner 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-committee met representatives of Ecab who said residents in the Hankey area were against the bringing in of black labour into a coloured priority labour area.

Although the board had originally supported the council's choice of Hankey, the Commissioner 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.
Another electricity subsidy this month

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 directed 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 19, but it could take months before the renaming is completed.

The order has come to face strong criticism from the Progressive Federal Party MP for Walmer, Mrs Mally 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 on 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.
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-collaborators won a spectacular victory.

Final results were:

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According to procedure for these non-events, Candidate A, Mr Wally Damels, 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 R35 a meeting, to him, this must be a sort of “Earn while you learn” scheme.

• Mr Willem Meyer, the Indi 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 transparency there seems to be nothing surprising in the enthusiasm that greeted his re-admission (Comparably to what awaits Dr Treurnicht if 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 the 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 Crounitz.

Congratulations, Abe, 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 Koppanal 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 own “leadership”.

As a start, they can adorn the wall with portraits of our “leaders”, past and present. Perhaps 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

A DIVISIONAL Council’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 Pother, 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.
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 Gerdt 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, Sithandzu Avenue

**GUGULETU**
- Wards 2, 3 and a portion of Ward 1: Luyolo Community Centre, Ny 126
- Luyolo Quarter of Section 3
- Ward 4 and 5: Ikhwezi Community Centre, Ny 2
- Wards 5, 7 and a portion of Ward 1: Cyp Centre, Ny 50
- Elukhanyisweni Community Centre, Ny 74
Vow to strive for power

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 say 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 townships 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 Langi to Kayelitha, 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."

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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 Area 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 being stoned last week, and fire engines and an ambulance rushed 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 criticized 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 out of meeting

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 Elsa 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 to 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.

"Do not use me as a tool and make a fool of me in front of others," he said. "I gave you the info this morning so why don't you report on it?"

He added 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, the secretary of the IMC, and to the agenda compiler, Mr R. Horn," he said.

"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.

He said the IMC was "entirely on clarifications tendered me by the IMC and persons sitting around this table" whether he would attend IMC meetings in the future.

IMC wants council vote

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," he said.

Mr Human said he would contact the Administrator, and the MEC in charge of local government, Mr Hernus Kriel, on the matter.

"I think a lot of good can come from this," said Mr Human.
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.

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, MFC for East London City, said that while no directives have yet been received from the government, the guidelines said that major metropolitan areas should 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 Plate extension 1, Buffalo Flats, Parkside, Pfairville, Parkridge and Duncan Village. (The latter is regarded as a special case as it is not exclusively a one-race area.) The Bradlynn Indian areas are treated as one administrative area.

Mr Peet de Pontes, NPF MP for East London City, said: "The setting up of separate authorities in the group areas will allow for the greatest possible devolution of power. Local authorities will have exclusive control over their own affairs."

"There will be no mixed council and no mixed voters roll but 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."

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 East London are capable of supporting themselves without considerable outside funding," Mr Spring said.

Mr Mike Williams, chairman of the Indian Management Committee, did not believe the Indian community in East London had a viable rate 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. Under the new constitution it would be politically expedient to have separate authorities in the group areas."

"We on the ICM work very well with the 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 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 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 have no representatives on the different committees on the council and then the portfolio for Coloured Affairs should fall away."

Mr Ray Radue, MFC 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 stage. "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 Bosse, 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 it."

Queensbown'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 Queensbown coloured community is a very strong one but whether or not they are 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 oppose the creation of our own local authorities. Apart from our lack of finances we simply do not have the infrastructure for such an operation. The government cannot be expected to take such a measure on us."

-DDR

(Reprint by D Fletcher, 33 Castle Street, East London)
Cape Assomac rejects lower-tier reform plans

By TOS WENTZEL 263

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 by 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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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 FFP, has pointed out that one of the main objections of the FFP to the new constitution is the exclusion of blacks "This is of particular concern in Natal."

The New Republic Party Natal chairman, Mr Derreck Watters, 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 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 Welgemeest primary school hall.

The Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, will speak at the Cape Town grounds Goodwood, on October 21.

(News by Tos Wentzel, 159 St George's Street, Cape Town, and B Camecous, 86 Field Street, Durban)
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. Sheikh 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 coloured and Indians will come under heavy fire.

In a hard-hitting reaction to the management committee elections, Sheikh Gabier said:

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"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 his 'Muslim does accept this, by 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, Sheikh Gabier, who last month made a fiery speech on behalf of the MJC at the launching of the United Democratic 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 ridiculous low percentage polls. They have shown they will not be deceived by the Government and those who are prepared to do their duty work." Sheikh Gabier also man-

All he needed was one vote

By Aneez Salee

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 — 3.6 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 Mr A Darress, one of two candidates in Ward 4, Macassar.

The strange thing is that Mr Darress won.

How does one explain that, especially since there was no mass protest in the form of spoilt papers?

Simple, his opponent, Mr P Maardsorp received no votes.

Mr Darress, as an elected member of a management committee, is now a coloured leader.
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Two killed in car smash

TWO Ocean View men were killed in a car smash on the national road outside Riversdale on the weekend.

Mr Charles Fittz, 28, of Zodiac Road, Ocean View, and Henry Hares, 17, of the same address were killed when the car in which they were traveling left the national road and crashed into a tree near Riversdale at 9.15 pm on Saturday.

REJECTION

Mr "Terror" Lokota, 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 for the UDF in its call to the people to denounce apartheid and stop the apartheid legislation.

Mr Lokota 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, even a municipal one, reflects only owners of property, or those in control of property and their spouses."

Mr Lokota 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, and 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 Lokota said: “We wish to state that whilst the UDF has nothing nothing against Mr Curry as a person it must be said that he and the Labour Party have long
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—3.6%—wasn't that low. After all, in Athens, the heart of the so-called "coloured" area of Cape Town, it was 1.8%.

Athlone has 35,416 eligible voters but only about 519 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 Konsagton with 11.18% of the voters turning out.

In the new model area of Athlone on the West Coast, a poll of 6.3% was recorded—the highest of three divisional council areas.

Outside Cape Town, polls were higher but only in Malmesbury (31.35%), Uitenhage (28.56%), Despatch (27.08%) and in one ward at George (23.53%) did more than half the registered voters turn out.

In East London a mere 16.5% voted, in Port Elizabeth it ranged between 18.5% and 42.1%, in Worcester it was 28.6% and in Wellington it was 23.5%.

Superficially, the results were good for the Labour Party and its deputy leader, Mr. David Currie, said the party had done "very well.

The Nationalist mouthpiece in the Cape, Die Burger, headlined "Arbeiders bink in elke kleur" (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: "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 home 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 enthusiastic 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, Shiek Gammet Gahber, asked "Election, what election? That was nothing but a farce."

Some people argue that the UDF boycott call actually promoted the polls by drawing more interest in the elections.

The 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 elections."

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."

From BARRY STREEK in Cape Town

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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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 chairman.

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 Martens 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 Martens. 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 Williams, 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
Police station for Buffalo Flats?

EAST LONDON — A meeting with the Divisional Commissioner of police, Brigadier J Bekker Mr Peet and Mr F N Barlow, director of the Coloured Management Committee (CMC), was 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 region, Mr W W Brown, stated that plans for the building of a police station had been approved but it could not be built before June 1968. The chairman of the CMC, Mr F N Barlow, said that was the only date at which the station could be erected. The CMC should ask for another police car to be placed in the area.

If that could not be done the CMC would ask for police patrols.

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 Kemp, stated that the Coloured Management Committee (CMC) last night.

The electrical switch house was 90 per cent complete and the substation was 80 per cent complete.

Storm damage at the building site after 183 trees and 124 shrubs were ironed 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 and problems were experienced in obtaining compaction of the subgrade and stabilised foundation layers due to the high moisture content of the silty soil which could not drain because of the underlying clay material.

The saturated soil was being removed and replaced with dry, imported decomposed dolomite, which would not cost more, but would be more effective — DDR.

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 that 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 that this could lead to racial conflict, as the coloured people did not have an alternative means of transport — DDR.

Witness: wind not unusual

EAST LONDON — Vessels had been docked in East London harbour in weather conditions similar to the wind, during a foreign ship collided with a barge while making a turning circle before berthing. The Supreme Court here was told yesterday.

Mr J R Snyman, a detective in the case, described the 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.

Mr Oldham, the chief of staff of the tug, said that the ship, "V and D" could not throw a heaving line to the tug.
Chairman’s priority is low-cost housing

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-suckers 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.

"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 was going to emphasise that he and his committee not 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 Milian-gota, April Dalwa, 24, and Mr Zimunze Moses Myaca, 37, on charges of:

- Murdering a Kwa-zulu shopkeeper, Mr Daniel Thembi Mtazama, at his store on August 22
- Robbing him of R600
- Attempting to murder a Mr Ngonyana, Mr S Nyanzi and Mr M Phola, by shooting at them in case there was no chance of being caught.

Mr Solomon Nyalati and two others were inside the shop that night at about 6pm.

A man in a grey overcoat and wearing a hat was approached and asked when the shop closed.

He heard the speech and suddenly thought that he had no teeth.

Not long afterwards he heard the sound of a car from the shop and the alarm in the shop then raised.

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 Foubard’s personal correspondence and farm diaries from settlers to documents on the origins of the Chow Pineapple Crockel 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, tel 0461 1023.

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 melted (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 "Bringing 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.

It 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 laughing 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

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ROBIN STEVENSON

A UTENHAGE child 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 (2.30pm from 1 to 10 years old) and 3.45pm (11 to 16). Among them are Matronaska, a film on dolls, and Anna and the Spider, an African folk tale.

There is also a picture of Harold’s Room, a cartoon, Magic Whistle, Shoplifting Sharron’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 Delport, 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 Delport, 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.

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Crime Reporter

A VALUABLE silver tiqeb fob watch which was missing from an "empty" shop in Linton Gr, forlornth ago has been recovered.

The Evening Post found the shop owner, Mr Ivan A, was attending to the shop when he spotted what he thought like newspaper that had been crumpled into a

SOMETHING HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA? IF IT INTERESTS YOU, IT WILL INTEREST OTHERS. JUST PHONE 24-2480, OR WRITE TO HIM AT: "IT'S ALL HAPPENING", BOX 121, PORT ELIZABETH, 6000."
Low poll boosts UDF's standing

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 Despatches 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 Manuel, 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 as 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 11.88% in Kensington.
Low voter turnout for CMC polls

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 Kleinmuth; Robert Henry Fester. Poll 11.96 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 Tinn 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 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 Jules 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 Freedom Party’s national leader, Mr Charles Jules, said he was pleased with the results in Uitenhage, where his party’s candidates did “very well” under the circumstances.

The following are the results:

Northern Areas

Ward 1 (Schauburg) Mrs Shirley Prokes (Labour Party) 427, Pastor P. Groothoom (Freedom Party) 94. Percentage poll 42.1%.

Ward 2 (Rorystein, Gelvandale, Springdale) Mr P. Kemp (Labour Party) 518, Mr F. F. Kivett (Freedom Party) 97. Percentage poll 31.3%.

Ward 3 (Parkside, Gelvandale Extensive 7 and Gelvandale Extensive 8) Mr N. E. Kramers (Labour Party) 523, Pastor P. Masman (FF) 159. Percentage poll 22.04%.

Ward 4 (Beltonia) Mr J. J. Smit (Labour Party) 407, Mr T. J. J. Jansen (Independent) 207. Percentage poll 34.2%.

Ward 5 (Missionvale, Windvlei, Hillside) Mr A. F. van Zyl (Labour Party) 798, Pastor S. G. Groothoom (Freedom Party) 118. Percentage poll 35.14%.

Ward 6 (West End) Mr M. K. Kossa (Labour Party) 692, Mr C. Blignaut (Freedom Party) 236. Percentage poll 38.5%.

Despatch (no ward system)

The following candidates were elected Mr A. Rempp (Labour Party) 977, Pastor J. J. Smit (Freedom Party) 703, Mr J. T. J. Jansen (Freedom Party) 105, Mr J. J. Hoekstra (Freedom Party) 690, Mr D. de Jongh (Independent) 278, Mr D. van Zyl (Independent) 743. Percentage poll 56%.

The following candidates were defeated Mr K. Abrahams (Labour Party) 686, Mr P. Plaatje (Labour Party) 166 and Mr J. Steyn (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 inurn 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,” he said.

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 rooked 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.
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 Martin- sen, 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 Martinson 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 — DDR.
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 23,000 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 6 (Bethelsdorp and Salsenville)
- Mr T D Lee of Ward 10 (Booyzen Park)
- Mr M N Loonat, also of Ward 10.
- Mr D S Bees of Ward 9 (Klipskool)

Ward 10 is a new ward

The following candidates will contest the elections:


Only Mr Jantjes is an independent.

Mr Kvetts, 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.”
Duncan Village residents to vote

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 Humm, 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
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 "immunatory" incidents.

A "disgusted" Mr Blignaut said he was "ask 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 Charlie 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 Hendrick, was not available for comment.
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 the 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 spearheaded 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 scheme 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."
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 residents 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 statutory 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 Mr. 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. Therefore, I 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 houses, 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 houses. I will only be glad to explain all the details to them, if necessary.

K. LATEGAN

Athlone
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," he said.

"This has certainly nothing to do with my standing for re-election.

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.

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.
Extension is the key to LAC growth.

But first, welcome back.

Chairman Smith addressed the audience, expressing his gratitude for the support and dedication of the council members. "It's been a challenging year, but together we've achieved great progress. I look forward to what we can accomplish in the next year."

The council members were unanimous in their support for the extension plan, which was presented by Assistant Director Johnson. The plan aimed to increase the capacity of the LAC, allowing for more efficient service delivery and improved infrastructure.

"This extension is critical for our growth," said Johnson. "It will not only accommodate the increased demand but also provide a platform for future expansion."

The extension would involve the construction of a new building and the adaptation of existing facilities to enhance operational efficiency. The design would incorporate the latest technology and energy-saving measures to ensure sustainability.

The project was estimated to cost $5 million, which would be funded through a combination of federal grants and local taxation. The council members voted unanimously to proceed with the project, with a commitment to begin construction within the next quarter.

"This is a testament to our commitment to our community," said Smith. "With your support, we will build a stronger LAC."

The audience erupted in applause, acknowledging the council's foresight and dedication.

"We are proud of what we have accomplished," said Smith. "But we know that there is still much work to be done. Together, we will continue to strive for excellence and serve our community with pride."
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 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 Silverton 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 Silverton, Hedeveel, Bonteheuwel, Hanover Park, Bonteheuwel, Hanover Park, Bridgetown and Bokmakirre.

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.

A management committee spokesman said they did not take a formal decision to distribute the forms to tenants.

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...
Dept of Health aid sought by Cape divisional councils

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.

"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.

"I would not be pressurized to finance divisional councils from other sources at revenue at this stage," Mr S J Smut, a Drakensberg 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.

Debt of pence by Cape divisional councils

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 used the council’s health facilities.

"We were impossible to turn away people," he said.

"It is unfair that the rate-payers feel the hard for health facilities for these people," Mr Bekker, a Drakensberg divisional councillor, said his area, which shared a common border with Transkei, was in a similar situation.

"Our ratepayers are under great burden in providing health facilities for these people and I appeal for help from the Department of Health," he said.

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.

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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 TRED PARLAMENT, Mrs HANIE 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 the facilities.

He appealed to councils to implement civil defence programmes while the Pretoia bomb blast, the South Coast oil disaster and the Langeburg 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.

Councillors had budgeted for R42 million for repairs and had been granted R40 million.

Mr Louw said the co-ordinated health service rendered by various authorities had developed further in 1982.

The Cape divisional council system could be expanded to other provinces, the president of the Association of Divisional Councils of the Cape Province, Mr S J Smut, said in Port Elizabeth yesterday.

In his presidential address at 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 UMEO 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 a local government that functioned successfully on a regional basis.

Cape divisional council system ‘could spread’

By STEPHEN ROWLES

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.

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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 authorities.

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 reinterring 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 Harri, a member of the IMC. He said the city had “dally-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 facilities 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 — DDR.
Outcry over deposits for hire of halls

By DEBBIE REYNOLDS

civic leaders have called for a review of deposits of up to R1 000 charged by the Port Elizabeth Municipal-ity 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 discos, wrestling matches, or civic affairs. 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 R4 for the use of the main 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 to see a fee charged for halls in the north-ern areas.

"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 Molyneaux, Director of Housing in Port Elizabeth, said on Friday that he had full discretion ary 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.
Farmers angry at health tariff hike

EAST LONDON — Stiff protests against the Divisional Council's 68 per cent increase in the 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 0.66c in the rand to 0.80c in the rand 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 if it approached the government for help in lowering the health rate, 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 authorities 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 Naudé, 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'

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 problem 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 16.5 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"
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 Divisional 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 Coordinating 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 organisations 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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Any dishonesty will render the candidate liable to disqualification and to possible exclusion from the University.
Council is offered productivity unit

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 more effectively their city's administration, according to the Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botes.

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 manager for the specialised unit, Mr Nic van der Schur, 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 within 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 to be offered are:

- A short-cut budgeting practice for rate 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 (Popp) and the Management of Administrative Productivity (Map) and a vehicle control system."
Koeberg sirens spark new row

BY JANE ARBOIS
Municipal Reporter

THE Divisional Council is angry because Escom ordered a R200,000 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 defense 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's 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 cost 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

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 76 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 ratepayers' 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 decorative 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 townsends, 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 (1,912 hectares excluding the Table Mountain and Silvermine Nature Reserves), nearly half of it is undeveloped and the rest unequally 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.

Better mountain facilities, page 11
King could be first with an open CBD

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 applauded

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 comments 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 Coordinating 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 Puh, 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.

* R226 000 to be spent on Muizenberg, page 9
PORT ELIZABETH — The Administrator, Mr. Gert Louw, said yesterday that the Oudtshoorn Town Council's report on the Cango 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 Cango 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 Cango Caves be administered and managed irrespective of race, colour and creed."

"Due to the fact that the Cango 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.
Motion on bus fare increase defeated

A MOTION by Mr Sam Gross that the City Council approach the Road Transportation Board about the proposed bus fare increases in Mitchell's Plain 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 Plain 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 wanting to make a profit — the system was to blame.

Mr Clive Keegan said the issue of bus fares was a "convenient 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 already 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.

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Delayed response to beach issue 'madness'

Post Reporter

LACK of discussion on the Bethelsdorp-Salomeville 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. Merring, in a letter, criticising him for "smokescreening" 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. Merring 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 "grotesquely 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 amenities.

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.
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 50% 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 I when returning troops and the desire for additional 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 the well-developed stretch of Atlantic coastline below Victoria Road from Clifton First Beach to the tip, now one of the Peninsula's most exclusive areas

Classified as a sub-economic scheme, the homes were made of 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 home-owners paid a nominal rents for the ground and houses were built, 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 Geraghty's interview took 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

For Mr Violett and his wife Peggy the increase 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 to high and trees were sky high and growing wild

"With no help from the council, we, the bungalow owners, have with hard labor and money made it delightful spot it is today"

Mr Kenny Paarmann 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 am not a Johnny-comer—I have been living here a long time. My bungalow has been in the family since 1944 and I don't want to lose a family heirloom"

Also approaching retirement, Mr Paarmann 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 Association, 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 people 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 deemed 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"
EAST LONDON — The Kaffrarian 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 R G 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 council’s 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 Koebele, 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 — DDR.
Assomac region to fight Curry over local affairs 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 180 coloured and Indian management committees in the Cape Province.

The Minister of Community Development, Mr. Pen Kotze, will open the congress and will also deliver a paper on housing.

Sent letter

The secretary of Assomac's Cape Peninsula Region (CPB), Mr. Billy Jacobs, confirmed yesterday that, on instructions of the CPB 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 said Mr. Curry had been "agreed the Bill on local government was necessary to achieve the establishment of co-ordinating council and municipal development 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

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 the 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, 5% 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.
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 recreation 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 Braclynn 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 bushes in the vicinity for a toilet, owing to lack of facilities for them.

A proposal that toilets be provided in the form of "outhouses" was accepted. This would entail the construction of separate toilet blocks. A screened entrance could improve the situation.

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 systems.

An estimated R63 250 will be needed to build the toilets — DDR
PE may get 11 local authorities

By STEPHEN ROWLES, Municipal Reporter

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 decentralization 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 chairman 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.
or 4,000 yards, or 2,000 yards" named by Mr. Bennett-Comber as the limit of the park. The council has decided to extend the park's boundaries to the "PK" line at the edge of the water body.

not swept even when distances were to be swept would be an "unfair" decision. Would the council implement the captain's warning that certain distances in certain areas would be swept?

- "No, it's Commando's rule," says the council official.
- "But why?" asks the complainant.
- "Because it's the council's policy."
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Meeting told residents live in fear

EAST LONDON — Residents of Braevelyn 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, mosaileing 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 the area.

They were passed on to the Director of Housing, Mr K. Martens for scrutiny.

Mr Martens 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 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, the fault attended to but had been told by the builder he would have to pay if he called him again.

Mr Martens 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 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 Braevelyn 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 Braevelyn 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.
SIR, — The Management Committee is not against the local Sports Board because it follows a staunch Sacco 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 Sacco.

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 Sacco's customary warning — in this case to schools in Atlantis.

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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 an disadvantaged community, she was concerned, committed and hard working. She helped with the arrangements on many community fundraising events. We are unemployable.

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S.S. Williams
M. Hartley

Miss Williams was released from detention during the past weekend.
Knife gangs threaten to municipal men

EAST LONDON — Municipal employees sent to repair burst water mains in East London have twice been threatened by youths armed with knives.

In a report to the Coloured Management Committee, the city engineer, Mr G B Kepple, said one of the water servicemen had been "confronted by a gang of four youths 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 Kepple said.

"More recently a similar incident was reported when another water serviceman was threatened by youths armed with knives."

Mr Kepple warned that further threats against municipal staff could result in consumers being deprived of water "because of the being unsafe for staff to enter the townships over weekends."

Members of the CMC suggested that the two-way radios used by the crews be tuned to a police frequency.

Mr J L Segers said "prevention is 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 Buekseker Secondary School as it was becoming "unsafe" for passing pedestrians.

Mr F J 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 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.

No special accommodation

EAST LONDON — The municipal housing department will not provide special accommodation for municipal or government employees, the Coloured Management Committee told yesterday.

The director of housing, Mr Ken Martin, 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 Martin's report followed a request from the CMC for the council to build houses for its employees "as most big employers are doing."

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 a separate accident here yesterday.

One was involved in a collision with a vehicle at the corner of Leaf Street and Birt Road. She fractured her pelvis and femur.

The other was involved in a collision with a vehicle at Fleet Street. She had a cut eye and abrasions to her face and left leg.
Confusion over hiring of halls

By NORMAN WEST

CONFLUSION 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.

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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".

Thus 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 (Asomac), 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 SA 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 overbooked 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 Herrus 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 "separate" 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 any form of "apartheid."

"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 Herrus 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-Whitehouse 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 Herrus 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.
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 residents.

The Indian Management Committee at its next monthly meeting set 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?"
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 subsoil, concrete, and builders' rubble directly onto the pavements.

IMC chairman Mr. Harry Parbhoo said that it was important to make residents aware of the problem, either in writing or by word of mouth, that such dumping was illegal.

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

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 2 534 remain today. Most of the shacks — 7 389 — were demolished in Elsies River.

The report also states that 8 383 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.
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 attempt to support the Government’s multinational sports policy.”

Wepcos is the largest national affiliate of Saccos.

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 voiceless and oppressed sportspersons who belong to non-racial sport organisations.”

Mr Ebrahim said Mr Brand’s recommendation simply underlined the stand of the City Council, which solely represented 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 our 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.”

“Cacac 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 that right.”

“We believe that such control can only be possible by the participation of democratic community organisations.”

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 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 18 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 has 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 R14 000 were included in building statistics showing that plans valued at R7 753 000 were approved by the council in March.

Figures for March 1982 and 1981 were R5 810 000 and R5 829 000.
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 Villiers 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.

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," 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.

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By NORMAN WEST

THERE HAVE been several surprises in the nominations for the forthcoming management committee elections on September 7.

If two of the women contesting the elections as they join, they could 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 Regg Web, who will contest in the Athlone constabulary.

Two other personalities have come out of their political hibernation for the elections. They are Mr J D Petersen, who represented Kennington in the CRC as a Federal Party member, and his successor, Mr Paul Kleinsmith, who represented Kennington in the CRC as a Labour Party member. He defeated Mr Petersen in the 1975 CRC elections.

K H Lategan, Mrs P E Lategan, Mr P C McKenna, 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 Clewett, Mr A W Emmanucl, Mr R H Foster, Mr T Jacobs, Mr P J Kleinsmith and Mr J D Petersen.

Mr Kenny Lategan, who will be standing for election along with his wife, Perth.

In Elsies River, eight candidates were nominated for the four vacancies. They are Mr John Ban, Mr J G Clark, Mr E Dreyer, Mr H Low, Mr W Nel, Mr D J Stephens, Mr G Thorne and Mr H S Timms.

Grassy Park has been divided into five wards. Only one candidate will be elected in each ward. In Ward Four, the candidates for the three vacancies are Mr M A J Wilson and a former member of the CRC, Mr H J Petersen.

Miss J Janodien is the single nominee in Ward One, Mrs K Solomon for Ward Two, Mr S Weatherin for Ward Three and Mr S. Ebrahim for Ward Five. Only two candidates have been nominated for the three vacancies. They are Mr L V Clarke and Mrs M Faulman.

This means the Civic Divisional Council will have to nominate a third member to the Ocean View management committee.
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 expense 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 demands 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 Molynieux, 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 had accepted their attendance at the meeting "under protest."
Municipal Reporter

A PROPOSAL that the Divisional Council re-think 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, 146 had been demolished.

This rate of demolition disturbed 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.
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 plea was made to Mr Hermus 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 Mull, 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 Mull said that, although still inadequate, he hoped regular meetings between Exco and management committee heads would be a “constructive move”.

Mayor

The Mayor, Mr Konie 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, 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."

Anger at differences

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.

In response, the Department of Administration said the City Council believed the proposed higher salary scales were more than sufficient to cover the increased salaries.
Assomac split over new local govt Bill

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 is 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 constitution.

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 Carlos 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 Manikkan, chairman of the Rylands Estate mancom, was elected vice-president.
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," Mr Croutz said.

He said he will not be intimidated and will continue his work for the community as chairman of the management committee and in other ways.

The police liaison officer for the Boland, Major George Kershoff, confirmed to the Sunday Times that the police were investigating a possibility of 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.

Irene

These subsidies, granted to industrialists in growth areas (like Atlantis) by the RSA Decentralization 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, recently surveyed the damage done to his garage after a mystery fire this week.

--- Picture by ADA STUJIT

He said he and his family were asleep when he and his wife, Loretta, both smelled something burning.

Illuminated

"It was about 3:35 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, 10, 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 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.
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 that 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 Peifferville Primary School, Mr H Kroetz, 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 Kroetz said "meths-drinkers" were usually arrested when they were found lying in the streets, when they should be rehabilitated.

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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 D George and Mrs R Labanz.

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

NEW NAMES ARE SUGGESTED FOR 'Biko Street'

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, stood down the balconies of the eighth floor fire-escape while a crowd watched her.

Each time she reached the end of the balconies she held on to the railings with her fingers.

The police were called and also Mr Sam Bloomberg, head of Suicides Anonymous, who eventually talked 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.

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Girl, 12, talked out of suicide

Post Reporter
THE executive members of the Korsten Ratepayers' and Voters' Association had 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 F. P. Krettu said 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 Clear Estate Bethelsdorp Extension 10, after Steve Biko, the black conscious ness leader who died in detention.

In the same area another street 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 Lowe, 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: Piet Stuurman Cherry Stuurman Willem Elias, Harry Troegardt and Andrew Koen.

"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, backing 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 rarely situations 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 permitted to have questions thrown at him rather than deliver a speech.

The Evening Post's Johannesburg correspondent said that Botha is still waiting for the SAP to inform him of the possible granting of leave so that he can go to the Botha said that if leave was not granted, he would return from the force.

"I'm not trying to duck my military service," said. "The Defence Force can call me up with the make next year — I'll be ready."

admits he always wanted to be a professional

— Naas Botha, who yesterday retired from amateur rugby, thus last night admitted he always wanted to play rugby.

"Witwatersrand University 180 Rugby Club coach, he said that either rugby or farmers to the professional ranks. "It is rugby, or the 'grid-iron' stuff, has grabbed my attention and will I've been in reference to I have no time for another ballgame."
Not enough candidates for mancom elections

By Anees Salie

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 Yasuf 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 Hendrickx, 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.”
JOHANNESBURG — The widow of a passenger killed in a plane crash near Vereeniging three years ago was awarded R96 000 damages by the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Mrs Robyn Joyce Penney, of Roberts ham, claimed the money from the executor of the estate 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 Muldersdrus 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.

FORCAST for the coastal belt from Potsdam to Port Alfred for the period ending 5pm tomorrow.

HIGH PRESSURE: Small anticyclone north-west to north-easterly.

EXPECTED TEMPERATURES:
South 18C and 21C.
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Paris 14 27 cloudy
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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 1989 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

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 communities.

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 Fredlander, said there were valid reasons for excluding flat dwellers — and not owners of sectional titles 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 Fredlander 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 R20,000.

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 23,000 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.
A decade without maintenance
for a decrepit PE municipal home
Rethink on Cape Town police force plan

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 Kose 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

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 we been given 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 uniformly 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 Calviörn, 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 Bulalie Sitt, 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 Hermon Kriel, MMC 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.
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 recognising 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 request 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

The housing debate among delegates to the Cape Municipal Association Congress which closes today, linked two motions put forward by Hopenfield and Fish Hoek.

Hopenfield — 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, Hopenfield said.

"To be able to offer them housing in country towns would make life much easier for them," Mrs Eveline Stott, chairman of the Cape Town City Council's housing committee, said.

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.
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

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 Reach, 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 cholera.

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 interest 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.

People who paid up to R20 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 Sacks from City Council Sporting
Facilities for Political, Irrelevant or Racial Reasons

The suggestion that advisory sports boards be established to ensure that boards were paid to attend meetings for the purpose of respecting the standards of the community and to help maintain the council's goals to promote standards and good conduct of sports clubs. It's hard to imagine how these boards would be effective or even if there's a need for them. The executive committee must consider ways to address this issue.
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 G. C. 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 of 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.
South Africa's first workers' library has opened in Salt River. It aims to serve the trade union movement and all workers. The reading room has a small but growing collection of books on...
R21,4m profit from trading services

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CME Time 20/5/83
"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."

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**Cape Town may soon take steps to shake its label of...**

By KEVIN JACOBS
Weekend Argus Reporter

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Now former Mayor David Bloomberg, who

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Editor

- Last month, land in the Cape was going for an unbelievable R3,500 per square meter.
- The price has now dropped to R2,000 per square meter.
- However, the number of homes for sale has increased dramatically, which has depressed the market.

Other people, seeing their income from savings dwindle with the all-round lowering of interest rates, believe the best place for their cash is in property, which has appreciated in value ahead of inflation.

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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...

...with signs of an economic recovery, the banks, amid the economic climate, are making money, according to the home-buyer Bernard Thorpe's official forecast.

1983 — made before the election was called — predicted that house prices would rise by between five and eight percent throughout Britain. Mr. Thorpe's forecast called for a Tory win...

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Now former Mayor David Bloomberg, who chaired the 1983 Department of Internal Security, says the specially trained Rapid Deployment Force must be assigned the duties it was intended to have.

Monitor security

As a highly visible deterrent, it could make Cape Town’s streets safer, he says, particularly when large numbers of visitors are in the city.

The unit of 25 mobile dog-handlers has been used so far to monitor security at sensitive installations and other municipal premises.

“What concerns me is the projected limited use of the Rapid Deployment Force,” says Mr. Bloomberg, still a member of the City Council. “If its primary purpose is to react to any security emergency, I wonder what it does when there is not an emergency.”

“All the council’s sensitive installations are under constant vigil by existing security personnel and I would not think that those personnel would require any backup from the Rapid Deployment Force.”

“I would have imagined that the Rapid Deployment Force could be used for other purposes when there is no emergency.”

A key recommendation by the Bloomberg Committee — set up after Mr. Bloomberg had spoken openly that not even the city centre was safe at night — projected the mobile strike force to provide not only an effective counter to any intrusion on Council premises, but also, by regular patrols, a valuable deterrent.

However, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr. Louis le Grange, earlier this year turned down a Council request for R1,1-million in Government funds to finance a consolidated Civic Patrol division. He also refused to give municipal officers the same legal powers as members of the South African Police.

“Still valid”

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 markedly high” in comparison with other South African cities.
Plain bus terminus wrangle

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.

As a result of 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 perimeter 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.
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 FPF, 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.
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 preparing 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 — a saving of several million rands for the Technikon, which is battling to get enough funds for the project.

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-
Port Elizabeth shooting incident
7 Mr D J N MALCOMSEN asked
the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether a charge has been laid with
the South African Police in connec-
tion 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 in-
vestigation into the circumstances
surrounding this incident?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND OR-
DER

(1) Yes

(a) Three

(b) (i) A traffic officer

(ii) A person suspected by the
traffic officer of having been
involved in an armed rob-
bery

(iii) To prevent the person from
fleeing
Cape passes controversial law aimed at Sacs
Council plan to sell homes on subsidies

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 Rutland 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 R600 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.
City-Govt talks on use of District 6

Municipal Reporter
THE Minister of Community Development, Mr S S Kotze, 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.

The council stopped its annual grant-in-aid when the Technikon announced that it would move into District Six.
Technikon: Sense could still prevail
Homes on sale Friday

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 landlord, 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 problems 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 who do not have 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 Heidelberg 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.
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 terminals 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 unsurfed, 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 terminals 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.”
Goft 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 McEnery, deputy director of the Department of Community Development (DCD), told the Indian Management Committee here yesterday.

The Assembly of God church in Braelyn will be converted into a recreational hall, and construction will begin almost immediately, Mr Harry Parbhoo said.

The hall will seat 300 people and a swimming and paddling pool will be built at a later stage, Mr McEnery 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 Parbhoo said.

Mr McEnery said the IMC could make an application for funds for the creche next year, when funds will be available.

Stoneydrift at the cost of R500 000 which also cater for white lower income groups, Mr McEnery said.

Mr McEnery 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 McEnery said East London's housing problems could be solved within the next few years — DDR.

Braelyn— rents rise settled

Mr Parbhoo said the problems of the other parts of the community were in the correct ascertainment was to be settled and on the subject matter. However, the rent increase had been well received by the residents and the IMC.

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"We have a very positive attitude to groups, but this was a very different approach. The government will start the project for the Braelyn House, with the help of Mr Parbhoo himself, and the IMC," Mrs Elzie Kemp, chairman of the Braelyn House, said.

Mr McEnery said the Braelyn House had been sold to residents who wanted to build houses on their own.

"We also offer the residents the opportunity to buy houses," Mr McEnery said.

Mr McEnery said Braelyn would also offer R50 per cent of the cost of the houses to residents who wanted to build houses on their own.

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Divco members clash on unequal pay, squatters

Staff Report

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 38c 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 be in 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 Anwer who dissociated himself from the idea of influx control and said South Africa must accept the world trend to urbanisation.

Mr Ross's motion was defeated by nine votes to six.
Mobile home decision

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

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

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 I.A. Rauthe, if he chooses, but not to a WCAB request for the Deputy City Engineer (Housing), Mr D.S. Mahn, to advise on the development.

OPPOSED

The council also decided against WCAB’s request for the opportunity to call on other specialists at 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 Khayelitsha should be great. He referred to possible social and economic “disaster on our doorstep” and said he believed the council was duty-bound to prevent this if it could.

PRECEDENT

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.

TORN

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.

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 sanddunes store a large volume of water, which is recharged from surface run-off over about 300 sq km.

In 1986 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.
Changing scene

Looks at a special place

Cape Town, no longer

By Melissa Lancaster

Environment reporter

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Transkei workers to be recruited

Tygerberg Bureau
KRAAIPONTEIN Municipality has voted an amount of R3 164 to send two officials to Transkei to re-employ 49 black labourers who are employed at the municipal sewerage systems or as nightwatchmen.

Mr CL de Koker, the Town Clerk, said the "extreme shortage of coloured labourers" in the area made the trip necessary.

The homeland workers, some of whom have worked in Kraaifontein for the past 14 years, must have their jobs renewed every year.

Mr de Koker approached for comment, said that in spite of the large number of coloured people in the area — 17,000 in the municipal region and about 55,000 in nearby Summerville and Scottsdene — the municipality could not find coloured labourers willing to do that kind of work and as a result they had to recruit in Transkei.
More powers soon for black councils

By CLAIRE 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 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," he said.

He said the Act provided for elections, the dissolution of the community councils as they 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 areas under their jurisdiction and would be able to negotiate with other local government bodies for the provision of facilities.

Mr Reynolds 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 the administration of boards.

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 authorities such as finances, adding, licensing of businesses, handling of food in shops, the keeping of animals, health matters, libraries, bursaries, building regulations and slums.

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 in 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 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.
The City Council's Rapid Deployment Force is developing into an efficient unit

The troubleshooters

THIS WEEK 24 recruits to Cape Town's security enforcement unit - the Rapid Deployment Force - began a concentrated two-month training course. 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 execution 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 on mornings and after a short drill parade, they start a five-kilometre jog.

Unarmed combat

After the run the men change into their own gear. For the next 90 minutes they do physical training and learn about unarmed combat from black belt Mike Joba.

The men, aged between 20 and 40, were selected from more than 300 applicants and must 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. Brian Bult.

The lesson on self-defence ends with 30 sit-ups and a roll of judo falls. The recruits spend the rest of the morning in a lecture room.

Subjects covered in the morning include emergency procedures, the powers and responsibilities of council security guards, firearms and communications.

In the afternoon, lectures are given in firefighting, 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.

"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 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 Deployment 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 properties 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 quite a job and we intend to win," says Mr. Bult.

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 Reedie, who joined the Rapid Deployment Force last year, at shooting practice.
District Six: local authorities helpless in face of government power

By THE ARCHITECTURAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Cape Town City Engineer's memorandum dated April 1962 against siting the new Technikon campus in District Six is old news and yet reading it again now, one could not 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 already overstrained central city situation - the siting of the Technikon in District Six is categorically wrong.

Yet 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. 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 Capetonians 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 idea 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 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 tip 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 the citizenry. They seem to be quite powerless to initiate or hinder projects, or being shuffled hither-thither from one area to another, either being Mitchell-Planned or Atlanticized (or would it be Atlanticized?) or Constantia- or Khayelitsha-ed, like so many flocks of sheep being confined to their respective kraals.

It was one of these brave acts of city purification that led to that most epic of all removals - the declaration of District Six as a white 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.

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 habitat, 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.

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 underlines the helplessness of the local authority itself in the face of government power.

The law of the sea seems to apply, where each fish in 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!
Council urged to house its black workers

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 Ward 2 and 4 Civic Association representative, Mr Denis Gledinning, 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 Ward 2 and 4 Civic Association, Mr Patrick Bracher, said with the addition of another restaurant complex at Marine Drive it 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 interfere 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 Kragska 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 travelling from Stendive Park to Cotswold in the mornings and crossing from Cape Road over the N2 bypass into Kragska 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.
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.

At a management 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. However, in view of 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.
Council, MCI in clash over electricity accounts

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 a 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 R1.3 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 R1.504,960 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 Crossen 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

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 the city to decide whether or not to give East London the R48 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 "sometime 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 regular requests. There's a lot of red tape and frustration involved," he said.

He expected the decision "any day now", whether or not to grant 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 Kepple, said yesterday that the drawing up of plans for the pool and recreation centre were "well advanced" and would probably be completed by early January this year.

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.

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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 Plaatje, 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 had been staying in prison.

Mr Plaatjes said he had drunk some of the cold drink.

The value of the 84 litres was R78.

Mr Plaatjes was remanded in custody until October 28, when he will be sentenced — DDR.

Mr E. Leib appeared for the state.
City rejects plan for local govt

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.

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 important 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 Mitchell's 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."
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 Smyan, police inspector officer for the South Western Districts, said yesterday that the woman, Mrs Anna Claasen, 26, of Cypres Street, had died soon after being admitted to Prince Albert Hospital.

Mrs Claasen's son, Stephen Albertus Cipido, 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.

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Streaker's close shave

Staff Reporter

A STEAKER 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 onto the road. The motorcycle braked but a second man stumbled into it. It was only 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 grounds 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, it
Welcome to Vl

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 Heritage National Party and the Conservative Party are quite open about their hard-line black policies. National Party members too are more enlightened.

“We’re the Left-wing here,” remarked an NP councillor wristily 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 councillor Mr Willem Kotze and supported by the NNP “because they felt the people of the town wanted the curfew brought back.”

NP members were not, however, in favour of such an unmissable device as a bell or a siren. A curfew already on the statute books was acceptable as a device against “unadulterated” vagrancy laws and “suspicious” behaviour, but the NNP did not want to act against “well-behaved blacks.”

The issue surfaced again with the September collection of Mr Kotze as mayor. His appointment gave him the casting vote in a council deadlock by an equal number of Right-wing and NP supporters.

But in an interview this week he said he had 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.

More optimistic was fellow HNP councillor Mr Philip Venter, who said the curfew had been re-introduced.

The dam that’s destroying the NPN’s reign

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 that it claims it is bigger than the Free State.

HNf town councillor Mr Philip 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.

Apart from the Saturday night ‘sokkie’ and the odd production at the local theatre they often find the only entertainment is a couple of hundred kilometres away in Kimberley or in the Transvaal.

But recently white Vryburg residents have had more to shout about.

One of the current events in the city council is the “10km-long dam” — a proposal to build a 10km-long dam at Consultant engineers concluded the town would need a dam to go ahead.

The “10km-long dam” was decided by the city council.

However, the NNP decided to abandon the proposal.

Mr Kotze has been involved in the dam project, and has expressed his support for the project.

The people of Vryburg have been waiting for a dam project for many years, and the council’s decision is a welcome development for the town.

The dam project will provide water for the town’s residents and will help to ensure a consistent supply of water in the future.

The project will also benefit the surrounding areas, as it will provide water for agriculture and other activities.

The dam project is a significant step forward for the town, and it is hoped that it will bring lasting benefits to the community.

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Vryburg, not after 9pm. And do avoid parks

Vryburg after nine at night is a siren or a bell ring for the deaf ears of police and the administration board officials. It is "out of our hands now," he said with regret.

More ominous was the arrival of an inpatient Mr. Philip 'Top' Venter, who said the curfew had been re-introduced — a move that has upset many residents.

Mayor Willem Kotze backs curfew, but police said they would not enforce it. He stated that police were "very concerned about the situation." However, local farmers are worried about the lack of enforcement.

Mr. Phillip Venter was arrested on Friday and Mr. Edwain Frykneck, backed by Nais, are worried about the safety of residents. Frykneck called for a peaceful resolution.

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That's destroying council concord

...all races — NP policy dictates that parks should only be used by residents in their own group areas — but the occasional black man does venture out with his white charges.

"We would still like to see the parks closed to blacks," said HNP councillor Venter. Also high on the HNP's list of priorities is the removal of residents from Hubadu.

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Apart from the Saturday night 'sokkie' and the odd production at the local theatre they often find the only entertainment is a movie in the city or on the coast. But recently white Vryburg residents have had no pressing concerns than the lack of entertainment.

One of the current issues is division within the city council over the building of a 10km-long dam at nearby Tiger Kloof. In the current orificing of the city's reservoirs, the building of the Nais runoff project would take seven years to fill, but HNP councillors are determined to go ahead.

The issue was almost resolved this week when former bank manager Mr. Eileen 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 decisive vote in a council evenly split between BNP and NP supporters, but he was narrowly defeated by former councillor Mr. Edwain Frylneck.

Although Mr. Frylneck 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.

Pictures DEEKA SHAPIRO
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 1983, 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 hoarse 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 Elhot Lubelwana, is standing in Ward 8 in Guguletu against Mr Guileon Sigabi.

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The Argus, Tuesday, November 22, 1983.
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 knife-wielding men of the Zamukulungusa Party and members of the Port Elizabeth Youth Congress (Peypo) 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 celebrations for the second anniversary of Oakey's independence, organised by the PE committee of the Oakey National Independence Party.

According to eye-witnesses, the owner of the car was asked by youths to stop urging people to vote for the Zamukulungusa 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 onlookers. Two fire engines also arrived on the scene.

Mayor Gerrit 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 300 youths. He and his wife, Masvue, 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 Norungo Street. He was taken to the Livingstone Hospital.

Dr. Ed W. Mokho, 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 Zamukulungusa Party, Mr. Norman Kaukela, 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. Vuyisele Oliphant, 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 Ntsikelsa 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 Blooms Street, Port Elizabeth)
Five placard carriers held for questioning

By JIMMY MATUYU

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 Tembo Sabola, Mr Mongameli Madaki, Miss Nqobile Siphi, Mr Norman Kuma, all members of the Uitenhage Youth Congress and the Uitenhage Black Civic Organisation, and Mr Aubrey Madi, 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 "Akendila!" ("We don't want")

Colonel G Erasmus, head of security 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 Bantam Street, Kwanobuhle, at 5am, while Mr Madaki was at Maduna Street bus terminus in MacNaughton 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 Baskett Street, Port Elizabeth")
Petrol bomb mar 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 home belonging to Mrs Mabel Cetu, of White Location, who is contesting Ward 4 for the Zamukuluulungisa Party, and two party colleagues, Mrs Martha Makeleni, of KwaZakele, who is standing for Ward 10, and Mr Tamisaqa John Ncama, of KwaZakele, who is contesting Ward 11.

The other homes attacked were of two candidates for the Asanamah 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 to Mrs L Salaya, 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 doused 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 Mpondi, a candidate for the same party, said there was slight damage to the homes of Mrs Makeleni and Mr Ncama.

Spokesmen for the Singapi and Salaya families said little damage was done. Bedroom curtains and a bedspread were burnt at the home of Mr Singapi.

At the home of Mrs Salaya, window panes were broken. Two petrol bombs were hurled into her home — one in the bedroom and another in the lounge — but failed to set anything alight.

Police are investigating arson.

Major Gerrie van Ruyven, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said special police patrols had been arranged for the voting today in the townships and police were stationed at all the polling stations.

(Report by J Matyu, 19 Baakens Street, Port Elizabeth)
Trol bombs for elections

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Mr Tsepi Teli points to two bedroom windows which were damaged when a petrol bomb was thrown at the home of Mrs Mabel Cetu, one of the candidates in today's black town council elections in Port Elizabeth.
Beach constables are going to tighten up control of Atlantic coastline beaches over the summer.

Big increase in police for beach patrols

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 lotteries.

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 Muizenberg 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 Sandvilles, where they may create a patrol boat on weekends to keep boathand-sailors out of harm's way during yacht races.

The number of spot-fines handed out to offenders has soared from 37 in 1980/81 to 532 in 1981/82 and 1,213 in 1982/83. Warnings jumped from 573 in 1981/82 to 1,202 in 1982/83.

Fines — 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, R20 for littering, 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 traffic officer, Mr Les Kork, said it had bought two trial bikes for 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-meaned 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 Simon's Town'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 want 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' 

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 Kuulela, leader of the Zamukulungza 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 Kuulela — 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 Zamukulungza Party scored a resounding victory over their rivals, the Asmanali 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 Kuulela 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 that 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 Kuulela 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 Organization, felt the low turnout of voters — the percentage poll was 16.9 — showed the success of anti-community council rallies organized by member organizations of the United Democratic Front.

In the run-up to the elections, meetings of the two parties were disrupted by anti-Black Local Authorities Act youths.

Last Sunday a group of iron-wielding guards of Zamukulungza Party asserted their authority by attacking a group of youths outside the hall. During this incident, a former president of Pebco, Mr Ntsikelelo Sapeta, received an eye injury and, later, a car belonging to Mr Jackson Anthony was burnt.

In the early hours of election day, homes of five candidates were petrol-bombed, though damage was not serious.

A final word from Mr Kuulela: "My council has a big task to tackle now and we hope we will do it to the satisfaction of every community member."

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outside the hall. During this
incident, a former presi-
dent of Pebe, Mr Ntini-
leno-Sapela, received an eye
injury and, later, a car be-
longing to Mr Jackson
Anthony was burnt.

At the early hours of elec-
tion day, homes of five can-
didates were petrol-
bombed, though damage
was not serious.

A final word from Mr
Kaulela: "My council has a
big task to tackle now and
we hope we will do it to the
satisfaction of every com-

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 Port Elizabeth "Town council" elections early yesterday.

The homes that were damaged were those of Mrs Mabel Cettu of White Location, who is contesting Ward 4 for the Zamukulungusa Party, Mrs Martha Makeni of Kwazakele, standing for Ward 10, Mr Tumunqa John Nema of Kwazakele, Ward 11, and two candidates of the African National Congress, 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 spokesman for the Cettu 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 Cettu's bedroom window. Mrs Cettu and two other people were sleeping in the room.

Mr S. A. Mpondo, a candidate for the same party, said there was slight damage at the homes of Mrs Makeni and Mr Nema.

Spokesmen for the Singapi and Sallayi families said little damage was done.

Mayor Gerrie van Rooyen, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said special police patrols had been arranged for the voting today in the townships and police were stationed at all polling stations.

Meanwhile the president of the Port Elizabeth Youth Congress, Mr Mkhugen Jack, was held on Wednesday by the Security Police.

Mr Jack said he was questioned about the clash between members of his organisation and that of the Zamukulungusa 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 Heurns, announced yesterday.

Speaking at a Press conference in Pretoria, Mr Heurns 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 Heurns 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 18 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 indus-
try 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 dis-
closed yesterday that the
Croeser Working Group was
likely to make final recom-
mendations early next year
about additional sources of
revenue for municipalities.

But there are also indica-
tions that the private sector
fears the proposed sources
of revenue could lead to price
increases, damage the coun-
try's economic performance
and even undermine finan-
cial control.

In the latest issue of "Local
Government" the Director-
General of Finance, Mr Geo-
ron, chairman of

the Croeser Working Group,
outlines some of the recom-
mendations. These are that:

- The turnovers of all busi-
ness institutions, industries
and service industries be
taxed
- Commerce and Industry
should be taxed on the value
of their investments in build-
ings and production equip-
ment.
- Taxes should be levied on
the overall amount paid out
to company employees in
wages and salaries irrespec-
tive of their race.

Mr Croeser also recom-

mends that the traditional
sources of municipal revenue
— assessment rates — be
continued but that the rates
be levied on both the value of
property sites and improve-
ments such as buildings and
houses, and not only on site
value as at present.

He says the turnover tax
will essentially replace trade
mandates and that it would
amount to a very small tax.

"I am thinking in terms of
only tens of a percentage
point on the turnover of the
previous year as the basis for
a scale," he says.

Mr Croeser says in the re-
port that taxes on invest-
ments 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 com-
merce 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 As-
socon, Mr Raymond Par-
sous, said yesterday that As-
socon had approved a
motion as a result of the rec-
ommendations at its national
congress in October and as a
result of the motion the Gov-
ernment had promised to
consult Assocon early in the
new year.

The Assocon motion says
Assocon fears that the rec-
ommendations would "lead
to the undermining of overall
financial control and disci-
pline, 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 per-
formance of South Africa."

The chairman of Johannes-
burg's management commit-
tee, Mr Fransois Oberholzer,
welcomed the Croeser Work-
ing Group's recommendations
yesterday and said such
additional sources of revenue
would especially benefit
emerging local authorities,
who could not rely on tradi-
tional sources such as assess-
ment rates.

He also said the recom-
mendations were welcome in
view of the failure of the
Browne Committee of Inves-
tigation in 1981 to recom-

mend any additional sources
of revenue for local authori-
ties.

The Browne Committee
report was met with an out-
cry from local authorities in
1981 when it said local au-
thorities could solve their
financial problems by better
management and training and
generally improved ef-
ficacy.
Council move on public transport

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 use it are given priority".

She said it was essential that people who lived 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 Council yesterday, the Rev Edward Manikam, 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 Manikam, 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 poll, 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. It "opposes the notion of 'direct representation' council elections operated on the basis of a "qualified franchise" which eliminated most of the people living in Bonteheuwel, Manenberg and Bishop Lavis, Mr Manikam 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 Peto, Labour Party secretary and member of the House of Representatives for Silvertown, 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 Manikam's criticisms, said yesterday: "My conscience and that of the City Council is absolutely clear that we would welcome an open poll where all people of the City would be on one voters' roll. No citizen would be disqualified from standing for election."

Mr Jack Heeg, 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.
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 income 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.

The hearing continues.

Mr J. E. Morgan, SC assisted by Mr A. Omar, both instructed by Cheadle, Thompson and Haywood, is appearing for the CTMWA.

Mr Harry Snitcher, QC, assisted by Mr J. Gautlett, both instructed by Silverbauer, is appearing for the City Council. The presiding officer is Mr J. J. Human, with Alec Erwin and Mr G. Powell acting as assessors.
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 Dennis 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 R396.50 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.
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 Smitcher, 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 that 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.

Mr Denys Kuny SC, assisted by Mr A Omar, both instructed by Cheadle, Thompson and Haycox, is appearing for the CTMWA. Mr Harry Smitcher QC, assisted by Mr J. Gealliat, both instructed by Silberbauer, is appearing for the City Council.

The President is Mr J J Human, with Mr Aec Ewen and Mr G Powell acting as assessors.
Evidence on City
labourers' wages

By MARTINE BARKER

THE basic wage paid by the Cape Town Munici-
pality to its labourers compared "well" with market rates, Mr A
Brand, lecturer in Man-
power Management at the University of Stellen-
bosch, told an Industrial Court hearing yesterday.

Mr Brand was giving
evidence for the second
day in the hearing to ar-
bitrate in the pay dispute between the 11 000-mem-
ber Cape Town Munici-
pal Workers Association (CTMWA) and the munici-
pality.

Mr Brand contended that although the aver-
age wage paid to munici-
pal 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 munici-
pality meant that indi-
viduals 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 "pend-
ing job evaluation exer-
cise".

Mr Brand said any
meaningful assessment
of wages received by em-
ployees had to include
fringe benefits.

A 13th cheque added
5,53 percent to yearly
wage earnings if this
was taken with such
benefits as two weeks an-
nual leave, pension fund
and medical aid contribu-
tions, labourers add-
ed 30,63 percent to their earnings.

Mr Denis Runy SC, assist-
ed by Mr A Omar, both in-
structed by Chandal, Thomp-
son and Hayson, is appear-
ing for the CTMWA.

Mr Harry Snelder, QC, as-
sisted by Mr J Gaultlett,
both instructed by Silber-
bauers, is appearing for the
City Council.

The presiding officer is Mr
J J Huma, with Mr Alec Er-
win and Mr G Powell acting
as assessors.
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, SC, 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 “bare 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 1903 and 1904 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.

Mr Denis Kuny, SC, assisted by Mr A Omar, both instructed by Chardie, Thompson and Hayom, is appearing for the CTMWA. Mr Snitcher, assisted by Mr J Guenter, both instructed by Silberbauer, 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.
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 daily life, then he has no right to ask me to help him."

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.

DDR
Tenants fear 'inhuman' eviction clause

By HILARY VENABLES

HUNDREDS of tenants in Divisional Council houses in Elia'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 Solomon, 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 Solomon is an asthmatic and has a heart complaint and his 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 ejectment is instituted," he said.

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 to telegrams requesting an explanation for the evictions.
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.
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.

Repeating to a question on regional councils by the mayor, Mr. Joe Yabek, 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.

"Repeating 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 whether the elections in 1986 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

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 Dennis 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, he 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 Chadie, Thompson and Hayson, is appearing for the CTMWA. Mr Harry Satcha, SC, assisted by Mr Gauntlett and instructed by Silberbauer, is appearing for the City Council. The presiding officer is Mr J J Human, with Mr Alee Erwan and Mr G Powell acting as assessors.
Workers seen as 'HP people'

By RIAAN DEVILLIERS
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 Kuyt, SC, instructed by Chandik, Thompson and Haysom, is appearing for the claimants. Mr Harry Snitcher, QC, instructed by Silberbears, is appearing for the respondents.

The presiding officer is Mr J J Human, with Mr Alec Ewan and Mr G Powell acting as assessors.
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, project organiser for the union, that survey questionnaires 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.

She said neither the secretary of the CTMWA, Mr John Ernstson, 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 plain 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 R55,27.
Parbhoo quits IMC

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-

dered it to my colleagues and the secretary. But 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 Braeslieu Hills — and parking for these facilities

• a R75 000 creche for Braeslieu Heights for the 84-85 year

• the removal of buildings and businesses in North End for widening of St Johns Road and the proposed bridge over the railway.

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.

“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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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 R338.85 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 Umsa, 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, particularly 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.

Recruitment 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.
Poverty level ‘full of fallacies’

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 Supplemented 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 R2500 to R9999 over-spent 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.

Mr Kuny, SC, assisted by Mr A Omer both instructed by Cheadle, Thompson and Raymond, are appearing for the CTMWA. Mr Nair, instructed by Silberbouwers, are appearing for the council. The presiding officer is Mr J J Human, with Mr Alex Erwin and Mr G Powell.
Workers earn too little for house subsidy

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 Ernsten, 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 6.2 percent of CTMWA members qualified for a share in the council’s monthly housing subsidy of R235 696. The workers’ share was equivalent to 16.3 percent or R34 000.

On the other hand, 36.1 percent of the membership of the white South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME) qualified for the subsidy. This was equivalent to 61.9 percent of R239 695.

Most CTMWA members were disadvantaged because of their low incomes and did not qualify for this subsidy because not more than 23 percent of a salary could be used for bond repayments.

Questioned Mr A Omar, for the union, Mr Ernsten denied that his union was responsible for excitement 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 Dautnyde, 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 R31.

“I live from hand to mouth,” he said, adding that several applications for promotion and better pay had been turned down.

The hearing continues.

Mr Dennis Kuyk, SC, assisted by Mr Omar, both instructed by Cheadle, Thompson and Haysom, are appearing for the CTMWA. Mr Harry Snitcher, QC instructed by Sulberbauer, is appearing for the council. The presiding officer is Mr J J Human, with Mr Alec Erwin and Mr G Powell.
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 605.

"I am not making a submission that demeans SAAME's members the subsidy, but this portrays a picture of the ability 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 president of the union, assisted by assessors Mr H Powell and Mr A Erwin."
4th day
of pay
dispute
hearing

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 prejudice the union's right to arbitration."

The hearing continues.
Housing on top of NAMC chairman's list

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New local govt: independence vs consensus

By MATTHEW MOONIEYA
Local Authorities Reporter

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 government and the final decision will be taken by the new tricameral 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 cooperation 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-thirds majority.

The imagination need not be stretched to see the implications of such a council where places such as East London, Beacon Bay and Gonubie 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 stance 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 characterize South African society.
Last council poll under old system

on the structure of local government will be taken by the new triumveral 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 triumveral 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 London 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 Port Beaufort, 979 voters have to choose between five candidates for three seats — DDR
Call for meeting on demolitions

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."

"Obliged"

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 Collins, Mr Jock Sturrock.

Meanwhile, the struck en 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 illegally 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

OUTSHOORN — 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 7th 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 a 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 disestablished.

- 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 movable 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.
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.

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.
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 Flinthdale and the surrounds of the Vlei if the outlet is not completed.

Flooding in Flinthdale 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 Sasmeerk 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-

...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 Dvco would pay R900,000.

All stormwater collected from a huge catchment area which includes Philippa Indsutria, Philippa Farms and Nyanga and which is bordered by Wetten Road and skirts Princess Vlei, is eventually discharged via Zeekoevlei and the Zeekoe Canal into False Bay.

Apart from the joint scheme to improve the outlet to Rondevlei, Dvco 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

EAST LONDON — The Coloured Management Committee (CMC) yesterday reaffirmed its resolution, taken at last month’s meeting, that the CMC be adjourned until 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 Tomers, 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.

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 "hit and run" and said the CMC and the council must agree on any increases.

"We want to be on any decisions. We want to be involved," he said.

He said the CMC was denied the chance of being involved in decision-making. "We are not being heard," he added.

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 Tomers said that 1986 was not too long to wait since they had been trying for 40 years for more schools for coloureds — DDR.

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 tell 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.

"It would have been remarkable if it was him, because he disappeared a few years ago," she said.

Later, from Johannesburg, Mr Kantor phoned to say he had seen three which the J.L.C. breeding had collected.

Mrs Harms phoned the dog back to her home.

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Buy an Emp machine now of these gifts
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.

“Those 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 that,” he said, “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.

“Your 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.
Death of top Eoan Group man

RENOWED 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 schoolchildren knew him too, he being taught at the then Athlone Central School, and of 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.

MR Cecil Tobin — noted Eoan group baritone.

GHEEMOOR

"(He was a Laxie (from his second name, Alexis)," that he was known by many and friends in Gheemoor where he lived most of his life. He came from a noted sporting family, though he himself was not a noted performer. He did play rugby for Temperance for a while, though 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 81 for the past year or so, and died in the Groote Schuur Hospital.

He leaves his wife Betty; three sons, daughter and 11 grandchildren, the eldest of whom, Russell, is the Metropolitan and, until recently, Western Province Under 21 cricketer.

Clerked"
NP’s ‘whites-only’ vote move angers Curry

By HUGH ROBERTSON

The Government must not blame us for interpreting the move as one which is relying on the franchise qualifications on the basis of the Provincial Council’s resolution, Mr. Curry, president of the Association of Management of Municipal Franchise Qualifications, said in a statement.

"It is remarkable that the NP has taken the initiative in introducing new legislation which are still negotiating a new franchise for local government," Mr. Curry said in a statement.
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, Herdeveld 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 000
- 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 R600 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 23 to discuss the campaign and the possibility of extending the deadline.
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 Bulaie 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 Pet 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.

The council has put its stamp of approval on Muizenberg’s proposed flyover bridge over the railway line, aimed at reducing traffic congestion along Mam Road.

The new bridge will be built where Beyes Drive and Mam 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 emphasized 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 per cent 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 per cent discount, R3,538.

In Ocean View, a similar two-bedroomed maisonette but built later, will sell for R9,425 and, with the discount, R6,159.

A 25 per cent discount is offered if the purchaser can raise the finance to pay the purchase price in full, 5 per cent if the purchaser has been a tenant of the council for five years or more, and 5 per cent if the purchaser indicates a willingness to buy, in writing, before June 30 this year.
Parow calls for 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 effect, 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 to allow the housing of blacks except in exceptional cases.

The council made minimum use of black labour, never employing 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 Elsies 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 Elsies 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 Elsies 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 Elsies 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 1988," 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.
THE DEPARTMENT of Community Development will allocate R33-million for the Divisional Council of the Cape to complete redevelopment of Elsies 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 Elsies 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 rehouse people still living in squatter shacks
- R43.5-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 McEwan, 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 rehoused 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”

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The divisional council had begun redevelopment of Elsies 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 1988 had been set.
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 Hummer, 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 feedback 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 Harial 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 last 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 future," 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 the 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 the 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 Braelyn'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.
Educate voters now, says Bhana

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's office had asked to draft a report of the proposals and comments for consideration at the next meeting on February 14.

Councillors would then have time to consider the proposals. He said none of the councillors at the meeting had been negative about the proposed committee.
Committee lauded for blocking UDF move

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 that they were "in the thousands".

In the interview he said it was not customary to give exact membership figures, because outsiders, by multiplying thus 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 scrambling 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 decentralisation 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"."
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 emphasized 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.
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.
I am totally opposed to the proposal to build a new exercise centre on the green belt. This will destroy the village atmosphere and make the site ugly and unsightly. It is also important to keep the countryside as it is. People who live in the area are also already sensitive and concerned about the environment. There is also a historical development plan which covers the site. Therefore, I strongly oppose it.

Environmental

Ward 1 Issues: Beaches, Security
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 R68 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," 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 R36 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 R68 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 people's 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 1,032 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.
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, spokesman 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 don't bear the signature of the relevant municipal representative, others have incomplete dates."

"The municipality has accused people of being in arrears with rent for more than a year or more ago. How can the municipality now, suddenly, after a year or more say that someone is in arrears? It's 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. Wondovelle, for instance, had to pay in R866 by February 27. She received a notice dated February 14. People are poor here. Many of us don't even have permanent jobs. We had to put a bit of everything to earn some money."

OOM Jan Schoeman
Spokesman for eight Karoo families evicted.

"In 1972 they used to dump night soil in the location, near peoples homes. I organised a petition among the people. We sent the 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 night soil was dumped in the location after this. But the municipality restarted 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 another offer so that their injustices would not become public. They offered me R1,500. 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 arrangement."

"They gave no reason for refusing to collect my night soil."

"The same kind of injustice is continuing today with these recently evicted tenants. We are very worried about these people who are sleeping out in the open, especially with winter approaching."

ALL of the 1,400 pupils at Valhalla Senior Secondary School in Elsies River were subjected to a thorough search by their teachers last week without warning.

Confiscated were eight knives, one a penknife 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 15-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 quarrel, "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.

"He felt humiliated and embarassed," 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 Elsies 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 this incident 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, as the principal had warned pupils, Sts. Jo-Ann and 10 pupils asked departmental head to take action against pupils carrying dangerous weapons and after discussion at a meeting of all the parents, it was agreed that the pupils involved should be searched.

After the investigation, the number of pupils was reduced, and they were pleased with the way in which it had been carried out.

Spotlight on de Pöö of de

NATIONAL Day on which attention is paid to the real South African shine and plenty but moritority, means nothing of the basic.

It is a time when the upsurings of 1976 and 1985 are forgotten and friends are free-bore the brunt of South Africa.

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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 kilometre for every kilolitre over 18 used per month was imposed.

Building contractor Mr David Potgieter received a R1 051.29 bill for January. His neighbour, Mr Gert van Wyk, who had to fork out R159 for December, faced a January bill of R600.

Both said they had no idea how they were going to settle the debts.
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 unconsiderate 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.
Drivers go back on the buses

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.

The drivers were fired earlier this week when they refused to drive in protest at management's handling of a union recognition dispute.

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.

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.

Included in the delegation were the sacked drivers and shop stewards from Federation of SA Trade Unions factors in Pinetown, who wanted to show that the community supported the drivers.

The shop-stewards said they would be prepared to "take action" in support of their colleagues.

On Wednesday, bus company management met representatives from Transport and General Workers' Union and an arbitrator.

On Friday morning, workers accepted the proposals made during the marathon talks, and will return to work immediately with no loss of privileges and status.

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Refuse, lighting cause concern

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 171,570 questionnaires the council sent to ratepayers to canvass their opinions on city services and priorities have been returned.

City and suburbs

"Rates of response have varied markedly from one area to another. For example, from about 20 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 expenditure 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 equaled the inflation rate and because building and labour costs were escalating rapidly," 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."

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Whites enjoy cheap energy

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 56 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.
Hospital apartheid

There are conflicting versions of what took place at Klerksdorp hospital as Mr Vivian Solomon 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 Solomon from one hospital department to another contributed directly to his demise, if this indeed, did take place. According to newspaper reports, Mr Solomon 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 Solomon’s death would be investigated if his department received a complaint. His 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 Solomon 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 desist.
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 civilized 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 civilized 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 civilized 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 civilized 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 Eudalie Stott said a R50 fine would be grossly unfair to the poor people.

One of the councillors, Mr James Johnson, said “a whacking good fine is the answer.”

Ball games

Other recommendations passed are that the baggy 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 Rubinowitz emphasized 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.

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, offices.

“I do hope that this debate will not be stymied 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 Tafelberg 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 Kremer.

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 Kremer has taken the lead in bringing together the Government and private sectors to help solve Cape Town's critical housing shortage."
Foreign housing loan for City

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 Keriner, 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 infrastructure 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. Eulaile 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 the 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.
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 stewards) of the union had been instructed to demand that:

- Labourers be paid a minimum wage of R119.55 a week as opposed to R89.77 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.

CALL ON APARTHEID

The communiqué called for abolition of apartheid peacefully by peaceful means and for talks between the country’s whites and blacks. It said apartheid would be abolished by whatever means were necessary.

The communiqué was endorsed by the presidents of the Congress of South African Trade Unions and the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa.

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Municipal Reporter

MORE THAN 3,000 Cape Town City Council workers unanimously reject ed 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:

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City delegation rejects new plan for local bodies

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. Eveline 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 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 an amendment was turned down. After a show of hands, Dr. Schlebusch said it was clear the congress accepted the reports.
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His appeal was upheld by Mr H Kruti, MEC for local government, who asked those present to take a positive attitude and see what could be done on a local level to solve the problems which could arise in the implementation of the dispensation.

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Local government: CPMA favours alternative system

Municipal Reporter

OUDTSHOORN. — 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.
CAPE Town City Council workers have given their bosses an ultimatum: "Pay us a decent wage, or else."

More than 3 000 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 Sunday.

The secretary of the Cape Town Municipal Workers Association, Mr John Erentzen, 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 bus and tram fares," he said.

"The CTMWA has resolved to demand that all workers in the employ of the City Council be paid a living wage. The shop stewards of the union have been instructed to submit the following demands to the City Council with effect from July 1 1984:

- That labourers be paid a minimum wage of R119.95 a week as opposed to the present R55.77 a week.
- That the scales of pay of all workers earning more than labourers be increased accordingly.

"Workers would consider further action if they were not paid a living wage," said Mr Erentzen.

- 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.
Survey rev of water problem in townships

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 township of Endeavour, just outside Albany, there are an estimated 30,000 people.

Some residents have to travel up to 50km to collect water in buckets, and many have to queue for hours in the cold and rain.

The situation is compounded by a lack of proper infrastructure, with many areas having no access to running water.

By CLAIRE PICKARD-CAMBRIDGE

Hard daily hauls with buckets to collect water are typical scenes in the Albany region.
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 Alexandra, Ad- elade, Alledale, Bathurst, Bedford, Cookhouse, Cradock, Port Beaufort, Grahamstown, Glenmore, Kenton-on-Sea, Pa- ternson, 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 60 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 emphasizes that the financial cost of water is not a consideration for users in the townships. Instead, the variance 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 vil- lages in the Chikum- /Hamburg "area" of the Ciskei, whose revealed that the average house- hold spent 1¾ 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 primitive- ness 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 confer- ence of inquiry into pov- erty and development in Southern Africa, where he stressed that socio-economic condi- tions could not be ad- vanced 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 prior- ity from local, regional and national government, he says. However, simply upgrad- ing 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 state- ment by the British Overseas Development Administration which said that when questioned, people living at the lowest subsistence levels had indicated that they considered "water" to be the first priority in services they expected the government to provide.
By MICHAEL MORRIS
Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town was dealt a multi-
ple 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 an-
nounced a decrease in resi-
dential rates from 3.65 to
2.58 cents in the rand and
an increased rebate, new
rateable values of property
will result in a net in-
crease in rates of about
eight percent.

The rate rebate for resi-
dential properties goes up
from 20 percent to 26 per-
cent and, in certain cases,
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 contri-
bution to rates would in-
crease by 1.91 percent.

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as an increase in the
monthly administration
charge to homeowners
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Mr Muir said increased
electricity charges — the
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July 1983 — were inevita-
ble and an extra R10-mil-
lion had been included in
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sional tariff adjustment.

Mr Muir said: "An amount of R5-milion needs
to be raised to meet the net deficit on the year's
operations."

The Executive Committee had decided to recom-
mand 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 per-
cent.

A property valued at R15,000 will be raised at
higher power bills on way, property
valuations jump, but help for
elderly homeowners
in today's council budget for the increase but, Mr Murd said, "all departments will have to examine carefully how they can absorb this increased burden."

RATES

Costs up

The cost of maintenance and administration of the housing schemes meant the proportion of monthly rent representing a contribution to rates would increase by 19.1 percent.

A rent increase as well as an increase in the monthly administration charge to homeowners would be necessary.

Mr Murd said increased electricity charges — the last rise was six percent in July 1983 — were inevitable and an extra R16-million had been included in budgeted income as a provisional tariff adjustment.

Mr Murd said, "An amount of R35-million needs to be raised to meet the year's operations."

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Municipal Reporter

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Municipal Reporter

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 City Council.

Wage talks reached deadlock yesterday when a meeting of municipal workers rejected the council's offer of pay increases ranging from 12 percent for higher-paid workers to 27 percent for labourers.

"Workers describe the offer — which would bring a labourer's minimum wage from R58 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 foodstuffs."

The chairman of the council's executive committee, Mr John Mur, 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 MAAN DE VILLIERS

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 Ernsthen, secretary of the association, confirmed it had "very regretfully" been forced to ask the court to adjourn, but would pursue the matter further as soon as a dispute was declared.
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.

Workers’ union accuses city council

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 3000 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

The Industrial Court was to sit today to hear the CTMWA’s application for a status quo order, asking that no new wages be implemented until the dispute was formally settled.

The City Council has been implementing pay increases ranging between 27 percent on the lower grades and 12 percent on the higher grades from the beginning of this month.

The CTMWA is demanding 10 percent increase on the lower grades, bringing a labourer’s wage from R59.77 to about R118 a week.

“Desperate best”

The Town Clerk, Dr Stan Evans, said that by accepting the increment, workers were not prejudicing their case.

He denied union charges that the council, by failing to file the papers at the Industrial Court hearing last week, was employing “delaying and obstructionist tactics.”

“We received the union’s papers only a week ago. We are doing our desperate best to file our papers today,” Dr Evans said.
Council "fosters labour unrest"

Staff Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council's plans to pay members of the 11,000-strong Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association a unilateral wage increase this week was last night condemned as "encouraging industrial unrest."

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It was further accused of trying to undermine the union and cause division among members, thereby encouraging industrial unrest.

The meeting deplored the council's "delaying and obstructionist tactics" which were designed "to prevent the Industrial Court from hearing the dispute as soon as possible."

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Pay rise for Mdantsane workers

EAST LONDON — Weekly paid Mdantsane Special Organisation employees are to get a five per cent increase from September 3 this year, the city council decided last night.

The wage increase 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
Municipal employees accept pay offer but workers in deadlock

Labour Reporter

THE South African Association of Municipal Employees (Saame), representing about 4,000 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 R932 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.

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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 Mur, said the wage issues were discussed yesterday.

A full meeting of the council would have to ratify the agreement with Saame, he said.

Mr Mur said he could not comment on the CTMWA request to go to the Industrial Court for arbitration.
By BRIAN STUART
Provincial Reporter

THERE is a "potential" for more than one independent colour-strengthened municipality in the Peninsula in terms of the new deal which comes into operation next week, says the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw.

He made it clear the coloured community would have to decide whether it wanted one or more local governments in the Peninsula area. And he appealed to the larger "mother" local authorities to be understanding and helpful.

Mr Louw said he believed the Cape Town City Council in particular could play a very important role.

CO-OPERATION

"I can say that on the part of the Provincial Administration, we will give our greatest co-operation to all such newly-established local authorities," Mr Louw said.

It was essential for coloured and Indian communities to have active participation in local democratic matters.

Interviewed on his new role as Administrator of the Cape within the new dispensation, the Administrator said: "I am very much in favour of the strongest possible representative government by the people for themselves."

"In the Cape metropolitan area, however, we will have to examine and revise the existing system of local government and see where it can be improved.

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Provincial Reporter

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Province...
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The possible potential of more than one independent coloured municipality in the Peninsula area continues to be evaluated in the new Provincial Administration under the leadership of Mr Gene Louw. The Provincial Administration has scrapped its coast road plan, saying it needs to cut back in order to balance the budget. The District Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, has announced that the plan to extend the road through Die Dam to Cape Agulhas was suspended for financial reasons.

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Provincial Administration has decided to scrap plans for a coastal road from Pearly Beach to Cape Agulhas, in order to preserve valuable coastal fynbos.

The proposed 30-km "tourist road", a tarred stretch, would link Die Dam and Struisbaai, near Agulhas, created enormous controversy in 1982.

Environmentalists and local farmers objected to the road on the grounds that "it would be a national scandal" to endanger the natural flora of the area when an alternative inland route was available.

PROCLAIMED

The route was proclaimed in 1970 and the portion from Gansbaai to Pearly Beach was completed in 1972. Plans to extend the road through Die Dam to Cape Agulhas were suspended for financial reasons.

When bulldozers went in at the beginning of 1982, there was an outcry, with farmers, conservationists, and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research joining in a protest against the destruction of an unspoilt stretch of the coastline.

In February 1982, the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, gave an undertaking that work on the final 30km stretch would be suspended and the Province would commission a scientific environmental study.

INLAND ROUTE

Mr Louw said today the scientific report was considered by the Provincial Executive Committee this week. A decision was taken not to build the coastal road but to go ahead with plans for an inland route.

This would link Die Dam to Bredasdorp, which in turn would link up with a diagonal road between Vogelvlei and Struisbaai.

Both environmental and cost factors had been considered in the study.

Mr Louw said the study showed that the cost of constructing the coastal road would exceed the benefits.
New local govt: independence vs consensus

By MATTHEW MOONIEVA
Local Authorities Reporter

The unprecedented move of giving the provincial administration of the Eastern Cape the power to decide on local government devolution will be a complex task. The province will implement the new arrangement through a series of committees formed to study and implement the new legislation.

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.

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 in a way that makes better use of scarce commodities such as space and qualified personnel.

Control over the councils 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 60 per cent of the control and all decisions will have to be taken by a two-thirds majority.

The imagination need not be stretched to see the implications of such a council where places such as East London, Beacon Bay and Gonubie 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 stance 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 characterize South Africa.
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BY MICHAEL MORRIS, Municipal Reporter

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‘Don’t treat us like slaves?’

MORE THAN 500 migrant workers employed by the Kayamandi 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 “meagre 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 increase.

By MONO BADELA

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, Kayamandi mayor Norman Kaulela addressed them and promised that the council would look into their complaints.

The hostel dwellers claim that the Kayamandi Town Council treated them like slaves and — like its predecessor, 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 Kayamandi 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.

Kayamandi 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 9:30 am 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 R16 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'

Labour Reporter

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 Ermstzen, 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

The CTMWA is demanding a minimum wage of R116 a week for labourers — an increase of nearly 100 percent. The council offer, implemented three months ago, is 27 percent on the lower grades, bringing the minimum wage to about R75 a week.

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.

Mr J J Human presides, assisted by assessors Mr R J Powell, a former member of the Municipal Service Commission nominated by the council, and Mr A Erwin of the Federation of SA Trade Unions, nominated by the CTMWA.

Mr D Kay SC, assisted by Mr A Omar and instructed by Cheddie, Thompson and Haywood, appears for the union. Mr H Snitcher QC and Mr J Gauntlett, instructed by Silberbaurers, appear for the council.
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 Ernestzen, 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 Ernestzen whether the union had collected comparative data on wage rates in other municipalities.

Mr Ernestzen 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 Ernestzen: "I deny that."

Orchestra

There was laughter when Mr Snitcher asked Mr Ernestzen on what the union had based the wage demand for a "rank-and-file tutu" — 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 Ernestzen.

Mr Ernestzen 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 Ernestzen 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 Ernestzen 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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Labour Reporter

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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 valuation 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 Denz Kury, SC, instructed by Cheadle, Thompson and Hayson is appearing for the claimants. Mr Harry Snitcher, QC, instructed by Silberbauer, is appearing for the respondents. The presiding officer is Mr J.J. Homan, with Mr Alec Erwin and Mr G. Powell acting as assessors.
City tells council its wishes

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

CAPETOWN'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 "inefficient, 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.
Housing problems: 'Govt is 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."
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More people will want a place in the sun

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 land which the public at large is entitled to be able to use when needed will not in itself be sufficient in 15 years' time.

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 necessarily 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

Clifton Beach... precious public open space

will be used 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 cliffside 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

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 Marpole 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 combating 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.