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8. Sweetmaker Qualification period 5 years.
   With the same employer.

7. Long Service Allowance. This Agreement has a Long Service
   Allowance based on after 5, 10 and 15 years continuous service.

6. Grade II Qualification period reduced from 18 months to 9
   months from March 1979 Amendment.

5. Grade I Qualification period reduced from 18 months to 9
   months from March 1979 Amendment.

4. Agreement that Category, General Worker, Grade III was called Grade III
   General Worker. Originally, this category was called Grade III
   Factory, Clerk, Storeroom, Director, Wage differentials.

3. Despatch Clerk, Factory Clerk, Storeroom, Storeroom, Wage differentials.

2. Bottle Aged until 1979 Amendment.

1. Assistant Foreman, Foreman, General Worker, Wage differentials.

Footnotes: Sweetmaking Industry - Cape

Somerset West.
Bellville, Stellenbosch, Knysna, Rivers, and
Magisterial Districts of the Cape, Witsburg, Goodwood,
Union.

Trade Union: The Western Province Sweet Workers'"
ATLANTIS residents have responded with anger to the news that the Divisional Council intends reducing the water supply to 330 families in the area to a trickle over the next fortnight.

The chairman of the Atlantis Residents' Association, Mr Noel Williams, said yesterday that the reduction of the water supply to people who were not able to pay their bills meant the recent price increase was heightened by such ghastly acts against them. He called for the council to subsidize the price of water to the community instead of making a profit from the service.

"The council made a profit of $147,000 from water over the past financial year," he said.

Mr Williams said that because of massive unemployment and threats of retrenchment or short-time people could no longer afford to pay for basic necessities.

"The people's anger is heightened by such ghastly acts against them," he said.

"Both these authorities will have to carry the responsibility of their actions," he said.
LP leader hits out at Group Areas Act

Post Reporter

PEOPLE had a right to live where they chose, the Leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, told a large crowd yesterday.

Mr Hendrickse, who is chairman of the Munsters Council and a member of the Cabinet, was speaking at a Labour Party rally in the Alliance Community Centre, Uitenhage.

Mr Hendrickse said the Group Areas Act a narrow channeling of people, "must go to hell!"

More than 80,000 coloured families had been uprooted because of the Act.

If there was one group of the South African population that should be better about the whole question of uprooting, he said, it should be this section.

Mr Hendrickse said while the party did not want to spend its time lamenting about the dispossession of the past, "we want to say that while we can forgive we cannot forget."

Mr Hendrickse referred to the removal of coloured families from South End, Port Elizabeth, and District Six in Cape Town.

"We either learn to live together or we perish as fools," he said.

Mr Hendrickse urged the people not to heed the call to stay away from work on Wednesday.

The stayaway had been called by people who would not be personally affected.

He also criticized the Progressive Federal Party.

"The PFP can do nothing for you," he said.

"The Labour Party has had members of all South Africans since its inception."

Mr Hendrickse said the future lay in "one man one vote."

The Labour Party, he said, was dedicated to the whole question of non-violent change in South Africa.

Some people would accuse those in the Labour Party of being "sell-outs." But the Labour Party would remain steadfast in the struggle for freedom for all South Africans, he said.
Louw: Provco and City ‘at crossroads’

Municipal Reporter
THE Administrator, Mr. Gene Louw, has warned that the relationship between his administration and the City Council is “now at the crossroads” as a result of the council’s handling of the removal of the State President’s portrait.

In a statement released yesterday, Mr. Louw also attacked city councillor Mr. Arthur J. Wiensburg for his reply to Mr. Louw’s initial statement on the matter last week.

Mr. Louw said in his latest statement that according to newspaper reports Mr. Wiensburg “dictated to the Mayor the exact time and date for the removal of the State President’s picture.”

‘Insulting’
Mr. Louw said Mr. Wiensburg’s conduct created the impression that the purpose of his presence on the council was “selfish political gain.”

“The council must now once and for all decide whether or not Councillor Wiensburg is to be their spokesman.”

“The council must also realize that it cannot dissociate itself from insulting statements issued by councillors in their official capacity.”

‘Leaked’
“After six years of relatively pleasant co-operation with the City Council, often in very difficult circumstances, during which time mutual relations have to my mind greatly improved, my Executive Committee and the City Council are now at the crossroads.”

“The future will be a different matter. Only the City Council will be able to restore their harmed image.”

Mr. Louw also sent a letter to the Mayor, Mr. Leon Markovitz, in which he said Mr. Wiensburg had “insulted the State President as a result of the ‘portrait motion’ and the way in which the matter was debated, dealt with and leaked out to the press.”

As a result of this, his position and that of his Executive Committee in their “good mutual relations” with the council had become “untenable.”

Mr. Markovitz said yesterday that he had received the letter and the statement and would be consulting with the Executive Committee of Council.

Apology
Mr. Wiensburg last night described Mr. Louw’s attack as “in general hysterical, in parts inaccurate and typical of a bully.”

“It is untrue and an insult to the Mayor to suggest that he allowed himself to be dictated to by any councillor, including myself.”

Mr. Louw owes our Mayor an apology if he sees the removal of a photograph as a selfish political gain he is childish and outdated.

“Neither council nor I have ever claimed that I am a spokesman on its behalf. Neither that Councillor Chris Joubert spoke on behalf of council when he spoke of black citizens as ‘klunksies.’

“Council neither associates nor dissociates itself from statements made by councillors — Mr. Louw clearly does not understand the workings of a democratic institution.”
Home industries: Major changes approved in city

Municipal Reporter

FAR-REACHING changes to local ordinances to permit home industries in Cape Town residential areas have been approved by the City Council’s town planning committee.

The committee has endorsed a major report by the city engineer’s department which recommends that professionals, artists and some traders be permitted to operate from their homes.

In terms of a draft amendment to the town-planning scheme, the following occupations will be sanctioned in private homes:

- Tailor, dressmaker, knitter, home-baker, typist, computer operator, photographer, manicurist, chiropractor, chiroprist, masseur, hairdresser, beautician, shoemaker, bookbinder, printer, photocopier, signwriter, upholsterer, curtainmaker, duplicator, engraver, etcher, leather worker, milliner, silk-screener, cane-worker and potter.

"Potentially more problematic" activities like spray-painting, panel-beating and woodwork will require neighbours’ consent and home industries in flats — where neighbours are "more vulnerable" to noise and other disturbances — will be permitted only by special consent.

"The principle underlying the operation of home-industry occupations should be that a reasonable neighbour, under normal circumstances, will be relatively unaware of their existence other than for a permitted sign," the report says.

"VITALLY IMPORTANT"

One of the motivating factors for the recommendations is escalating unemployment which "one of the most serious problems facing the people of Cape Town," according to the report. It says the informal sector, of which home industries is a part, can help to provide some of the 77 new jobs which are needed each working day in greater Cape Town to prevent unemployment from escalating.

The chairman of the town planning committee, Mr Clive Keegan, called the report "a vitally important document."

"It is the first step in the city’s commitment to rolling back the restrictive shutters of regulation, control and bureaucratic interference in the market place," he said.

The recommendations must still be approved by Exco, the full council and the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw.
Unrest strains City's services

By ROGER WILLIAMS
Chief Reporter

AMBULANCE, fire-brigade, public transport, cleansing and other essential services in the Cape Peninsula are under severe strain with re sources "stretched to the limit" by continuing unrest in the area.

Vehicles operated by these services are, with those of commercial and other undertakings, targets for gangs of stone-throwers in and around the townships and their crews are in danger whenever they venture into trouble spots.

Mr Basil Warner, Chief Officer Ambulance Services, said there had been deliberate attacks on ambulances by stone-throwers and in one such incident, at Mitchells Plain, the driver had been hit on the head by a stone and his assistant had injured his back when thrown off balance as the ambulance started weaving.

Glass splinters

Two patients in the back of the ambulance had escaped injury and they and the crew of the vehicle had had to be taken to Woodstock Hospital by another ambulance.

Another ambulance driver had received glass splinters in his eyes when stones shattered the windshield of his vehicle, at Elsie's River.

Mr Warner said although the ambulance service was operating under severe strain, it had at no time refused to convey a patient. He paid tribute to his staff's "unserving devotion to duty, in difficult conditions".

Mr J W Hamel, Cape Town's Chief Fire Officer, said fire-engines called out in emergencies had been stoned and damaged on a number of occasions, and we are definitely being harassed in our duties.

"For this reason we will not go into unrest areas without a police escort and in responding to calls priority is given to life and to property."

Mr Hamel said calls on municipal fire services had risen about 50 percent from an average 300 calls a month in normal times to about 500 at present. Most of the calls were about incidents such as burning cars, tyres and other objects in street barricades.

Mr P Dodd, Assistant Traffic Manager said while the department's staff had not been unduly hampered in their work in unrest areas, which was mostly confined to the perimeters of trouble spots, practically all traffic lights at Mitchells Plain, along Prince George Drive and in other trouble spots had been shattered.

"These cannot be replaced till the situation has calmed down" he added.

Mr Bob Krause, spokesman for City Tramways, said damage estimated at R1 5 million had been inflicted on the company's vehicles and that "a very substantial" number of buses had not been fitted with steel guards to protect the drivers.

The company was, in difficult circumstances doing its best to operate "as normal a service as possible", he added.

Mr Leon Eis, a spokesman for SA Transport Services, said that while there had been incidents of stone-throwing at suburban trains in the Peninsula, with resultant smashing of some carriage windows there and so far been no curtailment of train services.
A surprise move yesterday, the chairman of the Progressive Federal Party's Cape Western Region, Mr Jasper Walsh, was elected deputy chairman of the largely conservative Cape Divisional Council.

The new chairman of the council is the Mayor of Goodwood, Mr Louis Rothman.

Both Mr Rothman and Mr Walsh, who is former chairman of the council's finance committee, were elected unopposed.

Mr Rothman succeeds Mr G M Basson to the top council post and Mr Walsh replaces Mr P J Grobbelaar as deputy.

Mr Walsh said yesterday the council was entering one of its most difficult years with increasing unrest in its area of jurisdiction and the prospect of the new Regional Services Councils strapping the local authority of most of its powers.

He believed his election showed that the council realized the need to address racial prejudice and racial inequalities in the division.
Squatter huts: Bid to halt demolition fails

Staff Reporter

An attempt to stop the Divisional Council of Cape Town demolishing unauthorised squatter housing for a month while a comprehensive report on the problem was being drawn up, was rejected by the council today.

Mr Neil Ross suggested that the council not depart from its policy of opposition to uncontrolled squatting but, because 184 illegal houses had been demolished in the past three months, an in-depth report and investigation of possible alternative housing was necessary.

He proposed that all demolitions should cease while this was being done.

OPPOSED

The new chairman of council, Mr L J Rothman, who is also the Mayor of Goodwood, opposed the suggestion, saying it was a departure from the council's policy.

The council accepted, however, that the investigation was necessary and this was referred to the housing committee as a matter of urgency.

- The council agreed in principle at its meeting last month that all facilities in the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve be open to all races.
- This was subject to an investigation by the various committees into the problem of overcrowding.
- To combat overcrowding the council decided today that any vehicle with more than 10 passengers should be restricted to the main road and circular drive in the reserve from December 1 to January 15 and during the Easter holidays.
Little sense in RSC tax plan

Municipal Reporter

The Government's new Regional Services Council (RSC) system for local government should be financed by a "variable" surcharge on GST, according to the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber has rejected the government's plan to fund the new system by imposing two new taxes on businesses -- a regional services levy or payroll tax, and a regional establishment levy or turnover tax.

An editorial in the chamber's latest Weekly Bulletin says that in the current economic climate, "any form of additional taxation of the business community must be avoided at all costs."

"Taxing a company on its wage bill would exacerbate an already severe unemployment problem" and "made little sense at a time when the government was having to raise emergency funds to create jobs."

The chamber objects to the turnover tax, which is calculated on GST collected by traders and on floor-space occupied by non-traders because of the difficulty in ensuring that both classes of businessmen will make an equal contribution.

The application of the taxes to all levels of production and distribution would have a "cascade effect" with tax being paid on tax.

The collection of taxes at a local level would result in a "proliferation of taxing authorities" which would increase the cost of collecting the taxes.

The "best solution" to financing the new system "would be to broaden the base of the GST", the chamber says.
City says 'enough of bitter harvest'  

By HILARY VENABLES

In an attempt to restore peace to the Peninsula, the City Council yesterday undertook to summon an urgent peace conference "to draw up a manifesto for non-racial, democratic, local government" in the Cape Town metropolitan area.

In his motion Mr. Clive Keegan - calling on the council to invite leaders of all sections of the community to make a "view to seek solutions to our crises" - was adopted, with only one vote against.

Mr. Keegan said that in the space of a few months Cape Town had reached the bitter harvest of years of apartheid and decolonization, and had imposed itself on the city with a "brutal tradition" and reduced the city to a "residual" of "disturbance, legal, and illegal activities".

He added that it was "time to bring the people together" and "construct a charter for the future of the city".

Mr. Norman Osborn, a "de facto leader of the city" praised the move at an emergency meeting in the Cape Town town hall. There was a "deep divide between the people of Cape Town" and "each side of the political divide".

The Council was represented by the security forces and the public.
Toast to State President ditched

The Council has decided to scrap the toast to the State President at official civic functions and to use instead the toast "to the Republic of South Africa — our country".

A statement was issued during the Council's monthly meeting yesterday, saying the council considered the "most appropriate" loyal toast for use on civic occasions.

This follows a motion put to the council last month by Mr. Arthur J. Wenburg, calling for the toast to be drunk to South Africa instead of the President "as this post has been politicized by the government".

Mr. Wenburg called for the removal of Mr. P. W. Botha's portrait from the Mayor's office for the same reason. The removal of the portrait caused an outcry in government circles, but was defended in yesterday's official statement.

Concerning the photograph of the State President, the council again records that the act of removing this from the Mayor's parlour was not intended to be a slight upon, or discourteous to, the office of State President or the person of the present incumbent.

"The council considers that no further action should be taken in this matter and that it should now be regarded as closed," the statement said.
City seeks ‘some kind of truce’

THE City Council hopes to get a broad cross-section of organizations in Cape Town to call ‘some kind of truce’ before proceeding with its peace conference to formulate a non-racial, democratic system of government for the City.

A member of the council’s constitutional committee which is organizing the conference, Mr. Clive Keegan said the committee would approach organizations separately at first “to call for a cessation of the violence and the creation of a climate of trust” before setting a date for the talks.

“Given the sensitive nature of the project and the existing divisions within the society, it is important to acquire what the Americans call ‘proximity diplomacy’ before we can even think of getting all these organizations together around one table.”

The committee has decided to set up a full-time secretariat for the conference, to be staffed by people with expertise in crisis management.

The committee which met to discuss the conference for the first time on Thursday night also considered the financial implications of the talks, which will involve “an enormous amount of research and survey work,” Mr. Keegan said.

Mr. Keegan said people “must not expect” the council to call a conference within a fortnight.

“It is a process rather than an event,” he said but stressed that the committee had already begun approaching possible participants and suitable people to staff the secretariat.
Crisis-town residents flock to Divco meeting

Tygerberg Bureau

ATLANTIS residents who face a rent-and-unemployment crisis use every form of transport they can afford or borrow to travel to a Divisional Council meeting in Cape Town on Thursday.

This was decided yesterday by about 800 people at a report-back meeting by Atlantis Residents Association (ARA) chairman Mr Noel Williams on failed talks with the council last week.

Withdraw

Mr Williams criticized the "heavy presence" of police when the nine-person delegation arrived at the council's offices in Wahl Street on Wednesday.

ARA delegates withdrew when they found members of the Atlantis Management Committee at the meeting.

Yesterday, the audience asked Mr Williams to try to organize another meeting with the council, but said: "It is time to go ahead if members of the Management Committee attend.

Four Progressive Federa Party members of the Divisional Council - Mr Neil Ross, Mr Stuart Collins, Mr Jasper Walsh and Mr Paul Andrew - met the ARA yesterday and said they 'believe that the ARA is more representative than the Management Committee.'

Ill-mannered

The four councillors plan to ask for a special council meeting this week to discuss the town's problems, and will also raise complaints by residents that some council officials are ill-mannered.

Some residents have said their offers to pay of arrears in small amounts have been refused by officials who threatened them with eviction unless they paid more. And officials allegedly told some unemployed men to "steal the money" and some women to work the docks.

Residents yesterday supported a call to help move furniture back into the houses of evicted families and to reconnect electricity and water supplies themselves if cut off by the council.

Mr Williams told the audience that he and his family had been threatened at the weekend that his name would be burnt down and that he had been visited by men who threatened him after saying that he was "causing big trouble."
Atlantis: Divco backs mancom

By Hilary van Rensburg
Municipal Reporter

ANY chance of talks between the Atlantis Residents' Association (ARA) and the Divisional Council about the crisis in the town faded yesterday when the council decided at a special meeting that the Atlantis Management Committee should be present at any such talks.

The ARA, acting on a mandate from two mass meetings in the town last week, have refused to talk to the council in the presence of the mancom.

Roadblock

Meanwhile, a bus carrying about 80 residents from Atlantis to the meeting in Cape Town yesterday afternoon was stopped and turned back at a police roadblock in Table View.

According to one of the passengers, police said the bus could not continue to Cape Town, but a delegation of seven would be given police transport to the meeting.

"We refused to be divided and turned back to Atlantis," the passenger said.

"We were all very angry and frustrated and on the way back, someone threw two loose bus seats out of an open window.

"The police stopped us again and arrested him."

A police spokesman last night confirmed that the bus had been stopped by police because it was believed the passengers were going to convene an illegal gathering in Cape Town "because of the crisis in Atlantis."

After deciding to go back to Atlantis "they nearly broke the inside of the bus in pieces and two seats were thrown from the window," the spokesman said.

"The bus was stopped and two people were arrested and charged with malicious injury to property."

During the Divco meeting, which took place under tight security, Mr. Len Pothier said the ARA enjoyed widespread support in Atlantis precisely because, unlike the management committee, it was not seen as part of the government system.

He urged the council to deal with the ARA and other civic associations in preference to the management committees which had been rejected by the community.

"If we are to follow democratic procedures, we must listen to what the community says, not to a body in which people have no confidence."

Mr. Jasper Walsh said he was "convincing that the ARA was established to help people" and that it had a bigger following than the mancom.

He said the council would not be able to alleviate the problems in Atlantis if "we adopt the stance that we won't talk to members of the ARA except through the mancom system which they have rejected."

Mr. Gideon Basson said he was sure people were hard-pressed as the residents of Atlantis would "not mind" if the council discussed their problems with the mancom.

He blamed the low polls in mancom elections on the media which had "discouraged" people from voting.

Agitation

A candidate in a recent by-election in the town was elected on a 1,60 percent poll.

Mr. P.J. Grobler said a mancom was a "platform" for coloured people to bring their problems to the attention of central government "and they must use it."

He said people did not vote in mancom elections because of "agitation, incitement and intimidation."

The motion calling for the mancom to be present at all meetings between the council and the ARA was carried by eight votes to five.
Atlantis talks dilemma over Dioco's demand

Staff Reporters

DISCUSSION on the economic crisis in Atlantis could be jeopardised by the Divisional Council's decision to meet the Atlantis Residents Association (ARA) only in January, meetings with the town's Management Committee.

The decision, at a special council meeting yesterday, was carried by eight votes to five. It will be referred to the ARA today by the chairman of the council, Mr Louwjae Roodman.

The council rejected a motion by councillor Mr Neil Ross that it should disregard the Atlantis Management Committee and negotiate with the ARA.

The council referred a number of proposals on how to deal with the rents and unemployment crisis in Atlantis to Tuesday's council meeting.

Many in arrears

Mr Ross said that 1,635 families were in arrears with rent, owing a total of R143,468, 428 home-owners owed R567,502 in arrear payments and R40,000 was outstanding on water accounts.

Before the vote Mr Leo Potgieter said the people of Atlantis wanted correct representation.

He urged the council to conduct its normal business with the civic and ratepayers' associations.

But Mr C J Langley said: "This council is not constituted in terms of an Act. If the next level in the management committee then we have no right to say we are going to push that.

"I'd be upset"

"I would be upset if this council went to the ratepayers in my ward because that is what abandoning the management committee and working with the ARA means.

Earlier a bus carrying Atlantis residents to the meeting was turned back by police, who arrested two men.

The passengers were told that under emergency regulations their presence was an illegal gathering.

Police officers to take a delegation of seven to the meeting but the residents refused to be split up. They were told to turn back to Atlantis.

As they drove off one man in "pure frustration" threw a seat out of a window, Mrs McKinna said.

The bus was again stopped and two men were arrested.

A police busman officer Lieutenant Atue Laubscher, today confirmed the incident.
Civic Diary

DIVCO out of touch with Atlantics

BY Hilary Vendelius

Cape Times, Monday, November 25

High volume traffic only, bus lane, cars, etc. second lane, etc.

THE DISSIDENTS

They say they have the...
By Hilary Venables

Civic Diary

Divo to out of touch with Atlantic

Cape Town, Monday, November 25, 1985

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High Volume traffic — only bus rail can you see people here
Council condemns demo ban

Municipal Reporter

The City Council yesterday condemned "in the strongest possible terms" the banning earlier this month of a mass protest meeting against the state of emergency.

It also resolved to "convey its views to the South African Police, the Minister of Law and Order and the Minister of Justice."

The meeting, which was to have been held in the City Hall, was called by 23 organizations, including the Black Sash, various church groups, the South African Institute of Race Relations and the End Conscription Campaign.

Mrs Eulalie Stott said that if the meeting had been allowed to take place, the cause of the current unrest could have been brought to the attention of the authorities.

"The meeting would have pointed out that the state of emergency was the result of unjust laws which prevented people from using the ballot box to express their views," she said.

Mr Jan van Eck said that by forcing people underground and preventing them from speaking, the police were reducing the number of people ready to solve problems in a peaceful, democratic way.

Mrs Esme, Chatopposed the motion, saying the Western Cape was one of the targets of the "onslaught by internal and external forces" whose aim was to "violently disrupt" the State and make the country ungovernable.

"The bannings on meetings are done with the prime objective of trying to stabilize the situation," she said...
City calls in experts in bid for peace talks

Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town City Council has enlisted the help of prominent political scientists in its efforts to convene a Cape metropolitan peace conference.

But councillors have warned that protracted behind-the-scenes negotiations will be necessary before the conference becomes a reality.

At a meeting on October 31 the council noted the "escalating violence and alarming deterioration of race relations in the Peninsula." It gave overwhelming approval to a motion calling on an ad hoc constitutional committee to convene a peace conference to draw up a manifesto for non-racial, democratic local government.

In secret

The committee reported back to the council last week. Although its report was discussed in secret, a copy was given to the Press.

The committee reported that it had interviewed Professor H W van der Merwe of the Centre for Intergroup Studies and Professor H Gilliomes of the department of political studies at UCT.

After the discussions the committee reported that the major obstacle to a conference would be the question of "disparate sides coming together" and thus would mean "a great deal of careful preparation." It would also be important not to have an agenda before the committee when the people concerned were interviewed as the discussions should be "as completely open as possible."

"The building up of a relationship of mutual trust is an essential prerequisite to the actual conference," the council should try to carry on irrespective of the violence and endeavours to arrange meetings to bring people together to find a solution to the problem.

"The greater the violence, the more the need for the initiative," the report said.

Secretariat

The council gave approval for the committee to:

- Invite Professor Lawrence Schlemmer of the department of political science at the University of Natal, for an interview.
- Establish a secretariat to the peace initiative, with the executive committee providing bridging finance.
- Expand its membership by appointing additional councillors and co-opting specialist advisers.
- Investigate ways of raising funds to finance the initiative.

"We are talking about a fairly lengthy process of negotiation and gentle diplomacy," said the vice-chairman of the committee, Mr Clive Keegan, afterwards.
Atlantis leaders held at roadblock, then freed

Tygerberg Bureau

FOUR executive members of the Atlantis Residents’ Association (ARA), including the chairman, Mr. Noel Williams, were detained at a roadblock in Table View while on their way to a special Divisional Council meeting in Cape Town today.

Police said they were allowed to go on after being questioned with his three companions.

Mrs. McKinna said she was allowed to continue when she told police at the roadblock she was going shopping in Cape Town.

Police ban ECC meeting

Staff-Reporter

POLICE have used emergency regulations to ban a meeting planned for tonight by the End Conscription Campaign (ECC) for the Western Cape, Brigadier C.A. Swart, issued the banning order today.

Mr. Williams, his brother, who was not named, Mr. Yusuf Manuel and Mr. Maxwell Moss were travelling on the coastal road from Atlantis to attend the meeting in the council’s offices in Wale Street.

The economy unemployement crisis in Atlantis was on the council agenda this morning.

Mrs. Sybil McKinna, who runs the ARA advice office in Atlantis, said she was travelling behind Mr. Williams’s car and saw him being taken away.

The meeting was scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Congregational Church Hall, Belmont Road, Rosedale, and was to have taken the form of a panel discussion on conscription.

A police spokesman said no reasons were given in the banning order.
Ross joins resign call to mancom

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

DIVISIONAL councillor Mr Neil Ross has joined the call for the Atlantis management committee to resign.

At the end of the council's special meeting yesterday in the town, Mr Ross said the management committee should accept the call to resign issued by a meeting of 1 200 Atlantis residents on Monday night.

"I should like to see them accept the challenge and find out what the people really think."

The Atlantis Residents' Association (ARA) has branded the management committee "part of the apartheid system" and claims it has done nothing to help the community during the current economic crisis.

According to a report tabled at yesterday's meeting, the economic recession has hit Atlantis harder than any of the council's other housing estates.

Writing off

By the end of October, tenants in Atlantis owed the council a total of R156 654 in rent — double the figure for January 1985.

The chairman of the council, Mr Louwkie Rothman, told the meeting that the council had asked the government to consider writing off the rental arrears of all those who qualified for relief.

Council has also recommended that home owners who are unable to pay instalments on their houses should have their debts capitalized and their housing loans "renegotiated".

The current six-month relief measures granted to both tenants and homeowners suffering hardship should be extended "indefinitely".

The council is to call an urgent meeting with the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, and the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, to discuss these proposals and various other relief measures suggested by councillors at the meeting.

The council's staff committee is to investigate complaints from residents that council staff are "rude and uncooperative" when approached for help.

A car carrying four executive members of the ARA to the meeting was stopped at a roadblock and searched in Tableview yesterday morning, according to the ARA chairperson, Mr Noel Williams.

Eight ARA members attended the meeting.

Rejected

Mr Williams last night welcomed the council's attempts to offer relief to Atlantis residents but said the problems in the area could not be solved until the council agreed to talk to the ARA on its own terms.

The Atlantis management committee has rejected claims by the ARA that it does not represent the people of Atlantis.

In a press statement released yesterday, the management committee claims it received 7 000 votes in the last general election in 1983 and that this "clearly represents a mandate".

According to newspaper files, only 813 votes were cast in the election. The poll was 6.98 percent.
Beach: De Lange wants signs back

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — City councillors differed last night during discussion on opening the Eastern Beach to all races.

Mr. De Lange (anr) said he backed the move for the beach apartheid signs to be put back as an open beach could lead to some confrontation which would cause more harm than good.

"With due respect, everybody would like to have everything. We find that among all people, there are some who are going to abuse the facilities. I have also monitored the situation. We find that all the seats are taken up by people of other races — not that we mind.

"But there are also people swimming in panties and bras, to put it bluntly. You are going to get these people who abuse the facilities. We must talk to the hoteliers and other people with interests in the issue. We cannot just say we are going to throw open everything. I believe in evolution not revolution." 

"There is only 150 yards of beach there and can you imagine another 5 000 to 6 000 people using the facilities?"

Mr. Card replied that any transgression of laws was a matter for the police.

He asked how, if the status quo remained, they were going to ask the police to remove 5 000 people from the beach.

"All these problems being raised are trivial in comparison with what we are doing here. This goodwill will really set off Christmas in East London.

"Mr. Kay said that while he shared Mr. Card's sentiments, on opening the beach, he had to caution on it being done in a hurry as there was a logistical problem about providing sufficient lifeguards.

"Mr. Card said there were many beaches which were not even patrolled by lifeguards. So that should not be a problem.

"Mr. Snell said council should accept it as inevitable that there would be blacks on Eastern Beach.

"We are not going to stop it so we must be realistic and accept it," he said and was supported by Mr. Spring and Mr. Zulman.

Mr. Neville Randall wanted to know whether the owner of the caravan park had been consulted and whether the owner would not find that opening the beach was to his disadvantage.

He said Mr. Card was on record as saying the beaches should not be open until proper control could be ensured and Mr. Card replied that the matter could not be delayed as had happened in all the previous years.

"Let us go ahead now and see what the problems are and then we can rectify them for next year," Mr. Card said and suggested that people at the caravan park who did not like non-racialism at Eastern Beach could go to Nahoon or the Orient Beach, which would still be for whites only.

Four more Durban beaches, the Rachel Finlayson Pool and the beachfront swimming pools, will be officially thrown open to all races on Thursday after the city council approved the Durban City Council decision to amend its by-laws.

Lawyers body: decision justified

PIETERMARITZBURG — Commenting on the state's decision to withdraw charges against the 12 of the 16 UDF leaders accused of treason, Mr. Mike Cowling, for the Lawyers for Human Rights, said the acquittal had "indicated the court's decision to intervene and overrule the Attorney General's decision.

"The government has been increasingly using its battery of security legislations to suppress legitimate political opposition.

"Despite the fact these laws are so broadly framed that virtually any criticism against the government could be regarded as a criminal offence, the state has none the less failed to even prove a basic
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the community is divided over the issue. the chairman of the av, mr. johnson, has proposed a plan to integrate the av with the city's schools. some members of the community, including mr. smith, believe that it will improve the quality of education. others, like ms. lee, are concerned about the potential for conflict. mr. johnson has promised to work with the community to address their concerns.
Beaches must wait — MP

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The final authority to allocate usage of beaches lay with the provincial administration the MP for East London, Mr Peet de Pontes, said yesterday.

He was reacting to the city council’s proposal to the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Low, to open the Eastern Beach to all race groups.

Mr De Pontes said the Administrator would only make a decision after the matter had been thoroughly investigated and consideration had been given to factors such as the physical aspects of a particular beach and the nature of adjoining areas.

"With this in mind, the Administrator can’t just open Eastern Beach before the end of the year."

"It has become a predictable annual event that, just before the busiest holiday period, a few city councillors will start clamouring for the opening of our beaches."

"They know well it is a sensitive matter that cannot be dealt with in an arbitrary and haphazard fashion. One can’t help but get the impression these moves are expedient, rather than aimed at finding a solution."

"The present situation with respect to the use of beaches is certainly not satisfactory, racial allocation of beaches is not the answer. The racial connotation should be removed entirely and a more satisfactory and equitable solution found."

"Simply throwing open the beaches to all is also not the answer. Other areas have tried it and they have had unending problems."

"The future of the orderly use of beaches would be based on the availability of adequate amenities and how to raise funds to finance them."

"The tourist industry would also have to realise that blacks would make up a sizeable proportion of tourists in the future. One can’t have a top class hotel near a beach and blacks are not allowed onto it."

"The manner in which beaches were opened would largely determine how amenities would be used."

"It is important that we don’t have unilateral planning. We will have to get people to talk about their needs."

The Border regional chairman of the PFP, Mr Sandy Stretton, said his party regarded beaches as a "God-given facility and not the property of any individual or group."

"Beaches should therefore be open for the enjoyment of all. The city council’s decision is a commendable start."

CAPE TOWN — The Fish Hoek town council has decided in principle to open Fish Hoek beach to all races.

However, various control measures would be investigated by the town clerk, Mr Eric Fry before the new system was implemented, according to a statement by the council.

These include a "pay" system, crowd control and special considerations for local residents.

Commenting on the decision, the mayor of Fish Hoek, Mr W H Wood, said opening the town’s prime amenity was in keeping with various changes taking place in South African society.

He emphasised this would happen only once "mechanisms for orderly change" had been finalised.

In Durban, mixed beaches will mean a boost to tourism, says the director of the Durban Publicity Association, Mr Frank Wilson.

He said that mixed beaches meant that Durban could now offer all people, regardless of racial background, all available facilities.

He pointed out that there were still racially segregated beaches for people who wanted to make use of them.

Mr Alan Gooderson of the Durban branch of Fedhasa said that his organisation welcomed mixed beaches as long as adequate facilities were available.

Durban’s Snake Park, Dairy Bay of Plenty and Battery One beaches will go non-racial from Thursday.

The whites-only signs at the affected beaches are expected to be taken down by today — Sapa
Atlantis families still being evicted

Municipal Reporter

THE Divisional Council is continuing to evict families from their homes in Atlantis despite promises of relief for tenants and homeowners unable to pay their rents and repayments.

The council has confirmed that eviction notices are being served on tenants "on an ongoing basis."

"Physical evictions are only resorted to as a last measure when all avenues open to council had been fully explored," the council said.

The council would continue to grant relief to tenants who qualified for the relief measures and who made arrangements to settle their arrear rentals in instalments.

"No tenants qualifying for concessions have been evicted for arrear rentals."

The council said it was "not possible to forecast if and how many evictions of defaulting tenants will in future take place."


Project leaders: schools plan separate issue

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The National Party MP for East London City, Mr. Peet de Pontes, reacted with surprise last night to the withdrawal of the Duncan Village Residents' Association from upgrading negotiations.

Mr. de Pontes and the chairman of the education sub-committee on the Border Chamber of Industries and the Greater East London Planning Committee, Mr. Alastair Lightbody, issued a joint statement.

Both men have been intimately involved in discussions with the residents' association.

Mr. de Pontes and Mr. Lightbody said they had been approached by the DVRA to assist them in providing temporary accommodation for about 5,000 pupils next year.

An agreement was reached with them on all aspects of the proposed development of 160 units which would, subsequent to the construction of permanent schools, be converted to residential units for the people of Duncan Village. The community council is not involved.

"The development is to be carried out by an independent incorporated association of the Duncan Village Corporation."

The statement said they were still waiting for the DVRA to supply them with the names of their two board members for the corporation as well as the names of two student representatives, "whom they claimed to represent."

"They also undertook to act as liaison in appointing people from the community to help with the construction plans to employ up to 2,000 Duncan Village residents and the contracts with the government in this regard have already been signed and the money, £1.94 million, obtained."

The statement also said a further agreement for financing the training of the people involved had also been concluded and funds made available.

"The management team have been appointed and are already hard at work. Construction will, in fact, start early next week. The DVRA were party to all this, our last meeting being a works meeting on Wednesday where they undertook to do their part."

"The DVRA have to date failed to supply us with the names of the four board members, or to appoint people for the construction."

"We further agreed at the start of our discussions not to talk to one another through the press, but only directly. This is therefore a complete surprise to us and we have no further comment till they clarify their position." the statement said.

Mr. de Pontes added that he had spoken to the DVRA chairman, Mr. Donald Ntuli, earlier yesterday, and that he "made no reference to this whatsoever, but in fact, was to see me during the course of the day."

"He failed to keep his appointment."

14/12/88 Dispatch
DV councillors are defended

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — Community councillors were 'the only truly elected leaders of the people of Duncan Village', Miss Mabel Mdaka said here yesterday.

In a statement, Miss Mdaka, a former deputy chairman of the Duncan Village Community Council, and Mrs F T Mangala, a fellow councillor, lashed out at the denigration of community councillors and said radical elements were trying to take over administration of the area.

She said it was 'shocking' for the mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, to say that people of Duncan Village must know their true representatives.

Miss Mdaka was referring to a statement by Mr Yazbek earlier this month on the upgrading of Duncan Village.

Miss Mdaka and Mrs Mangala said they felt certain statements which had appeared in the Daily Dispatch concerning Duncan Village should not be allowed to go unchallenged since it would appear they had provoked a feeling of animosity and anger in the people of Duncan Village.

'It will be recalled that the East Cape Administration Board came into being and subsequently took over the functions formally exercised by the East London City Council, which in those days were exercised in an advisory capacity.

'With the advent of the boards, community councils inevitably came into existence in 1979. It will be further recalled that when the ECAB took over, together with the community council, people from Duncan Village were in the process of being removed to Mdantsane by the city council,' the statement said.

'As we understand the plight of the people these days, the whole question of removal was despicable and the community council had to take up the question of the removals with the government as the matter became so pathetic and particularly painful and was directly affecting the residents of Duncan Village.

'It must be borne in mind that these community councillors were elected by the people in a democratic manner. Candidates were nominated by residents and votes set for elections with voting taking place on the appointed date and time.

'Nobody opposed the move for community councillors and to say anything against community councillors would be tantamount to indulging in an exercise of futility,' the statement said.

'It is shocking to find in the Daily Dispatch such statements purposely uttered by an honourable and illustrious man like the mayor of East London that the people of Duncan Village must know their true representatives.

'We are aware of our many trials, vicissitudes and the numerous occasions we had to make representations to the government for Duncan Village to be retained hand in glove with Mr Yazbek.

'We are worried now that so much of what we have done, including the retention of the whole of Duncan Village, is dissipating at a time when things are beginning to shape up.

'We are aware so much havoc has been perpetrated following the escalation of violence and so many people have been left homeless and lost their valuable commodities in the ghastly onslaught reverberating around the entire country.

'In the process, the community councillors are discredited and irresponsible radical elements want to take over the administration of Duncan Village,' the statement continued.

'We deeply deplore and mourn the death of our loved ones and all those homes that have been affected by the violence and unless we find a solution jointly to the problems facing this part of our world, violence will go on forever unabated.

'It must also be borne in mind that the community councillors are the only true elected leaders and the only link between the residents and the government. Had the state of affairs not precipitated this catastrophic violence, the necessary infrastructure and upgrading of Duncan Village would have been way ahead.

'It would be in the interests of the people of Duncan Village to ensure that essential services are maintained and the necessary infrastructure, as well as the upgrading of Duncan Village, go on, unimpeded.

'Under these circumstances, we call upon responsible residents of Duncan Village to cooperate wholeheartedly with the government in the development of the essential services to ensure better living standards for everyone,' the statement ended.
Water cut to ‘trickle’

Municipal Reporter

THE Divisional Council will reduce the water supply to 230 families in Atlantis to a “trickle” over the next two weeks.

According to a council press release, the families affected are in arrears with water accounts and have failed to respond to a request that they pay outstanding amounts on an instalment basis.

“Council recently, after rendering accounts and final demands, despatched a registered letter of warning to approximately 437 consumers in Atlantis whose water accounts have

Only 107 consumers responded by making arrangements to pay.

Consumers affected by the measure will still have to pay for water consumed, but the trickle system “will ensure that arrears do not escalate to a level beyond the consumers’ ability to pay.”

The council decided to implement the system after a public outcry following complete disconnection of water to households who were unable to pay accounts because of massive re-arrangements in Atlantis.
Inquiry: Ambulance men peak over dismissals

Argus Bureau

PORT-ELIZABETH — "An ambulance-man told Port Elizabeth Regional Court he had been dismissed from the Dinas Divisional Council on the day he was cross-examined at the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry."

Mr Joseph Berry gave evidence yesterday in the case against Mr Nigel William Anderson, 41, secretary of the Dinas Divisional Council.

Mr Anderson is charged with anticipating the finding of the commission, alternatively of prejudicing or influencing the proceedings of the commission.

He has pleaded not guilty to both counts.

"Give back uniform"

Mr Berry told the court he was dismissed on April 22, the day he had been cross-examined at the inquiry.

The deputy-chief of the council's ambulance and rescue service, Mr Des Huer, had told him Mr Anderson said to inform you your services have been terminated. Your last working day was yesterday and I want your uniform back by 2pm.

On the Thursday he had been offered alternative employment in the council but had turned it down. Mr Anderson told him he would have to fire him.

Mr Berry admitted he had been given a final warning by Mr Anderson at work, relating to other incidents.

He denied that six other ambulance men had left the service because of the way he behaved at work. He said he began working for the council at the start of 1981.

Earlier Mr Dennis Barlow, a council driver, said he had been dismissed as an ambulance man but reinstated in another job, and had not asked why he had been transferred.

Asked whether he would have testified again at the commission after being transferred, Mr Barlow said "Yes, it would have been my duty to do so but I can't say I would have been happy."

"Baby in sluice room"

Mr Barlow said evidence he gave at the Kannemeyer Commission differed from evidence he gave in a statement to the police because the police had not asked him for all the details.

Evidence he did not mention in his police report was that a constable standing next to him after the Langs shootings has said "Ja julie kaffirs, siem, julie wil nie hoor nie."

He also gave evidence to the commission about a baby he had seen in a sluice room at a hospital.

(Proceeding)

Mr D Elias and the deputy Attorney-General, Mr Piet Strauss, appear for the State. Mr G Steyn was on the Bench. Mr C James and Mr R Charsley appear for the defence.
Raising question of credibility of appointments
Administrator.
THE credibility of the sys-
tem of black local authori-
ties — on which the Gov-
ernment’s African policy re-
liably rests — has been the cause of much re-
sentiment — has again come into question with the appointment of an “ad-
ministrator” in Cradock’s Illegible Telephone Town.

This follows the resigna-
tion earlier this year of the entire black Town Council there.

Another administrator, Mr Barry Erasmus, was also recently appointed after the resignation of Uitenhage’s Kwanobuhle Town Council.

In virtually every town and city in the Eastern Cape “residents’ associa-
tions” or “civic organisa-
tions”, have sprung up over the past two years in opposi-
tion to the town council system and apartheid in general.

They have formed the basis of black “resistance” to apartheid structures and have increasingly come under Government pressure.

Many of their leaders have been detained. Several have died mysteriously, including four Cradock UDF leaders. Others are in banking or have disappeared.

These organisations have repeatedly called for the integration of municipalities and the scrapping of the Black Local Authori-
ties Act, which gave rise to the councils. This the Government has refused to do.

This conflict of interests between the Government and anti-apartheid groups has seen the situation deteriorate in many parts of the country, with consumer boycotts and often violence resulting.

The Government has interpreted this resistance to its apartheid structures as an attempt to make areas “ungovernable”.

Opposition spokesmen, on the other hand, argue that “popular leaders” who reject apartheid structures have been removed from their communities, leaving the town-
ships leaderless.

They say that by not heeding their calls for the scrapping of apartheid structures and instead removing articulate, adult leaders from the town-
ships, the Government it-
self has contributed to making some areas “un-
governable”.

The new administrator of Illegible, Mr Johnny Landman, who is also the Town Clerk of Cradock, said this week he hoped his appointment would “help

formulr” “in time to come” .

asked if he thought a new council would not also be rejected, he said: “One has to abide by present regulations and laws.

He said before 1972 Illegible was under the jurisdiction of the white local authority. It was then taken over by the East Cape Development Board, until gaining autonomy as a “Town Council”.

He had no connections with the ECDB and was only responsible to the

Minister, he said.

The chief director of the ECDB, Mr Louis Koch, said the board’s role in the
township ceased with the establishment of a local authority there.

They implemented influx control in the towns-

ship and had to “deal with unauthorised people”.

This would now be the task of the administrator and his staff.

He said the board’s role was purely one of running a labour bureau there and dealing with labour place-
ments.

This contention was rejected by Mr Makaula, who said both the council and the development board, through the labour bureau, had been responsi-
able for implementing influx control and granting housing permits.

He said the murdered Cradock leader, Mr Mathew Makaula, had continu-
ally been refused permission to get a house, despite being born and bred in

Cradock.

He said the community councils “had no communi-
cation with the people” and were “found to be useless”.

Mr Makaula said since 1983, when Cradora was

formed, they had cam-
paigned for Cradock to be under one municipality and they still wanted that for the future.

However, he said, their initial demand had been neglected and had been overtaken by other priori-
ties.

He said in discussions Cradora had with the Cradock Employers’ Fed-
eration, a group of con-
cerned white Cradock residents affected by the trade boycott there, he got

the impression they also felt “distanced” from the Illegible community, un-
der the present system.

Mr Makaula said the community had not been informed of Mr Landman’s appointment and had only heard about it through the media.

The same approach of keeping the community uninformed had been used when the community council was first intro-
duced about seven years ago. It had been voted in by a handful of residents “if there were any at all”.

He said before he could comment on Mr Landman’s appointment, he would have to receive a mandate from the community, which was impossible due to the ban on public meetings.

The MP for Walmer, Mr Andrew Savage, said it was absolutely essential that the Government re-
 lease black leaders nation-
wide so that “proper negoti-
tions can take place”.

Mr Savage said such nego-
tiations should be be-
tween recognised black leaders and the Depart-
ment of Constitutional De-
velopment on a “new dis-

pensation, new structures”.

“Blacks repudiate the structures of local govern-
ment created for them, with any input from blacks themselves,” he said.

“It’s not just open beaches, housing, transport — these are merely symptoms. Black people are discriminated against in the constitution of the country. They are legis-
lated into powerlessness by the constitution”.

The MP for Algoa, Mr James Kleynhans, de-
fended the system of local government established by the Government and rejected the idea of single unit councils for all races, saying this would lead to “a black majority”.

“One group should not be dominated by another,” he said.

Mr Kleynhans added that the percentage poll in the last New Brighton council elections had been higher than for the recent white municipal elections in PE.

He said the UDF was an arm of the ANC and rejec-
ted the Government’s re-
form moves because it was only interested in tak-
ing power — “they want it for themselves — they want all or nothing”.

The Government had “shown its hand” with the creation of Regional Ser-
vice Councils, which were to be “inter-racial bodies”.

He saw this as “a step — you can’t say whangs going to happen in the next 10 to 15 years You can’t do it overnight. We must do the things that suit the peo-
ple”.

The administrator of Kwanobuhle, Mr Erasmus, was reported this week as saying most residents of Uitenhage would be pre-
pared to give up power, provided no one group domi-
nated another
Mr. Spring said his request to be allowed to present the council with his views on the council's decision to proceed with the design and construction of the new municipal building was frustrated by the council's decision to proceed with the design and construction of the new municipal building. He said the council was taking the necessary steps to ensure that the new building would be of the highest quality and that it would meet the needs of the community.

Mr. Spring's remarks were met with a mixture of support and opposition from the council members. Some council members praised Mr. Spring for his commitment to the community, while others criticized him for his lack of understanding of the council's position.

The council's decision to proceed with the design and construction of the new municipal building was supported by the council's majority. However, a minority of council members, including Mr. Spring, expressed concerns about the project's cost and its impact on the community.

The council's decision was based on a report from the city's planning department, which recommended the construction of a new municipal building to replace the existing one. The report noted that the existing building was outdated and that it did not meet the needs of the community.

The council's decision was met with mixed reactions from the residents of the city. Some residents were happy with the decision, while others were concerned about the cost of the project and its impact on the community.

Mr. Spring's request to be allowed to present his views to the council was denied by the council members. They said that the council had already made its decision and that there was no need for further discussion.

Despite the council's decision, Mr. Spring said he would continue to voice his concerns about the project and that he would work with the community to ensure that the new building met the needs of the community.
Powers for management committees?

Municipal Reporter

SWEEPING decision-making powers for management committees are believed to be under consideration by provincial authorities and new legislation may be introduced in three months.

This follows a request by the Athlone and District Management Committee to the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, for powers of final decision over a wide range of affairs.

These include the appointment and dismissal of staff, allocation of houses and eviction of tenants, approval and planning of new housing schemes, leasing, alienation and use of immovable property, approval of tenders for projects, allocation of bursaries, amendments to the town-planning scheme, construction and provision of roads and pavements, and public transport, taxes and traffic.

"Something concrete"

Secretary Mr W A Jacobs said these powers were being discussed with the Province and the financial implications were being examined.

The committee hoped to have "something concrete" within the next 11 weeks.

The Athlone committee asked for the powers "in an endeavour to effect meaningful representation" at local government level as a temporary measure while direct representation was being negotiated.

On a local level the relationship between Cape Town City Council—committed to a universal franchise within the municipal area—and the four Peninsula management committees, including Athlone, has been stormy at times but it improved towards the end of last year.

However, the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, has been taking a strong line in favour of the committees in recent months.

In a letter replying to the Athlone committee's request for the assignment of final decision-making authority, Mr Louw wrote:

"I am fully aware of the problems confronting the management committees in the Cape Town municipal area and my administration will do everything in its power to address them."

Soon afterwards he singled out Cape Town City Council as one of the "very few" local authorities which had not at all times treated management committees "satisfactorily", and he threatened to "take steps".

Then during his opening speech to the Provincial Council on Tuesday Mr Louw said the council would consider legislation giving the Administrator the power to discipline local authorities which refused to co-operate with management committees.
BLACK local government in the Eastern Cape has collapsed – the townships have become “ungovernable” and there is a deficit of R12-million on rent and service charges.

And this week political analysts warned that the Government will have to think twice before implementing its proposed regional services councils.

Wits University politics lecturer Mark Swilling told City Press the proposed regional services councils had all the ingredients of a disaster.

Swilling spent two weeks last month collecting information on street committees and the pending Langa removals in nine Eastern Cape towns, including Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage, East London, Queenstown and Grahamstown.

The Government has no support for the regional services councils and if it goes ahead with its plans, it will have to do this coercively and repeat all the mistakes it made when it went ahead with community councils, black local councils, administration and development boards and even white municipalities,” Swilling said.

Meanwhile, Progressive Federal Party MP for Walmer Andrew Savage – a close friend of the late Molly Blackburn – attended a specially convened meeting in Port Elizabeth recently where East Cape Development Board officials claimed some other startling facts.

- Rent and service charges are about R12 million in arrears.
- There was no effective machinery for rent collection in the present circumstances. It was not the job of the police to collect such monies. There is no mechanism for processing tens of thousands of such cases, nor for the evictions of so many tenants.
- Accumulated debt stood at R16.5 million in 1985 and is likely to be increased to R19.7 million in 1986.
- The black staff of the development board and the black local authorities have been effectively neutralised. It is impossible for them to go about their daily duties in the townships.
- White staff have consequently been carrying an immense workload for some time now. They have to and are trying to keep the show on the road in very difficult conditions.
- The development boards have discussed their situation and came to the conclusion that they can’t perform a satisfactory function in the face of current circumstances. They have asked the Government that they be phased out over a short period – in less than a year, if possible.
- Only 17 of a total of 45 community councils are still functioning effectively.
- There are vacancies in 173 of the 284 wards.
- Of the four black local authorities, two have ceased to function completely and the Ibhayi Town Council has had to get two additional nominated members by the Minister of Development Aid to enable them to get a quorum.

Swilling said it was clear that “the apartheid state” had collapsed in the Eastern Cape. The collapse of State control in the Eastern Cape has left a vacuum that can only be filled by organisations that represent the interests of the majority of the people, he said.

Profits from liquor outlets which in the past have helped to finance the administration of the townships, have dropped from R2.5-million to a mere R400 000 because of the growing move to boycott all government financed liquor outlets.

At the moment the proposed regional services councils have been rejected by progressive organisations like the United Democratic Front because they were not based on the one person one vote system.

“The only alternative is non-racial municipalities elected on a one man, one vote basis,” said Swilling.

This demand is also supported by the trade union movement and many white organisations including the PFP, Black Sash, Chambers of Commerce and Industries and even by some white municipalities.
Scrap management committees — Essop

Staff Reporter

A VETERAN civic affairs campaigner, Mr E M "Babs" Essop, has called for the scrapping of the advisory management committee system in coloured and Indian Areas.

Four management committees — Athlone and District, Kensington, Rylands Estate and Wittebome/Wynberg — fall under the jurisdiction of the Cape Town City Council.

Mr Essop, a member of the Athlone and District Management Committee for 15 years, said the committees should be scrapped as they were “merely voices in a wilderness”.

“They can only make recommendations to local authorities and these are frequently shelved or ignored.”

“The right to vote and to stand for city council elections is something we once enjoyed in District Six and elsewhere in the Cape.”

“I have kept an eye on local affairs affecting our community for many years and now want the restoration of the municipal franchise with full rights in local affairs for our people.”

“I want the Government to disband the committees and reconstitute committee members in expanded municipal and divisional councils until such time as the delimitation of additional wards for municipal elections can be arranged.”

“I think the concept of separate municipalities in non-white urban and rural areas is not economical.”

“It will double running and maintenance costs all round and even with heavy subsidisation, some of it will have to be passed on to the ratepayers.”
Management committees in rift with City Council

By MICHAEL MORRIS, Municipal Reporter

MANAGEMENT committees in Cape Town have broken ties with the City Council to force a crisis aimed at making the Government “sit up and take note of our needs”

Committee members slated the Government and the City Council in a two-pronged attack yesterday, voting unanimously to break off operating ties with the council and to press the Government for full autonomy.

The decision to force the collapse of the controversial committee system in coloured and Indian areas will be followed today by talks with Mr David Curry, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives.

Committee members decided yesterday to press Mr Curry for an alternative to the present system in which management committees make recommendations to white-controlled local authorities.

They said they wanted to make decisions and not merely advise.

“Won’t put up with it”

During an often stormy debate, the chairman of the Athlone Management Committee and a Labour Party MP in the House of Representatives, Mr A Stanley, said, “We have given the system a chance and it has failed.

“Our decision to break ties will say to them ‘We are not going to put up with it any more.’”

Friction between management committees and the City Council arose after councillors launched a blistering attack on the management committee system late last year, while reaffirming a commitment to full representation in one council.

The debate arose over proposals to extend liaison between councils and management committees. Councillors chose not to change their present system of liaison, roundly criticised as “ineffectual and a waste of time” by committee members yesterday.
THE MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATION AND EDUCATION

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The chairman of the council's action committee, Mr. Donald Card, said the matter would have to be debated again if a submission was received from the CMC.

The Indian Management Committee submitted a similar motion to the action committee last month, and it was later re-submitted by a councillor, Mr. Errol Spring, for consideration by the full council.

On both occasions the motion was rejected, while a motion calling for the opening of business areas to all race groups was reaffirmed.

Mr. Temmers said yesterday East London already had some mixed residential areas.

"Several mixed couples living in various areas, including white areas like Cambridge, Milner Estate, Southernwood and Stoney Drift," he said.

The director of the municipal housing department, Mr. Ken Martinsen, confirmed there were mixed couples living in residential areas reserved for other races.

He added that, under the Group Areas Act, a mixed couple could live in an area reserved for the race to which the husband belonged. However, it was necessary in the case of a white group area.

Mr. Card said he was aware of mixed couples living in some white areas.
SIR, — The Atlantis Management Committee is perturbed at the continual negative publicity given to it by the media and the allegations made in certain articles about the Management Committee not representing the vox populi and therefore having no mandate from the people of Atlantis, whereas the Atlantis Residents Association has been given wide coverage and boost to the public representation, they who should in fact be negotiated with. It should be mentioned that at the last general election in 1983, the Atlantis Management Committee received some 7,800 votes which clearly represents a mandate.

Newspaper reports quoted unrealistic attendance figures of 1,000 to 2,000 people at the ARA’s meetings held recently in a hall which can only seat a maximum of 500 people. Reliable sources confirmed many of the seats were vacant and it therefore appears that apart from the ARA having fictitious members who also have the ability to become invisible at meetings, it should also be noted that many of those who attended the meeting were not tenants or homeowners but were of the area and it appears therefore that the mandate given to ARA emanated from the youth.

It can therefore be said that these problems are being used to merely attain political mileage and that the interests of the community takes second place. The proffered concern of the ARA about the problems of the residents of Atlantis is indeed questionable as they refuse to negotiate with Divco if the Management Committee is present. Walking out at meetings achieves nothing. It would seem that the presence of the Mancom was of more importance than the pressing and urgent problems facing the people of Atlantis. It should be prominently brought to the attention of the public that the Mancom has never allowed party politics to interfere with its decisions.

The fact that the Atlantis Management Committee is not holding any public meetings can be blamed on disruptions caused by people with ulterior motives. Where is the democracy everybody talks about? The definition of the word of which seems to have become meaningless. I would however point out for your readers’ benefit that all meetings of the Mancom are open to the public and only matters of a confidential nature are dealt with behind closed doors in accordance with current legislation.

The Mancom finds it strange that certain Divco Councillors have chosen to condemn the Mancom — system when they themselves are using the press platform.

The Mancom has never turned a blind eye towards the problems of Atlantis but in fact (and this is on record) has gone to great lengths in attempting to solve these problems such as unemployment, high rentals, disconnections of water and electricity, evictions, the trickle system etc. Approaches have been made to higher authority — Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture — which resulted in the granting of a moratorium nationwide, that is the reduction in rentals for those who had been retrenched through circumstances beyond their control. All the other salient problems have also been highlighted. Moreover, meetings with officials of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture were subsequently held where further relief measures were discussed and the Mancom is at present framing its motivation in this regard. It is hopeful that the decision of the relevant State Department will be available by February 1988. However, immediate relief measures for Atlantis residents have been requested.

The Atlantis Mancom and everyone else for that matter should recognise the residents as the pioneers of Atlantis and should therefore heed their cries for assistance. It was for this reason that the Mancom had requested Council to provide a suitable venue at the Avondale Community Centre (Ex-Health Inspectors Office) where it could conduct interviews with homeowners who are in arrears with their interest and redemption instalments.

We, the Mancom believe that we have an important role to play in promoting the interests and welfare of the inhabitants of Atlantis. We believe that our goals and objectives, where the interest of the people is concerned are the same and appeal to all to put aside personal differences and join forces.

F. E. BRANDRETH
Chairman — Atlantis Management Committee
Councillor: Boycott committee shortsighted

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The chairman of the Fort Beaufort community council, Mr M Nohashe, yesterday attacked the Fort Beaufort Consumer Boycott Committee, saying it was irrelevant and did not have the welfare of the community at heart.

Mr Nohashe was reacting to a newspaper report in which the chairman of the boycott committee, Mr Derrick Qina, was quoted as saying one of the committee's demands was the resignation of the community council members.

Mr Nohashe accused the boycott committee of being shortsighted in their decisions, adding that the council was responsible for the present standard of improvements in the townships.

He said before his council took over six years ago, not a single budget or capital project was approved.

At present, a R4.5 million secondary school was being built in the township and the councillors had fought for the upgrading that had already been achieved for the townships, Mr Nohashe said.

He said the development of the townships would have made more progress had it not been for the unrest in the townships.

About R1 million had already been approved for the 1985/86 financial year to provide mast lights, improve roads, create jobs and infrastructure for development, Mr Nohashe said.

He said all these projects had been stalled by the upheavals in the townships since contractors could not enter the townships.

He urged the boycott committee to talk to the community so a right climate could be created in the townships to allow the upgrading to take place.

He accused the boycott committee of hypocrisy, saying it called for the abolition of the community council and yet it instituted a court interdict in the Grahamstown Supreme Court asking for the election of the community council to be declared null and void and for new elections to take place.

He said when this failed, the boycott committee resorted to "mob spirit" to achieve its goals.

He agreed with Mr Qina on Fort Beaufort not following Port Elizabeth's example concerning the consumer boycott, since the two towns had different social circumstances.

The suspension of the boycott of white stores in Port Elizabeth has been extended for five months.

He urged the members of the boycott committee to attend a meeting of all organisations in Fort Beaufort on December 10 in which local issues would be thrashed out.

Mr Nohashe condemned the faction fighting in Fort Beaufort, saying it was retrogressive and impeded progress.
Setting example

THE proposed opening of a prime Port Elizabeth coastal resort, Beachview, to all races is a most welcome and positive step. The disclosure of the move followed a leak after discussions this week between members of the Dias Divisional Council and the Northern Areas and Indian Management Committees.

This unprecedented step still has to be approved by the council, which is scheduled to meet on Tuesday. But it appears that Dias is likely to give the go-ahead. It is hoped the opening of the resort will be unconditional—in other words, no restrictions on the use of any of the facilities.

This is the first move toward establishing a multiracial resort along the Eastern Cape coast, and Dias deserves commendation for its positive approach. In fact, it has set an example for the PE City Council which, for years, has dragged its heels on opening to all races the beaches under its jurisdiction.
Tenants request rejected

EAST LONDON - The Coloured Management Committee has rejected a move for tenants' associations to be represented on the housing allocation committee.

The move comes against the background of increasing dissatisfaction about allocation of houses to people who say they have been on the waiting list for years.

The Buffalo Flats Tenants' Association asked that its president, Mr. James Latola, and its secretary, Mr. Abe Roberts, be allowed to sit on the committee.

The CMC rejected the request. It was felt that the committee would give the association a hearing on specific requests in connection with matters of housing allocation if this was warranted. - DDR
Klerck ... 1986 will be a watershed

up lost ground"

The great trek to Sandton in the days when the sky was the limit, Klerck explains, has left several agencies with unmanageable overheads now that staff and incomes have come down. "They're stuck with copper-bottomed contracts with their landlords," he adds. He refuses to cite examples, though, for he himself is accused of evading council's rulings in that debate.

Klerck believed that 1986 will be a watershed. It will be a tight year, with numerous mergers and alliances changing the industry's shape as it contracts.

The good news, he thinks, is that submissions to the Margo Commission — "by not only AAA, but the industry, SABC, NPU, Cinemark, Outlook Marketing and the Society of Marketers" — will result in a series of changes on the advertising landscape.

"The liability structure of MIC, too, is being renegotiated. The main media bodies have dealt with us exceptionally amicably and understandingly, and I expect we'll come to a solution." This involves finding another system of guarantees to take creditors off the hook of their proportionate liability for any member's default on payment to the media.

The Competition Board is yet another sword of Damocles hanging over the industry, with its accreditation and commission system under scrutiny. "But the energetic and affable Klerck promises optimism that the Board will accept that "with all its faults, our industry is well organised. There'll be chaos without some safeguards."

Klerck describes himself as a "detrusional Freesiate." A small-town boy from Winburg, he went into sales with Mobil after completing his B.Com at OFS University in 1953. He moved to marketing four years later, as one of the Industrial Development Corporation's first three marketing officers.

Between 1960 and 1967 he served as Toyota MD for Albert Wessels, getting the company off the ground. "I was Toyota's first and only employee, acting as secretary, typist, marketing manager — everything." He left to enter advertising, and set up his own company, Adverkor.

In 1975, Klerck merged with Odes Marais to form Klerck, Marais and Potgeiter (KMP). Five years ago, KMP linked up with Compton, the New York agency, to gain an international connection. "To my pleasure, Saatchi & Saatchi did a reverse takeover of Compton to now have an association with the fifth largest agency in the world."

"Recently too, KMP/Compton allied itself with Barker McCormack under a new holding company, Klerck & McCormack."

"It wasn't a shotgun marriage — neither of us was in trouble — but it enabled us to rationalise recruitment and administration."

"We now have combined billings of about Rs 20m plus, standing about sixth in the industry."

As well as his AAA work, Klerck served as Afrikaans Handelsinsituut's president in 1983-1984. In his presidential address, he became the first Afrikaans business leader openly to criticise government's financial and economic policies.

**CLIVE KEEGAN**

**Fighting the odds**

As the man behind the latest move to restore peace to strife-torn greater Cape Town, Clive Keegan, chairman of Cape Town City Council's constitutional committee and a member of the council's executive committee, believes that unless something positive is done soon, the chances of lasting peace may be lost forever.

"Struggling against the odds has always been one of Keegan's strengths. As a student activist, he was banned along with other Nasser leaders in 1973 in the wake of the Schleschbusch Commission report. But Keegan (35) bounced back and within months of his ban being lifted in 1976, stood successfully for the city council. Two years later he won a seat. His rise to council has been impressive in 1983 he became the youngest member to be elected to the executive committee (the council's "cabinet") and now heads the town-planning committee and the constitutional committee.

The latest council initiative, based on a motion proposed by Keegan at a recent council meeting, follows a communications exercise launched last month by Mayor Leon Markowitz and EXCO chairman John Muir. It was designed as a dialogue exercise with recognised community leaders to prepare a report on the region's needs. The aim, Keegan says, was to bring together the thoughts, aspirations, attitudes and grievances of as many people in Cape Town as possible.

The exercise has been underway for about 45 days, but at the same time the situation has deteriorated, necessitating a new effort. "There has been very severe damage to race relations in the city," Keegan says. "There's an element of distrust creeping into relations between the city council and ordinary citizens and there's fear among all sections of our community.

"We're not doing anything in particular on what we've always called our liberal tradition. We've always thought ourselves a more tolerant region than the rest of the country."

"Until 1972, this municipality was a totally mixed one. We had a non-racial voters' roll and there were many coloured and Indian councillors who served the city well.

"So the memory of a totally non-racial local government is still raw, as is the expulsion of people of colour from the voters' roll and the expulsion of coloured and Indian councillors from our council chamber.

"We thought that unless we could get a concerted voice from as many individuals and voluntary associations in Cape Town as possible to cry out for a cessation of violence between citizens and authorities, and for the creation of an environment of trust in which Cape Town could negotiate its own regional local government in the future, then the future would be very bleak indeed."

Keegan is also concerned that the planned introduction of regional services councils (RSC) at the beginning of next year will lead to further violence and polarisation in Cape Town. "The RSCs are based on ethnic local authorities, and when they start holding elections for the independent municipalities of Mitchells Plain or Athlone it's going to make the elections for the tricameral parliament look like Father Christmas's annual ball."

"I have no doubt that, given the credibility attached to the RSCs and their apartheid foundation, the whole thing will collapse within two years. Cape Town is then going to have to be ready with some kind of plan for regional government which will have the endorsement of all its citizens."

Keegan believes SA's salvation may lie in the federal concept. "It is one of the few things in this country that is giving me hope," he says. "Regions, such as the western Cape or the Natal-KwaZulu area, are going to have to start to work out their own regional structures of government based on the specific needs of those regions."

This has, of course, been given enormous impetus by the Bartholomew Commission in Natal and that whole initiative seems to be gaining much broader acceptance. I believe it opens very useful opportunities for the western Cape. It's an initiative we should build upon and it's one of the things I see emerging out of a peace conference."

And Keegan believes the city council enjoys enough respectability throughout the community to be accepted as the initiator of a peace plan and to gain co-operation from other leaders.
Rothman: Our policy 'is to demolish'

Municipal Reporter

A CALL for a one-month moratorium on the demolition of squatter shacks pending the outcome of an investigation into illegal squatting failed at yesterday's Divisional Council meeting.

A motion calling for the moratorium and an investigation was proposed by Mr Neil Ross, but the chairman, Mr Louwtfje Rothman, ruled that the moratorium would constitute a "radical change to the council's squatter policy" and that Mr Ross would have to give notice before putting such a motion.

"Our policy is to demolish," he said.

The council agreed, however, to conduct an investigation into families squatting illegally within the division and to consider providing them with alternative accommodation.

Mr Ross proposed his motion in response to the tabling of a "progress report" on the council's "squatter control operations.

According to the report, the council has demolished the shacks of more than 9 000 "illegal" squatter families since 1970.

None of the families was provided with alternative accommodation when their homes were destroyed.
The CMC would call for the appointment of a new executive committee, the CMC's vice-chairman, Mr. [Name], said.

"The city's council's rejection of the council's proposal for the appointment of a non-white chief executive is a step in the wrong direction. We must continue to fight for our rights and the rights of all South Africans," Mr. [Name] said.

The CMC has been calling for the appointment of a non-white chief executive for some time now, but the city council has refused to consider the proposal. The CMC believes that the appointment of a non-white chief executive is necessary to address the issues faced by South African citizens.

"The city council's decision is a sign of the ongoing racial discrimination in South Africa," Mr. [Name] said. "We must continue to fight for our rights and the rights of all South Africans."
The job of the traffic police

Staff Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S traffic officers were not expected to participate or assist in police actions on public control, but were there to perform basic functions, controlling traffic, the City Administrator, Mr. Cty Hofmeyer, said yesterday.

The statement came after a number of calls were received by the Cape Times from traffic officers claiming that they had been instructed to assist the police and to accompany their Cops.

Mr. Hofmeyer yesterday said the letter had called on the officers to assist where large convoys of people moved through the city.

"With this, we mean that officers should assist in directing the traffic in such a way as to prevent traffic snags or accidents, even where a convoy of Casspirs is involved," he said.

They were not expected to accompany Casspirs, as the City Council's attitude to the City Traffic Department is that it should keep order and ensure the safety of vehicles by applying effective traffic control. He said that when danger zones developed, traffic officers were expected to stop traffic going into the area and to deviate traffic around the dangerous area in an orderly manner, as they had been doing throughout the unrest.

The men were law enforcement officers and should therefore at all times ensure the safety of the public, he said.

He was aware, that some of the officers had been singled out as targets by stone-throwers and said it was unfortunate that this had been the case as the men "not like the ambulance drivers who were sometimes stoned" were only doing their duty.
Civic leaders clash over DV takeover

By MATTHEW MOONIYEA
Local Affairs Reporter

EAST LONDON — Civic leaders here clashed yesterday over a possible takeover of Duncan Village by the East London City Council from the East Cape Development Board.

Three senior city councillors — the mayor, Mr Yezbek, the chairman of the action Committee, Mr Donald Card, and the chairman of the finance committee, Mr Errol Spring — pledged that they would push for a municipal takeover of Duncan Village.

The chairman of the community council, Mrs Mabel Mdaka, said her council would oppose any such move.

The takeover debate came against the backdrop of:

• A crucial meeting in Cradock on Monday where civic and business leaders decided to push for control of black areas to be vested in municipalities;

• A series of meetings by the director of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Len Dekker, that whether in hindsight, the decision to push for control of black areas to be vested in municipalities was unwise;

• A move by the Oudtshoorn town council to ask the government for the black area of Bongolothu to be placed under its control "to prevent it from going up in flames";

• A growing body of opinion in municipalities that the supply of services in black areas must come forward and let us sit down and talk about restoring normality," Mr Card said.

"My personal view is that it was the government's biggest mistake to hand over jurisdiction of the area to the East Cape Development Board.

"I would like to see Duncan Village as a suburb of East London with its residents represented on the council."

Mr Spring did not see any problems about finance arising because of a takeover. "The area has been badly neglected and basic services are not operating. It will take a lot of money to restore it but we will have to insist that the money be made available in the interests of all concerned."

Mrs Mdaka said the community council should be given local authority status and could link up possibly with others in a Regional Services Council. "We will lose a lot of money if the development board goes. Everything is set for normality to be restored in Duncan Village."

Mrs Mdaka also revealed that Duncan Village would in future be known as Gomo.

"We are just waiting. The matter will be discussed in Pretoria soon with a delegation from the community council's mother body, Ucas.

Rejecting the city council's advances, Mrs Mdaka claimed it should not be forgotten that it was the same city council that had wanted the people of Duncan Village to go to Mdantsane.

She said they were not physically in Duncan Village because their houses had been burnt down but they were in contact with the people who were getting impatient with the hooligan element.

The government has given us $84,000 to create jobs for the unemployed in the area. We have already employed 93 people to do jobs such as clearing up and restoring other facilities.

"But the work is being hampered by the hooligans who are even trying to cut the electricity supply to the township, she said.

"I am confident things will get back to normal but I cannot say when this will happen."

She said another drawback was that residents were divided over issues in the township.
Further aid for jobless likely

By CATHY SCHNELL

THE Unemployment Relief Aid scheme would be extended after March if funds were available, because the recession would probably get worse and unemployment higher, the Director-General of Manpower, Dr P J van der Merwe, said today.

If extra money was available during this financial year, the existing scheme would be expanded and additional schemes introduced.

Dr Van der Merwe said the plight of the unemployed was of prime consideration, especially in the areas with the highest unemployment levels, like the Eastern Cape.

He said entrepreneurs should be encouraged as much as possible. All central business districts should be opened up.

The various chambers of commerce should be supported in their move to help maintain employment levels by allowing businessmen experiencing financial difficulties to put staff on short time, rather than retrench them. Even if this meant reduced wages, it was preferable to no wages at all.

Means of alleviating the situation were:

• Trying to maintain existing jobs by putting people on short time if needs be.
• Looking at the creation of more short-term jobs.
• Training unemployed people by giving them short periods of intensive training.

Yesterday Dr Van der Merwe and the Minister of Manpower, Mr P T du Plessis, were in Port Elizabeth for a conference with industrial councils.

Mr Du Plessis said that "robbing and conniving" civil servants were in part responsible for hitches in the Unemployment Insurance Fund benefit payouts.

There was evidence of fraud within and outside the department. However, funds were audited strictly, both internally and externally.

He said the fraud was from both sides. There were cases of employers and former employees tampering with the UIF forms and also cases of staff at the department robbing and conniving.

Unemployment had risen, and consequently more people were making use of the unemployment fund. This meant more administrative strain on the department.

Mr Du Plessis said the department was handling 110 000 payouts a month involving about R30 million. Over the past eight months the department had paid out some R130 million.

The department also faced a shortage of staff and problems with recent computerisation. However, complaints about the fund amounted to less than 1% of claims handled.
ASSOMAC: MUNICIPAL VOTE

By 1986 or We Will Quit
Beach apartheid slated

EAST LONDON—Local authorities should be asked to scrap all beach apartheid.

This is one of the recommendations in an in-depth report of an Assorac sub-committee which investigated the development of beaches, recreation and inland resorts.

The sub-committee, under Assorac vice-president, Mr F L Erasmus, sketched policy and guidelines on open beaches and facilities.

The report will be debated today.

The regional representatives are to be asked to approach local authorities within 30 days of the congress and must report their findings to the national executive committee at its meeting scheduled for November-December this year.

It has also been recommended that Assorac enter into similar negotiations with private enterprise for the opening of their facilities to all South African taxpayers without any legal restrictions.

The report said the beach issue was an annual emotive one “resulting from much criticism from our adversaries who maintain that negotiations are a futile exercise as year after year people of colour are subjected to the most acute embarrassment through the lack of facilities in their own demarcated areas and most ratepayers and taxpayers have come to believe that ‘separate’ in this context means dangerous and inferior facilities, and statutory discrimination effectively debars people of colour from access to the most civilised, modern and safe facilities which are the sole preserve of people classified white.

The report said the solutions could only be found by attitudinal changes by both black and white South Africans.

The removal of volumes of statutory discrimination which afford both protection for whites and justification for the continuation of unracial facilities in South Africa in other words a political solution, and a dynamic approach on the part of local authorities who by and large have assumed the enormous responsibilities that go hand in hand with the provision of recreational, sport and beach facilities for all ratepayers in their area of jurisdiction.

The report argued that provision of facilities must be seen as a social stabiliser and warned that there was a tendency for humans to become aggressive and even violent unless suitable, easily accessible and usable recreational outlets were provided to relieve some of the frustrations of everyday life.

“A great deal of time and effort as well as resources go into the conservation of our wild life and flora. We believe that conservation is vital in a civilised world but of greater importance for all of us is the conservation of the human spirit,” the report said.

“Investment in the leisure time of South Africans is an investment in stability for the country as a whole and will contribute in great measure to a peaceful South Africa.”

Provision of facilities was becoming increasingly regarded as the responsibility of authorities, either local and in some cases national.

“The problem is starting to emerge in that logically as incomes, aspirations and expectations rise, it would be desirable in the long term to phase out control of facilities from the local authorities to clubs and other responsible organisations.

“This will prove most difficult to achieve and will become one of the problems facing both elected members and local authority officials in the years that lie ahead.”

The sub-committee said findings indicated that some local authorities had the best intentions as revealed in their forward planning.

“However, they are hampered only by a lack of funds and it is to be hoped that the situation will be remedied by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning which we understand now assumes this awesome responsibility of the provision of funds.”

Local authorities were also accused of insensitivity in planning because the people were not consulted.
Local bodies to get more power

EAST LONDON — Management committees were to get wider powers and any power, function or duty of a local authority could be transferred to them, the director of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr. Len Dekker, said yesterday.

Management committees had been invested with corporate personalities to make it possible to invest them with rights and obligations. "This means a management committee can raise a loan as a juristic body," Mr. Dekker said.

Mr. Dekker outlined five Acts which formed the basis of the new local government dispensation.

- The Co-ordination of Local Government Act which essentially brought blacks into the decision-making process,
- The Local Government Training Act which will train people for roles in local government,
- The Constitutional Affairs Amendment Act which basically postponed all elections until 1988 to establish uniformity throughout the country,
- The Local Affairs Amendment Act which provided for Demarcation Boards and to give additional powers to management committees, and
- The Regional Services Councils Act to provide joint services.

Mr. Dekker said that, at the last Assomac conference, it had been said that some management committees had come of age but still could not take decisions.

"Mr. Curry raised the point that some management committees could not even decide where a stop sign should be erected. It was then decided that management committees had to have the final say."
Divco debate on RSC’s

Municipal Reporter

AN ATTEMPT to persuade the Cape Divisional Council to boycott the proposed Regional Services Council (RSC) system in favour of a “more democratic alternative” failed yesterday after a heated debate.

While the more conservative councillors argued that the system was a “fait accompli”, others said the council should oppose the system, which would “rend asunder the fabric of local government”.

The council was debating a memorandum of recommendations about the possible boundaries and functions of a local RSC, to be submitted to the Provincial Administration.

Mr Len Pothier said the RSC Act was only “enabling legislation” and that Divco should “voice its total opposition” to the system.

A proposed amendment that the Divco memorandum include a preface to say the council disagreed with the RSC system in principle was defeated, but the council agreed to include a “minority statement” of dissent in the document.

Fears over Pollsmoor

Municipal Reporter

RESIDENTS of Tokai and Constantia are alarmed about the possibility of Pollsmoor Prison becoming a “political target”.

The Tokai Residents and Constantia Property Owners Association have asked for the Pollsmoor Prison sign in Tokai Road to be removed, for the entrances onto Glenbrae Avenue and Steenberg Road to be closed and for the plan to build a concrete security wall along Simon van der Stel Freeway to be scrapped.

Duco has agreed to ask the prison authorities to remove the sign and will consider the complaint about the wall during the next meeting of the works committee. But it says there is “no feasible alternative access” to the existing gates to the prison.
Hendrickse calls for end to violence

By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — An appeal for a change of heart in South Africa and a move away from violence was made in East London today by the chairman of the Ministers Council of the House of Representatives, the Rev Allan Hendrickse.

Mr Hendrickse was speaking at the annual congress of the Association of Management Committees.

"The road to reconciliation demands personal sacrifices," he said.

"The way of revolution ensures front-page reports and the recognition of foreigners."

"To work for a change of heart in people does not bring personal fame — but rather a future for our children."

Mr Hendrickse said the coloured people could act as a buffer between forces leading to revolution.

"On the one side people are trying to protect vested interests — to maintain a privileged position at the expense of others," he said.

"On the other side the democratic reform and change caused demands for greater change."

"The first can bring the process of reform to an end and the second normally leads to violence, such as we are experiencing at the moment."

"The danger exists that the combination of the two would eventually lead to revolution."

Mr Hendrickse said the participation of coloured people in the system acted as a catalyst for reform.

"This participation also helped to bring the perspective of black people to the core of political decision making."

He said the participation of coloured people had strengthened democracy and helped to improve living standards. But participation did not mean condoning the system or becoming a puppet of the Government.

The Labour Party, said Mr Hendrickse, used its own discretion when taking part in the political structures created by the Government.

"We will approach the new regional services councils in the same spirit," he said.

"We will use them to strive towards our aim of a just South African society and political system."

Meanwhile, the Labour Party rejected violent confrontation which left no hope for reconciliation.

"We refuse to accept that reconciliation is impossible — that people cannot change," he said.
EAST LONDON — The unrest, which would lead to brother killing brother, was tragic, the acting president of the Association of Management Committees (Assomac), the Rev Edward Manikkam, said here yesterday and warned delegates against violence and anarchy to achieve political aims.

Opening the 12th annual congress of the association, Mr Manikkam made a strong plea for non-violence "despite the suffering and disappointments of the people and the heart-rending sacrifices.

"I am aware of injustices and inhumanities and I am aware of hardening attitudes. Our road is along a Judaeo-Christian destiny. If we should forget that, I see no way out of the situation other than dying together like fools," he told the nearly 300 delegates from more than 150 cities and towns throughout the Cape.

Mr Manikkam said the irony of the situation today was that it was an unforgivable sin to speak of moderation.

"You will know what I am referring to when I remind you that your appeal for moderation receives an unbelievable response of being a puppet or a stooge.

"It is more than tragic that this kind of macho political mentality inevitably will lead to brother killing brother, and many thousands of people in this country are being told, in very convincing terms, I may add, that such is their destiny.

"I have recently heard this gargantuan lie being taken even further with people being told that a Phoenix shall rise out of the ashes. I ask you, with tears in my eyes, from whose ashes?"

"Many have been killed, crippled or maimed in the tremendous sacrifice and the sadder part is the refusal of so many in denying that the people in this country, irrespective of colour of creed, share a common ideal, a common purpose and a common goal through a purpose of full and equal participation in determining their common future and destiny.

"To me, it is still too obvious that leaders in all communities must fulfill their role along the path of justice and peace for all.

"There is only time to make sure that we do not land ourselves in an abyss of human deprivation and degradation unparalleled in the history of this country."
Call to declare intent

EAST LONDON — The government should give a declaration of intent on further reform in the country, the chairman of the East London Indian Management Committee, Mr Mike Williams, said when he welcomed delegates and MPs to the congress.

He said members of management committees had been let down by the State President's famous Durban speech.

"We took these positions for the good of our communities. We took the posts at a particular political time. We stuck our necks out as we knew it was the only platform recognised by the government.

"We take the flak. We are the ones the people say are stooges. We are the ones said to be part and parcel of the system." But we do not support the government. We are there to help with peaceful change," he said.

Mr Williams said apartheid should be obliterated from the statute book.
Mdantsane an RSC possibility

EAST LONDON — There was a possibility that a town like Mdantsane could be incorporated into a Regional Service Council with a core city such as East London, said Mr Len Dekker, director-general of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning.

He rejected the argument that black areas would not have much say in an RSC because voting rights and representation were governed by how much in services a local authority bought from an RSC.

"I don't think they will have a negligible vote if you take services rendered, you must look at the number of consumers," he said.

Areas would be assessed on what they paid and not what they owed. The one who paid the piper called the tune.

Dealing with the case of Mdantsane, Mr Dekker said an RSC could enter into an agreement with Ciskei provided the Administrator agreed and it was done through the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Asked whether, if towns such as Zwelethu and Mdantsane were included, the representation of such towns would be on the same basis as the other members of the RSC, Mr Dekker said agreement would have to be reached on membership and voting rights.

Because financial considerations dictated the number of representative members and the voting rights, it had been decided that the proceeds from CBAs and industrial areas were to be excluded.

"These are only to be excluded for the percentage votes of a local authority," he said.

Dealing with the composition of an RSC, he said the chairman would be nominated by the Administrator but he would not have a vote.

"He will be like the Speaker in the House, but he will not have a vote. We ought to think about possible people to fill these posts. The person must be knowledgeable, acceptable to all parties concerned, diplomatic and a wise man who will steer the RSC. The person must not be too attached to a particular local authority."

"I don't know where we are going to get such people," he said.

The Act had built-in clauses to prevent domination by a single local authority. Only 50 per cent of the vote could be held by a local authority but a two-thirds decision was required for a motion.

Mr Dekker admitted later that bigger members could prevent a decision being taken but the smaller member could take the matter to the administrator who could make a decision.

"This is designed to protect minorities and smaller members," he said.

A matter could be taken to the Appeal Board for a decision. The board comprises the Administrator as chairman, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning and the ministers of local government from the three houses of parliament.

An appeal could only be entertained in five categories: failure to provide services, insufficient services, tariffs, priorities or refusal to exempt a member from receiving RSC services.

The Appeal Board would resolve all conflicts, Mr Dekker said in reply to a question.
IMC boycott of meetings

By RAYMOND HILL

The Port Elizabeth Indian Management Committee today decided not to attend any meeting of the Port Elizabeth City Council until segregated seating arrangements have been abolished.

This was unanimously decided at a special meeting of the committee held in Korsten to discuss the controversy over segregated seating facilities provided for members of the committee in the council chamber.

Members of the committee complained that they were debarred from sitting around the horseshoe in the council.

The committee has decided not to attend any future council meetings until proper seating arrangements for members have been made.

It was also decided not to invite any city councillors to future meetings of the committee.

In the past, two city councillors were invited to attend monthly committee meetings and to sit next to committee members.

A resolution by the Management Committee taken in January which said a committee representative should attend standing committee meetings of the City Council, was rescinded.

Members today strongly criticised councillors, particularly the "wilkramptes", for providing segregated seating facilities at council meetings.

The committee chairman and the MP for Malabar, Mr Raman Bhana, said the council had been "very politically influenced".

He criticised the "wilkrampte element" and said he was extremely disappointed in those who were responsible for the segregated seating.

Mr Bhana also criticised the "liberal element" among the councillors who did nothing about the matter.

He said those particular councillors supported the committee whenever it suited them — or otherwise they just remained quiet.

"Our city councillors are not working in the best interests of the city as a whole."

The deputy chairman, Mr Jay Kathan, referred to an occurrence in a City Council meeting when he was not given the opportunity to put his point across.

He said, in effect, the committee had been by-passed by councillors on an important issue at that particular meeting.

Referring to separate seating arrangements in the council chamber, he said it was not a "worthwhile" situation for committee members to sit separately.

Earlier today Mr Bhana said he would have to reconsider his decision to serve on local and statutory bodies if the City Council insisted on segregated seating facilities at council meetings.
No threat to arrest Behar squatters

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Alexander: phones urgently required

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — It had become urgently necessary for a public telephone to be situated at Buffalo Flats extension 1, the acting chairman of the Coloured Management Committee (CMC), Mr D.W. Alexander, said here yesterday.

He said the township was a great distance from the emergency services like the hospitals, ambulances and even the police. Also no resident there had a phone.

"We have approached the postmaster, but his reply was that because of a shortage of exchange equipment in the area it would not be possible at this stage."

Mr Alexander said he did not know how long it would take before the postmaster could accede to the CMC's request. "I suppose we will just have to wait," he said.

CMC asks for names

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — The Coloured Management Committee (CMC) has asked residents to suggest names for the new townships in Parkside.

The acting chairman of the CMC, Mr D.W. Alexander, said residents could place their suggestions in a box at the Parkside housing offices.
Warning on housing thugs

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Residents who insisted on harboring thugs could be evicted, the acting chairman of the Coloured Management Committee (CMC), Mr. D. J. W. Alexander, said here yesterday.

He said the evident increase in the violence in areas like Pefferville was of great concern.

"It is our duty to put our foot down and stop the escalation of violence in the townships."

Mr. Alexander was speaking at the CMC meeting. He said many of the incidents were due to a lack of entertainment amenities.

Earlier, the meeting heard there were violent incidents every Saturday night at the Kadalie Hall disco's in Pefferville.

The hall is also used for meetings during the week and church services on Sundays.

Mr. Alexander appointed a three-man delegation, consisting of himself, Mr. J. Alexander and Mrs. L. George, to approach the Fleet Street police station commander to arrange weekly patrols to reduce the violence.

The meeting also heard that murders were often perpetuated at the hall while the disco was on.
Cahac chief hurt in scuffle

BY RONALD MORRIS

The chairman of the Cape Areas Housing Action Committee, Mr Wilfred Rhodes, was injured in a scuffle with Divisional Council security guards after a Hout Bay squatter delegation was refused entry to the council's City offices yesterday.

More than 40 Hout Bay squatters were trying to deliver a memorandum calling for proper housing and an end to forced removals.

In the bid to meet council officials, Mr Rhodes received a cut on his face.

The group, consisting of men, women and children, assembled at St George's Cathedral yesterday afternoon and marched to the council's office where an official, who described himself as a "clerk", barred them from entering the building.

After speaking to one of the squatters, the official said he would send for someone to see the delegation.

After they had waited at the door for 35 minutes, this reporter tried to get reasons for the refusal to see the delegation from the Director of Protection Services, Mr J J Gerber.

The Cape Times was then asked to leave the building.

Mr Rhodes then entered but was forcibly ejected soon afterwards.

He was bleeding from a cut above his lip and his clothes were in disarray.

He then re-entered the building and asked the security guards if he could retrieve his spectacles.

A scuffle ensued and he was again ejected by security guards.

One of the officials shouted "use the teargas" and a security guard ran forward and pointed a black object at Mr Rhodes.

"Choked"

Afterwards, Mr Rhodes said he intended to talk to Mr Gerber and therefore wanted to enter the building. He alleged that one of the security guards had taken photographs of him and had then ordered him to leave the building. He claimed that one of the security guards had "choked" him during the scuffle.

Approached for comment after the incident, Mr Gerber said: "I do not want to speak to the press, I am telling you again to leave the building."

"I'm asking you to leave the premises because you're not welcome here."
Major Concession to Coloured

The growing of water excise powers to management committees has come after the report of the Angie Motshekga, Deputy Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry, on the Water Act of 2018, which provides for the establishment of management committees for water resources in the country.

The concession gives management committees the power to make decisions on water resources, including the allocation of water, within their areas of jurisdiction. This is intended to empower communities and promote equitable access to water.

The concession was part of a broader strategy to address water scarcity and promote sustainable water use in South Africa. The government has been working to improve access to basic services, including water, for all South Africans.
Walkout at historic meeting

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White bus service under the spotlight

Municipal Reporter

WAYS of "smoothing" the annual deficit incurred by Durban's white bus service and reducing its burden on ratepayers are to be considered by the City Council today.

The recommendations from the council's Transportation Committee include reducing the number of trips made between 8 am and 4 pm, setting aside money in the city's budget for buying new buses, and increasing in fares by at least the general inflation rate and changing the structure of fleet's subsidies and financing.

Increase

The general manager of the Durban Transport Management Board, Mr. Marshall Cuthbert, said yesterday a study of the so-called 'social service' could result in a reduction in the frequency of trips made by buses during off-peak times.

This would increase the number of passengers a trip during these times, he said.

The social service was introduced by the council in 1982 when it set aside R450,000 a year so that additional trips could be made during off-peak times.

This service proved to be a failure and the subsidy was reduced to about R90,000 a year, which covered a few additional trips. It may be possible to eliminate this amount as well, which will result in fewer buses running between 8 am and 4 pm," Mr. Cuthbert said.

He said he did not know how many trips a day would be effected if the council decided to cut the remaining 'social service' but he said the R90,000 for the service was a very small amount in terms of the total annual spending of about R670,000 for the Blue Line fleet.
Divco evictions continue

Municipal Reporter

THE Divisional Council is continuing to evict tenants from its houses on seven days' notice without giving reasons, in spite of an indication from its lawyers that its policy is becoming more lenient.

An attorney dealing with eviction cases in Elsies River recently received a letter from the council's attorneys notifying her that the case against one of her clients had been dropped. Part of the letter reads: "In terms of a general policy which our client is now adopting towards its tenants, our client is disposed towards allowing your client to continue his occupation of the leased premises on the strict understanding that your client maintain regular payment of rental."

A few days after receiving this letter, however, another of the attorney's clients was served with a final eviction notice.

Divco secretary Mr W Vivier, in a much-anticipated written reply to a request from the Cape Times for clarification on the issue, denies any change in council policy.

"On the contrary, this policy has been formulated over the years in an attempt to protect the major portion of the community who have the desire to live in peace and tranquillity within the housing estates, and it is therefore obliged to take action against disruptive elements, particularly where anti-social behaviour or other allied activities by individual tenants are created."

Liquor-selling

The council's present lease agreement is causing concern among tenants and their legal representatives, as the first clause allows the council to evict tenants at seven days' notice without a reason.

Although the lease also makes provision for eviction if the tenant causes a disturbance or sells liquor from his premises, the council consistently refuses to furnish proof of these alleged offences, preferring to rely on the overriding provision of Clause 1.

The attorney dealing with many of the cases has described the clause as "inhuman" and "arbitrary", as there is no legal defence against it whether the tenant is guilty of an offence or not.
Brand ‘empire building’  
councillors

By HILARY VENABLES  
Municipal Reporter

TWO city councillors who are spearheading a campaign for more municipal construction work to be put out to private tender have accused the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, of “empire building” by insisting that municipal work continue to be carried out departmentally.

Councillors Mr Frank van der Velde and Mr Arthur Weinberg yesterday rejected Mr Brand’s findings that private contractors were not necessarily more efficient or significantly cheaper than the municipal building unit.

Mr Brand based this conclusion on a comparative study carried out over the past year between work on similar road projects by, on the one hand, a private contractor and on the other, by his own department.

‘Unscientific’

He found the private work was inferior, took longer and was not much cheaper than similar work carried out by his department.

Both Mr Van der Velde and Mr Weinberg said it was “unscientific” to base a decision about future building practice on a single example.

“The tenderer in this instance performed shockingly,” Mr Van der Velde said.

This was hardly surprising considering his quote was 29 percent lower than the next cheapest quote and 46 percent lower than the average quote of the next three tenderers. This should have rung a warning bell with anyone adjudicating a tender.”

Mr Van der Velde described as “inaccurate” Mr Brand’s estimate of how much the work would have cost if carried out by his own department.

“It is easy to hide costs in a large bureaucracy,” he said. “For example, the municipality doesn’t take into account the cost of renting buildings or the salaries of managerial staff when calculating building costs.”

Mr Weinberg said Mr Brand had “conveniently” forgotten that the City Council was “repeatedly asked to condone over-expenditure by the City Engineer’s department.”

Emergency

“We are constantly told that the department’s cost estimates were based on ‘miscalculations’ or that costs rose due to ‘circumstances beyond the department’s control’. Private contractors would never be allowed to do this.” Although a “small” internal building unit was desirable for emergency projects, the size of the current unit was “unjustified.”

“In the Western Cape, where private enterprise has its tongue hanging out for business, it is ludicrous to withhold contracts so that the council’s largely-redundant building unit can justify its existence.”
Beach, pool facilities: Talks could be heated

Faint tapping guides rescuers to woman trapped after gas blast

Argus Foreign Service
LONDON. — Faint tapping, then a desperate whisper led to the miraculous rescue of a 20-year-old casino worker in the gas explosion in Putney, south-west London.

For six hours Eve Krejci lay buried beneath tons of rubble after the explosion at 7.15am yesterday demolished six flats in Newham House. Nine people are feared killed. By early this morning five bodies had been recovered.

Miss Krejci was discovered as rescuers were planning to demolish the dangerously hanging remains of the building.

SHOUTED
Suddenly a fire chief shouted “Quiet” at the scene of the devastation. Then came the dramatic tapping from below.

In the eerie silence that followed a two-way phone was pushed into the mound of bricks. And the weary, dusty faces of the rescuers lit up as Eve's tiny voice was heard calling, “Help me, please help me.”

After a nerve-wracking dug by hand — for fear of starting another collapse — she was found about 20 metres deep and bent double by the mass of mosaic pressing down on her.

Barry Powell, an 84kg, 1.9m tall senior surgeon assistant at the nearby Queen Mary's Hospital, risked his life three times by squeezing through a narrow tunnel to reach Eve.

Eve Krejci is handed to waiting ambulance men after spending six hours trapped under rubble.

He crawled along armed with a hypodermic syringe and a drip tube. Fifteen minutes later he managed to touch one of her arms and pluged in the life-saving drip.

He returned twice to examine her condition before deciding that the only option was to pull her by the feet through the tunnel. Eventually she was eased clear and passed along a human chain to safety.

Later it was found that her back was broken and she may be paralysed from the waist down.

The body of her own sister Karen was still in the ruins of their once-elegant home late last night.

Eve was in the bathroom of her sister's second-floor flat when the blast ripped through the stairwell by falling arch of mosaic saved her from being crushed when she fell about 10 metres with tons of rubble collapsing all around her.

Municipal Reporter
A SPECIAL meeting of members of the Cape Town City Council to plan improved beach and swimming pool facilities for next summer could erupt into fiery debate if there is an offensive on the all-race policy from the conservative quarter.

The city's concern over pressure on public facilities this season — one of the Peninsula's busiest — has prompted the special emergency committee meeting on January 28. All councillors will be invited to attend and contribute to debate.

The purpose of the meeting is not to discuss the council's policy on race, but to decide how facilities can be improved for next summer.

The council has said that the open-race policy is not up for reconsideration, but debate is likely to be swayed that way.

Photographs
Flint to the matchwood could be Sea Point pavilion councilor Mr. Chris Joubert's report, which he has compiled for the meeting.

Mr. Joubert spent some time at the height of the holiday season inspecting beaches and photographing pool and beach crowds — and he is determined to present a view which he claims "reflects the mood of the people of Camps Bay and Sea Point".

He says that this view, contained in his report, is that residents of the Atlantic seaboard "feel they have been forced out and they want to know what the council is going to do about it."

Complaints
Mr. Joubert himself has described the opening of the Sea Point pavilion pool to all as "shortsighted."

Letters to the Press in the past few days have shown that feelings are running high on the Atlantic seaboard, and officials and councillors confirmed that they have received hundreds of complaints about conditions at the seaside during the holiday.

Most complaints were about the behaviour and dress of some beachgoers. Letter-writers slated out bathing in underwear or in the nude, unruly timetable pools, and the use of foul language.

Savimbi 'not wounded'

Argus Foreign Service
LUNDON. — Unita's senior diplomat here has vehemently denied Portuguese news reports that Dr Jonas Savimbi, who heads the rebel Angolan movement, was wounded in a recent commando attack.

Mr. Jeremias Chitunda, Unita's secretary for foreign affairs, added that 22 foreign hostages captured 14 days ago were in "good condition."

New UCT drama head named

Mr. David Haynes will be the next professor of speech and drama at the University of Cape Town.

A spokesman for UCT confirmed today that Mr. Haynes, a senior lecturer in drama at the college of Ruppin and York St. John, had accepted the chair, succeeding the late Professor Robert M. Mohr.

Mr. Haynes was born in Johannesburg and studied at the UCT drama department.

He worked in theatre in Johannesburg and Cape Town, mainly as an actor but also directing with Cape, Fact, and Space.

He played Hamlet, a production by Professor Mohr, and Edgar in the first Afrikaans production of Lear at the then newly opened Nico Malan Theatre.

Before turning to teaching he obtained an MA degree in theatre studies at Lancaster University — Staff Reporter and Argus Lon- don Foreign Bureau.
Secession of Sea Point ‘absurd’

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

The possibility of Sea Point and Camps Bay seceding from Cape Town to form their own municipality has been dismissed as “absurd” and “illogical” by two of the area’s public representatives.

Both Mr. Herbert Hirsch, provincial councillor for Sea Point, and Dr. John Sonnenberg, provincial and city councillor for Green and Sea Point, said there was no possible way Sea Point could become a viable separate local authority.

The possibility of secession was raised in a statement by Sea Point city councillor Mr. Chris Joubert, who said residents in the area were so dissatisfied with the council’s “open beach” policy that they were considering establishing their own municipality.

“The suggestion is absurd and irresponsible,” Dr. Sonnenberg said.

“It is an emotional over-reaction to the beach problem, which will only be solved by cool-headed, logical discussion.”

Dr. Sonnenberg said the council’s decision to open the beaches had been a democratic one, supported by the overwhelming majority of councillors.

“I would like to know which Sea Point residents are in favour of this ridiculous move and challenge Mr. Joubert to say where he stands on the issue,” he said.

He described the idea of a separate Atlantic municipality as “worthy of a Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera.”

Mr. Hirsch said it was “mindboggling” to consider the area declaring its independence on such “uncivilized” grounds as those quoted by Mr. Joubert.

“I am confident no level-headed resident in the area would support the idea,” he said.

He said residents had “a lot of valid complaints” about the beach issue and these would have to be resolved, but the suggestion that Sea Point constituted a viable tax base for an independent municipality was “absurd.”

Another Sea Point councillor, Mr. Joe Rabnowitz, said he had been calling for a separate Sea Point municipality for years on the grounds that the Cape Town metropolis had grown “too unwieldy.”

He thought the beach issue and the opening of the Sea Point Pavilion might well motivate residents to demand independence.

“We feel we are entitled to insist that we should be allowed the use of our own facilities,” Mr. Joubert could not be contacted for comment last night.
Fence the beaches, say ratepayers

Municipal Report

RESIDENTS of the Atlantic seaboard should pay less than others to use the Sea Point pavilion, and beaches should be fenced in to control crowds, the local ratepayers’ association recommended to city councillors today.

The Green and Sea Point Ratepayers’ and Residents’ Association wants increased admission fees for the pavilion, fences and admission fees for all other beaches, improved shower and toilet facilities and crowd control on a first-come-first-served basis.

It also wants a second new pool for Sea Point.

Some members of the association’s executive committee want the open race ruling rescinded.

And the Camps Bay District and Civic Association wants the entire beach and tidal pool hemmed in by a new temporary fence during the Cape school holidays with entrance fees and admission on a first-come-first-served basis.

The suggestions were presented to councillors at their special meeting on beaches and pools today.

Chairman Mr Morrie Silber said “People are up in arms about conditions. There will be trouble next summer if nothing is done to improve the situation.”

He said the recommendations were not politically motivated and were not designed to keep out black and coloured people.

The association recommends:

- A fee of R2 for adults and R1 for children at all beaches.
- A fee of R5 for adults and R2 for children at the pavilion pool for non-residents and R2,50 for adults and R1 for children for local residents.
- Banning “camping, sleeping and consumption of liquor” from beaches and pools.
- A new pool for Sea Point built and run by private enterprise.
- More facilities built elsewhere in the Peninsula to relieve the pressure on the Atlantic seaboard.

The Camps Bay association wants a fee of R2 for adults and R1 for children charged for admission to the beach and tidal pool area.
New steps for beach control

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter
CAPE TOWN's Executive Committee is investigating strict new measures for beach and pool control following pressure from white bathers.

At a special committee meeting to which all city councillors were invited yesterday, possible resolutions to the conflicts which arose during the holiday season over the use of Cape Town's beaches and pools were thrashed out.

However, at no stage was it suggested that the council change its policy on racially "open" facilities.

The meeting came after concerted pressure from white residents, particularly in the Atlantic suburbs, to solve the problems of "overcrowding" and "anti-social" behavior at open beaches and pools.

The following measures, which still have to be thoroughly investigated, were outlined by Exco chairman Mr John Muir after the meeting:

- The number of people allowed into the various council pools next season will be strictly limited.
- Pools will be graded according to their location and the facilities they offer and entrance tariffs will differ accordingly.
- Entrance to the pools will cost more during the summer holiday season.
- The council will investigate a cheaper tariff for people who want "a quick dip" at the pools in the early morning or in the evening.
- Notice boards displaying regulations on dress and behavior will be erected at pools.

- The city's Medical Officer of Health, Dr Reg Coogan, will investigate the possibility of enforcing certain health controls at pools.
- Entrance fees will be charged at some beaches on the basis of the facilities offered. The council is investigating the feasibility of making Milton Pool, Saunders Rocks, Maiden's Cove, Camps Bay beach and St James "pay beaches".
- Toll parking may be introduced at certain beaches like Maiden's Cove, Sunrise Beach and Muizenberg.

Maintenance

Mr Muir said increased tariffs were "not an attempt to prevent anyone from using the beaches or pools" but were to cover some of the council's costs in running and maintaining facilities.

The council would also draw up a complete list of requirements for recreational facilities throughout the Peninsula.

Two possible projects were the provision of an additional "lido" facility - similar to the existing pavilions - somewhere on the Peninsula, and the development of Liesbeek Park.

The council also intended approaching the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, for funds to develop facilities along False Bay.
Mr. John Mair said he was aware of the comments in the report but was concerned about the proposed changes to the council's policy on the matter. He believed that the existing policy was effective and that any changes should be carefully considered.

Mr. Chris Johnson offered a concern regarding the proposed changes. He stated that the current policy was working well and did not see the need for any changes. He also expressed concern about the potential impact of any changes on the council's operations.

Mr. John Mair

Mr. Chris Johnson
Relations sour over rejection of observers

Municipal Reporter

RELATIONS between Cape Flats management committees and the City Council have soured as a battle of words continues over the council’s refusal to allow management committee representatives to sit in on council committee meetings.

The issue flared up in the House of Representatives this week when Mr Jac Rabie, representative for Rennerpark, said the City Council was “hypocritical”.

Cape Flats management committees have also accused the council of being “cowardly and hypocritical”.

Yesterday Dr John Sonnenberg, MFCM, wanted to know what action the council planned in response.

The council refused in December the management committees’ request to allow observers into committee meetings.

Instead, councillors slammed the management committee system and reaffirmed a 13-year-old vow to work for full representation for all people.

The chairman of the council’s executive committee, Mr John Muir, said a formal letter was being sent to Mr Rabie and a letter had been sent to the Administrator.

He said “We are following this up with another letter to the management committees”.

Council vote was 'arbitrary'

IN their open letter the four chairman express their "extreme disappointment and disgust" at their treatment and voice their "extreme displeasure at the very antagonistic commitment and continual outbursts" directed at the Management Committees.

They go on to say that they were denied access to tapes of the debate.

The open letter goes on to say "However, notwithstanding the 'holy white' image which your Council is attempting to project we are not fooled by this facade as any intrusion into the 'white' laager by people other than white will be stoutly rejected because of vested interests and therefore we view your decision as hypocritical and cowardly."

"(It) was adopted under unfair advantage in the seclusion of a full Council meeting Why (they) could not be present when invited to the Management Committees/Executive Committee meeting on December 17 1984 to put their views and to have these challenged is beyond comprehension No, rather those concerned chose the cowardly way out to give vent to their emotions (for this is all that it is) behind the protective skirts of the Council sitting."

"There is also a strong streak of hypocrisy in the decision when one views the disparaging remarks passed by certain Councillors. These Councillors referred to the low percentage polled in Management Committee elections, a fact which is not disputed but should be defended, if need be.

"The true question which really should be posed should not centre around the percentage polled but rather be asked 'when does the elected candidate have the full support of the ward he represents? Is it not when more than 50% of the voters have supported them? If this is so, and a closer look at the percentage polled at Council elections were taken, surely Council must admit that the majority of the sitting Councillors do not enjoy the support of the voters since the votes cast have been less than 50% of the possible amount of voters that could be exercised. So let us not fool ourselves about being representatives of the electorate.

"It was also said that in a particular Management Committee area no election took place as people were not interested in contesting a seat on the Management Committee. This point is taken, but then it must also apply to the Councillor for Claremont who was elected unopposed. Are we then to assume that people of Claremont were also not interested in standing for election to Council? We want to appeal to Councillors not to try and fool us as they are only fooling themselves.

"Furthermore, much comment was passed on the efforts and representations made by Council for the return of a citizens of Cape Town to the Common Voters' Roll. The Association of Management Committees also contributed to this ideal/viewpoint and made its view quite clear to the various Commissions set up by the Government to investigate this vexing question in fact on the Schlebusch Commission we had members of the Association made our stand for Direct Representation on a non-racial basis in Local Authorities emphatically clear.

IMMORAL

"Having said that, we must refer to opinions expressed at Council meetings which described the present Constitutional Development in the country as being immoral. If this is not being hypocritical in the extreme then we will never know what is. Haven't these very critics made themselves available for election to this immoral system? There are those who have even contested a seat on a political level within the immoral system. Funny how sauce for the goose is not necessarily sauce for the gander. Councillors have been elected by a white electorate and Management Committee members by the coloured and Indian electorate. This is the reality of the situation.

"If Councillors then believe in true morality let them resign their seats on the Council and we can assure you that the Management Committee members in the Cape will do likewise. But while you are prepared to be elected by whites and serve on an all-white Council taking decisions on matters affecting the coloured and Indian people, be informed that the Management Committee members will not run their positions.

"If we pretend not to be hypocritical let all of us resign to uphold principles which we hold in such high esteem. Surely this will be remembered as the Day of the Real Vow and not something inscribed on a plaque hanging in the dark passages of the City Hall.

ARBITRARY.

"We view your decision as arbitrary and unilateral as it was not taken jointly with the Management Committees in terms of the Regulations and the Administrator has been advised accordingly.

"Furthermore, as your Council had taken its decision to the exclusion of the members of the Management Committee, it would be appreciated if you would include this letter in the minutes of the next Agenda of Council in order that your Councillors may be aware of the feelings of the Management Committees which unfortunately cannot be verbally directed at them through no fault of their own.
Council record remains a secret

Municipal Reporter

THE City Council decided on Friday not to publish its annual register of the attendance of councillors at meetings.

The council voted 17-15 against an Executive Committee recommendation that the information be made public, putting an end to a year-long debate on the issue.

The move is a slap in the face for the Ward 14 and 15 Ratepayers' Association who wrote to the council in December asking that the attendance record be published as "proof that our councillors are pulling their weight!"

Councillors who opposed the Exco recommendation pointed out that attendance at meetings was not a fair or accurate reflection of a councillor's contribution.

Mr Tom Walters said it was "presumptuous" of the ratepayers to ask for proof of their ward councillor's performance.

"We all know which councillors are pulling their weight, who reads their agendas and prepares their arguments and who doesn't," he said.

The Ward 14 and 15 councillors voted for the register to be made public.
Council guilty of 'neglect' — Wiley

Political Staff

THE Minister of Environment Affairs and Tourism, Mr John Wiley, last night repeated his criticism of the Cape Town City Council for neglecting to provide sufficient beach and pool amenities for all Capetonians.

Asked to comment on his speech in the House of Assembly last week and consequent press comment, he replied: "With reference to your leader 'Keep race out of it', the thrust of my speech in Parliament on Thursday was that the City Council had neglected to provide enough tidal pools, changing rooms, toilets and parking areas along the Peninsula's coastline over the years.

"Secondly, existing facilities were already overcrowded.

"In spite of both of these facts, councillors decided to open existing beaches 'to all', resulting in chaos and harm to intergroup relations.'"

"My charge is disgraceful neglect by the civic authority of its responsibilities to Capetonians. Followed by the decision to advocate the flouting of the law and then taking no precautions for what has since ensued."
Confidential

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and phone or email attendees. The attendees were given the opportunity to attend the meeting in person or via video conferencing.

When the meeting concluded, the attendees were requested to provide feedback on the meeting's effectiveness and the methods used to communicate the agenda and decisions.

The meeting was successful in reaching its goals and objectives. The attendees were satisfied with the meeting's format and the information provided. The meeting will be scheduled for the next quarter, and attendees are encouraged to provide feedback on how the meeting can be improved in the future.
City to push for ‘core’ status

Municipal Reporter
CAPE TOWN is pushing for the status of a “core city” which will provide all regional municipal services to smaller local authorities in terms of the new local government dispensation.

In a memorandum to the government committee dealing with the Regional Services Councils Bill, the City Council points out that Cape Town already provides regional services.

In terms of this “core city” model, the Regional Services Councils (RSC) would retain responsibility for overall planning, but all professional, technical and administrative services would come from Cape Town.

The memorandum also calls for the inclusion of black local authorities on the RSCs and says people of all races should be eligible for the City Council.

Other recommendations are that:
- Certain other services currently administered by provincial or central government be controlled regionally
- Provision be made for RSCs to impose levies
- The members of the RSC elect the council chairman
- The number of members appointed by the Administrator on behalf of representative bodies (such as the management committees) be limited to five
- RSC meetings be open to the public
- The clause enabling the Administrator to initiate appeals against RSC decisions be deleted
Lively crowd backs open beaches

BY MICHAEL MORRIS
Municipal Reporter

RESOUNDINGLY affirming Cape Town's open-race policy, hundreds of people at a lively, emotional and often rowdy public meeting in Green Point last night pledged support for the City Council.

About 75 percent of the audience of more than 700 people raised their hands in favour of an amended motion of support for the council from Professor Neville Dubow, defeating the original motion of no confidence from former city councillor Mr Monty Lontz.

There was a shout of protest from the floor when the chairman of the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, Mr Morrie Silber, said voting was 50-50. But he then admitted the defeat of the motion of no confidence.

Thus ended the 2½-hour meeting, during which debate from a steady stream of speakers was frequently halted by shouting, booing and cheering.

The local ratepayers' association - which organised the meeting - was attacked for being "racist", while pretending not to be, after setting out its proposals for increased fees, preferential treatment for locals, turnstiles and fences.

Mr Silber launched debate amid cheers by criticising the City Council for failing to meet the needs and wants of Atlantic seaboard residents.

But most speakers favoured racial integration and several earned standing ovations from sections of the audience.

In one emotional address - which drew a standing ovation from about 50 people - Mr John Murphy said "Overcrowding has been used to legitimise whites-only beaches. This is not the first time this notion has been used."

"I suggest you all read the law against overcrowding of German schools and colleges in 1933. It was introduced by Adolf Hitler and aimed at Jewish students.

The UDF distributed pamphlets before the meeting saying "Some people of Sea Point would like to buy apartheid for themselves" and "It is obvious that charging entrance fees would exclude the poor, effectively excluding most black people".
Council
wins in
vote on
beaches

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

A MOTION of no-confidence in the City Council
for its handling of the "open amenities" ques-
tion was defeated at a public meeting in Sea
Point last night.

The near-chaotic meet-
ing, attended by about
1000 people and moni-
tored by police, adopted
an amendment giving its
"full confidence in the
spurt behind, and ration-
al explanations given
for, the decision taken by
the council to open its
facilities to all races."

The chairman of the
meeting and of the Green
and Sea Point Rate-
payers' and Residents'
Association, Mr Morrie
Silber, originally de-
clared the voting even,
but was persuaded by
members of his execu-
tive that those against
the substantive motion
had a majority.

Mr Silber, whose asso-
ciation called the meet-
ing in an attempt to "get
feedback" from local
residents on the ameni-
ties issue, banned
people from other areas
from speaking.

In his address, he at-
tacked the council for its
"insensitivity to the
needs of local residents"
and for the "chaos", "overcrowding" and "un-
hygienic conditions"
which he said had result-
ed from opening ameni-
ties to all races.

Suggestions from Mr
Silber and others that
higher entrance fees be
charged at the Sea Point
Pavilion and that "pay-
beaches" be established
were loudly jeered by
sections of the audience.

Those against the idea
of increased tariffs said
this would result in the
exclusion of people from
poorer areas, namely the
townships, and was
therefore "racist".
Councillors hit back at Silber

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

COUNCILLORS yesterday slammed the chairman of the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers’ and Residents’ Association, Mr Morris Silber, for his handling of Monday’s unruly meeting on open amenities in Sea Point.

The chairman of the amenities and health committee, Mr Peter Muller, said the meeting “should never have been held” and said Mr Silber had “bedevilled any hope of reaching consensus by polarizing the audience from the start.”

Mr Silber began by attacking the City Council for its “insensitivity” to the needs of local residents and for failing to plan for the opening of amenities.

Mr Muller yesterday accused Mr Silber of trying to prevent councillors from replying to the attack, and blamed him for the meeting degenerating into “a verbal tomato-throwing match.”

“People vented a lot of emotion instead of being constructive,” he said.

Mr Silber’s attempt to stop people from other areas speaking was “unfair,” as Sea Point amenities were “regional” and not the exclusive property of residents, he said.

Mr Neil Ross (Green Point), criticized Mr Silber’s “active engagement” in the meeting, which he said was “destructive.”

But he welcomed the audience’s vote of confidence in the council and said it was a “fair reflection” of local attitudes.

“I don’t think there were many outsiders,” Dr John Sonnenberg (Green and Sea Point) said Mr Silber was largely responsible for the “chaos and confusion” at the meeting as he had “tried to impose parameters on speakers.”

“But the vote of confidence is a clear-cut mandate for the council to maintain its policy on open amenities,” he said.

Mr Chris Jobert (Sea Point/Camps Bay) said it was unfair to criticize Mr Silber as the meeting had been “very difficult to control.”

It had been a “useful exercise” as it had “shown locals how strongly people in the rest of Cape Town feel about the issue.”

However, he hoped the council wouldn’t be swayed by the opinions of “a few radical lefthens who called for no controls on the benches whatsoever.”

Mr Joe Rabinowitz (Green and Sea Point) said the meeting had been a “bloody riot” and only the strong police presence had prevented it from “degenerating into violence.”

He placed all the blame for unruly behaviour on UDF supporters who, he said, “shouted everyone else down.”

The acting chairman of the executive committee, Mr Dick Friedlander, said the meeting had been useful.

“The situation is under constant review by the council and all the opinions expressed will be noted,” he said.

Mr Silber said last night he felt perfectly justified in beginning the meeting the way he had and denied he had polarized the audience.

“If I had brought politics into it, it would have been different, but I was very careful not to,” he said.

“I couldn’t just stand up and invite the audience to put their views out of the blue I had to put them in the picture.”

He said the council was accountable to local residents and should be called on to defend its actions at a ratepayers’ meeting. He said the vote taken was “not legitimate” as a lot of people from outside the area had voted, and many had voted with both hands.
City Council to reconsider rejection of regional levies

Municipal Reporter

THE City Council is to reconsider its initial rejection of the regional levies proposed by the government to finance the new local authorities structure.

The executive committee accepted a report from the City Treasurer, Mr B Watkins-Baker, in which he points out that the United Municipal Executive has repeatedly called for additional sources of revenue for local government, including local taxation.

"If it is accepted that the establishment of regional services councils is inevitable, then it is even more essential that additional sources of revenue be introduced to assist in their financing and to assist local government generally," he said.

He conceded, however, that any increase in taxation "would be most undesirable under the present economic conditions."

Mr Watkins-Baker also questioned the council's proposal, made at its monthly meeting last month, that the tax burden be spread "on a national rather than a regional basis."

He said this could result in all regions being taxed at the same level, whether they could afford it or not, with no guarantee of how or where the revenue would be distributed.

It would also give central government "greater and more detailed" control over the money raised.

"Finally, local taxation has the advantage of fostering greater local accountability for expenditure," he said.

"If additional taxation is required to meet regional requirements, then I am inclined to the view that it would be best to fix, raise and distribute the tax at the regional level."

Mr Watkins-Baker emphasized that it would be ironic if, as the council fears, the new taxes place the city in a worse position financially.

He said any council representations to the Maro Commission of Enquiry into the tax structure should concentrate on "ensuring that, at the very least, each local authority receives a net increase in income and not the reverse."

The full council will consider Mr Watkins-Baker's report later this month.
Municipal Reporter
and Staff Reporter
THE Divisional Council
has agreed to stop its con-
troversial squatter re-
settlement programme
in Hout Bay until it has
consulted representa-
tives of the Hout Bay har-
bour community over the
matter.

The Hout Bay Action
Committee, representing
squatters and harbour
residents, has accused
the council of failing to
consult the people affect-
ed and has demanded that
all removals cease until
proper housing has been
provided.

The council had
planned to move 53 squat-
ter families from white
areas into an “emergen-
cy” camp at Hangberg.

Deputy chairman Mr G M
Basson said in a press
statement this week that
a liaison committee
would be established
which would include
“leaders representative
of the Hout Bay Harbour
community”.

The council has also
agreed to conduct a so-
cio-economic survey of
the harbour area to estab-
lish the extent of over-
crowding in the existing
housing estate, the need
for schools and other
amenities and the oppor-
tunities for employment
and social upliftment.

The council will also
investigate finding an al-
ternative site where
squatters could be
housed on a “site and ser-
vice” basis, and will look
for other land in the Hout
Bay area which could be
reproclaimed a coloured
group area.

The Divisional Coun-
cil’s works committee
has approved plans for
the Hout Bay Country
Club.

Shareholders gathered
at the site on Tuesday
night were delighted
Earlier Gary Player
who is to design the
club’s golf course, teed
off at the clubhouse site
to mark the official
launching of the course.

Reacting to claims that
the golf course would
mar the natural beauty of
Hout Bay Valley when
large tracts of forest
were cleared, Gary Play-
er said “As a farmer and
lover of the soil I would
never put my name to a
scheme which would
rape the countryside”.

Mr Fred Blomkamp,
marketing director of AY
Investments, which is
marketing 40 time-share
cottages to be built on
the site, said cabins
would be constructed of
timber and would “as far
as possible try to blend
with the natural sur-
rroundings”.

Besides the 18-hole
golf course the club will
offer an equestrian cen-
tre managed by WP show
jumper Jenny Haystead,
entertainment facilities,
tennis courts and a swim-
mimg club.

Shares may be bought
at R15 each, as well as 15
shares thereafter at R7.50
each. The club is open to
all races.
Mounties' for beach at Muizenberg

Staff Reporter

MOUNTED beach patrols in the Muizenberg area have been approved by the City Council.

The council today accepted a recommendation that two horses should be bought to boost the policing of long stretches of beach and large recreation areas.

The director of bathing amenities, Mr. J. Kloppers, had reported that mounted patrols would be more effective than foot patrols in dune areas and horses and riders could be used in lifesaving.

Other advantages, he said, were that a mounted patrol could reach a problem more quickly and patrol larger areas than foot patrol.
Open amenities seen as "illusion"

Staff Reporter

OPENING an amenity such as the Sea Point Pavilion pool was "an illusion", since such a decision merely replaced its use by one group with use by another, Mr P J Loubser, MEC and MPC for Mossel Bay, said in the Provincial Council yesterday.

He was speaking in opposition to a motion proposed by Mr Jan van Eck, MPC for Grootte Schuur, to call on the government to open all public amenities to all people, regardless of race.

Mr Van Eck said his motion was an attempt to determine how serious the government was in its talk of reform and moving away from racial discrimination.

"All I am asking here is that no person should be refused admission to any public amenity because of his skin colour or race."

His motion was defeated, and instead the Council passed an amended version, by 42 votes to 9, that the council "accept the reality of South African society" and the "will of people to live out their lives within their own group."

Mr John Sonnenberg, MPC for Green Point, said all citizens, not only whites, had helped to pay for public amenities, and it was inconceivable that they should remain segregated forever.

He urged that the Provincial Council should follow the City Council's course of action. All facilities developed by Provincial subsidy should have to be open to all.
Maitland pool: Chait's warning

Municipal Reporter

The open pool issue raised its head again in the Maitland Council yesterday when Maitland councillor Mrs Esme Chait called on the executive committee to rescind its decision to accommodate the extra influx. The chairman of the amenities sub-committee, Mr Peter Muller, pointed out that the pool was too small to accommodate the extra influx.

Mrs Chait said the opening of the formerly empty pool in January had been a "disaster". The everyday lives of people in Maitland would "disrupt the public order in the suburb", she added. She said local councillors had not been consulted on the move and accused Exco of "disregarding the opinions of ratepayers".

She also said the pool was in bad condition and should be extended to all races to use its amenities.

The committee also called for a report on the condition of the bath and its ability to accommodate the population of Maitland.

- Exco member Mr Eulaire Stott pointed out that the highest count of people at the pool over the holiday season had been on January 12, three days before the council had extended its policy to the pool.
Equal amenities or share, says Van Eck

Provincial Staff

IF separate but equal amenities could not be provided "then not even this government can justify keeping people of colour away from the amenities in so-called white areas", the Provincial Council was told.

Open beaches: MEC wants to ‘restore order’

Provincial Reporter

IN a bitter attack on Cape Town’s open-beach policy, the MEC in charge of local government, Mr Piet Loubsers, has threatened steps to "put the situation in order".

He accused the City Council of having an "arrogant, UDI attitude" in wanting to "wield the sceptre" over its own area and said its decision to open pools and beaches was irresponsible and led to chaotic conditions.

He blamed the Peninsula’s problems on the council’s "slackness" in not providing sufficient facilities — particularly near areas for blacks and coloureds — and its obsession with crippling the Government’s viewpoint or, at least, withholding cooperation.

NEW MUNICIPALITY?

He wondered "if it was wise his department seriously considered recommending to the Administrator that the Sea Point-Camps Bay area be declared a new municipality." Mr Loubsers spearheaded sharp criticism from National Party councillors of Cape Town’s open policy yesterday. Councillors were debating a motion by Mr Jan van Eck (FFP Groote Schuur) that the Government open all facilities immediately.

Mr Loubsers said it was clear from letters and other available information that "over-crowding and anti-social behaviour", particularly at Sea Point swimming pool, had caused racial friction.

He said the City Council had not considered the interests of ratepayers who had bought and developed properties on the seaboard at prices which reflected the advantages of living near the sea, beach and other facilities.

National Party members in the council told the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Herbert Hirsch, that he lost his City Council seat last year because Atlantic seaboard residents rejected his liberal views.

Mr Hirsch was defeated by Mr Jack Frost in the city election last September.

Mr Jan van Eck (FFP Groote Schuur) spoke yesterday on his motion that the Government open all public amenities to all immediately.

The council voted 42-9 in favour of an amended motion by the National Party Leader of the House, Mr Piet Loubsers, calling on local authorities to consider all people when providing public amenities and to administer them in an orderly way.

Mr van Eck said the money required to provide separate but equal amenities when the Province was cutting expenditure would mean amenities "will not be provided for people of colour."

On the beaches

He criticised the Administrator for supporting "those people who believe that misbehaviour on the beaches has been caused by the opening of the beaches."

Dr John Sonnenberg (FFP Green Point), also a city councillor, appealed to the council to ensure that all facilities and amenities developed by local authorities through Provincial subsidies be open to all — all citizens had helped pay for them.

"On several occasions the Cape Town City Council has asked the Government for permission to open all its bathing amenities to everybody. Each time the Government — though paying lip-service to reform — has refused."

"I am proud"

"I am proud to be a member of a public body that has had the guts to do what it thinks and knows is right."

Dr Sonnenberg said the culture shock for white inhabitants, especially some of the elderly, was understandable, but they would have to adapt to it.

Mr F.J van Deventer ( NP Maitland) criticised the Opposition for raising the debate because it did little more than generate emotions.

Mr Herbert Hirsch, Leader of the Opposition, said the Government had been contradictory in providing some extra funds for amenities but allowing the pools in Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu "to become totally unusable."
Permits are still needed for two halls

Municipal Reporter

The Government is persistently refusing to grant open race concessions for the Sea Point and Muizenberg civic halls, even though people of all races frequently use them by permit.

Of the council's 35 halls, these are the only two venues where people of colour are required to have a permit for every function.

The council asked for the halls to be opened to all in April last year, but was turned down by the Department of Community Development.

A second application submitted in June has now been turned down by Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

He said: "It would seem that ample provision has been made to satisfy the needs of the various racial groups where halls are not available in their own areas."
Cape Times

The residents of Atlantis held a mass meeting yesterday to appeal to the Divisional Council to deal directly with their residents' association and not with the Atlantis Management Committee.

The meeting, attended by more than 600 people, also called for a stop to evictions and residents' water being disconnected.

The chairman of the Atlantis Residents' Association, Mr. Noel Williams, said people who had been retrenched were to get letters from their former employers to confirm this. These letters would be taken to Dico in an appeal to have rents reduced.
City faces tough budget, rises

Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN faces a particularly tough budget for the next financial year, with rates and tariffs almost certain to increase and all but essential projects likely to be put on ice or scrapped.

The various standing committees of the City Council have been issued with a stern directive to cut back on spending, when drawing up their budgets over the next two months.

Both the Executive Committee and the City Treasurer, Mr. J. Watkins-Baker, have warned councillors that all items not considered essential must be eliminated from their capital estimates.

The City, limited to a 10 percent increase in expenditure over the current budget, is faced with the task of balancing its books against both the high inflation rate and the GST increase.

The chairman of Exco, Mr. John Muir, has warned that “unless we bring off a miracle, rates will almost certainly rise.”

Revenue

He also said the council would probably try to gain additional revenue by increasing various tariffs, but that the biggest contribution to balancing the budget would have to be made by cutting back on capital and operating expenditure.

“We will have to pay particular attention to our staff complement,” he said.

“We certainly don’t anticipate retrenching anyone, but we will probably not be replacing staff and will be trying to increase productivity as far as possible,”

The City’s budget will be announced in May.

Water users in the Cape Town area are facing possible tariff increases of an average six percent this year.

The City Council will decide next week whether to approve the increases, requested by the City Engineer, Mr. Jan Brand, to cover increased supply, treatment and distribution costs.

Dams

According to a press release from Mr. Brand, the City will pay 12.5 percent more for water during the coming financial year.

The City faces a massive 38 percent rise in the cost of water from State dams as well as operating cost increases and a 25 percent increase in the Water Research Commission’s levy.

Domestic consumers using less than 30 kilolitres a quarter and sports bodies face particularly heavy increases.

Below cost

The low-consumption domestic rate will increase from 30c to 55c a kilolitre (still below cost) and the tariff to sporting organisations will increase by 15.5 percent.

Mr. Brand said the requested increases would not cover the full cost of the City’s water-supply operation but to “counter the inflationary trend,” the R1.7-million shortfall would be met by the Tariff Stabilization Fund.
Mr Jac Rabie (LP Reigerpark) urged that the City Council be “forced to new insights”

Moving his private members motion in the House, Mr Rabie called on the government to expedite implementation of regulations designed to improve communication between local authorities and local management and affairs committees.

Mr Rabie read a letter from the Cape Town City Council saying the council was consulting with the provincial Executive Committee to ensure smoother communication with management committees.

“The largest amount of our people live under the Cape Town City Council’s management. It is of utmost importance that this council be forced to new insights.”

Mr F L Erasmus (LP Gelvandale) said even in cities where regulations had been implemented allowing coloureds on to councils, the desired ends had not been achieved.

At the Cape Town City Council sub-committee meeting, on which four coloureds sat, none of the suggestions put forward by coloured members on Bonteheuwel were implemented. They concerned improvements to lighting, sewerage and roads.

“Coloureds also pay rates and taxes and then the City Council spends it in Cape Town. “We must not to get something done. We want to negotiate.”

Mr Peter Mopp (LP Border) said although coloureds were allowed into the highest level of government, whites on city councils did not want “to know them”.

He said: “We are sick of people who know nothing about their living conditions — deciding for them.”

The Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr David Curry conceded there were white people who had gone out of their way to improve relations at the local level.

The State President, Mr P W Botha, and the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, had even “put their heads on the block”.

But local authorities were using “the big stick” — and making radicals out of people walking the middle of the road.

The local authorities should look closely at South Africa and see that unrest always started with rentals.

Mr J D Johnson (LP Essenlen Park) said there was a “verkrampe” element in local authorities which did everything possible to delay reform.

“When you are traveling through a town and you are on a tar road, then you know you are in a white area. But when the tar stops — that is where you will find us.”

The motion was passed unanimously — Sepa.
PLANS to bring forward municipal elections — originally postponed by the Government until 1988 — are welcome because councillors will be required to "return to the electorate for endorsement."

This is the view of Cape Town city councillor Mr Rupert Hurly, who is also the Progressive Federal Party spokesman on local government in the Provincial Council.

But, Mr Hurly said, the announcement by Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, that elections would be allowed in Cape municipalities next year contradicted a statement he made last year.

DRAFT LEGISLATION

It also contradicted draft legislation published in the Provincial Gazette last Friday, cancelling next year's elections.

Mr Hurly said "As the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, is a member of the Co-ordinating Council on Local Government Affairs — which called for earlier elections — it would appear that he made the decision to publish the draft ordinances last week without considering what attitude the co-ordinating council would take up."

However, Mr Hurly welcomed earlier elections.

He said "This is much better as it does not extend the office of incumbents, but correctly requires them to return to the electorate for endorsement of the support of the municipal voters."

Adam Small
Council spending limited

Municipal Reporter

The Government has limited Cape Town City Council spending this year to 10 percent more than last year's budgeted expenditure, keeping the city treasury in line with the inflation rate.

A special feature of this year's directive to municipalities is that more spending will be allowed on projects which create job opportunities and help cut unemployment.

These projects must be labour-intensive in the sense that more than half the cost of the project must be for semi-skilled and unskilled labour wages. Priority will be given to projects launched in areas where unemployment is particularly severe.

Estimates

This directive from the Department of Finance is being considered today by the executive committee which has met to sift through the city's capital estimates for this financial year.

The committee will be considering changes in the capital estimates recommended by the standing committees. If it is likely spending will be cut, non-essential projects or those may be deferred to the next financial year.

Committees were asked to critically examine proposed expenditure and to eliminate non-essential items.

Ceiling

Vital to drawing up the estimates for the city's budget is the Government's 10 percent ceiling on spending.

In a circular letter to municipalities, the department says the limitation, being applied to all local authorities, is aimed at creating a "coordinated and uniform expenditure pattern in the public sector."

The circular says two important factors considered in determining the 10-percent limit were the inflation rate and unemployment.
Millions cut from City Council budget

By MICHAEL MORRIS
Municipal Reporter

MILLIONS of rands are being sheared from the City Council's spending estimates for the new financial year.

Non-essential spending is being deferred to future budgets or written off altogether, considerably reducing the estimates for the 1985/86 financial year.

In many cases, reductions on less important items may be funnelled into essential votes to spread resources more effectively.

This emerges from reports by standing committees to the Executive Committee, whose job it is to plot the city's financial course for the year ahead.

Executive Committee chairman Mr John Muir probably faces his most difficult budget so far as tough economic conditions sandwich the committee between Government pressure to cut spending and public pressure to keep rates down, while improving or expanding services.

State grants

Significantly, recommendations to increase spending on beach amenities reflect the council undertaking to improve facilities after critical broadsides last summer.

The price ticket for improvements — which will depend largely on state grants — totals more than R5.4-million.

But estimates for buying or replacing vehicles, plant and equipment and office furniture are being cut by more than R65,000 — dropping the R72,500 replacement of the mayoral car may be included — and around R7-million for various housing projects is being carried over to future budgets.

With a banner proclaiming peaceful intentions, a group of marchers danced in the funeral procession at Zwide township near Port Elizabeth yesterday.

Crowd at funeral of unrest victim

Staff Reporter

UTENHAGE — Churches were mostly empty in the townships here yesterday as thousands of people gathered from early morning for the funeral of an unrest victim.

In spite of the heavy police presence around black areas, no policemen were seen anywhere in the vicinity of the church where the service was held or at the graveyard.

An appeal was made by various speakers to pardon former councillors and the immediate past mayor, Mr James Tsi, told the mourners that he and his colleagues had been misled into thinking they represented the people.

Some of the thousands of people who attended the funeral of four people killed during upheavals in areas.

Fireworks will herald Cape Town Festival

Staff Reporter

THE Cape Town Festival begins with a bang on Wednesday evening with a fireworks display at Sea Point Pavilion.

Mayor Mr Sol Kremer will be flown in by helicopter to open the festival.

The fireworks have been imported at a cost of more than R11,000 and an entrance fee will be charged.

The opening ceremony precedes 16 days of community events around the theme "Wines of the Cape."

The Pierhead Festival at Victoria Basin, where grilled crayfish and other seafood can be sampled, and the Station Tavern on the Cape Town Station forecourt open on Thursday.

Drum majorettes and a military band will perform at Groot Constantia on Thursday evening.
Demand for living wage

Staff Reporter
CAPE Town City Council's efforts to meet the needs of its workforce, particularly at the lower levels of pay, had fallen short and required revision and up-scaling, the Industrial Court heard today.

Mr Denis Kuny SC was presenting union argument in the arbitration of a wage dispute between the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association and the council.

Evidence in the six-month hearing ended yesterday.

Mr Kuny said the union had chosen to describe its demand as a demand for a living wage which emphasised that the demand was primarily related to the needs of the workers and their living standards. This was especially for the lowest paid workers who comprised about 5,000 of the union's 11,000 members.

FIXING WAGES

It regarded wages as payment for services rendered, but also as the means to enable employees to survive.

The union accepted that need did not constitute the sole criterion in fixing wages and that other criteria such as wage comparisons, the ability to pay, productivity, cost of living and minimum budget had to be taken into account.
Buses, trains hum after petrol shock

Staff Reporter

JANUARY'S huge petrol price increase has sent commuters flocking to public transport to save money.

South African Transport Services and City Tramways report significant increases in passengers carried.

Mr F Potgieter, a director of City Tramways, said that in the last half of 1984 the company experienced a "quite dramatic" passenger loss attributed to the sharp decline in economic activity, unemployment and political activities.

"During January the decline continued and we reached a record low of 6,3-million passengers carried that month," he said.

But since then, the position had slowly improved.

March figures showed that 7,3-million passengers had used their services.

The improvement was definitely linked to the petrol price increases, although there might be other factors, he said.

Mr Leon Els, business officer for Sats, said observations had shown about a 10 percent increase in the number of first-class commuters of all races.

Exact figures for February and March would not be available until the end of April but observation had shown more cars parked at suburban stations and more passengers using the service.
Council ban on posters

POSTERS DECREED an
Board Reporter
Giveing a human face to the city's bureaucracy

DICK Usher, Staff Writer, interviews the former city official who will be the first arbitrator between aggrieved citizens and their city government.

CAPE TOWN'S newly-appointed ombudsman, former Town Clerk Mr Hugh Granger Heugh, sees his job as "putting a human face" to the city's often faceless bureaucracy and he brings many years' experience in local government to his task.

Before his 21 years with the Cape Town municipality he served in Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark and spent 10 years in Queenstown as Town Clerk.

The office which he will open in May he sees as primarily rendering a service to the community and helping people genuinely in distress who have failed to find redress through the city's regular channels and procedures.

"If someone feels that there has been any maladministration at any level, either in the form of dilatoriness or lack of objectivity or just plain bloody-mindedness they can then go to the ombudsman and he will take up the matter entirely independently," said Mr Heugh.

"It is an attempt by the council to demonstrate to John Citizen that there is an avenue of redress that can be approached entirely independently of any official council structure — putting a human face to a bureaucracy that often appears to be faceless."

But he stresses that he will be dealing only with genuine cases where the normal channels have failed to provide satisfaction.

In many cases he feels he will be able to direct people to use these channels properly.

Nor does he see himself necessarily in an adversary position against municipal employees.

"During my time as Town Clerk I was always impressed by the dedication of the people in service of the community."

"But there are sometimes blocks and at least part of my function will be the removal of blockages or bypassing them," he said.

Besides his experience in municipal government he also brings a compassion for people and a sympathy and understanding of the problems of poverty and hardship born out of being "a child of the Depression."

He matriculated at Muir College in Queenstown in 1933 at the Depression's height and remembers the hardship of those times "when there were hundreds of boys with first class matrices walking the streets looking for jobs."

To accomplish his task he will operate independently from all council officials and will be free to move where he likes, question any employee, examine any documents or records and call for reports.

He will not deal with cases where the council has laid, or may lay, a charge against the complainant.

Nor will he have any executive power but will submit recommendations to the Town Clerk, Dr Stan Evans, and the chairman of the executive committee, Mr John Muir, on which the council will be morally bound to act.
E Cape local council joins Jong quit list

THE Humansdorp Community Council resigned en bloc yesterday and six members of the Adelaide-Bedford Community Council officially announced their resignation at the end of a week characterised by mass resignations from Eastern Cape local authorities.

Speaking from his home, Humansdorp's ex-council chairman, Mr Wellington Mjekola, said there had been no harassment or acts of intimidation aimed at council members in the township.

He said only that members felt it was the right thing to resign.
Doors close on tenants earning more than R800

Municipal Reporter

MANY City Council tenants have been refused council houses to rent or buy because they earn more than the housing code limit for subsidised housing.

And it has been suggested that many others have turned down wage and salary increases just to rent houses or to retain their options to buy.

Housing staff say, however, that the R800 housing code limit does not affect all tenants and that the 99 people turned down over the past year represent a small percentage of people seeking accommodation.

But the National Housing Commission is considering increasing the limit.

The housing code is a formula setting out what rentals each wage category should pay.

Flat or house tenants earning more than R800 a month must pay rent equivalent to the building society interest rate, higher than other council rents.

The housing code limit was last increased in 1983 — from R650 to R800.
Irony of last straw: break by management committees

Mayor John Milt: People of all races should be eligible for election

Standing: We will be satisfied

If any of our men meeting the management committee on the representation of the different races, it is a question of the City Council.

The City Council

* Municipal Affairs

Michael Morris renews the decision by Cape Town’s management committee to cut links with the City Council.
R100m cut in Cape’s subsidy

OWN CORRESPONDENT

PORT ELIZABETH — The government’s subsidy to the Cape Province for 1985/86 has been cut by more than R100 million, the Administrator of the Cape Province, Mr Gene Louw, said last night.

He was opening the 78th Annual Congress of the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) at the University of Port Elizabeth.

‘Nightmare’

Mr Louw said the Cape Province received about 80 percent of its revenue from the State. In 1984/85 this had been cut by R74 million and would be cut by more than R100 million in 1985/86.

“The quest for funds has become a nightmare,” he said, and priorities had to be watched carefully.

Mr Louw said it was clear the government would not be able to bear the sole responsibility for subsidizing services and there was a need for increased productivity and efficiency.

A better financial climate was needed for the situation to improve.

Duplication

He urged that local authorities supply services together as far as possible to cut out the possibility of duplication.

The regional services councils which were to be introduced would help remove some of the problems of providing services.

In his address the president of the CPMA, Dr T G Schlebusch, pointed to another financial problem of local authorities.

He said that with few exceptions, the tax which municipalities now received on government properties was neutralized by GST and in many cases municipalities were in a worse position than before.

Controls

Dr Schlebusch said that although some functions had been delegated to municipalities in a devolution of power, legislation indicated that tighter controls would be exercised over local government.

“We must be under no illusions that with the eventual takeover of traditional municipal functions by other institutions, even privatization of some functions, the traditional municipal structure is going to change,” he said.

There would be more powers of decision-making for local authorities over fewer functions, said Dr Schlebusch.

Subsidies

Referring to the proposed regional services councils, he said the income from these councils would be used for, among other things, subsidizing the loss on commuter services; including trains.

This meant a reversal — local government was subsidizing the central government.

He was concerned about the impact of additional levies on businesses and urged as a possible alternative the imposition of GST with no exemptions.

The congress, attended by about 500 delegates from throughout the province, begins sitting this morning and ends on Thursday.
The continuing attacks on the Cape Town City Council by Mr. David Curry and other members of the Labour Party for the council's refusal to recognize Management Committees may seem odd coming as they do from the party that brought down the old Coloured Representative Council on the grounds that it was a segregated institution.

However, this apparent contradiction becomes a little more rational, but no more acceptable, if one understands the importance of membership of the Management Committees to the Labour Party's organisational structure.

Membership provides the party with a remunerated corps of organizers, workers and officials across the country.

It creates a small vested interest in every community big enough to have a Management Committee.

It is probably so that the Management Committee system has inadvertently been the instrument of Labour Party survival.

Many of their current hierarchy have graduated from the Management Committees and are dependent on them for political survival in a low poll environment.

Thus, while the Labour Party is in principle opposed to segregated bodies, harsh expediency dictates that its members defend the Management Committees as they would their own political lives, both entities being intrinsically linked.

The Cape Town City Council is opposed to the system of Management Committees as well as the principle underlying the system and believes that the only practical and moral solution is to restore coloured people to the common voters' roll and have merit the yardstick rather than colour when electing councillors.

I believe that support for the Management Committee system will continue to deny the coloured people the creation of their local authorities which, while less acceptable than full franchise on a common voters' roll as was their right to 1972, is more desirable than the Management Committee structure.

The sad thing is that so far, no criticism or attack by Labour Party MP's has been launched against the Government for their refusal to introduce equal and integrated local authority rights.

Management Committee members and Mr. Curry should put the blame where it deserves to be, namely at the door of the Government and not the Cape Town City Council.

(Councillor) ARTHUR J. WIENBURG
Cape Town
Fifth black council quarters

The once-thriving Somerset East and Grobburn Community Council has been reduced to a mere five members, bringing to five the number of community councils which have been shut down in the Eastern Cape since January.

Councillor R. Hala, whose house and car were gutted in an arson attack last month, said he felt the time had come for blacks and whites to be on the side of the people.

The Thandenhle, Kwanobuhle, Nkazimulo and Alexandria community councils have already resigned.

And the chairman of the Adelaide and Bedford Community Council, Mr. J. S. Soyaya, yesterday resigned "because of ill health."

In unrest throughout the Eastern Cape at the weekend, a two-year-old child and his mother were set alight and burnt to death, and two other children critically burnt when their Kirkwood home was attacked.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said they were set alight by a group of people looking for a man.

The home of a Labour Party member in Kirkwood was petrol bombed. "The bomb failed to explode."

In Langa, a 24-year-old woman was shot dead when a group of 250 people stoned a police vehicle, the spokesman said.

Extensive damage was said to have been caused when property in Port Alfred, Kwanobuhle, Bos大佬, Grahamstown and Uitenhage was burned.

The Port-Elizabeth, Grahamstown and Uitenhage Chambers of Commerce have requested an urgent meeting with the Minister of Co-operatives and Development. Dr. Gerrit Viljoen, and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr. Louis K. Grange, to discuss the situation.

The unrest has had a devastating effect on the economy of Uitenhage.
Council to debate beach control, facilities

By MICHAEL MORRIS
Municipal Reporter

RECOMMENDATIONS to raise pool entrance fees, erect beach turnstiles, create pay-beaches and to develop new facilities on the False Bay coast will be considered by Cape Town city councillors next week.

More than R7-million will be spent over the next three years on expanding Cape Town's beaches and seaside facilities — with emphasis on crowd control on the Atlantic seaboard and the development of amenities on False Bay.

Admission fees are being doubled at Sea Point, Muizenberg and Newlands pools from 20 cents to 40 cents for children and 50 cents to R1 for adults for all seasons, but R2 for adults during December, January and February.

The cost of monthly and other tickets are also being increased.

Admission fees to all other pools will also be raised.

Turnstiles will be set up and numbers limited at Sea Point, Muizenberg, Long Street, Maitland, Bo Kaap, Athlone and Westridge pools.

Pay-beaches are being introduced as a pilot study on sections of Camps Bay, Milnerton Pool and Mouille, with charges of R1 for adults and 40 cents for children.

Pay-beaches, to be fenced in, will operate for only two months in summer and will not take up the whole beach at each site.

Vehicle access to Maiden's Cove will be limited and turnstiles — with admission limited — will operate at Saunier's Rocks, Queen's Beach, Sunset Beach, Milnerton Pool and Rocklands Beach.

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Pay-beaches proposal

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN bathers may have to pay to enter sections of some of the Peninsula's most popular beaches next summer.

The City Council's amenities and health committee has recommended that Milton Pool and portions of Camps Bay and Mnandi beaches be fenced, and an entrance fee charged as part of an experiment to gauge public opinion and the feasibility of the pay-beach concept.

The chairman of the committee, Mr Peter Muller, told a press conference yesterday that although the committee was opposed in principle to the idea of pay-beaches, it had decided to implement a pilot scheme whereby an entrance fee of R1 for adults and 40 cents for children would be charged at sections of certain beaches in December and January.

The council will still have to obtain the consent of the Provincial Administration and central government if it decides to go ahead with the scheme.

The recommendation is one of several far-reaching proposals for the development and control of beaches and public swimming pools during the summer season.

Other proposals, which will be submitted to the full council for final approval on Tuesday, include increasing tariffs at pools, limiting the number of people entering amenities and extensive improvements and additions to beach amenities on the False Bay coast.
Ambulance man on the road again

BY MIKE LOEWE

Mr Dennis Barlow, one of three ambulance men dismissed by the Dias Divisional Council after giving evidence before the Kammeneeyer inquiry into the Langa shootings, is driving an ambulance again.

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"We are not prepared to comment on this, as it has always been a domestic issue," he said.

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Councillors vote no to own pay cut

Municipal Reporter

CITY councillors yesterday voted narrowly against a 10 per cent cut in their monthly allowances.

In a spirited debate on a motion from Mr Sam Gross, councillors said the gesture would be merely token and a public relations exercise which would never help the community at large.

Mr Clive Keegan said it was the duty of councillors to ensure that public money was spent "prudently and profitably", and that rates were kept as low as possible.

"It is not our duty to make bloody fools of ourselves by entering into self-indulgent exercises of moral tokenism."

Many of the councillors, who are each granted a £530 monthly allowance to cover what they spend on council business, said there was very seldom anything left over after paying for phone calls, stationery and postage.

Mr Arthur Wenburg said he would rather make a voluntary donation to a charity than have his allowance formally cut.

Mrs Eualie Stott said the council should acknowledge the current economic recession by not asking for an increase in the allowance, but should not vote for it to be cut.

She said not all councillors were equally well-off and that it was "not reasonable to expect us to make a gesture that not all of us can afford."

The whole of the executive committee, which was one member put it "spends its full life in the council chamber", voted against the cut.

The motion was lost by 13 votes to 12.
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Divco’s squatter removal slated

BY HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

The Divisional Council’s decision to move squatters from Hout Bay to Lourdes Farm in Philippi will aggravate the existing squatter problem in the area, according to some councillors.

Goodwood councillor Mr L. Rothmann says the resettlement merely “removes a problem from one area and imposes it on another.”

Mr Rothmann proposed a motion at the council meeting calling for the squatters to be returned to Hout Bay.

The motion was defeated when only three councillors supported it.

Mr Rothmann also criticized those who made the decision to move the squatters for not consulting the local ward councillor, Mr W. J. E. Schultz, on the matter.

Inform

“It is most unfortunate that the Divco did not inform him of their decision before moving the squatters into his area,” he said.

“I also feel the matter should have been referred to the full council before any steps were taken.”

Mr Schultz confirmed that he had not been informed of the decision but said he has received a full apology from those involved in the move.

The councillor for Hout Bay, Mr Len Pothier, described the resettlement at Philippi as the “only possible solution to the problem.”

“The squatter camp will be fenced and tightly controlled and we will watch its occupants like hawks,” he said.

Mr Pothier described the failure of the housing committee chairman, Mr Dennis Lambert and other council officials to inform Mr Schultz of the decision as a “human omission.”

Mr Lambert said last night that the council’s failure to inform Mr Schultz had been “a complete oversight” caused by the fact that the matter had been one of urgency.

TV weekend

106. Naus
109: Tokkie Houtkapper – nr 3 Veldteersjasjies. Tokkie confronts a famous professor about his magic tricks, with extraordinary consequences.
116: Eureka
208: Buck Rogers – Buck pretends to be the crook, Rafael Argus, in order to infiltrate a gang. Barney Smith, a space pirate, betrays Buck by telling the gang he knows the real Rafael Argus. Will Buck be able to escape in time?
244: Saterdayly

5.37: Kompas
6.00: Naus
6.14: Uit En Tuis – An item on Cellia Guillaume, the first woman to obtain a hunting licence, a road test with the new Jetta and a tuna fishing competition, and information on SUKOS
7.11: Quincy – A Nadelle Weerical Sally Peters, a promising young gymnast, inexplicably falls during an exercise and dies. The other gymnasts know the reason of Sally’s death and try to cover it up to protect someone but they haven’t reckoned with Quincy.
8.00: News
8.28: Weather
8.45: Magnum PI – The Leak – Holly, Saigon’s most popular DJ, arrives in Honolulu where she becomes the victim of vicious phone calls and threats. Magnum finds it hard to understand why she isn’t worried about this, until he finds out she’s more concerned about finding her former fiancé – who’s in big trouble.
9.36: Saturday Film – Downhill Racer – The Alps in Winter – racers hurle down the icy slopes at breakneck speeds, risking their lives for fame and fortune. Tension exists within the American team as their top star has been hurt, and the competition between their two replacements is stiff.
11.10: News
11.30: Maudie: Victoria’s Beyhield – A liberated woman has no place in society. That is, at least, what Victoria Butterfield’s father says – Maudie disagrees.
12.58: Epilogue

TV2

3.00: Ezemvelo (Sport) Karate – the SA Championships held at the University of Cape Town. Horse racing – the jackpot at Germiston Racecourse. – an edited version of the South African Championships held in Port Elizabeth. Boxing – an edited version of the fight between Johannes “Baby Joe” Miya and Frans Badenhorst
6.00: Prologue
6.05: Sibol Emazini (We Live Underwater)
6.12: Mesivakasha (Let’s Go Travelling)
6.17: Onogando-Nqundo (Youth Quiz)
6.33: Flash Gordon
7.00: News
7.13: Gwali Gang
7.30: Unlabalaba. The games take place at the University of Zululand
8.08: The Road West
9.00: News
9.22: Weather
9.28: Epilogue

TV4

8.33: This Week’s Musics Featuring Shamoi-Ref, Rohnie and Miles. The Bangles: Come Hurt. David Bowie: Sheila
8.45: Eve, Gary U.S. Bond, Honeymoon Suite, Coma Teens, Lindsay Buckingham and Cindy, Lauper
10.03: M*A*S*H. The Moos. When a sergeant walks in with a Korean girl whom he has bought, the young medic tries to save her from slavery
10.54: Sport TV4. Karate – SA Contact Championships at UCT. Soccer – Black Aces vs Orlando Pirates at a Castle League Match at the Orlando Stadium
11.51: Station Closes

TVI – SUNDAY

3.27: Programme Schedule
3.33: A General Arts Programme
Council is pandering to a minority of bigots

Municipal Reporter

The City Council's decision to increase tariffs and restrict entrance to beaches and swimming pools "panders to the prejudices of a small minority of racial bigots," according to city councillor Mr Jan van Eck.

Mr Van Eck, who has launched a petition to protest against the new control measures, says the campaign will illustrate that the council decision "does not reflect the wishes of the majority of residents and ratepayers of Cape Town".

"The decision should be judged by the effect it will have in practice, and that effect is to discriminate against people who are not white since the largest percentage of poorer people happen to be black."

"What this decision will actually do is replace discrimination based on the colour of one's skin with discrimination based on the colour of one's money."

Signatures for the petition will be collected this morning at the Fountain Shopping Centre at Rondebosch and the campaign will gradually be extended.

Petition forms can be obtained by writing to PO Box 1476, Cape Town.
Mr. Johann Steyn, the leader of the National Party, has urged for all votes for the National Party in the upcoming elections. He believes that the National Party is the best choice for the future of South Africa. He also highlighted the importance of unity and cooperation among all political parties to achieve a better future for all South Africans.
Group Areas

Problems don't appreciate our self-appointed council and the people of the community. We need to work together and make decisions that benefit everyone. In my position as a councilor, I am committed to representing the interests of all residents.

Appreciate

The people of Group Areas should be included in the decision-making process. It is important that their voices are heard and their concerns are addressed. We need to ensure that all residents feel valued and respected.

Lovely idea

I fully support the idea of a municipal council that represents the interests of all residents. It is crucial that we work together to create a more inclusive and equitable society.

Practical

The current system is not working for everyone. We need to make changes that benefit all residents. It is time for a new approach to governance.

Verdict

The problem needs to be addressed. However, it is not the role of Council to make such decisions. It is the responsibility of the elected officials to consider the proposals and make informed decisions.

Argument

The proposal to have a municipal council that represents the interests of all residents is not applicable. It is not the role of Council to make such decisions.

Conclusion

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Appendix

(See the additional notes on page 2.)
By Hilary Venables

Pool ‘solution’ also in crisis

THE City Council’s plans for tighter controls on the Peninsula’s beaches and public pools seem to be causing as much of an outcry as the so-called “beach crisis” did last summer.

The decision to increase pool tariffs by up to 200 percent, to restrict numbers and to charge an entrance fee at sections of our most popular beaches, has lead to accusations of racism, economic discrimination and elitism.

Although it must be appreciated that the council has come under considerable pressure—particularly from ratepayers in the Atlantic suburbs—many people feel it has misread the feelings of the vast majority of citizens.

Hailed

At the well-attended and at times chaotic public meeting at the Sea Point Civic Centre in February, the audience voted overwhelmingly in support of the council’s existing policy on beaches and pools.

The outcome of the meeting was hailed at the time as a mandate for the council to maintain its position, and not to be swayed by the demands of a small but very vocal minority.

But the new controls, although considerably less odious than some of those proposed by Sea Point and Camps Bay residents, are seen by many, including a significant number of councillors, to be retrogressive.

A petition has already been launched by one councillor, Mr Jan van Eck, in an attempt to prove that the council’s decision goes against the wishes of the majority of Cape Town’s citizens.

Councillors, and local newspapers, have been flooded with calls from an irate public calling for the council decision to be overturned.

The main criticism is that the council has automatically presumed that bad behaviour is caused by those who cannot afford the new tariffs, most of whom are black.

During last week’s council meeting, various councillors stressed that the decision could be reviewed and rescinded if it proved unacceptable.

The more drastic controls will not be imposed until December, so it is up to critics of the new measures to make their presence felt now if they are to have any chance of changing the minds of our City Fathers.
Slide still for ‘whites only’

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

THE City Council is continuing to allow the owners of the Musenberg water slide to operate the business on a “whites only” basis, despite its own policy on open amenities.

The original owner of the slide — which stands on council-owned land — Mr R. Clayton, was recently granted permission to transfer the lease of the land to a company, of which he is managing director and one of three equal shareholders.

According to the council, which granted the original lease without knowing that entrance to the slide would be restricted to whites, it investigated the possibility of including a clause in the transferred lease requiring the lessee to open the slide to all races.

The idea was abandoned when the council was legally advised that it would not be possible to force the lessee to break the law.

This appears to conflict with the legal advice on which it based its own policy on open amenities.

Advised

The council decided not to enforce the government's Separate Amenities Act when it was advised that the owner or controller of an amenity could not be prosecuted for allowing “disqualified persons” to use it.

According to Mr Clayton, he was advised that he could be prosecuted if he did not restrict entrance to whites.

“I will open the slide as soon as the government repeals the Separate Amenities Act, but not before,” he said.

The chairman of the council’s amenities and health committee, Mr Peter Muller, confirmed that the Executive Committee had been told the lease would be made null and void if it contained an ultra vires clause.

He said Mr Clayton had made “the impossible request” to the council for an indemnity that he would not be prosecuted if he opened the slide.
Swims cheap in townships

Municipal Reporter

It will cost 40 times more to enter Cape Town's major pools this summer than it will to swim at pools in the black townships.

The Western Cape Development Board confirmed yesterday that it would not increase its tariff of one cent for children and five cents for adults at its three pools next summer.

The City Council's increased summer entrance fees are 40 cents for children and R2 for adults at the Newlands, Sea Point and Muizenberg pools.

WCBD press liaison officer, Mr Sampie Steenkamp, said yesterday he hoped the two pools in Guguletu and the one in Langa would be open by the summer season.

The pools, reserved for blacks only, were closed last summer "for maintenance."

He said it was "unlikely" that the board would accede to a request from the City Council that it be given control of the pools.

The council, which built and maintained the pools until 1972, asked for the pools to be handed back following the deterioration and closure of the amenities last summer.

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Tolls not, economic apartheid!

From Councillor H. Jack

Po Box 21, Cape Town 8000

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The proposal for an economic apartheid in South Africa is a clear violation of human rights. The tolls system is not only discriminatory but also economically exploitative. It disproportionately affects the poor, who are already burdened with other financial burdens.

The argument that tolls will provide revenue for road maintenance is flawed. The current system of road maintenance is ineffective and inefficient. The money raised from tolls should be used to improve the quality of life for all South Africans, not just a privileged few.

We call on the government to abandon this proposal and find a more equitable solution to the road maintenance and funding challenges.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature] [Name]
Labour Party rejects 'liberal paternalism'

From D M G CURRY, MP
Houses of Parliament:
ALLOW me to comment on your editorial 'Lead don't follow' of May 6. To put the case bluntly, we are tired of knocking at the white man's door. National Party or "liberal", begging for admission.

The Cape Times unfortunately does not understand the white municipal councils, particularly the Cape Town City Council. Of course, we agree that the Nationalists took the coloured people off the voters' rolls of municipal councils. Like the city council, we stand for direct representation on non-racial councils.

The city council has taken the "vow" to fight for a non-racial council and therefore they will not work with or cooperate with management committees. It wants to preserve its links with past councillors such as Mr Norman Daniels, who was forced out of the city council because he was classified coloured.

The city council of Cape Town became a white separate development council in terms of government policy. Not one white city councillor resigned in protest when coloureds were removed. We who also use a separate local government structure, the management committee, are not "fisher" in the eyes of the city council. Whites can use the "system" but coloureds or Indians cannot. If you're white, you're right, but if you're coloured, you must stand down.

We do not support management committees, neither do we offer them to our people. We have consistently stated our case for direct representation and we are using separate structures to obtain that goal.

Some liberals remind me so much of the colonel who said to his troops: "Tell me my man, which way you want to go because I want to lead you." These liberals accuse us of using government platforms. They say we operate from these structures and use them to obtain "status" as leaders. But this is exactly what the liberals have done. They have used apartheid structures to become leaders in the white community.

It is politically expedient for them but not for the Labour Party. The liberals have consistently used coloured, Indian and African voters to get into the parliament and provincial and local government councils.

The old SA Communist Party used the African voters on separate voters' rolls to get into the House of Assembly. Both the Labour Party and the liberals are therefore guilty of the same "sin", but the city council climbs on a high moral platform and refuses to co-operate with management committees. Interim measures were pursued so that councils and management committees could find ways and means of working together. The city council refuses to co-operate with us because of the "vow".

Housing is an important part of the life of our community. We want to upgrade the quality of life in the townships. We want to sit with the city council in all its committee systems to work out with them programmes to solve the housing problems in Cape Town. This is the council refuses to do. We are left with no option but to take coloured housing away from the city council of Cape Town in order to do the job ourselves.

We have no intention of becoming "ethnic". There are other local authorities in the Peninsula area with whom we can liaise to do certain functions on our behalf. There are other private institutions who are willing and who continuously offer help to us. We certainly will not establish a coloured city council in Cape Town. We want to bring our people into the decision-making process. The Labour Party's strategy is that we use separate structures.

We are also people with dignity. We have tried to liaise and negotiate with the Cape Town City Council. We cannot be reconciled with this kind of "liberal paternalism". It is tragic that this relationship is ending this way but we are just tired of crawling to white people, no matter what their choice of politics may be.

Too long have others spoken for us. We intend doing that ourselves.
Call to have non-racial council for city
Unreasonable sports bodies may be curbed

SPORTS control bodies which unreasonably withheld facilities from organizations not affiliated to a particular council of sport could have their contracts with municipalities cancelled, Mr Piet Loubsen, MEC for local government in the Provincial Council, said yesterday.

Mr Loubsen was speaking during the second reading of a draft amendment ordinance which, if passed, would allow the administrator to cancel contracts between municipalities and offending sports control bodies.

At present, the administrator is able to cancel only those contracts which contain clauses forbidding the "unreasonable withholding of sports facilities".

However, the Second Municipal Ordinance Draft Amendment of 1988 proposes to enable the administrator, in the absence of such clauses, to "direct as if such a determination did exist."

Mr Loubsen did not name any sports control bodies which the drafters of the ordinance might have had in mind.

Members of the South African Council of Sport (Sacos), a determinedly non-racial organization, have in the past ostracized players who took part in "multi-national" sport.

The debate was adjourned until today.
City rates

BY MICHAEL MORRIS
Municipal Reporter

A SHOCK 12 percent rates increase, two electricity tariff increases this year and a rise in rents have been announced in a tough City Council budget.

And the city may face more increases during the year to meet the cost of municipal salary increases and the creation of regional services councils — neither of which is provided for in the budget.

Milnerton keeps rise down to 2%

Staff Reporter

THE Milnerton Town Council has restricted its rates increase to two percent for the second successive year.

A capital expenditure budget of R7,5-million has been approved, of which R1-million will be spent on completion of the new library complex and R3,1-million on the reconstruction of roads in Table View.

Rates are due on July 1, and the payment deadline is September 30.

Pruning

Presenting the R653,3-million budget for the 1985/86 financial year — "undoubtedly one of the most difficult the city has faced for many years" — the chairman of the executive committee, Mr John Muir, said today he was unable to deliver a message of optimism.

The city had been "assailed by the slings and arrows of personal interest rates, soaring inflation and insatiable demands on its purse". It was impossible to provide services and facilities at no extra cost to the ratepayer.

Pruning

Fuel and GST increases, inflation, staff salary increases and expansion and maintenance of services had pushed the budget up 21 percent over this year's R704-million package, in spite of being "subjected to a succession of pruning processes", he said.

The R132,3-million needed from rates is 16 percent higher than this year's requirement.

The general rate goes up from 2,58 to 2,93 cents in the rand and, with last year's 26 percent rebate on residential properties remaining unchanged, the residential rate is being increased from 1,91 to 2,14 cents in the rand.

This 12 percent increase is the biggest since 1981. It was eight percent last year. Further rebates of 20, 30 and 40 percent to aid the elderly remain unchanged.

Rents up

Cape Flats housing rents will rise by about five percent, while spending to meet the growing housing crisis is being increased 35 percent, from this year's R94,5-million to R130,8-million.

Electricity tariffs will rise by 10 percent this month and possibly a further 14 percent later in the year.

Water tariffs were increased by six percent in April and no further rise is envisaged at this stage.

Capital expenditure — excluding the R150,6-million for housing — amounts to R118-million, which is 14 percent more than this year.

Beach control

A key item of capital spending is the 50 percent increase for beach facilities and control measures.

Mr Muir said the extra expenditure was accommodated through cutbacks on capital allocations for other services, "a simple example of priority budgeting" which would become increasingly important in future.

He said capital spending was falling behind the city's development requirements but high interest rates were forcing deferral of major projects as well as long-term loans from the money market.

Some relieving features were that Government rates payments for the current year were about R1,3-million higher than expected and rates income for 1984/85 about R2-million more than estimated.

In addition, stricter control over filling vacancies and creating new posts had shaved about R3-million from last July's estimated salary increase burden of R21,5-million.
Housing: Call for ‘reversal’

Municipal Reporter

THE City’s housing crisis can only be alleviated by a “complete reversal” of the government’s housing policy, the Exco chairman, Mr John Muir, said at the council’s budget meeting yesterday.

In a gloomy forecast of prospects for the provision of low-income housing during the coming financial year, Mr Muir said the housing operation needed “a massive ongoing allocation of subsidized capital finance”.

“This is a problem that cannot be solved at a local-government level, it can’t be solved on a self-help basis, and it cannot be solved by private enterprise,” he said.

Mr Muir confirmed that the government had allocated only R43m for coloured and Indian housing schemes, with a probable additional allocation of between R8 and R10m.

This would do no more than meet existing contractual agreements and would satisfy only a “fraction” of the housing demand.

“Stop-go”

Mr Muir criticized the government’s “stop-go” approach to the planning of housing and called for a three- to five-year “planning horizon”.

Projects cannot be implemented overnight should funds be provided unexpectedly and neither can they be shelved at a moment’s notice if funds dry up.”

Cost escalations were continuing to force up the prices of houses so that they were approaching the position where “we may be building houses for the poor that they cannot afford without massive subsidies”.

During the budget debate, a number of councillors slated the government for withdrawing finance for the council’s housing project at Blue Downs.

Dr John Sonnenburg described the government decision as a “public disgrace”.

Rates warning for City

Municipal Reporter

FUTURE rate and tax increases are likely to be “formidable”, the chairman of Exco, Mr John Muir, said yesterday.

Introducing his budget speech, Mr Muir said the City had been able to hold rates to 3.5% now to restrict rate increases to less than the rate of inflation only by cutting its operating expenditure “to the bone”.

“Formidable”

“On the contrary, I believe that, with the ever-decreasing proportionate subsidies received from the State and the Province and failing the acquisition of supplementary sources of income, future rate increases are likely to be formidable.”

Mr Muir criticized a “minority” of citizens who feel the council should be able to provide all desirable facilities “at minimal or no extra cost to the ratepayer”.

He said department heads had been instructed to exercise “stringent economy” Original estimates for the 1985/1986 budget from the various departments gave “an honest assessment of service requirements” but had to undergo a “succession of pruning processes”.
Spending record for City

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter
CAPE TOWN will spend a record R863.8-million during the coming financial year—a 21.3 percent increase on the original estimates for the current year.

The biggest shock in the harsh 1985/1986 budget, presented to the City Council yesterday by the chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr John Muir, is the 12 percent rates increase. This is the biggest rates increase since 1981.

Running

Another blow for householders is the five percent increase on rentals in the council’s housing estates, which comes into effect in July, and another electricity tariff increase of about 14 percent in October.

More than R65-million will be spent on running the City during the coming year. This is R63.3-million above the ceiling set by the government which limits increases to 10 percent over the previous year’s spending, and the council will have to seek Treasury approval for the additional expenditure.

Staff

• The largest operating increase is the extra 40 percent which will go to the Parks and Forests Service. This is to make up for an under-provision in the previous budget.
• The Town Planning budget has increased by 39 percent—most of which will go towards additional staff needed as a result of the City’s new long-term policy for the development and planning of the City.
• Bathing amenities will get an “above average” increase of 24 percent over last year. Much of this will go towards financing increased controls on the beaches.

The staff bill of R217.9-million accounts for 36 percent of operating costs—by far the biggest single item of expenditure in the budget. However, an original allocation of R5.5-million to cover the cost of additional staff posts has been cut by half.

Mr Muir warned that the additional taxation and lost licence revenue, which would result from the establishment of the new Regional Services Councils had not been budgeted for as the actual amounts involved were unknown.

The capital estimates of R118-million (excluding housing) are 12.5 percent up on last year. If State funding is excluded, Mr Muir said this amount represented no real growth in expenditure over last year.

The council has added an extra R2-million to its original draft capital estimates for beach and recreational facilities, bringing the budget for Bathing Amenities and Parks and Forests to almost R100-million.

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INDUSTRIAL COURT

Blow for Cape union

The longest wage arbitration ever conducted by the Industrial Court — the dispute between the Cape Town Municipal Workers’ Association (CTMWA) and the local city council — has been concluded. The court’s award — way below what the union demanded — is seen as a blow to unions’ campaign for a “living wage” and has elicited scathing comment from the CTMWA.

The scene was set for bitter negotiations early last year when a general meeting of the CTMWA mandated the union to demand a minimum “living wage” of R116/week for the lowest-paid council workers — a 100% increase — rising to a 15% increase for higher-paid workers. When talks broke down, both sides agreed to submit to arbitration by the Industrial Court. This was done.

...resulting in arbitration hearings... until October... They broke off in December and resumed for a few days in April, soon after the union had rejected a final council offer.

In the interim, however, the council unilaterally implemented wage increases on July 1 that raised pay levels for the lowest-level labourers from R1,29/hour to R1,64/hour (R59,24/week and R73,44/week respectively).

In what is probably the most sophisticated union presentation on wages, the CTMWA based its claim at the arbitration hearings on interviews conducted with over 6,000 of its members and a highly critical analysis of the various poverty datum lines. The council, while stating that it sympathised with the plight of the workers, argued that it could not afford the demands. Events took an unfortunate turn for the union when it was revealed that some entries about wages on a computer printout presented as evidence had been altered by one of its employees.

In terms of the court’s order made last week, all employees earning between R73,20/week and R87,92/week will receive a one-notch increase worth about R4.59 per week. Thus, a labourer earning R75,78/week now earns R79,83/week. In addition, the pay scales of all employees earning less than labourers’ wages will be brought in line with labourers’ rates. The order, which is valid for 15 months from January 1985, excludes all workers who were not on the council’s payroll on July 1 last year and any others who have received a pay increase since January 1 this year.

Ernsten is very unhappy with the order. He comments: “A large number of the union’s lower-paid members — some 4,500 in all — will derive some benefits from the award. About 6,000 will not. On the whole, we regard it as most unsatisfactory.” Ernsten says the union will report back to its members on June 4 at a protest meeting to consider what action to take.

One factor sure to be highlighted is the problem the union faced because its members were not allowed to strike, since local authority work is classified as an “essential service.” Says Ernsten: “This provision robs workers of their most powerful weapon in the collective bargaining process — namely, the strike weapon. We want it to be removed so as to enable us to exercise, if we so choose, the right to take industrial action.”

Cape Town town clerk Stanley Evans comments: “We would have preferred not to engage in this way, but the union’s mandate did not give it the capacity for flexibility. The award must be considered fair in the western Cape environment. We know of many industries which are paying less than us. We were a guinea-pig case, and I think the other side regarded it as a big test case for the establishment of a living wage.”
PFP, Nats clash over Sacos

Municipal Reporter

The PFP in the Provincial Council yesterday opposed draft legislation aimed at preventing sports bodies like Sacos from barring other sports organizations from the facilities it hires from local authorities.

The draft ordinance gives the Administrator the power to cancel a lease between a local authority and a sporting body if he feels use of the leased property is being "unreasonably" withheld from other individuals or organizations.

This is believed to be aimed specifically at Sacos, which bans anyone involved in "multi-racial" sport from using its facilities.

Mr Jan van Eck (PFP Groote Schuur) said the government had politicized sport and should not "point fingers" at Sacos for following suit.

"Sacos, at whom the ordinance is aimed, is doing what the Nationalists have been doing for years. "Sacos and a considerable section of the coloured and black community are completely against those sports organizations which are prepared to participate in abnormal apartheid sport," he said.

Mr Neels Ackerman (Stellenbosch), accused the PFP of supporting Sacos and the UDF and of "bedevilling" attempts to bring the All Blacks to South Africa.

"I blame that party for the planned demonstrations against the All Black tour," he said.

for this call-up was the Eastern Cape, where police action in the black townships had been openly supported on a large scale by the army.

The situation here had placed the call-up of the "old guard" in a completely different light. "Precisely because in the Eastern Cape there has been the bloodiest suppression of protest so far it forces a direct and immediate moral choice on everyone who is called up for military service."

Professor Brink stressed this decision not to serve in the defence force only involved himself.

"But by making such a decision and being responsible for it, I am also demonstrating my conviction that a person has a choice in every situation."
Pea for housing subsidy surplus

Spectrum ISSUE: Homeless

Plea for housing subsidy surplus

The city council is caught between the desperate need for houses and an underachievable supply of funds. By Municipal reporter Michael Morris.
Racism claims from Settlers club go to council

Staff Reporter

CLAIMS about racism at Rygersdal Club have been sent to the club, the Western Province Football Association and the City Council by the Settlers Football Club.

Settlers claim that Rygersdal remains one of two or three clubs which will not permit "non-white non-members" to enter their bar.

In a letter to the club the WPFA and the council, the secretary of Settlers, Mr R. J. Goffin, says that this action has been extended to "white non-members" who are part of teams including "non-white non-members".

According to Mr Goffin, this policy led to an incident at Rygersdal after a soccer match in April, His club members were told that "visitors who could be considered 'white' would be welcome in the club bar."

"Others would be restricted to the changing rooms, a lounge or the outside serving-hatch area."

Banned from bar

This was changed and all non-members, "especially those associated with Settlers Football Club", were banned from the bar.

Rygersdal, the South African Association of Municipal Employees' recreation club, will discuss the allegations tomorrow.

Mr Peter Rust, chairman of Rygersdal, said today that there had been a misunderstanding.

Club policy was that all sports players should use a players' lounge and that none was allowed in the club bar, irrespective of race.

Mr Rust said this policy was adopted several years ago because of pressure on facilities.

"Couldn't get service"

"Members complained that they couldn't get service in the bar because it was so crowded with visitors. We often have up to four fixtures at the club on a Saturday afternoon and members complained they were being crowded out," said Mr Rust.

"We are spending several thousand rand on turning the players' lounge into a players' bar and all players, whether members or non-members, are supposed to use this."

Mr Goffin said it seemed that club members hid their prejudices behind policy.

"At the time they offered to sign every white member so that they could use the bar. But they refused to extend this to other players."

"Settlers will never play a fixture at Rygersdal again — that I can promise," said Mr Goffin.

Mr J. S. Bondetti, secretary of SAAME, said he could add nothing to what Mr Rust had said. He said the relationship between SAAME and Rygersdal was "complicated" and referred Mr Rust inquiries about SAAME representation on the club committee.
AN attempt to have the "whites only" signs removed from two beaches in the Good Hope Nature Reserve at Cape Point failed in the Divisional Council yesterday.

Mr Neil Ross introduced a motion calling for all facilities in the reserve, including the "white" beaches at Buffelsbaai and Bordjiesrif, to be opened to all races.

The move was thwarted when the acting deputy chairman, Mr L.J. Rothman, insisted that the motion could not be put until the council had agreed to reverse its previous decision on segregated amenities.

The motion to review and rescind failed.
Civic police call

Municipal Reporter

FPP members of the Provincial Council yesterday urged the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, to use his influence to help establish a civic constabulary in Cape Town.

Mr Louw said during a speech last year that municipalities would have to accept more responsibility for crime prevention in cities.

However, a previous attempt by Cape Town City Council to set up a civic patrol was thwarted, when the Minister of Police, Mr Louis le Grange, declined to approve the funding of the force, or grant non-SAP patrols full powers of arrest. He said municipal police forces were "unnecessary".

The leader of the opposition in the council, Mr Herbert Hirsh, said yesterday that the police force was "grossly understaffed" and the crime rate in Cape Town was "rising".

He said black local authorities had been granted the power to establish their own police forces, and he called for this right to be extended to white municipalities.

Legal problems

In his reply, Mr Louw said the extension of full powers of arrest to civic police could create "legal problems", but he conceded that "in principle, it would not serve any purpose to have a municipal constable if he is completely powerless."

Racially segregated amenities were "potentially one of the most dangerous avenues of conflict". Mr Eddie Trent (FPP PE Central) told the council yesterday.

Unless the Provincial Administration changed its policy in this regard, the situation would deteriorate "to a point where large-scale defiance of the law becomes the order of the day".

He warned government members that beaches would be opened "sooner or later, whether members on that side like it or not".
Council adopts seven-year planning strategy

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Council to set up "local govt" body?

Municipal Reporter

THE City Council is considering challenging the government's plans for local government by trying to establish a Western Cape commission on "government at the local level", similar to the Balule Commission in Natal.

Council member Mrs Joan Kantey proposed a motion yesterday calling on the Executive Committee to consider approaching neighbouring local authorities and civic organizations to investigate the possibility of setting up "a commission on the government in the Cape Peninsula".

The aim of the commission should be to "ensure growth, stability, peace, prosperity and participation at local government level".

Mrs Kantey said the Western Cape faced similar problems to those experienced in Durban, as it had also to reconcile both First and Third World societies.

The region was now having a new system of government "thrust upon it", without the implications being fully investigated.

She said the future Regional Services Council would not succeed unless everyone in the region was allowed to participate on them, and described the Management Committees as the "Achilles heel" of the new system.

"We have to talk to everyone -- from the government and business to the people of Khayelitsha, trade unions and the UDF, to find out what they want."

"And if our findings conflict with the existing situation, we must have the courage to say so."

2 fired by Dias council

Own Correspondent
PORT ELIZABETH — Two of the three Dias Divisional Council ambulance men, suspended by the council after testifying before the Kanneweyer Commission of Inquiry into the Langa shootings, have been dismissed.

Mr. Nigel Anderson, the council's secretary, confirmed yesterday that Mr. Joseph Berry and Mr. Michael Goqo had been dismissed following a full investigation into allegations of misconduct.

"I don't want to say anymore," he said, when asked if their dismissal was connected with their testimony.

The third ambulance man who gave evidence before the commission, Mr. Dennis Barlow, had been reinstated, Mr. Anderson said.

Mr. Berry said he had instructed a Johannesburg firm of attorneys to investigate a case of unfair dismissal against the council.

He said he had "no regrets about testifying, although everyone feels bad about losing a job. But I feel good about having spoken the truth.

Mr. Goqo could not be reached for comment last night."
City municipal workers angry

Staff Reporter

MEMBERS of the Cape Town Municipal Workers’ Association (CTMWA) have rejected the Industrial Court pay award which grants the Cape Town City Council’s lowest-paid workers a five percent increase on their wages.

The award, which was made last month, grants the increase to about 4 000 of the association’s 11 000 members. The other workers will get no increase.

A meeting held in the City this week resolved to call on the union’s executive immediately to prepare fresh wage demands.

The meeting also decided to fight for the scrapping of the provision of the Labour Relations Amendment Act which classifies local authorities as essential services.

This provision prohibits municipal workers from ever taking strike action.

Workers at the meeting held in the City Hall on Tuesday night criticized the council for proposing to spend millions on attracting tourists to Cape Town by creating a pedestrian area in St George’s Street while paying the workers who serve the City “poverty wages”.

Prison at noon on Tues...
Tygerberg municipalities divided over open CBDs

FIVE Tygerberg municipalities have voted for open central business districts and two are against.

Kuils River, Bellville, Parow and Durbanville are in favour of their CBDs being open for trading by all races.

Kraaifontein, which was in favour of the concept, has decided that individual applications will be decided on merit.

The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning has also asked local authorities to identify "open" areas if the basic concept was approved.

Goodwood and Brackenfell.

Mr Johan Bräüler, chairman of the Tygerberg Chamber of Commerce, said local authorities had approached the chamber to identify free trade areas in the Tygerberg.

"I support the concept of free trade areas as one of the basic premises of a free market system," Mr Bräüler said.

"The chamber is in favour of every businessman in Tygerberg trading areas having the right to invest in business or property."

He believed that each local authority should decide whether the owner of a business should be allowed to live on the premises or not.
Call for civic patrols to help cut city crime rate

SYDNEY DUVAL
Staff Reporter
CIVIC patrols are urgently needed to cut down crime in the Peninsula.

This was the call today by Cape Town businessman Mr Philip Krawitz at the Assocom regional congress at Worcester.

Mr Krawitz, an executive committee member of the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce and its immediate past president, said that shocking crime statistics had given the Cape an unavoidable notoriety.

Last year 846 murders and 688 culpable homicides were reported in the Cape Town, Wynberg and Athlone police districts alone, an average of 2.3 murders a day. There were 5119 robberies, 18 651 assaults and 22 020 housebreakings.

“Sad indictment”

“This is a sad indictment of our region, and materially affects the quality of life for a large proportion of the community,” he said.

He said that the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, believed the situation was “well under control”. But the situation was, if anything, deteriorating.

“The answer lies simply in supplementing police activities by the institution of municipal civic patrols,” Mr Krawitz said.

A greater police presence in central business districts (CBDs), tourist areas and townships was desperately needed, particularly manpower-sapping foot patrols.

The only answer was well-trained and well-equipped municipal police patrols, which the SAP could not provide.

Through no fault of its own the SAP had become identified with “the implementation of the degrading and unpalatable apartheid laws”, while councils such as Cape Town’s had an unblemished record with its black and coloured citizens.

“Law enforcement by these (civic) officials is therefore certain to have greater credence as a socially acceptable function,” he said.

In proposing a motion on combating crime, Mr Krawitz called on Mr le Grange urgently to heed previous pleas by the Administrator, Mr Gene Low, and the Cape Town chamber for civic patrols.
Plan calls for 'opportunities'

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

ORDERLY urbanization requires fewer controls and the provision of more opportunities for people to become self-sufficient, according to a City Council report submitted to the President's Council's Committee for Constitutional Affairs.

The report, prepared by the City Engineer's department, calls for the scrapping of the Group Areas Act, the easing of controls on home industries, informal trade, informal public transport and informal settlements, and the provision of more residential land, self-help housing, education opportunities and freehold for blacks.

More companies must be attracted to Greater Cape Town to stimulate the economy and provide employment, and more industrial land should be proclaimed and serviced close to major residential areas such as Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha.

Financial institutions should be encouraged to provide low-interest loan programmes and facilities for small-scale entrepreneurs, and marketing opportunities in low-income areas should be improved to increase industrial activity and retain income in these areas.

The report stresses that the community should be involved in decisions affecting the planning of the residential environment and that more funds for housing should be provided by the establishment of a "development corporation" and the creation of credit and saving unions.

Fastest growth

The report says Greater Cape Town is experiencing the fastest relative population growth of any of the country's metropolitan areas.

To slow down the movement of people to the city, urban development should be complemented by the stimulation of development in rural areas.

Failure to develop the rural areas had "turned the black homeland areas into dumping grounds whose capacity was being eroded as fast as these communities expand."

Water 'trickle' for unpaid bills

Municipal Report

The Divisional Council may restore a "trickle" of domestic water supply to Atlantis households which have had their water disconnected as a result of being unable to pay their bills.

The chairman of the council's health committee, Mr Clive Bilski, has suggested that the health problems that could arise from the disconnection of the supply could be "partially solved" by restoring a "trickle" supply sufficient to fill the lavatory cistern and for cooking and drinking purposes.

'Inconvenience'

"It is reasoned that the resultant inconvenience to the occupants of an affected dwelling would cause a householder to settle any outstanding water accounts," according to a report from the committee.

The report, to be considered by the full council tomorrow, says the Medical Officer of Health, Dr L R Tibbet, "realized that if a houseowner failed to pay a water account and a disconnection was refused by the Health Department on health grounds... many householders would not make any effort to pay outstanding or overdue water accounts."

The council has refused to supply water to 211 houses in Atlantis until their water accounts have been settled.
In Guguletu, the number of accidents rose from 808 in 1981 to 1,067 in 1983 and in Langa from 290 in 1981 to 319 in 1983.

Administration of Langa, Guguletu, Nyanga and Khayelitsha is in the hands of the WCDB which is responsible for services previously carried out by the city council and divisional council.

Mr Harry Attwood, Cape Town's traffic manager, said a permanent traffic force was clearly needed and long overdue — and his department could provide training facilities.

'Minimum control'

His officers conduct monthly “low-level law-enforcement programmes” in Langa and Guguletu “in terms of an undertaking with the board”, he said — “but we can provide only minimal traffic control from time to time because we are short-staffed.”

Mr Attwood believes the Peninsula's black areas need a force of at least 12 officers to police traffic in the three older townships and Khayelitsha and he has suggested the formation of an independent force to fill the gap.

The Divisional Council has, no similar agreement for even limited traffic control.

“These areas are now regarded as being outside the council’s area of jurisdiction and our traffic personnel have no authority to issue tickets there,” said a spokesman.

Langa, with a population of about 25,000, has only two access roads Guguletu has three main access roads and more than 70,000 residents.

Monitoring

Traffic monitoring has shown up to 6,400 vehicles entering Guguletu at peak times.

Surveys in Langa and Guguletu have shown up inadequate pavements, poor street lighting, worn road signs and road markings, abandoned and derelict vehicles and overloading.

Mr Roland Nyathi, chairman of the Cape Town Community Council, said he supported the idea of an independent traffic force.

Mr Barney Mostert, Western Cape area manager of the Automobile Association, said it was “imperative” to have law enforcement relative to the density of traffic and pedestrians in black areas.

Health

Mr Sampie Steenkamp, liaison officer of the Western Cape Board, said “Traffic control and health services are being left to the local authorities concerned under whose jurisdiction these areas fall.”

He said proposals for an independent force would have to wait until black local authorities had been established.

Mrs Di Bishop, PFP member of the provincial council who raised the issue recently, said traffic services in the black areas had become “an area of total neglect” since the takeover by the board.

Municipal, provincial and central government dairy responsibility for traffic management in Cape Town's black townships.

NO traffic force exists in Cape Town's black townships.
Van Eck’s pay-beach survey call defeated

Municipal Reporter

CITY councillors voted down a move by colleague Mr Jan van Eck to call an opinion survey of all the city’s people on plans for pay beaches and higher pool fees

Mr van Eck said people of colour had not been adequately consulted and he believed most people rejected the measures which amounted to “cheque-book apartheid”

The row over the beach issue - simmering for months - flared again yesterday when Mr van Eck suggested a survey of beach and pool control measures.

The motion was defeated by 15 votes to seven.

Mr van Eck said proposed control measures “do not represent the views of most people”

Dr John Sonnenberg said a survey would keep the council in touch “with the people who vote us to office and with those who have no vote”

Mr Neil Ross, a PFP colleague of Mr van Eck who opposed the survey idea, said unless supporters intended to be bound by it, “it is an exercise in futility”

Mrs Eulalie Stott asked “What will we do if the public indicates in the survey that they want apartheid on the beaches?”

“It is necessary for those in authority to remove points of conflict and I feel the survey will present us with problems we do not need”

Mrs Joan Kantey believed a survey would “exacerbate racial friction at a most critical time in our history”

*Speaking after the meeting, Mr van Eck said he was “extremely disappointed. This leaves me no option but to continue the petition more vigorously than before to try to indicate that the City Council is completely out of touch with the people of greater Cape Town”*
‘Hysterical reaction’ to beach survey

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

THE City Council has refused to consider conducting a public-opinion survey to establish what sort of controls Capetonians want at local beaches and pools.

At its monthly meeting yesterday, the council voted overwhelmingly against a motion from Mr. Jan van Eck calling on the council to direct the Executive Committee to consider conducting the survey.

Mr. Van Eck, who has launched a petition against the controls, said the council had a duty to give those people who could not express their opinions through a vote the opportunity of making their voices heard on the issue.

Mr. Chris Joubert accused Mr. Van Eck of "bringing racial undertones into everything" and said a survey should be conducted only after the summer season, when the new controls had been tested.

Mr. Neil Ross said the council had no obligation to abide by the opinion of the majority of its citizens.

Mr. Joe Rabinowitz of Green and Sea Point defended the control measures, which include increased tariffs and pay beaches, saying that the council had a duty to support middle-class citizens as they were the "most essential element" in a "stable" society.

Mr. Emil Riese also said people should "be able to choose not to mix with undesirables."

Mr. Arthur Wenburg said he was "amused and astounded at the hysterical feeling expressed against the survey."

"What are we scared of? We are not bound by the results of the survey but at least we will know how people feel," he said.

"Councillors are prepared to stand on their heads for the white electorate because they want to stay in power," he said.

He said the council had acclaimed last year’s mass opinion survey on the City’s services and had used the results to formulate its budget. "We used a survey when it suited us," he added.

Mr. Van Eck said after the meeting that he would have no alternative but to continue with his petition against the controls.
Meat levy 'may push up prices'

Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council is to charge wholesalers a levy of three cents on every kilogram of meat handled at the Matlida abattoir in spite of a warning that it could push up meat prices by 10c to 15c a kilogram.

Councillors were told yesterday the levy was necessary to boost funds for improvements but Mr Chris Joubert — a butcher — warned that it would lead to a price increase.

He said "This little three-cent levy looks innocent."

"But, while slaughtering 8,000 sheep a day, 800 cattle and other livestock the daily levy total will be about R9,000."

"That works out at between R1,5-million and R2-million a year."

He said this would probably filter through to the consumer as an increase of between 10c and 15c.

Amenities and health committee chairman Mr Peter Muller said "We are being put under extreme pressure to increase slaughtering facilities."

"I believe the levy is our only course of action. We will make a public appeal for the wholesale trade to absorb this increase."
Paying to be ‘free of the mob’

by Hilary Venables

THE City Council has decided to implement its controversial ‘beach controls’ this summer, come what may.

Our City Fathers voted overwhelmingly at last week’s council meeting against a motion calling for the measures to be put to the public vote by means of an opinion survey.

Proposing the motion, which was defeated by 14 votes to seven in a depleted council chamber, Mr Jan van Eck urged the council to give the City’s voteless majority an opportunity to express their views on the issue.

He also argued that controls which had the support of the people whose lives they would influence would be far more effective than the unpopular measures approved by council.

Arguments against the survey varied from the dubious “we are not bound by the opinion of the majority to let’s give the new system a chance and have a survey after the summer season.”

Some councillors, namely Mr Joe Rabinowitz and Mr Emil Ruise, avoided debating the merits or otherwise of canvassing public opinion and resorted instead to defending the new measures.

“The is vital that we support the middle class which is the most essential element in a stable society if they wish to purchase some exclusivity during their leisure time and to be free from the attentions of the mob, then we must give them that opportunity.”

Mr Rabinowitz said.

It has been pointed out time and time again that the equation of wealth with good behaviour is a false one, but some councillors still seem to believe that one can keep out “undesirables” by making facilities inaccessible to the poor.

The absurdity of the situation was further illustrated at last week’s meeting when the council agreed to grant pensioners and their spouses free access to pay beaches and pools.

Although this demonstrates a laudable sympathy for the problems of the economically underprivileged, it creates a false distinction between an “acceptable poor” and an “unacceptable poor”.

Surely the unemployed, and those earning a minimum wage should also be granted a concession.

But this of course would negate completely the aim of creating pay beaches in the first place.

The rationale behind charging an entrance fee to beaches can only be to create an elite section of sand and sea for those who are prepared and able to pay for the privilege of exclusivity.

The council has consistently argued that the pay beaches occupy an insignificant section of the coastline and that people who cannot afford the entrance can choose from any number of free beaches.

Surely this also applies to pensioners.

There seems to be no logic in enabling pensioners to enter these exclusive enclaves while denying access to the rest of the poor.

In contrast to what many consider to be its undemocratic stand on beaches, the City Council remains committed to full representation of all citizens on the council.

Residents of Mitchells Plain and Retreat, who are being threatened with the establishment of management committees in their areas, will be relieved to hear that the City Council has refused to play any part in the creation of these bodies.

The chairman of Exco, Mr John Murr, confirmed at the council’s meeting last week that his committee had been approached by the Director of Local Government, Mr Jan Walters, and the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning regarding the establishment of management committees in these two areas.

“In both cases the Executive Committee resolved that the Director of Local Government and the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning would be informed that it has always been the council’s view that there is no satisfactory alternative for Cape Town to a right to direct representation for all ratepayers on the City Council in order that those who contribute to the prosperity and progress of the City may participate in its local government without discrimination,” Mr Murr said.

He said neither of the departments had pursued the matter to date.
Hugh Changer speaks to the Mayor about the need for improved understanding and cooperation between the City and the town. He emphasizes the importance of clear communication and the need for both parties to work together to ensure the best outcomes for all. The Mayor agrees and promises to work towards this goal.
NUM strike ballot delayed

From PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

JOHANNESBURG - The National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) ballot for a legal strike on 18 gold mines and 11 collieries has been delayed after the union and Anglo American were unable to agree on joint monitoring of the vote.

Anglo American, who runs the vast majority of mines involved in the wage dispute, have rejected the wording of the NUM's ballot form and turned down a request that shift stewards get paid leave for the duration of the ballot.

A NUM spokesman last night said that failure to receive responses from Gold Fields and Rand Mines meant that the ballot would start only on Monday.

Meanwhile, 20,000 workers on three Gencor goldmines returned to work yesterday following a strike on Monday.

A Gencor spokesman said the workers from the Kinross, Winkleshaak and Beatrix mines had returned after a threat that they would face dismissal.

The NUM is not recognized at the Gencor mines and they will not be part of the planned legal strike action.

An Anglo spokesman said yesterday that management had been prepared to meet the union "halfway" by allowing shift stewards time off for the ballot without pay.

Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, general secretary of the NUM, said the wording of the ballot form was "none of their business", as it was a union issue.

In terms of the Labour Relations Act, the NUM is not required to hold a strike ballot, but is registered, and has decided to do so to prove its strength.
MR ANDREW PEILE, the new president of the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce, fears the introduction of the Regional Services Councils could threaten Cape Town's suburban train services.

Ascom's reservations about the new RSCs and its concern at the imminent introduction of new levels of local taxation are well known.

"But I am particularly concerned about how it will affect us in Cape Town. It is difficult to overstate the dependence of our workforce on the train service," he says.

He points out that the extent to which the Western Cape region will now be expected to subsidise the railways itself has not yet been made clear, and he says this is something the chamber will be watching very closely in the coming months.

Mr Peile was born and educated in England, but emigrated to Rhodesia to begin tobacco farming. After UDI he switched to insurance, working first in Lusaka, before moving down to the Cape. Since 1976 he has been a director of PFV insurance brokers.

Mr Peile says that working for the abolition of all restrictions which affect businesses on the local level will be another of his main concerns during his tenure of office at the chamber.

He believes that the future creation of wealth and jobs lies largely in the hands of the informal sector. It was the responsibility of the chamber to work with the city council and government to dismantle anything which hindered local businessmen.

"The opening up of the CBDs was a major breakthrough, but there is still a lot of work to be done. Nafcoc has recently drawn up a list of over 1,000 restrictions which affect businessmen on a local and national level."

Mr Peile believes market forces have an "uncanny knack" of regulating the business rather more successfully than statutory controls.

"The man selling avocados on the street corner must move on every half hour at least 80m to avoid breaking the law. I believe that if he truly is causing an obstruction, he will be posted off the street by pedestrians."

Mr Peile says that too many of the laws in force — particularly those dealing with health and cleanliness — are geared for the First World.

"I'm afraid we simply can't afford the luxury of such stringent regulations. The creation of jobs in the informal sector is really the only way to avoid more unemployment."

By STEPHEN ROBINSON

Andrew Peile... question of subsidies
Fire Brigade on Requirement Drive
The fire service is trying to attract more recruits. The department is promoting the benefits of joining the service, including opportunities for career advancement and the chance to make a difference in your community.

The department is currently seeking new members to join their ranks. Applications are being accepted now, and the department is encouraging anyone interested in a career with the fire service to apply.

Those who are interested can apply online or in-person at any of the department's recruitment centers. The application process is straightforward and can be completed in just a few minutes.

The department is looking for individuals who are dedicated and committed to serving their community. They are seeking firefighters who are willing to work long hours and be on call at a moment's notice.

If you are interested in applying, the department encourages you to visit one of their recruitment centers or visit their website for more information. They look forward to hearing from you soon.
Dias chief to be charged

The Secretary of the Dias Divisio, Mr. N. W. Ander-
son, is to be charged with an-

offence stemming from the con-
duct during the hearings of the
Kanemeyer Commission.
Meeting on E Cape unrest within 3 weeks
Johannesburg

The Attorney-General of the Eastern Cape, Mr E C Heller, has decided to prosecute the secretary of the Duke Divisional Council, Mr Neville Anderson, for an alleged contravention of regulations relating to the Kannemeyer Inquiry into the Langa shootings.

The charge in the Regional Court will concern an allegation that he contravened Section 14, read with Section 15, of the regulations by anticipating the findings of the commission when he testified before Mr Justice Kannemeyer during the inquiry earlier this year.

Three ambulance officers employed by the council were suspended from the council’s service after they gave evidence before Mr Justice Kannemeyer.

Testifying at the commission, Mr Anderson was unable to give Mr Justice Kannemeyer the assurance that disciplinary action would not be taken against other ambulance officers who gave evidence.

Two ambulance officers, Mr Joseph Berry and Mr Michael Gogo, were later dismissed. The third ambulance officer, Mr Dennis Barlow, was eventually reinstated.
Management committee poll put back

Municipal Reporter

MANAGEMENT committee elections — due in two months — have been postponed until 1988.

Speculation is that the Government feared a violent reaction if elections went ahead.

The postponement brings local government elections for coloureds and Indians into line with those for white councils.

Cape Town City Council received a telegram from the Provincial Administration this week saying elections in the Athlone, Kennington, Rylands and Wynberg/Whiteborne management committee areas were being postponed.

Speculation is that the Government feared violence in black townships would "spill over" into coloured and Indian areas if elections went ahead.

One observer believed the elections would be an opportunity activists would grab at to "stir up trouble".
EAST LONDON — A Queenstown youth organisation member, who was allegedly among a group which attempted to petrol bomb a Mlungisi councillor’s home, was shot dead in a confrontation with the police.

A spokesman for the South African Police public relations division in Pretoria said Mr Xolile Eric Mtshiselwa, 24, had been found dead a short distance from where the clash with police had occurred on Tuesday at about 10.20 pm.

She said the police, who had been guarding the councillor’s house, had opened fire on the group with shotguns.

Mr Mtshiselwa’s uncle, Mr Garret Mtshiselwa, said yesterday: “I saw Xolile at home between 8 and 9 on Tuesday evening when he left to walk his girlfriend home.”

The next morning at work he heard that Xolile, his sister’s son, had been shot.

Mr Mtshiselwa said that only two weeks ago he had burned Xolile’s brother, Minnawe, who was stabbed to death in Mlungisi.

“I don’t know how to tell his mother. When Minnawe died, I notified her by phoning her employer. Now I will drive to Johannesburg myself to tell her. I have to be there when I tell her,” he said.
Committee fails to get quorum for third consecutive meeting

Municipal Reporter

ATHLONE management committee called off its third meeting in a row yesterday because it did not have a quorum.

The committee has still to dispense with June’s business and it could be running out of time.

Procedural regulations allow the City Council to act on management committee matters if they are not dealt with by the committees within a prescribed time.

Three members arrived for yesterday’s meeting, due to start at 2 pm, but it was called off at 3.15 pm because no one else arrived.

WASTING HIS TIME

One member, Labour Party MP Mr K Lategan, arrived an hour and 25 minutes late, but he left immediately when told he was wasting his time signing the attendance form.

A meeting on June 20 had a similar fate.

It was adjourned to June 24, but that meeting ended when the committee lost its quorum halfway through.

Yesterday’s meeting was to finish off June’s business and get on with the agenda for July.

Compounding Athlone’s difficulty is the fact that the chairman, Mr Arthur Stanley MP, is in a New York hospital recovering from a stroke he had on the flight to America with a parliamentary delegation against US disinvestment.

Deputy-chairman Mr P McKenzie MP took the chair. He and the other members present—Mr Bob Essop and Mr F Adams—expressed their disappointment at the absence of their colleagues.

Dilatory members, apart from Mr Lategan, were Mr J Nash and Mr R Simmons.

A fourth member was on leave.

Blacks this year
In the recent debate on the Library Budget in the Cape Provincial Council, it was stated that next year library users might have to pay a fee. MARY ROBINSON reports.

**Library fees: ‘Fatal move’**

THE recommendation of the government’s Permanent Finance Liaison Committee (formerly the Crozier Committee) that fees be charged for library lending services has provoked strong reaction.

“The public library is one of the last agencies freely accessible to all, irrespective of background,” said a Cape Flats library head. “It’s an agency for progress and enlightenment, a force for peace in this country.”

“Making people pay to use the library is a total regression, it’s a fatal move. You’ll gain a few rand but lose immeasurably. Once again, those affected will be those needing it most — educated middle class whites, who have access to information and stimulation elsewhere, will be able to pay but poorer people, whose only access is through free libraries, won’t.”

**“Vitally important”**

“Through paying fees, the library will become further identified with the ‘system’, which can only be negative.”

A senior Cape Town library administrator argued that the lending service was as important as the reference service. “It’s vitally important that people get used to reading first, loving books, taking them home so they’re not associated with libraries only, before using them for information.”

The consequences of abolishing the international free library principle, introduced in Cape Town in 1952, were indeed serious, he said. “They don’t know what they’re doing, particularly at this time in South Africa. The consequences could be dangerous, especially among the disadvantaged. They’ll feel, ‘Now this has also been taken away from me, this way of advancing myself’.”

“Collective memory”

“I think the great majority in poorer areas will discontinue using libraries. Libraries in disadvantaged areas will become white elephants.”

Dr. Bishop (PF), the provincial council member for Gardens, told the council that the library was “society’s collective memory, and that any cutting of the service would result in a gap developing in that memory which may never be possible to close.”

She warned that public libraries would become “elitist institutions”, with the economically inactive and black South Africans already subject to “vicious discrimination” in the provision of library services, suffering most. “While 216 libraries in the Cape Province are reserved for the exclusive use of whites and 78 for coloureds, only six are for the exclusive use of blacks. About 75 per cent of the libraries in the province are closed to coloured and black people.”

She called for librarians to be drawn into the thorough investigation necessary before any decisions were taken. “My information is that this recommendation was made without any consultation whatsoever with librarians.”

**Half a million**

The Cape Town City Library Service, one of the two largest public library organisations in SA, employs more than 420 people and issues an average of five million books, records and art prints annually to half a million borrowers.

These half a million borrowers believe libraries matter, too. In a recent City Hall survey, they placed the library service fifth in importance out of 23 services offered by the municipality.

Mayor Sol Kremen, in an address to mark Public Library Day last month, said that Cape Town had the first rates-supported library in the world. Thus was established in 1829 when Lord Charles Somerset allocated a portion of the wine tax to support the South African Public Library.

He said he could say with pride that the city’s library service complied with the UNESCO manifesto and had done so for many years.

Replying, Tony Rooper, president of the South African Institute of Librarianship and Information Science, said libraries were referred to past pressures on the library service to move away from the UNESCO principles. The most recent was the move to abandon the principle of free libraries.

“To make people pay for access to that information is, to my mind, a grave mistake.”

In a democracy, he added, one needed an informed electorate and in our society today the biggest single issue was education. The public library was, thanks to the political and social stigmas of our formal education systems...
Belhar body against mancom

Staff Reporter

OPPOSITION is mounting in Belhar against an attempt by the local Labour Party MP, Mr Archie Poole, to establish a management committee in the area.

Following the public rejection of management committees at a mass meeting in Belhar in March, the Belhar Civic Association has added its voice to calls for the scrapping of the system.

In a recent newsletter, the association says residents want direct and equal representation at all levels of government, irrespective of race, colour or creed.

Not autonomous

Popular opposition to management committees stems from the fact that they are based on a separate coloured vote and the Group Areas Act, and therefore entrench apartheid.

Management committees are not autonomous and the final decision on any matter affecting the areas which they serve rests with the white local authority under which they fall.

Mr Poole, who was elected to the House of Representatives on a 9.77 percent poll, has defended the mancom system in his newsletter.

"We are not interested in separate 'coloured' municipalities but are prepared to use the management committee system as a temporary measure to reach the goal of direct representation."

Temporary

The Belhar Civic Association was in no position to achieve anything because it was not recognized, he said.

"The management committee system should be seen as a temporary measure to achieve direct representation on local authorities, especially taking into consideration that wide decision-making powers will be granted to management committees in a Bill which will be passed in Parliament this session.

The Bill was rejected unanimously by the House of Delegates and has been referred to the President's Council for consideration."
New plan to create all-race city council

MICHAEL MORRIS
Municipal Reporter
CAPE Town City Council is generating a new thrust for equal representation of all city people in one council chamber.

Councillors will soon consider a motion urging the Government to allow a mixed, democratically-elected council in the city.

In spite of elaborate Government plans for a new local dispensation, the council is pressing ahead with its firm conviction that the most workable system for civic government in Cape Town is a single policy-making forum for all people.

And it is seeking management committee support for a joint approach to the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis

Single roll
This emerges from a letter to the Athlone and District Management Committee from the city council. It contains a motion from veteran equal rights campaigner, Mrs Emilie Stott calling on the four management committees in the municipality to join the council in pressing the Government for a single municipal voters' roll.

The motion calls on the council and committees to ask Mr Heunis "to take such steps as may be necessary to allow all persons in its area of jurisdiction who are entitled to be enrolled as voters at local government level ... as defined in the Local Government Bodies Franchise Act to be enrolled as voters and to be eligible to vote for and to be elected as members of the Cape Town City Council."

Management committee members - recently the target of scorching attacks from councillors - have reacted with caution to Mrs Stott's call.

Athlone members want a joint management committee meeting to establish a unified strategy to be followed by a "face-to-face meeting" with the full council.

Concerns aired at a meeting of the Athlone committee yesterday were summed up by Mr J Nash. "We want a full explanation of what this motion means. Who is it going to include? Whites, coloureds and Indians? Or blacks only?"

"How will wards be determined? By property valuation as at present or by population numbers?"

"We need a face-to-face meeting with the full council to find the answers to these questions."

Others
The committee agreed that equal representation "has always been our goal", but believed uncertainties on details needed to be cleared up before an approach was made to the Government.

Cape Town's three other management committees - Kensington, Wittebome/Wynberg and Rylands Estate - have yet to discuss the motion.

The past clashes have shown there is little love lost between the management committees and the City Council.

Police seek this man

Police have issued this photograph of a man they think might be able to help with inquiries into the disappearance of a security guard last week with about R3 000. He is Mr Diederick Matthias de Beer, 36, and anyone who knows his whereabouts is asked to contact Warrant Officer W Strydom at 031 1007 or 024 35073. Mr Diedericks is 1.67m tall and well built.
Bolstering up the mancoms

THE much-maligned management committee system, despised and rejected by the majority of the people it is supposed to represent, is stubbornly refusing to lie down and die.

Although existing management committees in the Cape Town area are having a problem reaching a quorum at their meetings -- the Athlone mancom has a two-month backlog as a result of this -- some people seem intent on fostering the ailing system on areas which have repeatedly rejected it.

Not only are Mitchells Plain and Steenberg being threatened with the imposition of these bodies on their communities, but Belhar has apparently been earmarked for inclusion in the system as well.

Belhar's Labour MP, Mr Archie Poole, who was elected on a 8.77 percent poll, is apparently behind the move to establish a management committee in the area.

The Labour Party has also been cited as the driving force behind recent requests for mancoms in Mitchells Plain and Steenberg, and civic organisations in these areas fear that the LP is attempting a local government takeover on the Cape Flats.

The mancom system was vehemently opposed at a mass meeting in Belhar in March and the Belhar Civic Association, which claims widespread support in the area, has slammed Mr Poole's plan in its latest newsletter.

Unhappily for Belhar, it has a greater chance of being incorporated into the mancom system than the other two areas.

Mitchells Plain and Steenberg fall under the jurisdiction of the Cape Town City Council, which has consistently opposed the mancom system and has undertaken not to support any requests for the establishment of these bodies.

Belhar, on the other hand, falls under the Divisional Council, which is far more sympathetic towards these committees.

Although Dico has not yet received any requests for the establishment of a mancom in Belhar, the possibility of such a request being favourably received and forwarded to the Provincial Administration for a decision appears strong.

If the people who advocate the extension of this system truly believe that the establishment of management committees in these areas is in the interest of local residents, they should have the courage to conduct a referendum to establish how much support this system has in the communities concerned.

And government members, like the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, who have implied that areas without management committees can expect no sympathy when it comes to grievances about rentals, amenities or other community issues, should recognize the fact that non-statutory civic organisations command more respect and support than the government-created committees, and agree to co-operate and negotiate with their leaders.
Municipal Reporter

LIBRARIANS throughout the country are incensed at the prospect of having to charge library users for borrowing books.

In a survey of librarians at 90 percent of the major "white" libraries throughout South Africa, more than 95 percent of the respondents opposed the idea, and 61 percent rejected it outright.

The Bloemfontein City Librarian, Mr P.J. van der Walt, who conducted the survey, said the major reasons given for opposing the user fee recommended by the government's Permanent Finance Liaison Committee were:

• It would discriminate against the poor, pensioners and children.
• It would discourage use of libraries.
• The revenue would not cover the costs of administering the new system.
• It would affect the right of the individual to access to information.
One multi-racial city council

is this the answer for PE?

By KIN BENTLEY

SHOULD Pretoria Elizabeth's people of all races be represented properly in the common city council?

Or does the Government's consolidation of separate, autonomous, coloured and black city management committees with advisory powers on the white council, and a future over-arching Regional Service Council, provide the answer?

South Africa is in a transition over its political future and the question of how to reconcile the aspirations of the different racial blocs at local level inevitably arises.

Indicative of the frustration of coloureds and Indians at their inferior "advisory" status on the PE City Council—which largely controls the purse-string of the city—were the hundreds who marched this week over the normally trivial issue of seating accommodation in the council chamber.

Among others, the chairman of the Indian Management Committee (IMC), Mr Raman Bhana, MP for Malakane, objected to the IMC and Northern Areas Management Committee (NAMC) members having to sit at separate tables from the white councillors.

Some city councillors said they had objections to joint seating, while others opposed it.

Former Mayor and veteran councillor, Mr Graham Young, was the only councillor interviewed who opposed the idea from the point of view that the chamber's housewives should be restricted to seats in the council chamber and that it would be far better if they (the coloured and Indian committee members) were elected to the city council.

To have selected people sitting on the council benches as described "is sacrilege".

He said the Government was "well-meaning" in attempting to create better communication between the management committees and the council, but the two bodies remained constitutionally separate.

The principle of local government which caused such early days of local councillors, Mr Young said at the time, is that the white of PE—including the mixed areas of Kerken and both of the coloured black townships like New Brighton—"was better than any of them".

In fact, he said, there were three coloured councillors on the PE City Council selected by most coloured areas like Kerken, which were later dissolved and segregated by the Government under the Group Areas Act.

Mr Young said when he was elected by the Central Ward for his first term as a councillor about 25 years ago, his ward included several coloured and a few African voters, mainly shop owners.

"In those days it was a common voter's roll based on property ownership and there were no less telling people where they should live."

Mr Young said at the time no Afrikaners owned these lands (today they can get 99-year leases, but still not freehold.)

The ward was all "open housing" which included "racially mixed, which collected rents and rendered services. The township did not."

He said under the present system he served as a chairman of the council's Native Affairs Committee, which met monthly with black members of the African Advisory Council, in New Brighton.

"I feel that was the best way to do things, for the simple reason that black people then felt they were part of our council," he said.

He said he often opened new buildings in the black areas on his capacity as Mayor of PE, because they were considered an important part of the council.

"My personal opinion is that they have been cut off from the city, it worsened the situation."

"Our officials, councillors, welfare administrators and so on, are literally physically cut off and a new body established.

Twice, I say that I'm being nostalgic, but that system worked well. People had free interchange between the people. White traders had shops at the black areas but the coloured councillors on the town council will be a substitute for what we had before. But it is an admission of defeat to say that we are basically trying to lump the two together in a different way."

He said the Act facilitating the implementation of the RSCs had already been passed by Parliament and was just a matter of time before it was implemented by the administrators.

The different groups would have equal constitutional status in the city, although the representatives of the groups which raised the most money would be, he believed, the most concentrated.

"I feel as far as civic affairs are concerned, the only one that (to operate) everyone who contributes to the city's income should have a direct say in it in running, based on the American system of no taxation without representation."

He said the RSC system would effectively be a return to the situation which lasted about 25 years ago, before the introduction of the administration boards, which changed "little over the years."

Mr Young said one of the major problems with the planned RSC was the raising of special rates.

The new complex system of taxing business turnover and staff would have to be implemented before the system could get under way.

This week, PE city councillor, Mr R. Keiser, said at a public meeting that if RSCs could cost about R1,500 a year, equivalent to as much as a 2.5% GST increase.

Mr Yeoh said he would like to see the PE Municipality possibly providing services for the RSC on a contract basis. The water, roads, services provided by the city, including electricity, major functions of the PE council, included electricity, would still fall under the RSC with the councils having a much smaller role.

The chief executive of the East Cape Development Board (ECDB), Mr Michael Morais, said he would not be in a position to take any action in judgment over the alternative systems of black local government which could be applied to the board.

What he could do was explain what the situation as it existed now.

Mr Keiser agreed that under the old advisory board situation, where half the members were elected, half appointed, the blacks had advised "summarily how the coloured and Indian management committees have today.

He said in 1979 the Development Board took over town-ship administration. In 1979 the community councils re- placed the advisory system, giving the blacks the power to carry out the functions themselves or delegate their execution to white managers.

In 1983 came a further improvement—in the form of the Black Local Authority system, for which councils could apply in the ZEC area, of 24 black local authorities, four councils were granted this status in PE (Kayamandi, Uitsig, Kanonvaal, Cradock (Indiabos) and Grahamstown (Frans.) The remainder stayed community councils.

He said the new town councils were "totally autonomous of the Board, something of which the public was not gener- ally aware."

These councils took over all the functions of local govern- ment.

The "Development Board no longer oversees their func- tions. This is done only in the case of the community councils."

He said he was one of the three councilors at Cradock and Uitsig—reagenzed.

Why the rejection of town councils in some areas? Mr Keiser said there was a conflict of political interests between the black municipality and the Board, who did not want the town councils to change their jurisdiction.

He said the first group did not want a return to black pre-1979 advisory status, but wanted direct repre- sentation with full voting rights on one city council—alongside the other race groups (Representatives of the United Democratic Front-affiliated black Civic Organ- isations, Potons, have called repeatedly for a single local authority in PE.)

Mr Keiser said another group in the township was satisfied with the black local authorities.

He added that he could not act as a judgement on the political future of the township.

On the proposed RSCs, Mr Keiser said the black represen- tatives would see as equal to the others. The RSC boundaries would determine "who is in and who is out".
Divisional councils worried over future

Staff Reporter

THE 70th congress of Divisional Councils of the Cape opened with a call for clarity about the role divisional councils will play in the new system of local government and regional services committees about to be instituted by the Government.

Mr S Bekker, president of the association, said in his opening address yesterday that members were feeling “frustration and concern” because the future role of divisional councils was as yet unclear.

“We are convinced that the system of divisional councils should be maintained and even expanded,” he said.

With care

The matter of roads, the construction of which was the most important function of the 38 Cape councils with their total of 143 000km of roads, should be approached with care in any constitutional development, Mr Bekker warned.

“The councils are worried about the threatened removal of this responsibility from their sphere,” he said.

“The financial implications of such a change should be seriously considered and I would go as far as to say that the State and the Provincial Administration could not deliver the same service on such a cost-effective basis.”

His warning followed the official opening by Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, who said the congress was probably the last of its kind.

More clarity

“Greater clarity about the future of divisional councils will emerge once greater clarity about the implementation of regional services committees has emerged.”

“Divisional councils will change completely within the new structure and will have to be fitted into the new system of regional services committees whose function, with few exceptions, will be general affairs and the taking over of a large part of the present divisional councils’ responsibilities like public roads.”

Mr Louw called for co-operation from all involved and said he hoped that an address on the subject by the Director General of Constitutional Planning and Development, Dr A H van Wyk, to be given to the congress today, would be met with “a spirit of openness and willingness to ensure the success of the new system.”

Mr Louw also announced that the executive committee of the Provincial Council had made R100 000 available for the 1985/86 financial year for sports grounds for “coloured participants and rugby players.”

This followed discussions between the committee and the SA Rugby Board and nominal allocations would be made to local authorities, specifically in rural areas, and if recreational needs were seen as a matter of urgency.
Coloured man is assistant town clerk

Staff Reporter

STELLENBOSCH municipality has made history by appointing a coloured man, Mr Colin Davy, to the position of assistant town clerk.

He is believed to be the first coloured person to receive such an appointment in a white South African municipality.

Mr Davy, 45, who was officially appointed to the position at a Town Council meeting recently, said he was "honoured by the recognition" and that the historic nature of his appointment gave him an "extra incentive" to make a success of it.

He will specialise in coloured affairs in the town.

Mr Davy, who grew up in Stellenbosch, spent eight years with the former Department of Coloured Affairs before joining the municipality in 1973 as first secretary of the local management committee.

His father, Mr William Davy, spent 27 years with the municipality.
Molteno councillor quits

EAST LONDON — Molteno community councillor, Mr Johnson Shiba, has resigned from the council.

In a telephone interview yesterday, Mr Shiba said he was resigning to safeguard his property and the lives of his family.

He said what made him reach the decision was an announcement by residents at a meeting on Monday that they did not want the community council.

Mr Shiba said he had not been threatened by residents or anyone else in reaching his decision.

Mr T. Vakala, chairman of the council, said he had accepted Mr Shiba's resignation.

Mr Vakala said he did not intend to resign, although his life had been threatened. The residents had also confronted him with rent charges, saying they were too high, he said.

He added he was not aware of what other councillors felt about retaining their seats.
Father finds son dying

By JONATHAN HOBBS

HOSPITAL Correspondent

A mortally wounded Mitchell’s Plain grenade-blast victim, Rashad Witten, 16, stumbled past his terrified host to fall down a flight of stairs where his father found him bleeding and barely conscious early yesterday morning.

Mr Anwar Witten, a diesel mechanic, told how he had run a full street block to the shattered home of Mr Stanley Fisher, chairman of the Mitchell’s Plain Ratepayers Association, where he had found his son dying in the lounge.

Mr Fisher’s three sons, Wayne, 9, Quinton, 14, and Eugene, 15, were all injured in the 2am blast which rocked the second-storey bedroom in which they were sleeping. The three were treated at Groote Schuur Hospital and discharged later yesterday. Rashad Witten was certified dead on arrival at the hospital.

The grenade exploded on a window sill less than a metre from the sleeping Rashad, ripping bedding and curtains and blasting the door of the small bedroom loose on its hinges.

"I jumped over our back wall and rushed across a neighbour said Rashad was already dead. When I got there I saw him lying on the ground, full of blood. He looked dead," Mr Witten said.

Mr Fisher claimed that his two older sons had previously been the victim of death threats by fellow-pupils at Westridge Senior Secondary, which they attended with Rashad Witten.

"They were told that I was a collaborator with the government," Mr Fisher said.
A choice of new roles for divisional councils — Louw

Staff Reporter

DIVISIONAL councils could either disappear or take over "own affairs" for whites in their areas when regional services councils came into effect.

The Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, stated this at the opening of new Swartland Divisional Council buildings in Moerreesburg today.

"General affairs" functions of RSCs would clash with existing divisional councils' functions, especially in the important area of road construction and maintenance, said Mr Louw.

But the most important aspect of RSCs was that they were designed to include and represent all population groups.

"One of two things could happen to divisional councils. They could disappear and be absorbed into RSCs which looked after 'general affairs' of all population groups in their jurisdiction, or divisional councils could remain local authorities for the interests of whites' own affairs,'" Mr Louw said.

"The good news is that I can hardly foresee divisional councils just vanishing," said Mr Louw.

Mr Chris Heunis, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, had announced that the first five or six RSCs should be operating by January 1 next year or soon after that, said Mr Louw.

Two would be in the Cape — in the metropolitan areas of the Peninsula and the Port Elizabeth-Uitenhage districts.

"The ideal would naturally be to have RSCs cover the whole province, although such a process could obviously take some time," Mr Louw said.
Councillors' plea: end the unrest

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Fears that there could be a breakdown in essential services in townships if unrest continued were expressed here yesterday.

The president of an umbrella body for community councils in the Eastern Cape, Mr T L Linda, said his organisation, Albohaka, was concerned at this possibility.

“This could endanger the lives of many people. Law and order must be maintained and the police must take the appropriate steps to do this,” he said.

Mr Linda was speaking after a meeting with senior police officers.

Everything possible should be done to return life in black townships to normal, he said.

His organisation was also concerned about the widespread burning of homes and property, and his meeting with the Border Divisional Commissioner of Police, Brigadier Ernest Schmetter, and other officers was “to see what could be done to improve the situation.”

The propagators of violence would try to prevent an end to the unrest because they wanted black communities to be ungovernable.

“Our stand is clear. We are against apartheid, but we serve in the system to improve the lot of our people. We are against violence and revolution. We support evolutionary change, but we cannot have change if the situation continues as it is. We want the government to change so all people can be accommodated in the political system in South Africa.”

“We want to appeal for an end to the current trend of violence so the government can have a chance to solve the problems with anyone who wants to sit around a conference table.”

If necessary the state of emergency should be extended to other areas experiencing unrest.

“Some people in the townships need protection because their lives are controlled by hooligans.”

He said Brigadier Schneller had given the assurance that protection would be given to those who needed it, and strong action would be taken against those “who were running other people’s lives.”

Other issues that had been affected by the violence and intimidation were the consumer and school boycotts.

“The consumer boycott is senseless because it prevents people from exercising their democratic right to buy where they want to. The intimidation has curtailed individual freedom.”

Intimidators were also preventing children from attending school and this was another reason for law and order to be restored and maintained.

“My organisation is opposed to disinvestment as it will hit blacks hardest, so we ask the government to speed up its reforms and stop the forced removals of people as it has promised to do.”

The MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Fontes, who also attended the meeting, said afterwards most Duncan Village residents did not support violence or the consumer boycott of shops.

He said a radical element, who had no substantial support, were achieving their aims “solely through intimidation.”

He was now convinced that Duncan Village proper, the old section of the township, should be retained and upgraded, he added.

De Fontes statement P17.
Police guard Watson homes

Argus Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — Police last night guarded homes and shops belonging to Watson family after an anonymous caller threatened to burn the home of Mr. "Cheeky" Watson, following the attack on the family home at the weekend.

Mr. Ronnie Watson said the call threatening to burn Cheeky's home and "at least one shop", was received at their East London store.

Mr. Ronnie Watson and other members of the family have insured their lives.

The police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, confirmed today that police had guarded the homes and shops of the Watson brothers.

He said this action had been undertaken "last night only", as the threat had specifically been for last night.
Fight for post of deputy mayor

Municipal Reporter
CAPE TOWN'S local government will be re-shuffled today when the City Council elects a new Mayor and Deputy, and votes for new executive and standing committee members.
No one has yet challenged current deputy, Mr Leon Markowitz, for the top position and he will almost certainly be elected mayor.
However, a tough battle has developed between the two contenders for next deputy mayor — a key post which traditionally leads to the mayorship.
Mr Frank van der Velde, a member of the Utilities and Works Committee, and Mr Peter Muller, chairman of the Amenities and Health Committee, are the two candidates in what promises to be a close contest.
Although Executive Committee chairman Mr John Murri still has another year to serve, the other four positions on the committee will be challenged by at least three other contenders today.
Mrs Joan Kantey (Ward 14), Mr Tom Walters (Ward 8) and Mr Louis Kremer (Ward 5) are all expected to stand for Exco.
The four candidates polling the highest votes will be elected to the committee and Mr Murri will assign each a position as chairman of one of the four standing committees.
Current incumbents of the four committees are Mrs Eulalie Stott (Housing), Mr Dick Friedlander (Utilities and Works), Mr Clive Keegan (Town Planning) and Mr Peter Muller (Amenities and Health).
If Mr Muller should be elected deputy mayor, the chairmanship of the Amenities and Health Committee will be up for grabs, but it is possible that at least three standing committees will find themselves with new chairmen-elect by tonight.
Rank-and-file councillors, many of whom were appointed to committees not of their choosing after election to the council, will try to gain access to the standing committee they are most interested in.
The results of the elections will be announced about 10.45am today.

Plea for aid to new local government

Staff Reporter
LOCAL businessmen were yesterday urged to become involved in the new Regional Services Council system of local government which is due to come into effect next year.
Dr Andreas van Wyk, Director General of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, addressed a Cape Town Chamber of Commerce lunch on the new system and asked for their participation in the scheme.
He said the Regional Services Council (RSC) Act could be seen as a method of achieving the four basic principles necessary for reform.
These were the need for all population groups to be involved in decision-making, the need for devolution of power, the necessity for rationalization of government institutions and the need to upgrade the quality of life for all groups.
With regard to joint decision-making, he said RSCs were to consist of representatives of the local government bodies of all the population groups.
"A time of change is also a time of fears. There are uncertainties in local government circles, but the Act tries to achieve balance," he said.
The RSC system aimed at rationalization. "We do not wish to see the creation of new bureaucracies. It will be the onus of the authorities in the area to see that bureaucracies are not created," he said.
"Regarding devolution of power, we see in the RSCs only part of a vast operation being planned for the whole of government, with both vertical and horizontal shifts of power."
He said the upgrading of the quality of life was the most controversial aspect of the whole bill, as two new sources of income in the form of levies on the business community were to be instituted. These were to be levies on salaries and on sales or floor space, the technical details of which, including possible exemptions, were still being worked out.
These levies should be used for definite aims which were to be determined on the local level. Preference should be given to the creation of an infrastructure in the less developed areas, said Mr Van Wyk.
Job relief scheme under way

By CATHY SCHNELL

EIGHT-HUNDRED men and women started work today on Port Elizabeth's job relief scheme, but a further 1 200 will remain unemployed for another week because the municipality has not been able to find enough tools in time.

Uitenhage had its application for Government funds approved first — and bought up all the equipment from local sources, the PE Municipality said today.

The municipality hopes to find the remainder of the equipment in Johannesburg by next Monday.

The R14-a-day Government-sponsored job relief scheme got off the ground in Uitenhage on August 28 with a complement of 549 men — the maximum number of men allowed for in the scheme.

Mr Jan de Klerk, chief personnel officer for the PE Municipality, said only 800 people could be sent to work today because of an equipment shortage.

The rest of the equipment would, hopefully, arrive by the end of the week and a further 1 200 workers would then be recruited on Monday.

Meanwhile the first batch of Port Elizabeth workers started their five-hour day today:

A total of 800 men and women were transported in 11 buses to a large area of veld just outside Kleinskool to clear the bush and remove litter.

The cleared area will be used to build shacks.

The general feeling among the workers today was one of relief.

Many men said R4 a day was better than nothing and would keep their children fed.

Some of the men were tradesmen and felt the work was unskilled and "beneath their qualifications", but said anything was preferable to going hungry.

One man who arrived at the recruitment centre late for work was transported to Kleinskool by bus, in which he was the only passenger.

Mr Richard Syco, also of Kleinskool, said he had two children, a wife who did not work and no money. He had been retrenched from his job as a night porter at a hotel in Port Elizabeth six months ago. He had been unable to get work "Now my family can eat again," he said.

Mr Peter Windvogel, a former electrician, has been looking for work for 12 months. "But there is no work. I am not happy to cut bushes at my age, but it means at least I will get supper tonight."

One man, Mr Harry Mouton, said: "It is not easy to describe the feeling of being hungry. It feels like a hole in your stomach and the only thing you can think of is trying to find food."

Some people felt that R4 a day was too little and that a wage of R10 a day was more realistic.
City urges dialogue, release of detainees

Chief Reporter

CAPE Town City Council, at a special meeting yesterday to discuss the current unrest, decided to initiate "a suitable dialogue with civic and other organized community groups" and to call on the State to charge or release those arrested as a result of events during the current emergency.

It expressed sympathy with those bereaved or injured in the unrest or whose property had been damaged, and it called on members of the public and the police to exercise restraint.

In a motion introduced by Mr David Bloomberg and seconded by Mr John Muir, chairman of Exco, the council, "in view of its concern and distress at the serious unrest within the municipal boundaries", also decided to reaffirm a 1981 resolution upholding the principle of a non-discriminatory municipal franchise.

It stated that "all the citizens of Cape Town reaffirm in an act of reconciliation that our great City recognizes and upholds a tradition of preserving human dignity with tolerance and understanding".

'Silence'

Mr R M Friedlander, a former mayor, said "we have been faced with a deafening silence in these past few weeks, from those in a position to diffuse what has become a dangerous situation."

"This (the council’s motion on the unrest) is an earnest endeavour to make a contribution to the immediate call for positive action."

The motion was adopted unanimously after three councillors, Mr "Kosie" van Zyl, Mr Chris Joubert and Vice-Admiral J Johnson had indicated that while they supported it in its original form, they would not be able to support an amendment, introduced by Mr Neil Ross, calling for the release of detainees.

All three “dissentent” councillors voted in favour of the motion as amended after appeals to them by Mr Bloomberg and by Mr Frank van der Velde to reconsider their stand, in view of the need for council unanimity in the present situation.

'Happier'

Mr Bloomberg, introducing his motion, said Cape Town had been a far happier City before August 31, 1972, the date from which Cape Town’s coloured citizens had been deprived of direct representation on the City Council.

"That was a most regressive step. We warned on many occasions of the consequences of the disenfranchisement of a portion of the citizenry of Cape Town."

"Our City has never recovered from August 31, 1972 — but it is not too late to return to the state of affairs that existed before that date."

Mr Clive Keegan said he did not believe Mr Bloomberg’s motion went far enough. The current unrest, he said, was a predictable consequence of the government’s policies.

"What we, as the Mother City of South Africa, should be telling the government is ‘Leave us alone, and let us work out our own future.’"

"You have tried your policies and philosophies on us for too long, and they have failed."

"The consequence is the bloodshed and misery we see today."
Mayor warns on 'political forum'

Chief Reporter

THE new Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Leon Markovitz, sounded a warning yesterday that with the advent of regional services councils (RSCs) and the disbanding of the Provincial Council, party politicians might try to turn the City Council into a political forum.

In his inaugural address at a colourful installation ceremony in the old City Hall, he said "It is my sincere belief that the council of this great City should never allow itself to become a trading station for ratepayers' rights. I believe the majority of my colleagues share this view."

In keeping with tradition, Mr Markovitz, after his installation as Cape Town's 89th mayor, was conducted to the Chair of Van Riebeeck by his sponsors, Mrs Eulalie Slott and Mr Dick Friedlander.

**Mutual concern**

The Town Clerk, Dr Stan Evans, then handed him the keys of the Common Seal of the City Council, which had earlier been surrendered by the outgoing mayor, Mr Sol Kremer.

Mr Markovitz said he believed the spirit of mutual concern was "alive and well and already living in Cape Town", and said his parlor door would always be open to anyone wanting to discuss involvement in the solution of community problems.

He praised his predecessor for his initiative in starting a movement to restore the link between the City and its waterfront, and pledged himself to continue working for this.

Mr Markovitz also said one of his fondest dreams was to see the return of people to live in central Cape Town. "Imagine for a moment a block of 1 000 airy, spacious garden apartments, all with views of either the mountain or the sea, perched on top of a complex to be built on a site stretching from Hans Strijdom Avenue to Coen Steytler Avenue."

"And I'm not talking about homes for the wealthy. I envisage these apartments as being for middle-income people."

Mr Kremer, in his final speech as mayor, expressed concern over the current unrest, particularly in the Cape Town municipal area, and said he wished to make an earnest appeal to all citizens "to do all in their power to seek reconciliation, so that a lasting peace may return to our City."

"Let us equip ourselves with the motto 'Things don't just happen, you've got to make them happen.'"

**Youngest-ever**

"We cannot afford to sit back and leave the damage for someone else to clear away."

Mr Peter Muller, 38, became Cape Town's youngest-ever deputy mayor when he was formally elected to this office at yesterday's council. He was proposed by Mr David Bloom and seconded by Mrs Bronnie Harding.

Among the VIPs who attended the ceremony were the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, the Speaker of Parliament, Mr Johan Greeff, the Judge-President of the Cape, Mr Justice Munik, members of the diplomatic corps, parliamentarians and members of the Provincial Council, and military heads in the Western Cape.
RSC ‘could create City flashpoint’

Municipal Reporter

CITY COUNCILLORS yesterday warned that the establishment of a racially-based Regional Services Council in the Western Cape could create “another flashpoint” for resistance among Cape Town’s black and coloured citizens.

At a special council meeting yesterday morning, councillors said Cape Town should continue to press for a “local option” in which all citizens could participate in the government of Greater Cape Town.

Fait accompli

They warned that a racially-constituted regional government would have no credibility among black and coloured citizens and that it would be greeted with the same violence the black community councils.

The council has nevertheless accepted the formation of an RSC in the Peninsula as a fait accompli and will submit a memorandum of recommendations regarding its structure and functions to the Administrator of the Cape, Mr. Gene Louw.

The chairman of the council’s constitutional committee which drew up the memorandum, Mr. Norman Oxburn, said the council had “no option” but to participate as “the government has the power to take over regional functions in terms of the Regional Services Councils Act”.

Mr. Oxburn calculated that Cape Town’s voting strength on the RSC, based on the amount the City spends on bulk services such as electricity and water, would probably be between 15 and 20 percent.

Among the recommendations are that:

- The Greater Cape Town RSC incorporate the City’s three economic regions (all the local authorities within Greater Cape Town/Peninsula) as well as the Kuils River and Brackenfell, but exclude Stellenbosch, Somerset West and the Strand.

Revenue

- The identification and devolution of regional functions be done on a gradual “planned and phased” basis.
- Business and industrial areas, which will contribute the bulk of the revenue for the RSC, should be included when calculating voting rights on the basis of the bulk services bought by the City.
- No municipal employee be transferred to the RSC without his or her consent.
- The RSC sit in Cape Town.

The council has reserved the right to make further representations or to modify its comments at a later stage.
City Council on the horns of a dilemma

NOT since the removal of coloured voters from the municipal roll have city councillors had to deal with the sort of dilemma they now face about whether to participate in the government’s new racially constituted system of local government.

Not that the present system of local government is non-racial, but at least under the current dispensation the council has some autonomy and has been able, on numerous occasions, to resist and defy apartheid legislation in the interest of the City as a whole.

However, once Cape Town has been absorbed into whatever Regional Services Council the Nationalist government’s demarcation board sees fit to establish in the Western Cape, it will have to abide by the decisions taken by a two-thirds majority of a body which includes members of more conservative neighbouring white local authorities as well as the despised and discredited coloured and Indian management committees and black community councils.

With an anticipated voting strength of between 15 and 20 percent, the council will have little chance of influencing regional policy.

As a white local authority, the council has come in for a fair amount of flak from progressive organizations who feel it is more concerned about the opinions of its white electorate than about the welfare of the majority of the people whose lives it controls.

Nevertheless, its courage in fighting for better housing for low-income groups, its policy on “open” amenities, its battle against the Group Areas Act and its rejection of the mancom system have earned it a certain grudging respect from many of Cape Town’s voteless citizens.

It now faces one of the greatest challenges to its credibility.

In the same way as the Progressive Federal Party had to question its participation in the tri-cameral Parliament, Cape Town City Council has to reassess its role within the new system of local government.

At a special meeting on Friday, a number of councillors indicated that they would have to reconsider their position if faced with the prospect of serving on a Regional Services Council.

Mr. Tom Walters voted against a council memorandum suggesting improvements and amendments to the current legislation, on the grounds that this was a fact acceptance of the new system.

Other councillors feared they would be viewed in the same light as black community councillors and said the new system would exacerbate the existing political tensions, increase racial polarization and make local government another target for the anger of anti-apartheid groups.

Mr. Eric Merrington called on the government to restore Nyanga, Langa and Guguletu to the the City Council.

“Give us our citizens back and let us get on with the running of the City,” he said, warning that by participating in an RSC, the council would be “assisting in setting up a flashpoint and contributing to the unrest.”

Mr. Clive Keegan also called for an RSC to protect the Peninsula, saying the council should continue to plead for the opportunity to work out its own constitution for a future in collaboration with all its citizens.

Even he admitted, however, that, failing this, the council had no choice but to participate in the new “de facto and de jure” system.

It seems that if the council decides to defy the government and refuse to participate, it could lose assets worth hundreds of thousands of rand, its staff could be siphoned off into the new system and it could be rendered virtually powerless.

Mr. Keegan said the council could at least use the new regional government structure to promote the better planning and distribution of services in the Western Cape.

One can only hope so.

But as Mr. Keegan and most other councillors have argued, the raison d’etre for the establishment of RSCs is to entrench apartheid at the third tier of government, and individual councillors, no matter how good their intentions or how reluctantly they enter the new structure, are more in danger than ever of being branded government collaborators.
Row brews over funds for jobless

City Engineer, Mr Angus Fraser, said the mutual submission by the FE Municipality had been a "ruined job".

This was because no official notification was given to the Town Clerk and he had received less than two weeks in which to submit it, he said.

Mr Koch said it had been impractical to notify all the municipal authorities personally. He had decided to use the RDAs to notify others and to co-ordinate submissions.

He had notified all the RDAs at the same time. He had waited for the RDAs to speak to the municipalities it would have taken another few weeks. Consequently those municipalities he had spoken to personally had heard about the scheme first.

Mr Koch said he had offered his services as co-ordinator for the relief scheme on a voluntary basis and above his normal work and was not being paid for his services.

People in Grahamstown, Fort Beaufort and Queenstown have lost two weeks' pay from the scheme due to late applications.

A further R600 000 was secured this week for the three municipalities left out, but some allocations will fall far short of the sums requested.

Grahamstown, which asked for R600 000, will get R153 077.

Queenstown, which wanted nearly R400 000, will get R182 702.

Fort Beaufort will receive R134 220 of its original request for R219 600.
Apartheid on 2 Cape Point beaches to go

Municipal Reporter

RACIAL segregation is to be scrapped on two beaches in the Cape Point Nature Reserve.

The Divisional Council, which controls the area, agreed in principle yesterday to remove the apartheid signs from Buffelsbaai and Boulders Beaches.

The matter will, however, be referred to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Advisory Board to investigate how to implement the decision without causing "overspending".

Mr Neil Ross, who proposed the motion calling for the beaches to be opened, said it was "doubtful" whether the racial regulations applying to the beaches could be enforced as the area had never been properly demarcated.

"Reform is the watchword of the country now and it is meaningless for us to continue with this unnecessary example of apartheid," he said.

Mr Louwville Rothman said the removal of the signs could lead to "overspending" and urged the council to delay making a decision before this had been "properly investigated".

The council decided, however, to take a decision in principle and then to consider how to implement the proposal.
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East Cape option call by Coetzer

By BOB KERNOHAN, Business Editor

PORT ELIZABETH's newest business leader has called for a unique "East Cape option" aimed at finding a solution to the political and economic problems of the region.

Mr Carl Coetzer, managing director of PE Tramways, announced immediately after taking over as president of the PE Chamber of Commerce last night that he believed the option — which he called Eco — could bring peace to the area.

He said today that if solutions found through Eco were delayed by the Government, the region should consider going it alone in taking the action it thought necessary.

He did not believe it would be possible to find a national solution to South Africa's problems "very quickly or easily", but Eco could provide a regional solution.

Mr Coetzer said domestic problems to be tackled would include unemployment, social unrest, transport problems and consumer boycotts.

Specific items needing attention included broadening the relaxation of the Group Areas Act to affected the Central Business District.

Indicating that inclusion of detained community leaders would be an integral part of Eco, he said "When most of the identifiable black leaders were still available, we had already discussed a procedure for bringing about a solution."

When such meetings had been taking place — from early December until the end of June — there had been "no trouble as we were sitting around and talking about the situation and ways to solve it.

If and when the leaders were again available they would be invited to join Eco — "to join with us and make a contribution towards finding a local solution."

Mr Coetzer added "Many things start in the Eastern Cape, so let us also take the initiative and find our own solution."

He envisaged that discussions with various groups would take "many months of hard talk", after which the results would be taken to the Government.

"Then, if we cannot get the action we require, we should take it (the action) ourselves," said Mr Coetzer.

"It's going to be a long-term procedure I believe we still have not run out of time to find the solution."

Mr Coetzer said Eco would not be like the "Natal option" as he did not believe the Eastern Cape region was a homogeneous unit like Natal.

He declined to speculate on what solutions could be found.

The outgoing Chamber of Commerce president, Mr Tony van Rensburg, said last night that he believed survival for the Eastern Cape would depend on it establishing "some kind of self-governing political and economic region."

The divergence in political opinion, economic self-interest and South African history indicates that regions such as the Eastern Cape — need to start developing their own structures suited to their own needs," he said.

Mr Van Rensburg — whose resignation as president resulted from his transfer to Johannesburg — added that he did not believe the proposed regional services councils or any existing structures provided for this.
Council attacked on Group Areas Act

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — The chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr. Edwin Vangadajellum, has criticised the city council over its failure to come out in full support of an application in terms of the Group Areas Act.

He said Mr. Morgan Naidoo had applied for permission in terms of the Act to occupy a house in Amalinda. He had received the backing of his neighbours and the matter had been passed to the city council for comment by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning.

"I have been contacted by the firm of attorneys acting for Mr. Naidoo and told that council did not pass any comment on the application. This is strange to me because council has always backed other applications in the past for permission in terms of the Group Areas Act."

"We remember how they backed an application for West Indian cricketer Faoud Bacchus to occupy a house in a white area. This man was not born in South Africa and here we have a full-blooded South African in Mr. Naidoo and he cannot be accorded the same consideration."

"It is downright unfair and I am terribly upset about the matter," Mr. Vangadajellum said.

The deputy chairman of the city council action committee, Mr. Errol Spring, last night said he fully agreed with the sentiments expressed by Mr. Vangadajellum that people should be able to stay wherever they wished to if neighbours did not object.

He said although he could not recall the matter involving Mr. Naidoo, the city council had recently taken a decision, against his (Mr. Spring's) concurrence, that the city council, in future, will not be prepared to comment on matters of such nature.

Mr. Spring said he felt that the stand should not have been taken because he was of opinion that the council should have the courage of what it stood for and comment on such matters.

Mr. Donald Card, the chairman of the city council action committee, reacted angrily yesterday and said although he had been away for about 10 days the matter referred to by Mr. Vangadajellum never came before the committee.

"The whole matter of people not staying where they wish must be laid squarely to people like Mr. Vangadajellum who are prepared to accept an apartheid institutional system in South Africa."

"The city council does not make decisions on the Group Areas Act but their feelings on this matter have been tested in the past. We have always backed applications but the decision fell upon the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning."

"Mr. Vangadajellum should stop playing with words. He must take the matter to the House of Delegates and stop criticising the city council for nonsense," Mr. Card said.

He added that the East London City Council was the first council in the country to ask the South African Government to get rid of the Group Areas Act.

St John's annual parade tomorrow
PE looks for own local government alternative

BY DENISE BOUTALL

A NEW local government option is being considered for Port Elizabeth.

Proposals have been discussed with the East Cape Strategic Development Team (ECSDT), which believes that some of the problems in the region will be solved only if a form of local government acceptable to all is instituted.

The idea of developing such a local option is strongly advocated by the Midland Chamber of Industries and other bodies in the city, which are also concerned about the implications of introducing the regional services council.

When the ECSDT was appointed last month the MCI warned that the region's economic problems would only be solved if the social and political issues were addressed.

In an interview yesterday, the ECSDT's co-ordinator, Prof Charles Wait, confirmed that the Midland Chamber of Industries' executive director, Mr Brian Matthew, and the Port Elizabeth Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, had put theirviews on local government to him.

He said he believed that in local government one should seriously consider a local option.

"If we can find a way of establishing a system of local government that is acceptable to Port Elizabeth, or possibly the whole metropolitan area, and acceptable to all parties concerned, then we should adopt it," Prof Wait said one of the issues in the committee's brief was to look at the upgrading of the region's black townships. In Port Elizabeth this work had virtually come to a halt because of harassment of contractors.

"I'm sure that if there was a local authority that was accepted by all people the elements which are causing the problems could be contained and the essential work on the infrastructure could go ahead."

Prof Wait said the ECSDT was entirely open to suggestion on the issue of local government and would welcome any views.

He stressed that the committee did not want to take over the process of negotiation started by any other organisations in the region such as the MCI.

Asked whether the Government would support the idea of the city evolving its own unique form of local government, Prof Wait said he did not know, but if the ECSDT felt that it was necessary to help solve the region's problems he would put such a proposal to the Government.

In his mid-year address this week the president of the MCI, Mr Bill Oddy, said there was an urgent need for local leaders to solve local problems by addressing them at a local level. Violence and instability in the area could be overcome by finding an acceptable system of local government.

In an interview, Mr Matthew declined to give details of the proposals put to the ECSDT.

"They are the sort of proposals we have been putting to black leaders over the past year and we will only finalise our ideas once we have established some common ground with black people."

Earlier this year the MCI put the idea of introducing a system based on the British system of borough and metropolitan council to the Regional Services Council now due for introduction in January 1987 but had been totally rejected by most blacks.

The RSC's and the proposed regional taxes which they will levy have been widely criticised on the grounds that they are not acceptable to blacks because they are based on racially segregated town councils.

It has also been argued that the levies - on turnover and payroll - will discourage urban development.

Mr Botha also declined to discuss his proposals but said he supported the idea of pursuing a local option.
EAST LONDON'S attempt to become the second South African municipality (after Oudtshoorn) to retrieve the administration of a neighbouring township failed this week when Chris Heunis, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, turned down the city council's request.

A council delegation of four travelled to Pretoria on Tuesday to ask that administration of Duncan Village be handed over to the city and the Duncan Village Residents' Association (DVRA) be recognized.

A stake was R10-million which has been set aside for the upgrading of the severely depressed township. The council wanted permission to administer the money and had declared its intention to do so in consultation with the DVRA.

Although delegates were tight-lipped about the outcome of their meeting with Heunis, it was clear they had not been successful.

The leader of the group, City Councillor Duvalt Card, said he had been instructed to say "certain moves" with regard to the upgrading of the township were in the process of being worked out, and steps would be taken as well with regard to the political situation.

Although he would not go further, it was clear the government remains committed to the community council and wishes to hand them the day-to-day credibility of the upgrading project. But the Duncan Village Community Council has practically ceased to exist. Its members live "in exile" in a city hotel.

The delegation had hoped to be able to point to the precedent of Oudtshoorn, where the city council has administered Bongolethu Township since November last year. It is believed to be the only case in which a municipality runs a township, as was the case everywhere before the establishment of the administration boards.

According to Oudtshoorn's deputy town clerk, Johan Meiring, approaches to the government had been made after community leaders had asked the town council to take administration of the township back from the development board.

On November 1, the council was declared a development board, a legal device to enable the council to take over the administration of the township, whose population is officially estimated at 6,500.

"We had a plan for the total upgrading of the township, and applied for money," Meiring says — and R5.2-million was granted. Building on 220 new houses, which would be sold to residents, was about to begin.

In addition, infrastructural services "up to maximum standards, including tar roads and sidewalks" were provided for, and a new primary school was already "50 percent up".

Meiring said the town was well pleased with the situation. "Bongolethu is as calm as a white area. The main thing is that we sit together around the table and make decisions together."

"We respect their recommendations, and try to find solutions together. That is the main thing; we talk to them.

"You know, this is the solution to the problems in our country. You can't govern over a long distance. You can't sit in Pretoria and decide what should happen in Oudtshoorn."

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Wilkinson charges dropped

CHARGES have been withdrawn against Philip Wilkinson, a Port Elizabeth butcher who was arrested by Military Police in May, minutes before he was due to address a Johannesburg End Conscript Campaign meeting, and charged with fleeing to report for a military camp.

Wilkinson, who has been detained under the Emergency regulations since June 15, was due to appear in court this Tuesday. But on July 13 he was escorted to the Port Elizabeth Magistrate's Court, where the charges were formally withdrawn against him.

The state reserved the right to reinstate the charge.

Wilkinson, an army corporal, is one of three Port Elizabeth ECC members who have been in detention for seven weeks.

Earlier this year, the Board for Religious Objection rejected his application for recognition as a religious objector. He said while he was willing to serve his country in a constructive way, for religious, moral and political reasons he was not prepared to do further service in the SADF.

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Evans is ex-chair

MIKE EVANS was described as chairman of the End Conscript Campaign in last week's Weekly Mail. He is in fact an ex-chairman.
LIKE a bride led unwillingly to the altar, Saldanha is locked in an unhappy marriage to Vredenburg and wants a divorce.

Mr Marius Redelinghuys, chairman of the Saldanha Ratepayers’ Association, said a referendum on the issue would be held next month seeking a return to the previous position of separate municipalities.

He said the marriage, proposed in 1974 and solemnised the following year, has never been a happy one.

Built on projected developments in the Saldanha area which were to have grown out of the iron ore handling facility, it was opposed from the outset. The rationale at the time was that a combined municipality was needed to administer the huge growth anticipated for the area, when planners were happily talking about a population of 1 million, based on a semi-processed steel plant and associated developments, possibly even an oil refinery.

None of these materialised and, more than 10 years later, Saldanha is the largest municipality in South Africa with a sophisticated infrastructure that is costing the 3,500 ratepayers a fortune, according to Mr Redelinghuys.

The municipality’s vast area — 67,039ha — means that sewerage services are provided to villages such as Paternoster and Langebaanweg Station, about 35km from the centre, and it has 101 vehicles to service the needs of the small population.

“We feel we could save a lot of money by reverting to separate municipalities,” said Mr Redelinghuys.

“We pay huge rates because we have to foot the bill for this colossal infrastructure which was built around the concept of a city of 1 million people which has never materialised.”

The area was the scene of wild land speculation in the early 1970s when Iscor’s plan to build a railway line from Sishen to Saldanha for iron ore exports emerged. It led almost inevitably to the idea of building a plant at the port to process the ore.

But plans swiftly ran into trouble.

The state-owned Austrian company Voest-Alpine AG showed interest in the project but struck heavy criticism for proposing to invest in South Africa.

Planned cost of the plant began to escalate rapidly owing to worldwide inflation and overseas demand for steel declined.

With Iscor also in serious financial difficulties the plant was postponed.

Meanwhile, the Department of Planning had drawn up a plan — seen as “a blueprint for prosperity for the Western Cape” — in the hopeful language of 1976 pinpointing Vredenburg as the business centre of the Western Cape.

On a local level, even finding a name for the marriage partners produced problems.

Someone came up with the idea of Weskrag — which had both communities bristling.

Then the newly-formed local authority agreed that it should call itself Saldanha, which apparently didn’t altogether please the people of Vredenburg.

But, in opposition to this local option, the then-Administrator of the Cape, Dr LAPA Munnik, officially called the uncomfortable couple Vredenburg-Saldanha. This upset almost everybody because — having been edged into a marriage of convenience — they weren’t even being allowed to choose what they were going to name themselves.

In 1981 moves for a divorce came to nothing, but the ratepayers of Saldanha aren’t giving up yet.

After 11 years of ‘marriage’, Saldanha and Vredenburg want to call it a day.
Further powers sought by IMC

Post Reporter

The transfer of powers, functions and duties from the Port Elizabeth City Council to the Port Elizabeth Indian Management Committee is to be discussed at a special meeting today. This was decided by the IMC yesterday.

The request for the transfer of powers must be considered by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw.

The matter was brought to the attention of the IMC by its chairman, Mr Hamid Bhana, at a meeting in March, when the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, was asked to submit representations to Mr Louw.

The request was specifically for the transfer of powers relating to housing, finance, staff and policy matters affecting Malabar.

Yesterday the IMC's deputy chairman, Mr Jay Kothari, said, 'We are not asking for autonomy, but for more powers to perform our own functions.'

'We do not want to be rubber-stamped by the council. The committee is working towards direct representation. Malabar should be a ward of Port Elizabeth.'

Another member, Mr Y Yogees, said the purpose of direct representation would be defeated if the request for the transfer of powers was granted.

Mr Yogees did not support the item, and members agreed to discuss the matter at a special meeting.
PE may get management committee

Municipal Reporter

The face of local government in Port Elizabeth could see dramatic changes if the City Council decides to reverse a decision taken seven years ago, when it opted to maintain a multi-committee system rather than introducing a management committee to run the city.

A lengthy report outlining the pros and cons of both systems was submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee by the Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, for consideration this afternoon after a proposal by Mr Graham Young at the council's May meeting that he should look into the possibility of the existing system being scrapped.

Of the 27 major municipalities in South Africa, only two — Port Elizabeth and Maritzburg — continue to operate without a management committee. The system is compulsory in the Transvaal, Free State and Cape Town.

Whether the council decides to adopt the system or not, the Town Clerk has asked to be relieved of the tedium of administering a department, so that he can concentrate on co-ordination of the municipality's various operations.

In his report, Mr Botha points out that it is "physically impossible" for the Town Clerk of a city as large as Port Elizabeth to supervise and control a department with numerous sub-divisions, and at the same time:

- Ensure that the administrative organisation functions effectively and efficiently in accordance with the council's policy
- Make a positive contribution to formulation of policy for which the council must bear the final responsibility
- Loose between the council and its committees with the administrative organisation, the public, Press, higher authorities, State departments, statutory institutions, coloured and Indian management committees, pressure and interest groups and development institutions.

"It must also be borne in mind that as the result of constitutional development, we are seeing a proliferation of State departments and other authoritative bodies, and that local government is becoming more politicised and polarised.

"The Town Clerk is expected not only to deal with conflict that could arise from this situation, but to make a meaningful contribution to the promotion of relations between the various authorities, broad objectives and constitutional reform initiatives," Mr Botha says.

"Inevitably, since departmental supervision, control and decision-making take place continuously and on a daily basis, the Town Clerk's chief function, namely co-ordination of municipal activities, suffers.

Mr Botha points out that the main advantage of a management committee is that it eliminates delays in decision-making.

The multi-committee system currently employed by the Port Elizabeth City Council frequently gives rise to deferred decisions while additional information is obtained on certain issues, he says.

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Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — The municipal and divisional council civil defence units could handle any eventuality in and around the city.

"That's the view of the Divisional Council of Kaffrarian's deputy-chief of civil defence, Mr J Shaw, and the East London municipality's chief of civil defence, Captain W Kenny.

Captain Kenny said, however, his force lacked co-operation from the public.

"We find that people are eager to assign themselves to the defence corps, but as soon as they find that they have to do a training course and that they have to sign a form, the interest wanes.

"There are 11 disciplines from which people can select, according to preference, and really, the response from the public leaves much to be desired," Captain Kenny said.

He said the defence corps was well organised and had the full municipal backing. "Unless a great disaster, like for instance something in the same line as the Langsburg floods struck the area, the corps was fully prepared to handle situations.

Mr Shaw said it had been operating since 1982, and consisted of various zones, which were located over more or less the whole area under the jurisdiction of the divisional council.

He said the response for civil defence in the rural areas was good, and mentioned that preferably women and farmers' wives were offering their services.

"We also have two completely blind people working for us, and have therefore put grids on the maps to make things easier for them, and several sections were pasted with braille.

Mr Shaw said several courses were given by the training officer, and before joining the corps, a basic course and an examination had to be completed.

Fourteen of the people specialising in rescue work have successfully completed a course in helicopter rescue work, while courses on fire fighting were also conducted in conjunction with the fire department, he said.

Six women were currently doing an advanced 'ambulance' course, and courses in crisis intervention, which would help civil defence workers cope with people undergoing an emotional crisis, were also conducted.

"We certainly hope we will be able to cope with a major crisis, but one cannot say until it actually happens. But then, we have coped when high winds did a lot of damage in the area, as well as with the recent flood situation, and I believe we would be able to cope if such a crisis arose," Mr Shaw said.
Allowances: council votes for parity

Mr Whitaker

The councillors who voted for the management committee members to receive the R400 a month allowance instead of R200 are Mr Yarbeek, Mr Ivan Zulman, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, Mr Len Cooper, Mr Patrick Kay, and Mr Philip Rothbart.

Mr Donald Card, Mr Errol Spring, Mr Willem Morris, Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaite, Mr Neville Handall and Mr Brian Snell voted against parity.

Motivating his motion, Mr Whitaker said management committee members were not around the horseshoe because they were not allowed to be, not because they did not want to be there.

"I see no reason why there is no parity. We will have to accept them eventually around the horseshoe," he said.

He was seconded by Mr Bezuidenhout, who said council did not have anybody to send matters pertaining to the coloured and Indian areas to.

Mr Kay lashed out at Mr Spring and accused him of "disgusting inconsistency" by not supporting parity.

"This municipality claims to be an equal opportunity employer but when it comes to the higher ranks that is thrown out of the back door. The management committee members deserve parity and it is disgusting that they have to ask for it," he said.

Replying later, Mr Spring said he had been anything but inconsistent in his stand on parity and had always maintained that all races should sit around the horseshoe.

He backed earlier statements by Mr Card against parity and said he wanted to point out that council was now giving credibility to a discredited policy as management committee members were not even accepted in their own communities.

"They do not have the same status as councillors and if we wanted to do anything positive for these two communities we should be fighting for them to sit around the horseshoe," Mr Spring said.

Mr Card said earlier there was no case for parity because "you cannot pay the manager of a store the same as you pay the shop assistant behind the counter.

"People think councillors are paid a lot but the allowances don't even cover our expenses. However, if we talk in terms of parity we have to talk in terms of work, time and cost. There is a vast difference on this between councillors and management committee."

He said the move would cost R400 which had not been budgeted for
EL's talks with minister on DV postponed

By MATTHEW MOONIYEA
Local Affairs Reporter
EAST LONDON — Local government in black areas here is drifting into limbo and the city council is battling with urgent attempts to rescue the situation.

But yesterday the city council's efforts received a serious setback when, it was informed that a scheduled meeting with the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr. Chris Hennis, in Cape Town on Monday had had to be cancelled.

The chairman of the action committee and a member of the four-man delegation, Mr. Donald Card, confirmed that they had been informed that the meeting could not take place.

The rest of the delegation comprises the mayor, Mr. Joe Yasebe, Mrs. Elzae Kemp, and the town clerk, Mr. Les Kumm.

The meeting comes against the background of the serious situation in Duncan Village, where the government-sanctioned local authority, the Duncan Village Community Council, does not exist, and the overall authority, the East Cape Development Board, is being disestablished.

The city council wants to take over control of Duncan Village and wants to negotiate with the Duncan Village Residents' Association. The two bodies are believed to have had informal talks already.

"This was a crucial meeting with Mr. Hennis and would have had ramifications for the entire city. Needless to say the cancellation to a later date is a serious setback for us," Mr. Card said.

The meeting is also understood to have discussed the Ziphunzana bypass road to which the upgrading of Duncan Village is linked.

Meanwhile, other ethnic local bodies are also drifting into limbo.

Last week the Coloured Management Committee gave notice that its members would no longer attend action committee meetings because of the allowance disparity between them and white councilors.

The committee asked that the matter be referred to the Administrator, Mr. Gene Louw, but was told that the matter had been referred to the Administrator in the past and that he had said he was unable to intervene as it was council's prerogative to decide on allowances within the limits laid down.

The CMC move follows the move by the non-functioning Indian Management Committee which does not have a quorum after the resignation of three members.

"The acting chairman of the IMC, Mr. Edward Vangadeyelum, vowed not to attend any meeting of the action committee until his R260 a month allowance was raised to the R460 a month councillors received," Mr. Card said.

At the CMC meeting, the chairman, Mr. Johannes Temmers, said it was not his committee's desire to acquire more money in striving for parity, but rather to be seen as equals with councilors.

He said disparity in allowances was an insult to members of his committee who were "seen to be merely unimportant appendages to the councilors".

Asked to comment on the parity situation, Mr. Card said "Parity is parity and should not be reached through apartheid in reverse."

"There is no way the manager of a store should earn the same as a junior shop assistant behind the counter merely because the assistant is not white."

Mr. Card questioned whether the CMC had gone back to the people to arrive at its decision not to attend the committee meetings, which generated council decisions.

"The management committees do not seem to have any rapport with the people. The sooner the residents associations can come forward and negotiate, the better as it seems they have public meetings and relate to the people they represent," Mr. Card said.
EAST LONDON. — A total of R285 000 in rates is still outstanding, according to the acting director of finance and administration, Mr Lodewyk Venter.

He said R21 000 had been outstanding, but monthly payments in June of R85 000 had reduced the figure.

Mr Venter said people had made arrangements to pay the outstanding rates but did not abide by pledges made.

"In most cases action has been taken where this has happened and it is just a case of collecting," the mine said.

He confirmed that summonses had been served since last October.
PE’s gas works has giant deficit

By DENISE BOUTALL

There are millions in inflation but when your calculator comes up with an increase of 14.95% - not in sales but in deficit - you know you’re up against a big problem.

By the middle of next year the annual deficit on Port Elizabeth’s municipal gas works will have increased from R216 000 in 1977 to a whopping R4 162 480 - a 19-fold increase in 10 years.

Port Elizabeth’s City Treasurer, Mr Amandus Strydom, put it simply, “There is no way that we can make the gas works viable.”

The 124-year-old gas works is one of the great ratepayer honeypots in the city - and rightly so.

And Mr Strydom is talking openly about either closing it down or selling it - if the council could find a buyer.

In the financial year starting in July, the cost of producing gas will exceed income from sales by R230 000 and the gas service will not be able to make any contribution to meeting the R3 153 000 annual payment in finance charges.

Two years ago, on the basis of a R66 000 consultant’s report on the viability of the gas works, it was estimated that the break-even point would be reached this June.

But in the last two years things have gone horribly wrong.

The idea was that we would increase production by using the Segas plant which uses diesel and gas on a big marketing drive.

“But in the meantime the cost of diesel has increased enormously because of the increased cost of oil in South Africa due to the collapse of the rand.

“At the same time, the cost of coal which is used to produce most of the gas has also escalated enormously,” Mr Strydom explained.

Since 1982-83 the deficit has gone up from R1.59 million to R2.54 million in 1983-84, R3.84 million in 1984-85 and dropped to R2.25 million in the current financial year.

However, in the coming fiscal year the deficit is expected to double to R4.16 million.

To cover this enormous loss the City Council will take almost 25% from the profits from the highly lucrative electricity undertaking to subsidise the gas works.

In the next financial year the electricity service will contribute R11.22 million - a subsidy of just over 10%.

Mr Strydom said the future of the gas works would be discussed with the Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs and the council would also discuss the implications of the situation with local industrialists and would also consider selling the works to a private sector buyer.

“There is no easy way out this one,”

Mr Strydom said however, that even if the council could not sell the plant it would be cheaper for the council to close it down and simply pay off the amount outstanding on the capital investment.

The debate over the future of the gas works has been a hardy annual for many years and the drive for improved sales began at least a decade ago when the City Council appointed a gas sales engineer.

In an interview the City Electrical Engineer, Mr Charles Adams, said there were about 820 gas consumers in the city, most of them domestic consumers.

There were about 48 industrial consumers and 100 small commercial consumers.

The city’s big bakers consumed about 20% of the gas produced.

He said he did not want to canvass more consumers because almost the entire gas production was being sold and some levy was needed to meet increased demand from existing consumers once the economy picked up.

Mr Adams said any decision about the future of the gas works would be determined by the effect it would have on industry.

He was having discussions with the 49 big consumers and hoped to present a comprehensive report on the future of the gas works to council in July.
Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A residents' committee is to be established in Milner Estate after the announcement that 369 families face rent hikes of about 50 per cent.

This was announced yesterday by the two councillors for the ward in which Milner Estate falls, Mr P. Rohihart and Mr G. Bassingthwaithe.

The rent hike are the result of R6 000 kitchen extensions being put on the houses, which were built over 30 years ago.

A joint statement by the two councillors said they were greatly concerned about the hikes and would leave no stone unturned to ease the burden for the residents.

"We have had numerous meetings with the MPC for East London City, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, on the matter.

"Obviously, when improvements are made one must expect rent increases. However, we will do our best to see to it that the increases are kept as low as possible and also that they be phased in over a few years.

"We are definitely not happy with an immediate 50 per cent hike."
**Call to treat PE’s needs separately**

THE Port Elizabeth City Council seems ready to fight for the city’s future. At its monthly meeting last night the council decided to ask that the PE-Uitenhage metropolitan area be treated as a development region separate from Region D, which includes Ciskei, Border and southern Transkei. It also decided to make urgent representations to prevent the closure of the PE office of the National Building Research Institute.

Arguing for a separate Regional Development Advisory Committee (RDAC) for PE, Mr. McKiefer said that the Region D RDAC, which has been in operation for three years, had achieved few of its objectives for the region and none for PE in particular.

The inclusion of Ciskei and Transkei in Region D meant members of the region could unilaterally vote additional incentives for themselves, as Ciskei had done with the abolition of company tax.

"The RDAC has stood by and seen the PE-Uitenhage area sink into decay and only at the last moment did it put forward certain proposals to Government — none of which have been accepted," he said.

Mr. McKiefer predicted that none of these proposals was likely to increase the influx of new business into the area.

"All they may do is maintain certain existing businesses," he said.

The recent appointment of the East Cape Strategic Development Task Force, with its functions virtually identical with those of the RDAC, was an indictment of the present RDAC.

Defending the RDAC, of which he is deputy chairman, Mr. H. van Zyl Cillíé, pointed out that the issue of a separate region for PE had been turned down by the National Regional Advisory Committee last year.

He said he did not believe the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr. Chris Heunis, would agree to see a delegation on this matter "because we are not following the correct channels."

Also opposing the motion, Mr. Prudie Kotze questioned the motives of PE businessmen who were happy to make 100% profits in the good times and were running to Government now that the tills had stopped ringing. He suggested that the solution might lie in harder work.

The motion was passed by 13 votes to 10.

Proposing his motion on the NBRI, Mr. Salby Ruben said its office in Port Elizabeth did invaluable work for the building industry in one of the worst hit sectors in the current economic slump. "We’ve got to put up a fight for ourselves," he said.

This motion was passed without opposition.

The Town Clerk, Mr. P. K. Botha, said the council should rather make its representations directly to the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, which controlled the NBRI.

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Spring: mixed councils soon

Mr. Spring said it had not been a happy year around the horseshoe.

"There always is a period of settling in when new councillors take their place around the horseshoe but in the present economic climate there is an urgent need for the closing of ranks and building of goodwill and team spirit among councillors."

"We, as a city, are fighting for our survival. I believe that the elected representatives of the white community should set the example of cooperation."

"This city needs leaders of vision and courage who see city progress and prosperity as a measure of their success."

Mr. Spring said the budget was complex and the presentation by the acting financial manager, Mr. Lodie Venter, was excellent.
Residents' body to be launched to oppose CMC

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — A residents' association will be formed at a public meeting here tonight to oppose the Coloured Management Committee.

The meeting in the Buffalo Flats Civic Centre has been called by the East London Civic Steering Committee, which was elected at a public meeting last month to lay the foundations for the formation of the residents' association.

The move follows the formation of similar organisations in the Braemar area and Duncan Village which have reverted to management committees and community councils.

Tonight's meeting will be addressed by Mr. B. Mohammed and Mr. E. Phillips and the agenda includes discussion on rentals, the allocation of housing and the general condition of the townships.

Mr. Mohammed said, "It is of primary importance and imperative that all residents of the areas such as Parkside, Windyridge Flats, Parkridge, Pefferville, Charles Lloyd, Dunga, Buffalo Flats and all the extensions should attend.

"Our committee is aware that these people have complained in the past of numerous problems and this will be their opportunity to discuss these matters. They will be afforded an opportunity to elect their own representatives from these areas to serve on the residents' association. In this way their own interests will be fully represented.

"In addition to the executive, two additional members will be elected from each of the areas onto the standing committee. It is a long time since people from these areas had such an opportunity to meet and to elect a civic body to represent them and deal with their problems."
Labour Party rejects separate municipalities

Tygerberg Bureau
MR David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, says the Labour Party rejects separate municipalities and wants direct representation on town and city councils.

Mr Curry said at the congress of the Federation of Property Owners and Tenant Associations of the Western Cape in Parow at the weekend that the management committee system had not come up to expectations because the committees still acted largely in an advisory capacity to white councils, which held the purse strings.

"Management committees have to negotiate with councils which our people did not elect and final decisions are being taken by white councils who are not responsible to our people."

The South African reality were sharp differences of opinion within the race groups, which created further turmoil.

Often clash

"In Crossroads, for instance, the fathers are fighting against the youths.

"I also found in the committees on which I serve that whites often clash in their political opinions.

"To sum up, the South African reality is that if we were to create a national council representing everyone, a Chief Buthelezi would never sit down next to a Bishop Tutu, and could you imagine Nelson Mandela and Eugene Terre'Blanche together at the same table?"

Mr Curry said he believed it was therefore up to the "centre politicians" to negotiate peaceful change.

"In South Africa it's a matter of bread-and-butter politics. My people cannot wait until a non-racial South Africa has been created to start building houses and I cannot wait until Mandela is freed - our people need their houses now."

Formula One ski-boats raced for the first time in the Western Cape during the inter-provincial speed ski championships at Brandvlei Dam near Worcester. Four of the machines - which cost about R120 000 each and can reach speeds more than 160km/h - were brought from the Transvaal. A team consists of a pilot, a skier and an observer who keeps the pilot informed of the skier's progress. Speed-skiing can be risky as skiers are towed at speeds of up to 140km/h. Above: Southern Transvaal competitors - from left - pilot Mike Barnes, skier Tommy Adlem, observer Chris Bam and skier Karen Lundie with their mean machine. Below: A boat creeps up on a skier.
IMC makes plea for end to boycott

By RAYMOND HILL

THE chairman of the Port Elizabeth Indian Management Committee (IMC), Mr Raman Bhana, MP for Malabar, today called for an end to the consumer boycott in Port Elizabeth.

Speaking at the monthly IMC meeting in Korsten, Mr Bhana said the IMC’s acting chairman, Mr Joy Kathan, had last month requested the PE City Council to include him (Mr Bhana) in the delegation to see various commercial, industrial and Government organisations regarding the boycott.

“I believe a meeting between the sub-committee of the council and the various organisations was held. But the Indian Management Committee was not requested to be represented. I am disappointed,” he said.

It had come to his notice that a sub-committee of the PE City Council was formed to discuss the boycott with any person or body having an interest in the matter.

Mr Bhana requested the relevant sub-committee, headed by Mr H Van Zyl Cillie, to use every means within reach and all expert knowledge available to help end the boycott in Port Elizabeth.

Mr Bhana said Port Elizabeth’s economy was at its “lowest ebb”.

The fact that businesses were not realising their normal turnovers would result in the retrenchment or dismissal of employees resulting in “untold hardship” for families, he said.

According to Mr Bhana, repercussions of the Port Elizabeth boycott, coupled to the country’s general economic problems, would definitely have “far reaching implications” for the citizens of Port Elizabeth.

“Ah n’t ‘ge’die’ Ford Motor Company has left Port Elizabeth. Do we want a similar situation to occur with the other major industrial undertakings in the city?”

“I restate my plea that the sub-committee of the City Council, together with all these organisations involved in the Port Elizabeth consumer boycott, should have a round table discussion in an effort to resolve this impasse.”
Legal action against IMC man possible

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Legal action is being investigated in connection with an alleged contravention of a provincial ordinance by the acting chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Edward Vengadejellum.

This was confirmed yesterday by the chairman of the city council’s action committee, Mr Donald Card.

The senior administrative officer in the town clerk’s department, Miss Abby Cronin, confirmed that a complaint had been lodged.

She said the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, would decide on the matter Mr Kumm was not available for comment.

The allegation involves a statement by Mr Vengadejellum on Tuesday concerning confidential discussions on the 1986-1987 budget.

Mr Vengadejellum criticised councillors for opposing a move for parity between allowances to city councillors and management committee members.

Increases in the allowances were discussed at the finance portfolio meeting where it was revealed that councillors’ allowances would go up from R300 to R400 a month and that of management committee members from R190 to R230.

Mr Vengadejellum singled out the chairman of the finance committee, Mr Errol Spring, for particular criticism, saying it was strange that as a member of the Progressive Federal Party Mr Spring could do a “somersault” on parity.

Yesterday Mr Card said it was an offence to discuss action committee matters in public and the management committee members were briefed fully on this when they were allowed to attend these meetings for the first time.

“Cases such as this make it difficult to allow people who divulge information to be allowed back into the committee meetings. We will have to investigate whether Mr Vengadejellum can be allowed back although he has said he will not attend any further meetings,” Mr Card said.

He said he did not want to discuss further what was said in the meeting but would like to comment on Mr Vengadejellum’s claims about parity.

“There is no way a nominated management committee member such as Mr Vengadejellum can be equated with an elected city councillor. There is a big difference and nominated management committee members can be equated with leaders of ratepayers associations. They have the same role and function,” Mr Card said.

Mr Spring refused to comment on matters which were discussed in committee.

“I would not like to comment on Mr Vengadejellum’s allegations. The matter will probably come up in council,” he said.
Allowances: IMC man to boycott council

Mr Vengadejellum said a meeting of the finance portfolio had been held to discuss the 1986-1987 budget in which provision has been made to increase councillors' allowances from R300 to R400 a month and that of management committee members from R150 to R230 a month.

Mr Vengadejellum said "it is very strange that Mr Spring, who as a PFP member chaired the meeting with Mr Colin Eglinton, could now do such a somersault and vote this down."

Mr Vengadejellum said he had asked to be excused from the meeting after the matter had been discussed.

He said the chairman of the finance committee, Mr Spring, spoke against parity and was supported by Mr Card.

Asked how he felt about ratepayers paying for the allowances of an appointed official such as himself, Mr Vengadejellum said the ratepayers could not cover the whole budget of the city council. Money came from municipal land sales and rentals and these could be used to cover their allowances.

The chairman of the action committee, Mr Card, refused to comment.
Many ratepayers just can’t pay

Post Reporter

OUTSTANDING rates and services accounts with the Port Elizabeth municipality are increasing at such a rate that the City Treasury might have to take on additional staff to deal with the workload.

The was disclosed yesterday by a treasury official who said it was clear from the number of summonses issued for outstanding rates that both individuals and businesses were battling to make ends meet.

In the four months from December to March a total of 2,491 summonses were issued for outstanding rates.

What was significant was that the summonses were not only being issued to people who paid their rates annually in a lump sum but also to people who paid their rates on a monthly basis.

It was clear that people were stretching out their payments as much as possible.

Whereas in the past people who fell into arrears usually paid up as soon as they received a final notice — which was issued when monthly rates instalments were three months in arrears — they now stretched it out until they were summoned.

He said that people should avoid allowing matters to get to court because once judgment was obtained against them it affected their credit rating and might prevent them from gaining credit from a bank at a later stage.

Another symptom of the dire financial straits in which people were finding themselves was the increase in the number of liquidation cases in which the municipality was one of the creditors.

This had stood at 110 cases in December and had risen to 280 this month.

The municipality was also experiencing a lot of problems with people who failed to pay their water and electricity accounts.

“However, with them we have a lever because we can cut off the supply and mostly people do find the money to settle the bill,”

The problem with a disconnection was that, apart from the reconnection fee, people who might have paid their original deposits some years ago would find themselves having to pay substantial new deposits because these had to be twice the average monthly consumption.
PE forms 'talks body

THE need for negotiation about Port Elizabeth's problems was underlined with the establishment yesterday of a negotiating sub-committee by the Port Elizabeth City Council.

The Policy and Resources Committee decided at yesterday's meeting to establish a sub-committee to negotiate with anyone, and especially African community leaders, on a wide range of problems.

The committee consists of the Mayor, Mr Ben Oliver, the former mayor Mr Ivan Krige, Mr Alan Ward Able, Mr Davidson and Mr Gilbe.

*The spokesman for the PE Consumer Boycott Committee, Mr Mkhwebeni Jack, said today that a decision as to whether the CBC and "progressive organisations" would enter into negotiations with the newly formed sub-committee would be made after discussions "at all levels of our structures."

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Decision by U’haige body regretted

Post Reporter

THE Town Clerk of Uitenhage, Mr Robin Williams, said today the decision of the Uitenhage West Management Committee to suspend its activities was unfortunate.

Mr Williams said he hoped round table discussions would take place between the committee and the council in the very near future in order that present differences might be resolved.

The Management Committee resigned this week because the Youth For Christ organisation was refused permission to use the Town Hall for a multi-racial meeting.

He pointed out that the Town Council had delegated certain functions to the Management Committee, and quoted the sale of ovens and allocation of houses as examples.

The coloured community as a whole were entitled to proper administration of the coloured area and it was highly desirable that the situation should return to normal.

Relations with the Management Committee had been good. While recent negotiations on certain issues had been vigorous, the issues had been settled to mutual satisfaction, he said.

With regard to the question of the squatters in the emergency camp, Mr Williams said the council had intended to take action against only those who were employed but who refused to pay rent.

There had been no intention to evict tenants who were unemployed.

Regarding the alleged intention of the council to use bulldozers to raze the shacks, he said the council had not taken any such decision. If any statement by a member of the staff had been made to this effect, it was regretted.
New rule for Duncan Village?

By MATTHEW MOONIEYA
Local Affairs Reporter

EAST LONDON The scrapping of development boards on July 1 holds major implications for the East London area.

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Citrus-pickers in East London did a double take when Adele Aheb, 82, standing, and Basile Michelle, 16, from Makhanda showed their pears in a fitting gesture.

More pictures page 12.
Clerk criticised in township dispute

Provincial Staff

A NATIONALIST MP has attacked George's town clerk for his handling of a township dispute in which shacks have been bulldozed and the threat of demolition hangs over more homes.

In the Provincial Council, Mr George Kellerman, MPC for the area which covers Lawaankamp township, said the town clerk, Mr CJ du Plessis, had aggravated a tense situation with his unsympathetic attitude.

During a debate on a private member's motion by Mr Jan van Eck (FFP Groote Schuur) calling for independent arbitration to resolve the dispute, Mr Kellerman assured residents of Lawaankamp who had lived there "for some time" that their homes would not be demolished.

NEGOTIATION

Mr Kellerman said the recent confrontation between township residents and the George municipality had been aggravated by the unsympathetic way Mr du Plessis had dealt with the situation.

He and the MP for George, Mr H A Smut, had talked to black leaders and attempted to move the municipality towards negotiation.

"Instead the road of confrontation was followed," he said.

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Mr van Eck said the town council would have to "get rid" of Mr du Plessis. His attitude towards the black community was so negative that he could not remain in his position.

Mr van Eck said 160 shacks on the edge of Lawaankamp demolished last month had been rebuilt in the centre of the township.

He warned that "all hell will break loose" if the municipality demolished these on Thursday as it had threatened.
Big E Cape homes plan

By DIRK VAN ZYL
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The construction of 5808 new homes for blacks in the Eastern Cape has been approved as part of a national plan to finance self-building schemes.

This was announced today by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis.

He said that by the end of February this year 74 such houses had been built in the region while a further 301 were under construction.

Mr Heunis said that of the R600 million made available by the Government during the 1985/86 financial year for the creation of job opportunities for blacks, R125.5 million had been allocated to his department for distribution in the Republic.

After consultation with the respective local authorities, community councils and development boards, about R50 million had been allocated for upgrading black towns, such as the repairing of houses, planting of grass and trees, providing storm water drainage, etc.

The shortage of housing which emerged from the discussion is also receiving attention, and R75 million has been allocated to finance several self-building schemes which include the provision of infrastructure where necessary.

"In the Eastern Cape, for instance, housing projects for 9238 houses have been approved," Mr Heunis said he had learnt to his sorrow that in certain areas the unrest situation was impeding the completion of certain projects. In such cases funds would have to be reallocated to more peaceful areas.

Mr Heunis also announced that of R110 million recently provided by the Government for the continuation of the creation of job opportunities during the 1986/87 financial year, R62 million had been made available to his department.

Of the R45 million already allocated for the special job creation programme in the Eastern Cape, R1 907 850 had been spent.
Revenue sources could go

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — White local authorities will have to be prepared to give up profitable revenue-producing industrial areas because of the planned new local government system.

The Director-General of Constitutional Development and Planning, Dr A H van Wyk, has warned that the new "community government" could force a rethink about existing local authorities as new bodies were created.

He was delivering the main address at a conference on the Cape's new land-use ordinance.

He pointed out that, in line with the Government's policy of devolution of authority, more powers and funds would be transferred to local government, including primary local authorities and regional councils.

But other vital revenue would be in the form of levies on businesses.
George residents unite

Staff Reporter

The residents of Lawaaikamp outside George have elected a single committee to represent them in their negotiations with the municipality.

Residents had been represented by at least two separate and often feuding groups in their talks over rent and the future of "illegal structures" in the township.

Mr Kenneth Shiboto, a community leader, was on Sunday elected chairman of the unified George Civic Association, headed by 13 people from Lawaaikamp.

The GCA is now the sole body mandated by residents to debate the "package deal" for the future of the township proposed by the municipality last week.

The GCA must give the municipality an answer to the deal by the end of this week.

In the balance are 150 squatter shacks, the threat of a 100 percent rent increase for 5,000 people, and removals to the new "self-help" Sandekraal township.

The town clerk of George, Mr Carel du Plessis, has said the object of the threatened demolition of the shacks and the rent increases is to get the people to move to Sandekraal.

Residents have so far refused to move as they claim that few houses exist there and they do not want to erect their own structures.
In respect of the lease of the land for which the application relates and which was previously the site of a coal mine, the information provided includes:

- The proposed use of the land
- The area and location of the land
- The environmental impact of the proposed use
- The existing land use and any potential hazards
- The means of access and egress
- The infrastructure and facilities

The information is deemed confidential.

The Minister of Justice:

The proposed use of the land for which the application relates is for a new coal mine.

1989 and 1989's regulations:

- The regulations are applicable to the proposed use of the land
- The regulations require the applicant to submit a detailed plan and related documents
- The regulations mandate the approval process and the time frame for the decision

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The Environmental Protection Act:

- The act requires the applicant to conduct an environmental impact assessment
- The act mandates the approval process and the time frame for the decision
- The act includes provisions for public consultation

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sacking dissidents

New measures bulldozed through the Cape Provincial Council this week effectively give the Administrator powers to sack elected town and city councillors who try to thwart the implementation of government policy, and to replace them with his own appointees. The measures are seen in opposition circles as a blatant move by government to stamp out opposition to the establishment of Regional Services Councils (RSCs) and coloured management committees, particularly by the Cape Town and East London city councils.

Existing ordinances give the Administrator the power to dismiss or discipline councillors, but only for clearly defined offences such as misconduct. The new laws are wide open, according to Progressive Federal Party (PFP) MPCs, and effectively allow him to dismiss or fine councillors who refuse to comply with government policy.

The measures could mean that if Cape Town and East London city councils refuse to cooperate with the implementation of government policy, individual councillors or even the entire council could be sacked by the present Administrator, Gene Louw, and replaced with his appointees. Appointed councillors would not be responsible to ratepayers, whose funds they would be administering.

At a Cape Town City Council meeting last month, councillor Clive Keegan proposed a boycott of the RSCs. Although his motion was defeated, most councillors were clearly sympathetic, but felt that by opposing government's wishes they could be jeopardising the interests of the city and its ratepayers.

Councillors voted overwhelmingly to urge government to investigate the feasibility of a "local option" for the Cape Town region before going ahead with the establishment of an RSC.

The council is concerned that residents will have no direct representation on the RSC, that if a two-thirds majority for any decision cannot be reached, any deadlock can be broken by Louw deciding the issue, and that commercial and industrial areas — which will contribute the bulk of RSC fi-

nances — will be excluded when calculating the voting powers of the constituent municipalities.

The new provincial measures will also allow Louw to effectively appoint members of coloured and Indian management and consultative committees and black local authorities if they are unable or unwilling to carry out government policy or participate in the RSCs.

The PFP has strongly opposed the new measures. John Sonnenberg, PFP MPC for Green Point, said last week that the measures would be used by Louw to punish public representatives who opposed government policy. Jan van Gend (PFP Constantia) described the move as "out of line with the principle of democracy" and completely counter to government's stated desire to devolve power.

The Nationalist member of the executive council for Local Government, Willem Bouwer, defended the new measures, claiming they were necessary for orderly government. He pointed out that some Cape local authorities had been "apathetic" towards the establishment of coloured management committees.
Row over EL move to open areas to all

By KEITH ROSS
EAST LONDON — The East London City Council was today accused of acting without a mandate when it voted to open all residential areas to all races.

The accusation was made by the chairman of the Amalinda Ratepayers' Association, Mr Nathan Smith.

"The City Council certainly has no mandate from the people of Amalinda," Mr Smith said.

"The council can do as it likes but this vote is completely irrelevant. Any decision to open up residential areas would have to come from the Government and that is unlikely to happen."

"So we see no need to draw up petitions to protest against the council's action."

But a petition is being drawn up by the Independent Rights Association which claims to represent ratepayers throughout the city.

The association vice-chairman, Mr Nic Slabber, said a petition would be on the streets tomorrow.

"We feel that the people of each suburb should decide whether or not they should be opened."

"The council has no right to make such a decision for them. We want a referendum on the issue."

"Wage earners, particularly in the middle class suburbs, are completely against the decision and won't stand for it at all."

"We intend to make our feelings known by sending a petition to the Provincial Administration."

Mr Slabber said he believed the council's decision was largely influenced by the consumer boycott.

"The City Council is probably under pressure from the Chamber of Commerce," he said.

The East London vote was taken in committee on Monday.

The motion to open residential areas resulted in a vote of seven for and seven against, with two councillors absent.

The Mayor, Mr Joe Yasebe, used his casting vote to carry the motion.

The Durban City Council decided last night by 22 votes to five to ask the Government to declare the controversial Block AK area open to all.

See Pages 6 and 8
PE about-turn on 'blacks on beaches' question

From KEN VERNON
The Argus Bureau
PORT ELIZABETH

Port Elizabeth City Council has reversed a controversial decision of its "mind-boggling insensitivity" that demanded the prosecution of blacks defying apartheid on the city's beaches.

Opposition bosses — who urged the reversal on individual councillors before last night's unexplained change of heart — gave the vote no "legitimate chance to take".

But Chamber of Commerce director Mr Tony Gillies continued that it was "a very small step forward" back to where we were before.

The council's move — a reversal of previous voting trends — capped two weeks of political controversy that turned the city's beach apartheid issue into international news. Troops and police were deployed at the beaches to prevent "conflict" between whites and blacks.

Charges

After an acrimonious debate, the council voted 8 to 5 to rescind a sub-committee decision demanding municipal officials to lay charges against blacks using the city's whites-only beaches.

Several conservative councillors, including the mayor, Mr Ben Oliver, who previously voted to keep the southern beaches for whites only, supported a motion by former mayor Mr Ivan Krieg to ratify a decision of the five-member common services committee.

Mr Krieg, who criticized the council's "mind-boggling insensitivity" and later voted to bring the town's beaches to all races.

The committee's earlier decision had caused controversy and weakened Port Elizabeth's "America-dominated" economy by providing ammunition for foreign diplomats to advocate for South Africa's isolation.

Two weeks ago General Motors, the United States-based carmaker that is the city's largest employer — promised to "leverage" and financially any of its employees prosecuted for defying beach apartheid.

Last night councillor Mr H van Zyl Olie said angrily that "only the right-wing lunatic fringe" could object to open beaches, and he said Mr Oliver's referral last week to take the matter to a TV documentary programme "speaks volumes" on his right to be mayor.

Defending the decision of the services committee, Mr H S du Plessis said that until the Separate Amenities Act was rescinded it had to be enforced.

Councillor Mr Danie Durbin warned that "national political matters" being raised in the council, saying "infuriated" wanted a political freeze in the council for their own purposes.

Stunned out

At one point he stormed out of the chamber, but returned to vote against the motion.

Mr Gillies said the Chamber of Commerce had written to all councillors before last night's vote,restating its stand in favour of open beaches and urging them to overturn the controversial decision.

The director of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Industry, Mr Brian Matthews, said, "We hope we now have a breathing space to sort out the bigger problem of opening the beaches to all races before next summer.

- The managing director of General Motors, Mr Bob White, announced GM's pledge of support to employers, could not be contacted for comment.

Spinster's death: Police hold two

Crime reporter

TWO teenagers have been detained for questioning in connection with the death of a 71-year-old spinster in Grahamstown.

Commander Eddy Stowman, police inspector officer for the South-Western Districts, said the 18-year-old youths, both from Grahamstown, were detained after statements were taken into the killing of Miss Jardas Johanna Cuizzi.

She was found dead at her St Saviour Street home about 6am on Wednesday.

The Argus Foreign Service

LONDON — Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert has had talks with President of the African National Congress officials and believes progress can be made towards peaceful negotiation in South Africa.

The ANC, he said, does not believe violence is inevitable.

Speaking in London, where he is promoting his book, The Last White Parliament, Dr Slabbert said "I have not been a member of the ANC executive and therefore have never been away from violence can be found if I will communicate this to whoever is interested.

Questioned about his "belligerent" conversation with President PW Botha and the sharp response from Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Dr Slabbert said "It is inevitable when a confidential conversation is hijacked and made public and considered out of context that there will be misunderstandings. I apologize to anybody who feels they have been insulted or patronised or demeaned in any way.

The only explanation I can give is that it was a highly unsuccessful attempt by two Afrikaners to defend a non-African interpretation of their version of events. I do not try to establish a level of communication."
Officals will not be allowed to lay charges

Heated debate on PE beach laws

PORT ELIZABETH — The Port Elizabeth City Council last night vetoed a committee decision authorising municipal officials to lay charges against people contravening beach race laws.

The public gallery was packed with over 100 observers and about 15 newsmen and three camera teams during the 1½-hour debate at which 15 of the 22 councillors spoke. The beach issue has attracted international media attention.

There was a searing attack on the Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, by Mr H Van Zyl Cillie, who said: "If you pander to the archaic and shortsighted demands of the HNP on the beach issue you make a complete mockery of your so-called 'pride in PE' project."

But later Mr Olivier supported Mr Krige's motion and said the granting of rights to officials to lay charges was not in good taste and would do harm to race relations.

Introducing his motion, Mr Krige said the committee "with a presumption and insensitivity which is mind boggling, has effectively committed our city to beach apartheid enforced by criminal sanctions."

'State of siege'

"The committee's action is disgraceful and is not only detrimental to race relations but also weakens the American-dominated economy of the city by providing ammunition for the already strong overseas disinvestment lobbies."

Mr Cillie said it seemed some councillors had not grasped that South Africa was in a state of siege and the community services committee's decision was an embarrassment to the Government and had cast Port Elizabeth in the eyes of the outside world as the country's polecat.

South Africa's communist enemies also wished the beaches to remain closed to aggravate the conflict situation fuelling their revolutionary cause. He said only the right "lunatic fringe" of the political spectrum would lay charges against people contravening outdated beach race laws.

Mr Cillie told Mr Olivier: "The fact that your courage failed you when invited to go on national television on the issue places in question your suitability to remain Mayor of the Friendly City."

Mr Lomo du Plessis said the council would not cross the Rubicon that night.

"The Separate Amenities Act is not scrapped yet, and we must abide by it and enforce the law. Don't come with this 'apartheid is dead'. No laws have changed."

Mr Graham Young said it was a sad moment that the council should discuss this issue when the whole country was suffering under violence.

Mr Aubrey Braude said the council was floating in orbit and should come down. — Sapa
Duvcor claims no links with council

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — The Duncan Village Community Council had "nothing whatsoever" to do with the Duncan Village Corporation (Duvcor) which is building temporary classrooms in the village, the joint chairmen of Duvcor said yesterday.

Mr Alistair Lightbody and the MP for East London City, Mr Feet de Pontes, said that at no stage had the community council been involved in the Duvcor project and were not involved at present.

They said that, in fact, the entire project had been planned and approved in consultation with the Duncan Village Residents' Association (DVRA), who had been offered, but refused, full representation on the Duvcor board.

The two chairmen of the non-profit utility corporation were reacting to claims that Duncan Village pupils were refusing to use the first classrooms completed by Duvcor because the community council were involved in the project.

"Certain people and organisations like the East London Progressive Teachers' Union (Elptu) and the Duncan Village Parents' Committee have claimed that the community council involvement in Duvcor is the sole reason for these schools being unacceptable," they said.

"As the community council has had no involvement whatsoever, we trust all people with the interests of pupils at heart will do all they can to get the children back to school.

"Indeed, the very reason why the project started in the first place was at the request of Duncan Village residents through the DVRA." In their statement, the chairmen said Duvcor was established specifically to carry out the project which involved building the temporary classrooms and which would later be converted to houses when permanent schools were provided.

The chairman of the DVRA, Mr Dumisa Ntshiti, and the secretary, Mr Mafa Gcic, had undertaken to nominate after consultation with the residents of Duncan Village two parents and two students to take up places on the Duvcor board, the statement said.

"They also undertook to promote a positive attitude towards the project in Duncan Village and encourage and recruit residents to participate as required on our behalf This has not happened, despite a recent approach by them.

"Every detail was discussed and approved by the DVRA, including approval of the planned development of Duncan Village, the siting of temporary buildings, the material to be used, the concept of converting these as a later date to three-bedroomed houses and finishes and services required. In fact, arrangements were made to visit Breda to see prototypes already built, which they were shown.

"The ground was obtained from the East Cape Development Board, who acted as agents of the government and who are owners of all land in Duncan Village.

"The DVRA was aware of this from the outset, and indeed at all meetings it was stressed we could only assist in building these schools if we went through the various proper channels.

"The money for the project was obtained from the Department of Manpower under their job creating scheme."
Council was my hobby
— Former City Engineer

Mr Brand, the sudden announcement of your retirement came as great shock to many people. Are you prepared to elaborate, particularly in the light of Exco's announcement of an official investigation into your possible contravention of the Cape Municipal Ordinance?

I wouldn't like to comment on this aspect at all. I intended when I took the job that I wouldn't be here for more than eight to 10 years and I've now been here for 11 years.

I was asked last year to stay on. I was flattered, I suppose, so I stayed and I'm sorry I did. I've also felt that at 60 — I've left it a bit late, I'm nearly 61 — there's still life ahead to do something new.

You have been involved in a great many major projects in almost 20 years' service with the council. Have any given you particular satisfaction?

Helping people with housing, Mitchell's Plain specifically. In the last 10 years, in spite of frequent stops and go's as far as finance from the Government was concerned, we have been able to set new standards for coloured housing.

On the other hand, it's been a big disappointment that the council was precluded from going on with the Blue Downs project which would have meant another township for probably 40 000 families.

Are there any projects which you would re-design, given the chance?

I can't think of any specific project. The underground mall system which revitalised the city centre had its fair share of criticism but I'm not sorry about that — it's a tremendous achievement as far as the city is concerned.

What are the major problems facing the city?

The major problem is how the Regional Service Council will affect it. This has a potential for providing metropolitan-wide services in a more efficient manner, but the political implications of RSCs may have other influences on efficiency and effectiveness which are totally unknown at this stage.

I'm personally sorry too that RSCs may just cause a certain amount of fragmentation of a really great city.

You are no stranger to controversy and certainly as far as housing is concerned you've been highly critical of the Government. Has this affected your working relationship with government departments?

I hope I haven't been critical of the Government in a political sense and I've tried to be as realistic as possible. I think the criticism I levelled at the Government as far as land use was concerned has influenced them in changing the original guide plan to a certain extent.

People in local affairs are able to give the Government information they might not otherwise have and I think it's the responsibility of people like myself to bring this to their notice.

Is the Government in general responsive to the needs of the city?

I've had the greatest co-operation on an official level from my counterparts in government with whom I dealt.

Are there any unfinished projects in your department which you personally would have liked to have completed before you left?

Leaving a job like this is always traumatic and projects will always be going on. Of present projects the seawater/dockland development is very exciting and I would have liked to make more personal input. Similarly the mall system is another very exciting development for Cape Town.

Can you comment on the recent controversy over Southern Life's head office development in Newlands?

That was a very difficult decision for me personally because one had to retain certain standards and yet have the interests of the city at heart.

Southern is a very important segment of this city and the more corporate headquarters we have here the wealthier the city will be. So we had to give and take a lot as far as that was concerned and in my opinion we came up with a better solution for all. It's often happens.

You have been the recipient of numerous awards and citations over the years. Have you given particular satisfaction?

I would like to stress that these weren't personal awards but awards to the council and the department I'm but the nominal head of the department. The French award was a great surprise and meant a great deal. (Mr Brand was made Officer of France's National Order of Merit last year).

Have you seen a shift in the overall operation of municipal affairs?

Public opinion is considered far more than they used to be in the past and public participation is being promoted far more — quite correctly.

The running of the city has become a lot more efficient because of electronic aids and more experienced people — both councillors and staff.

Do you have any particular plans for your retirement? Any hobbies?

I'm still a member of the Western Cape Development Board and I think I'll do what comes to me. But I'd never again take an all-embracing job like this. I do a little bit of carpentry for what it's worth but the Cape Town City Council has really been my hobby.
Residents want three EL councillors out

Dispatch Reporter

ERLANDON "Ratepayers Association (RA) has
called for the resignation of two councillors
for Ward 7; Mr. Donald Card and Mr. Vesey Be-
gudenboul, over "dis-
gusting houses which
were merely double gar-
eges"

Both said they would
ignore the call.

The councillor with
the housing portfolio,
Mrs. Elsbie Kemp, was
also asked to "retire
from civic life as her
track record in housing
speaks for itself." She
could not be reached for
comment yesterday.

In a statement slams-
ing the creation of a
"future slum" in Morn-
ingside, the AMA chair-
man, Mr. Nathan Smith,
said "We have no alter-
native but to ask the
councillors to resign as
we believe that on the
basis of the facts that we
have, we have been mis-
informing and misled
and that both coun-
cillors had not acted in
the best interests of all
the people who elected
them.

"In the event of them
not resigning, and allow-
ing the ratepayers to
either deny or confirm
the confidence in them,
this association cannot
support, or nominate
them for any facet of elec-
tion."

Mr. Card said, "Natu-
rally I don't like the
strong language Mr.
Smith is using now but I
know that it is not really
the type of houses worry-
ing him but the fact that
the Group Areas Act
would possibly go in a
year and those type of
houses would be in de-
mand by other races."

Mr. Smith said Mrs.
Kemp should consider
retiring from civic life as
she had failed in her re-
sponsibility to the
people of East London

See also page 2
Council bid to deal with DV residents

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The city council here is to ask the government to allow it to negotiate with the Duncan Village Residents' Association (DVRA) on matters in the area and future development.

The unanimous decision of the action committee to talk directly to the DVRA was confirmed by the chairman, Mr. Donald Card.

He said the matter would be discussed with the director of the East Cape Development Board, Mr. Louis Koch.

The board has statutory control over the area in which an estimated 80,000 people live. The self-exiled Duncan Village Community Council is the body with institutionalised control.

Mr. Card confirmed that the action committee's decision, which has wide-ranging implications for local government, was the result of an urgent motion he had put forward.

He said he realised the city council did not have jurisdiction over Duncan Village but it fell within the boundaries of the city. The situation, he said, had been critical since the riots last year.

"There is dissatisfaction with the conditions of the area, residents do not want to live in the area. There is no provision for the area's needs. There is no community council or the government funding of projects in the area."

Mr. Card said he hoped that the council's move would not be taken as a threat to the people, and that the council's move would not be taken without consulting the people.

"I was specifically motivated by the DVRA statement in the Daily Dispatch on January 26, in which they said they stood prepared to talk directly to the city council on all matters regarding Duncan Village."

"I was also motivated by the call to make Duncan Village a ward of the greater East London and to let the area elect its own representatives to serve directly on the city council."

"Obviously, to do this, my intention was to clear the statutory hurdles so that we attain a situation where we will have a legal right in the jurisdiction of Duncan Village, together with its people, in a democratic way, with their own elected leaders articulating the views and requirements of the area," Mr. Card said.

The publicity secretary of the DVRA, Mr. Mafu Goci, could not be contacted yesterday for comment.

The chairman of the community council, Mr. Eddie Makela, was also not available.
CMC is asked to resign

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — The Buffalo Flats Tenant's Association has called for the resignation of the Coloured Management Committee.

The president of the Buffalo Flats Tenants Committee (BFTS), Mr. J W Latola, said in a press statement the CMC was not representative of the people and did not articulate the needs of the community.

Mr. Latola said the association was "fed up" with representatives who pretended to share the community's problems, but who were actually part of the people's problems. He said the BFTS was the authentic representative of the coloured community.

The chairman of the CMC, Mr. J Temmers, said yesterday the fact that the committee represented an elected entity should prove the tenants' association statement invalid.

He challenged the BFTS to put up candidates against the CMC in elections to be held later this year. "If they are so concerned, then they should get involved in the democratic way of doing things. How can they ask us to resign when they did not vote?"

One of the major BFTS grievances concerned housing. Mr. Latola called on the CMC to spell out its housing allocation policies.

Mr. Temmers said each case was looked at on merit and the actual situations of people were looked at to ascertain their needs. He said prospective tenants didn't need a history of renting from the council to be eligible for housing. "We don't go strictly by the waiting list. For example, those without homes were given preference over those who have a home."

He said those in the old housing scheme were asked to move into the new housing scheme to make the older homes available to those who could not afford newer homes. "The homes built in the newer areas are the only homes available in East London, so if we didn't do this, the people in the sub-economic group wouldn't get homes."

"There are too few homes given to the CMC each month. Of the average 14 houses we allocate per month, half go to those on the waiting list while the other half must go to Dunga residents."

With regard to high rentals, another BFTS grievance, he said "We are working on this matter for extensions 2 to 7, and we are sincerely negotiating behind the scenes."
De Lange confirms meetings
EAST LONDON — The Duncan Village Community Council had the support of the vast majority of residents, the chairman of the council, Mr. Edison Makeba, said in a statement and challenged anyone to prove otherwise "in a democratic way.

Mr Makeba was reacting to comments by the chairman of the East London city council's action committee, Mr. Donald Card that the community council was living in "exile" and did not have the support of the residents.

Mr Card had said the affairs of Duncan Village should revert to the city council.

In his statement, Mr. Makeba said the community council was an autonomous body, equal in status to the city council, and subject to the South African Government only.

He said East London's city council had a history of trying to push Duncan Village residents to Mdantsane.

"The fact is that whereas the council wanted to push us out, the community council successfully fought the removal of Duncan Village.

"We will not give up our independence again and allow ourselves to be dominated by the city council of East London."

Mr. Makeba said that instead of dictating to Duncan Village what it wanted, the city council should sit down with the community council and other local authorities in the region to set up a Regional Services Council.

"The time is long overdue that everybody in our area should enjoy the same quality of services such as housing, electricity and water.

He said Mr Card's claim that the community councillors were in "exile" was an apparent approval of violence.

"It is true that our homes were burnt by the same radical element that killed innocent people by throwing petrol bombs in their homes.

"If the radicals burnt Mr Card's house, would he take that as proof that he was no longer wanted by his people?"

"Mr Card and the white councillors have never lived in Duncan Village, and if that is the test, then they are the ones in exile."

Mr. Makeba said the community council had had eight years of experience in dealing with the needs of the residents.

"We have the support of the vast majority of Duncan Village people, and I challenge anyone to prove otherwise in a democratic way," he said.
Regional Services Councils will result in wide-ranging changes

There is still great uncertainty about the implementation of Regional Services Councils (RSCs). JOHN YEILD, Municipal Reporter, examines the coming changes in local government.

FAR-reaching changes in local government are to take place with the advent of regional services councils (RSCs), although there is still great uncertainty over their implementation, finance and aspects of operation.

RSCs have been planned to assume the so-called "general" functions of second-tier government in terms of the "new dispensation", while local authorities will still be responsible for "own affairs".

RSCs for the country's five major metropolitan areas were due to have been constituted on January 1 but major aspects of their operations have not yet been finalised.

It now seems unlikely that an RSC for the greater Cape Town will be officially constituted before April at the earliest.

Bulk supply

Among the functions which the RSCs may assume are the bulk supply of water and electricity, sewage disposal works and main sewage disposal pipelines, land usage and transport planning, roads and stormwater drainage, ambulance and fire services, passenger transport services, traffic matters, abattoirs and fresh produce markets, refuse dumps, cemeteries and crematoriums, health services, airports, civil defence, libraries and museums, recreational facilities, environment conservation and the promotion of tourism.

Ironically, several of these "general" functions have been designated as "own" affairs in the first tier of government.

The haste with which legislation governing the RSCs was pushed through Parliament, the lack of detail concerning their proposed operations and what is seen as the entrenching of a system based on ethnic differentiation has attracted widespread criticism.

The boundaries of each RSC will be determined by the Provincial Administrator following a recommendation by a seven-member demarcation board set up under the chairmanship of former judge Mr Justice A P Myburgh.

The board, which has no local representatives, has not yet advertised any proposals for the Western Cape.

Members of the RSC will be drawn from local authorities, management committees and community councils, although representatives from other "interested" bodies such as farmers' unions, for example, may be appointed by the Administrator.

A question mark hangs over the future of divisional councils in the Cape and speculation is that they may be disbanded with the advent of the RSCs.

On an unofficial level, staff of the Divisional Councils of the Cape are expecting to assume the administrative functions of the new RSC for greater Cape Town, although such a step seems certain to draw wide criticism given the council's limited jurisdiction and staff expertise compared with other larger local authorities.

Staff from any local authority or government department may be transferred to the RSC, but the Government has made it clear that no-one will lose jobs or be "demoted" in such a move.

Staff of the administration boards, which are also likely to be disbanded, may be transferred to the RSCs.

The chairman of the new RSC, who will not have a vote, will be appointed by the Administrator and may be a full- or part-time official.

Votes will be calculated according to the member's financial contribution to the RSC, but, in a move designed to avoid larger authorities dominating proceedings, no local body may have more than five representatives on an RSC or more than 50 percent of the total vote.

The demarcation boards will draw boundaries for central business districts and industrial areas which will be excluded from calculations to determine a member's voting strength (although they remain subject to the new tax levies).

Taxes

Because of the proposed structure of RSCs, a rough estimate indicates that Cape Town City Council will exercise between 15 and 28 percent of the vote of a local RSC.

RSCs are due to be financed by taxes levied from July 1 next year. New levies on employment and turnover will be paid by companies and vendors in addition to their contribution to income tax and VAT in a move that has been severely criticised in business.

The Department of Finance, briefed to set the new tax scales, has not yet reported.

A third source of finance — investment levies — has been referred to the Margo Commission on tax structures.

In terms of original proposals for RSCs the Press was excluded from any deliberations, but after objections the legislation was altered and RSCs will now determine their own rules of procedure, which may include provision for public attendance.
QUEENSTOWN — The charred body of a prominent former Mlungisi community councillor was found in the township here, and the 19-year-old daughter of another councillor died in hospital yesterday after being set alight.

The body of Mrs Blanche Mduvu was found by police after her home had been petrol-bombed. Police said Mrs Mduvu was killed after tyres, doused with petrol, had been piled on her.

Miss Lungiswa Madubedube, daughter of former councillor, Mr G Madubedube, died at the Frontier Hospital here yesterday morning after having been admitted on Thursday night with 10% per cent burns, the medical superintendent at the Hospital, Dr J Fryer, said yesterday.

The police division of public relations in Port Elizabeth said Madubedube had been stoned before being set alight in Mlungisi on Thursday night.

It could not be confirmed whether Mr Madubedube's house had also been set alight during the incident.

Mrs Mduvu's body was found by police in the township at about 10.30 pm on Thursday.

Her home was attacked with petrol bombs at about 12.45 am yesterday, and damage estimated at about R1,500 was caused. No one was injured in the attack on the house, the SAP liaison officer in the Border, Lieutenant-Dot van der Vyver said.

She said no arrests had yet been made, and murder dockets had been opened.

Shortly before her death, Mrs Mduvu wrote a letter to the Queenstown weekly newspaper. The representative, in which she strongly denied what she called an 'evil, blatant and contemptible lie' that she was an 'informant who went around alleging the township in a military vehicle, pointing out people who should be arrested'.

The letter was published yesterday, after she had already been killed.

"This is a very serious matter and I know the identity of the member of the (Mlungisi) Residents' Committee who is spreading this evil, blatant and contemptible lie," she wrote.

"It is also said that the improvements I am doing at the house I live in are being financed by the Chamber of Commerce. This is another lie which is being spread about me.

"It suits me well enough to have been expelled by the Residents Committee but I shall continue to serve my community to the best of my ability for the general benefit of everybody.

Mrs Mduvu was a regular contributor of letters to the Editor of the Daily Dispatch, and her last letter to the Daily Dispatch, headlined Mistakes, was published on Monday.

In it, she had appealed for all the mistakes of 1965 to be buried, for everyone to enter 1966 with a "clean sheet by asking the good Lord for guidance".

Known for her deeply religious convictions, Mrs Mduvu had written that in 1965, the people had gone astray and had turned their backs on their Creator.

"All we need to do is to go down on our knees, bow our heads and fervently ask for forgiveness and guidance. He is always willing to help us, but we have to be loyal and true and enter 1966 with love for one another as God's children, irrespective of colour."

She said that those who went about killing others and destroying homes with "weapon of Russia are doing Mr Nelson Mandela a great injustice".

Mrs Mduvu, 77, was a well-known personality in the Queenstown community.

She had served on the Community Council from November 1963 to June 1965, and was councillor for ward four in Mlungisi during that time, a spokesman for the East Cape Development Board said yesterday.

Mrs Mduvu also served on the Mlungisi Residents' Committee for a time before her expulsion in mid-December for, according to a committee statement, "issues such as attending, without the committee's approval, meetings which are a 'drive to assess the future of Queenstown' was initiated."

She had been a teacher at Alivval North for 37 years; before moving to Whittlesea.

She later moved to Mlungisi and leaves two sons in England and a daughter in Durban.
Dispatch Correspondent
PORT ELIZABETH — Mass destruction of East Cape Development Board (ECDB)-owned buildings in East London’s black residential areas was revealed yesterday.

But discussion of the item was deferred for the management team to change some of the recommendations on the future of some of the damaged buildings.

Claims are to be made on the board’s riot insurance.

A report from Mr. F. Bennett, the board’s regional manager in East London, detailed the damage incurred by board-owned buildings:

- The community centre, caretaker’s cottage, Ziphunzana township office and library were destroyed by fire.
- The Duncan Village and Ziphunzana clinics were also destroyed.
- The Kwaloyi post office, owned by the board, was destroyed.
- The swimming pool pump house and changerooms were damaged.
- Two rooms in the administration building at Hostel B in Duncan Village were burnt out while two others were destroyed.
- Two board-owned buildings used as shops in Duncan Village were badly damaged.
- Up to September 17, 55 houses in Duncan Village were considered a total loss.

In Cambridge township both the township office and the superintendent’s house were destroyed.

The Highway Wayside complex, the Julwhe hostel beerhall and the Cambridge beerhall were completely gutted while the Vukani beerhall was damaged.

The electrical substation in Ford Street was burnt out and numerous street lights destroyed and copper wire stolen.

Mr. Bennett said any building operations or restoration attempted in the township now would be destroyed and that the replacement of buildings should be delayed until the safety of all property and people entering the township could be assured.

A board member, Mr. Peter Mothu, said “When will that be?”

Mr. Robbie de Lange said the situation was improving at the moment.

Yesterday the board also approved the installation of essential services for 54 temporary houses in Fort Beaufort for people driven from the township during unrest.

Rini and Lungelihle town councils are to receive R211,707 and R49,237 as their share of the profits from the sale of the Makanaapo Liquor Outlet, the Fingo Village Liquor Outlet and the Lungelihle Redundant Licence.
Jan Brand takes early retirement

Chief Reporter

In a shock decision announced yesterday the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, has informed the City Council's Executive Committee he will retire next month — four years before the mandatory retirement age of 65.

No reason for the decision was given in a brief announcement by Exco, and Mr Brand, who turns 61 in March, was not available for comment yesterday.

His secretary said he was on two weeks leave and she understood he was out of town and not contactable.

It is not yet known who will take over the key post of City Engineer.

Yesterday's announcement, signed by the chairman of Exco, Mr John Muir, said Exco had "learned with regret" of Mr Brand's decision to retire during February.

It added that the Mayor would, "as is customary", review Mr Brand's 37 years of municipal service, with, among others, the cities of Windhoek and Cape Town, in formally saying farewell to him on behalf of the council at its meeting on January 30.

The Exco announcement, to which Mr Muir was not prepared to add anything, came in the wake of rumours circulating in the City in the past few days of Mr Brand's "sudden resignation".

City Council employees are entitled to retire within five years of the mandatory retirement age of 65, and Mr Muir's announcement makes it clear Mr Brand is retiring early, and not resigning.
The proposed boundary of the Cape Metropole Regional Service Council. The Demarcation Board is calling for any objections and representations.
Controversy

By JOHN YELD
Municipal Reporter

THE Government seems to be ignoring the wishes of some of its traditional political supporters in setting up a regional service council for the Cape metropolitan area.

In terms of a draft notice published today the proposed region to be served by the Cape Metropole Regional Service Council is within the boundaries of the divisional councils of the Cape, Stellenbosch, Paarl and Swartland, including 35 municipalities, 36 management committees and four community councils.

The area, which is substantially larger than expected by most local government officials and observers, stretches as far north as Elands Bay.

Cape Town City Council — the largest local authority affected — recommended that the RSC comprise the local authorities within greater Cape Town, including Bellville, Kuils River and Goodwood but excluding Stellenbosch, Somerset West and the Strand.

Influential

The Cape Metropolitan Planning Committee, which advises the Administrator on land-use planning, proposed an area including the divisional boundaries of the Cape, Paarl and Stellenbosch.

Several local authorities — including the ostensibly apolitical but nevertheless influential Stellenbosch Divisional Council and Stellenbosch Town Council — are strongly opposed to their inclusion in a large RSC which includes Cape Town.

Other municipalities which have also expressed a wish to form a separate RSC are Kraaifontein, Strand, Somerset West, Franschhoek, Gordon’s Bay and Wellington.

In November the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, warned smaller local authorities that they should consider the financial implications, asking whether they could afford to cut themselves off from bigger towns and cities where most RSC funds would be generated.

He dismissed fears that the RSCs would strip small local authorities of functions or that they would be swallowed by bigger councils.

Benefits

"The fact is that RSCs will deal with general affairs and municipalities will still be responsible for own affairs," he told the Kraaifontein municipality.

The possibility of indirect financial benefits flowing from the urban areas towns — particularly a major city like Cape Town — to the poorer, undeveloped rural areas has been suggested as the reason for including the Swartland Divisional Council and its several impoverished West Coast communities. Previously only Malmesbury was mooted for inclusion.

Also included is the "problem" area of Atlantis which has been plagued by unemployment and shrinking industrial activity.

Today's notice gives the minimum of 21 days required by the Act for submissions on the proposed demarcation.

Written objections or representations must be lodged with the Secretary, Demarcation Board for Local Government Areas, Private Bag X844, Pretoria, 0001, on or before February 28.
RSC plan a ‘threat’ to City

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

LOCAL government commentators believe the inclusion of Cape Town in a Regional Services Council which stretched as far north as Elandbaai and as far east as the Olifants River would constitute a serious political and economic threat to the City.

The proposal, which is being advertised for objections today by the De
decision Board for Local Government Areas, originates from the Provincial Administration, but embraces a far larger area than that initially recommended by the Province or by any local authority within the area.

Informed sources have speculated that the Province is throwing its net far wider than necessary to enable the government to establish the opinions of local authorities in the rural Swartland area before making any definite proposals for regional government there.

Dormant

Deputy-chairman of the Cape Town City Council’s executive committee, Mr Richard Friedlander, said the proposal could be an attempt to “re-stimulate” the dormant growth points which the government has tried to create along the West Coast if this were true, it would be Cape Town which would have to provide the bulk of the funds needed.

The City Council, which opposes inclusion into a large and predominantly rural RSC, has recommended that the region be restricted to the Peninsula, the Cape Divisional Council, Brackenfell and Kuils River.

Mr Friedlander said spreading the City’s resources over the area suggested would diminish the potential for development in the metropolitan area and was “a cause of great concern” for Cape Town.

The leader of the Opposition in the Provincial Council, Mr Herbert Hirsch, said the incorporation of such a large area under one RSC would make a mockery of the whole idea of regional government in logistical terms”. He said there could be no economic justification for supplying Riebeeck West and Saldanha Bay with water and sewerage disposal services from the Cape Peninsula.

Such a proposal led to speculation about the government’s political motives in establishing RSCs, he said.

Mr Robert Cameron of the Political Studies Department at UCT, whose paper on RSCs and the Western Cape was recently published by the University of Natal’s Indi
cicator Project, warned that establishment of such a large RSC would seriously weaken Cape Town.

He described the City’s central business district as the “golden jewel” of the Western Cape and said the City would suffer if its wealth was re-distributed over such a wide area.

Voting strength

The size of the RSC would also influence the City’s voting strength on the regional body and the creation of a large RSC could be a deliberate government ploy to weaken Cape Town’s political influence.

The president of the Cape Town Chamber of Industry, Mr Robert Kaplan, said the proposed RSC was “too large” and was not a natural economic area.

“It’s ridiculous. There is no natural connection between the areas on northern and southern boundaries as far as services or common interests are concerned.”
Brand allegations probe

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

THE City Council is to appoint a one-person commission of inquiry into allegations that the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, benefited financially from an alleged deal between his wife, Mrs Yvonne Brand, and a company which bought council land in Strandfontein in 1980.

Mr Brand, 61, retires from the council tomorrow, four years ahead of mandatory retirement age.

Dispute

The Town Clerk, Dr Stan Evans, announced yesterday that the council would appoint a "judicial officer of standing" to investigate the implications of the alleged appointment of Mrs Brand's company, Abode Estates, as sole selling agent for property bought from the council by the Strandfontein Development Company (SDC).

Abode Estates and SDC are currently involved in a legal dispute over the termination by SDC of the alleged selling contract.

According to the Municipal Ordinance, an official who benefits, directly or indirectly, from any council contract without the permission of council and the Administrator, can be "summarily dismissed".

However, Mr Brand will have retired by the time the commission presents its findings, and even if found guilty of an offence, cannot be dismissed retroactively.

It is also doubtful whether his pension would be affected.

Dr Evans said yesterday the council had been investigating Mrs Brand's involvement in the alleged deal since the matter had been brought to its attention in November last year.

On the strength of legal opinion it received from senior counsel on Thursday afternoon, the Executive Committee had decided to conduct "further investigations".

Rumours

Dr Evans said it "should not take long to establish the facts" but that the release of the inquiry's findings might be delayed until judgment was given in the court case which is due to resume on March 25.

He said a number of unsubstantiated rumours had been spread since Mr Brand announced his retirement and urged anyone with any knowledge of misconduct to "come forward or keep quiet".

He said he would investigate any concrete allegations but warned that the spreading of rumours without facts was "unfair, unjust and immoral!"

Mrs Brand last night declined to comment. Mr Brand was not available.
PE about-turn on 'blat on beaches' question

KEN VERNON
Argus Bureau

ORT Elizabeth. — The Elizabeth City Council reversed a controversial deci-
dion of ’mind-boggling activity’ that called for the prosecution of black-
spitting apartheid on the city’s beaches.

The council’s move — a re-
evocation of previous voting — was due to unexpected opposition that
came from the council’s vote against the controversial decision.

The director of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, Mr Brian Mathews, said, “We hope our decision will help us find a way to open the beaches and to overcome the opposition to the decision.”

Mr Gillson said the Chamber of Commerce had written to all councilors before last night’s vote, restating its stand in favor of open beaches and urging them to overturn the controversial decision.

The managing director of General Motors, Mr Bob White, who announced GM’s support for open beaches, could not be contacted for comment.

Whoopee-ti-yi-ay — not

Woo!... Ooh!... Help! Just when things looked up, the Bucking
Iron Chest Carnival at Maynardville, she went the wrong way but at least she had a soft landing.

‘Peaceful negotiation with ANC possible’

The Argus Foreign Service

LONDON. — Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert has had talks with senior African National Congress officials and believes progress can be made towards peaceful negotiation in South Africa.

The ANC, he said, did not believe violence was inevitable. Speaking in London, where he is promoting his book, The Last White Parliament, Dr Slabbert said, “I have met with ANC officials and believe that violence can be avoided.”

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Questioned about his “bungled” conversation with President P W Botha and the sharp response from Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Dr Slabbert said: “It is inevitable when a confidential conversation is bugged and made public and considered out of context that there will be misunderstandings.”

“Apologies to anybody who feels they have been insulted or patronised or demeaned in any way.”

“We all know that it was a highly unsuccessul attempt by the ANC to achieve its ends. I will communicate this to whoever is interested.”

Dr Slabbert said that during his discussions with ANC officials he “made it clear that I shabor violence.”

Spinster’s death: Police hold two

Crime Reporter

Two teenagers have been arrested for questioning in connection with the death of a 71-
year-old spinster in Oudtshoorn.

Colonel Eddie Snyman, police officer for the South-Western District, said the 18-year-old youths, both from Oudtshoorn, were detained after investigations into the killing of Miss Jacoba Johanna Calitz.

She was found dead in her St. Saviour Street home about 8pm on Wednesday.
Row over office wages

Parliamentary Staff

A Row erupted in the House of Delegates yesterday over the "deplorable" wages being paid to 425 workers at the Indian administration's Durban headquarters.

Solidarity whip Mr Mohanlall Bandivalia, MP for Havenside, said some of the messengers, cleaners and tea-makers employed by the House of Delegates at its Malgate House offices earned as little as R130 a month.

"What they are being paid is peanuts and I am ashamed," he said.

"These people play an important role in the administration," said Mr Bandivalia.

Ministers' Council Chairman Mr Amchand Rajbansi, said he too condemned low salaries.

Parliament's Budget

Parliamentary Staff

The House of Delegates had been the "good boy" of Parliament by keeping its budget overrun down to R4.3 million, said Mr Kisten Moodley (Sol, Southern Natal).

Speaking yesterday in the second-reading debate on the Additional Appropriation Bill, Mr Moodley said, "the House of..."
PE MAYOR REJECTED - BY FAMILY!

CF Correspondent
NEW PE Mayor James Nako has split his family apart - by accepting the Ibayi Town Council’s mayoral seat.

“My father has made himself the enemy of the people,” his youngest son, Vusumzi Nako, 29, said this week.

“He has created an atmosphere of despair and confusion in the family,” he said.

“By accepting this offer my father has created a rift between us and himself – and I just can’t see how he can be happy to be mayor, not having been elected by the community.”

New mayor James Nako succeeds the controversial Tamsana Linda, who is believed to have fled Port Elizabeth seeking refuge in the Transkei.

The new mayor, a local insurance company employee, stays with his wife at Fardville in New Brighton and has three children.

Vusumzi this week claimed his stepmother’s “influence in persuading my father to accept the hot seat has proved quite effective”.

Referring to the violent deaths of Benjamin Komboni, then mayor of Uitenhage, and his son Fihlakho during the height of the unrest last year, Vusumzi fears his father is “putting himself in danger”.

He said his father was “a hard nut to crack” and accused him of “entrenching apartheid by being part and parcel of the dummy institution”.

He told City Press that as the new mayor, his father hoped he would be able to implement a “conciliatory strategy”. He wanted to have regular consultation with progressive organisations such as the UDF in his role as “the people’s head” and to be involved in research on what could be done for the community.

Vusumzi appealed to political organisations to protect him and his three brothers from people who may want to attack them.

Efforts to contact Mayor Nako for comment were fruitless. His wife said he was “away on business”.

Former PE mayor Tamsana Linda – who left the city in rather a hurry after concerted campaigns to oust him – was last seen running a taxi company in the Transkei.
400 strikers 'desert'

By TONY WEAVER

GEORGE Municipality has fired 400 labourers after two weeks of wildcat strikes and unrest in and around the town in which police have shot dead three people.

The Town Clerk, Mr. Carol du Plessis, said yesterday he had not fired the workers, but that they had "deserted".

"This is not a wage issue, they get too much money already, that is one of the problems, we pay them too much. For the past 14 days there have been wildcat strikes, and yesterday and today they didn't turn up for work, and we just can't carry on with this bunch." Mr. Du Plessis said the workers were unhappy at a municipality directive ordering them to move out of the municipal compound by the end of the year to a new area "where they will have to build their own houses".

The workers preferred living in the compound "so they can bring all their wives and children and family here from the Karoo, and we don't want that because it causes social problems".

He denied the firing had anything to do with worker involvement in unrest.

Attempts to contact a spokesman for the men fired were unsuccessful.
Provco pays tribute to Blackburn, Bishop

Staff Reporter

The Provincial Council yesterday unanimously passed a motion of con- doleance at the deaths in a road accident on December 30 of PFP MPC for Walmer Mrs Molly Blackburn and Mr Brian Bishop, husband of PFP MPC for Gardens Mrs Di Bishop.

The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, putting the motion to the council, said Mrs Blackburn would be remembered as a "formidable politician and a tireless fighter for the principles she believed in".

He expressed his deep sorrow at the death of Mr Bishop and wished Mrs Bishop, who broke both her legs in the accident, a speedy recovery.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Herbert Hirsch, said that while Mrs Blackburn had served her own constituency conscientiously, she had served much wider with "courage, integrity and unselfishness."

"Her concern with the day-to-day miseries of ordinary people and her fearlessness in trying to help them, won the hearts and the respect of thousands of South Africans — and even of some further afield."

Mr Frank van der Velde, MPC for Wynberg, said "Molly proved conclusively that being white did not necessarily make her the enemy of the black people."

Mr Louw said the Province had provided R1.5 million during the current financial year to upgrade areas served by management committees.

The Province almost trebled spending on housing subsidies to its staff in the three years prior between 1983 and 1985.

In response to a question from Mr Geoff Everingham, PFP spokesman on finance in the Provincial Council, it was disclosed that amounts spent on subsidies increased from R15 687 085 for the year ending March 31, 1983, to R24 933 427 by March 31, 1984, and R42 103 870 for the year ending March 31 last year.
City Council
"third-league" white racists

Provincial Staff
CAPE Town City Council has been described in the Provincial Council as "a third-league white racist Prog council".

In the part appropriation debate yesterday Mr Neels Ackermann (NP Stellenbosch) reacted to a statement by Dr John Sonnenberg (PFP Green Point) that regional service councils (RSCs) would fail because they lacked political legitimacy.

Dr Sonnenberg had said RSCs were "nothing more than a second-league mini tricameral parliamentary system".

Mr Ackerman said Dr Sonnenberg criticised the system "because the Cape Town City Council will have to work with representatives of coloured communities for the first time. "Until now they have refused to cooperate because they conveniently did not recognise management committees.

FULL PARTICIPATION
"If RSCs are second-league mini tricameral systems, the Cape Town City Council is a third-league white racist Prog council," he said.

Mr Frank van der Velde (PFP Wynberg) defended the City Council. "Before you were born ... or born to politics, Cape Town had coloured people on its council."

It supported "full participation by all citizens irrespective of race, colour or creed".

Mr Eddie Trent (PFP Newton Park) said, "Not one black leader with any credibility in his community will touch these RSCs with a barge pole and if any can be persuaded to participate they will run the risk of suffering the consequences"
Council is 'opposed but obedient'

Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town City Council had always fulfilled its legal obligations towards management committees even though it opposed the committee system, said Mr John Mun, the council's Executive Committee chairman.

'While the council has been opposed to the management committee system which began during 1963, it has never failed to adhere to the requirements of the existing law,' he said yesterday.

He referred to National Party attempts in the Provincial Council to introduce legislation that would allow the Administrator to discipline local authorities refusing to co-operate with management committees.

Cape Town City Council has been singled out for criticism.

Mr Mun said this gave the 'entirely wrong' impression that the council's treatment of management committees had been unsatisfactory and had created problems for the committees.

'The council has done as far as it can to free members of management committees from problems, being conscious of the fact that it is not they who are directly responsible for the system.

To single it out for condemnation and retribution is both inaccurate and unfair,' Mr Mun said.
Anti-crime civic patrol to clean up city's streets

By JOHN YELD, Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN is to have a civic patrol of 16 officers to enforce municipal by-laws and to prevent "offensive conduct" in streets and public places.

The patrol, which will operate in the central business district and "other selected areas" will fall under the control of traffic manager Mr Harry Attwood who will report back to the council after a trial period of six months.

The question of some form of civic police for the city has been under discussion since 1976 and there was lively debate on the issue at yesterday's council meeting.

A report by the Town Clerk, Dr Stan Evans, said the proposed function of the civic patrol was closely related to that of the traffic control branch — to regulate the safe passage of vehicles and pedestrians in the municipal area.

ESSENTIAL FOR TOURISM

"Its aim is to contain random criminal/anti-social behaviour and not to maintain law and order, which is a State function," Dr Evans said.

He pointed out that traffic police were the only municipal law enforcement officers with the necessary powers to deal with contraventions of by-laws and regulations because they had powers of arrest.

Mr Clive Keegan said it was essential for tourism that the city ensure its reputation as a safe city.

Mr David Bloomberg, whose committee's recommendations for a civic police force were rejected by the Government in 1982, said this was "a start".

"We have vacillated for years. All this is intended to do is to make certain areas safe, not only for tourists and visitors but for the citizens of Cape Town," he said.

Mr Chris Joubert said he had originally been opposed to the idea of a civic patrol but now "fully supported" the idea.

"I believe the Minister will have no objection," he said.

GREATER CREDIBILITY

Mrs Enid Velti believed that a civic police force would have greater credibility than the South African Police — "a belief reinforced by recent circumstances."

Vice-Admiral James Johnson said that 16 men could have "an extraordinary effect far beyond their number."

Mr Emil Ruse expressed his strong opposition and warned that council rates would rise by "between 10 and 20 percent" if the patrol was instituted.

Operational costs are estimated at R260,000 a year.

The resolution was adopted by 19 to 2 votes.

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Council wants to delay regional service body

Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council is to ask the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, to defer the implementation of a regional service council (RSC) in the Western Cape until a "local option" alternative has been fully investigated and considered.

However, it will submit memoranda to the Administrator on the delimitation of industrial and central business areas where voting rights for the proposed RSC will be excluded, and to the Demarcation Board setting out its objections to the proposed boundaries of an RSC for the Cape metropolitan area.

The council also reaffirmed its commitment to equal representation at local and regional government levels.

The council adopted a resolution yesterday acknowledging the "many and undoubted benefits of economy and efficiency" which could flow from rationalising the provision of regional services.

However, it also believed that the proposed RSC was not supported by the majority of Cape Town citizens and would have "their active and possibly violent rejection".

"Political sham"

Mr Clive Keegan said the introduction of a RSC "of the type now envisaged" would spell disaster and that the council had no right to continue participating in an exercise which was a "farce and a political sham".

An amendment by Mr Keegan calling for the council to withdraw from further participation in the establishment of the RSC was heavily defeated by 27 to 3.

Mrs Joan Kantey said the council had not yet defined the local option and until this was done the council should not take steps which could "actually put people's lives at stake".

In an interjection Mr Chris Joubert objected to the reference to "possibly violent rejection", calling it "inflammatory".

Mr Frank van der Velden congratulated Mr Keegan on "a very courageous step" and said he felt the council should continue to participate fully until the actual time came to form the RSC.

Racial strife warning

Then the council would have to decide "because we have been warned it will cause racial strife in this city," he said.

Two more bodies have opposed the proposals for an RSC for the Cape metropolitan area.

The Fish Hoek Town Council considers the area to be too large for viable operation of a single RSC.

The Western Cape Regional executive of the Progressive Federal Party has called for a halt to the demarcation process until the Government verified that most residents of taxpayers of the Western Cape region are in favour of such a council.
Great risk in boycotting the RSC

There is no doubt that the marriage of the City Council to the Government’s new racially based system of local government is going to be a shotgun affair.

During the past few months, the council has submitted a number of memoranda to the Provincial Council regarding the financial implications and possible boundaries of a regional services council for the Western Cape.

In all these documents, opposition to the new system has been reiterated. “In essence, the City Council remains convinced that the only equitable and satisfactory form of local government is for full participation by all citizens irrespective of race, colour or creed, and in this context, the preservation of municipal councils as the primary form of local government.”

During last week’s monthly meeting, Mr. Clive Keegan made a plea for the council to boycott the RSC.

Boundaries

He called on the council to participate no further in the establishment of a regional services council for the Cape Town metropole until such time as the state and provincial authorities recognize the right of all our citizens to play an equal role in a non-racial and democratic system of local government.

The motion, an amendment to the council’s recommendation for possible boundaries to the RSC, was sympathetically received by many councillors.

But, as many people pointed out, legislation governing the establishment of the new system makes it impossible for a local authority to refuse to participate without jeopardizing the interests of the council and the entire municipal area.

If a council refuses to comply with the law, the Administrator — a government appointee — could take over control of the City and appoint his own representatives to the RSC.

Devolution

At the same time, the RSC can expropriate council property and services — paid for by ratepayers — without compensating the City.

Ratepayers would therefore lose all control over their own assets and the administration of the City would rest ultimately with the Nationalist government.

The government’s much-publicized policy of devolution of power has been completely contradicted by the reality of legislation governing local authorities.

Not only are municipalities and divisional councils obliged to throw in their lot with the RSCs for the sake of their ratepayers, but refusal to do so may result in the dismissal of an entire council.

Other worrying aspects of the new system which councillors would like to bring to the attention of the public are:

- That racially constituted local authorities, management committees and community councils will appoint representatives to the RSC.
- That citizens will not have direct representation on the regional government body.
- That a two-thirds majority is required before any decision can be made and that in the event of a deadlock, the Administrator may make the final decision.
- That commercial and industrial areas, which will contribute the bulk of taxes to the RSC, will be excluded when calculating the voting power of the municipality.

Watchdog

Although Mr. Keegan’s boycott motion was defeated, the council voted overwhelmingly in favour of urging the government to investigate a local option for the area before going ahead with the establishment of an RSC.

There seems little chance of the government acceding to this request, or of the liberal council having much effect on the future of the region because of the tight hold Pretoria will have on the RSC.

In the end, its most important role within the system will be that of watchdog.

By keeping a careful eye on the RSC and by publicizing its shortcomings, councillors may still be able to bring about change through public pressure — even though by doing so, they will be jeopardizing their own positions.
PFP vows to fight ‘Big Stick Bills’

By ANDREW DONALDSON and HILARY VENABLES

THE PFP in the Provincial Council has vowed to fight “every reading and every clause” of legislation giving the Administrator the power to sack errant town and divisional councillors or dock their pay.

After opposing the legislation during its first reading—the strongest form of opposition in terms of the standing rules—the PFP introduced an amendment to the second reading yesterday calling for the ordinance to be read “this day six months”.

The PFP has branded the legislation—which affects three local government ordinances—“The Big Stick Bills” and maintains these are aimed at forcing liberal local authorities—like the Cape Town City Council—to toe the government line.

The MEC for Local Government, Mr Willem Bouwer, said the amendments to the ordinances were necessary for “orderly government” and would give the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, more “teeth” and “more effective power”.

A number of local authorities in the Cape Province had over the years been somewhat apathetic with regard to the establishment of management committees”, he said.

“It is considered essential to give the Administrator more effective power whereby a council can be forced to comply with a particular regulation,”

Mr Jan van Gend (PFP Constantia) said the new ordinance was “out of line with the principal of democracy” and ran counter to the government’s professed intention to “devolve power down to the third tier”.

“It is aimed primarily at upsetting decisions taken by duly elected public representatives where these do not conform to government policy,” he said.

“If a specific part of the country chooses to elect a representative to a body, that representative has the right to stay in office until the electorate decides differently,” he said.

There were already adequate means of ensuring good administration and these additional powers were clearly designed “to punish councillors who acted contrary to the political wishes of the Administrator”.

“If NP members do not see this as a fundamental departure from democracy, there is no hope for the country while their government remains in power,” Mr Van Gend said.

Dr John Sonnenberg (PFP Green Point) described the legislation as “vicious” and said the PFP would oppose “every clause and every reading”.

Both the Administrator, in his opening address to council, and Mr Bouwer, had made it clear that the legislation was aimed at forcing local authorities to cooperate more closely with coloured and Indian management committees.

The legislation would be used by the Administrator to punish people who differed with him politically and the PFP would “defend the right of a council to hold views that differ radically from the views of the government”, Dr Sonnenberg said.

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Non-racial council 'used to work well'

Municipal Reporter

NON-RACIAL local government in Cape Town "worked well" before Government interference in 1972 and it was "tragic" that the City Council was no longer able to represent all its citizens, according to councillor Mrs Eulahe Stott.

She was speaking at a council lunch yesterday to celebrate her — and Mr Dick Friedlander's — 25 years' service as councillors.

"Those of us who were here before 1972 have had the experience of working together as equals in a non-racial body for the common interest and for the welfare of all citizens," she said.

"We can confidently say we know it works well."

INCREASED UNEMPLOYMENT

Mrs Stott, a former national chairman of the Black Sash, warned that unemployment was increasing and the housing crisis remained unsolved.

"We must go bravely on and when our grandchildren say to us, 'What did you do to dismantle apartheid?', we will be able to say, 'We served on the Cape Town City Council'."

"I hope that will be seen as a justifiable response."

The Mayor, Mr Leon Markovitz, said Mrs Stott and Mr Friedlander had risen to "the very pinnacle of council achievement."
CAPE TOWN — Legislation giving the Administrator of the Cape the power to sack local government representatives at his discretion was passed by a National Party majority in the Cape Provincial Council yesterday.

The legislation allows the administrator to dismiss with hold the allowance of any councilor who refused to allow a provincial or Government regulation — or who, in the opinion of the administrator, “is responsible for or contributed to a decision to defy the law.”

Although the full implications of the legislation are not yet clear, the MEC for local government, Mr Willem Bouwer, conceded that it would enable the administrator to dismiss the entire Port Elizabeth City Council for refusing to enforce the separate tenancies act on its beaches.
Duvcor link with DV council denied

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Duncan Village Corporation (Duvcor) project had no links or connections whatsoever with the community council or the East Cape Development Board, the joint chairman of Duvcor and MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, said yesterday.

The Duvcor project was designed to provide temporary classrooms in Duncan Village as the school in the township had been destroyed at the height of unrest last year.

Mr De Pontes was reacting to a claim by the Duncan Village Residents' Association (DVRA) at a weekend meeting that the DVRA had opted out of the Duvcor project because Mr De Pontes had said he would have to clear the project with the community council.

The DVRA did not want to have dealings with the community council in the Duncan Village project as the community council was not wanted by the Duncan Village community and the DVRA would be seen as collaborating with the community council in the township, the association said.

During the meeting, the community council was concerned about the lack of a new school in the township. The council had decided to have one of the obstacles to the Duvcor project taken off, and thus improve educational progress.

Mr De Pontes said he was approached by the DVRA to arrange for school accommodation for Duncan Village pupils last year.

He said that he and the DVRA worked out the project and it was 'jointly agreed' that the project would only involve the private sector.

The DVRA had never objected to the East Cape Development Board (ECDB) being allowed to provide the land on which to build the temporary structures, he said.

The ECDB controls the land in Duncan Village.

The DVRA members of the United Democratic Front (UDF) who were at the meeting approved of the whole scheme, including the idea that the temporary structures would later be used as three-roomed houses in the community.

Mr De Pontes said the DVRA's withdrawal could have been prompted by a 'turnover' in their ranks.

Some DVRA members had confided to Mr De Pontes that the project should go on.

The withdrawal of the DVRA from the project might have been sparked by the fact that they could not fulfill their aims in the eyes of the community, Mr De Pontes explained.

The community had not had the mandate of the people in the township.

Some DVRA members could be playing political games with education, Mr De Pontes said, adding that this group aimed at achieving their ends by using the education issue as a vehicle.

He said that apart from himself, the Duvcor board of management consisted of private businessmen.

Campaigns were conducted against the Duvcor project and 'boxed it in', Mr De Pontes said.

Mr De Pontes said that the Duvcor members were people who had completed their education and were prepared to sacrifice the education of a whole generation to achieve their political aims.

Meanwhile, the East London Teachers' Union (ELTU) has said that more than 3,000 pupils registered at Ebenezer Majomboni School on January 28 in spite of the circuit office ruling that pupils should only be registered on February 3.

The registration was done under the auspices of a newly formed co-ordinating committee of parents and teachers.

Pupils were spread in church halls and tents throughout Duncan Village that two secondary schools were accommodated at Ebenezer Majomboni.

At the weekend, ELTU said the Department of Education and Training (DET) refused to supply teaching materials to makeshift schools in church halls and other centres outside the Duncan Village.

ELTU said that in the centres established by it, teachers had to use whatever material they could, including cardboard blackboards.

Teachers had also arranged a "platoon system" where one school would attend classes in the morning and the next school in the afternoon to overcome the accommodation problem.

Yesterday, the only one that opened school that the Duvcor board site at Nompu mentalo Lower Primary School.

Last month, the circuit inspector, Mr S Van der Merwe, announced that pupils would attend classes at the Duvcor site on an installment basis.

Starting from Std 10, 10 pupils per day were allowed to attend school.

In the afternoon, about 30 pupils were allowed to attend the school.

These people are well prepared to sacrifice the education of a whole generation to achieve their political aims.

Meanwhile, the East London Teachers' Union (ELTU) has said that more than 3,000 pupils registered at Ebenezer Majomboni School turned up for study.
‘Sacking’ measure passed

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

CONTROVERSIAL legislation giving the Administrator the power to sack local government representatives was passed by the National Party-dominated Provincial Council yesterday.

The ordinance allows the Administrator to dismiss or withhold the allowance of any councillor who refuses to abide by a provincial or government regulation or who, in the opinion of the Administrator, “is responsible for or contributed to” a local authority’s decision to defy the law.

Although the full implications of the legislation are not yet clear, the MEC for local government, Mr Willem Bouwer, conceded that it would enable the Administrator to dismiss the entire Port Elizabeth City Council for refusing to enforce the Separate Amenities Act on its beaches.

The Cape Town City Council, which also refused to enforce apartheid legislation at its amenities, and the East London City Council, which has decided to defy the Group Areas Act, would be under the same threat in terms of the ordinance.

This would also apply to a council which refused to serve on a Regional Services Council or which refused to cooperate with coloured and Indian management committees.

Mr Bouwer said councillors who had been dismissed could not be re-elected as long as the provisions of the ordinance applied to them.
City councils an NP target

CAPE TOWN City Council - along with East London City Council, Port Elizabeth City Council, General Motors, the ANC and the UDF - provided a convenient target for attacks from the National Party during the Provincial Council session which ended last week.

A remarkable feature of the onslaught was that Cape Town was slated for being both "racist" and "radical".

The council's negative attitude to coloured and Indian management committees had Nationalists crying about a "third league racist council!"

Government members, aware that it was imprudent to condemn anyone for opposing apartheid, seemed determined to twist the whole thing around to prove that liberal local authorities were actually protecting white minority interests.

Their indignation at the City Council's "racial selfishness" was matched only by the aridity with which they defended the Group Areas Act, the Separate Amenities Act and the Population Registration Act.

Cape Town's repeated call for the full and direct representation of all citizens, regardless of race, on one council was brushed aside as Nationalists strove to score political points against a local authority which has long been a thorn in the government's side.

Even the City Council's rejection of RSCs was branded "racist", despite the fact that it opposes the system primarily because it is based on apartheid.

"The council has accepted the principle of regional government (although it has insisted that wealth should be redistributed on a national basis) but has condemned the undemocratic nature of the RSCs. It has consistently opposed the lack of in-depth investigation into the implications of the system, the strong hold central government will have on the RSCs and the inflationary system of regional taxation."

The council has warned that the funds collected through regional levies can never eliminate the massive backlog of services which exists in the townships as a result of the government's failure to develop black areas.

The government, in trying to sell its RSC package to blacks, has raised expectations of better living conditions which can never be met unless regional taxes are raised to such an extent that they destroy the local economy.

"The council has no doubt whatsoever that if expectations are dashed, there will be unrest, rioting and violence, bearing in mind that in any case the RSC system is not acceptable to a great number of the inhabitants of the area," the council says.

These points were ignored by NP speakers in their eagerness to discredit the council.

But when city councilors serving on the Provincial Council restated the City's anti-apartheid policies, they were warned that non-racial democracy would lead to "chaos".

During the heated debate on legislation empowering the Administrator to fire city councillors, the Nationalists' true objections to Cape Town City Council came to the fore.

"In speeches and interjections, Nationalists supported the new law which would prevent rebel councils from sabotaging government structures and giving momentum to those groups who want to destroy the constitution," the "radicals" on Cape Town City Council were repeatedly singled out as justifiable targets of the new ordinance.

"They play into the hands of those who aim to overthrow the country by violent means," one speaker said.

No amount of arguing that it was the government that was furthering the cause of violent revolution by denying full democratic rights to the majority of South Africans made any impression on the Nat majority.

"It will be interesting to see which council is the first object of the Administrator's wrath, given the self-righteous NP stand against racism. Will it be Cape Town, East London or Port Elizabeth, which have taken a stand against apartheid, or one of the more conservative white country councils which balk at the prospect of sharing even their civic centres with people of a different colour?"
Cape council votes not to open beaches

CAPE TOWN — The Divisional Council today declined to open its beaches to all races at this stage.

Instead, after a lengthy debate, the council accepted a motion from Mr A L J Powell to refer the matter back to the works committee for further consideration and recommendations on crowd control and to canvass other municipalities for their views.

The council will vote again on the issue after these steps have been taken.

At today's monthly meeting chairman Mr J J Rothman was one of seven councillors who supported Mr Powell's motion, while the deputy chairman, Mr J J Walsh, was among the six who voted against it.

Motivating his motion to open the beaches, Mr Neil Ross said civic associations supported the idea.

"It is an illustration that councillors are behind public opinion instead of leading public opinion," Mr Ross said.

Supporting Mr Ross, Mr Walsh said: "We are talking about depriving people of a God-given amenity - public open spaces. Beaches are public. We are trying to redress a situation which is based on no other grounds than racial grounds."

Mr Powell said he had objection concerning the opening of beaches was that the council had not consulted other municipalities.

He also wanted proper control measures like the creation of a strong force of beach constables, he said.
Challenge to 'big stick' law

By HILARY VENABLES, Municipal Reporter

The City Council is to challenge the legality of the new 'big stick' legislation which gives the Administrator arbitrary powers to fire elected councillors.

In terms of a motion proposed by Mr. Arthur J. Wiensburg and moved by Mr. Neil Ross, the council resolved to instruct its legal adviser to investigate the validity of the legislation in terms of the law and to ask the State President, Mr. F.W. Botha, to overrule the relevant clause in the Provincial Ordinance.

No power

Mrs. Joan Kanfey said that in terms of parliamentary legislation, the Administrator did not have the power to remove elected representatives from office and that the new ordinance was therefore ultra vires.

Mr. Wiensburg described the new powers as "political thuggery," but withdrew the remark after being asked to do so by the Mayor, Mr. Leon Markovitz.

"I have no doubt that this move is specifically aimed at this council, which has a long and admirable record of opposition to this government's maniacal obsession, with interfering in the lives of individuals, tampering with their civil liberties and riding roughshod over the principle of the rule of law," Mr. Wiensburg said.

Court

"It is an accepted principle of democracy that the power to remove public representatives from office is vested in those very people who elected them in the first instance — except for certain situations whereby a court has the right to remove those guilty of misdemeanours identified in law."

Dr. John Sonnenberg said he would continue to oppose the government, for example, doing everything in his power to destroy the "unfair, unjust and unwanted management committee system" and challenged the Administrator to "sack" him and any other councillor who supported him.

A number of National Party members left the chamber before and during debate without defending the legislation and the motion was unanimously adopted by the remaining 27 councillors.
A SINGLE legislative assembly for Natal and KwaZulu would permanently defuse continuing unrest and tension, the chairman of the Natal/KwaZulu indaba, Professor Desmond Clarence, said yesterday.

Opening the indaba in the Durban City Hall, Clarence said the 81 participating organizations were there "to work in a spirit of compromise, goodwill and with far-sightedness for the future."

The opening took place under tight security against the background of increasing opposition from the extreme right and left to the indaba.

Government had committed itself to full citizenship and full political participation for all, he said.

"I believe we have been given the opportunity to make a contribution towards these goals."

The indaba's success would be the result of the determination of the participants to reach out and find each other in debate, putting behind their fears, prejudices and distrust which they may have had in the past," he said.

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215 municipal workers fired

JOHANNESBURG — The George municipality yesterday dismissed 215 workers, the town clerk, Mr Carel du Plessis, has confirmed. The workers have stayed away from work since unrest erupted in the nearby black township of Lawasikamp.

Mr Du Plessis said the municipality would employ coloured labour to replace the dismissed workers, who would be sent back to the homelands. The workers would have until Wednesday to vacate their compound, he said. — Sapa
Reprieve for George workers

Council halts demolition

By CHRIS BATEMAN

IN A DRAMATIC last-minute reprieve yesterday morning, George Municipality agreed to stay the demolition of a Lawaikamp workers' hostel pending the result of an urgent meeting late last night.

The reprieve comes amid rising tension a week after the municipality fired 215 black workers living at the hostel and employed coloured labourers in their place.

The hostel was due to be demolished at 11am yesterday but municipal officials agreed to a "stay of execution" after urgent representations by township leaders and two MPCs.

At the meeting, which finished about 10pm, the council provisionally agreed that no further demolitions would take place in Lawaikamp. This included the hostel, said Mr. George Kellerman, National Party MPC for George, who played a key role in setting up the negotiations.

Mr. Kellerman said the council held a second exclusive meeting late last night to draw up a draft agreement which would include proposals for a cessation of violence in return for concessions on the rental payments and "the squating problem".

Late yesterday the 215 former municipal workers were keeping their belongings at the hostel but had prepared themselves for sudden departure.

The respite comes in the wake of mounting pressure on the municipality by Mr. Kellerman and Mr. Jan van Eck (PPP MPC for Groote Schuur) to negotiate.

The George Town Clerk, Mr. Carel Du Plessis, confirmed before last night's meeting that the reprieve would form part of the basis for negotiations on the relocation of the estimated 5 000 Lawaikamp residents to nearby Sandkraal where "self-help" stands were provided.

"The fact that the 215 didn't come to work is one of the minor problems - the main problem is the unrest in Lawaikamp," Mr. Du Plessis said.

The issue of coloured preferential labour was not on the agenda for last night's meeting, he added. Lawaikamp residents have refused to pay rents until living conditions are improved while the George Municipality has set an April 16 deadline for the payment of outstanding rents and the demolition of all "illegal" constructions.

Residents face a 100 percent increase in plot rentals, effective from May 1, because of "rising administrative costs".

Commenting on his return from the township yesterday, Mr. Van Eck warned that if the George City Council carried out its plans it would provoke "a major political explosion."

"I saw tremendous hostility and anger there today, it's like a powder keg. The implementation of any one of the council proposals will lead to a major political explosion," he said.

Mr. Van Eck said he had found the township in an advanced state of neglect and decay.

"How they can threaten to increase the rents is totally beyond me. The place hasn't been serviced for ages."
'Hard thinking' on George deal

Staff Reporter

Residents of Lawaankamp township outside George have not yet reacted to a "package deal" offered them by the municipality, but have condemned the "hard attitude" of the town council.

The package deal was drawn up on Wednesday after days of friction between the municipality and township residents.

This week 5,000 residents were threatened with relocation to nearby Sandkraal, and 215 fired municipal workers were told their Lawaankamp hostel was to be demolished.

In response to the deal, which includes a guarantee of "undisputable occupation" for residents until December 31 if they move to Sandkraal, a Lawaankamp spokesman said "We will do some hard thinking." Mr Kenneth Siboto, speaking for the Lawaankamp residents committee, said yesterday the municipality had made "strict and hard conditions in the deal".

The main grievances of residents are the proposed increase in rent of almost 300 percent and the threat of demolitions in Sandkraal.

Residents have refused to pay more rent until living conditions have been improved, but the deal offered by the municipality insists on the rent increase.

Residents have been given until May 31 to pay all outstanding rentals and register all "illegal" structures. The rent increases from June 1.

The municipality has given the committees until the end of next week to decide on the deal. If the deal is rejected, the "illegal" houses of 5,000 people will be demolished and the municipality will make no concessions on rent payments.

"We are very worried about this," said Mr Siboto.

Mr Jan van Eck, the PFP MPC for Groote Schuur, said yesterday that the present attitude of the municipality "had no result in a direct confrontation".

Mr Carel du Plessis, the town clerk of George, said yesterday that, apart from the deal, a solution to the problems could be a "mixed town council".

'Ruling'

Officials acting for the 215 council dismissed workers yesterday gave the municipality notice to reinstate the workers.

The notice said an application for a ruling to have the workers reinstated would be made to the Industrial Court if the municipality did not act.
Council fought lonely battle against RSCs

By JOHN YIELD
Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town City Council fought virtually single-handedly to try to persuade the Cape Municipal Association to abandon support for regional services councils.

Cape Town delegates told the association’s annual congress in George yesterday that RSCs were “doomed to failure” and would bring civil unrest.

“For the vast majority of coloured, Indian and black people this is simply not an acceptable basis for regional government,” Mr Chive-Keegan said.

SOME SUPPORT

Mrs Eulahe Stott said the only way to find peace was to recognise the right of all citizens to make a contribution.

There was some support from East London’s Mr A E Sprung, who said “Changes to the system must have the support of the people the system is designed to serve”.

But the congress overwhelmingly adopted an amended motion from Queenstown delegates, who originally also asked for the whole question of RSCs to be reviewed.

Queenstown delegate and honorary life president of the association, Dr T G Schlebusch said he had held “fruitful” discussions with Mr Chris Heums, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

The congress adopted Dr Schlebusch’s proposal that:

• RSCs be accepted as a starting point for “evolutionary reform” at local government level but that existing consultation be expanded;

• The financial regulations for RSCs be accepted to avoid delays but that government departments seek ways to improve these;

• Strict controls be exercised over the creation of infrastructures for RSCs and the transfer of staff;

• No RSCs be obliged to take over only the liabilities of bodies they replaced, and

• “Reform must go hand-in-hand with the strict application of law and order.”
Jokes, banter — but little serious debate

By JOHN YELD Municipal Reporter

There was a lot of backslapping and mutual congratulation at the annual congress of the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) in George last week.

There were also a few good jokes, a bit of banter about rugby, some well-attended social activities and a number of important guests to listen to.

But serious debate on pressing issues affecting local government was decidedly thin on the ground and one of the most relevant — the question of integrated town councils — was cut short after just two speakers at the instigation of local Cape Divisional councillor Mr M J Aggenbach.

In fairness the association relies heavily on the executive committee system which appears to work well, with the executive condemning senior delegates, articulate and highly-experienced in local government matters.

It is perhaps also unreasonable to expect much consensus between 500 delegates representing nearly 200 local authorities as diverse as Daleskail, Steynsburg, Utzenhage and Cape Town, and holding a full spectrum of political views (with the possible exception of the far left).

But the association takes the character of the majority of its members and the CPMA remains a highly conservative body showing little commitment to meaningful change outside National Party philosophy.

As expected the thorny question of the introduction of Regional Services Councils (RSCs) dominated proceedings.

Significantly, despite contributions from such high-powered speakers as the Administrator, Mr Gene Loun, the Master of Local Government, Housing and Works, Mr Annie Venter, and Dr Chris Thornhill, one of the chief architects of RSCs in the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, the only new fact to emerge was that six additional RSCs (other than those for the Cape and Port Elizabeth metropolitan areas) are under consideration for the Cape Province.

In the face of an effective capitulation by Queenstown, who had originally proposed that congress ask the Government to review the whole question of RSCs, it was left to the Cape Town City Council's delegates to try and persuade congress that RSCs would prove unworkable.

Mr Clive Keegan quoted Senator Nationalists Dr Piet Collee as saying it had been necessary to try apart-hand to prove that it couldn't work. Would the country have to suffer the same costly and possibly bloody exercise with RSCs, Mr Keegan wanted to know.

Mr A E Spring of East London associated himself with Cape Town's stand.

"There is no chance of the support or participation of black communities where I come from," he said.

But other speakers were clearly unhappy with this criticism and expressed determination to press ahead with participation in RSCs, despite some misgivings about certain aspects of their operation.

And Mr Loutwije Rothman, Goodwood mayor and chairman of the Divisional Council of the Cape chamber of congress for its "absolutely negative attitude."

"RSCs can work and will work if we make them work," he thundered to applause.

But there appeared little concern about the patent lack of credibility affecting many of these institutions of the quantity-phrase "ander-kiezenger" who will be partners in the new RSC system. For example, black community councils are completely ineffective in many areas and, particularly in many urban areas, community support for the largely Labour Party-controlled management committee system is minimal.

There were several indications — sometimes from surprising quarters — that delegates were unhappy with the present system of local government.

A number of delegates, including De Aar councillor Mr A J Barnard and Oudtshoorn MPO Mr S M Greetz, pleaded for consultation between the different race groups and suggested unofficial "mini-RSCs" be set up in communities as an interim measure.

In his annual report association president Mr S Linneman said continuous consultation and meaningful communication between race groups was the only means of making a success of the new political dispensation.

There was little more than a smattering of polite applause from some sections of the crowded George civic centre when Cape Town councillor Mr Clive Keegan told congress: "Our future lies in non-racial local government. It will come — not today, not tomorrow, but as sure as the sun sets."
Illegal structures deadline

GEORGE municipality has distributed thousands of pamphlets in Lawaankamp, informing residents that all illegal structures must be removed by the middle of May.

If this is not done the municipality will remove them. The rent of sites has been increased to R25 from June 1 — Sapa
Councillors vote for higher pay

Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town city councillors are to accept an increase in their allowances from R534 to R620 a month.

Chairmen of standing committees and of Exco receive proportionately more.

Increased allowances were approved by the Administrator, Mr. Gene Louw, last July but were not taken up.

The issue sparked a sharp debate at yesterday's monthly meeting.

Mr. Sam Gross believed it was "time to say no".

"Can the executive committee show any evidence that the economic climate of this country or this city has improved to the extent that we can help ourselves to more?" he asked.

"We are going to find ourselves described as hypocrites."

But Mr. Dick Friedlander said that "almost without exception" the 34 councillors gave full value for money.

Mr. Jo Rabnowitz said it appeared that the ideal of councillors performing a public service was "outdated, outmoded and archaic".

Mr. Rabnowitz, Mr. Gross, Mr. Neil Ross and Mrs. Bronnie Harding voted against accepting the increase.

Pay rises for members of the city's four management committees were also approved.
LEBOWA is to spend over R2-million to build four ministerial houses this year, according to the bantustan's Chief Minister, Dr CN Phatudi.

Dr Phatudi made the announcement during his budget speech to the Legislative Assembly in Seshego last week. He said the R2.2-million would be used to build a new house for himself and three other Ministers in Lebowakgomo. He also announced that he received a salary of R45 636 per annum plus R8 052 non-taxable personal allowance.

Dr Phatudi's announcement came amid complaints by members of the Legislative Assembly that the R548-million budgeted for this year was "too little". A committee has been appointed to work out recommendations which are to be presented to the South African Government to request more money.
West Bank development ruled out?

By MATTHEW MOONIEVA
Local Affairs Reporter

EAST LONDON — The controversial industrial development on the West Bank seems set not to go ahead.

This was the hint at an information meeting for civic leaders and businessmen here which was addressed by the Deputy Minister of Information, Mr Louis Nel.

During question time, the chairman of the Border Regional Development Association, Mr Cyril Motho, referred to the West Bank when he highlighted factors which militated against industrial development on the Border.

"West Bank seemed a logical development but it seems the guide plan discourages it," Mr Motho said.

Replying later, the MP for East London City, Mr Peter de Pontes, said it had been found that the West Bank was not the best place to site industry.

He said the Cape Provincial Administration-appointed ad hoc committee which had investigated the future sitting of industries in the city had completed its task and had submitted its findings to the committee investigating an overall guide plan for the city.

Mr De Pontes did not elaborate but it is understood that the ad hoc committee ruled out the 83 hectares identified by municipal officials and supported by a landscape architect, Mr Willem van Riet, for park-type industrial development.

The committee identified Berlin as the most important industrial centre for the sub-region, with other priority areas such as Scenery Park and land beyond the airport.

Municipal officials have been pushing for the development of the 83 hectares which were seen as vital for the industrial development of East London.

The assessment was based on research which showed that the black population growth was three per cent and that, by the year 2000, 302 hectares would be required.

The mayor, Mr Joe Yabzek, said last night the council still favoured further development of the West Bank and had "no plans to abandon the battle."

"West Bank is the blood of our city," Mr Yabzek said.

The chairman of the Border Metropolitan Development Corporation, Mr Errol Spring, cautioned against overreacting to statements by provincial officials.

In view of the many changes which were going to take place on local government and provincial level, what was important was to do the right things in the interest of East London.

He said he remained optimistic about West Bank's future.
A NEW union to represent more than 10,000 workers from all over the country in the Department of Posts and Telecommunication was launched in Soweto yesterday.

The organisation's secretary, Mr. Ephraim Mosunkutu, told more than 600 delegates from all over the country that a six-member delegation had been to see the Postmaster-General in Pretoria last week to brief him of the formation of the union.

The organisation's chairman, Mr. Vusi Khamalo, told the meeting that the Postmaster-General had told the delegation that in order to be recognised by the department, the union — to be known as the Posts and Telecommunication Workers' Association — should have a membership of 50 percent of all the black workers in the department and that its leadership should be elected democratically.

They had also told the Postmaster-General that they wanted to have the union registered.

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At yesterday's meeting at the Funda Centre, Soweto, the organisation pledged to align itself with other organisations working towards the liberation of blacks in the country — Sapa
BLACK workers for the Western Cape Development Board have been granted large pay increases after a wage dispute was referred to a conciliation board.

A 12 percent allowance, backdated to January 1 last year, a 5.5 percent pay increase also dating back to January 1 last year and a 10 percent pay increase, as from January 1 this year, have been awarded.

The effective 27.5 percent increase in salaries has been incorporated into a formal agreement between the WCDB and the Western Cape Administration Board Workers' Union, which is a registered trade union representing about 1,900 of the 2,236 black workers employed by the board.

Minimum

As from July 1 this year, the minimum wage shall be R382 a month.
The agreement was signed by the board and the union last week.
The conciliation board was appointed by the minister of Manpower, Mr. du Plessis, in February this year after the union demanded a 25 percent salary increase for all workers employed by the board.

"We have won," the union's secretary, Mr. Mafungu, said yesterday.

But this victory has been soured by the government's decision to phase out the development boards from July 1 this year.

Mr. Mafungu asked: "What is going to happen to the black employees when the development boards are phased out?"

Development board employees had been told that they would be transferred to the provincial administrations but the union was worried about the possibility of retrenchments and it wanted to know what would happen to their pensions and other benefits, Mr. Mafungu said.

Transfer

At present, development board employees had a private pension scheme and they were covered by group life insurance policies, but they did not know if these would be transferred to the provincial administrations.

People who had worked for the city council and divisional councils before being transferred to the development board still had not been informed about their accumulated service benefits, Mr. Mafungu said.

"The workers must be given the opportunity to decide for themselves if they want their accumulated benefits to be transferred," Mr. Mafungu said.

"We want an appointment with the provincial secretary to find out what is going on."

The union was very concerned about its position in the provincial administration because in the government service only staff associations had been permitted in the past.

United

Mr. Mafungu said: "If we are not united, the people will join the radical unions."

"It is very important that members of this union fight together. If we are not united we will not be able to fight for those things."

"We wish to stress that we identify ourselves with the problems of black people in the communities."

He said the union will hold a general meeting in Lange on Saturday.
Meeting on PE beaches tomorrow

By Kin Bentley

Only resident municipal rates on the voters' roll will be allowed to take part in discussions to-morrow night's meeting in Port Elizabeth on the scrapping of beach apartheid, according to the Town Clerk, Mr. Paul Botha.

Right-wing whites hope to muster 25 votes in favour of a referendum being called on the City Council's 14-7 vote in March that the city's beaches be opened to all races from July 1.

Only 25 votes, equal to the number of councillors, are required to force a referendum — even if the majority of people at the meeting vote against the motion.

No final decision has been taken on the council's decision by the Administrator, Mr. Gene Louw, who has the final say on the matter.

This was confirmed today by a senior official in the Department of Local Government, who said the matter was "under investigation" and that a number of issues, including legal aspects, were being studied.

He could not say how long the investigation would take.

There would also have to be "consultation with central government" and the Administrator's decision could only be taken when the matter came before the Executive Committee.

Mr. Botha today spelled out the mechanics for tomorrow's meeting, which will be chaired by the Mayor, Mr. Ben Oliver.

Only the Baakens Street entrance to the hall will be used. It will be open from 6pm, to enable people to have their names checked against the roll. The meeting will start at 7.30pm.

Each municipal voter councillor, Mr. Chris Meyer, who are opposed to opening the beaches.

The former Mayor, Mr. Ivan Krige, has called for a boycott of the meeting, saying the holding of a referendum, which will cost ratepayers R10,000, is a waste of money. He said it would discredit PE at home and abroad.

However, the HNP organiser, Mr. Attie Loock, believes the money would be well spent.

Will get a document identifying him and only those with such documents can address the meeting and vote.

No repetition of arguments will be allowed.

Mr. Botha said while non-voters would be allowed into the hall, should it be filled and more voters want to get in, non-voters would have to make way.

The meeting as a result of petitions by the Herstigte Nasionale Party and...
The meetings were reportedly criticized by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which said the "lack of meaningful dialogue" was a problem. "The chamber is calling for the government to take steps to address the issues raised," a spokesperson said. "The chamber has always been a vocal advocate for greater transparency and accountability in government decision-making."
Opperman slates West Bank action

Dispatch Reporter

EAST 'LONDON - The chairman of the Ward 1 Ratepayers’ Association, Mr A Opperman, yesterday slated the intention of some city councillors to continue the fight for industrial development on the West Bank.

He was reacting to a story in Saturday’s Daily Dispatch which stated that industrial development might not proceed. The story included reaction from the mayor, Mr Joe Yazebek, and the finance portfolio leader, Mr Errol Spring.

Mr Opperman said the comment showed total disregard for the ratepayers and the future of the area.

"Mr Yazebek’s saying that the council had no plans to abandon the battle to further development on the West Bank has only made us more determined not to give up our battle against it," Mr Opperman said.

He said that Mr Spring, who is also chairman of the Border Metropolitan Development Corporation, had the "story entirely wrong" when he cautioned against over reacting to statements by provincial officials in reference to the recent investigation conducted and subsequent guide plan submitted into the issue by the chief town and regional planner of the Cape Province, Mr B G Louw.

"Mr Louw and his officials went into the matter thoroughly and advised against development in the West Bank area," Mr Opperman added.

"There seems to be a total disregard by the city council, despite everything they have been shown, for the hundreds of ratepayers living in this ward.

"Property owned here is a major investment to homeowners in the area. What will their investments be worth with factories surrounding them?"

He said that the 83 hectares identified by municipal officials for park-type industrial development and vital for the industrial development of East London, but which was ruled out by the Cape Provincial Administration-appointed ad hoc committee, also showed extreme short-sightedness by the council.

The council’s assessment was based on research which showed that the black population growth was three per cent and that, by the year 2000, 302 hectares would be required.

"That is only 14 years from now. This shows short-sightedness and no long-term planning. What will happen in 30 years time?"

"The city council wants to fight this battle and, if it wins, it will lead to the total destruction of all the ecological, sociological and historical factors of the area," he added.
Nats, Progs may vote on same side

THE National Party might find itself supporting the Progressive Federal Party when the campaign gets under way for next month’s referendum on whether to open PE beaches to all races.

In the 1963 constitution referendum, the PFP found itself calling for a “No” vote alongside the Conservative Party.

However, on this occasion the right-wing Herstigte Nasionale Party, which forced the referendum, looks set to stand isolated against the NP and PFP.

The regional chairman of the PFP, Mr Ronnie Kaplan, confirmed today that his party was "going to get involved" in the referendum on June 20.

Municipal voters will vote on the recent PE City Council decision to open all the city’s beaches to all races on July 1.

While the local office of the National Party could not confirm by late today whether the NP would openly campaign for or against open beaches, indications are that the NP in PE supports open beaches.

When the City Council voted 14-7 in favour of desegregation, several well-known NP figures on the council supported the move, including the Mayor, Mr Ben Oliver.

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Rates & Service Charges Rise 2.5% Next Year

All set for big hikes

Rates Policy Committee yesterday decided for an increase of 1.5% on electricity, sewerage, and water, and for a 1.25% increase on rates and rates of service. The increases will be implemented from 1 April next year.

The decision was taken during a meeting of the Rates Policy Committee at the Municipal Buildings. The Committee has decided to increase the rates for the first time in three years.

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Town Clerk reviews need for ballot boxes in every PE ward

Post Reporter

THERE will probably be only five ballot boxes in Port Elizabeth when ratepayers vote on June 20 for or against the opening of the city’s beaches to all races.

The decision on the number of ballot boxes lies with the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, following the meeting last night in the Feather Market Hall at which 99 ratepayers voted for a referendum.

Mr Botha said today he had expected a packed hall last night.

A total of 160 people attended last night’s meeting, but only 100 of them were ratepayers who voted.

"The original intention," Mr Botha said, "was to have ballot boxes in each of the 13 wards.

"I am reviewing the situation. Because so few people attended the meeting, I expect there won't be a sufficient demand for polling stations in all the wards.

"Today I will look at the possibility of evenly spreading ballot boxes in the city — five boxes conveniently situated."

In March a majority of city councillors voted that the city’s beaches be opened to all races.

Two petitions calling for a referendum to be held on the issue were then sent to the council.

An HNP petition carried 44 signatures and a petition submitted by councillor Chris Meyer had 144 signatures.

Last night 99 ratepayers voted for and one voted against the referendum. Twenty-six votes were needed to make the vote effective.
PE gas service runs at huge loss

Post Reporter

THE municipal gas service is running at a massive loss according to a report by the City Treasurer, Mr Armandus Strydom, in which he estimates the operating deficit on the gas service for the next financial year to be R4.2 million.

This is a marked deterioration on previous years. The revised deficit for the 1985/86 financial year was R2 759 430.

Mr Strydom says in his report — which prefaces the annual capital and operating budget of the Port Elizabeth Municipality to be considered by the City Council at its meeting next week — that the increased deficit was due mainly to the effect of cost increases in coal and rubbish.

It was further aggravated by the recent price decrease in oil related products.

The predicted income from gas sales in the 1986/87 financial year was estimated at R230 000 less than the cost of gas production.

The position had now been reached where it would be cheaper to discontinue gas production and just repay the outstanding debt on the undertaking.

Mr Strydom said the council would consider the position of the major industries making use of gas in their production process.

Nevertheless, he said, the future of the operation should now be seriously considered.
The poll could become a thorn in the administrators' side. However, it could certainly be argued that the possibility and would be done in terms of the municipal order. It's the time for the Administrators to take note of the majority opinion on the same.
'Beware of KwaNatal'

CF Correspondent

The KwaNatal talks are the first step towards handing Natal over to a black government, Herstigte Na-

gionale Party leader Jaap Marais told conservative white Natalians this week.

"Once this happens, the whole country will follow," he told the first Durban rally of Action White Natal.

About 1,000 "conserva-

tives" heard HNP and Con-
servative Party leaders slam the government's power-sharing proposals.
Clash over Robertson electricity

Staff Reporter

THE chairman of the Nkubela Civic Association, Mr Peter Nhobo, yesterday still claimed that the electricity supply to the township at Robertson had been cut off, while both the Robertson Municipality and the Western Cape Development Board have adamantly denied this.

Evening church services in the township at the weekend were conducted by candlelight and power to the few homes that have been supplied with electricity was still off, Mr Nhobo said.

A spokesman for the Robertson Municipality denied last week that the township's power supply had been cut, as residents have alleged.

He said the municipality had started supplying electricity to the township earlier this month, but the project was halted after the first morning's work when 14 freshly-sunk poles to support power lines had been sawn off during the lunch break, leaving only the stumps in the ground.

His claims were supported by a senior spokesman for the WCDB, Mr Sam Steenkamp.

Mr Nhobo said it was not known who was responsible for removing them.
Call to scrap border posts

Dispatch Reporter
QUEENSTOWN — The town council is to ask the government to abolish all border posts between South Africa and Transkei.

This was resolved at a council general action committee meeting.

The acting chairman of the Queenstown Chamber of Commerce, Mr A S du Plessis, said the chamber had requested the council to take the matter up with the government.

He also said that, as the pass laws had been repealed, the border posts were a hindrance to businessmen and Transkei shoppers who were inconvenienced by time spent at the border posts before they could get through.
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He said the total estimated operating expenditure for the 1988/9 fiscal year was R22.9 million, of which 50% was derived from subsidies, 28% from rates and 13% from tariffs. The total capital expenditure was put at R5.7 million.

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By KIN BENTLEY

THE Port Elizabeth Municipality is not obliged to implement beach apartheid, if what happened in Cape Town is anything to go by.

Cape Town simply refused to erect apartheid signs, so apartheid fell by the wayside, says a top municipal official there.

The PE City Council has voted by 14-7 in favour of opening the beaches from July 1, but two months after that decision, the Administrator, Mr Gene Lown, has still not endorsed it.

Meanwhile, a white municipal referendum will be held on June 18

Cape Town's director of civic amenities, Mr J S Kleppers, said yesterday that for years the City Council's policy had been simply "never to enforce apartheid".

He believed that because the PE City Council erected apartheid notices "they presumably have to enforce it on behalf of the State".

Mr Kleppers said that as he saw it, PE did not have to wait for the Administrator to give the go-ahead to desegregate beaches: "They could just remove the signs and say they are not going to implement apartheid."

The council had decided to put up the signs and could just as easily remove them.

Explaining the situation in Cape Town, he said at Camps Bay and Clifton, which like PE's "white" beaches fall in a white group area, in terms of the law the council had to erect apartheid noticeboards, so the police could take action if necessary.

But it refused to do this, so the police could not enforce the racial provisions.

"Another thing Cape Town did was establish a law enforcement division specifically for beaches - to prevent anti-social behaviour."

He said this permanent force of some 120 people enforced the council's bylaws, but not racial laws.

"The fact that we had the division made the transition easier."

On the False Bay coast, apartheid noticeboards were erected by the Provincial Administration, after the council refused a request from them to erect boards.

However, although the police had implemented the segregation laws on False Bay "from time to time", the situation there had become "relaxed" in recent years, and the notices were being systematically removed.

Asked if Cape Town had applied to open beaches to all, he said the council had "never recognised apartheid and never approached anybody, but just did it (desegregated) on its own."

The PFP MPC for Rondebosch and a Cape Town city councillor, Mr Jan van Eck, said "In the past few years there has not been a beach prosecution."

Even where there were apartheid signs, these were insufficient to enforce beach apartheid.

He said the Attorney General for the Western Cape seemed to have accepted that beach apartheid could not be enforced. Charges against a number of people had been dropped. This was primarily because the signs "do not demarcate the area and are not readily visible to every beach user."
When a 'Yes' may not be what you want

A "YES"-m in the beaches referendum in Port Elizabeth next month means voters support the motion that "all beaches within the municipal boundaries zoned for exclusive use of whites and which border on white suburbs NOT be open to use of people of other races"

A "No" vote is for open beaches.

As the ordinance controlling polls disallows identification, there are now fears that voting might be done in the names of "dead voters" and others who have left the city.

A spokesman for the Town Clerk's Department warned, however, warned that anyone poung or voting twice would be prosecuted.

Polling stations are:
- Davies Stadium (Wards 7 and 2), Hellenic Hall, Parson's Hill (Wards 3, 4 and 5), NG Kerk Hall, Haupt Street, Stellwell (Wards 6 and 11), Newton Park Methodist Church Hall (Ward 7), Lantam Grange, Library Hall, (Wards 6 and 9), Pieter Radeholder Hall, Algoa Park (Ward 10), St Agnes Church, Grahamstown, Roode: (Ward 11), and the Indian Club, Charles (Wards 12 and 13).

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Editorial comment
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**Dispute: refuse workers in talks**

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Municipal refuse removal workers here returned to work this week after a partial strike which started on Friday.

The director of management services for the municipality, Mr. L Deetlefs, said yesterday that the strike had been called by workers after a dispute concerning their clocking-in and clocking-out procedures.

"We held negotiations and discussed the problems with the workers and reached a partial agreement." The workers returned to work on Monday with the understanding that the issue was not totally resolved, but that we would continue negotiations with them and resolve all their problems," Mr. Deetlefs said.
'City council's actions worse than JR Ewing's'

Provincial Reporter
CAPE Town City Council's manipulation of municipal wards before coloured people were removed from the voters' roll "made JR in Dallas look like a junior clerk", the Provincial Council heard.

Mr J M Otto (NP Helderberg) attacked the 'city which the Opposition was always holding up as an example of true democracy' during debate on the draft ordinance on separate local government areas.

He said that of 46 city councilors in 1963, only seven were coloured and from 1966 to 1971, six out of 34 were coloured.

Interjecting, Mr Jan van Gend (FFP Constantia) said the voters of Cape Town had voted for people and not on the basis of colour.

Mr Otto said although coloured people had a say in a mixed council, at no stage had they decision-making rights over their own affairs.

"Swindled"

By means of a qualified franchise and weighting municipal wards, the Cape Town City Council had "suppressed, discriminated and swindled" coloured people.

"We (the National Party) are prepared to face the problems of the day and that is why we have done more for the uplifting of the coloured and Indian people since 1972 than the city council did from 1946 to 1972."

Mr Otto said the draft ordinance was "a step on the road of reform."

The Opposition had to refrain from telling people that when apartheid was removed heaven would come to earth.

"They must tell the black man that if apartheid is removed tomorrow he will still live in Khayelitsha and work for the same salary. He will still work in the garden for the Cape Town city council unless he uplifts himself."

The National Party was "usurping the place of God" by classifying people according to race, Mr Eddie Trent (NPPE, Port Elizabeth Central) said.

During yesterday's debate, Mr Trent said the Population Registration Act denied the Christian and Jewish Biblical truth that man was made in the image of God and must only be defined in terms of his relationship with God.

"This includes the classification of people according to race. The highest authority is not the Constitution. It is Almighty God."

"By classifying people according to race, you are usurping the place of God. You are defining a person in terms of your own selfish ideology."

"Blessing"

"Do members honestly believe that this legislation would receive the blessing of God?"

Mr Trent said the National Party had an obsession with group identity.

Mr C J Veldman (NP Durbanville) interjected "Yes, you are right."

Mr Trent: "You are obsessed with group identity. That is what this ordinance is all about."

Mr Veldman: "That is it. Are you surprised?"
Help sought for Milner Estate rents

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — A total of 169 Milner Estate families face rent hikes of about 50 per cent — but moves are under way to get a government subsidy.

The city council has agreed to the rent hike proposal from the property department with suggested subsidy relief measures to be submitted to the government.

The council has also decided to send a three-man deputation to Cape Town if necessary to outline the case for the sub-economic scheme.

The chairman of the action committee, Mr. Donald Card, said the increase was the result of extensions being built onto the houses.

"The area's rents were assessed against the background that the buildings cost about R500 each when they were built more than 30 years ago. Now kitchens are being built onto the old structures at a cost of about R6,000 each."

"This has necessitated a major hike in the rentals, but council realises that many of the occupants are pensioners and lower income earners. This is why council decided that some sort of government relief must be sought to try to ease the burden on the people of Milner Estate," Mr. Card said.

Mr. Card said a similar subsidy request for Buffalo flints had been rejected and as a similar reply was expected, it had been proposed that as the existing rentals in Milner Estate were being subsidised, application should be made to further subsidise the interest and redemption on the difference between the present rental and the new increased rental.

It had also been proposed that the hikes be phased in to ease the burden.
EL's rates, tariffs to rise?

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — Residents can brace themselves for an all-round increase in municipal tariffs when the city council holds a special meeting tonight to finalise the estimates for the 1966-1967 financial year.

Although the method in which the city's house-keeping account will be kept for the ensuing year is a closely guarded secret, municipal rates and tariffs are set to rise.

The city's 12 000 ratepayers face a possible five per cent hike while the 56 000 electricity users face a possible 15 per cent hike.

In view of the R30 million sewage system under construction, increases for these charges are likely to be the highest and are expected almost to double.

The increases are set to come into effect on July 1.

Municipal housing scheme tenants can also brace themselves for a rent hike ranging from R3 a month to almost R6...
Members of the Cape Provincial Council, currently in session for the last time before this second-tier level of government is scrapped to make way for the Regional Services Councils which become operational on July 1.

BY ANDREW DONALDSON

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL — The controversial Declaration of Local Government Areas Ordinance — slammed by Opposition members as an entrenchment of apartheid and a "reconfirmation" of the Group Areas Act — was passed here yesterday.

In terms of the ordinance, group areas defined under the Group Areas Act for so-called coloured and Indian groups situated within the jurisdiction of a local authority or divisional council shall be a local government or "own affairs" area for those groups.

All other areas, except "black areas", will be white local government areas.

In debating before the ordinance was passed, Dr John Sonnenberg (FFP Green Point) said the legislation would entrench apartheid and the Group Areas Act — "the fountainhead of the plethora of laws that provided for the differentiation of people on the grounds of their skin pigmentation."

Mr Eddie Trent (FFP PE Central) said the legislation was the "last thing" the country needed when race relationships were "at its lowest ebb."

"It will perpetuate polarisation in this country," he said "I would like to ask just this question Do they (the NP) really believe that their God, their Christ, would approve of this particular legislation?"

"Yes, there you've got your answer," interjected Mr Seppie Greeff (NP Oudtshoorn). Mr Jan van Eck (FFP Groote Schuur) asked how the ordinance could be passed when the government stated it was committed to scrapping apartheid.

"Scraping apartheid does not mean putting communities in turmoil," interjected Mr JN Moolman (NP Tygervalley).

Mr Van Eck continued that the ordinance had shown "once and for all" that "yes" voters in the referendum were taken for a ride by the government.

"I must stress the fact that if the NP would only get to know the black communities they would get to understand the depth of their hatred and anger and at the root of it all is apartheid and apartheid laws like this one."

"We cannot support any legislation like this because it will not solve any problems, it will make them worse."

"What they want"

Replying, Mr Willem Bouwer, the MEC for Local Government who introduced the ordinance, said "The fact of the matter is that we've sat with these people and what we're passing here today is what they want."

"Which people?" Opposition members demanded.

"The coloureds," Mr Bouwer replied.

Despite this, he dismissed the idea of a possible referendum, adding "I don't think it's necessary."
Council to debate
the budget today

Post Reporter
THE Port Elizabeth City Council will have two meetings this afternoon — the normal monthly meeting as well as the special budget meeting at which it is expected to approve a 10% rates increase.

The budget meeting, at 4pm in the City Hall, is being held to approve the R267.21 million operating budget and a capital budget of R54.28 million for the 1986-87 financial year starting on July 1.

Apart from the rates increase it has also been proposed that the water tariff be increased by 13.5%.

Although the electricity tariff will not be increased, consumers’ bills will increase by 10% in July and again in January, 1987, due to the withdrawal of the State subsidy and the reintroduction of the cost of energy surcharge which was suspended for April, May and June.

The monthly council meeting will follow the budget meeting, at 5pm.

The proposed 10% rates increase will mean that the rates on all non-residential property will be 4.3887c per rand of valuation. The 23% rebate on single residential and sectional title properties means that the new rate for these properties will be 3.6650c per rand of valuation.

The draft capital budget provides for R29.1 million to be spent on the rate and general service, including R14.45 million on roads. The capital provision for housing is R9.62 million, electricity R8.88 million, gas R197 000, market R28 000 and water R6.38 million.

The agenda for the monthly meeting proposes a number of tariff and charge increases, including:

- Surcharge ranging from 5.52% to 14.47% on the gas tariff, to meet cost increases resulting from an increase in the pithead price of coal and in coal railage.

- Increased library charges, including increasing the fines for overdue books to 30c for the first week and 40c for every subsequent week up to a maximum of R3.50 a book.

- Increased hire charges for library halls.

- A 15% increase in the charges for sewer connections and clearance.

Other items up for consideration include:

- The expropriation of land in Cape Road and First Avenue, Newton Park, Aragon Road, Durban Road and Kempston Road for the proposed construction of Langenhoven Drive to link Kempston Road with Cape Road.

- The appointment of consultants to undertake the detailed design and preparation of tender documents for the construction of headland extensions at Humewood and Hobie beaches as a means of combating beach erosion.
One vote a person in PE beach poll

By KIN BENTLEY

VOTERS in next month’s municipal referendum on open beaches in Port Elizabeth will have one vote each.

This differs from municipal elections, where voters who own or occupy more than one property, often have several votes.

The Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, said today that provision was contained in the municipal ordinance relating to such polls.

Meanwhile, both the PFP and HNP are concerned that their supporters might mistakenly vote the wrong way during the poll on June 18 - due to confusion over the question to be asked.

Mr Botha said today that municipal officials were trying to phrase the question in such a way that it met the requirements of the ordinance and at the same time did not confuse the voters.

Failure to comply with the requirements of the ordinance could invalidate the referendum result, he said.

The chairman of the PFP’s referendum committee, Mr Wayne Mitchell, said the question would probably be phrased in such a way that people would know they were voting specifically on whether or not they supported the HNP-CP proposal - and not for or against open beaches.

The proposals that “all beaches in the PE municipal area which in terms of the law are currently zoned for the exclusive use of white people and which are adjacent to established white areas, should not be opened for the use of people of other races”
10pc increase for municipal employees

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — The municipality's 2,500 staff members are scheduled to receive 10 per cent wage hikes.

This was revealed in the estimates tabled at a special city council meeting last night.

But the increases are to be phased in. Staff will receive a five per cent increase from July 1 with the other five per cent coming into effect from January 1, 1987.

The actual payment of the increases depends on the outcome of a report on productivity to be compiled by the director of management services and the outcome of a court case involving the municipality and the East London branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME).

The Industrial Court is to give a ruling soon on the dispute in which the SAAME wants the municipality to extend the subsidies to people who rent houses and not only to people who have bought houses.

The estimated cost to the municipality if the court rules in favour of SAAME is R250,000 a year.

In his budget speech last night, Mr. Errol Spring, made an urgent plea for productivity to be improved, for maximum benefit to be achieved from staff training programmes and for the National Institute of Productivity (NPI) report on the municipal structure to be implemented immediately.

"I must express my disappointment at the lack of progress made in implementing this report, Maybe we are expecting too much from our town clerk in looking to him to restructure the organisation and implement the recommendations in addition to his normal load of work.

"If this is so, the council should consider as a matter of urgency appointing an outsider, on a 'contract' basis, to implement the NPI recommendations. I believe there are suitable retired industrialists and businessmen in East London who could be persuaded to tackle this on our behalf."

Mr. Spring said staffing was the major portion of the council's operating costs and, in the end the council should ensure that it was not at the expense of the ratepayer.

"The council must strive aggressively to improve productivity and ensure a maximum return on money spent. To achieve this, managers from heads of departments down have been put through management training programmes. Considerable amounts have been included in the estimates for staff training."

In order to achieve maximum benefits, he said, asked for quarterly training progress reports and
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A table showing existing and proposed increased tariffs for East London's industrial and domestic consumers.
Q-town rates up

Dispatch Reporter

QUEENSTOWN — Local residents will have to dig deep into their pockets during the coming year to meet an anticipated R1.5 million deficit in the municipal budget.

"Presenting his budget speech at a special Town Council meeting last night, Mr. Ernest Littleford, chairman of the finance committee, said that the past year had been "traumatic" for the town:

- An eight-month consumer boycott, the severe economic depression, threatened overseas sanctions and the falling rand—dollar exchange rate had had a severe impact on the finances of the town, he said.

Despite rigorous pruning of the estimates for the financial year, the total estimated expenditure on the revenue account was R19.2 million. This involved a net deficit of R1.5 million, which would have to be made good.

He proposed that the deficit be met by:

- Increasing the general assessment rate from 1.75 cents in the rand to 2 cents in the rand. This would result in additional revenue of R180 000;

- Raising sewage rates to about R60 per year or R5 per month per householder. This would bring in additional revenue of R140 000 per annum;

- In Grahamstown, the general rate goes up to 2.226c in the rand, an effective 10 per cent. Water and electricity rates have been hiked by 20 per cent.
RATES RISE OF 10% APPROVED

Post Reporter

PROPERTY rates in Port Elizabeth will go up 10% on July 1, but the increase needed to finance the city's R26.16 million 1986-87 budget was not approved without debate.

The budget was, however, approved without amendments at the City Council's special budget meeting yesterday afternoon.

The security of the city's property, which is worth about R1 billion, and staff welfare was the issue that caused the debate and prompted veteran councillor Mr Graham Young to propose a cut in the budget.

The question of spending about R1 million on security - an amount that is equivalent to a 2% rates increase - was raised by Prof Les Simpson, who opposed the inclusion of amounts in the budget without the council knowing in detail what would be spent on.

In addition to the R1 million on the operating budget, R560 000 will be spent annually on capital improvements over the next three years for security.

However, the chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, Mr H van Zyl Colhé, said it had been agreed at the committee meeting that the money would not be spent before details of the proposed projects were approved by the committee.

His explanation that, if unspent, the money could be used for various other purposes, prompted Mr Young to say that it appeared the Policy and Resources Committee simply wanted to build slack into the budget.

The City Treasurer, Mr Amandus Strydom, warned, however, that the council was experiencing serious problems obtaining re-insurance for its assets with Lloyds of London. It was imperative that the security arrangements at municipal buildings and installations be improved.

Mr Strydom pointed out that the original draft budget would have necessitated a 32% increase in rates. By trimming the budget down to a 10% rates increase, it meant cutting many essential items.

The budget also provides for a 10% increase in electricity charges on July 1 with another 10.91% increase likely to follow on January 1, 1987.

The water tariff will go up by 33.55% on July 1.

The council expects to end the current financial year on June 30 with a surplus of R4.3 million, a saving of 2.5%.

The council's expenditure has been contained by strict control over staff levels, greater use of computers and general financial and budgetary discipline.

He said the decision to increase rates by only 10% had been determined primarily by what the council believed the ratepayers would be able to afford.

The budget provided for a 13.8% increase in staffing costs. However, no provision had been made for a general salary adjustment. Instead, salary grades would be restructured to bring them closer to the market-related rates and remove certain anomalies.

The amount of money in the next financial year will amount to R54.3 million.
Question
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Weekend Post Reporter
ARE you for or against the opening of all beaches within the Port Elizabeth municipal area which are at present zoned for the exclusive use of whites and which border on white residential areas, for the use of other population groups?

This is the official question to be asked in next month’s referendum, the Port Elizabeth Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, confirmed yesterday.

Mr Botha said this meant that instead of people voting either “yes” or “no” for the HNP proposal against open beaches during the referendum on July 18, they would simply vote “for” or “against” open beaches.

Some confusion had arisen, he said, because “we had to adhere as closely as possible to the proposal before the public meeting”.

The best way had been to formulate it in the form of a question.

Mr Wayne Mitchell, the chairman of the PFP’s referendum strategy committee, said he was “very pleased” that the question had been phrased as simply as possible.
Municipal workers' rights outlined

GEORGE — Although municipal workers had no right to strike, their entrenched right to compulsory arbitration meant no doors were closed to them, the Minister of Manpower, Mr. Fietie du Plessis, said yesterday.

Opening the annual meeting of the Association of Administrative Chief Executives in George, he said there was a move to organise municipal workers who were not yet unionised, such as town clerks and other high ranking officials.

This would put them in the position of being both employer and employee.

Prior to 1968, there were only 12 registered trade unions. Now, there are 32, and 23 percent more workers are represented, said the Minister.

The role of local authorities will become more demanding as their status in the new dispensation changes, he said.

"Entrenched negotiation does not detract from the need to keep good labour relations. In fact, it puts local authorities and their workers in a position to negotiate long term solutions," he said.

PROTECTION

The endorsed the government's policy of entrenching freedom of association and labour union autonomy, but gave the assurance that minority rights would be protected.

To this end government intervention needed to be minimised.

A labour union should organise its own membership.

The Remuneration of Town Clerks Bill before Parliament provided for the inclusion of black local authorities under the Act and for the establishment of a remuneration advisory committee.

The 'Black Local Authorities Amendment' Bill advanced the provisions of the Act to all employees of these bodies.

This would give black town clerks and workers the right to secure the provisions of the Labour Relations Act to negotiate and settle disputes. — Sapa
Mayor's parlour the last resort

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — The Mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, said yesterday his parlour was open to all ratepayers who wanted to see him but the correct channels had to be followed.

He was responding to a complaint from a Cambridge resident, Mr W Oosthuysen, who said he had been refused an interview with the mayor last week.

Mr Oosthuysen had asked whether he was entitled to see the mayor about a personal problem and whether the mayor was such an important person that an ordinary ratepayer was prohibited from seeing him.

Mr Yazbek said all ratepayers knew his doors were open but, if the correct channels were not observed, "I will have to keep the parlour open 24 hours a day." Reacting to Mr Oosthuysen's complaint, Mr Yazbek confirmed that Mr Oosthuysen had telephoned for an interview but said he had not wanted to supply details of the matter he wanted to discuss with the mayor.

"The procedure is that if there is a complaint it must first be lodged, with the sectional head of the municipality, then the departmental head followed by an approach to the city councillor for the ward. The office of the mayor is the last resort."

If I am to see a ratepayer about a matter, surely I must know what the matter is so that I can prepare myself and have the relevant officials with me so that time is not wasted and matters can be sorted out immediately.

Mr Oosthuysen also raised the question about litter left in the Gilwell Road area, presumably by hawkers, and asked why the ratepayers of East London should pay "for filth caused by non-ratepayers?"

The mayor said, "The problem referred to is one of deeply sensitive socio-economic consequences and simply cannot be dealt with in mere ratepayer and non-ratepayer terms."

"This matter is being thoroughly investigated and we have had long meetings about it. We hope to be able to do something about it soon."
By Peter Fabricius of The Star’s Political Staff in Cape Town

Could a Western Cape indaba be one of the next steps in the working out of a federal solution for South Africa?

The Labour Party’s young constitutional thinker Mr Desmond Lockey MP recently returned from observing the Natal indaba and was very impressed by what he saw.

He says “If the indaba agrees to a single legislature, which I think it will, it could be the start of the first real non-racial federal structure in South Africa.

“And then we could start with a Western Cape indaba along the same lines.”

This would be a departure from the constitution of the Labour Party, which stipulates a one man, one vote unitary system, and Mr Lockey emphasizes that he is speaking in his personal capacity.

Mr Lockey, however, does not rule out the idea of ethnic states in any future federation.

“The crucial point,” he says, “is that the states should get together themselves — as in Natal — and not have their boundaries and composition forced upon them by central government.”

Mr Lockey’s own thinking is that there should be room in the federation for both unitary states and ethnic/nationalist states.

“We should get away from the existing polarity of liberal and nationalist approaches.”

“The problem with the National Party is that it argues that all blacks can be classified ethnically.”

“But 70 percent of urban blacks indicated in a recent survey that they do not identify with any tribe. They see themselves only as South Africans.”

Mr Lockey says, however, that one could find ethnically based states in the rural areas where ethnic identity is much stronger among both blacks and whites.

Many of the black national states and self-governing structures are already in place, and could form the basis of future federal states.

But what of tribal whites? Will they have a white homeland or homelands — as suggested by some ultra-conservative groups?

Mr Lockey, rather surprisingly, says yes. “I think we should look into the possibility of a white homeland where those whites who are not happy living with others can go.”

On the other hand, Johannesburg and Soweto could together form a unitary state, he says.

And so could the Western Cape, where whites are generally fairly liberal and where there is the greatest concentration of coloureds.

Mr Lockey believes the proposed third-tier Regional Services Council for the Western Cape could develop into the second-tier state for that region.

“This was one of the reasons we supported the Bill.”

The Labour Party forced 70 amendments to the Bill, most of them aimed at strengthening the position of coloureds, who will now enjoy equal power with whites.

This would obviously suit the Labour Party if the RSCs ever grew into something bigger.
Support for ‘local option’

By PETER DENNEHY

CAPE TOWN City Council has received “virtually unanimous” support among civic and other associations for its stand on an apartheid-free “local option” for the City.

The Mayor, Mr Leon Markovitz, and the chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. John Muir, said in a report issued yesterday on the City’s “Call for Dialogue” initiative that “it seems to us there is much to be said for the establishment of a wholly independent police force”.

They made this comment after detailing “the main causes of unrest, as presented to us”.

One of these was that “persons of colour” were demanding direct participation in the governing process “other than through management committees and community councils”.

Criticisms of “outside influences at work in the townships” as well as of the police were reflected in this section of the report. Remarks concerning the police have been referred to Pretoria for comment.

40 interviews

Mr Markovitz and Mr Muir suggested that an independent police force could be established “on a provincial basis, with members recruited and trained locally and with all levels of police determined locally”.

They said in their report on the “Call for Dialogue” that 40 interviews had been conducted, many with representatives of civic associations and other concerned organizations. In addition, 19 memoranda had been submitted and six individuals also commented.

One respondent suggested that if the government did not agree to an open, non-racially elected council, “serious consideration” should be given to establishing one anyway to decide on all matters affecting the City. The official Cape Town City Council could merely give effect to those decisions.

The names of organizations which submitted suggestions have been kept confidential.

Support for the council’s initiative in calling for dialogue had been unanimous “virtually everyone” was of the view that “at least in the Cape Peninsula” a common voters’ roll should be reintroduced.

Those who commented on Regional Services Councils (RSCs) generally believed that the bodies, which have yet to be established, would not survive more than two years.

Much of the report was devoted to an account of “unrest” in the Peninsula since August last year, prepared with the help of the Chief Officer of Emergency Management, Civil Defence, Cape Town.

Between late August and mid-December last year 74 people died in “unrest-related incidents” in the Western Cape—seven at the hands of rioters and 67 as a result of police action, the report said.

Those taken into custody numbered 968. The number of people injured was unknown “but some 866 were conveyed to hospital for treatment”.

Proposed solutions

Among the proposed solutions to the unrest were requests for a “peace conference”, which an ad-hoc committee had already been considering.

Another suggestion was that civic associations should be “increasingly involved” in local government.

“IT was repeatedly stressed that the most urgent attention is the establishment of a Cape Town City Council open to all races, with its area of jurisdiction extended to include the black areas of Nyanga, New Crossroads, Guguletu, Lambeth and Khayelitsha,” the report said.

Mr Markovitz and Mr Muir recommended that the council “continue actively with its initiative in assisting to draw up and implement a manifesto for non-racial democratic government, and in encouraging communication between all parties”.

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Cape unrest: "Apartheid to blame"

Municipal Reporter

UNREST should be viewed against a backdrop of frustration at being excluded from the governing process, the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Leon Markovitz, and the chairman of the executive committee, Mr John Murray, said in a report issued yesterday.

"Implementation of the system of apartheid over many years has bred deep resentment in persons of colour and was undoubtedly the greatest single factor leading up to the outbreak of unrest in the Cape," they said.

Their report arose out of the City Council's "Call to Dialogue" initiative of September last year which canvassed the views of community groups.

Township residents said "people of colour" had been forced by the apartheid system into "overcrowded and allegedly badly serviced" townships.

"To the average township occupant it appears that whilst there is a constant escalation in rates and rentals this is accompanied by very little improvement in the general standard of living," residents said, according to the report.

"Because they are compelled to travel substantial distances to their places of employment, transport costs are high."

Government handling of the march to Pollsmoor Prison in August last year "appeared to have actually triggered off the escalation of violence in the Cape Peninsula."

Declaration of a state of emergency had dampened unrest, but a "resurgence" began this year, mainly in black townships.

Council property had suffered damage of R27 375.15, mostly in smashed traffic lights and damaged electrical installations and equipment.
A new form of local govt is urged in city report

THE Cape Town City Council's recent report on its "call for dialogue" is a significant document.

Under normal circumstances the report would probably have attracted a good deal of attention, but its impact has been overshadowed by the tragic developments in Crossroads in the past few weeks.

Evidence to the council was that lack of adequate representation at central government level was the root cause of the unrest.

However, the report noted that while "ultimate solutions" had to be implemented at this level, there was broad agreement that substantial reform at local government level could make a significant contribution to defusing unrest.

The council must have been heartened by the overwhelming endorsement of its repeated calls for the reinstatement of a universal municipal franchise and for some form of "local option" in local government.

According to the report, it was "repeatedly stressed" that urgent attention should be given to establishing a Cape Town City Council open to all races and — significantly — including in its jurisdiction the present black areas of Langa, Nyanga, Guguletu, New Crossroads and Khayelitsha.

Just how to constitute such a representative body is a vexing question and one which is receiving serious attention from the council's ad hoc constitutional committee.

This committee is determined to come up with a workable solution, although it is difficult to see any of its recommendations being acceptable to the Government.

Serious consideration

But there is an interesting passage in the "dialogue" report, which states:

"It was further suggested that, if Government would not agree to an open council, serious consideration should be given to the establishment of an informal council or assembly, consisting of members of all races elected by persons on a common voters' role under an election financed by commerce and industry.

"The idea was that this informal council or assembly would debate and take decisions on all matters affecting the city and that the official Cape Town City Council would give effect to those decisions."

Far-fetched? Logistically impossible?

The authors of the report, Cape Town's Mayor, Mr Leon Markovitz, and the chairman of the executive committee, Mr John Muir, do not comment on this proposal, but it is one which I suspect commands considerable support in the community as probably the only acceptable interim form of local government for the city.
Beach grant ‘available immediately’

By KIN BENTLEY

THE MP for Algoa, Mr James Kleynhans, said today the R100,000 which he announced on Tuesday had been secured from the Administrator for the development of facilities at Port Elizabeth’s Humewood Beach would become “available immediately.”

This, he said, emerged after further discussions this week with the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw.

He also disclosed that he intended making a concerted effort to secure funds next year from the Government, to assist in major “beach” development schemes in the city over the next two years.

In a statement on Tuesday, the three PE National Party MPs said they believed Humewood Beach should be the only southern beach opened to people of all races.

Mr Kleynhans said today he would seek a meeting with the City Council next week to discuss urgent plans for building facilities, including additional changing rooms, at Humewood Beach, to cope with the increased number of people expected to use the beach should it be opened to all.

He said he also wanted to “get in early” to try to secure funds from the Government to help finance the construction of a groynes or extended headland at Humewood, which has been accepted in principle by the council.

According to a beach improvement report approved by council, the first of three headlands is planned to be constructed at Humewood at a cost of R1,1 million.

Reiterating his commitment to providing equal facilities for different groups, Mr Kleynhans said he would also try to secure about R750,000 for the extension of facilities at Brighton Beach.

Asked about this apparent rejection of the City Council’s open beaches call, Mr Kleynhans said that at the moment there were inadequate facilities at the other white beaches to cope at peak periods should they be opened to all races overnight.

The Director of Parks and Recreation in PE, Mr Peter Gibbs, said today he had “seen no documentation” on the NP plans, but added that he was sure the money could be “put to good use” at Humewood.

Executive still probing

Post Reporter
THE Executive Committee of the Cape Provincial Council is still “investigating” the application made two months ago by the Port Elizabeth City Council for all its beaches to be opened to people of all races from July 1.

This was confirmed in a Press statement issued today by the MEC in charge of local government, Mr Willem Bouwer.

Part of the statement reads,

"With reference to a press statement issued by Messrs J W Keynham, MP, G J van der Londe, MP, and J Louw, MP, (National Party) it is hereby announced for general information that the Executive Committee of the Provincial Council of the Cape Province is investigating this request made by the said MPs and the PE City Council that beaches be opened and that funds be made available for the further development of beaches in the neighbourhood of PE."
City sneeze machine to sniff out cure for colds

By JOHN YELD
Municipal Reporter

MUNICIPAL workers with the sniffles have no excuse for missing work this winter.

Not only is there a possibility of being cured at work but, as a bonus, treatment will be free.

The Executive Committee yesterday approved the use of council facilities and staff volunteers for clinical trials to find a cure for the common cold.

GUINEA PIGS

The medical officer of health, Dr Reg Coogan, told the committee he had met two “well respected” Cape Town doctors who had asked to use the civic centre’s medical treatment centre for their experiment.

The doctors’ guinea pigs will be 100 volunteers from the council’s workforce who catch a cold next month.

“The treatment is very simple,” an enthusiastic Dr Coogan told the committee.

“Volunteers with a cold merely breathe in warmed humidified air, under critically pre-determined conditions, delivered from a small machine for three 30-minute periods on the day in which they feel they have a cold.

“In addition, volunteers having treatment would be expected to fill in a diary to record how they feel.

“The treatment which will be offered by the visiting medical team — there will be no involvement of council personnel — is comfortable, safe and free from adverse side effects.”

Dr Coogan said tests overseas and in other parts of South Africa had shown that more than 75 percent of colds had been “rapidly cured” by this treatment.

The committee — probably between coughs, sneezes and blasts into handkerchiefs — agreed to the experiment.
Municipal assets insured against political unrest

Municipal Reporter

MUNICIPAL assets at the Driftands Forest Reserve and in Fifth Avenue, Walmer, have been insured against political unrest after recent petrol-bomb attacks in Walmer.

Port Elizabeth’s City Treasurer, Mr Amadus Strydom, reported to the City Council’s Policy and Resources Committee yesterday that insurance on these assets had been obtained from May 26.

Mr Strydom was authorised by the committee to negotiate the council’s re-insurance contract, on the basis of the council bearing an excess of R5 million for each loss.

He reported that it was mandatory to place all political risk insurance cover with the SA Special Risk Insurance Association, which accepted risks up to a maximum value of R100 million. This figure refers to the accumulated loss in a single year and not to total asset value.

Grants amounting to R488 000 have been approved by the Policy and Resources Committee for various charitable organisations.

The Community Chest will receive R40 000 in the year ahead. Santa and the SA Library for the Blind will receive R500 each. Life Line Eastern Cape will get R600 and the Aurora Nursery School R1 000.

The City Council is to buy a third mainframe computer, at a cost of R1.4 million. The Policy and Resources Committee yesterday approved installation of the computer, which Mr Strydom reported would “provide adequate growth.”
Councillors lied about resignations

FOUR members of the Somerset East Town Council falsely told residents at a meeting that they had resigned from the council because they feared either being killed or injured, the Delmas treason trial heard yesterday.

Sergeant Mandla Mguba of the Somerset East police told the court that the four councillors continued to serve in the council, despite their announcement that they had quit the institution.

He was giving evidence at the trial of 22 men who are appearing before Mr Justice K van Dijkhorst on charges of high treason. They have pleaded not guilty.

The charges arose out of the unrest which broke out in the Vaal Triangle townships on September 1, 1984.

Sgt Mguba said during 1984 community organisations, including the Somerset East Residential Association, the Somerset East Youth Association and the banned Congress of South African Students, had called on all councillors to resign.

The four councillors earlier held a meeting with him and indicated they were willing to resign.

He said at a meeting called by the organisations, the councillors announced their resignation following declarations by speakers that they should do so.

After that meeting the four councillors still continued to serve in the council, but held their meetings outside the township because they feared to be either injured or killed by militants.

Sgt Mguba also told the court that between January and February 1985, a member of the United Democratic Front, the late Mr Matthew Gonwe, addressed meetings in Somerset East. Mr Gonwe encouraged residents to report their problems to officials of the organisations and not to the police, he said.

Proceeding
Uitenhage may open its Town Hall to all races

THE Uitenhage Town Council is considering opening the Town Hall for multiracial use.

This was confirmed today by the Town Clerk, Mr Robin Williams. He said he could not, however, give details of the relaxation of restrictions on the use of the 100-year-old hall without the council's permission.

It appears that the council is considering relaxing the "whites only" restriction on the use of the town hall to allow multiracial gatherings, but that multiracial events and political meetings will not be allowed.

Mr Williams confirmed that the council had for some years allowed Indian people to hold weddings in the hall.

When asked about new rules for the hall, the Mayor, Mr Joseph Kitching, said there had been no formal council decision on the matter but that a directive had been given to officials on the issue. He was not in a position to give details about the directive, he said.

Last month Youth for Christ, a non-racial ministry, was refused permission by a Uitenhage council committee to stage a multiracial gospel music evening in the Town Hall.
on beach issue
Further delays
SUSPENDED: THREE MONTHS OF FENCE-MENDING

By PIPPA GREEN

TALKS between black leaders and local authorities in the township of Zwelihamba, near Worcester in the Western Cape, ground to a halt last week with the imposition of the State of Emergency and the detention of black leaders.

For the past three months, a civic delegation elected at a mass meeting of the residents has negotiated with the local Western Cape Development Board about living conditions, with the local bus company about an inadequate transport system and with local retailers about the lack of employment opportunities for Africans.

For the past year, the buses and all white retailers in Worcester have been boycotted by the residents of Zwelihamba, while local authorities have, until recently, insisted that a community council be re-established.

Six out of the seven-person civic delegation that, until last week, was negotiating with the authorities, A Western Cape Development Board spokesman said he "unfortunately" could not say "what will happen now."

During the last State of Emergency the township was completely neglected. Di Bishop, civil rights activist and vice-president of the Black Sash, described Zwelihamba as the time as a "sham" with its inhabitants' daily needs unmet, including prominent community leaders who had held "peace talks" with the police in an attempt to defuse the escalating violence in the township.

Like hundreds of other black townships, the centre of political upheaval in Zwelihamba—which somewhat ironically translates as "land of hope"—has been the controversial community council system. But it is unusual in two respects:

• There has been an almost complete absence of what the media has termed "black-on-black violence", in spite of the resounding rejection of the community council. Only one resident has been killed by others and that was in a shebeen brawl after a political argument. Two community councillors had their homes and cars torched. One resigned and the other fled.

• The local black affairs authorities have effectively recognised the civic association as the representative body.

The negotiations began less than three months after Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Pete Badenhorst, pronounced that there would be no aid to Zwelihamba until the residents re-established the community council, which became defunct in August last year.

A year-long battle had resulted in simple but basic demands being met by the local council; City Tramways' shelters, timetable, a bus to the magistrate's court on pension pay-out day and better employment opportunities for Africans. And a "peace council," called principally to protest against the continued de facto enforcement of the colour preference policy of local companies, has resulted in one major store increasing its African employment by 50 percent—from three to 15.

These "voting houses," as they were described by a prominent community leader, have come into being despite the authorities' insistence that the community council must be re-established. It is an insistence that has continued and one board official expressed the hope that the civic delegation would form the nucleus of a new council.

But it is a major change from the previous attitude, expressed succinctly in the local weekly, the Worcester Standard, by Badenhorst:

"It is a pity," he said, "that organisations in
Homes, residents, tell of hard township life

There are few decent homes but the majority of the approximately 4,000 people live in small, one-room shacks. The story of the township was told to me by its inhabitants, some of whom are members of the residents' organisations, Mazimazikhana and Hanakhe.

Residents complained that the township has been in existence for a long time but there have been no developments to improve the quality of life.

One of the executive members of the youth club, Mr. Vuyisile Fumani, and there were no such opportunities and those who felt received little assistance from employers.

Houses were in a poor state and had been built by the residents themselves using whatever material they could get. The church building was in a poor state.

There were few taps. Residents said they paid R20.00 a month for their houses and yet voices in spite of having built them themselves.

Mr. Koch confirmed he received the pictures.

A Daily Dispatch reporter who toured the township found the streets in a bad state with garbage and refuse running across them. Officers were passive even though it was not raining. It was difficult to drive through the township and a number of detours had to be taken.

There was a smell of stagnant water and the streets were littered.

Most houses had mud walls with thatched roofs, many with broken and damaged windows.

The only reliable source of income for the majority of residents is an old age pension or government employment.

There were very few trees.

The township, unlike other black residential areas, has a high crime rate. There are too many to allow planting of vegetable crops.

The township is an urban area so residents are forbidden to keep livestock.

The residents said their former social worker had advised the community gardeners to be at home by seven o'clock each evening.

There was a dance in the township which operated on certain days for people who worked in town.

The Masiphumela Local Development Committee has opened a sewing workshop where people are taught how to make clothes for themselves. They can become self-employed elsewhere.

Some residents, especially young people, have left the area to seek employment in other towns.

Others have enrolled themselves to further their education.
EL makes contact on possible twins in US

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Contact between the municipality here and an undisclosed number of representatives of United States cities about possible "twinning" agreements has been initiated by the Bureau for Information.

This was disclosed last night by the outgoing regional head of the bureau, Mr Koos van Tonder, at a farewell cocktail party.

Mr van Tonder said in an interview that once the contacts had been made, it would be up to the municipality "to pursue the matter.

He said the idea would be to develop closer links between East London and the US cities.

The new regional head of the bureau, Mr Mike Muller, was introduced at the party.

Mr Muller, a minister in the Dutch Reformed Church for 24 years, takes up his new post at the beginning of next month, while Mr van Tonder moves to Nelspruit.

Mr van Tonder came to East London four years ago with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Information, and started the Bureau for Information office here when it was created by the department.

He said his new position involved "virtually creating a bureau office in Nelspruit from the bottom up."

Mr Muller said he was looking forward to his new job. He said that as a church minister he had written numerous articles for newspapers, and had a good working knowledge of the demands of the media.

"I believe that communication works two ways," he said. "The old idea of government information being where the government speaks and the public listens, is out. I intend to gather information from the public as well as impart it."

Boca National
New PE vote on beaches

By MARLENE BURGER

OPEN beaches by this time next week — that is the firm resolve of the man who led the Port Elizabeth City Council to take its stand for the abolition of beaches apartheid three months ago.

Former Mayor Mr Ivan Krige, who piloted the campaign, is determined to press for a second vote at a special meeting tomorrow when he is confident the majority will be even bigger than the 14:7 which adopted the open beaches proposal.

Furthermore he will insist the result be teleced to the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gonse Louw, urging him to influence his decision on the application to open beaches by next Tuesday.

Mr Louw will now have before him the result of last week's referendum taken in the city when 4,997 people voted for opening the beaches and 6,107 against.

Mr Krige is sure that tomorrow more councillors will back him than before.

"Since March, three new councillors have been elected and I'm almost certain that two of them, will add their voices to the 'yes' vote."

The final decision rests with the Administrator, but I can see no reason why he should not be able to give us an answer before next Tuesday."

He said he would oppose an alternative proposal by a group of National Party MPs, to open only Humewood Beach to all races.

"Maintaining the status quo would be preferable to opening only a little beach like Humewood.

Mr Krige said the target date of July 1 was "ideal" because summer open beaches would no longer be a novelty.

The survey of whites to establish whether the beach referendum accurately reflected voters' attitudes has been completed but the results will not be made public by the researchers, two University of Port Elizabeth sociologists.

Mr Deon Pretorius, lecturer in sociology, said the random survey of 350 whites had been completed and the results analysed.

The report would be handed to the City Council which would decide whether to make public the results.
Slabbert to consider post as facilitator

By CLARE HABER and PETER DENNEHY

The former leader of the Progressive Federal Party, Dr. Van Zyl Slabbert, is considering a position offered him by the City Council as an “independent agent” to promote the aim of a Cape Metropolitan Conference for non-racial democratic government.

Last night, Dr. Slabbert said he had not yet been formally approached by the council, but he “was in favor of exploring the idea of non-racial democratic local government and would like to help.”

Cape Town’s Town Clerk, Dr. Stanley Evans, stressed yesterday that Dr. Slabbert would not be an employee of the council if he accepted the appointment as facilitator.

The position became available after an urgent motion was passed in October last year expressing concern over escalating violence and deteriorating race relations, and urging that leaders from all sections of the community should meet at a “peace conference.”

At this conference, it is envisaged that a blueprint for non-racial democratic local government will be drawn up. Dr. Slabbert will not represent the views or policies of the council, but will act on his own initiative to persuade various groups to come together with the object of drawing up a manifesto for local government.

Manifesto

The manifesto will then be submitted to the government as the future basis for local government.

Dr. Evans said press reports that Dr. Slabbert’s role was to establish and advise the council on grievances and viewpoints emanating from “particular sections of the community” were incorrect.
30 of sacked George workers get jobs back

Staff Reporter

SETTLEMENT has been reached in a dispute between the George Municipality and 172 employees fired after what the municipality said was an illegal strike.

In terms of the settlement the municipality will pay the dismissed workers 4 weeks' wages and will reinstate 30 of the 172 who applied for reinstatement.

The municipality also undertook to give priority to the sacked employees over other persons when job vacancies arose.

Informing the Industrial Court in George that a settlement had been reached, counsel for the employees, Mr L Rose-Innes, said his clients were not happy with the settlement but had no alternative under the circumstances but to agree.

According to affidavits filed by the workers, all of whom live in Lawaan-kamp outside George, they returned home from work on April 3 to find that some of their houses had been demolished without warning.

'Secret'

The next day they asked the foreman, Mr M Lamprecht, why they had not been warned. He allegedly told them that this was the municipality's "secret."

Workers asked whether others could expect to return from work to find their homes demolished as well.

Mr Lamprecht told them, using obscene language, that if they did not want to work they should leave. The workers claim he then ordered them off the premises when they returned to collect their wages.

Mr Lamprecht told them they were no longer employed.

Mr Lamprecht denied these allegations, saying the men walked out after he explained that he had orders to demolish the houses of illegal squatters.

Mr D van Schalkwyk presided. Mr Rose-Innes was instructed by Mr Basheer Waglay of E Moosa and Associates. Mr J J Gauntlett, instructed by Staader and Swart, appeared for the municipality.
Final meeting of the WCDB

Municipal Reporter

THE Western Cape Development Board, which administers all black townships and settlements in this district, was abolished yesterday after airing its last self-criticisms and congratulations.

The chairman, Mr Franco Maritz, admitted that the board had not achieved much development, yet he felt the press had unfairly dubbed his colleagues "polecat".

"Some papers accused this board of bureaucracy and holding back certain information," he said "Yet I have never known such dedicated officials"

"If anyone should be given a medal for the development and understanding of black people, it should be our officials"

"They were always in the frontline, exposed to attack. Their lives were in danger. Sometimes they worked all night defusing conflict."

The deputy chairman, Mr Jacobus Carstens, said development boards had "started off on the wrong foot" 13 years ago when it was believed they could be financially self-sufficient.

Sometimes the board's "front climbers" had views of their own, and a backlog of amenities that the board should have provided built up, he said.

The acting chief director, Mr J J Olvier, said that when the emphasis within the board had finally changed to development (the name changed in April 1984), it had been hampered by a lack of funds and a duty to enforce the law.

"The board had to play a role of enforcement and control, which was irreconcilable with development," he said. "Most of these laws have since been repealed."

Mr Willem Bouwer, the outgoing provincial Member of the Executive Committee, said the speeches yesterday "placed the board in a different light", and he recognized that mistakes had been made.

The entire WCDB administration falls under the provincial administration from today, and in six months or more it will be parcelled out to various government departments.
Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A financially trained hand, backed by strong sporting muscle, takes a firm grip on the city's R100-million purse strings from Monday.

That's when Mr. Sayer Hickson starts in his key post as the municipality's director of finance and administration.

The former pilot, soldier, polo croquet player, honorary officer on the national parks boards and a man who holds a 3rd dan in karate succeeds Mr. Derek Fulkerson, who retired early due to ill health.

One of the top five jobs in the municipality under the new rationalisation, the departments in his directorate included the municipal market, finance, municipal administration, properties and legal services.

Born in Dundee, Mr. Hickson, 40, spent the past eight years as a group financial general manager for a large group of companies there.

Educated at Hilton College, in Natal, he studied for an accounting degree at the University of Southamton in the United Kingdom where he served as a pilot in the Royal Air Force during his university years to help cover schooling costs.

After obtaining his degree, he held various jobs in the private sector, mainly in accounting and financial positions.

In 1970 Mr. Hickson went to Zimbabwe and worked as a financial manager for a large public company in Harare while he served in the Rhodesian Armed Forces.

He returned to South Africa four years later to enter the banking world in Durban and Pietermaritzburg before going on to the private sector where he spent the past eight years.

Mr. Hickson, who was chosen from 12 candidates, said he viewed the change as a challenge and looked forward to the new position.

He is an honorary officer of the Natal Parks Board and has participated in anti-poaching campaigns, game capture and conservation.

He was also an honorary officer of the Rhodesian National Parks Board.

A father of three daughters, Mr. Hickson married an Eastern Cape girl, Viola Butcher of Grahamstown, and is familiar with a good portion of the Eastern Cape.

In 1970 he earned Springbok colours in karate and holds a 3rd dan.

At various times he has represented Rhodesia, Natal and South Africa in competitions. He also earned Natal colours for polo croquet.

His daughter, Sharon, 20, holds a 1st dan in karate. She has competed in international games held in the United Kingdom as well as the South Africa games.

The director of management and personnel, Mr. Leon Deetlefs, said Mr. Hickson possessed the right background and had impressed them as a person able to handle the job.
Komga township must have strong leaders - official

There were few taps, inadequate school facilities, poor church halls, badly constructed streets and filth all over the township.

The community council which had been elected by the people to administer its affairs, was inactive. Letters written to the chief director of East Cape Development Board (ECDB), Mr Louis Koch, highlighting their plight, had not been answered, the residents said.

They said a social worker, Mr Stanley Mlutandim, who had helped improve the welfare of the community by organizing community gardening, sewing, creche's and youth clubs which benefited the community, had been transferred to the ECDB office in Port Elizabeth without the residents having been consulted. He had not been replaced, they claimed.

Mr Koch would not comment yesterday.

Mr Reynolds said the residents had a chance of electing a new leadership for the area since elections were due in a few weeks' time. The area had been upgraded to have a municipal status type of local authority, he added.

A new township for the residents was being built and about 50 site-and-service houses had been completed. Of the houses built by finance raised by residents through loans, about 40 had been completed and another 40 were still in the process of completion, Mr Reynolds said.

Mr Reynolds could not say where the new township being constructed was situated.

He said the majority of the people in the area were pensioners who could not afford high rentals and the department was helping them to afford houses according to their means.
'Big-stick' law threat to rebel councils

By JOHN YELD
Municipal Reporter

TOWN and city councils reluctant to support the racially-based management committee system will be whipped into line by new big-stick legislation empowering the Administrator to sack their members and withhold their pay.

This is made clear in a letter to a Peninsula Ratepayers' Association from former MEC in charge of local government, Mr Willem Bouwer.

An amendment to the Municipal Ordinance, passed by the Provincial Council at its last session, gives the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, wide powers to discipline local authorities and observers believe one of the main targets is the Cape Town City Council.

Before the amendment was introduced Mr Louw singled the council out as "one of very few town and city councils" which had "not at all times" treated management committees satisfactorily.

The council, however, maintains it has always exceeded its legal responsibilities towards management committees.

The ratepayers' association complained that the new powers could be "a dangerous tool" and Mr Bouwer, MEC until the Provincial Council was scrapped in June, said the principle involved was not new because similar provisions existed in the Transvaal and for school committees.

Mr Bouwer said he was of the opinion the powers were justified following investigations into complaints by officials and ratepayers.

"Apathetic"

"As a matter of fact, I can give examples where a council would have liked to have a member unseated because his actions were causing embarrassment to the particular council and the community he served," he said.

However, Mr Bouwer made it clear that the new powers were considered "essential" to allow the Administrator to enforce councils to comply with regulations affecting the management committee system.

Without naming councils, Mr Bouwer said some had been "apathetic" in establishing the management committees and others had "refused to implement" the new "regulations for the improvement of communication" between local authorities and coloured and Indian management committees.

"Having regard to all the problems which have been experienced in the past, it is manifestly evident that the lack of an effective mechanism of bringing councils or a councillor to account has in no small measure been responsible for the Administrator's inability to deal with these problems in a decisive manner," Mr Bouwer said.

"While some see the amendment as rather drastic, I am sure that those who have the interests of orderly local government at heart will support me in the attempt to induce certain local authorities to administer their affairs in the best interests of all the peoples whom they serve."
Party is in a dilemma over those committees

The largely Labour Party-controlled management committees find themselves firmly on the horns of a dilemma and the dissolution of the Provincial Council has probably aggravated matters.

In terms of a section taken at its 1989 annual congress — which was ratified at last year's congress — the Association of Management Committees has committed itself to withdrawing from the management committee system unless it has achieved direct representation on town and city councils by September.

In addition, the Labour Party has rejected municipalisation based on separate ethnic divisions. The Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agricultural Co-operation, Mr. David Cass, has made this clear.

"We certainly will not establish a coloured city council for Cape Town," he stated in a letter to a newspaper last year.

But in the meantime the AHD and District Management Committees has been pressuring the government through the old provincial administration to grant it full decision-making powers over a wide range of local government functions.

These include such significant areas as the appointment and dismissal of staff, the allocation of houses and provision of tenders, the approval and planning of new housing schemes and town planning schemes amendments.

There will be temporary powers, the committee argues.

Sympathetic to demands

But the government has given every indication of being sympathetic to its demands and there is a strong possibility of some of the powers being agreed to and of similar contracts being given to other management committees.

However, the dissolution of the provincial council has led to major upheavals in some government departments and it seems highly unlikely that the handover of these powers can be accomplished in the next two months.

So, come the self-imposed September deadline, the management committees will almost certainly find themselves not only without direct representation on city and town councils, but also without full decision-making powers over many aspects of local government.

Will the promise of these limited powers, with possibly more to come in the form of already rejected ethnically-based municipalisation, be sufficient to persuade the Labour Party to stay with the system, particularly with its credibility already dented by events during the last parliamentary session?

The September congress of the association promises to be very interesting.

People say

- "Saan Point councillor Mr. Chris Joubert may come to regret his "I hope the higher authorities will take note of this" remark during last month's council debate on whether to remove beach fences. True deviation of power carries its own responsibility — on it is just another convenient catchphrase."

- "With the demise of the Provincial Council, the chances of local government elections in the Cape becoming overtly political are much more likely. The coming by-election in Ward 19 (Woodstock to Milnerton) caused by the resignation of Mr. Jeremy Taylor may be a pointer to a trend.
Women’s group raps municipal red tape

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — The municipality has been severely criticised over alleged red tape facing by would-be entrepreneurs wanting to establish small businesses and for failure of its officials to answer questions on the subject.

The criticism was levelled by the East London region of the Women’s Bureau of South Africa following a seminar here last month entitled, Women as Entrepreneurs.

A letter from the secretary, Mrs R Seymour, to the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, said the maze of red tape was “mind-boggling” and the inability of officials to answer questions “left us with a very poor impression”.

Mrs Seymour wrote, “The purpose of the seminar was to inform the women of East London how to go about establishing their own business in order to create job opportunities — as requested by the State President — and how to do this legally.

“Regrettably the inability of all six officials, including your personal representative, to answer any questions on licensing, the fact that six weeks elapsed before receiving a reply to our letter and that Mr V T Dorens (the town clerk’s department), who is not fully briefed, is the only liaison person available for contact between the private sector and the municipality, have left us with a very poor impression.”

“The maze of red tape revealed by your officials — with a straight face at that — which has to be followed in order to establish a small business in East London is mind-boggling.

“We assure you that the laughter from the 180 people present which greeted examples given of impossible conditions laid down by the municipality was directed at the system and not at any municipal official personally.”

Mrs Seymour criticised the fact that there was no official from the licensing department to answer questions, and quoted from earlier reports on the government’s acceptance of deregulation.

She quoted a motion at the seminar that everything possible be done to assist would-be entrepreneurs to hasten the municipal process of handling applications to cut out the unnecessary red tape.

She asked that they be informed what report-back was given by the municipal officials who attended the seminar and what efforts were being made by the municipality to move in the direction recommended by the government.

Mrs Seymour said they had to deliver a report to the bureau’s national conference and would appreciate a reply before August 8.

A spokesman for the town clerk’s department said yesterday the letter had not yet been received.
New mix

Colour the picture on new property development in the Cape black, or maybe grey if the National Party’s federal congress next month signals an end to the Group Areas Act.

Big projects announced, mooted and given a boost in the past week were respectively: a R12m beach resort near Khayelitsha, a possible new suburban or CBD development at Atlantis, and tenders for the R2 billion Blue Downs satellite city on the Cape Flats.

The beach amenity, called Monwabisi (place of comfort) at Swartkoppies just south of Khayelitsha, includes the largest tidal pool in the southern hemisphere, according to the provincial administration’s chief city and regional planner, Brian Louw. Completion of the pool and ancillary facilities is scheduled before year end. Three pavilions, extensive promenades, and an open-air amphitheatre are included in the initial stages which will be followed by kiosks, water slides and other attractions intended for development by the private sector.

Baden Powell Drive behind the complex is being diverted further inland at a cost of R1.8m, its present course will become an internal road.

Atlantis project director Pat Burger maintains the coloured city has shrugged off its ghost town image to the extent that a decision is imminent on major new development. This would take the form of either a seaside residential area and adjoining industrial area, or buildings in the city centre.

Burger says government offices, educational institutions and a theatre and more retail space is envisaged for the CBD. He declines to comment on the possibility of the area being thrown open to all races, but speculation about this is rife.

Negotiations are proceeding with several foreign companies to participate in joint projects at Atlantis. Burger says one deal is “far advanced.”

The first plots in government’s Blue Downs project are expected to be ready for building early next year. State spending on infrastructure for this “city” (it’s expected to beat Mitchells Plain in size) is budgeted at R140m, R13m of it this financial year. Tenders due to be awarded include R4.8m for the main thoroughfare, two of R80 000 for a sewer and relocation of an Escom power line, R2.5m for a sewage pipe, and R18m for road reconstruction.

Average plot size at the Downs will be 350 m² costing in at about R12 000 to R14 000, but developers will tender for a package which could see an effective subsidy on cost price. The idea is that mass home builders will only buy development rights rather than take transfer for resale to residents.

The Director of Local Government, Herman Kloppers, makes it clear that actual selling prices will depend on what the market can bear. Emphasis is to be placed on recovering capital costs of utilities including electricity, water, and sewage, from tariffs.

Some 40 000 new housing units are scheduled to go up in the next few years, much of it owner-builder and self-help. A welcome shot in the arm for material suppliers that should also provide plenty of scope for grass roots O & M consultants.
**City silent on reply to red tape criticism**

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The town clerk's department yesterday refused to divulge the contents of a letter sent to the East London region of the Women's Bureau of South Africa following the bureau's criticism of the municipality.

The bureau criticised the municipality after a seminar on Women as Entrepreneurs, and alleged that would-be entrepreneurs faced a "maze of red tape" when wanting to start a business.

The bureau regarded the red tape as "mud boggling".

The bureau criticised the alleged inability of municipality officials to answer questions about setting up a business.

The town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, was in Graaff-Reinet yesterday and a spokesman for his department said it had not been seen fit to release the reply to the press.

The secretary of the East London region of the bureau, Mrs R Seymour, said she had not received the reply yet but would release it when received.

"We have, however, received a reply from the mayor, Mr Joe Yezbek, who said the matter would be investigated."... The bureau had sent copies of their original letter to the mayor and senior councillors as well as to the Daily Dispatch.
PE council outdated — Young

By MARLENE BURGER, Municipal Reporter

UNTIL Port Elizabeth moves away from the “old-fashioned” system currently applied by its City Council, the fifth largest city in South Africa will continue to be run in an “amateurish” fashion.

This is the view of Mr Graham Young, who has served on the council for 20 years and who believes it is time for the city to “stop lagging behind” local authorities in other major centres and introduce a management committee.

“With a current budget of R323-million, the City Council is running the biggest enterprise in this area, yet we choose to do so on a part-time basis,” Mr Young said.

“How can councillors who spend no more than two hours a month at a committee meeting and an average of 90 minutes a month at a council meeting, be in charge of the city?” Mr Young considers the present multi-committee system employed by the council “clumsy and time-consuming.”

“Everything has to go through the sausage machine. Recommendations are shunted from one committee to another before finally reaching the council for a decision, and even then there can be delays. What we need is a system that brings us in line with the professional approach to city government adopted by councils in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Pretoria,” he said.

Although Mr Young will continue to press for the introduction of a management committee, he has little hope that his fellow councillors will agree to the system.

“They feel that under the multi-committee system they all have a say in the running of the city. I believe that is an illusion. The usual objection to a management committee is that it turns the council into a ‘rubber-stamp’, but that’s exactly what we have now.”

“Agendas are drawn up by municipal officials and they make the recommendations that are presented to the various committees. Councilors don’t get in on the discussions leading up to a recommendation, so how can they be anything but rubber-stamps?”

Mr Young believes the multi-committee system has worked well for the most part in the past, but that the increasingly complex nature of the council’s role makes change essential.

“We are overdue for a system that will expedite decision-making and our reluctance to modernise could lead to diminished efficiency.”

“In the next year, the Port Elizabeth City Council is going to have to deal with a host of new authorities like the Regional Service Councils and we cannot function effectively under the new dispensation unless we have an efficient decision-making process.”

The chairman of the council’s Land Usage Committee, Mr Charles Garas, is one of the councillors opposed to a management committee.

“It would be premature to change the present system at this time, since the whole structure of local government could be changed in 1998,” he said.

“The multi-committee system is, by no means, perfect, but I believe delays in decision-making are not so much the fault of the system as the result of procedures which have to be followed before a recommendation can be made.

“The same procedures would apply if the city were being run by a management committee and I would rather see our present system refined and streamlined,” he said.

The Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, said in a report to the Policy and Resources Committee last week that the economic and social system in Port Elizabeth demanded that the town set up a system ensuring that consistent and rationally defensible decisions could be taken without undue delay.

“Mr Botha suggested that a management committee system could fulfill this requirement...”
EAST LONDON — Top level investigations are under way on deregulation and devolution of powers to local authorities.

This was confirmed by the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, in a letter to the East London branch of the Women's Bureau of South Africa following criticism of municipal officials.

The branch had criticised municipal officials after a seminar held here on women as entrepreneurs.

The council said the officials were unable to answer questions on licensing and that the officials had left a "very poor impression." The "maze of red tape" to be followed to establish a small business in East London was called "mind boggling."

In his letter, Mr Kumm said he agreed with the criticism about red tape and that it created "a daunting and frustrating image to some people."

"In this connection, I can inform you that a committee has been appointed by the United Municipal Executive to study all legislation with a view to making recommendations to the Minister of Housing," he said.

Senior officials to be released for the purpose of answering questions at seminars. Mr Kumm said special effort was made for the bureau's seminar.

"I regret that an official from the licensing department was not at your seminar but you were informed he was ill," Mr Kumm wrote.

"Unfortunately there was no other suitable replacement. You will appreciate that the municipal service is an enormous and complex undertaking and therefore it is not possible for any one employee to be au fait with or even have a fair knowledge of the provisions of all municipal by-laws and provincial ordinances. The inability of the officials to respond adequately to questions relating to the licensing ordinance is understandable."

Mr Kumm said he did not understand the observation that his representative, Mr Viv Daniels, was "not fully briefed."

"Mr Daniels, who is an administrative assistant, attended your seminar at my request in case questions were raised relating to general municipal administrative procedures. I believe he apologised for the absence of the licensing official and projected a very helpful image."

"I have made further inquiries from persons who attended your seminar, and these reveal that the 'very poor impression' claimed in your letter did not apply to the municipal officials but rather to the efforts of certain officials representing the Receiver of Revenue Office and the Department of Labour," Mr Kumm wrote.

The chairman of the bureau here, Mrs Mary Carter, said a reply was being sent to Mr Kumm.
After Parents Split

A Caesarean section
was performed on
the 21-year-old
woman delivered by
a baby of brain-dead
year-old disabled

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MCI chief suggests plan for E Cape

Business Editor

A WIDE-RANGING plan for the "regional reconstruction" of the Eastern Cape was proposed last night by Mr Bill Oddy, president of the Midland Chamber of Industries (MCI).

Calling the plan an "agenda for the future", Mr Oddy told the mid-year meeting of the organisation that this should comprise three elements:

- A new form of local government, which would play a role in overcoming violence and instability.
- A joint action plan, which would create more jobs through expanding the existing industrial base by diversifying into new markets.
- The creation of a new housing and town planning agency, which would be responsible for the creation of a totally new city adjoining Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage.

Mr Oddy said the MCI had implemented a dialogue with black leaders to discuss a new form of local government, but this had been hindered by the state of emergency.

He hoped the emergency would soon be lifted so that the proposals could be debated within the black community and further consultations held and a joint recommendation put forward on a new structure.

On the joint action plan, he said the MCI was already liaising closely with the City Engineer's Department on opportunities presented by the Mossel Bay offshore gas find.

The MCI was also prepared to play a "catalyst role" to bring about the creation of the new housing and town planning agency — comprising elected members of the black community of PE and Uitenhage and the existing planning authorities — to develop a "new city".

Mr Oddy appealed to the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) to seek the "path of co-operation and dialogue" to halt work stayaways, which could "destroy PE-Uitenhage" as an industrial base.

"This plea should not be interpreted as a threat, but rather as an invitation to talk and build a PE-Uitenhage that will be able to provide jobs for the people of this area," he said. That surely should be our common goal.

He said stayaways without prior consultation were "unacceptable to industry."
Council proposals on job creation

Labour Reporter

CAPE TOWN needs to provide 133 new jobs each working day just to keep unemployment at its present level, according to a report from the City Council on low-cost job creation.

And unless the regional economy is restructured to make it more labour-intensive, the cost of creating these jobs could be as high as R2.5 billion a year.

The report, prepared in response to the President's Council's request for submissions on employment creation, calls for a broadly-based strategy, involving the State, local government and the business sector, to combat growing unemployment and create work as cheaply as possible.

Among the recommendations are:

- That the government provide tax incentives for labour-intensive industries, for companies employing school-leavers and for companies offering apprenticeships and training to employees.
- That "economically restrictive" laws like the Group Areas Act and the Aliens Act be reviewed.
- That stringent controls and high standards imposed on small businesses be eased.
- That the government commit itself to a non-racial education policy which would encourage the development of marketable business and technical skills.
- That local and central government spend money on labour-intensive public works, and award contracts on the basis of the number of jobs they would provide rather than tender price alone.

The report says the creation of more jobs at a reasonable cost requires a "radical philosophic shift by both the private and public sectors so as to accord priority to the employment of more people and less capital in the form of fewer machines and less expensive buildings."

The aim should be to reduce the cost of creating each job to the average annual salary of an industrial worker — let’s be less than R10 000 a year.

The report warns that unskilled and labour organisations should be involved from the outset in formulating a job-creation strategy and any scheme which would undercut the pay and working conditions negotiated by unions for their members should be avoided.
Compensation main concern in Heideveld

Staff Reporter

Life is returning to normal — slowly — in Heideveld, the township on the Cape Flats which was hit by two floods in a month.

Sheets of rain were falling in the area yesterday — a week after the City Council's water main burst for the second time.

The township looked bleak and miserable. Maybe the rain had something to do with it, or the puddles, or the spring bowers trying to keep their heads above water.

Residents complained that their homes were still damp and bitterly cold at night. Many feared a third flood.

"No one expected a second flood, but what happened? Who says there won't be another one?" a resident asked.

Several said their electrical appliances — damaged in the first flood — had not been repaired.

They were not certain whether the council would compensate them.

Husband borrowed R1,000

"The council must repair our stoves and fridges. But will they? It is inconvenient running a house under these conditions," another resident said.

Mrs. June King, a cardiology outpatient at Groote Schuur Hospital, was a victim of both floods.

Her mattresses were destroyed and her fridge and stove were damaged. Her husband Petrus had to borrow R1,000 from his employer.

"We didn't have the money to replace or repair these items and we did not know if the council would compensate us. Our only way out was for Petrus to get a loan," Mrs. King said.

Mr. Ismail Khan of Winterberg Road sleeps on a makeshift bed. His family's mattresses were damaged in the first flood and destroyed in the second.

"It's uncomfortable sleeping on the floor, but I have no choice," he said.

Mayor's Relief Fund

The residents of Heideveld, in spite of voicing their dissatisfaction with the Mayor's Relief Fund, have decided to accept offers of financial help from the fund.

The Mayor, Mr. Leon Markowitz, started the fund with R50,000. Contributions have trickled in and it now stands at R69,781.88.

Residents want Mr. Markowitz to increase the fund to R100,000 because "that is the amount the City Council wants to spend on improving Newlands for night cricket," according to Pastor Peter Roman, chairman of the Heideveld-Manenberg Crisis Committee.

He said legal-aid students of the University of the Western Cape would begin a survey on Monday to assess damage to property.
Bureau concerned about restrictive municipal by-laws

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The local branch of the Women's Bureau of South Africa has criticised the length of time it takes the municipality to process applications to open a business.

The criticism came from the area chairman, Mrs Mary Carter, after she had received a letter from the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, inviting comment on by-laws which the organisation felt should be amended.

The letter stems from earlier criticism from the bureau after a seminar held to help women open businesses. The bureau accused the municipality of failing to answer questions about deregulation to help women open small businesses in the city.

Mrs. Carter said yesterday that it took too long for applications to be processed by the various municipal departments.

"Six weeks may seem reasonable to municipal department heads, each of whom is assured a salary at the end of the month, but it can be a very long time if you are out of work with a family to feed," Mrs. Carter said.

She urged the public to air their views on the "inhibiting by-laws" which she said should be amended or deleted.

"It might be an oppor-
Municipal pay talks deadlocked

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A deadlock in pay negotiations with the municipality is to be taken to the Conciliation Board.

This was confirmed yesterday by the secretary of the East London Municipal Workers Union, Mr Gert van der Walt, who said a request had been submitted to the Minister of Manpower, Mr Pieter du Plessis.

"We've asked the minister to freeze all increases until the matter can be sorted out," Mr Van der Walt said.

The municipal director of personnel and management services, Mr Leon Deetlefs, said they had not heard about the move but confirmed that the city council's line adjustment offer to 1,000 unskilled workers had been rejected by the union.

The council had offered a phased-in 15 per cent increase ten per cent would come into effect from July and the other five per cent from January next year.

Mr Van der Walt said the union had rejected the offer and had asked for a 20 per cent increase from July and another 20 per cent from January.

Mr Deetlefs said the council could not see its way clear to meeting the union's demand and offered an alternative.

He said the union's demand would have pushed up the municipality's total wage bill by R1.636 million a year.

The cost to the council a year with a 15 per cent phased-in hike will be R705,187.

Mr Van der Walt said, "We have been negotiating for a long time and our appeals seem to have fallen on deaf ears. We had no alternative but to seek action as the lower paid workers are suffering."

Colonel shot by ETA guerillas

VITORIA (Spain) — Four gunmen shot dead Spanish army colonel
Now Citrusdal won't stand for 'nuisances'

Municipal Reporter

CITRUSDAL municipality has passed a by-law "for the prevention and suppression of nuisances" as stringent in its provisions as the one passed last month in Cansbarr.

'The pages of Friday's Provincial Gazette were taken up by an exposition, in English and Afrikaans, of almost everything one may and may not do in Citrusdal.

Many of the clauses are exactly the same as Cansbarr's by-law provisions "Unseemly noises or behaviour" are prohibited, and plots may not be "dirty, neglected or infested with insects harmful to health." Citrusdal by-laws also require that "no person shall fail to maintain any building's roof-water disposal system, pipes, sewers, drains, water fittings, waste-water fittings, water-closet fittings and all other appurtenances attached to any building or structure.

Only the owner shall be deemed guilty of contraventions arising from "a defect of a structural character", the regulations say.
George

warning

to black
residents

By RIAAN SMIT

BLACK residents in two
coloured townships near
George have been
"warned" by the munici-
pality to move to a site-
and-service township a
few kilometres outside
the town before the end
of December or find
other housing.

A source yesterday
said blacks living in Ur-
banville and Borehards
received the written
warning signed by the
George Protection Ser-
vice's director, Mr C J
Gerber.

The source said yest-
day she had lived in
Urbanville for 35 years.
The site-and-service
township, Sandkraal,
was being developed "as
no black town existed in
the vicinity of George",
the Deputy Minister of
Constitutional Develop-
ment and Planning,
Mr Piet Badenhorst, said
in Parliament in April.

'Removed'

About 5 000 residents
of the Lawanikamp shan-
tytown outside George
had been "forcefully re-
moved" to Sandkraal by
the George Municipality
in June, it was claimed
at the time by a member
of the PFP Unrest Mon-
toring Group, Mr Jan van
Eck.

Mr Van Eck's allega-
tion was denied by the
George Town Clerk, Mr
Carel du Plessis, who
said 180 families had
moved voluntarily —
after dismantling their
shacks — to sites at
Sandkraal.

Mr Gerber confirmed
yesterday that warnings
had been sent to black
residents in the two
townships.

'Reconsider'

"I cannot tell if the
residents will heed
the warnings. If they don't,
the town council will
have to reconsider its
position on the matter,"
he said.

"About 500 families"
from Lawanikamp had
moved to Sandkraal, he
said.

The president of the
George Civic Associa-
tion, Mr Kenneth Siboto,
could not be reached for
comment yesterday.
Public should hear debate on councillors' allowances

By JOHN YELD

PUBLIC representatives tend to be highly sensitive about their salaries and/or allowances and Cape Town City Councillors are no exception.

Many of them claim — with no small measure of justification — that voters have little idea of how much time and expense is involved in holding public office and that they are entitled to a fair reward for their efforts.

Advocates of this school of thought argue further that decent allowances are necessary to attract professional people and those who would like to serve but who don't have the private means to allow them to do so.

A counter to this argument is that public office is one way an individual can give something back to society and that personal sacrifices, including financial ones, are part of the job.

Stimulating

The recent debate on whether councillors should accept the higher allowances approved by Provincial authorities was stimulating.

This openness is central to the working of a democratic system which the council prides itself on upholding — given of course the racial confines prescribed by Government policy.

So why the council found it necessary to debate the question of increasing the personal allowances of the mayor, deputy mayor and executive committee members behind closed doors is inexplicable.

Council officials say office bearers are sometimes embarrassed by the disclosure of these allowances, even though Cape Town's are significantly less than those of Johannesburg, Durban and Pretoria.

They also say the public doesn't appreciate that the seemingly generous allowances don't come close to covering the numerous out-of-pocket expenses which these senior councillors are subject to.

This may well be, but why should these points not be made by councillors in open debate? One comes back to the point that the public is entitled to know the attitude of their representatives to issues.

The allowance goes with the office and has nothing to do with the personality of the incumbent. It is approved by council after being set by the Provincial authorities.

So why the embarrassment?

And just in case any aspiring mayors or Exco members are seduced by the following figures, have a close look at how much work is involved before making a bid for office.

New allowances

Mayor — R24 960 (up from R18 456),

Deputy Mayor — R12 480 (R9 228),

Exco chairman — R18 600 (R14 688),

Exco deputy chairman — R16 740 (R13 452), and

Exco members — R14 880 (R12 816)
Kemp is elected new mayor

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The former MPC for East London City, Mrs Elsbeth Kemp, was elected the city’s new mayor in a closed city council meeting this week.

Mr Robert de Lange (unr) was elected deputy mayor.

Mrs Kemp, who will be inducted as mayor on September 3, succeeds Mr Joe Yazbek, who has served two consecutive terms.

The induction will take place at an open meeting in the City Hall and will be witnessed by several invited guests as well as the public.

Mrs Kemp, who wore the mayoral chain in 1977 and 1978, said that after the previous two terms she never thought she would accept the appointment again.

"However, it's all very exciting and I'm raring to go.

"There are several exciting things planned for the next year. A consortium is looking into the upgrading of the city centre, new areas are to be earmarked for industrial development, the Berlin industrial area will be made more viable and regional services councils are to be installed."

Mrs Kemp, who is also a businesswoman and housewife, said the less important things would have to take a side-seat in the next year.

Mr De Lange (unr), who succeeds Mr Ivan Zulman, follows in the footsteps of his father, senior councillor Mr Robbie de Lange.

Mr De Lange (unr) said yesterday he was "very excited" at his election.
Mayoral guest list for Tutu party defended

By JOHN YELO
Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council has unanimously condemned a Cape Town Afrikaans newspaper for suggesting that the Government had been insulted ("afjak") by not being invited to a mayoral reception for distinguished foreign guests visiting the city for Bishop Desmond Tutu’s enthronement as Archbishop.

During a sometimes heated debate at yesterday’s meeting the council also reaffirmed the Mayor’s prerogative to arrange private functions at his own discretion.

A special motion to this effect was proposed by Dr John Sonnenberg, who had earlier been ruled out of order after an objection by Mr Tony Powell.

Dr Sonnenberg, who said he did not agree with Bishop Tutu’s “vision”, described the newspaper article as “mischief-making” and an attempt to embarrass the Mayor and councillors.

“I believe the Government has lost no opportunity to use its own electronic media to present him (Bishop Tutu) as an ogre, a turbulent priest and a non-patriotic South African,” he said.

“He is an international figure of great renown, a citizen of the world, and I would have thought he should be honoured as an illustrious son of this country.”

Mr Frank van der Veide said he believed the article was “scurrilous, to say the least”.

**Not an apologist**

“This is a continuation of organised propaganda to besmirch the name of the Archbishop-elect of Cape Town and by association it is the Burger’s attempt to besmirch the name of the Mayor and council,” he said.

The Mayor, Mr Leon Markovitz, said it was important to choose guests in such a way that there was no “possibility of friction.” His decision not to invite members of the Government was that people should not feel “uncomfortable.”

“There will be a broad section of the community but certainly it is not a political day at all,” he said.

Mr Kees van Zyl said he was sorry there was a debate and that the Mayor had called a Press conference. He was not acting as an apologist for the Burger but apart from the headline and part of one paragraph the article appeared accurate.

“We can’t debate away the fact that a lot of Bishop Tutu’s guests are outspoken enemies of South Africa,” he said.

“Enemies of the Government, not of South Africa,” interjected Mr van der Veide.

Someone who supports sanctions and disinvestment is not a friend of South Africa or the Government,” Mr van Zyl insisted.

In response to a question, Mr Markovitz said that because Parliament was sitting he had thought it correct to invite the State President and all Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers to the mayoral installation ceremony next week.

The requested date for replies had passed and only one Deputy Minister had accepted his invitation.
A none-too-vital poll (but what fun!)

THE Progressive Federal Party seems likely to have comfortable victories in the by-elections next week, on the Clarence and Pundulans seats, which were dramatically vacated by Dr. Fredrick van Wyk Steyn and Dr. Albert Borein in February.

In the by-election, the party contested the seats as the main opposition. The PFP has kept up a solid public lead in both seats, according to opinion polls.

The seats are held by the National Party in the Clarence area and by the Nationalist Party in the Pundulans area.

The PFP is expected to win both seats, continuing its trend of increasing its vote share in recent elections.

By Barry Steenkamp, Cape Town.

The party's leadership has high hopes for the by-elections, which are seen as a test of its ability to attract voters away from the ruling parties.

In the Clarence area, the PFP is running on a platform that focuses on economic development and social justice.

In the Pundulans area, the party is campaigning on a platform that emphasizes environmental protection and community development.

The by-elections will be closely watched as a preview of the upcoming general election in 2023.

Jonas calls on Reagan

UNITA held another political meeting at the Jambo headquarters in the Angolan capital, Luanda.

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Smuggled notes at Watson trial

ARCHIE MCKEE, detained as a police suspect in the recent fraud case against the rugby playing Watson brothers, reported on Wednesday that Donald, Malan, had allegedly been and was smuggled out of jail to ask him about his employers.

The notes came to light during an application in Port Elizabeth Supreme Court on Wednesday by his wife, Aletta Mckee, for an order restraining the police from obtaining the information about her husband.

The application was accompanied by a signed statement by Mr. Mckee in which he alleged that the police had given him two days to hand over a letter to his wife. He alleged that the police had not given him a chance to inform his lawyer about the letter.

The police, however, denied that any letters had been given to Mr. Mckee.

The case has been adjourned to next week.

By Sipho Mkhawana, Port Elizabeth.

Police reply

THE South African Police have been asked to respond to the Weekly Mail in which a 12-year-old girl was allegedly raped by a teacher.

The police confirmed that they had received electric shock from a police officer at the scene of the alleged incident.

The police officer had been accused of using excessive force during the investigation.

Police said they were investigating the matter and would take appropriate action.

The case is being handled by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in the Western Cape Province.

In a separate case, the police said they were investigating abery of the Pretoria Magistrate's Court.

According to the police, a 12-year-old boy was allegedly raped by a 23-year-old man in the Pretoria suburb of Sunward Park.

The alleged victim said she was asleep when the man entered her bedroom and attacked her.

The man was arrested and charged with rape and assault.

The case is being handled by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in the Gauteng Province.

The police urged anyone with information about the cases to contact their nearest police station.
Yesterday, this was his home

THE estimated 60,000 Western Cape squatters whose shacks were razed in clashes with vigilantes earlier this year, are being housed from relief centres where they have been seeking refuge and prevented from erecting new settlements.

And the authorities seem determined to ensure the homeless squatters will be allowed to settle only in Khayelitsha, which was built 30km outside Cape Town to house the African population of the Western Cape.

Most of the squatters, for whose permits were to be revalidated, will not to move to Khayelitsha.

Last week the shacks of about 400 squatters, who tried to rebuild their homes at Brown's Farm in Philippi, only kilometres from the site where the houses had been burned down, were destroyed by officials of the Divisional Council, accompanied by the police.

The people at Brown's Farm have been told this is the only way to ensure the safety of the community. The squatters are said to be using false documents to get their permits and move to Khayelitsha, said Laureen Flatzky of the Baptist People's Project.

A report released by the Progressive Farmer's Party's secretariat, indicating that several refugee centres, run by churches and welfare agencies like Shweci and the Red Cross, are being systematically harassed by the Government, has been released.

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A number of relief agencies operating in the white suburbs have also experienced a degree of harassment. At the end of last month they were charged in terms of the Black Urban Areas Consolidation Act for housing blacks in "white group areas."

The summarises were eventually withdrawn, but not before numbers of people had left of their own accord. "In the main, harassment at relief centres in white areas pointed to the state attempting to get rid of the displaced people subjected to continual harassment through arbitrary arrests, various forms of violence and eviction from schools," Flatzky said.

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And the authorities seem determined to ensure the homeless squatters will be allowed to settle only in Khayelitsha, which was built 30km outside Cape Town to house the African population of the Western Cape.

Most of the squatters, for whose permits were to be revalidated, will not move to Khayelitsha.

Last week the shacks of about 400 squatters, who tried to rebuild their homes at Brown's Farm in Philippi, only kilometres from the site where the houses had been burned down, were destroyed by officials of the Divisional Council, accompanied by the police.

The people at Brown's Farm have been told they will be attacked by the vigilantes if they move to Khayelitsha. The squatters are said to be using false documents to get their permits and move to Khayelitsha, said Laureen Flatzky of the Baptist People's Project.

A report released by the Progressive Farmer's Party's secretariat, indicating that several refugee centres, run by churches and welfare agencies like Shweci and the Red Cross, are being systematically harassed by the Government, has been released.

The report alleges that at the Methodist Church in Nyanga East, large numbers of squatters have left to find alternative accommodation because of "constant police harassment." The report claims that 33 refugees were arrested during a police raid on July 24 after being identified by an unknown woman wearing a false dress.

The Women's Centre in Nyanga East has been continually harassed and harassed by Security Forces" and several youths have been arrested during regular police raids, the report states. According to several sworn statements made by squatters, the Zolani Centre, which housed about 2,200 refugees, was set alight on June 9, immediately after a raid by police and vigilantes.

Another approximately 1,000 refugees sheltering in schools in the townships were told by the Department of Education and Training to leave, according to the report. Squatter leaders were advised by the DET to move to Khayelitsha.

"It is alleged that at 4am on the third of July, police arrived at the Vukukana School and took all the men away, best people up and told the refugees to leave the schools," the report states.

"During the afternoon of the third of July, Administration Board officials again arrived at the schools and began throwing people and their possessions out of the rooms. These displaced people had nowhere to move to from Khayelitsha, which is not an alternative acceptable to the majority of the refugees."

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Hewson reminds councillors of information curb

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — Members of the Divisional Council of Kaffraria have been urged to take note of an amendment to the ordinance placing curbs on releasing confidential information discussed in committee.

The call came from the chairman, Mr Neville Hewson, at yesterday’s monthly meeting of the divisional council where a change in the ordinance was noted.

The amendment in the ordinance, promulgated two weeks ago, draws attention to the fact that all meetings of the council should be open to the press and public.

It can be open on condition council considers that it will not be in the interests of the division to exclude the public and the press during discussion of a item.

It can be closed if the secretary or any authorised employee of the council is of the opinion that disclosure of a matter would be prejudicial to the interests of the division.

The promulgation draws attention to the fact that a councillor, employee or contractor of the council, is not allowed to directly or indirectly disclose any information about a matter discussed in committee.

The person may not discuss any document marked confidential by the secretary.

Any information relating to any debate, discussion, motion or explanation about business dealt with in committee.

Contravention of the ordinance makes a person liable to a R200 fine or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both.

Mr Hewson said yesterday that it was a "very important matter" and that councillors should take serious note.

"Council is in a position to take strong action as this type of thing has happened in the past," Mr Hewson said.

"Councillors must take note that things should be kept in committee."

There was much discussion on what councillors could raise at the monthly meetings.

Mr Mack Zabek wanted to know exactly what councillors could raise. They went through the agenda, and Mr Bruce Burges replied that matters had to be thrashed out in the committee meetings and that resolutions merely had to be ratified at the monthly council meetings.
Louw: Goyt has to help raise living conditions

THE transferral of black local government to the Provincial Administration and its subsequent reconstruction after the recent unrest would bring together white, coloured and black local governments under one roof, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said in his New Year message.

Mr Louw said this was one of the "biggest responsibilities" facing his administration, as the lives of about three million blacks were affected by this new responsibility, which includes squatter control, housing and social services.

"We realize that the most pressing needs of the majority of inhabitants of this province is that their living conditions should improve and the central and provincial governments will have to lend a hand," Mr Louw said.

In discussions with "favourably disposed black leaders" in an attempt to solve the numerous problems facing the administration, Mr Louw said he was "struck by the large measure of goodwill which prevailed in spite of strong pressure from political activists and intimidators".

However, the availability of funds remains "the biggest worrying factor", and priorities will "have to be weighed up very carefully."

He said the province had a budget "in excess of R2 000 million for the new financial year", but that this "was not an enormous amount, considering the wide-ranging needs of our province."

Mr Louw said the year ahead was going to make "heavy demands on all of us, and the extent to which we achieve success will be decisive for the further political ordering of our country as a whole".
Management committees for Mitchell's Plain, 5 other areas

Staff Reporter.

Colourful management committees are on the cards for Mitchell's Plain and five other areas in Greater Cape Town — but the City Council's Executive Committee has opposed them.

"According to the Cape's deputy-director of local government, Mr. D. Carstens, a Mitchell's Plain management committee can be regarded as "a matter of fact."

He could not say who had asked for the committees because he did not have the information at hand.

"But I can tell you that various individuals have made requests," he said.

In a letter to the City Council, the local government department said regional services councils were coming "in the near future" and the committees "have become a matter of priority."

The City Council was asked to name candidates for committees in six areas: Mitchell's Plain, Retreat, Schotsche Kloof, Walmer Estate, Woodstock and Salt River.

However, the council's Executive Committee recommended that the request — and others in future — be declined.

"The department's letter added that the Administrator could nominate a candidate on the council's behalf if it declined to do so within 30 days."

The Executive Committee stated in a report submitted at today's meeting of the full council that more management committees were not wanted, but if they were established, they would amalgamate with the others in existence.
Major CPA shake-up in Eastern Cape

THE former Chief Director of the Eastern Cape Administration Board, Mr Louis Koch, is leaving Port Elizabeth next year to take up an undisclosed post — probably within the Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) — in Cape Town.

The move is part of a major CPA rationalisation process.

Mr Koch is currently the chief director of the Provincial Administration’s Office for Community Development in the Eastern Cape.

Although not yet officially announced, the move was confirmed today by the director of Local Government in the CPA, Mr Ron Delport.

Mr Koch declined to confirm his move today, saying it was “premature.”

Outlining the changes which are to occur in the new year, Mr Delport said certain functions which previously fell under the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning had devolved to the CPA and as a result, rationalisation was taking place between the department’s old regional office and the CPA.

The Province had acquired the old Ford head office complex in Albany Road, Port Elizabeth, and it would house the CPA’s regional office.

Mr Delport said the Ibhayi Town Council, which now operated as an “independent local authority and falls directly under the Province”, would take over most of the New Brighton premises currently occupied by Community Development.

He said the new regional office of the CPA would also house other departments, such as hospitals.
Morum is planning E Cape Indaba early in '87

By DIRK VAN ZYL

An East Cape indaba involving all races and organisations from "grass-roots" level to organised business, commerce and municipal authorities, is currently being planned.

"One, mind the concept of a similar one to the Natal Indaba - is the newly-elected Midland Chamber of Industries president and retired businessman, Mr Peter Morum.

He has set January 5 deadline for a base plan - "I believe if I start at grassroots level and get a cross-representation of the area we can get something worthwhile off the ground," he told Weekend Post in an exclusive interview.

He stressed that it was vital that all participants be "leaders with constituencies they can deliver".

The Natal Indaba last month published its unprecedented proposals for Natal/Kwazulu to be governed by a bicameral legislature.

Mr Morum plans to involve as many organisations in the Eastern Cape as possible and hopes all those striving for a solution to South Africa's problems will be able to work together.

"This is something to consider at the Chamber of Commerce, the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut, the MCI, Dr Fredrick van Zyl Slabbert's Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa (Moses), city councils and black and coloured groups and leaders with credibility in their communities," he said.

Mr Morum, who attended the Natal Indaba as an observer, first suggested the idea at the MCI's annual meeting earlier this week.

Guest speaker at the meeting was Mr Chris.netbeans, chairman of the Tongaat-Buletu group and a leading figure in the Natal talks.

He said escalating violence and hardship could not be "only if the vast majority who are against violence can pursue their own arms with minimal Government interference".

Urging that South Africa become a "common and a shared society," Mr Saunders said the country would flourish under a federal system of government and that the Natal Indaba was "a support to the future" and should be followed by others.

Mr Morum later told the audience of top-level Eastern Cape businessmen: "I am aiming to have an indaba in this area.

Elaborating yesterday, he disclosed that he intended over the next month working out a plan for similar talks in the Eastern Cape - "Nothing happens in South Africa between August and January and I intend working out some kind of a programme.

"I believe if I start at grassroots level and get a cross-representation of the area we can get something worthwhile off the ground."

"I don't have a high-flying idea. I believe we've got to start from the bottom up. I believe there are a good proportion of people who are well-disposed and believe there is an equitable solution." Mr Morum said he believed the chairman of such Eastern Cape talks should be an important person like a retired judge - "not a political figure"?

Elaborating on his own motives, Mr Morum said: "I have no axe to grind. I'm a concerned South African. I just hope to be able to make a contribution that's really the net result of it."

There was much spadework to be done and his first assignment would be to get the Chamber of Industries behind him, so I can deliver that constituency.

A "major difficulty" would be to get black people around a table who have a genuine constituency which they can deliver.

Mr Morum said among the aspects which had struck him about the Natal Indaba was the attitude among participants that although they may not have agreed wholeheartedly with certain proposals, they were prepared to "live with it".

An 85% consensus had been achieved at the Indaba with this attitude, without a vote having had to be taken, Mr Morum said.

It had also to be borne in mind that it had taken the Natal Indaba 3½ months to produce an agenda.

"We may have an idea and put it on the agenda for which we then talk. But maybe we are light years away. Maybe it is not what blacks, for instance, want to talk about.

"For too long we have been talking blacks what's good for them."

"We should sit around a round table and then get an agenda agreed to by a majority of the people around the table."

Mr Morum said he was inspired to help Eastern Cape talks get underway by "having seen what was accomplished in Durban and the level of credibility evident there".

He added: "I believe we must get some form of contact going. I believe there isn't a lot of contact at any level. We are growing further apart rather than closer together"
BELCA staves off Divco imposition

ATTEMPTS to impose a management committee on Belhar were staved off at the last minute yesterday after urgent representations to the Divisional Council by the Belhar Civic Association (BELCA).

The Divisional Council was due to debate in secret a motion calling for the establishment of a management committee in Belhar — whether the people living there wanted one or not.

The motion called for the reversal of an earlier council undertaking to hold a referendum before deciding whether to establish a management committee in the area.

Debate deferred

However, after talks with a BELCA delegation shortly before the council's monthly meeting yesterday morning, the chairman, Mr Loubwye Rothman, agreed to discuss the matter in open council and recommended that the debate be deferred.

Mr Rothman, who originally proposed the controversial motion, said BELCA had submitted two memoranda.

Council agreed to reconsider the issue in February.
BELMAR residents could be forced to vote on a rate increase—whether they like it or not—in terms of a resolu-
tion passed today by the Divi-

sional Council. The confidential resolu-
tion, approved yesterday, states that:

A resolution proposed by the council'scaucus of the town is a confidential
resolution, but it will be debated in a

camera next week.

Mr. Greg Adams, chairman of the
Belmar Water Commission, said he was

surprised by the council's decision to take

up the resolution without prior notice.

He added: "We have been working on
this issue for months, and we have

not received any feedback from the
council."
Officials favour white contractors
CMC alleges

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — The Coloured Management Committee, alleged at
last night’s monthly
meeting that municipal
officials "stifled"
coloured constructions
firms, and steered
people to white firms by
causing delays in admin-
istrative matters

A member of the com-
mittee, Mr J Temmers,
said a decision had been
taken at a previous com-
mittee meeting to allo-
cate the first 50 houses
in a Buffalo Flats hous-
ing development scheme
to a coloured contractor
as the committee wished
to support their own
people where possible.

The contractor concerned, Mr L Samuel,
said that this allocation
was being hampered by
the fact that a letter of
authorisation from the
municipality had never
been received despite
repeated requests for
such a letter.

The acting housing
and estates manager, Mr
Marius Smith, requested
that such problems be
referred to municipal
officials, before being
brought to higher author-
ities in future.

Mr Temmers requested the assurance
that the first 50 houses
would be allocated to
Mr Samuel’s firm, and
that the authorization
be sent to Mr Samuel
without further delay.
This was agreed to.

The committee ex-
pressed concern at the
condition of roads in
their suburbs, and felt
that patching road sur-
faces was no "permanent
solution".

The deputy city engi-
neer, Mr F Martin, ex-
plained that this prob-
lem had been
aggravated by rains and
unrest, which had pre-
vented repairs being
isn’t carried out. He said that
the council had set aside R129,000 for the
repair of roads; and that
half of this would be allo-
cated to coloured
areas.

Mr Temmers pointed
out that although a fur-
ther bus had been intro-
duced since the last
meeting, bus facilities
were still inadequate.
He stressed the need for
a bus service operated
by the city council, even
if this resulted in a defi-
cit.

Other matters, which
received attention were:

• The need for a ward
providing accommodation
to chronic sick
black patients at Frere
Hospital,

• The clearing of Onyx Place, which the
committee described as a "health hazard", and

• The employment of more black apprentices
at the municipality.
EL petition: two councillors find more faults

By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — Further discrepancies were found this week in a petition supporting an East London city councillor who was recently convicted of 199 counts of fraud.

The petition was drawn up in support of Mr Philip Rohrbart and urged him not to resign from the City Council.

But it was investigated and discrepancies were found by two city councillors, Mr Eric Whitaker and Mr Donald Card.

Mr Whitaker handed a long statement about the investigations to the police last night. In the statement he names 27 people who signed affidavits denying that signatures on the petition were theirs.

He also names another 18 people who did not live at the addresses given on the petition. They could not be traced.

Another four people whose names appear on the petition had been dead for some time.

The petition also allegedly includes three names put there by a woman on behalf of her minor children.

"We were able to find very few people who actually signed the petition," said Mr Whitaker.

He had called on Mr Rohrbart to resign from the council following his conviction, for which he was fined R1 500.

Mr Rohrbart has refused to resign because he felt the offences were of a "technical" nature. They were committed while he was manager of Fleet Motors, a dealership that was under judicial management at the time.

Mr Rohrbart has denied any knowledge of the petition or how it was compiled.

The petition contains 308 names.
Whitaker hands over documents

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — Documents requesting an investigation into a petition circulated last month in support of a city councillor, Mr Philip Rohrbart, were handed to the police yesterday by another city councillor, Mr Eric Whitaker.

"The matter is now in the hands of the police following my investigations together with a fellow councillor, Mr Donald Card," Mr Whitaker said.

Earlier this week the two councillors said they had investigated the petition, which contained 308 names and which called on Mr Rohrbart to ignore calls for him to resign following his conviction on 199 counts of fraud.

They allege that some of the signatures were forged, including those of people who had died.

Three attempts to unseat Mr Rohrbart have failed and Mr Rohrbart has said he had nothing to do with the petition.

Earlier, Mr Card and Mr Whitaker had alleged that:

- The petition contained the names of 29 people who had signed affidavits to the effect that the signatures appeared under their names were not their signatures.
- That several addresses on the petition did not tally with the addresses of the people attached to it.
- That the petition had been signed by three people who had died some time ago.

Mr Whitaker has also revealed that an East London woman had been identified as having been involved with the petition.

He said they would press for criminal charges to be laid as the petition played a role in preventing them from unseating Mr Rohrbart as it might have influenced councillors.

"I put this as far as we can go. It is now up to the authorities to act," he said.

R7 million hotel plan for city

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — A national hotel group is seeking a beachfront site here for a R7 million project.

This was confirmed yesterday by the financial director of City Lodge Investment, Mr Bill Dickson, from the company's Johannesburg headquarters.

"We see potential in East London and are eager to build the hotel," he said.

The company is building a number of economy class 120-room hotels around the country.

Mr Dickson said the company had been negotiating with the city council for the past nine months and had been told by the council that the crescent-shaped site they wanted, situated south of Court Crescent on the Esplanade, was not available and was to be retained as public open space.

The city council is to have urgent talks with the company and the mayor, Mrs Elisabeth Kemp, said the council would "bend over backwards to get the company to invest in East London" and will offer them Marine Park, the vacant piece of land next to the Exchange Bowling Club.

The proposal to offer the company Marine Park was made by the councillor representing Quigney, Mr Eric Whitaker.

However, the council has been told by the chief city engineer, Mr Graham Kepple, that Marine Park had not been offered to the company originally as it had been identified as open space in the recent beach development report commissioned by the council.

If council gets the go-ahead to offer the land, application will have to be made to the administrator to have the land rezoned.

The hotel group had also been interested in the vacant site next to the Hotel Oyster, but had been informed that the land belonged to the owners of the hotel.

Mr Dickson said yesterday the group was also negotiating with the city councils of Cape Town and Port Elizabeth for sites.

Once the council here had given the go-ahead, work would start immediately, Mr Dickson said.
Vioced of 799 counts of fraud.

EST LONDON — A police investigation will be
requested today into a petition which supports an
inquisition into the conduct of the City Council.

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The petitioners say:

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Rohtbart petition move delayed

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The handing over to the police of a petition supporting a city councillor, Mr Phillip Rohtbart, has been delayed because new information has come to light.

This was confirmed last night by two other councillors, Mr Donald Card and Mr Eric Whitaker, who said they had investigated the petition and had found that at least 28 people whose names appeared on it had subsequently denied signing it.

The names of dead people also appeared on the petition while some of the addresses given by people who had signed were not correct, they said.

"There might be a prima facie case of forgery for the police to investigate but we have uncovered new information which will be pursued tomorrow," Mr Card said. "We want to tie up all the ends before we make our final move."

Mr Card said he could not yet reveal what the new information was but Mr Whitaker said investigations showed that an East London woman had played a central role in the petition which was handed to the mayor, Mrs Elsbeth Kemp, minutes before the city council was to discuss the continued presence of Mr Rohtbart on the council following his conviction on 199 counts of fraud.

Mr Rohtbart has said he had nothing to do with the petition which contains 305 names pledging support for him and asking him to ignore calls for him to resign.
Two EL city councillors quit NP

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Two resignations from the National Party yesterday have changed the balance of voting power on the city council.

Mr Phillip Rohrbart and Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaighte resigned from the party leaving it with only seven supporters on the 16-man council.

Mr Bassingthwaighte said last night he would remain on the council as an independent and would not join any other party. Mr Rohrbart would not be drawn on the matter.

In a joint statement early yesterday, the MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, and the chairman of the district council of the National Party, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, said they had met Mr Rohrbart and he had tendered his resignation which had been accepted with immediate effect.

"A number of matters related to developments over the past few months surrounding Mr Rohrbart were discussed. In consequence, he resigned and his resignation was accepted with immediate effect," the statement said.

But last night Mr Rohrbart, who had been connected with the party for about 20 years, said he had resigned because of differences with the party. He refused to elaborate.

Asked whether they were differences of principle and whether he would be joining any other party, Mr Rohrbart shrugged his shoulders and laughed.

In a related development earlier in the council chamber, a third attempt to unseat Mr Rohrbart failed.

Mr Eric Whitaker moved as a matter of urgency at the start of the meeting that Mr Rohrbart’s continued existence on the council be discussed in view of his conviction on 195 counts of fraud.

The mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, said councillors would have to vote by a two-thirds majority for the discussion to get the go-ahead. The matter was put to the vote and a division called. Eight councillors voted against Mr Whitaker’s motion. They were Mrs Kemp, Mr Robert de Lange, Mr Bassingthwaighte, Mr Robbie de Lange, Mr Willem Morris, Mr Neville Randall, Mr Joe Yazbek and Mr Rohrbart.

Those who backed Mr Whitaker were Mr Donald Card, Mr Patrick Kay, Mr Brian Snell, Mr Errol Spring and Mr Ivan Zulman.

Meanwhile, Mr Bassingthwaighte said he was unable to reconcile himself with the direction and pace of change and reform taking place in South Africa under the National Party.

"As an example I fail to understand why the National Party cannot take a more reconciliatory stance on group areas when it is becoming a crucial matter.

"By referring it back to the President’s Council, the issue is being avoided. If the act is to be changed radically after an election, is the intention of postponing the decision to deceive conservative voters?"

"Alternatively, if the act is not going to be changed radically, we have no hope of reconciliation in this country."

Mr Bassingthwaighte also responded to a letter received by the Daily Dispatch from Mrs Sandra Nass, of Pioneer Place, East London, who said she would like to know what his stand was on the beaches and suburbs since she had voted for him because he was a Nationalist. But now she had been told that he voted with the Progressive Federal Party.

Mr Bassingthwaighte replied: "I am not a politician but if decisions of a political nature come before council, I endeavour to make the decision that I believe is correct in the interests of the city and not in the interests of the party.

"I have tried not to vote on predetermined decisions but have made it my duty to listen to debate as impartially as possible. It would be silly for a person to say that I voted with the Progs or the Nats per se. I believe the writer has no knowledge of how council or the action committee operates as there are often times when voting takes place on major issues across apparent political lines."

In an interview he said he would remain as an independent.

"I do not wish to be dictated to on how I vote. I always try to vote in the interests of the city and the people who put me there. By remaining an independent I will be able to do this."

The National Party supporters on the council are Mrs Kemp, Mr De Lange snr, Mr de Lange jun, Mr Morris, Mr Randall, Mr Vassie Bezuidenhout and Mr Kay.

PPF supporters include Mr Spring, Mr Zulman, Mr Yazbek, Mr Snell and Mr Card.

Both Mr Whitaker and Mr Len Cooper are New Republic Party supporters but have voted with the PPF on most crucial issues.

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Rohtbart denies knowledge of petition

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — An East London city councillor, Mr. Phillip Rohrbart, has denied any knowledge of a petition pledging support for him while facing moves to unseat him.

Two other councillors have questioned the authenticity of some signatures on the petition.

The petition with 308 names was handed to the mayor, Mrs. Elsabe Kemp, earlier this month minutes before the council was to discuss a motion calling on Mr. Rohrbart to resign following his conviction on 199 counts of fraud.

The councillors, Mr. Donald Card and Mr. Eric Whitaker, said

1. Twenty-eight people whose names appeared on the petition had signed statements that they had never signed the petition.

2. The names of at least three people who had died some time ago appeared on the petition and some people were unknown at the addresses listed on the petition.

3. Some people had signed the petition twice.

The statement by the people who have denied they signed the petition said: "I have not authorised any person to sign such a petition on my behalf, the signature appearing on the petition as representing my individual signature is a forgery."

Mr. Card said that, once investigations had been completed, the matter would be handed over to the police.

Mrs. Kemp was out of town for the weekend and could not be contacted for comment.

"All I can say now is that I certainly had nothing to do with it," Mr. Rohrbart said last night.

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Liberals linked to covert security panel

EAST LONDON's liberal businessmen — including prominent Progressive Federal Party office-bearers — have been involved in a covert political committee linked in with the highly controversial Joint Security Management System.

The "Greater East London Co-ordinating Committee" (GELCC) was set up by a local military commander in October last year, but its existence remained unknown until its chairman, E. D. G. Smith, confirmed its existence to the Weekly Mail, a local newspaper. The committee brings together local council officials, businessmen and military personnel to deal with matters ranging from consumer boycotts to the development of a master plan for the area.

Observers believe the GELCC represents a remarkable alliance between the government and liberal businessmen to manage the political crisis at a local level.

According to its chairman, the committee has no administrative power, its function is simply "to identify problem areas and potential solutions, to contact whoever is supposed to be dealing with it and find out what they are doing and whether they need any help." It was intended to be "fully representative" of all sectors of the community.

By FRANZ KRUGER, East London

The committee represents a way to get problems addressed quickly and efficiently. The government, on the other hand, is able to draw on their expertise, and has effectively cemented an alliance with them.

But the GELCC has not met with unanimous support from the local establishment. City Councillor Donald Card was invited to the first meeting, but said he felt it became clear what it was about "My first impression was that it was a structure for martial law, and I was not prepared to serve on anything like it," he said.

The GELCC was active in local affairs, but was not accountable to local residents, reporting instead to the State President, he charged.

Another businessman who has resigned from the body said he felt businessmen had been "sucked into a government structure" set up "in case of the collapse of the civil authorities," and worked as a "channel for information to be fed to central government."

Although apparently not in the full sense a Joint Management Committee (JMC) — hundreds of which span the country as part of the National Security Management System (NSMS) — it is firmly linked with the NSMS and acts in similar ways, making use of direct access to the highest levels of government.

Its minutes, for example, are fed through the NSMS "right to the very top." It has made use of NSMS channels to get problems solved when local officials had not been helpful.

The NSMS, exposed recently by the Weekly Mail, is a network of Security Force-dominated committees operating parallel to the established state structures at all levels.

Not many details have been disclosed about the system, but fears have been expressed that it has become the true powerhouse of government in South Africa, allowing Security Forces major influence on all levels of executive decision-making.

The GELCC differs from the JMCs and other bodies of the NSMS in that it includes people other than government officials, and seems to have more flexibility of operation.

The chairman, Springer, is a city councillor and former mayor, and is the PFP vice-chairman for the coastal region.
Council, State ‘neglect Kloof’

By EVELYN VOSLOO Municipal Reporter

The record of the City Council and the State over the years in their treatment of Schotsche Kloof has been one of neglect, procrastination, delay and irresolution, the council’s monthly meeting heard yesterday.

Mr Clive Keegan, chairman of the Town Planning Committee and member of the Executive Committee, said this had allowed an area of inestimable historical value to become a blighted and run-down slum.

Mr Keegan was speaking on a recommendation by the Housing Committee that 70 houses be built in the area and that it be generally restored and rehabilitated. The Department of Community Development is to be asked for an increased loan of R51,340 to help pay for the scheme.

‘Oblivion’

Earlier this week the Executive Committee also decided to go ahead with the building of a community centre including a hall, clinic and rent office.

“If today marks the close of that tradition of oblivion, then it is heartily to be appreciated by all who love this city and have its traditions at heart,” he said.

The council’s ownership of residential properties in the Malay Quarter went back before World War II, he said, when over-building and consequent overcrowding compelled the municipality to acquire the properties under powers granted by the Slums Act.

‘Wretched’

“Since then the area has gradually but surely deteriorated into a wretched, run-down and dilapidated state.”

After an initial restoration of a group of 17 dwellings — largely prompted by individuals — a period followed between 1950 and 1970 when the council persistently refused to consider any rehabilitation, in spite of sustained urging and encouragement from the Province, the State and a wide range of voluntary bodies, he said.

In 1965 the council had rejected a report from the City Engineer promoting the restoration of the proclaimed area and instead had decided to sell the land for private development.

P W Botha

“In a statement released half-an-hour before midnight on that day in April 1965, the Minister of Community Development — then, ironically, Mr P W Botha, who in the following year was to precipitate the destruction of District Six as a coloured area — asked the council to review its decision, failing which he would take over the land and direct Community Development to undertake the restoration.”

From that day to this, no further urban renewal had been undertaken and further decay had been the result, Mr Keegan said.
Disastrous effect of development boards on urban administration

By DENISE BOUTALL
"All we got was higher rents."

This bitter comment from a black man, asked about the benefits of 15 years of rule by development boards, just about sums up the perceptions that many black people have of the system which will be phased out over the next few months.

The boards have been portrayed as one of the causes that precipitated the current unrest in September, 1988.

At the moment there are several hundred in a number of townships in South Africa and in June, 1983, the Eastern Cape Development Board was owed more than R10 million in rent arrears. The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning estimate that rent arrears in the country's black townships stand at about R30 million.

So serious is the produce ment of the black local authorities and community councils, which have taken over many of the municipal functions of the development boards, that the Government is making right grants to them to help fund their activities.

Although there is not a lot of clarity about the evolution of local government over the next few months, the calls for "one city, one municipality" are increasing and some readers believe that it could become a reality within a couple of years.

There are also serious questions to be asked about the evolution of the municipalities, which have been beset by constant trouble and strikes.


The government had fairly well founded reasons to believe that the boards would be financially self-sufficient.

In most town the Native Revenue Account run at huge surpluses because of the enormous profits made from municipal monopolies of beer brewing and liquor sales. Profitable long-term projects, in fact, that in urban service charges, or "ventes" as they are generally known, had not been increased since 1973 and in some of the townships in the Northern Transvaal since 1983.

But by the early 1970s, liquor profits started falling. Sales of non-alcoholic beer dropped as blacks turned to "wetness" (illegally) sold by the municipal monopoly. However, the municipalities could keep only 20% of these profits, instead of 66% on alcoholic beer. The balance had to be handed over to the then Department of Native Administration and Development.

Moreover, as blacks started drinking "wetness" (illegally) they started buying it from vital sources of the white areas. In addition, after 1973, the employees' levy, which had been used in part to fund capital projects, was used almost exclusively to fund the boards' inflation con trolled activities and between 1977 and 1983 these levies were not increased.

By 1982 only three of the boards expected to balance their accounts, the Eastern Cape Administration Board, and expecting a deficit of R7 million.

At the same time the pressure for improved facilities and services and more spending to overcome the accumulated backlog started increasing.

Virtually these only option was to increase rentals and service charges but by that time the rents were high and because politicised the community councils had as little political credibility that they could not afford to impose large rent increases. So even this source was curtailed.

Apart from the political pressure for "one city, one municipality", it would appear that the historical segregation of local government has become totally untenable.

The proposed Regional Services Councils will have to redistribute resources because most of the money raised is expected to be used in finance infrastructure in the black areas.

However, it would appear that they will not be used to fund operating expenditure of black local authorities because the few remaining functioning communities and town councils cannot bear the different cost pressures.

Asked about the implications of the Port Elizabeth City Council taking responsi bility for the affairs of the whole city, the Town Clerk, Mr P.K. Botha said such a move would bring about greater efficiency, that productivity, better use of resources and improved co-ordination of municipal functions.

Mr Botha said the City Council would be obliged, if it took over the black areas to embark on a programme to upgrade services and facilities in these areas because they lagged behind what had been provided in the white, coloured and Indian parts of the cities.

The startlll between the cost of running the black areas and any contribution that would be due to the area from the proposed regional services councils would have to be borne by the city's rate- payers.

He agreed however that the standard of services and facilities in the existing Port Elizabeth municipal area were of a high standard and that no major community facilities were urgently needed in the city area.
Finally, collapses

Township administration

E. Restoll 86/18
This page contains text discussing the significance of the role of police in communities, particularly in Black neighborhoods. The text highlights the importance of community-oriented policing strategies and the need for police officers to engage with community members in a more proactive manner. It emphasizes the importance of understanding and addressing the unique needs and challenges faced by Black communities. The text also mentions the need for more effective communication and engagement with community members to build trust and improve relations.
Plea for action on state of roads in EL and Berlin

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The condition of roads in the municipal area here came under sharp focus yesterday following criticism by ratepayers and a resident by two councillors that the matter be placed as a matter of urgency on the agenda of the action committee for discussion.

The city engineers' department also issued a two-page press release on road maintenance and construction.

Several ratepayers have been complaining about the state of the roads and one motorist, Mr David Esay, told the Daily Dispatch he was considering legal action against the municipality following damage to his car which hit a pothole.

He said he had hit a pothole 20 cm deep and about 40 cm in diameter near the Amalinda causeway and that R400 damage was caused to his car.

His move followed complaints by residents in Berlin who said the condition of their roads was "unbelievable" and that it seemed Berlin was a forgotten town.

Two councillors, Mr Patrick Kay and Mr Eric Whitaker, have written to the town clerk for the matter to be discussed urgently.

"We feel that the present state of the roads are the worst in South Africa and the repairs carried out do not appear to be of a satisfactory standard, resulting in ratepayers suffering serious damage to their vehicles and persons," the letter said.

"As we are particularly perturbed by the possibility of a serious accident before this matter is placed on the action committee agenda, we would request that the chief city engineer take every effort in the meantime to remedy the situation."

A statement released by the deputy city engineer, Mr Fraser Martin, said, "In recent months the condition of many of the roads in East London has attracted the attention of road users, who have expressed their concern through the press, by contacting their ward councillors or telephone the roads branch of the municipality with specific requests."

"The city council appreciates the information provided about roads which require attention because, with the volume of work necessary after the recent long period of rain, it is impossible for municipal staff to monitor on a daily basis the state of all the roads in the city and Berlin."

"In 1983, as a result of a report to council requesting additional funds for road maintenance, it was decided to allocate R1 million a year for the construction of roads and sidewalks."

"In the following year, an additional half a million rand was made available from the repair funds for road maintenance. Although this meant a regular commitment by the city council to the upkeep of roads in the face of other urgent demands for city council funds, like the raising of the Estcourt Drain Dam and the city sewerage scheme, it must be appreciated that the R1.5 million a year still fell far short of the funds required to bring the road network into a reasonable state of repair. On this basis it would take in excess of 30 years to bituminise all the gravel roads."

"At the time of this decision the Border area was experiencing drought conditions and the money being spent on road repairs appeared adequate for the immediate needs. However, many of the city's roads had already lasted an incredible 20 to 30 years with the minimum of maintenance. The bitumen binder had lost ductility and many roads would require to be resurfaced to keep rainwater from penetrating the road foundation."

"With the advent of heavy rains at the end of 1985 which broke the drought, this brought in its wake badly scoured out roads and extensive water penetration into the foundations of many roads. Traffic action then caused "pumping" which led to base failure and potholing."

"The municipality was in consequence not only faced with repairs caused by storm damage, but also extensive emergency patching which took some four months to complete."

"So far this year East London had approximately 292 mm of rain as compared with 592 in an average year. Since the road system is severely affected because of water penetration, The foundations of damaged roads do not get a chance to dry out with the result that adhesion is minimal, the pumping action continues and the new patch also fails necessitating repeated attention."

"A lasting solution will entail fairly extreme repairs and considerable expenditure. This work should be carried out as soon as possible taking cognisance of what the city can afford and the stringent budgeting limits set by the state treasury. To this end the city council has called for a report on the whole matter of road construction and maintenance in order to review its road safety policy in conjunction with drawing up its annual municipal budget."

Watch murder: 15 years in jail

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A 15-year-old girl has been sentenced to 15 years in jail for murdering her 1-year-old baby sister in a fit of rage.

"The fact that she had been reliable, her wife, had been a remarkably long time in jail for a murder conviction, the judge said."

"The baby was found dead in her crib with signs of bruising and internal bleeding."

"The family of the deceased have expressed their grief at the loss of their baby and have also asked for justice for their daughter."
Border sport council: no talks with CMC

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — The Border Council on Sport, an affiliate of the South African Council on Sport (Sacos), has rejected any moves on negotiation with institutionalised bodies such as the Coloured Management Committee (CMC).

The rejection follows opinions at this week's CMC meeting that there was a shift in Sacos policy concerning ethnic local authorities.

A CMC member, Mr. Johannes Temmers, said he had spoken to Sacos members with whom he taught and had found the change.

The council's statement said yesterday that it wished to make it clear that at no stage did it hold any talks or negotiations with the CMC.

"The fact that Mr. Temmers, in his personal capacity, has been talking to people belonging to any of the codes affiliated to Sacos in their personal capacities, can never be interpreted as a change of Sacos attitude."

A school principal at the CMC meeting, Mr. Eldred Fray, had said that they had experienced problems speaking to members of the CMC but that they were interested in solving the problems.

The council's statement yesterday said "In the present political climate, our rejection of dummy organisations such as the CMC, community councils and IMCs, is even stronger."

"It has been suggested that we forget the past and tackle the problems together. We cannot agree more that united action is needed to tackle the many problems that the oppressed and exploited masses in East London face."

"Any such action must be spearheaded by the organisations of the masses and not by racially constituted bodies such as the CMC, IMC or community councils which are kept alive by government in spite of massive rejection by the people."

"These racial bodies cannot seem to realise that they are part of the problem, that they have been co-opted into a system whose very intention is to maintain the status quo."

"It is because of dummy bodies that our people live in the worst constructed houses, that our roads are in the most atrocious conditions and that there are no facilities at our schools and in our communities."

The council said numerous representations had been made to the Department of Environment and Culture, headed by Mr. Albert Jance, about decent facilities.

"A detailed memorandum outlining the many shortcomings has been submitted to the department. Needless to say, replies received have been inadequate, and promised nothing for the future."

"What this department fails to realise is that the tenants of municipal housing schemes, who are the majority of our people, are ratepayers and as such have a right to properly developed facilities and amenities in their areas. Many people are deliberately misled into believing that people who occupy municipal houses are not ratepayers."

"A number of statements by Mr. Jance indicated that he totally ignores sportspersons in the townships. Because almost all sportspersons in our townships play their sport under Sacos, this rejection amounts to a denial of rights of ratepayers."

"We will continue to demand proper facilities despite the CMC, Mr. Jance and others of their ilk. We will not compromise our human dignity."

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CMC call for council talks on school bus

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — An urgent meeting has been called with city councillors this morning to discuss the problem of coloured schoolchildren waiting four hours every day for a bus to take them home.

This was decided at the monthly meeting of the Coloured Management Committee.

The chairman, Mr Corrie Alexander, said the meeting would be held today no matter what happened.

Mr A Green said the municipality had negotiated with Cebek Transport Corporation (CTC) for the service and the committee should find out what conditions had been laid down.

"It is the municipality's duty to see to transport in our areas," he said.

Mr Johannes Temmers said the city council should take full responsibility for the children of ratepayers and see to it that they were given transport.

He said a service was being provided but "we must ask what type of service is this where children have to wait four hours for a bus."

Told by a municipal official of the difficulty in getting the councillors to attend at such short notice, Mr Alexander said the meeting had to take place.

"If Clarendon has a problem, they will all be around this table in the morning. We want them here for this problem."

Mr Temmers said the committee should observe how they were being treated as there was not a single city councillor at the meeting and there had been no apologies submitted.

"We are over-frustrated by their attitude," Mr Alexander said.
EAST LONDON — The developers of the proposed R45-million shopping complex here have welcomed the city council's decision to give the project the go-ahead.

A spokesman for Elcorp, Mr David Denison, said last night: "We hope the recriminations which have surrounded the scheme will now be set aside."

"We believe Clarendon High and Clarendon Primary have very legitimate additional sports fields needs and Elcorp has gone to enormous trouble and expense to provide two additional hockey fields, two additional netball courts and three additional tennis courts — or whatever alternate choice the school might make within the additional 2ha Elcorp has made available to the two schools.

"Elcorp has the financial backing for the development and the committed co-operation of one of South Africa's leading chainstore groups, who propose to include a 13 000 square-metre Hyperama in the centre.

"We are also concerned there are so many misconceptions about Clarendon Gardens and would be happy to try to allay the fears of any ratepayers," he said.

Commenting on a bid by Mr Donald Card to rescind the council decision taken on Monday night, Mr Denison said the developers had been surprised by the statements made by Mr Card as he had given an assurance earlier this year that he would support the project if specific items were resolved.

"All these issues are incorporated in the voluminous document submitted to all councillors for their consideration.

"The issues which Mr Card is now raising were all resolved in conjunction with experts in their respective fields and discussed in detail with the various municipal departmental heads.

"We are frankly amazed at this continued effort by Mr Card to stifle development in East London at a time when the economy is under enormous pressure.

"We believe Mr Card is now adopting the same negative attitude that retarded positive development in East London for many years.

"We are heartened that Mr R Harwood, chairman of the Selborne-Clarendon schools amenities committee, is now prepared to meet the developers to discuss the proposed Clarendon Gardens shopping centre," Mr Denison said. — DDR
We're not poaching city traffic cops.
R3.5m for roadworks

EAST LONDON. — The city council is to raise a R3.5 million loan to finance minor and secondary streetworks in residential areas.

The council has agreed to include R500,000 on the next loan-schedule to finance sundry minor streetworks as well as R3 million for secondary works for the next three years.

However, it was learnt yesterday that raising of the loan does not mean the clamour by people over the poor state of roads in their areas will be met immediately.

The priority list for roadworks will still be adhered to and the money will be apportioned at budget time.

The council decision merely placed the application on the next loan schedule so that the money could be available when required. — DDR
Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Indian Management Committee (IMC) yesterday refused to pass three new proposed residential areas with more than 300 special residential sites because “it is too technical for us.”

The chairman, Mr Edwin Vengadajellum, asked that the Minister of Local Government and Housing in the House of Delegates, Mr Baldeo Doo- lute, be invited together with his officials to give advice on whether the proposals should be accepted.

“We don’t know head or tail about these reports and we cannot pass them,” Mr Vengadajellum said.

The deputy city engineer, Mr Brick Bradford, offered to explain the proposals with the aid of sketches he had brought with him but Mr Vengadajellum said it would serve no purpose.

“We also want the people to be involved in this. We don’t want to do anything behind their backs and therefore I don’t think we can pass the proposals,” he said.

Mr Bradford said the demand for erven was high and asked whether the committee could accept the proposals in principle and later adjust them to suit the needs of the community.

“We have got to get in while the department is busy allocating funds for next year,” Mr Bradford said, but Mr Vengadajellum said the minister could be asked to come as a matter of urgency.

“He owes us a visit,” he said.

Three reports were prepared by the city engineers department for the committee. The first concerned Braelyn Extension 8, for erven for home builders.

The report said there were 94 special residential erven for home ownership on the land between the Amalinda River, Fitchett Road and the extension to the Mdantsane access road. The erven varied in size from 750 square metres to 1 385 square metres.

The second was for the proposed Braelyn Extension No 10, which lies north of the Mdantsane access road extension and west of the proposed Braelyn Extension 8. The total area is 26.5 hectares.

The scheme allows for 192 special residential plots, four public spaces, a church site, three miniature electricity sub-stations and a reserved site of 3 680 square metres for use as a croche or a library and shops as the need arises. The residential plots vary in size from 738 square metres to 1 413 square metres.

The third proposal is for Braelyn Extension 9, which lies between Fitchett Road to the west, Braelyn 6 to the north and the proposed Ziphunzana bypass to the south.

It is proposed to have homeowners’ erven in the vicinity of Fitchett Road with an average size of 800 square metres and 79 erven for assisted housing similar to the houses in Braelyn 6.

• The IMC has called for the appointment of a public relations officer.

Mr Vengadajellum told municipal officials at the committee’s monthly meeting yesterday to contact the Bureau for Information about the matter as “they know all about it.”

“It can be done from the city council’s point of view,” he said.
Councillor objects to building of pool

Municipal Reporter

OBJECTIONS have been raised to the construction of a R400 000 swimming pool complex at New Beach, Port Elizabeth, by city councillor Mr Graham Young.

"I consider this a wasteful misuse of public funds which is particularly reprehensible at the time of economic distress," Mr Young says in his objections tabled at this afternoon's meeting of the Port Elizabeth City Council's Community Services Committee.

He says the area chosen for the pool is subject to severe coastal erosion and points out that it is far from residential areas.

Annual maintenance costs, running expenses and finance charges would be disastrous and fall on the heavily burdened operating budget.

Commenting on Mr Young's objections, the Director of Parks, Mr Peter Gibbs, says in a report that although New Beach is not ideal, it is closest to the greatest concentration of people in the metropolitan area.

"As such it is relatively well used over the year and is considered to be the second busiest or most heavily used beach next to King's Beach," he says.

To combat erosion the council had armoured the back of the beach, but had accepted that more protection would be needed.

The Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, recommends to the committee that the proposal to spend the funds on the pool along with Mr Young's comments be forwarded to the Administrator with the council's comments.

Art in the Park may move to King's Beach for each Sunday during December if the committee gives the go-ahead this afternoon.

Hobie rides, the hiring of Hobies and board sailing lessons may be offered during summer at Hobie Beach if the committee approves.
Battle to free miners’ bodies

JOHANNESBURG – Rescue workers were still battling to free the bodies of six miners killed in an underground accident at Randfontein Estates Gold Mine yesterday, a spokesman for Johannesburg Consolidated Investments said today.

Mr. Ken Maxwell, chairman of the JCI, said today rescue teams were still struggling to free the bodies under tons of steel cable.

The accident occurred when an empty cage and 120 tons of steel cable plunged 800 metres down the Cooke ventilation shaft.

"There were two men working at the bottom of the shaft," Mr. Maxwell said.

The six who died had not yet been brought to the surface because they were still buried under tons of cable.

The medical superintendent at the Wolsia Hospital said the condition of two seriously injured miners was still "serious.

He declined to give further details saying it was not yet possible to get the permission of the patients for details of their condition to be released.

A total of 26 survivors were freed from the accident shaft yesterday and last night.

A JCI spokesman, Mr. J. N. Nel, said 20 of the survivors were only slightly injured and are expected to be released from hospital today.

Three injured men were taken by helicopter to the Cottontree Hospital in Johannesburg.

The superintendent of the hospital said today one patient had had a leg operation last night and was not in a serious condition.

The other two patients are also in good condition," he said.

Twenty eighty were taken to the Sir Robert Johnson Mine Hospital in Randfontein. They were all in a satisfactory condition today and most were expected to be discharged soon.

Mr. Maxwell said the accident occurred when a hoist operating a kibble went out of control. The kibble and 120 tons of steel cable fell 800 metres to the bottom of the shaft, collapsing a work stage 16 metres from the bottom.

Rescue operations were hampered by the fact that the shaft was now and incomplete. It had no proper lift system and the hoist operating the kibble had to be repaired before rescue work could begin.

Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Gordon Waddell, chairman of JCI, went to the scene of the accident immediately. Mr. Waddell said a full inquiry would be held.

Company spokesmen said the accident would affect Randfontein Estates Gold Mine’s star safety rating. The mine celebrated its 10th one million fatality-free shift last week.

The mine is one of only two mines to have achieved three million consecutive fatality-free shifts. The other mine is the West Rand Consolidated Mine.

The names of the dead miners have not yet been released – Sapa.

Council, not to blame for delay

BY DENISE ROOTALL

THE Port Elizabeth City Council was not responsible for any delay in the decision about the future of Walmer Township, the Town Clerk, Mr. P. K. Botha, said today.

It was announced on Friday by the Master of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr. Chris Heems, that Walmer Township would be retained and R1 million spent on upgrading it.

Mr. Heems also announced that R2 million had been allocated for housing in Thubayi and Motherwell and that extensive facilities would be provided in Kwanobuhle in Uitenhage.

In Port Elizabeth on Friday Mr. Heems said the Port Elizabeth City Council’s investigations had been “time consuming” and were only completed on August 23.

Mr. Botha said the council had only twice been asked to comment on Walmer township. In one case it had passed on the information within seven days and in the other within 24 hours.

This council is certainly not to blame for any delay in the decision on Walmer Township." he said.

The first time the council was even asked to comment on Walmer was in April when the council was asked what conditions it would impose on the retention of the township.

The council supplied information about its roads requirements within seven days.

On August 27 the council was asked to give its general views on the retention of the township within 24 hours. The matter was put to the council which decided it favoured the retention of the township.

The Town Clerk of Uitenhage, Mr. Eddie Coetzee, said projects in the pipeline for Kwanobuhle included electrification of the whole of Kwanobuhle, the full servicing of the resettlement area and the construction of a 1 500-seat community hall.
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EAST LONDON — Several city councillors here have
Ex-mayors snub PW

EAST LONDON — Two former East London mayors boycotted a civic luncheon in honour of the State President, Mr PW Botha, on Tuesday.

Mr Donald Card said the State President was in East London on party political matters and not with affairs affecting the city.

There was “no love lost” between him and the National Party. It would have been hypocritical to attend after he had been outspoken about the cost to ratepayers for the luncheon.

Mr Errol Spring refused to comment on his stay-away but had earlier said it was the mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp’s prerogative to entertain whom she wished.

He had also objected previously to the freedom of the city being conferred on Mr Botha because of his office as Cape NP leader.

Two other councillors, Mr Robert de Lange, and a former mayor, Mr Joe YZekiel, were also absent from the luncheon that they said they were away on leave.

Sapa
CMC five fail to arrive at meeting

Segers says he was slighted by remarks

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — An expected meeting between city councillors and Coloured Management Committee (CMC) members turned out to be a damp squib last night when only three of the eight committee members turned up.

CMC members had attacked two senior councillors, Mr Ronald Card and Mr Mario Segers, for remarks made in the press about parity of allowances.

Mr Card had declined an apology for the remarks and had refused to attend action committee meetings.

In reference to the difference between councillors and CMC members, MR Card had made the analogy of a manager and shop assistant who could not receive the same pay.

At last night's meeting, chaired by the mayor, Mr Elhabain, the CMC vice-chairman, Mr Sonny Segers, said he had objected to the remarks and that he had felt slighted.

"I took exception to Mr Card's remarks because it was never my intention to enter civics for money. We may not do as much as councillors, but we do a lot for our people and yet we are told we are not the true representatives of our people," Mr Segers said.

"I am a Christian and I am not prepared to look down on anybody and I don't want that to happen to me if councillors think I do not represent my people, I will gladly resign and fight an election."

The other CMC member, Mr Dennis Bosman, said he supported what Mr Segers said, and the third member, Mr A. Green, said he did not feel happy about the remark but realised management committee members were bodies created by the government.

"We should point a finger at the government for this. I'm Green said, conceding that councillors might have more experience in civic affairs but that CMC members were there to learn and gain experience.

"The remark was like water off a duck's back to me. I did not feel hurt, I am subservient to nobody," he said.

Mr Card wanted to know exactly what he had said, what was meant by CMC members when they referred to him and Mr Spring as liberals and what the terms of reference, power and duties of the CMC were.

Mr Bosman said that not all the CMC members were to blame for the remark about liberals and Mr Segers said he had not said anything about it.

Mr Card said he knew the remark had been made at a CMC meeting and praised Mr Green for having defended him and Mr Spring.

"We are fighting for equality and cannot have these squabbles," he said.

Mr Segers said his remark about managers and shop assistants had been made in the context in which he had said it.

"This is a lot of hot air over nonsense," he said, explaining there were differences between councillors and the old provincial council workers, and they could not demand the same pay. It was the same with cabinet ministers.

"We are a third tier of government and the CMC can be equated with a fourth tier. Parity depends on responsibility and I did not mean anything derogatory by the remark I made."

Referring to being called a liberal, Mr Card said: "If this refers to someone who believes in equality, then I am one. And if the CMC members say there is something wrong with that, they must go and tell their people they are not liberals."

On the terms of reference, powers and duties of management committees, the town clerk, Mr Les Kunni, said management committee members differed with councillors who had legislative and executive powers. Management committee members acted in an advisory capacity.

Mr Spring supported Mr Card and said he felt the whole issue was the result of a misunderstanding.

He referred to his press statement in which he had said he always maintained all races should sit around the horseshoe. The management committee system was a discredited policy.

"I never attacked anyone's integrity. I opposed the system I don't think members of the coloured community want the system, if I am to understand correctly what coloured politicians say, that the 'management committee' members take issue with me on that. I am confused. I believe in non-racial councils and I stand by that."

Mrs Kemp appealed to the members to join hands and to move together and asked Mr Segers to take the matter to his committee, which holds its monthly meeting today. A decision will be taken on whether to return to the action committee or not.

The chairman of the action committee, Mr Neville Randdall, said he was "very disappointed" that five members had not turned up for last night's meeting.
Business as usual — until RSCs

EAST LONDON — The Divisional Council of Kaffirland has been urged to continue its normal functions and planning in the face of uncertainty over the introduction of Regional Services Councils (RSCs).

Mr Bruce Bursey said in his chairman's report it was certain divisional councils would be abolished and their assets, liabilities and staff would be absorbed.

Because of the unfavourable financial climate and the uncertainty of the future of divisional councils it had not been possible to plan for the future.

Mr Bursey said the 3,600 sq km region under the council's jurisdiction had been adversely affected by unrest and the serious downturn in the economy.

"The region also suffered considerable damage due to heavy rains and floods throughout October and November last year. "All these events have each played their part in the progress of the organisation," he said.

The council had a 56-strong staff complement and estimates for the 1986/87 financial year provided for expenditure of R5.7 million. This would come from revenue from roads (R3.1 million), general administration (R1.5 million), public health (R405,065) and ambulance services (R666,286).

Income of R5.7 million would accrue from road subsidies (R2.8 million), general administration (R481,655), public health refunds (R274,180), ambulance services (R666,286), general rates (R1.3 million) and health rates (R130,885).

"It is anticipated that a revenue surplus of R14,450 in respect of council's general account and a surplus of R23,630 in respect of the health account will be reflected on council's income and expenditure statement for the 1986/87 financial year."

The council's capital assets on July 1, 1986, were R7.4 million of which R4.2 million represented revenue contributions and R3.1 million the unredeemed portion of loans raised.

Revenue assets amounted to R3.5 million on July 1, 1986.

Mr Bursey gave a detailed account of all the activities of the council over the past year and paid tribute to his fellow councillors and the council staff for the manner in which they had rendered duties throughout the year.

He also thanked government departments as well as the eight municipalities which fell within the council's jurisdiction.
Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The city librarian, Miss Margie van Deventer, said last night her decision to retire was not taken lightly but it was in the best interests of all concerned.

In a press statement, she also outlined the events leading to her decision.

"It is obvious that the situation in which I find myself has been cause for wide discussion, speculation and rumour. To avoid any acrimonious debate and snowballing conflict, I believe it is necessary for me to make this statement," she said.

"In terms of the restructuring of the municipal service, the library now forms part of the directorate of cultural and environmental services. The library is a library and an educational service, and I am on record as supporting the formation of this directorate in terms of the total restructured municipal service.

"It is widely known that the appointed director and I were unable to reach agreement on the incorporation of the library into the directorate and the relationship of his post and mine. The choice I had to make was to accept the instructions of the director and his management style or to leave the municipal service. I felt strongly that our methods were so totally conflicting that it would harm my work as city librarian and compromise what I see as my professional integrity if I remained in the service.

"I took four months to allow time for me to consider rationally what would be best for my future. I had hoped that during this time the city council and I could come to an amicable and dignified agreement on the termination of my services.

"On 1 September, I requested retirement with full pension benefits. Council appointed an ad hoc committee to meet me. I was asked under what terms I would resume my duties as city librarian.

"I stated I was not prepared to report to the present director and would require a guarantee that this type of situation would not recur. I suggested that the only answer was to remove the library from the directorate and place it under a board of trustees.

"As reported in the Daily Dispatch on Tuesday, council rejected my request for retirement with full pension benefits and the recommendation for control by a board of trustees.

"The situation therefore remains unchanged from that existing on 1 July. I believe that my return to the library under these circumstances would be detrimental to me and the library.

"I will be retiring from the post of city librarian at the end of this month.

"This decision is not taken lightly. I know that it is in the best interests of all concerned.

"I am extremely grateful to the many people who have supported me over the past four months, including those who have written to me, phoned me and indicated their support through the columns of the newspaper. This support has been a great comfort to me.

"The library has been a major part of my life for 24 years. Obviously I regret leaving it under unhappy circumstances, but I go knowing that I have been able to contribute to this community over those years. I have been richly rewarded by the support and appreciation expressed by the community.

"My gratitude goes to the library staff who have so often given me 119 per cent co-operation and who have worked many hours of overtime without thought of financial rewards. I would ask the public to support them in this difficult transitional period," Miss Van Deventer said.

Former Friend manager dies

DURBAN — The former general manager of Blenheim's now-defunct The Friend newspaper, Mr Terence Trager, has died at St Michael's on Sea in Natal.

Mr Trager, a popular figure in journalism, was 80 and had been seriously ill for several months. He leaves a wife and two daughters — DDC.
Racial signs in PE listed

By GAVAN O’CONNOR, Municipal Reporter

All cases of enforced racial segregation at Port Elizabeth City Council facilities are listed in a memorandum to a council committee this afternoon.

These are at beaches still reserved for whites and at some municipal toilets.

Earlier this year the Indian Management Committee (IMC) asked for the removal of all racial segregation signs.

As a result all municipal department heads were asked to say whether any public places or facilities under their control were involved.

The Town Clerk, Mr. Paul Betha, told the the Policy and Resources Committee that the Librarian, Electrical Engineer, Treasurer and Chief Ambulance Officer had no signs indicating racial segregation or separate facilities.

The Medical Officer of Health, Dr. J. S. Sherr, reported that two plaster signs in the North End Clinic were outdated and served no useful purpose while the Director of Markets, Mr. J. W. D. McKenzie, said signs on public toilets were being removed as these were being used by all race groups.

The Chief Traffic Officer, Mr. Andy Augustyn, explained a problem with inadequate public toilets in his department but said black staff members had been permitted to use toilets for whites.

The Director of Parks, Mr. Peter Gibbs, explained segregation signs appeared on toilets in St. George’s Park, Victoria Park, Forest Hill Cemetery and the North End Cemetery.

Signs on whites only beaches appeared on all beaches south of the harbour as well as at St. George’s Strand and Sardinia Bay.

The City Engineer, Mr. Arthur Clayton, said the only racially segregated public places under his control were public toilets at Playland, the museum parking area, King’s Beach, paddling pool, Knows Union bus station, Russell Road, Albany Road, Sparthopps Street, Law Courts, Embassy Street, Keelie Street, Bluewater Bay, Redhouse, Nohul Street and Broad Street.

No recommendation about the issue is made to the committee.
Structure plan for PE will be discussed by council committee

THE preparation of a structure plan for the Port Elizabeth Municipal area is to be considered by the City Council's Policy and Resources Committee today.

The plan would lay down guidelines for the spatial development of the municipal area and it would have as its broad goal the co-ordinated and harmonious development of the area. Mr Arthur Claydon, reports. “This would be to effectively promote health, safety, order, amenity, convenience and general welfare as well as efficiency and economy in the development and improvement of communications.”

A recommendation is made to the committee that the Administrator’s consent be obtained for the proposed increase in dog tax will again be considered.

A proposal is made that the development working group fulfil the functions of a King’s Beach steering committee for preparation of a master plan.

A recommendation is made by the City Treasurer for an additional R300 000 loan at the ruling market interest rates to the Eastern Province Rugby Union.
Williams appointed Justice of the Peace

EAST LONDON — A former chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr. Mike Williams, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Williams said yesterday that the appointment came as a “complete surprise” and that he was very pleased.

His appointment was made by the Minister of Justice, Mr. J. H. Coetsee.

Mr. Williams was a member of the IMC from 1974 to 1986, during which time he served as chairman and vice-chairman.

He was chairman from 1982 until he resigned in January because of business commitments.

From 1972 to 1974 he was a member of the East London Indian Association, serving as vice-chairman during 1974.

Mr. Williams is an executive member of the East London Oriental Plaza Traders’ Association and is still chairman of the East London Indian Traders’ Association.

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Hitch in suburbs' refuse removal

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — The collection of refuse was disrupted in several suburbs this week but was resumed yesterday.

The cultural affairs and environment portfolio leader, Mr Patrick Kay, confirmed that there had been staff problems which would be sorted out.

"Non-collection was due to a staff grievance. These occur in most organisations. We have had a stayaway and other staff have been slotting in temporarily", Mr Kay said.

Earlier, the director of cultural and environment services, Mr A. D. Janse, declined to comment beyond saying that the matter was "private".

Mr Kay said this comment had been intended to divert publicity from a "delicate" situation.

"We acknowledge that the public have a right to be informed as they are being inconvenienced, but would like to avoid undue publicity," he said.

Mr Janse confirmed that refuse collections had been resumed yesterday and that the unit should be in full operation by Monday.

The refuse unit would also be working today, Mr Janse said.
Council facing roads breakdown

Reports by Matthew Mooneya

EAST LONDON -- The Divisional Council of Kafransu faced the prospect of a complete breakdown in the maintenance and improvement of its nearly 2,500 km of roads, the outgoing chairman, Mr Bruce Bursey, said in his annual report.

"The figures speak for themselves and roads are obviously considered to be expendable or of little importance in the future of the area," Mr Bursey said, referring to the 20.37 per cent cut in the 1986/87 budget and the 40.12 per cent cut in the 1987/88 budget.

There were 368 km of main roads, 879 km of divisional roads and 1,244 km of minor roads. The council's total expenditure on these roads was estimated at R3.1 million in the 1986/87 financial year.

"In addition, the council also attended to some 235 km of main roads and 357 km of divisional roads within the Ciskei and funds for this are provided jointly by the provincial administration and the Ciskei Government.

"During this year we have had the experience of receiving notice from the Ciskei to reduce its previously approved budget by 25 per cent. This had the effect that the council has to absorb an expenditure of R175,000 (25 per cent of R700,000).

"This could have caused serious problems if we had not had the good fortune to have been able to offset this by undertaking work in the areas of Mgwal, Warburg, Newlands, Kwelera and Mooiplaats on behalf of the Department of Development Aid," he said.

Mr Bursey said work on the East London/Macleantown/Slutterheim road had ceased in July last year and the construction unit had been moved to the Mount Coke main road.

Progress had been made and 140 km had been completed up to a top selected layer. Final surfacing would be undertaken as soon as the weather was warmer.

"Due to lack of sufficient funds it is regrettable that the reconstruction work is going to be severely curtailed during the present financial year.

"The decision to reduce the construction staff has proved to be correct as excellent progress has been maintained throughout the year which was fully worked," Mr Bursey said.

The heaviest rain throughout the division fell in November last year.

"Although an additional R150,000 for flood damage was approved, this was only for emergency work and numerous roads are still in poor condition," Mr Bursey said.

Mr Bursey said the excessive cut in the budget would result in little permanent work being done on already poor road surfaces.
Former mayors boycott lunch

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Two former mayors of East London boycotted a civic luncheon yesterday in honour of the State President, Mr P W Botha.

Mr Errol Spring refused to comment on his stayaway, while Mr Donald Card said he had stayed away on a matter of principle.

Mr Card said, "The cabinet and the State President are here in their capacity as members of the National Party. In other words, they are not here in connection with any affair affecting the city as such, but purely for party political purposes.

"I am not prepared to involve myself with any party political matters of this nature."

"I have been critical of the luncheon because of the financial implications for the city council. It is, after all, ratepayers' money we are using, for a purely party political purpose."

"In the circumstances it would be highly hypocritical of me to attend such a luncheon."
No move to privatise PE municipal services

By DENISE BOUTAIL

THE Port Elizabeth City Council is not investigating the possibility of privatising any of its services except the gas works and the two caravan parks, the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, said today.

He was reacting to reports that the Cape Town City Council's management committee had recommended that a wide range of services from parks maintenance to refuse removal be privatised.

Mr Botha said the council had not explored the possibility of privatising PE's municipal services.

He said in the United Kingdom many municipalities which had privatised some of their services were now being forced to provide them again. In one case a refuse removal contractor had gone bankrupt, sold all the equipment and sacked all the staff, leaving the council with no service.
Various municipal sectors up for grabs

Cape Town mulls over privatisation

CAPE TOWN administrators plan to hive off many municipal functions, services and activities to private enterprise.

Sectors earmarked for possible privatisation include most mayor capital works, the city's abattoirs, various recreational facilities such as caravan parks, tennis courts, bowling greens and swimming pools, the preparation and maintenance of street lines and signs, architectural and quantity surveys, nurseries, park landscaping and maintenance, ambulance services, and various cleaning services such as refuse removal.

The main principles to guide this privatisation programme agreed to this week by the city council's executive committee are:

☐ That council adopt a general policy that capital works should be put out to tender, with the only exceptions to this rule being where an emergency situation occurs, where the relevant standing committee considers it would be in the public interest for the work to be done departmentally, where portions of the council's essential technical or engineering staff would stand idle or be under-

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employed, where there is little or no possibility of competitive tenders being received,

☐ That areas or activities already identified for possible privatisation of capital works by various departments be proceeded with without delay,

☐ That the city treasurer report on the systems of overhead charges and any changes needed to permit more accurate comparison of the public and private sectors,

☐ That the city engineer be permitted to submit a quotation when tenders are invited so as to accumulate information, for cost comparison purposes,

☐ That special attention be given, when preparing the 1986/7 draft capital estimates, to identifying projects which could be privatised during the next financial year,

☐ That more studies be launched by the town clerk into the privatisation of other aspects of the council's activities, and the likely implications.

THELMA TUCH reports that Johannes-

burg City Council management committee chairman François Oberholzer says that municipality will not privatisate its labour intensive services now.

"He said yesterday the privatisation of labour-intensive work would lead to the retrenchment of staff and that could lead to more unrest.

Oberholzer said "We have no reason to

privatise, we can spread the burden among our 120 000 ratepayers and the million people who use our services".

Reacting to the Cape Town move towards privatisation, he said Johannesburg had been doing that for years.
Battle to fill EL municipal posts

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The municipality is having a "bit of a battle" attracting engineers and other professionals to the city.

This was confirmed here by the director of personnel and management, Mr Leon Deetlefs.

He also confirmed that the action committee had agreed in principle to the establishment of a fifth directorate, the directorate of technical services.

Mr Deetlefs was asked about a number of advertisements for staff and confirmed the municipality "was having a bit of a battle in filling posts."

"The post of branch engineer (distribution) in the electricity department has been vacant for two years. We are advertising both locally and nationally, but there are no applications coming forward."

Asked what the possible reasons could be, Mr Deetlefs said engineers were sought after and were snapped up with good offers as soon as they became available.

"We may have to look overseas again like we did to fill posts in town planning. We also solved this problem by touring the universities and looking at students. We may have to do that again."

The municipality has advertised the post of director of protection services and three engineers' posts as well as for a senior town planner.

Mr Deetlefs said the structure of the directorate of technical services had been approved in principle and would probably be implemented next year.
Proposal
to ease
regulations
on agenda

Municipal Reporter

A PROPOSAL giving local authorities the power to suspend regulations or by-laws will be discussed at this afternoon’s meeting of the Port Elizabeth City Council’s Policy and Resources Committee.

City councillor Mr Charles Gara says in his proposal that the Small Business Development Corporation had recently addressed the council’s working group on development.

He had ascertained afterwards that the Natal Provincial Council had amended its municipal ordinance to enable councils to suspend the operation of any by-law or regulation implemented by it.

This would be in a case when implementation of a regulation would lead to undue hardship or a result not envisaged when the regulation was formulated.

“I believe that local authorities should take active steps to deregulate as much as possible, but appreciate that not all regulations can be scrapped without leading to undesirable consequences,” he said.

Other issues to be considered by the committee this afternoon include:

● An application by the Moth Ex-servicemen’s Cottage Association for a grant-in-aid in relief of rates.

● A revised policy for the acceptance of tenders.

● An application for a grant-in-aid by the Port Elizabeth Musical and Dramatic Society.

● An application for financial assistance for the SA Men’s Bowling Championships to be held in the city in 1988.

● An application for financial assistance from the State President’s Fund.

● An application for a loan for the upgrading of the Boet Erasmus Stadium.
Talks on more land for EL

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — A meeting between the East London City Council and the Divisional Council of Kaffirmans is scheduled to discuss the future incorporation of land into the municipal area.

The municipality's administrative officer, Miss Abbey Cronn, said no date had yet been set for the meeting.

The secretary of the divisional council, Mr Cas Naude, said the divisional council had accepted the city council's invitation to the meeting and had asked for more details about the land to be discussed.

"We have forwarded our letter to the city council and are waiting to be informed of the date as well as to be told what land is to be discussed," he said.

Miss Cronn said there was no specific land on the agenda.

"A general discussion is envisaged about land for housing and industrial development in view of the guide plan for the area which will be released soon," she said.

The Reeston area is expected to come under discussion following earlier talk about it being declared a light industrial area because of its proximity to Wilsonia.

Meanwhile, the divisional council has called for nominations for area representatives in Reeston.

Mr Neville Larter, of the divisional council, said one of the representatives of the area, Mr A. Bursey, had left Reeston and the other, Mr A. Crossley, had decided age was against him in the performance of his duties.

"The area representatives are really the council's representatives in the area, although they do not sit on the council. They do liaison work and make an input when budgets are discussed," he said.

Viljoen: black education vital

Dispatch Reporter
GRAHAMSTOWN
Education was the key to the creation of jobs and future prosperity, the Minister of Co-operation and Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said in the city hall here last night.

"Only 33 of these have been closed until the end of this year," he said.

While he admitted there had been inequalities in the past in regard to black education, Dr Viljoen said the disparity in salaries for teachers would be eliminated from December 1 and would be based according to qualifications.

Black education was of "critical importance to the future of South Africa."

He noted that there were 17 million pupils under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education and Training.

Moving closer

GENEVA — The European Community and the Soviet-led Comecon, Europe's main trading bloc, opened talks yesterday.

Delegates said the talks could eventually lead to formal relations and closer co-operation — Sape-AP.
Council to act on bus pullout

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The city council is to do "everything in its power to see to it that the people of Duncan Village and Buffalo Flats are afforded a bus service," the chairman of the action committee, Mr Neville Randall, said yesterday.

The withdrawal of 20 Ciskei Transport Corporation (CTC) buses serving the areas was discussed at an action committee meeting.

The bus company said it would not oppose applications by other parties to operate buses in the two areas and would consider selling buses to new operators.

Mr Randall said council was concerned about the effects of the move, particularly because it would affect 2 100 schoolchildren who relied on the service.

"Council will do everything in its power to try to come up with something, but council has informed the manager of the CTC that it does not wish to do so," he said.

"We also want to ask the CTC to come in with us on this to try to solve the problem. We also want to ask the South African Black Taxi Association to see how they can help out," Mr Randall said.

A spokesman for the CTC said earlier that the service to the two areas was "not viable."
Survey shows plight of city black workers

AFRICAN workers interviewed in a survey in Cape Town have complained that they are paid too little, that unwarranted deductions are made from their wages, that management takes arbitrary action against them and that they have no effective means of negotiating on their grievances.

Migrant 'labourers expressed a strong desire for family life. Seventy percent of them had spent less than a month with their families between engagements or on annual leave.

The survey was undertaken by Mr Johann Marx, lecturer at the University of Cape Town School of Economics, and Mr. Janet Gruaft, former junior lecturer in sociology at UCT, and has been published by the School's Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (Salder).

'INEFFECTIVE'

The research fund liaison and works committees, where they existed in factories, were ineffective. Workers with grievances approached their committees infrequently — only 50 percent of those with liaison committees and 36 percent of those with works committees, approached them when they had grievances.

The existence of works committees or liaison committees did not reduce the problems experienced by workers.

The research team studied the rural situation of the families of workers with rural ties. The families were found to be living in poverty and were severely dependent on the money sent home by workers.

NO LAND

Four out of 10 of the workers' families in the Cape and Transkei had no land available while only one in 10 had more than five hectares of land.

Five out of 20 families derived no income and were entirely dependent on wage labour. More than half the families earned less than R8, while 12 out of 20 families earned less than R24 a month from subsistence production.

Average wages of workers at the beginning of 1976 varied between R17 a week for the 'higher operatives' and R23 a week for unskilled labourers.

Throughout all the skilled categories the migrants earned less than the residents.

The researchers made the following policy suggestions to those in authority to enable African workers to lead lives in which they can ultimately develop their full human potential.

To allow African workers the same negotiating rights extended to white, coloured and Asian workers — that is to form registered trade unions.

A programme to eliminate the high rate of African unemployment, this, in conjunction with the previous suggestion, would enable them to negotiate better wages.

To allow African workers to settle permanently at their place of work and to bring their families with them, to try to solve the poverty in the rural areas.

To cope with the pressure on housing by granting family accommodation to those workers who are most qualified in legal terms to live permanently in Cape Town, and then in stages ending with those least qualified.

'These changes are essential if we hope to eventually have a just and peaceful society free from potential or actual deep-seated conflict,' the researchers said.

Plenty wrong

The little-explored, possibly neglected, field of the economics of health care in developing countries, such as SA, came under scrutiny in Cape Town this week at an international conference organised by UCT's Labour and Development Research Unit and the SA Medical Scholarships Trust.

In an uncommon get-together of economists, medics and sociologists, 140 delegates pondered and discussed 75 papers and concluded that SA, for all its wealth and economic leadership in Africa, did not have the highest standard of health.

Opening the conference, Professor Marius Barnard said that after numerous visits abroad, even those behind the iron curtain, he had come to the conclusion that although SA had modern hospitals and sophisticated medical facilities, the Republic came off second best after comparing the medical infrastructure with the incidence of malnutrition, infant mortality and diseases related to poverty and deprivation.

Professor Bernard Pimstone of UCT medical school who has gained international recognition for his research work into 'man's biological adaptation to nutritional deprivation' in the Western Cape said "I have often been asked by the community: if my research funding extended to preventing rather than studying malnutrition?"

Other speakers concluded that there is something wrong with the allocation of resources within medicine and in the community. It is supposed to serve because the prevalence of malnutrition and other preventable diseases remains unacceptable high.

Pimstone says the problem goes deeper than the provision of medical facilities or the pursuit of health statistics. It involves social and dietary mores and adaptations in urbanisation. One example is the abandonment of breast feeding at an early stage of a child's life leaving it indoors with surrogate parents while the mother tries to boost family income.

This sets in motion the vicious circles of rickets, marasmus and kwashiorkor.

"The problem can't be controlled by diet replenishment alone — it is part of a devastating social phenomenon of wider implications, and the cure has to be seen in a broader perspective" says Pimstone.

SA delegates at the conference agreed there was a need for a wide overview of health requirements in the country.

Referring to possible distortions in the allocation of resources for health care, it was suggested that a start could be made, by examining medical facilities at SA universities — such as the system of admitting medical students exclusively on their academic pretensions and little else.

"How," asked Pimstone, "can we expect the bourgeoisie we create at university to physically work in the desolate areas where doctors are needed most? Should teaching hospitals be more physically integrated into the community?

Should we also consider the question of doctor substitutes — why not have the "barefoot doctor" system in SA? Why not make extended use of medical auxiliaries to bring medical care to rural areas?"

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Action over rent subsidy is withdrawn

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The East London branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees' Association (Saame) has withdrawn its industrial court action against the municipality over housing subsidies for its members.

This was confirmed by the municipal director of personnel and management, Mr Leon Deetlefs.

The dispute over housing subsidies was declared after Saame wanted the municipality to extend subsidies to people who rented houses. Subsidies are only paid to people who buy houses.

The city council opposed the extension of the facility to cover its 2,500-strong staff complement which would have cost R250 000 a year.

The chairman of the local branch of Saame, Mr J Davel, could not be contacted yesterday for comment on why the action had been withdrawn, but Mr Deetlefs said other possible fringe benefits in its place had been mentioned.

"All the details of the matter have not been worked out but I can confirm that the industrial court action has been withdrawn. It is going to be replaced with something else," he said.

The action had been brought earlier this year and initial argument was over whether the industrial court had jurisdiction to hear the matter.

The council's legal representatives argued at the time that the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning did not exercise his discretionary powers in terms of the Labour Relations Act. Consequently, proper terms of reference had not been established.

The attorneys also argued the city council had discretionary powers to decide whether it wished to pay either a housing allowance or a housing subsidy, but not both.

Saame attorneys opposed the interpretation and the court indicated at the time it would consider the arguments and give a ruling.
The mayor they've never seen

HE'S BEEN called Duncan Village's mayor in exile. Tobacco exporting firm employee Eddie Makeba is the East London township's first mayor, but he hasn't set foot in Duncan Village for a year.

Makeba and the five other councillors fled in mid-August last year when their houses were burnt during an outbreak of violence, and he hasn't been back since.

Recently it emerged that Makeba was elected mayor by his colleagues in a meeting on August 12, where the Duncan Village community council was transformed into a fully-fledged local authority called the Gonporg town committee.

Asked why there had been no announcement of the move, Makeba said it had been "for reasons best known to ourselves."

But East London city councillor Donald Card slammed the "secrecy" surrounding the move. It had been kept quiet, he charged, because the government realised the councillors were not the real leaders of the community.

"They are just individuals paid by the government and making decisions for the masses," Card said the councillors "could not even enter the township to hold a meeting for their constituents."

"As far as I am concerned, Makeba is just a mayor in exile," he said.

Makeba refused to say where he and the other councillors are living, citing security reasons. He disclosed that 20 houses with tight security arrangements were being built in Duncan Village for the councillors and policemen whose houses had been destroyed in the violence.

Having trouble phoning us? We've got a new phone at our head office in Johannesburg.

(011) 493-3552.
EAST LONDON — Insurance cover against political unrest for councillors is being investigated by the Divisional Council of Kaffraria.

The move follows a circular from the Provincial Administration that a change in the ordinance entitles local authorities to insure councillors against political unrest.

This insurance is over and above the current premium of R40 a year for councillors. An additional amount of R40 a year can be paid against political unrest.

The council resolved that the question of when councillors would be covered against political unrest should be investigated and a report submitted at a subsequent meeting.

The council was told by the administration that the necessity for additional insurance cover would depend on local circumstances. The council was urged to incur the additional expense only if there was justification for it.
A council flip-flop from UDF to PW

FROM holding talks with a United Democratic Front-affiliated residents' body to bestowing the freedom of the city on State President PW Botha: that's the astonishing shift of the East London City Council.

However, the change is not due to a process of political conversion, but to a changed majority. Since earlier this year when Gwyn Bassingthwaighte won a seat on the council in a by-election, the National Party faction has had a slim majority.

Municipal affairs in the city are supposed to be non-political, but this is little more than a fiction, and councillors' affiliations are well known. Last week, when the mayor's position and other portfolios came up for election, the group flexed its newfound muscle and installed Elsabe Kemp as mayor. Kemp is also the NP provincial council member for East London city, and replaced Joe Yabzek, a prominent PFP supporter.

All other portfolios of any consequence, and some without, were handed to the influential Bassingthwaighte. It was a reward for his services to the council.

A few months ago the council took a vote to open the city to all groups. It also embarked on a series of talks with the UDF-affiliated Duncan Village Residents' Association, which led to the council requesting control over administration of the township in consultation with the DVRA.

Overnight, the council's political profile changed. One of the first plans the new mayor hit upon was to confer the freedom of the city on the State President. A number of the ousted councillors reported Kemp approached them to ask their opinion of the plan. But when the matter became public, he denied such a plan. "There is nothing of the sort afoot. If there was, the first thing I would have done would have been to take the matter to council."

Nevertheless, the idea has drawn a storm of protest, with the Conservative Party and the Progressive Federal Party criticising it. In a PFP statement, Botha was described as "first and foremost a party politician", who had to take responsibility for "the disastrous policies which have brought not only our city, but the country as a whole, to its present parlous state."
CMC in bid to reduce housing backlog

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The sub-division of 234 erven for coloured housing here has been given the go-ahead in an attempt to reduce the more than 1,000-strong housing waiting list.

The Coloured Management Committee (CMC) has authorised the municipality to sub-divide several pockets of land in different parts of the coloured areas.

The MP for the Border, Mr Peter Mopp, is to approach the House of Delegates for finance to construct the houses.

The areas are: Parkridge south (27 erven), Lavender Road in Parkside (33 erven), Canterbury Road in Buffalo Flats (169 special residential erven) and Chapman Street in Buffalo Flats (12 erven).

The CMC had been asked what type of housing would be developed in the different areas' ownership, self-help, assisted or sale to a finance-building company.

However, the committee decided that because of the urgent need for the houses the sub-division should go ahead and the details could be decided at a later stage. The proposed plans could also be refined then.

- The CMC has received progress reports on 36 houses being built in Buffalo Flats extension.

  The first report said the contractor was 4½ weeks behind schedule with the R2.3-million project but was on contract for the completion date of October 20.

  The second report said the completion date for civil works on the project in the Link Road and bus terminal area had been set for September 13 but was amended to September 17. The total value of the civil works is R398,379.
**CMC to discuss deadlock**

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Coloured Management Committee (CMC) decided last night after intense debate to attend a joint meeting with the city council next week to discuss their non-attendance at action committee meetings.

The decision came after prolonged debate concerning utterances by two city councillors who members felt had "discredited them.

The utterances were allegedly made by the former chairman of the action committee, Mr. Donald Card, and the former chairman of the finance portfolio, Mr. Errol Spring during debate on management committee members receiving party of allowances with city councillors.

The two aldermen were alleged to have said management committee members did not enjoy the same standing in their communities as did city councillors.

Mr. Card made the analogy of a manager of a store and the shop assistants. He said the manager could not be put the same as shop assistants.

The CMC sought an apology and approached the then mayor, Mr. Joe Yazbek. The committee later passed a resolution that the two councillors should attend CMC meetings to explain their utterances.

Yesterday, however, the CMC was informed the action committee had decided the two bodies should have a joint meeting to iron out the matter.

The chairman of the finance portfolio who attended yesterday's CMC meeting, Mr. Gwyn Bassingthwaighte, urged members to attend the joint meeting so that the matter could be thrashed out.

"I regard this as water under the bridge. And we cannot go on fighting each other through minutes of meetings and in the press. It will not solve anything. We should sit together to thrash the matter out," he said.

A CMC member, Mr. J. Temmers, said please for the councillors to explain themselves had been ignored. The committee felt "they are too high and mighty to attend our meetings."

"Their utterances do not fit the pleasant connotations in the South African situation. It is one thing giving a guy parity of allowances and another to treat him as an equal," he said.

Mr. Bassingthwaighte agreed but said CMC members should realise they had a quarrel with only two councillors and not the whole city council.

Mr. Plein Alexander

said he objected to CMC members going to the meeting.

The deputy chairman, Mr. Sonny Segers, said if the councillors had been wrongly quoted in the press, they should have corrected it. But this had not been done, which meant they had been quoted correctly.

"I am all for being friends but not for being slighted. I have closed my account with Mr. Spring's firm because I object to being treated like a boy when he in fact is working for me. It may sound childish.

"I'll refuse to attend any action committee until I get an apology," he said.

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**Technical training urged**

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Accent efforts are to be made in coloured schools to right the bias toward academic education and lure pupils into technical fields where there was great scope.

This was decided at the Coloured Management Committee's monthly meeting which was attended by two principals, Mr. E. Fray and Mr. B. Swardt, as well as the principal of the Bethelsdorp Technical College, Mr. B. Swardt.

They were invited to the meeting to try to find the reasons for the poor intake of coloured apprentices in the municipal services.

The former chairman of the CMC, Mr. Johannes Temmers, said they felt the intake was unfair and had decided to discuss the matter with the heads of departments.

"Various reasons were given for the low intake," he said.

"Councillors underline equal opportunities and there should be no job reservation or apartheid," he said.

He praised the city electrical engineer, Mr. Ken Robson, and said his department had produced coloured electricians even before the municipality became an equal opportunity employer.

He wanted to know why this had not been done in the other departments and what the problems with the standard of the pupils was.

Mr. Mike Bentall, of the Department of Environmental and Cultural Affairs, said his department had a more coloured horticulturist already together with two whites.

Mr. Robson asked whether it was not the fault of the teachers themselves who did not guide pupils.

Mr. Temmers said he had been told coloured pupils were at a disadvantage compared to white pupils because there were three technical schools for whites which supplied candidates for apprenticeships but there was no coloured technical school.

Mr. Fray said a start would be made this year on a technical school for coloureds which could solve the problem. He said coloureds were at a slight disadvantage because if a pupil passed matric with mathematics and physical science, he started on an N3 grade while a white from a technical institution started on an N4 grade.

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**Hat trick for Corrie Alexander**

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Mr. Corrie Alexander was elected the new chairman of the Coloured Management Committee yesterday — by a draw out of a hat.

The historic election in the nearly two decade history of management committees here came when equal votes were registered by secret ballot for Mr. Alexander and the other nominee, Mr. Wally George.

The post chairman, Mr. Vassie Bezuidenhout, then ruled that the two names be put in a hat and a draw made.

Earlier, nominations became something of a family affair Mr. George was nominated by Mr. Sonny Segers and Mrs. Lily George seconded her husband's nomination.

Mr. Alexander, who has served on the CMC for nearly a decade, was nominated by his brother, Mr. Plein Alexander, and seconded by the former chairman, Mr. Johannes Temmers.

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Alexander said a difficult year lay ahead for the CMC and that he planned to build on co-operation and trust in the full belief that the committee would achieve what it set out to do.

"I appeal to members to put their shoulder to the wheel so that they will not be accused of not serving the interests of the people. We must recommit ourselves to the commitment of serving the people."
Over my honour councillors cash

Dispatch reporter
Man in last ditch group areas appeal

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A last ditch appeal is to be made to the government today for permission for an Indian accountant to live in a white area here.

The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning has refused permission for Mr Morgan Naidoo to live in Joan Street, Amalinda, with his wife and two children.

A firm of attorneys representing Mr Morgan, who is formerly of Durban and is employed by a major company in East London, confirmed that today was the last day to lodge an appeal against the initial decision.

The spokesman said a new application would be sent today with further supporting affidavits. He confirmed neighbours had supported Mr Naidoo’s application.

The issue caused an uproar a few weeks ago when the chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr. Edwin Vengadajellum, criticised the city council for not supporting Mr Naidoo’s application.

The city council has adopted a new policy on applications in terms of the Group Areas Act and will refer them directly to Cape Town.

In the past, the city council had backed applications. This included an application through the Border Cricket Union for the West Indian cricketer, Faoud Busicue, to occupy a house in a white area.

A few weeks ago some councillors refused to support an application by a coloured building contractor, Mr Errol Mitchell, who applied for permission to buy and occupy a house in Smith’s Hill Road in Haven Hills.

Led by Mrs Elsabe Kemp, councillors voted not to give any opinion and to leave the decision to the government.

Yesterday Mr Vengadajellum reiterated his call on the authorities to allow Mr Naidoo to occupy the house in Amalinda.

He said that as a “full-blooded born and bred South African, it was downright unfair” not to allow Mr Naidoo to live in Amalinda as exceptions had been made for other people of colour who had not been born in South Africa.

“I hope the authorities will see their way clear to helping this man,” he said.
Councillors in row over appointments

Reserve Bank lowers rate

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A row erupted among city councillors here yesterday with accusations and counter accusations of party political motivation following the election of new heads to the council's various directorate portfolios.

A city councillor and former chairman of the city's Action Committees, Mr. Donald Card, complained that he was denied the new appointment, saying that "school" councillors had been elected to head the various directorates, and he believed it should not be at the expense of the "regulars," he said.

Mr. Cooper said he believed the appointments had been done on a "doh" party political basis.

Mr. Jack Smit, who was succeeded as chairman of the directorate of engineering and planning services portfolio by Mr. Bobbe of Lange Court, said he found the situation "despicable.

"It is inconceivable to me that people have been appointed and who are conservative with the portfolio they are running soar into the city as far as the city council was not seriously impaired by National Party members. It means very strongly, it is unbelievable that this has happened," he said.

"I know that the appointments were made politically and that the politics that were made politically and that the politics of the National Party is taken control of the city council," he added.

Last night, Eastern London's newly elected mayor, Mr. Elvis Kemp, said that the council meeting yesterday morning had been "hot" and referred to further comment to Mr. De Lange, who said the "opposed councillors" had elected as their spokesmen.

When contacted for comment, Mr. De Lange expressed his "shock and disgust" at the situation.

As one who has seen many of the local and national council over the years, I must express my deep shock and disgust, he said.

The refusal of a certain section of the city council to serve on any committees because they were not elected as chairman of a portfolio, "The appointments of East London by now must be sick and tired of this progressive ideology that has been disrupting the council for at least six years," he added.

Mr. De Lange said that he had a high regard for all the city councillors, but that he was shocked at some of the council's questioning the ability of those appointed.

"It is ridiculous. Those appointed are willing and dedicated to serve East London's interests as best they can. Those elected are capable as anyone else."

"I can only say that they were expected to be working in the interests of East London and its people — not for their own political gain or personal view," he said.

People say the National Party is taking over the city council — this is not so.

Mr. De Lange appealed to those city councillors "to see how this situation, to get on with the job of the interests of East London and its people..."
New mayor looks to city

BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR CITY

With the city's future in mind, the newly appointed mayor begins her term with a vision for growth and development. "Our city is on the rise, and I am excited about the opportunities ahead," she said.

In her address to the council, the mayor outlined her priorities, including infrastructure improvements, economic development, and community engagement. "We are committed to making our city a more vibrant and inclusive place for all," she added.

The council, led by the mayor, has already begun to address these issues, with plans to expand the city's transportation network and invest in local businesses. "We are looking forward to working with our residents and stakeholders to make our city a shining example of progress," said the mayor.

The mayor's appointment was met with enthusiasm by the public, who are期待ing to see the positive changes she will bring to the city. "We have a new leader who cares deeply about our community," said one resident. "I have no doubt that she will lead us to greater heights."
City dept to split after 'friction'?

By PETER DENNEHY
Municipal Reporter

The powerful City Engineer's Department should be split in two in a 'major' reorganization to eliminate "problems", the City Council decided last week.

"A new Department of Planning Services should be created out of one of the halves, the council resolved.

The 'Town' Clerk, Dr Stanley Evans, was authorized to advertise immediately the City Engineer's post at a salary of Rs7,305 a year. This post has been vacant since Mr Jan Brand resigned in February.

The council's decision arose out of an executive committee report, drawn up after eight meetings of an organizational review committee established in October last year.

Problems which "reorganization" could alleviate included those of "insufficient checks and balances" and "the inclination towards too great a degree of functional autonomy in any particular department", the report said.

Another factor was that "lack of parity between heads of departments has caused friction and antagonism".

At present there are five City Council departments, namely those of the city engineer, the administrator, the medical officer of health, the city treasurer and electricity.

"The strong opposition to a planner heading the present engineering department highlights the separation of the areas of expertise," the report said.

Further investigation is to be conducted, "taking into account proposals for further privatization of departmental operations".
Cape talks on SA's biggest poverty study

HERALD CORRESPONDENT

CAPE TOWN — The biggest social science research project ever undertaken in South Africa will reach a climax in Cape Town later this week, when a conference organised as part of the Second Carnegie Inquiry into Poverty and Development will get under way.

More than 300 people, mostly academics, will converge on the University of Cape Town from throughout Southern Africa and abroad to present and discuss intensive research done by hundreds of fieldworkers over the past 15 months.

The conference will be opened on Friday afternoon. Thereafter, participants will meet every day until Thursday next week.

The conference is a vast undertaking. Academics from 20 universities throughout Southern Africa are involved. About 275 papers are to be delivered, and organisers will print some 300 copies of each.

The conference itself will not be open to the public. However, a number of other activities will be going on, including a nightly film festival entitled "Signs of Hope", more than 20 films will show work done throughout the world in mobilising people in the struggle against poverty.

Other open activities will include drama, music, an art exhibition and a big photographic exhibition, featuring social documentary work by more than 20 South African photographers.

The Second Carnegie Inquiry was launched in April 1982 — 50 years after the first, a study on poverty among whites which had considerable impact on South Africa's history.

Both have been funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, an independent philanthropic foundation. Some R500 000 has been made available over five years for the current project.

But the two inquiries differ markedly. While whites are not excluded this time, an organiser says "the people who are clearly most affected by poverty are black".

Secondly, a drastically different method of being followed. Fifty years ago, five "boffins" travelled through South Africa in Model T Fords and drew up a report.

The present inquiry has aimed at being much more comprehensive and securing much participation as possible. "As the bulk of the work is being done by academics, active steps were taken to include non-academics as well," an organiser says.

The conference is intended as a debate forum as well and according to its organisers, there are "huge conceptual issues to be resolved. People from very different ideological frameworks, ranging from free marketers to socialists, have been included and the conference may see some lively controversy.

One plenary session has been set aside for debating the merits of capitalism versus socialism, and the cleavage between liberal and reformist theorists may rear its head. "This kind of debate is absolutely essential," organisers say.

Will the whole process merely boil down to South Africa's biggest-ever academic jamboree?

"According to Prof Francis Wilson, director of the inquiry and head of the School of Economics at the University of Cape Town, the answer is no."

As he puts it. "If the whole inquiry produces a number of books that will gather dust on academics' bookshelves, it will simply have been a waste of time."

He emphasises that the research is "a non-orientated" and that the most important function of the inquiry will be to even tentually determine, and stimulate, various strategies for action.

The conference itself will be an "open ended affair". There will be no attempt reaching consensus and no conference blueprint will emerge.

However, working groups will be asked to reach some conclusions to be presented to plenary sessions.

Afterwards, research material will be published in a number of books. One volume will attempt to summarise facts and draw some conclusions.

"Then, we will have to sit down and think through all the ideas which have come about what can be done in practice to alleviate poverty," Prof Wilson says.

The inquiry will end formally in June 1985.
Coetzer to meet black leaders

By KIN BENTLEY

THE president of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, Mr Carl Coetzer, is scheduled to meet community leaders from the city's black townships later today or tomorrow.

Mr Coetzer said the meeting would be a prelude to a mass meeting in the townships, to discuss the possible lifting of the five-month-old black consumer boycott of white stores in PE.

By today, the delegation had not yet contacted him.

However, he said, several delegates had travelled to Cape Town for yesterday's enthronement of Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and it was possible that they had not yet returned.

Mr Coetzer said he had also not yet been contacted by a delegation from Uitenhage's Kwanobuhle township, who were scheduled to report on the possible resumption of the bus service to the township during the day. The meeting is expected to take place later today.

He was due to meet them in his capacity as managing director of PE Tramways.

A member of the Uitenhage Residents' Civic Organisation, who asked for his name to be identified, said today he did not think the return of buses could be achieved peacefully without the simultaneous lifting of the consumer boycott in Uitenhage, which he said was the cause of the trouble there.

He added that the state of emergency should be lifted by the authorities, who could still, if they wanted to do so, detain people under other legislation such as the Internal Security Act.
Saldanha residents in all-race referendum

By PETER DENNEHY
Municipal Reporter

SALDANHA will set a countrywide precedent tomorrow when its ratepayers of all races take part in a referendum on whether their town should split from Vredenburg and become a separate municipality.

Mr Manie Redelinghuys, the chairman of the Saldanha Ratepayers Association, which has organized the referendum, said he believed it was South Africa's first non-racial municipal poll.

He said the present Vredenburg-Saldanha municipality was "colossal", extending over almost 60,000 hectares.

"Most of it is farmland, with two little towns 15km apart. Vredenburg and Saldanha were forced together in 1974 when the government believed a city of a million people would rise here by the early 1980s."

But the Sishen-Saldanha railway had not brought the expected development.

He said maintaining such a large municipality had become a burden for the 3,800 ratepayers of the two towns.

Mr Redelinghuys said he believed that Saldanha, with its two "coloured" townships of Diazville and White City, had a larger total population than Vredenburg and its township of Louwville.

Vredenburg, however, had more ratepayers.

"Saldanha has a much bigger income," Mr Redelinghuys said. "The Sea Harvest factory's water and electricity bill alone is almost equal to that of the whole Vredenburg municipality."

"Invalid"

The Mayor of Vredenburg-Saldanha, Dr Wynand Malan, said he believed it would be more expensive to split the municipality than to maintain it.

He doubted that Saldanha had a larger population, as Vredenburg had 2,732 ratepayers to Saldanha's 1,534.

"They only have an old, invalid list of ratepayers," Dr Malan said. "They are running something which nobody is going to acknowledge. The minister concerned is bound to ask them who voted."
Lead alert for workers in heavy traffic

By CHRIS ERASMUS

TRAFFIC policemen and newspaper vendors working in heavy traffic should have tests every six months to ensure that the build-up of lead in their bodies from petrol fumes is not reaching dangerous levels.

This is one of the recommendations made by Cape Town researchers who, in a study of lead levels in newspaper vendors, have found that lead in petrol can reach dangerous levels in people exposed to heavy traffic.

The researchers, under Professor Maurice Kibel, UCT/Red Cross Children’s Hospital Professor of Child Health, studied two groups of vendors. One from central Cape Town, which has high lead levels in the air, and one from Bellville, which has lower levels.

Both groups had higher body-lead levels than comparable groups of children not exposed to traffic fumes for long periods and the Cape Town group had higher levels than those from Bellville.

Professor Kibel said the study proved conclusively that lead in petrol contributes directly and significantly to increased lead levels in people exposed to traffic fumes thereby setting a long-standing international dispute about the role of lead additives in petrol.

The levels in some of the children approached the internationally accepted limit of 30 g/dl of blood. But there was no cause for panic — even the highest levels found were not dangerous.

Since the study was conducted last year, the government had reduced the lead content of petrol at the coast from 8.5 g/l to 6 g/l.

But this was still three times as high as lead in overseas petrol and should be further reduced, said Professor Kibel.
Saldanha votes on the split

By PETER DENNEHY

SUPPORT in Saldanha for a municipality separate from Vredenburg appeared overwhelming outside the polling booths yesterday.

Most people in Vredenburg seemed willing to allow it, or did not care.

The Saldanha Ratepayers’ Association, which favours separation, ran a non-racial referendum yesterday to ask all ratepayers and council tenants in the small coastal town whether they wanted their own municipality.

Vredenburg residents, 15km away, were not asked to vote. A steady trickle of Saldanha voters arrived at the three polling stations at the Caravan Park Hall and the Diazville and White City civic halls.

By mid-afternoon, 150 people had cast their votes at the Caravan Park booth in Saldanha itself, and almost 90 had voted in the “coloured” township of Diazville.

Saldanha residents wanted autonomy as the town “can only go forward if it makes its own decisions and if income generated here is used for our own benefit”, Commander John Wicht, the former chairman of the ratepayers’ association, said.

The towns had divergent interests, he said. Vredenburg was largely an agricultural and educational centre. Saldanha was devoted far more to “sea-related industries” including recreation and tourism.

Mr Frans Tilling, of Diazville, said he felt a separate municipality would be “better for us, as we struggle a bit here.” Mr Andries Uitlander, also of Diazville, believed a separate municipality would lead to improved municipal services.

Most residents approached in Vredenburg wanted to give Saldanha “a chance” to go its own way. Mr Henry Bethke asked whether he would hold to this even if poorer Vredenburg suffered, saying “Not if Vredenburg is going to suffer too much. In that case, we must think again.”
Mayoral appointments 'farce', says WCCA

Staff Reporter

THE Western Cape Civic Association (WCCA) has criticized the two official mayoral appointments to all the Peninsula's townships, labelling them "farce and unrepresentative".

The mayor, Mr Ronald Njoli, and his deputy, Mrs Elsie Shwabane, were inaugurated on Saturday at a function organized by the Office for Community Services (OCS), in the Pinelands Old Mutual Hall. They will preside over Langa, Guguletu, Nyanga and Khayelitsha. A WCCA spokesman said his organization demanded direct representation on local authorities, "not a kitchen administration like the community councillors and the so-called town committees."

The visit by the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, to Old Crossroads this week proved there was a Defence Force, Police and vigilante alliance, "which is going to be the backbone of Mr Johnson Ngobongwe's administration," the spokesman said.

Mr Njoli said last night that he and Mrs Shwabane had been "duly elected" in their wards. "My ward is Langa where, incidentally, the WCCA put up a candidate against me. Almost every candidate had an opponent," Mr Njoli said.
Now that the Wienberg Affair has been concluded, the question needs to be asked: How important is the Cape Town City Council's Housing Committee — and more to the point, what is its work?

**They call it the dog box**

by ANTHONY DOMAN, Staff Reporter

In private, city councillors call it the dog box. Many agree that it is dull and in desperate need of a revamp. Most seem to make little effort to be part of it. But every year eight councillors have to be appointed to this glamorous body which exercises the ultimate say over the half a million souls in 70,000 flats and houses in greater Cape Town: the city council's housing committee.

Faced with all that, councillor Arthur Wienberg decided not to honour his appointment to the committee. It was a decision which plunged the council into more than a year of soul-searching and acrimony before the Wienberg Affair concluded in a climb-down — and some hard words — at the council meeting this week.

One of the important issues raised, said the council's executive committee in its response to the problem, was the present and future role of the housing committee. How important is its work — and more to the point, what is its work?

According to an executive committee report, the terms of reference of each standing committee, as laid down in the Cape Town Ordinance, say that it shall supervise, review and control matters allocated to it and shall report and make recommendations thereon to the executive committee.

Certain powers are delegated to standing committees and officials.

While the executive committee is accountable to the various departments of local government and housing control the parish, and to the general public, the overall policy, they say, is allocated to the funds and the formulation of policy is often guided by the major local authorities — which in Cape Town means the housing committee.

The actual work of this committee is to oversee past and present construction of Mitchell's Plain, Phase 2, for specialised matters, such as water treatment, sewage, and the development of the town of a quarter of a million people was dealt with by the housing committee initially.

The housing committee also has to adjudicate in housing policy matters. The reasons include, among others, the problems arising from the continuing lack of sufficient funds for proper maintenance work in the letting estates, increasing administration costs, the demand for accurate and up-to-date records, determination of the number of households and the assessment of needs for the homeless.

Other demands are also made on the committee Community groups regularly seek interviews with it — there have been two in the last month, and in the first ten days of this month, housing committee councillors were invited at after hours meetings by three community groups.

Placing on functions to other committees would not be easy, though it may well be that some adjustment of the functions of the various committees as required, says the report.

While more delegation to departmental heads is possible and probably desirable, says the report, it remains an essential part of democracy that policy decisions should be made by the elected representatives.

According to the council's standing orders, the housing committee is in terms of section 11(2) of Ordinance 24 of 1965, charged with the supervision and maintenance of the council's housing policy.

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Stop the George removals — PFP

By ANDREW DONALDSON

The Progressive Federal Party has called on the government to cease forced removals of the “brutalized” and leaderless community at George’s Lawaai-kamp squatter camp.

This followed the PFP Unrest Monitoring and Action Committee’s four-day fact-finding mission this week to areas in the Southern Cape platteland.

The MP for Claremont and chairman of Umac, Mr Jan van Eck, and the regional co-ordinator of the committee, Mrs Val Rose-Christie, visited George, Knysna, Plettenberg Bay and Oudtshoorn.

The committee’s observations are to be submitted to the relevant authorities once a report has been compiled.

“Sandkraal is full. People have been moved their since May, but there are no services for them. More removals from Lawaai-kamp — which has to be cleared by the end of the year — are imminent,” Mr Van Eck said.
Police singled out in wave of violence

By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

FIVE law enforcement officers, four of them municipal policemen, have died violently in the Eastern Cape since the beginning of the month in what appears to be a new move to attack municipal policemen and members of the SA Police transport branch.

There have been two recent attacks on members of the former SA Railways Police, one fatal.

The body of one of them, Constable Johnson Ngokwene, was found in a shallow grave near Motherwell on Thursday.

Nearby, members of the East Cape murder and robbery squad found charred remains which could be those of two trainee municipal policemen who were apparently lured to their deaths at a shebeen in Motherwell by three women on October 11.

Forensic tests will establish whether they are the remains of the two trainees.

In the latest attack a 49-year-old former Railways policeman was attacked at his home in KwaZakele on Thursday night by a group of 20 who arrived and demanded a firearm which he did not have.

The former Railways policeman was admitted to the Livingstone Hospital where his condition is serious.

His home, valued at R20,000, was burnt to the ground.

Major Eddie Everson, SAP haisen officer for the Eastern Cape, said it was most disturbing that there appeared to be a new trend to attack municipal policemen and members of the SAP's transport branch.

Five people had been killed and three injured.

He listed attacks since the beginning of the month:

- October 3: Shots were fired at municipal police on escort duty in Kwanobuhle. A 25-year-old constable was wounded in the left leg.
- October 5: Shots were fired at Ibhayi municipal policemen in Walmer township at 10pm. Nobody was hurt.
- October 6: In Grahamstown, a 32-year-old Rham policeman walking with his girlfriend in C Street was shot and killed by an unknown gunman.
- October 12: Const Ngokwene, of the SAP transport branch, visiting his mother in Motherwell, was forced into his car and shot in the neck. The assailants then ran away.

Later four men returned and told Mrs Ngokwene they would take the wounded man to hospital in his own car. It was found burnt out about four kilometres away.

There was no sign of Const Ngokwene until his body was found in a shallow grave in dense bush near Motherwell on Thursday.

Two youths aged 17 and 18 have been arrested.

- October 15: In KwaZakele at 8.30pm an unknown gunman fired on a municipal policeman, Mr Zambungu Maseka, of Kwanobuhle. Mr Maseka was killed instantly.
- October 11: Three students at the Ibhayi Police Training Centre on a long weekend pass were accosted at a shebeen in Motherwell.

One escaped after being stabbed, but his two companions were caught and taken away.
Regional councils to top City Council talks

By JOHN YEID
Municipal Reporter

POLITICAL issues are set to dominate tomorrow's monthly City Council meeting.

Top of the list will be the provincial Executive Committee's decision to override the recommendations of the Demarcation Board and establish one large regional service council comprising the Dordaan Council areas of the Cape, Faarl and Stellenbosch.

However, a committee called for further evidence and City Council representatives were summoned to an urgent meeting with provincial officials last week. A report of that meeting from Town Clerk Dr Stan Evans is on tomorrow's agenda.

The council will also consider a recommendation from its Executive Committee rejecting provincial demands for management committees in Mitchell's Plain, Retreat, Schotsche Kloof, Walmer Estate, Woodstock and Salt River.

PROTRACTED FIGHT

The thorny question of additional liquor licences for Sea Point and council representation at Liquor Board hearings will be raised.

There has also been a protracted fight over traffic problems around the Foresters Arms in Newlands and the town planning committee has called for a report on whether the licensee - South African Breweries - could build a new pub in Main Road.

Minor items likely to attract debate are by-laws relating to smoking in buses, banning dogs from Camps Bay beach, leasing kiosks in the new St George's Street mall, the conservation of historic buildings on the Albion Springs/Schweppes site in Rondebosch and the proposed proclamation of the Old Drill Hall as a national monument.

Mr Arthur Wiemog has three private motions relating to more pay for Exco members, council's rules of procedure and a housing committee item.
Beating the economic squeeze...

By ANTHONY DOMAN
Staff Reporter

SOMWHERE in the labyrinth that is Cape Town's Civic Centre, works a group of people convinced that two into one will go, that you can drink the same glass of water twice and that there is life after death.

Like the rest of us, the City Engineer's Department is battling the economic squeeze — and has come up with some ingenious ways of beating it. But the problems don't end with economics, as new boss Mr Des Riley is finding.

For starters, he is inheriting an empire only recently released by his predecessor, Mr Jan Brand.

But the council has split the empire (into engineering and planning), Mr Riley is encouraging teamwork and he says he has enough time to do what he must.

Bare minimum

"Many essential services have been cut to the bare minimum," he admits.

Any further cuts would have an adverse effect not only on Cape Town's aesthetics but even more importantly on its community health, he warns.

While he has strong views on protecting Cape Town's heritage, he warns against holding up progress. The city cannot afford to lose its creative development like Southern Life's Newlands headquarters, he says.

Creative solutions are called for — which is why

- Two into one will go when more traffic lanes are squeezed into existing roads,
- We'll be able to drink recycled water — a pilot plant to treat waste water is already on stream, and
- The useful life of plant, buildings and roads is being extended.

Innovative thinking

Innovative thinking is also helping to beat the housing shortage, and one of the council's strategies is to find alternatives to building regulations.

"We have binned the belfry on this job," barking on a pilot housing project using the "skin-bag" method, says Mr Riley.

The method involves glass-fibre bags which are filled with concrete and allowed to set in special forms, eventually producing a wall.

At a higher level, the council is establishing a management team of department heads to advise on a corporate strategy for the municipality and, where necessary, for the region.

"Solly's Folly" — the Foreshore Freeway proposed when Dr Solly Morris was City Engineer — stands incomplete after almost a decade.

Mr Riley says "The first meeting I attended held a great deal of promise, particularly in the attitude of the various heads to work together as a closely knit team of specialists but with a wide-angled vision."

One project which may yet need such attention is the upgrading of Cape Town's arterial road network.

Mr Riley says "several intersection capacities will be improved systematically. Extra links will be created to serve developing areas."

New systems

Public transport should get a boost too, with "dedicated" bus lanes speeding up travel for commuters.

The existing freeway system has been able to cope with the traffic load. When the traffic does justify it, the remaining elements will be considered for implementation.

Historical heritage

"One of the most critical problems facing Cape Town is unemployment, and economic development and therefore new development is essential."

"The council has to encourage development where it will not be at the expense of the architectural or historical heritage of the city."

"New development is being encouraged in the Thibault Square area and on the Foreshore with the old Dock Road power station site as the focus."

"Decentralised office developments, particularly corporate headquarters such as Southern Life, are also important for the city."

Would this mean bumper roads?

"Well, we're not talking about gold-plated — just an acceptable level of service," he explained.

Which explains why "Solly's Folly" — the Foreshore Freeway proposed when Dr Solly Morris was City Engineer — stands incomplete after almost a decade.

"This freeway remains the long-term plan for this section of the central city ring road," says Mr Riley.

Seven years after construction started in September 1978, six of the planned eight contracts were completed.

Unexpectedly slow Foreshore development halted the plan, he says.

"The existing freeway system has been able to cope with the traffic load. When the traffic does justify it, the remaining elements will be considered for implementation."
Province ignored us on RSC borders — council

Municipal Reporter

THE provincial authorities' apparent decision to override the recommendations of the Demarcation Board on boundaries for the Cape metropolitan regional services council (RSC) has been attacked by Cape Town City Council.

Councillors and officials were summoned to an urgent meeting last week by Mr P Schoeman, MEC for local government, who asked for new evidence within two weeks on why the boundaries of the RSC should not include the Divisional Council areas of the Cape, Paarl and Stellenbosch.

The Demarcation Board is understood to have recommended the "01 economic region" (the Peninsula to Durbanville) and Atlantis for the new RSC scheduled for January.

CHANGE OF HEART

During yesterday's debate on a report of the meeting Dr John Sonnenberg, a former MEC, said the provincial Executive Committee appeared to have had a change of heart and was attempting to "rationalise" its decision.

Consultation with local authorities was taking place only after a decision had been made by the province. This was "absolute arrogance" and "a bogus attempt to lend respectability" to the decision, Dr Sonnenberg said.

"If this is consultation it is a charade, a mockery."

Mr Neil Ross said the council should give further evidence as circumstances had changed in the past few months with the decision that RSCs would take over the functions of the divisional councils.

"ABSOLUTE NONSENSE"

Mr Arthur Wienburg said it was "absolute nonsense" to suggest there was a "community of interest" within the larger area.

"Why must Cape Town ratepayers be bled dry? I also reject this farce absolutely," he said.

Mr Clive Keegan said the council had been "consistently ignored" by the State in the process of consultation and negotiation.

"Every single scrap of evidence has been utterly ignored by the province. If this represents consultation in the RSC process, God help us all."
Councillors outraged by ‘charade’ over RSCs

By PETER DENNEY

City councillors expressed their outrage yesterday over the provincial administration’s ineffective “consultation” with the city over a new decision on the region’s Administrative Services Council structure.

Mr Clive Keegan, chairman of the town’s planning committee, said he was “summoned” last week to a meeting with Mr P Schoeman, MEC for local government.

Yet the meeting was part of his “consultation” with local authorities.

In his statement, Mr Schoeman said the region would be revised, and the new structure would in fact extend over the entire Cape Peninsula.

Dr John Sonnenberg said the de-

marcation Board recommendation that the RSC be much smaller, including only the 01 economic region and Atlantis, was not even mentioned.

“This is a charade,” he said. “Cape Town is being used as a substitute for the region. The decision is a purely political one,” he said.

Mr Keegan said the City Council had been “ignored, rejected, and treated with contempt at every turn.”

The result of imposing RSCs would be “an exercise in civic dissension on a vast scale,” he said, adding that Cape Town was “heading for disaster.”

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said yesterday considerable progress had been made with the demarcation of RSCs.

The first could be established by January 1 next year.
This became evident here yesterday in a letter to the town clerk, Mr Les Kunim, from a councillor, Mr Donald Card, calling for a rescission of Monday night's decision.

The third-time-lucky decision for the East London developers, Elcorp, was withheld from the press on Monday because the chairman of the meeting, Mr Robert de Lange (jun.), said the matter had been discussed in committee.

In his notice of motion for a rescission of the go-ahead of the project off Union Avenue which is being opposed by some residents, Mr Card said:

"The reasons for calling for a rescission is that I cannot believe that a responsible body such as the city council can make such a decision in a hurry. There are far-reaching consequences that have to be considered before a decision to sell the land can become a reality."

"These are:

- Whether the schools have sufficient land for future development (such as sports fields).
- Whether the administrator is satisfied with us using up further open space in the Selborne area.
- Whether the co-operatives and ratepayers in East London, who are happy about a complex going up in Clarendon Gardens, will have a chance to present their case to the committee."

Mr Card also asked that the rescission be discussed in open council and not in committee.

"There is no need at all to keep all the information away from ratepayers."

The chairman of the joint Selborne and Clarendon school's committee, Mr Richard Howard, last night backed the motion of rescission.

However, he announced that the committee would meet the developers tomorrow. "The developers will then have a chance to present their case to the committee," he said.

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON – The city council has given the go-ahead for the controversial R165 million Clarendon Gardens shopping complex.
Council workers to open all-white body after poll?

Labour Report

RESULTS of a poll on whether the Cape Town branch of the all-white South African Association of Municipal Employees (Saame) should open its membership to all will be announced at a meeting next month.

Association members say about 60 percent voted in favour of opening Saame, but officials would not comment.

"The results will be announced to our membership on December 3," said Mr. Jack Bondielli, general secretary of Saame's Cape Town branch.

The association, with headquarters in Pretoria, was once affiliated to the South African Confederation of Labour and its national president, Mr. Athie Nieouwoudt, is a former president of the confederation.

Saame has a closed-shop agreement with the Cape Town City Council and has about 4,000 members. Most other council employees belong to the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA), an affiliate of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, with about 11,500 members.

CTMWA has open membership and a few whites have joined since industrial legislation was amended in 1981 to allow non-racial trade unions.

Death of husband: Case
Screen new workers for Aids — councillor

A BELLEVILLE city councillor wants the municipality to test prospective workers for Aids.

The municipality plans to screen job applicants medically when its new clinic opens next year and Mr A P de V Kempen told a council meeting recently that Aids tests should be included.

Approached for comment, Mr Kempen said he had become aware of the "vast health hazard of Aids" when he watched a television programme on the deadly disease.

"I felt that since we screen employees for TB we should also start testing for Aids.

"Aids is an even greater health threat and the extent of the problem is alarming."

He had asked that the test be included in the screening process because of the "frightening" proportions the disease had assumed.

"Worrying"

Belleville press liaison officer Mr Steve Gouws said the matter had been raised briefly by Mr Kempen during a council discussion but no decision had been taken.

"Obviously the disease is worrying."

Mr Gouws said Mr Kempen had mentioned Aids during a discussion on the new municipal clinic, which is still under construction.

"The idea was that the municipality would appoint a nurse once the clinic was ready next year to screen new employees for TB."

"However, the nurse will not be appointed until the new clinic opens sometime early in 1987.

3 000 families in Duncan Village face removal

Mr Eddie Makeba, mayor of the town, said yesterday that residents of the area known as C Section would have to be moved so that the area could be upgraded.

The Cape MEC whose portfolio includes the development of black townships, Mr Koos Theron, gave the assurance that no one would be moved until appropriate sites could be made available to them.

Mr Theron said it was "not possible to house all the people in Duncan Village in the area available." Approaches had been made to the authorities to obtain more land.

A REPOREE

Duncan Village has for many years been under threat of removal. A Government plan provides for the entire population to be moved to Mdantsane in Ciskei, 30km away.

However, in August last year the Government announced a reprieve. Deputy Minister of Education and Co-operation, Mr Sam de Beer, said the entire township would be retained and upgraded.

The 99-year leasehold would apply and there would be no forced resettlement, Mr de Beer said.
Council votes to debate in secret

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — The city council voted last night to debate the crucial beach issue and the controversial $45 million Clarendon Gardens project behind closed doors.

A move by Mr. Donald Card to debate the two issues — for which he had submitted motions of “recusation” — in public was defeated.

Mr. Card wanted the council’s decision to keep a low profile on the opening of the city’s beaches rescinded, as well as council’s go-ahead for the Clarendon Gardens project.

On the beach issue, the mayor, Mrs. Elsie Kemp, used her casting vote for secrecy when Mr. Card was backed by seven councillors. They were Mr. Basiingthwaite, Mr. Len Cooper, Mr. Patrick Kay, Mr. Brian Snell, Mr. Errol Spring, Mr. Eric Whitaker and Mr. Joe Yazbek.

Those who voted for secrecy on the beach debate were Mr. Robbie de Lange, Mr. Robert de Lange, Mr. Vossie Bezuidenhout, Mr. Willem Morris, Mr. Neville Randall, Mr. Phillip Robbott and Mr. Ivan Zulman.

On the Clarendon Gardens issue, nine councillors opted for secrecy. They were the two De Langes, Mr. Bezuidenhout, Mr. Kay, Mr. Morris, Mr. Randall, Mr. Robbott, Mr. Yazbek and Mr. Zulman. Those who supported Mr. Card were Mr. Basiingthwaite, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Snell, Mr. Spring and Mr. Whitaker.

“Now we know who votes for and against,” Mr. Card remarked after the vote.

Earlier he argued that major issues were being discussed concerning the city and council had to take ratepayers into their confidence.

“Anybody who votes for secrecy is scared to show his face,” he said.

Mr. Card said the Clarendon Gardens issue was well known to everybody and he could see no reason why it should be debated behind closed doors. After seven days, ratepayers were entitled to see the minutes of the debate unless it was recorded in the special minute book.

Seconding Mr. Card, Mr. Spring said Clarendon Gardens was the most contentious issue to come before the council for a long time.

“Our decision will have far-reaching implications for the development of the city. Let the ratepayers know how we take the decision.”

The mayor recused herself from the Clarendon Gardens debate and the deputy mayor, Mr. Robert de Lange, said last night he could not give the outcome of the matter as it had been taken in committee.

He also refused to divulge the outcome of the beach debate, as well as a publicised call by Mr. Card for an inquiry into matters relating to the director of culture and environment, Mr. Albert Janse.
MOVING TO WELFARE

The western Cape's chief black affairs administrator, Timo Bezuidenhoud, who is due to retire this month, will spend much of his time next year working for a Christian welfare organisation, Mfesani.

Mfesani's general manager (communication), Steenkamp Vorster, confirmed from King William's Town this week that Bezuidenhoud has offered his services as an adviser and public relations officer.

Bezuidenhoud, who used to say things like "I feel sorry for these people" while supervising largescale "repatriation" of "surplus appendages" from Cape Town's squatter camps, announced his retirement earlier this month and said he would devote himself to community work. He confirmed this week that he will be working for Mfesani.

Mfesani - a Xhosa word meaning compassion - caters for about 5,000 people, mostly children, in homes for the physically handicapped in Ciskei, Transkei and the eastern Cape. It plans to open a centre in the western Cape next year.

Steenkamp says Mfesani operates on a R4.5m annual budget of which about half is generated by the sale of products made at the organisation's employment centres for physically handicapped people.
Road deaths up as city cops quit

By PETER DENNEHY

DEATHS are escalating on Cape Town’s roads in the face of an exodus of traffic officers.

Some 41 officers have resigned from the city traffic branch since April last year and the road death toll has jumped by 35. The city traffic manager, Mr Harry Attwood, says the resignations have played a “dramatic part” in the carnage.

Reporting to the council’s utilities and works committee yesterday, Mr Attwood said road deaths in the municipal area have risen by 16 percent this year, with 289 people dying on the roads between January and October compared with 226 in the same period of 1985.

“A most disturbing fact is that 41 children under the age of 14 have died,” Mr Attwood said.

Alcohol abuse was also partly to blame, according to Mr Attwood’s report. Positive alcohol readings were taken from half the drivers who died, while the figure for dead pedestrians was even higher, at 62 percent.

The report said arrests for driving under the influence rose from 846 last year to 1,402 this year.

Pedestrians formed the largest category among the fatalities, and they accounted for much of the increase in the overall number of deaths. This year 164 pedestrians were killed compared with 156 last year.

Fifteen motorcyclists died, mostly after losing control of their machines.

Athlone and Bishop Lavis, with 58 deaths, were the suburbs where the highest number of people died on the roads. They were followed by Mitchell’s Plain, with 27, and Guguletu, with 23.

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